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

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Preliminary preface

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

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

Introduction

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

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

Goals and intended audience

The *OET* has the following goals:

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

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

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

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

Distinctives

The *OET* has the following distinguishing points:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Genesis

Introduction

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

Main components of this account

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

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

The six days of creation

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

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

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

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

Literal Version

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

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

2 RV 1:3 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 4:6.

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

4 RV 1:6-8 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 3:5.

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

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

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

Literal Version

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 RV 1:26 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 11:7.

7 RV 1:27-28 · Cross-ref. Gen 5:1-2.

8 RV 2:2-3 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 RV 2:7 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 15:45.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The couple disobey God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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God's judgements after they disobeyed

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

The humans get expelled from the garden

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

Kayin (Cain) murders Hevel (Abel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kayin's descendants

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

24 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:4.

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

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

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

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

Shet's descendants

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

Adam's (important) descendants[27]

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

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

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

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

27 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:1-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Humankind's evil

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

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

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

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

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

33 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 13:33.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 RV 6:9 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:5.

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

37 RV 6:22 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:7.

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

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

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

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The global flood

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

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

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

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

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

40 RV 7:11 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 3:6.

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remained in full flood for 150 days.

Waiting for the land to dry

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Noah's sacrifice and Yahweh's promise

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

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

God's agreement with Noah

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

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

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

43 RV 9:1 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:28.

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

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

46 RV 9:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:28.

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

Noah's children

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

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

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

Noah's grandchildren and their clans[48]

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

Yefet's (Japheth's) descendants

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

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

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

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

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

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

48 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:5-23

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

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

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

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

Ham’s descendants

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

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

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

Shem’s descendants

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

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

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

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

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

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

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across the earth after the flood.

The tower at Bavel

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

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

Shem's descendants[53]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

53 RV 11:10 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:24-27

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

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

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

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

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

Terah's descendants

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

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

God commissions Avram to go

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

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

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

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

55 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:8.

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

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

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Avram goes to Mitsrayim

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

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

Avram and Lot part ways

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

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

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

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and_journeying towards_the_south.

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

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

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

59 **RV 13:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:8.

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

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

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

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

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

God promises Avram the land

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

Five kings defend against four attackers

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

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

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

60 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 2:10.

62 RV 13:15 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

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

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

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

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

Avram rescues Lot

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

Malki-Tsedek blesses Avram

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

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

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

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

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

God agreement with Avram

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

72 RV 15:12 · Cross-ref. Yob 4:13-14.

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

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

75 RV 15:18 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

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

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

Hagar and her son Yishmael

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Literal Version

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

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

77 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:22.

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

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

Literal Version

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

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Circumcision as a confirmation of the agreement

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

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

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

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

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

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

80 RV 17:5 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:17.

81 RV 17:7 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:55.

82 RV 17:8 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

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

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

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

Avraham and Sarah are promised a son

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

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

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

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

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

Literal Version

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

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

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

85 RV 18:2a · Cross-ref. Heb 13:2.

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

Literal Version

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

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

Readers' Version

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

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

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

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

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

Avraham bargains with Yahweh about Sedom

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

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

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

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

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

86 RV 18:10 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:9.

87 RV 18:12 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 3:6.

88 RV 18:14 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:37.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sexual depravity in Sedom

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

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

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

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

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

Lot and family leave Sedom

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The destruction of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah)

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

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

93 RV 19:16 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:7.

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

95 RV 19:26 · Cross-ref. Luk 17:32.

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The sad origin of Moavim and Amonim

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

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

Avraham and Avimelek and Sarah

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

98 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:11.

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

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

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

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

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

Yitshak's birth

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

Hagar is expelled with Yishmael

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

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

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

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

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

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

Avraham and Avimelek's agreement

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

24 "I swear it," Avraham replied.

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

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

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

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

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

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

102 RV 21:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:26.

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

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

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

God tests Avraham over Yitshak

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

"Here I am," he replied.

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

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

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

"Yes, son?", he replied.

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

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

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

"Here I am." he answered.

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

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

104 RV 22:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 3:1.

105 RV 22:9 · Cross-ref. Jam 2:21.

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

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

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

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

Nahor's descendants

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

Sarah's death and burial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yitshak's marriage

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Speak then," Lavan responded.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Avraham's other descendants[115]

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

Avraham's death and burial

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

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

Yishmael's Descendants[117]

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

The birth of Esav and Ya'akov

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

115 RV 25:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:32-33

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

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

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

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

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

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

Esav sells his future inheritance

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yitshak moves to Gerar

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

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

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

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

119 RV 25:23 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:12.

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

121 RV 25:33 · Cross-ref. Heb 12:16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Abimilik wants a commitment from Yitshak

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

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

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

Esav marries outsiders

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

Yitshak's tricked into blessing Ya'akov

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

"I'm here," Esav replied.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Literal Version

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

Readers' Version

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Readers' Version

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

Esav begs for a secondary blessing

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

Literal Version

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

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

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128 RV 27:29 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3.

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

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

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

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

134 RV 27:38 · Cross-ref. Heb 12:17.

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

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

Literal Version

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

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

Readers' Version

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

Yitshak sends Ya'akov off to Lavan's

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

Esav adds a non-Canaanite wife

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

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

138 RV 28:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:4-8.

Readers' Version

Ya'akov's vision at Beyt-El

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

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

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

Ya'akov's arrival at Lavan's

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

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

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

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

139 RV 28:12 · Cross-ref. Yhn 1:51.

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

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

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

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

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"We're from Haran," they replied.

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

"Yes, we know him," they replied.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ya'akov marries Le'ah then Rahel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ya'akov prospers at Lavan's expense

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ya'akov flees from Lavan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lavan catches up to Ya'akov

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ya'akov and Lavan make a treaty

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

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

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

Ya'akov encounters God's messengers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ya'akov sends gifts ahead for Esav

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ya'akov gets renamed after fighting at Penuel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Esav and Ya'akov meet peacefully

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ya'akov begins to settle at Shekem

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

Dinah's rape leads to a plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God blesses Ya'akov at Beyt-El

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

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

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

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

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

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

199 RV 35:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 32:28.

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

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

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

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

Rahel dies giving birth to Benyamin

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

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

Yisrael's sons[205]

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

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

Yitshak's death

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

205 RV 35:22 · Parallel 1 Chr. 2:1-2

206 RV 35:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 49:4.

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

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

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

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

211 RV 35:27 · Cross-ref. Gen 13:18.

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

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Esav's descendants[212]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

212 RV 36:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:34-37

213 RV 36:2 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:34.

214 RV 36:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:9.

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

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

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

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Se'ir's descendants[218]

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

The kings around Edom[219]

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

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

Yosef's dreams cause conflict

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yosef is sold by his brothers

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

"Sure," Yosef replied.

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

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

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

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

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

220 RV 37:11 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yehudah mistreats Tamar

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

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

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

221 RV 37:28 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yosef and Potifar's wife

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

Now Yosef had developed into a well-built and handsome

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

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

223 **RV 38:26 · Cross-ref.** 38:11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Yosef explains the dreams of two prisoners

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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YHWH was_making_successful.

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

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

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

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

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

Yosef interprets the king's dreams

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

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

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

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

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

235 **RV 41:8 · Cross-ref.** Dan 2:2.

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

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swer the king to give him peace."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Yosef becomes a ruler in Mitsrayim

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

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

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

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

239 RV 41:40 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:10.

240 RV 41:42 · Cross-ref. Dan 5:29.

241 RV 41:54 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:11.

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

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

Yosef's brothers turn up in Mitsrayim

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 "Your servants are twelve brothers," they protested. "We're all sons of one man in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. It's all true—the youngest is home with our father, and one has passed away."

14 "Yes, it's just as I said," retorted Yosef. "You're spies! **15** But this is how we'll test you all: On Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) life, you

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Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_had_said and_he/it_was a_famine in_all the_ _lands and_on/over_all the_land_of Mitsrayim it_was food. **55** And_ all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim _it_was_hungry and_ the_ _people _it_cried_out to Par'oh for_food and_ Par'oh _he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every Mitsrayim/(Egypt) go to Yōṣēf that_which he_will_say to/for_you(pl) you(pl)_will_do. **56** And_ _the_famine it_was over all_of the_face_of the_earth/land and_ Yōṣēf _he_opened ĐOM all_of that (is)_in_them and_he_bought_ _grain to_Mitsrayim and_ the_famine _it_was_severe in_land of_ _Mitsrayim. **57** And_all the_earth/land they_came to_Mitsrayim to_buy_grain to Yōṣēf if/because the_famine it_was_severe in_ _all the_earth/land.

42:1 And_ Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) _he/it_saw if/because_that there_ _was grain in_Mitsrayim and_ Ya'$_a$qov _he/it_said to_sons_of_ _his to/for_what are_you(pl)_looking_at_one_another. **2** And_ _he/it_said HERE I_have_heard if/because_that there_is grain in_Mitsrayim go_down to_(to) and_buy_grain to/for_us from_ _there so_that_we_may_live and_not we_will_die. **3** And_ the_ _brothers_of Yōṣēf ten _they_went_down to_buy_grain grain from_Mitsrayim. **4** And_ĐOM Binyāmīn the_brother_of Yōṣēf not Ya'$_a$qov he_sent with brothers_of_his if/because he_said lest it_ _should_happen_to_him harm. **5** And_ the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to_buy_grain in_the_middle the_ _(ones_who)_went if/because it_was the_famine in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan). **6** And_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he was_the_ruler over the_earth/land he was_the_one_who_sold_grain to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_people_of the_earth/land and_ the_ _brothers_of Yōṣēf _they_came and_they_bowed_down to_ _him/it face the_ground_to. **7** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw ĐOM brothers_of_his and_he_recognized_them and_he_acted_as_a_ _stranger to_them and_he/it_spoke with_them harsh and_ _he/it_said to_them from_where have_you(pl)_come and_they_ _said from_the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_buy food. **8** And_ Yōṣēf _he_recognized ĐOM brothers_of_his and_they not they_ _recognized_him. **9** And_ Yōṣēf _he_remembered ĐOM the_ _dreams which he_had_dreamed to/for_them and_he/it_said to_them are_spies you(pl) to_see ĐOM the_nakedness_of the_ _earth/land you(pl)_have_come. **10** And_they_said to_him/it no my_master and_servants_of_your they_have_come to_buy food. **11** Of_us_of_all are_sons_of a_man one we are_honest we not your_servants they_are spies. **12** And_he/it_said to_them no if/because the_nakedness_of the_earth/land you(pl)_have_ _come to_see. **13** And_they_said are_two_plus ten your_servants brothers we sons_of a_man one in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_small(sg) is_with father_of_our the_ _day and_the_one he_is_not. **14** And_he/it_said to_them Yōṣēf/(Joseph) it is_that_which I_said to_you(pl) to_say are_ _spies you(pl). **15** By_this you(pl)_will_be_tested by_the_life of_ _Par'oh if you(pl)_will_go_out from_here if/because (if) when_ brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) _comes here. **16** Send of_ _yourselves one so_that_he_may_fetch ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) and_you(pl) be_imprisoned so_ words/messages_of_your(pl) _

242 RV 41:55 · Cross-ref. Yhn 2:5.

244 RV 42:2 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:12.

245 RV 42:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 37:5-10.

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_that_they_may_be_tested is_truth with_you(pl) and_if not by_
_the_life of_Par'oh if/because are_spies you(pl). **17** And_he_
_removed ĐOM_them to custody three_of days. **18** And_he/it_
_said to_them Yōşēf in_the_day the_third this do and_live ĐOM
the_'Ĕlohīm I am_fearing. **19** If are_honest you(pl) brother_of_
_your(pl) one let_him_be_imprisoned in_house_of your_
_custody_of_your(pl) and_you(pl) go take the_grain_of the_
_hunger_of your(pl)_households_of_your(pl). **20** And_ĐOM
brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) you(pl)_will_bring to_me so_
words/messages_of_your(pl) _that_they_may_be_verified and_
_not you(pl)_will_die and_they_made so. **21** And_they_said each
to his/its_brother indeed are_guilty we on brother_of_our who
we_saw the_distress_of his_self_of_his when_he_sought_favour
to_us and_not we_listened therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_
_has_come to_us the_distress (the)_this. **22** And_ Rə'ūvēn _he_
_answered ĐOM_them to_say am_not did_I_say to_you(pl) to_say
do_not sin against_boy and_not you(pl)_listened and_also
blood_of_his HERE is_required. **23** And_they not they_knew
if/because_that Yōşēf/(Joseph) was_hearing if/because the_
_interpreter was_between_them. **24** And_he_turned_away
from_with_them and_he_wept and_he_returned to_them and_
_he/it_spoke to_them and_he/it_took from_with_them ĐOM
Shim'ōn and_he_bound ĐOM_him/it to_eyes_of_their. **25** And_
Yōşēf _he/it_commanded and_people_filled ĐOM vessels_of_
_their grain and_to_return silver(s)_of_their each to sack_of_his
and_to_give to/for_them provision[s] for_journey and_he/it_
_made to/for_them thus.

26 And_they_lifted ĐOM grain_of_their on donkeys_of_their
and_they_went from_there. **27** And_ the_one _he_opened ĐOM
sack_of_his to_give fodder to_donkey_of_his at_place and_
_he/it_saw ĐOM silver_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it was_in_
_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his. **28** And_he/it_said to brothers_
_of_his silver_of_my it_has_been_returned and_also HERE in_
_sack_of_my and_ heart_of_their _he/it_went_out and_they_
_trembled each to his/its_brother to_say what this god has_he_
_done to/for_us. **29** And_they_came to Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) father_
_of_their towards_land of_Kənaʼan/(Canaan) and_they_told to_
_him/it ĐOM all_of the_things_which_had_happened_to ĐOM_
_them to_say. **30** The_man the_master(s)_of the_earth/land he_
_spoke with_us harsh and_he/it_gave us like_those_who_spy_
_out ĐOM the_earth/land. **31** And_we_said to_him/it are_honest
we not we_are spies. **32** Are_two_plus ten we brothers sons_of
our_father_of_our the_one he_is_not the_young_brother the_
_day is_with father_of_our in_land of_Kənaʼan/(Canaan).
33 And_he/it_said to_us the_man the_master(s)_of the_
_earth/land by_this I_will_know if/because_that are_honest
you(pl) brother_of_your(pl) the_one leave with_me and_ĐOM
the_hunger_of your(pl)_households_of_your(pl) take and_go.
34 And_bring ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) to_me so_
_that_I_may_know if/because_that not are_spies you(pl)
if/because_that are_honest you(pl) ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) I_
_will_give to/for_you(pl) and_ĐOM the_earth/land you(pl)_will_
_go_about_in. **35** And_he/it_was they were_emptying sacks_of_

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won't ever leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. **16** Select one among you to go and get your brother, and the rest of you will be imprisoned. Then we'll find out if you've all been telling the truth. And if not, on Par'oh's life, you're certainly spies." **17** Then he had them locked up together for three days.

18 On the third day, Yosef told them, "I'm a man who reveres God. So if you do exactly what I say, I'll let you live. **19** If you are actually honest, leave one of your brothers in prison here, and you others go and take grain back to feed your families. **20** Then when you will bring me your youngest brother so that I can verify your statements, then you won't die." So they agreed, **21** saying to each other (in Hebrew), "We are truly guilty concerning our brother Yosef, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, but we didn't take any notice. That's why this predicament has happened to us."

22 "Didn't I beg you all not to sin against the lad?"[246] Re'uven spoke up. "But you wouldn't listen, so now, see, now we're having to account for his blood." **23** (But they didn't know that Yosef understood them, because he and them had been speaking through an interpreter.) **24** Yosef turned away from them briefly so they couldn't see his tears, then he turned back toward them and spoke to them. Then he had Shim'on (Simeon) separated from the group and tied up in front of them. **25** Then Yosef ordered his servants and they filled their bags with grain, and he quietly ordered them to return each man's silver back to his sack and to give them provisions to them for the road.

Yosef's brothers return home

After Yosef (Joseph) had provided for his brothers, **26** they loaded their grain onto their donkeys and departed. **27** At a lodging place that night, one of them opened his sack to feed his donkey and to his horror, he saw his silver inside the top of the sack. **28** "My silver's been returned," he told his brothers, "and it's right here in my sack!" Then their stomachs tightened, and trembling, they asked each other, "What's this that God's doing to us?"

29 When they got home to Ya'akov (Jacob) their father in Kena'an (Canaan), they told him everything that had happened to them, **30** "This man, the master of Mitsrayim (Egypt), spoke harshly to us and treated us as if we were spying out his country, **31** but we told him, 'We're honest—we're not spies. **32** We're twelve brothers, the sons of our father. One is no longer alive, and the youngest is with our father today back in Kena'an.' **33** Then that man told us, 'I'll find out if you're honest: Leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for your families and go. **34** Then bring me your youngest brother so that I'll know you're not spies—that you're telling the truth. Then I'll release your brother and you can trade here freely.' "

35 Then when they started emptying their sacks, wow, each man's pouch of silver was inside his sack. When the brothers and their father saw their pouches of silver, they were afraid.

246 RV 42:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 37:21-22.

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36 "You've deprived me of another son," Ya'akov exclaimed. Yosef (Joseph) is gone! Shim'on's (Simeon's) gone! And then you want to take Benyamin as well! Why's everything going so wrong for me?" 37 Then Re'uven offered to his father, "You can kill my two sons if I don't bring Benyamin back to you. Let me take responsibility for him, and I'll make sure that he returns to you." 38 "My son will *not* go with you," Ya'akov countered, "because his brother is dead, and he alone is left. And if harm were to meet him on the road that you're going on, then you'd bring my grey head down to the grave in grief."

Yosef's brothers bring Benyamin to Mitsrayim

43:1 However, the famine in the region was still very severe, 2 so when they'd used up all the grain that they'd brought from Mitsrayim (Egypt), their father instructed them, "Go back there and buy some food for us."

3 But Yehudah (Judah) challenged him, "That man told us that he won't even see us unless our brother is with us. 4 We can only go there to buy food for you if you'll agree to send our youngest brother with us. 5 If you don't, it's not even worth going, because that man clearly told us that he won't even see us unless our brother is with us.

6 "Why did you all treat me badly by telling the man you have a younger brother?" their father Yisrael (Israel) asked.

7 "The man kept asking about us and our relatives," they answered. "He asked, 'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' We just answered what he asked. How could we possibly know that he would insist that we bring our youngest brother there?"

8 Then Yehudah said to his father, "Entrust the young man to me, and we'll pack up and go so that both we and you and our little ones will live and not die. 9 I myself will guarantee him. If anything happens to him, you can charge it to me. If I don't get him safely back to you, then I'll personally carry the blame for the rest of my life. 10 If we hadn't sat around here doing nothing for so long, certainly by now we could have been there and back twice!"

11 "Well, if that's our only choice," their father acceded, "then do this: Take some of the best produce from around here in your bags, and take it down to the man as a gift: a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, and some pistachio nuts and almonds. 12 And take double the amount of silver, because you must repay the silver that was returned in the tops of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake. 13 So take your brother and go and return to the man. 14 May the provider God Almighty cause the man to treat

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_their and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE each_man the_bag_of his_silver_ _of_his was_in_sack_of_his and_ they and_father_of_their _ _they_saw ÐOM the_bags_of their_silver(s)_of_their and_they_ _were_afraid. 36 And_he/it_said to_them Ya'aqov/(Jacob) father_of_their ÐOM_me you(pl)_are_making_childless Yōsēf/(Joseph) he_is_not and_Shim'ōn he_is_not and_ÐOM Binyāmīn you(pl)_will_take on_me of_them_of_all they_are. 37 And_ Rə'ūvēn _he/it_said to his/its_father to_say ÐOM two_ _of my_sons_of_my you_will_kill if not I_will_bring_him to_you put ÐOM_him/it on hand_of_my and_I I_will_bring_him_back to_you. 38 And_he/it_said not son_of_my he_will_go_down with_you(pl) if/because his/its_brother he_has_died and_he for_him/it_being_alone is_remaining and_it_will_happen_to_ _him harm on_journey which you(pl)_will_go on_it and_ _you(pl)_will_cause_to_go_down ÐOM hair_of_my_grey in_ _sorrow Shə'ōl_to.

43:1 And_the_famine was_heavy on_the_earth. 2 And_he/it_was just_as they_finished to_eat ÐOM the_grain which they_had_ _brought from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he/it_said to_them father_of_their go_back buy to/for_us a_little_of food. 3 And_ _he/it_said to_him/it Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say solemnly_(warn) he_warned (in)_us the_man to_say not you(pl)_will_see face_of_ _my except brother_of_your(pl) is_with_you(pl). 4 If (there)_ _you are_sending ÐOM brother_of_our with_us we_will_go_ _down and_we_will_buy to/for_yourself(m) food. 5 And_if not_ _you are_sending_him not we_will_go_down if/because the_ _man he_said to_us not you(pl)_will_see face_of_my except brother_of_your(pl) is_with_you(pl). 6 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said why did_you(pl)_do_harm to_me to_announce to_ _man still to/for_you(pl) does_a_brother. 7 And_they_said expressly_(ask) the_man he_asked to/for_us and_of_kindred_ _of_our to_say still father_of_is_your(pl) living is_there to/for_ _you(pl) a_brother and_we_told to_him/it[247] on the_mouth_of the_words/messages the_these possibly_(know) did_we_know if/because_that he_will_say bring_down ÐOM brother_of_ _your(pl). 8 And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) his/its_father send the_young_man with_me and_we_will_arise and_we_will_go so_that_we_may_live and_not both we as_well_ _as you as_well_as one[s]_of_our_little we_will_die. 9 I I_will_ _stand_surety_for_him from_hand_of_my you_will_require_him if not I_have_brought_him to_you and_I_will_set_him to_your_ _face and_I_will_be_culpable to/for_yourself(m) all_of the_ _days. 10 If/because if_not we_had_delayed if/because now we_ _have_returned this two_times. 11 And_he/it_said to_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) father_of_their if so then this do take some_of_ _the_best_products_of the_earth/land in_vessels_of_your(pl) and_take_down to_man a_gift a_little_of balm and_a_little_of honey spice and_myrrh pistachio_nuts and_almonds. 12 And_ _silver_of double take in_hand_of_your(pl) and_ÐOM the_silver which_was_returned in_the_mouth_of your(pl)_sacks_of_ _your(pl) you(pl)_will_take_back in_hand_of_your(pl) perhaps was_a_mistake it. 13 And_ÐOM brother_of_your(pl) take and_ _arise go_back to the_man. 14 And_god almighty may_he_give to/for_you(pl) compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_

247 **LV 43:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_of/before the_man and_he_will_let_go to/for_you(pl) ~~ᵭᵯ~~ brother_of_your(pl) other and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_I just_as I_ _have_been_bereaved I_have_been_bereaved. **15** And_ the_men _they_took ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift (the)_this and_double money they_ _took in_hand_of_their and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_they_arose and_they_went_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_stood to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **16** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw with_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_he/it_said to_ _the_one_who was_over household_of_his bring ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men to_the_house and_slaughter a_slaughter and_prepare_it if/because with_me the_men they_will_eat at_noon(s). **17** And_ the_man _he/it_made just_as Yōṣēf he_said and_ the_man _ _he/it_brought ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men the_house_of_to of_Yōṣēf. **18** And_ the_men _they_were_afraid if/because they_were_brought the_ _house_of Yōṣēf and_they_said on the_matter_of the_silver which_came_back in_sacks_of_our at_beginning we are_being_ _brought to_roll_himself on_us and_to_throw_himself on_us and_to_take us to_slaves and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ donkeys_of_our. **19** And_ _they_approached (to) the_man who was_over the_household_ _of Yōṣēf and_they_spoke to_him/it the_entrance_of the_ _house. **20** And_they_said pardon_us my_master indeed_(come_ _down) we_came_down at_beginning to_buy food. **21** And_ _he/it_was if/because we_came to the_lodging_place and_we_ _opened ~~ᵭᵯ~~ sacks_of_our and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_silver_of each_man was_in_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his silver_of_our in_weight_of_its and_we_have_brought_back ~~ᵭᵯ~~_him/it in_ _hand_of_our. **22** And_silver other we_have_brought_down in_ _hand_of_our to_buy food not we_know who did_he_put silver_ _of_our in_sacks_of_our. **23** And_he/it_said peace to/for_you(pl) do_not fear god_of_your(pl) and_the_god_of your_father_of_ _your(pl) he_gave to/for_you(pl) hidden_treasure in_sacks_of_ _your(pl) silver_of_your(pl) it_came to_me and_he_brought_out to_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Shim´ōn. **24** And_ the_man _he/it_brought ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men the_house_of_to of_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he_gave water and_they_washed feet_of_their and_he/it_gave fodder to_ _donkeys_of_their. **25** And_they_prepared ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift until Yōṣēf came at_noon(s) if/because they_had_heard if/because_ _that there they_will_eat food. **26** And_ Yōṣēf _he_came to_the_ _house and_they_brought to_him/it ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift which was_ _in_hand_of_their to_the_house and_they_bowed_down to_ _him/it the_ground_to. **27** And_he_asked to/for_them to_ _welfare and_he/it_said health father_of_is_your(pl) (the)_old whom you(pl)_spoke is_still_he alive. **28** And_they_said health belongs_to_servant_of_your to_father_of_our still_he is_alive and_they_bowed_low and[248].[249][250] **29** And_he_lifted_up eyes_ _of_his and_he/it_saw ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn his/its_brother the_son_ _of his/its_mother and_he/it_said is_this brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) whom you(pl)_spoke to_me and_he_said god may_he_show_favour_to_you my_son_of_my. **30** And_ Yōṣēf _ _he_hurried if/because compassion(s)_of_his they_grew_warm to his/its_brother and_he/it_sought to_weep and_he_went to_ _the_inner_room and_he_wept there_(to). **31** And_he_washed

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you kindly, and may he send your other brother and Benyamin back with you. And as for me, if I lose another son, I'll just have to mourn him."

15 So the brothers took the gifts and double the amount of silver. Then taking Benyamin, they travelled down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) and presented themselves to Yosef (Joseph). **16** When Yosef saw Benyamin with them, he told his head house-servant, "Take these men to the house, and slaughter an animal and prepare a meal, because they'll eat with me at noon." **17** The man did what he'd been instructed and brought the men to Yosef's house.

18 But the brothers were afraid when they found out that they'd been brought to wait outside Yosef's house, and said to each other, "We must have been brought here because of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time. He wants to overpower us, then arrest us and confiscate our donkeys and take us as slaves." **19** So they approached the head servant and spoke to him at the entrance of the house, **20** explaining, "Please, my master, honestly, we came down here the first time to buy food. **21** But when we got to our lodging place that evening, we opened our sacks and got a shock because each man's silver was in the top of his sack—the full amount of our silver was there. So we've brought it back here on this trip, **22** plus we've brought more silver to buy food. We don't know who put that silver in our sacks." **23** But he said, "Peace to you—don't be afraid. Your god and the god of your father has given you hidden treasure in your sacks—I received your previous payment." Then he brought Shim'on (Simeon) out to them.

24 Then the servant took the brothers into Yosef's house. He had water given to them and they washed their feet, and he had fodder given to their donkeys. **25** Then they got theirs gifts ready for when Yosef would arrive at midday, because they'd heard that they would be given lunch there. **26** When Yosef arrived there, they brought their gifts and they bowed to the ground in front of him. **27** Then he asked them about their living situation at home and questioned, "Is everything ok for your elderly father that you told me about? Is he still alive?"

28 "Things are well for your servant our father. And yes, he's still alive." Then they bowed their heads and bowed to the ground again.

29 Then Yosef looked around and saw his full-brother Benyamin, and asked, "Is this your youngest brother that you spoke to me about?" Then he said, "May God be gracious to you, my son." **30** At that point, Yosef had to hurry out of the room, because he was so overcome with emotion for his younger brother that he needed to cry, so he went to his inner room and cried there. **31** Then he washed his face and came out, controlling

248 LV 43:28 · Note OSHB variant note: וחתשי/ו: (x-qere) וַיֶּחְתְּשֵׁי/ו: lemma_c/7812 n_0 morph_HC/Vvw3mp id_01UGx וַיֶּחַתְּשֵׁי/ו

249 LV 43:28 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

250 LV 43:28 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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himself and ordering, "Serve the meal." **32** So the servants served Yosef at his own table, and served the brothers separately and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) who were eating with him separately again (because Mitsrim won't eat together with Ivrim (Hebrews), because Mitsrim would find that demeaning). **33** At their table, the brothers were astonished to discover that they had been seated in order from the oldest to the youngest. **34** Then they were served food Yosef's table, but Benyamin's serving was five times larger than any of the others, and they drank and they and Yosef all got a bit tiddly.

Yosef frames Benyamin for theft

44:1 Then Yosef (Joseph) commanded his head servant, "Fill the men's sacks with grain, as much as they are able to carry, and put each man's payment back into the top of his sack. **2** And put my own silver cup in the top of the youngest one's sack along with his payment." So he did what he was instructed. **3** The next morning at daylight, the brothers and their donkeys were sent off to start their trip home. **4** They hadn't gone very far out of the city when Yosef told his head servant, "Get up and, follow after those men. When you overtake them, ask them, 'Why did you repay good with evil? **5** Isn't this the cup that my master drinks from and indeed, what he divines with? You've done evil taking that.' "

6 So the servant overtook them and did exactly what he'd been instructed to do. **7** But they asked him, "Why does my master say that? Far be it from your servants to do something like that. **8** Listen, we brought the silver that we found in the top of our sacks back to you from the land of Kena'an (Canaan). So why would we then steal silver or gold from the house of your master? **9** If you find anything stolen with any of us, that person can be executed, and the rest of us can also be taken as slaves for my master."

10 "Indeed," the servant replied, "according to your words, that's how it'll be: the one who is found with the stolen cup will become my slave, but you others will be free to go." **11** So each of the brothers quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each one opened his sack. **12** Then Yosef's servant searched beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benyamin's sack. **13** Seeing this, the brothers tore their clothes (as a sign of their distress), and each one loaded up his donkey, and they all returned to the city.

14 When Yehudah (Judah) and his brothers got to Yosef's (Joseph's) house, he was still there, and they fell to their knees and bowed to the ground in front of him. **15** "What's this that you've done?" Yosef demanded. "Didn't you know that a man like me can certainly divine the truth?"

16 "What can we say to my master?" Yehudah answered. "What words could we speak? How could we possibly justify ourselves? God has exposed the sin of your servants. So now, we are slaves for my master—both we and the one who was found with the

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his/its_faces/face and_he/it_went_out and_he_restrained_ _himself and_he/it_said set food. **32** And_they_set to_him/it for_him/it_being_alone and_for_them them_alone and_for_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt)ians the_ones_eating with_him/it them_ _alone if/because not they_were_able the_Mitsrayimians to_eat with the_Ívrī/(Hebrews) food if/because is_an_abomination it to_Mitsrayim. **33** And_they_lived before_him the_firstborn according_to_of_his_birthright and_the_young_brother according_to_of_his_youth and_ the_men _they_looked_in_ _astonishment each to his/its_neighbour. **34** And_someone_ _took portions from_with his/its_faces/face to_them and_ the_ _portion_of Binyāmīn _it_was_great more_than_the_portions_ _of all_of_them_of_their five hands and_they_drank and_they_ _became_drunk with_him/it.

44:1 And_he/it_commanded ~~ÐOM~~ the_one_who was_over household_of_his to_say fill ~~ÐOM~~ the_sacks_of the_men food just_as they_are_able to_carry and_put the_silver_of each_man in_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his. **2** And_~~ÐOM~~ cup_of_my the_ _cup_of (the)_silver you_will_put in_the_mouth_of the_sack_of the_small(sg) and_~~ÐOM~~ the_silver_of his_grain_of_his and_ _he/it_made according_to_the_message_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) which he_had_spoken. **3** The_morning it_was_light and_the_ _men they and_donkeys_of_their they_were_sent_off. **4** They they_went_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_city not they_had_gone_far and_Yōşēf he_said to_the_one_who was_over household_of_his arise pursue after the_men and_you_will_overtake_them and_you_ _will_say to_them to/for_what have_you(pl)_repaid evil for good. **5** Am_not is_this that_which my_master he_drinks in/on/over_him/it and_he indeed_(divine) he_practices_ _divination in/on/over_him/it you(pl)_have_done_evil that_ _which you(pl)_have_done. **6** And_he_overtook_them and_ _he/it_spoke to_them ~~ÐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these. **7** And_they_said to_him/it to/for_what my_master does_he_ _speak according_the_words/messages the_these far_be_it to_ _servants_of_your from_doing according_the_manner (the)_ _this. **8** HERE silver which we_found in_the_mouth_of our_ _sacks_of_our we_brought_back to_you from_the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_how will_we_steal from_the_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your silver or gold. **9** Anyone_whom it_ _is_found with_him/it of_servants_of_your and_he_will_die and_also we we_will_belong to_master_of_my to_slaves. **10** And_he/it_said also now according_to_of_your(pl)_ _words/messages will_be_so it anyone_whom it_is_found with_ _him/it he_will_be to/for_me a_slave and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_ _be innocent. **11** And_they_hurried and_they_brought_down each_man ~~ÐOM~~ sack_of_his the_ground_to and_they_opened each_man sack_of_his. **12** And_he_searched with_brother he_ _began and_with_brother he_finished and_ the_cup _it_was_ _found in_the_sack_of Binyāmīn. **13** And_they_tore clothes_of_ _their and_ each_man _he_loaded on_donkey_of_his and_they_ _went_back to_the_city. **14** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _brothers_of_his _he_came the_house_of_to of_Yōşēf/(Joseph) and_he still_he was_there and_they_fell before_him the_ _ground_to. **15** And_he/it_said to/for_them Yōşēf what is_the_ _deed the_this which you(pl)_have_done am_not do_you(pl)_ _know if/because_that indeed_(divine) a_man who is_like_me he_practices_divination. **16** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said what will_we_say to_master_of_my what will_we_speak and_what

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will_we_justify_ourselves the_ʾElohīm he_has_found ÐOM the_ _guilt_of your_servants HERE_we are_slaves of_master_of_my both we as_well_as the_one_who the_cup it_was_found in_ _his/its_hand. **17** And_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_me from_ _doing this the_man whom the_cup it_was_found in_his/its_ _hand he he_will_be to/for_me slave and_you(pl) go_up to_ _peace to father_of_your(pl).

18 And_he_drew_near to_him/it Yəhūdāh and_he/it_said pardon_me my_master may_he_speak please servant_of_your a_message in_the_ears_of my_master and_not anger_of_your let_it_burn on_servant_of_your if/because as_you as_Parʿoh. **19** My_master he_asked ÐOM servants_of_his to_say is_there to/for_you(pl) a_father or a_brother. **20** And_we_said to my_ _master there_is to/for_us a_father old and_child/boy/young_ _man old_age(s) young and_brother_of_his he_died and_ he _ _he_was_left for_him/it_being_alone to_mother_of_his and_ _father_of_his he_loves_him. **21** And_she/it_said to your_ _servants bring_him_down to_me so_that_I_may_set eye_of_my on/upon/above_him/it. **22** And_we_said to my_master not the_ _young_man he_will_be_able to_leave ÐOM his/its_father and_ _he_will_leave ÐOM his/its_father and_he_will_die. **23** And_ _she/it_said to your_servants if not brother_of_your(pl) the_ _small(sg) he_will_come_down with_you(pl) not you(pl)_will_ _repeat to_see face_of_my. **24** And_he/it_was if/because we_ _went_up to servant_of_your father_of_my and_we_told to_ _him/it ÐOM the_words/messages_of my_master. **25** And_ father_of_our _he/it_said go_back buy to/for_us a_little_of food. **26** And_we_said not we_are_able to_go_down if (there) brother_of_our the_small(sg) is_with_us and_we_will_go_down if/because not we_will_be_able to_see the_face_of the_man and_brother_of_our the_small(sg) not_he is_with_us. **27** And_ servant_of_your father_of_my _he/it_said to_us you(pl) you(pl)_know if/because_that two_sons she_bore to/for_me wife_of_my. **28** And_ the_one _he/it_went_out from_with_me and_I_said surely surely_(tear) he_has_been_torn_to_pieces and_not I_have_seen_him until now. **29** And_you(pl)_will_take also ÐOM this_one from_with presence_of_my and_it_will_ _happen_to_him harm and_you(pl)_will_cause_to_go_down ÐOM hair_of_my_grey in_calamity Shəʾōl_to. **30** And_now just_as_I_ _come to servant_of_your father_of_my and_the_lad not_he is_ _with_us and_life_of_his is_bound_up with_life_of_his. **31** And_ _it_was just_as_he_sees if/because_that is_not the_young_man and_he_will_die and_ your_servants _they_will_bring_down ÐOM the_grey_hair_of your_servant_of_your father_of_our in_ _sorrow Shəʾōl_to. **32** If/because servant_of_your he_stood_ _surety_for ÐOM the_young_man from_with father_of_my to_ _say if not I_will_bring_him to_you and_I_will_be_culpable to_ _father_of_my all_of the_days. **33** And_now let_him_remain please servant_of_your in_place_of the_young_man a_slave of_ _master_of_my and_the_lad let_him_go_up with brothers_of_ _his. **34** If/because how will_I_go_up to father_of_my and_the_ _lad not_he is_with_me lest I_should_look on_calamity which it_will_find ÐOM father_of_my.

45:1 And_not Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_was_able to_restrain_himself to_all/each/any/every those_who_were_standing on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_called send_out every_of man from_with_me and_not anyone he_stood with_him/it

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cup."

17 "Far be it from me to do that." Yosef corrected them. "Only the man who had the cup will become my slave, and the rest of you can go back to your father in peace."

Yehudah pleads to Yosef

18 Then Yehudah (Judah) went closer to Yosef (Joseph) and said quietly, "Please, my master, please let your servant speak a word in my master's ears, and don't get angry with me, since you're as powerful as Par'oh (Pharaoh). **19** My master previously asked his servants if we had a father or another brother? **20** And we answered to my master, 'Yes, we have an elderly father and also the youngest son of his old age. But that son's brother is dead, so he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' **21** Then you told your servants, 'Bring the other son here so I can see him myself.' **22** And we said to my master, 'The young man isn't able to leave his father, because if he does, then the old man will die.' **23** But then you said to your servants, 'If your youngest brother doesn't come with you, you won't get access to me again.'

24 "After all that, when we went back to your servant my father, we explained your words to him, my master. **25** Eventually, our father told us, 'Return there to buy some food for us.' **26** But we told him, 'We can't go back unless our youngest brother is with us, because we wouldn't be able to get access to that man if our youngest brother wasn't with us.' **27** Then your servant my father told us, 'You know that my wife gave birth to two sons for me. **28** One of them went away from me, and I've assumed that he was torn to pieces, and I've never seen him again. **29** So if you also take this son away and something happened to him, then you'd bring my grey head down to the grave in misery.'

30 "So now, if I was to return home to your servant my father without that young man, since his father's soul is bound to his soul, **31** then as soon as he sees that the young man isn't will us, then he'll have a heart attack and so your servants will bring the grey head of your servant our father down to the grave in misery. **32** But your servant guaranteed the young man to my father, saying, 'If I don't get him back to you, then I will have sinned against my father all my life.'

33 "So now, please let your servant stay as a slave for my master instead of the young man, and let the young man go home with his brothers. **34** So now, how could I possibly go home to my father if that young man isn't with me? I wouldn't be able to cope with my father's misery."

45:1 By now, Yosef (Joseph) wasn't able to control himself in front of everyone who was standing around, and he called out,

Yosef reveals himself to his brothers

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"Send everyone else out!" So Yosef was alone when he revealed himself to his brothers,[251] **2** but he cried so loudly that many Mitsrim (Egyptians) heard it and Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) household listened. **3** "I'm Yosef!" he told his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers weren't able to answer him because they were terrified there in front of him. **4** "Please come close to me," he said. So they came close, and he explained, "I'm your brother Yosef that you sold to be taken to Mitsrayim (Egypt). **5** But don't be upset now or troubled that you sold me here, because it was God who sent me ahead of you so that lives would be saved. **6** There's already been two years of famine in this region, but there's still five more years to come without any ploughing or harvesting. **7** So God sent me ahead of you all so that some of you would be kept alive by this miracle and your children would be preserved. **8** You see, it wasn't you who sent me here, but God. And he's made me like a father to Par'oh, and master over all his house and the ruler in all the land of Mitsrayim.

9 "So hurry back to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Yosef says, "God has made me master over all Mitsrayim. Come down to me—don't delay.[252] **10** You can live in the Goshen region so that you'll be near to me—you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and everything that belongs to you. **11** I'll provide for you here because there's still five years of famine to come. That way, you won't end up poor—you and your household and everyone with you." ' **12** Look at me! You yourselves and even my brother Benyamin can see that it's really me who's speaking to you. **13** So go and tell my father about all my very high position in Mitsrayim and everything else that you've seen. Then hurry and bring my father down here."

14 Then he hugged his brother Benyamin and cried, and Benyamin cried too while they hugged. **15** Then he kissed all his brothers and cried over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

16 When the report about the arrival of Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers reached Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) house, both him and his servants were pleased. **17** Then Par'oh instructed Yosef, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and leave. Go to Kena'an (Canaan) **18** and get your father and your households, and come back here to me, and I'll give to you the best of the land in Mitsrayim, and you'll eat the best of the country.' **19** And you're commanded, 'Do this: Take carts with you from here for your little ones and for your wives, and get your father and come. **20** Don't be upset about anything you have to leave behind, because the best of all the land in Mitsrayim will be yours.' "

21 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) sons did what they had been in-

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when_ Yōşēf _made_himself_known to brothers_of_his. **2** And_ _he/it_gave ĐOM voice_of_his in_weeping and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_heard and_ the_household_of Par'oh _ _he/it_listened. **3** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his I am_Yōşēf still father_of_is_my living and_not brothers_of_his they_were_able to_answer ĐOM_him/it if/because they_were_ _terrified of_him. **4** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his draw_near please to_me and_they_drew_near and_he/it_said I am_Yōşēf brother_of_your(pl) whom you(pl)_sold ĐOM_me towards_Mitsrayim. **5** And_now do_not be_grieved and_not let_ _it_burn in_eyes_of_your(pl) if/because you(pl)_sold ĐOM_me hither if/because for_preservation_of_life he_sent_me god before_you(pl). **6** If/because this two_years the_famine has_ _been_in_the_midst_of the_earth/land and_still five years when there_will_be_not plowing_time and_harvest_time.[253] **7** And_he_sent_me god before_you(pl) to_make to/for_you(pl) a_remnant on_the_earth and_to_preserve_alive to/for_you(pl) (to)_a_deliverance great. **8** And_now not you(pl) you(pl)_sent ĐOM_me hither if/because the_'Elohīm and_he_has_appointed_ _me to_a_father of_Par'oh and_to_master to/from_ _all/each/any/every household_of_his and_ruler in_all the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** Hurry and_go_up to father_of_ _my and_you(pl)_will_say to_him/it thus son_of_your Yōşēf/(Joseph) he_says he_has_appointed_me god to_master to/from_all/each/any/every Mitsrayim come_down to_me do_ _not delay. **10** And_you_will_dwell in_the_land_of Goshen and_ _you_will_be near to_me you and_children_of_your and_the_ _sons your(pl)_children_of_your and_sheep_of_your and_cattle_ _of_your and_all that to/for_you(fs). **11** And_I_will_provide_for you there if/because still will_be_five years famine lest you and_household_of_your and_all that to/for_you(fs) you_ _should_become_impoverished. **12** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE your(pl)_eyes and_the_eyes_of my_brother/kindred Binyāmīn are_seeing if/because_that mouth_of_my is_the_one_which_ _speaks to_you(pl). **13** And_you(pl)_will_tell to_father_of_my ĐOM all_of honour_of_my in_Mitsrayim and_ĐOM all_of that you(pl)_saw and_you(pl)_will_hurry and_you(pl)_will_bring_ _down ĐOM father_of_my hither. **14** And_he_fell on the_neck(s)_ _of Binyāmīn his/its_brother and_he_wept and_Binyāmīn he_ _wept on neck(s)_of_his. **15** And_he_kissed to/from_ _all/each/any/every brothers_of_his and_he_wept over_them and_after thus brothers_of_his they_spoke with_him/it. **16** And_the_sound it_was_heard the_house_of Par'oh to_say the_brothers_of Yōşēf they_have_come and_it_was_good in/on_ _both_eyes_of Par'oh and_in_the_eyes_of his_servants_of_his. **17** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) say to brothers_ _of_your this do load ĐOM animal[s]_of_your(pl) and_go go towards_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **18** And_fetch ĐOM father_ _of_your(pl) and_ĐOM households_of_your(pl) and_come to_me and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) ĐOM the_good_thing[s]_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_eat ĐOM the_fat_of the_ _earth/land. **19** And_you(ms) you_are_commanded this do take

251 RV 45:1 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:13.

252 RV 45:9-11 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:14.

253 LV 45:6 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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to/for_you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim carts for_your_ _little_of_one[s] and_for_wives_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _carry ĐOM father_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_come. **20** And_ _eye_of_your(pl) not let_it_look_with_regret on things_of_ _your(pl) if/because the_good_thing[s]_of all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim to/for_you(pl) it. **21** And_they_did thus the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave to/for_them Yōşēf carts on the_ _mouth_of Par'oh and_he/it_gave to/for_them provision[s] for_ _journey. **22** To/for_all_them he_gave to_each changes_of clothes and_to_Binyāmīn he_gave three hundred(s) silver and_ _five changes_of clothes. **23** And_to_father_of_his he_sent according_to_this ten donkeys carrying some_of_the_good_ _thing[s]_of Mitsrayim and_ten female_donkeys carrying grain and_food and_provision[s] for_father_of_his for_journey. **24** And_he_sent_off ĐOM brothers_of_his and_they_went and_ _he/it_said to_them do_not stir_up on_way. **25** And_they_went_ _up from_Mitsrayim and_they_came the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) father_of_their. **26** And_ _they_told to_him/it to_say still Yōşēf/(Joseph) is_alive and_ _because/when he is_ruling in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ his/its_heart _it_grew_numb if/because not he_believed to/for_them. **27** And_they_spoke to_ _him/it ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of Yōşēf which he_ _had_spoken to_them and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_carts which Yōşēf he_had_sent to_carry ĐOM_him/it and_ the_spirit_of Ya'ₐqov father_of_their _it_lived. **28** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said enough still Yōşēf son_of_my is_alive I_will_go so_ _that_I_may_see_him before_before I_will_die.

46:1 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all that to_him/it _he_set_out and_he_came to_Bə'ēr Shəva' and_he/it_sacrificed sacrifices to_the_god_of his/its_father Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **2** And_ god _he/it_ _said to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_visions_of the_night and_he/it_ _said Oh_Ya'ₐqov Ya'ₐqov and_he/it_said here_I_am. **3** And_ _he/it_said I am_(the)_god the_god_of your_father_of_your do_ _not be_afraid from_going_down to_Mitsrayim if/because to_ _(a)_nation great I_will_make_you there. **4** I I_will_go_down with_you to_Mitsrayim and_I I_will_bring_you_up also certainly_(go_up) and_Yōşēf he_will_put his/its_hand over eyes_of_your. **5** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_rose_up from_ _Bə'ēr- shev'a' and_ the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_carried ĐOM Ya'ₐqov father_of_their and_ĐOM one[s]_of_their_little and_ĐOM wives_of_their in_carts which Par'oh he_had_sent to_ _carry ĐOM_him/it. **6** And_they_took ĐOM livestock_of_their and_ĐOM their_property which they_had_accumulated in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_they_came towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) Ya'ₐqov and_all his/its_seed with_him/it. **7** Sons_of_his and_the_sons his_sons_of_his with_him/it daughters_of_his and_the_daughters_of_his_children_of_his and_all his/its_seed he_brought with_him/it towards_ _Mitsrayim. **8** And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_(ones_who)_went to_Mitsrayim Ya'ₐqov and_sons_of_his the_firstborn_of Ya'ₐqov Rə'ūvēn. **9** And_the_ _sons of_Rə'ūvēn Ḥₐnōk/(Enoch) and_Pallū' and_Ḥetsrōn and_ _Karmī/(Carmi). **10** And_the_sons of_Shim'ōn Jemuel and_ _Yāmīn/(Jamin) and_Ohad and_Yākīn/(Jakin) and_Zohar and_

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structed and Yosef gave them carts as per Par'oh's orders as well as provisions for the journey. **22** Then he gave changes of clothes to each of them, but he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothes to Benyamin. **23** To his father he sent ten male donkeys loaded with the best of Mitsrayim, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and provisions for his father for the road. **24** Then he sent off his brothers, and as they left, then he told them, "Don't quarrel on the road."

25 So they left Mitsrayim and went back home to their father Ya'akov (Jacob) in Kena'an (Canaan) **26** and told him, "Yosef is still alive! In fact, he's the ruler over all of Mitsrayim." But Ya'akov was totally stunned and he couldn't really believe them.

27 Then they told him everything that Yosef had told them. When he saw the carts that Yosef had sent to carry him, then he started to recover from the shock. **28** Then Yisrael exclaimed, "Enough! I accept that my son Yosef is still alive. I'll go and see him before I die."

Ya'akov moves to Mitsrayim

46:1 So Yisrael (Israel) started his trip, taking everything he had. When they stopped in Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), he offered sacrifices to the god of his father Yitshak (Isaac). **2** During the night, God spoke to Yisrael in visions sayings, "Ya'akov (Jacob), Ya'akov."

"I'm listening," he answered. **3** Then God told him, "I'm God, the god of your father. Don't be afraid to go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt), because I'll make you into a great nation there. **4** I myself will go down with you to Mitsrayim, and I myself will also surely bring you back here. And Yosef (Joseph) will be there with you when you die."

5 Then Ya'akov departed from Be'er-Sheva, and his sons carried their father and their little ones and their wives in the carts that Par'oh (Pharaoh) had sent to carry him. **6** They had also brought along all their livestock and their possessions that they had acquired in Kena'an (Canaan). Then they arrived in Mitsrayim—Ya'akov and all of his offspring with him:[254] **7** his sons and his sons' sons with him, and his daughters and his sons' daughters. So he brought all his offspring with him to Mitsrayim.

8 These are the names of Yisrael's sons who went to Mitsrayim, that is Ya'akov and his sons: **Ya'akov's** firstborn was Re'uven, **9** and **Re'uven's** sons were Hanok and Palu and Hetsron and Karmi. **10** **Shim'on's** (Simeon's) sons were Yemuel, Yamin, Ohad,

254 RV 46:6 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:15.

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Yakin, Tsohar, and Shaul, the son of a Kena'ani (Canaanite) woman. **11** **Levi's** sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari. **12** **Yehudah's** (Judah's) sons were Er, Onan, Shela, Perets, and Zerah, but Er and Onan had died in Kena'an. Perets' sons were Hetsron and Hamul. **13** **Yisakar's** (Issachar's) sons were Tola, Puah, Iyov (Job), and Shimron. **14** **Zevulun's** sons were Sered, Eylon, and Yahle'el. **15** Those were all Le'ah's sons that she bore for Ya'akov in Padan-Aram, along with his daughter Dinah. The total number of those descendants was thirty-three.

16 **Gad's** sons were Tsifyon,Hagi, Shuni, Etsbon, Eri, Arod, and Areli. **17** **Asher's** sons were Yimnah, Yishvah, Yishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah. And Beriah's sons were Hever and Malkiel. **18** Those were all Zilpah's sons, the slave woman that Lavan (Laban) had given to his daughter Le'ah, and she gave birth to those sixteen descendants for Ya'akov.

19 Ya'akov's wife Rahel's (Rachel's) sons were Yosef (Joseph) and Benyamin. **20** **Yosef's** sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim) were born in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Esenat, the daughter of Poti-Fera the priest of On, gave birth to them for Yosef.[255] **21** **Benyamin's** sons were Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Na'aman, Ehi, Rosh, Mupim, Hupim, and Ard. **22** Those were all Rahel's descendants—a total of fourteen.

23 **Dan's** son was Hushim. **24** **Naftali's** (Naphtali's) sons were Yahtse'el, Guni, Yetser, and Shilem. **25** Those two were both Bilhah's sons, the slave woman that Lavan had given to his daughter Rahel, and she gave birth to those seven descendants for Ya'akov.

26 The total count of those who went to Mitsrayim with Ya'akov who were his descendants (not counting his daughters-in-law) was sixty-six. **27** As well as that, Yosef's two sons were born in Mitsrayim so that added up to a grand total of seventy.[256]

Ya'akov's arrival in Mitsrayim

28 As they all approached Mitsrayim (Egypt) , Ya'akov (Jacob) sent Yehudah (Judah) ahead of the others to find out from Yosef (Joseph) how to get to Goshen. As they all arrived in the Goshen area, **29** Yosef hooked up his chariot and went to meet his father Yisrael (Israel) there. He went up to his father, and hugged him for a long time as he cried. **30** "Now I can die," Yisrael said to Yosef, "since I've seen your face—seen that you're still alive."

31 Then Yosef spoke to his brothers and to his father's household, "I'll go and report to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and explain to him that my brothers and my father's household who were living in Kena'an (Canaan) have come to join me. **32** I'll tell him that you're herders of sheep—livestock farmers—and that you've brought your flocks and herds and everything that you own.

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_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_son_of the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)_woman. **11** And_the_sons of_Lēvī Gērəshōn Qəhāt and_Mərārī. **12** And_ _the_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) 'Ēr and_'Ōnān and_Shēlāh and_ _Perets and_Zeraḥ and_ 'Ēr and_'Ōnān _he/it_died in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_ the_sons_of Perets _they_were Ḥetsrōn and_Ḥāmūl. **13** And_the_sons of_Yissāskār/(Issachar) Tōlā' and_ _Pū'āh and_Iob and_Shimrōn. **14** And_the_sons of_Zəvūlūn Ṣered and_'Ēylōn and_Yaḥlə'ēl/(Jahleel). **15** These were_the_ _sons_of Lē'āh whom she_had_borne to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) in_ _Paddan- aram and_DOM Dināh daughter_of_his every_of (the)_ _person_of his_sons_of_his and_daughters_of_his was_thirty and_three. **16** And_the_sons of_Gād Tsəfō/(Zepho)n and_Ḥaggit Shūnī and_'Etsbvōn 'Ērī and_'Arōdī and_'Ar'ēlī. **17** And_the_sons of_'Āshēr Yimnāh/(Imnah) and_Yishvāh/(Ishvah) and_ _Yishvī/(Ishvi) and_Bərī'āh and_Seraḥ sister_of_their and_the_ _sons of_Bərī'āh Ḥevər and_Malkiel. **18** These were_the_sons_of Zilpah whom Lāvān he_had_given to_Lē'āh daughter_of_his and_she/it_gave_birth DOM these to_Ya'ₐqov six- teen person[s]. **19** The_sons_of Rāḥēl the_wife_of Ya'ₐqov Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn. **20** And_he/it_was_born to_Yōṣēf in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) those_whom she_bore for_him/it 'Eṣənat the_daughter_of Poti- phera the_priest_of On DOM Mənashsheh and_DOM 'Efrayim. **21** And_the_sons of_Binyāmīn Bela' and_Beker and_'Ashbēl Gērā' and_Na'ₐmān Ehi and_Rosh Muppim and_Ḥuppim and_'Ardə. **22** These were_the_sons_of Rāḥēl who it_was_born to_Ya'ₐqov every_of person was_four- teen. **23** And_the_sons of_Dān Ḥushim. **24** And_the_sons of_ _Naftālī Yaḥtsə'ēl/(Jahzeel) and_Gūnī and_Yētser/(Jezer) and_ _Shillēm. **25** These were_the_sons_of Bilhāh whom Lāvān he_ _had_given to_Rāḥēl daughter_of_his and_she/it_gave_birth DOM these to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) every_of person was_seven. **26** Every_of the_living_creatures who_went belonging_to_ _Ya'ₐqov to_Mitsrayim who_came_out_of his_thigh_of_his (from)_besides_of the_wives_of the_sons_of Ya'ₐqov every_of person was_sixty and_six. **27** And_the_sons of_Yōṣēf who it_ _was_born to_him/it in_Mitsrayim were_person[s] two every_of the_living_creatures of_the_household_of of_Ya'ₐqov which_it_ _went to_Mitsrayim was_seventy.

28 And_DOM Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_sent before_him to Yōṣēf to_ _show before_him to_Goshen and_they_came towards_land of_ _Goshen. **29** And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_harnessed chariot_of_his and_he/it_ascended to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) his/its_father to_ _Goshen and_he_presented_himself to_him/it and_he_fell on neck(s)_of_his and_he_wept on neck(s)_of_his still. **30** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōṣēf let_me_die this_time after I_have_seen DOM face_of_your if/because still_you are_alive. **31** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his and_near/to the_ _household_of his/its_father I_will_go_up and_I_will_tell to_ _Par'oh and_I_will_say to_him/it brothers_of_my and_the_ _household_of my_father_of_my who in_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) they_have_come to_me. **32** And_the_men are_shepherds_of sheep if/because men_of livestock they_ _have_been and_flock[s]_of_their and_herd[s]_of_their and_all that to/for_them they_have_brought. **33** And_it_was if/because

255 **RV 46:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 41:50-52.

256 **RV 46:27 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:14.

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he_will_summon to/for_you(pl) Par´oh and_saying(ms) what work(s)_of_are_your(pl). **34** And_you(pl)_will_say men_of livestock your_servants they_have_been since_youth(s)_of_our and_unto now both we as_well_as fathers_of_our in_account_of you(pl)_may_dwell in_land of_Goshen if/because is_the_ _abomination_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) every_of shepherd_of sheep.

47:1 And_ Yōşēf _he_went and_he_told to_Par´oh and_he/it_said father_of_my and_brothers_of_my and_flock[s]_of_their and_ _herd[s]_of_their and_all that to/for_them they_have_come from_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_there_they in_land of_ _Goshen. **2** And_from_the_end_of his_brothers_of_his he_took five men and_he_presented_them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Par´oh. **3** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to brothers_of_his what work(s)_of_are_your(pl) and_they_said to Par´oh are_ _herdsmen_of sheep your_servants both we as_well_as fathers_ _of_our. **4** And_they_said to Par´oh to_sojourn on_the_earth we_ _have_come if/because there_is_not pasture for_sheep which belongs_to_servants_of_your if/because was_heavy the_famine in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_now let_them_dwell please your_servants in_land of_Goshen. **5** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) to_say father_of_your and_brothers_of_your they_have_come to_you. **6** The_land_of Mitsrayim to_your_face it in_the_best_of the_earth/land cause_to_dwell ĐOM father_of_ _your and_ĐOM brothers_of_your let_them_dwell in_land of_ _Goshen and_if you_know and_there_are among_them men_of ability and_you_will_appoint_them overseers_of livestock over that_which to_me. **7** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_brought ĐOM Ya´ₐqov/(Jacob) his/its_father and_he_made_him_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par´oh and_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM Par´oh. **8** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to Ya´ₐqov how_ _many are_the_days_of the_years_of your(ms)_life. **9** And_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_said to Par´oh the_days_of the_years_of my_ _sojournings_of_my are_thirty and_one_hundred year[s] few and_displeasing the_days_of the_years_of my_life_of_my they_ _have_been and_not they_have_reached ĐOM the_days_of the_ _years_of the_lives_of my_ancestors_of_my in_the_days_of their_sojournings_of_their. **10** And_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_blessed ĐOM Par´oh and_he/it_went_out from_to/for_face/front/presence Par´oh. **11** And_ Yōşēf _he_caused_to_dwell ĐOM his/its_father and_ĐOM brothers_of_his and_he/it_gave to/for_them a_ _possession in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_the_best_of the_ _earth/land in_land of_Ra´məşēş just_as Par´oh he_had_ _commanded. **12** And_ Yōşēf/(Joseph) _he_provided_for ĐOM his/its_father and_ĐOM brothers_of_his and_ĐOM all_of the_ _household_of his/its_father food to_the_mouth_of the_little_ _one[s].

13 And_food there_was_not in_all the_earth/land if/because was_heavy the_famine very and_ the_land_of Mitsrayim and_ _the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) _it_languished from_face/in_ _front_of the_famine. **14** And_ Yōşēf _he_gathered_up ĐOM all_ _of the_money which_was_found in_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_in_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) for_grain which they were_buying_grain and_ Yōşēf _he/it_brought ĐOM the_money the_house_of_to of_Par´oh. **15** And_ the_money _it_was_finished from_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_from_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_ all_of Mitsrayim _they_came to Yōşēf

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33 So when Par'oh calls for you and asks what your work is, **34** then you should answer, 'Your servants have been livestock men from our youth and until now, both we and also our fathers,' so that you can settle here in Goshen, because Mitsrim (Egyptians) despise sheep herders."

47:1 Then went Yosef to Par'oh and told him, "My father and brothers and their flocks and herds and everything that belongs to them, have come from Kena'an and they're here now Goshen area." **2** Then he took five of his brothers and presented them to Par'oh, **3** and Par'oh asked them, "What's your occupation?"

"Your servants have been shepherds for several generations," they replied. **4** Then they explained, "We've come to stay here for a while because in Kena'an, there's no pasture for our flocks because the drought is very severe. So now, please let your servants settle in the Goshen area." **5** Then Par'oh turned to Yosef, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. **6** The entire country of Mitsrayim (Egypt) is in front of you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best land, so let them settle in the Goshen area. And if you're aware that some of them have special talents, then appoint them as overseers of my own livestock as well."

7 Then Yosef brought his father Ya'akov (Jacob) and presented him to Par'oh, and Ya'akov blessed Par'oh. **8** "How old are you?" Par'oh asked him.

9 "I've been moving from place to place for 130 years," Ya'akov replied. "My life has been short and with many difficulties, so I haven't reached the longer ages of my ancestors in their moving around." **10** Then he blessed Par'oh again and departed from his presence. **11** So Yosef gave his father and his brothers some of the best land in Mitsrayim and helped them settle there—in the Ra'meses district just as Par'oh had commanded. **12** He also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with bread—each family according to the number of children.

Yosef's leadership through extreme famine

13 Then the time came when there was no bread in that entire part of the world, because the drought was now extremely severe, and both Mitsrayim (Egypt) and Kena'an (Canaan) were suffering from food shortages. **14** People all over came to buy grain, and over time Yosef (Joseph) had received in payment all the silver that could be found in Mitsrayim and Kena'an, and he in turn took it to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) house. **15** So once there was no more silver left in Mitsrayim and in Kena'an, all the Mit-

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srim (Egyptians) demanded from Yosef, "Give us food. Why should we die right here in front of you? All our money is gone!"
16 "Bring your livestock," Yosef answered, "and I'll give grain to you in exchange for them, since the silver is gone." **17** So the people brought their livestock to him, and he gave them grain in exchange for their horses and sheep and cattle and donkeys. So he provided them with food that year in exchange for all their livestock.
18 The next year they came to Yosef and begged, "We can't hide it from our master that since there's no silver left and since all the livestock now belongs to our lord, there's nothing left to offer other than our bodies and our lands. **19** Why should we die right in front of you—both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we and our land will be slaves to Par'oh. And give us seed so that we'll live and not die, and so that the land won't be barren."
20 So Yosef bought all the farmland of Mitsrayim for Par'oh, because every Mitsri (Egyptian) sold his field. In that way, all the land became Par'oh's because the famine was so extreme. **21** As for the people, he moved them to the cities[257] from one end of Mitsrayim to the other. **22** The only land he didn't buy was that of the priests, because they were given a regular allowance by Par'oh. Because they could live on what they were supplied with, they didn't need to sell their land. **23** Then Yosef told the people, "Listen, now that I've bought you and your land for Par'oh, here is seed for you so that you can work the ground. **24** Every time you harvest a crop, you must give a fifth of it to Par'oh. The other four parts will be for you to use as seed and as food for yourselves and your households and your young children."
25 "You've kept us alive," they agreed. "Master, continue to show us your favour, and we'll be slaves for Par'oh." **26** So Yosef established it as a law to this day concerning the Mitsri farmland: that the fifth belongs to Par'oh. (Only the priests' land didn't become Par'oh's.)

Ya'akov's burial request

27 So Yisrael (Israel) (also called Ya'akov (Jacob)) and his descendants settled in the Goshen region of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and prospered. The had many children and quickly increased in number. **28** Ya'akov resided there for seventeen years, and by then he was 147 years old **29** and he was getting close to death, so he called for his son Yosef (Joseph) and asked him, "If, please, I have found favour in your eyes, please give me your hand and promise to deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please don't bury me in Mit-

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to_say come_NOW to/for_ourselves food and_for_what will_ _we_die before_you if/because money it_has_come_to_an_end.
16 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said give livestock_of_your(pl) so_that_I_ _may_give_it to/for_you(pl) for_livestock_of_your if money it_ _has_come_to_an_end. **17** And_they_brought ÐOM livestock_of_ _their to Yōṣēf and_he/it_gave to/for_them Yōṣēf food for_ _horses and_for_the_livestock_of the_flock[s] and_for_the_ _livestock_of the_herd[s] and_for_donkeys and_he_provided_ _them with_food in_all livestock_of_their in_year the_that.
18 And_ the_year the_that _it_was_finished and_they_came to_ _him/it in_year the_second(fs) and_they_said to_him/it not we_will_hide from_master_of_my if/because_that if the_money it_has_been_finished and_the_livestock_of the_cattle/livestock is_to my_master not it_is_left to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before my_master except (if) body_of_our and_land_of_our.
19 To/for_what will_we_die to_eyes_of_your both we as_well_as land_of_our buy us and_ÐOM land_of_our for_food and_we_will_ _be we and_land_of_our slaves of_Par'oh and_give seed so_that_ _we_may_live and_not we_will_die and_the_land not it_will_be_ _desolate. **20** And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_bought ÐOM all_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_Par'oh if/because Mitsrayim they_sold everyone field_of_his if/because it_was_severe on_ _them the_famine and_ the_earth/land _it_became to_Par'oh.
21 And_ÐOM the_people he_brought_in ÐOM_him/it to_cities from_the_end_of the_territory_of Mitsrayim and_unto end_of_ _its. **22** Only the_land_of the_priests not he_bought if/because an_allowance belonged_to_priests from_with Par'oh and_they_ _eat ÐOM allowance_of_their which he_gave to/for_them Par'oh therefore yes/correct/thus/so not they_sold ÐOM land_of_their.
23 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to the_people HERE I_have_bought you(pl) the_day and_ÐOM land_of_your(pl) for_Par'oh HERE to/for_you(pl) is_seed and_you(pl)_will_sow ÐOM the_soil.
24 And_it_was at_harvest(s) and_you(pl)_will_give a_fifth to_ _Par'oh and_four the_hands it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) to_ _(the)_seed_of the_field and_to_food_of_your(pl) and_for_ _those_who are_in_households_of_your(pl) and_to_eat for_ _your_little_of_one[s].
25 And_they_said you_have_preserved_ _us_alive may_we_find favour in/on_both_eyes_of my_master and_we_will_be slaves of_Par'oh.
26 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_assigned ÐOM_her/it to_a_regulation until the_day the_this on the_land_ _of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) belongs_to_Par'oh to_part only the_ _land_of the_priests theirs_alone not it_belonged to_Par'oh.
27 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _land of_Mitsrayim in_land of_Goshen and_they_had_ _possessions in_it and_they_were_fruitful and_they_multiplied exceedingly. **28** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_lived in_land of_ _Mitsrayim seven- teen year[s] and_he/it_was the_days_of Ya'ₐqov the_years_of his/its_life seven years and_forty and_ _one_hundred year[s]. **29** And_ the_days_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_drew_near[260] to_die and_he/it_called (to)_son_of_his (to)_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he/it_said to_him/it if please I_have_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your put please hand_of_your under

257 RV 47:21 · Note TC: There's a variation here in different early copies and translations. Rather than moving the people into the cities (which might have been done to make food distribution more efficient), some translations choose the alternative 'made the people slaves'.
260 LV 47:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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thigh_of_my and_you_will_do with_me loyalty and_faithfulness do_not please bury_me in_Mitsrayim. **30** And_I_will_lie_down with ancestors_of_my and_you_will_carry_me from_Mitsrayim and_you_will_bury_me in_grave_of_their and_he_said I I_will_ _do according_to_of_your_message. **31** And_he/it_said swear_ _an_oath to_me and_he_swore_an_oath to_him/it and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_bowed_down at the_head_of the_bed.

48:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_he/it_said to_Yōṣēf THERE father_of_your is_sick and_he/it_took ĐOM the_ _two_of sons_of_his with_him/it ĐOM Mənashsheh and_ĐOM 'Efrayim. **2** And_someone_told to_Ya'ₐqov and_he/it_said HERE son_of_your Yōṣēf he_has_come to_you and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he_strengthened_himself and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived on the_bed. **3** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _ _he/it_said to Yōṣēf god_of almighty he_appeared to_me at_Lūz in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_he/it_blessed ĐOM_me. **4** And_he/it_said to_me HERE_I am_about_of_to_make_you_ _fruitful and_I_will_multiply_you and_I_will_make_you (into)_ _a_company_of peoples and_I_will_give ĐOM the_earth/land (the)_this to_offspring_of_your after_you a_possession_of perpetuity. **5** And_now the_two_of sons_of_your who_were_ _born to/for_yourself(m) in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until came_I to_you to_Mitsrayim to_me they 'Efrayim and_ _Mənashsheh like_Rə'ūvēn and_Shim'ōn they_will_belong to_ _me. **6** And_offspring_of_your whom you_have_fathered after_ _them to/for_yourself(m) they_will_belong on the_name_of their_brothers_of_their they_will_be_called in_inheritance_of_ _their. **7** And_I when_came_I from_Paddan she_died on_me Rāḥēl in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) on_journey at_yet a_ _distance_of land to_go 'Efrātāh and_I_buried_her there on_ _the_journey_of 'Efrāt that is_Bēyt- leḥem. **8** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_saw ĐOM the_sons_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he/it_said who are_these. **9** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to his/its_father sons_of_are_my they whom he_has_given to_me god in_this_place and_he_said fetch_them please to_me so_ _that_I_may_bless_them. **10** And_the_eyes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_heavy from_old_age not he_was_able to_see and_he_ _brought_near ĐOM_them to_him/it and_he_kissed to/for_them and_he_embraced to/for_them. **11** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ _said to Yōṣēf to_see face_of_your not I_judged and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE god he_has_shown ĐOM_me also ĐOM offspring_of_your. **12** And_ Yōṣēf _he_took ĐOM_them from_ _with knees_of_his and_he_bowed_down to_face_of_his the_ _ground_to. **13** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_took ĐOM both_of_them ĐOM 'Efrayim at_his_right_of_hand from_the_left_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM Mənashsheh at_his_left_of_hand from_the_right_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_brought_them_near to_him/it. **14** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_stretched_out ĐOM hand_of_his_right and_ _he_put_it on the_head_of 'Efrayim and_he was_the_young and_ĐOM hand_of_his_left on the_head_of Mənashsheh he_laid_ _cross-wise ĐOM hands_of_his if/because Mənashsheh was_the_

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srayim.[258] **30** When I die, I want to be buried with my ancestors, so carry me out of Mitsrayim and bury me in their tomb."

"I'll do what you've requested," Yosef agreed.

31 "Promise me," he insisted. So Yosef promised him and Yisrael bowed at the head of the bed.[259]

Ya'akov blesses Efrayim and Menasheh

48:1 Some time after that, Yosef (Joseph) was told, "Listen, your father is sick." So Yosef went to him, taking his two sons with him—Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim). **2** When someone told Ya'akov (Jacob) that Yosef had arrived, he exerted himself and sat up in bed, **3** then he told him, "God the provider appeared to me at Luz in Kena'an (Canaan), and he blessed me[261] **4** and said to me, 'Listen, I'll make you fruitful, and I'll multiply you and make you into a community of peoples. And I'll give this land to your offspring after you to be their possession forever.' **5** "And now, your two sons, who were born for you here in Mitsrayim (Egypt) before I came here, I adopt them as my own—Efrayim and Menasheh—just as Re'uven and Shim'on (Simeon) are mine. **6** Any other children that you father after them will be yours. Their inheritance will only be through their older brothers. **7** As for me, when I was coming into Kena'an from Padan, Rahel (Rachel) died beside on the way when we were still quite some distance from Efrat, and I buried her there beside the road of Efrat (which is Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem))."[262]

8 Then Yisrael (Israel) noticed Yosef's two sons and asked, "Who are these?"

9 "They are my sons that God has given me here in this place." Yosef replied to his father.

"Please bring them to me, and I will bless them," Ya'akov (Jacob) requested. **10** Now Yisrael's sight was poor in his old age, so he wasn't able to see much. So Yosef brought them over to him, and Yisrael kissed them and embraced them. **11** "I never expected to see you again" he said to Yosef, "but wow, God has even let me see your children as well." **12** Then Yosef removed his sons from his father's knees and bowed with his face to the ground.

13 Then Yosef took both of them—Efrayim (Ephraim) on his right toward Yisrael's left and Menasheh (Manasseh) (the eldest) on his left toward Yisrael's right—and brought them close to him. **14** But Yisrael intentionally extended his right hand and placed it on the Efrayim's head (the younger one), and crossing his arms, he placed his left hand on Menasheh's head. **15** Then he blessed Yosef saying,

"May the god who my grandfather Avraham and my father

258 RV 47:29-30 · Cross-ref. Gen 49:29-32; 50:6.

259 RV 47:31 · Note Some translations assume that elderly Ya'akov/Yisrael bowed to God in worship after speaking with Yosef, but it's not impossible that he bowed to Yosef in acknowledgement of the high position that God had brought Yosef to as foretold by his dreams.

261 RV 48:3-4 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:13-14.

262 RV 48:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 35:16-19.

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Yitshak (Isaac) served,
the god who has been shepherding me for my entire life,
16 the messenger who's turned all harm intended for me into good,
may he bless these young men.
May they be recognised as my descendants,
and as descendants of Avraham and Yitshak,
and grow to increase in number on the earth.
17 Then Yosef (Joseph) noticed that his father had placed his right hand on Efrayim's (Ephraim's) head and he was upset about it, so he picked up his father's hand to move it across to Menasheh's (Manasseh's) head, **18** telling his father, "My father, that's wrong because that one is my oldest son. Put your right hand on *his* head." **19** But his father pushed back, "I know, my son, I know. Menasheh will also become a people, and he will also be great. Nevertheless his younger brother will be the greater one, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations."
20 So Yisrael (Israel) blessed Efrayim and Menasheh that day saying,
"After this, my descendants will bless people by saying,
'May God make you like Efrayim and like Menasheh.' "[263]
(Notice that he put Efrayim before Menasheh.)
21 Then Yisrael told Yosef, "Listen, I'm about to die, and God will be with you and take you back to the land of your ancestors. **22** I'm giving Shekem to you as an additional inheritance over that of your brothers. I captured it with my sword and my bow from the descendants of Amor and it's now yours."

Ya'akov's individual words for his sons

49:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) called for all his sons and said, "Gather together, and I'll reveal to you what will happen to you all in the years ahead.
2 Gather around and listen you sons of Ya'akov,
listen to your father Yisrael (Israel).
3 **Re'uven** you're my eldest,
my power and the beginning of my strength.
With excellence in dignity,
and excelling in power.
4 But you're destructive like strong waters.
You climbed into my bed (with my slave-wife).
You got onto my couch and defiled it.
5 **Shim'on (Simeon) and Levi** are alike.
Their swords are weapons of violence.
6 Don't let *my* thoughts enter into their discussion.
Don't let *my* honour join in their assembly.
They killed a man in their anger,
and they hamstrung an ox just for their pleasure.
7 Their fierce anger is cursed,

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_firstborn. **15** And_he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he_ _said the_'Elohīm whom fathers_of_my they_walked_about before_him 'Avrāhām and_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) the_'Elohīm who_ _shepherded ~~DOM~~_me from_my_duration until the_day (the)_ _this. **16** The_messenger who_has_redeemed ~~DOM~~_me from_all harm may_he_bless ~~DOM~~ the_lads and_may_it_be_called in/among_them name_of_my and_name_of my_fathers_of_my 'Avrāhām and_Yitsḥāq and_may_they_multiply to_increase_in_ _number in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **17** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_ _saw if/because_that his/its_father he_will_put the_hand_of his_right_side_of_his on the_head_of 'Efrayim and_it_was_ _displeasing in_eyes_of_his and_he_grasped the_hand_of his/its_father to_remove ~~DOM~~_her/it from_under the_head_of 'Efrayim on the_head_of Mənashsheh. **18** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_ _said to his/its_father not thus my_father_of_my if/because this is_the_firstborn put hand_of_your_right on his/its_head. **19** And_ his/its_father _he_refused and_he/it_said I_know my_ _son_of_my I_know also he he_will_become (into)_a_people and_also he he_will_become_great and_but his/its_brother the_ _small(sg) he_will_become_great from_him/it and_offspring_ _of_his it_will_be the_fullness_of the_nations. **20** And_he_ _blessed_them in_the_day (the)_that to_saying by_you Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_bless to_say may_he_make_you god like_ _'Efrayim and_like_Mənashsheh and_he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ 'Efrayim to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mənashsheh. **21** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōṣēf/(Joseph) HERE I am_about_to_die and_it_was god with_you(pl) and_he_will_ _bring_back you(pl) to the_land_of your(pl)_fathers_of_ _your(pl). **22** And_I I_give to/for_yourself(m) a_shoulder one over brothers_of_your which I_took from_the_hand_of the_ _'Amorī by_sword_of_my and_by_bow_of_my.

49:1 And_ Ya'aqov/(Jacob) _he/it_called (to) sons_of_his and_ _he/it_said gather_yourselves so_that_I_may_tell to/for_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ that_which it_will_happen_to you(pl) in_ _end/latter the_days. **2** Assemble and_listen Oh_sons_of Ya'aqov and_listen to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) father_of_your(pl). **3** Oh_ _Rə'ūvēn firstborn_of_are_my you strength_of_my and_the_ _beginning_of my_generative_power_of_my excellence_of dignity and_excellence_of power. **4** Destructiveness like_water do_not excel if/because you_went_up the_bed(s)_of your_ _father_of_your then you_profaned_it bed_of_my he_went_up. **5** Shim'ōn and_Lēvī are_brothers are_weapons_of violence swords_of_their. **6** In_council_of_their not self_of_my let_it_ _enter in_assembly_of_their not honour_of_my let_it_be_united if/because in_anger_of_their they_slew a_man and_for_ _pleasure_of_their they_hamstrung ox[en]. **7** Anger_of_their be_cursed if/because fierce and_severe_anger_of_their if/because it_is_hard I_will_divide_them in_Ya'aqov and_I_will_ _scatter_them in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** Oh_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) you they_will_praise_you brothers_of_your hand_of_your will_be_ _on_the_neck_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your they_will_bow_ _down[268] to/for_yourself(m) the_sons_of your_father_of_your. **9** Is_a_cub_of a_lion Yəhūdāh from_prey my_son_of_my you_

263 **RV 48:20 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:21.

268 **LV 49:8 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_have_gone_up he_bows_down he_lies_down like_a_lion and_
_like_a_lion who will_he_rouse_him. **10** Not a_scepter it_will_
_depart from_Yəhūdāh and_a_ruler's_staff from_between feet_
_of_his until if/because he_will_come Shiloh[269] and_to/for_
_him/it the_obedience_of peoples. **11** He_will_be_binding_of to_
_vine mmm[270] and_to_vine the_young_one_of his_donkey_of_
_his he_will_wash in_wine clothing_of_his and_in_the_blood_of
grapes mmm[271]. **12** Dark_of eyes more_than_wine and_white_of
teeth more_than_milk. **13** Zəvˇūlūn to_the_coast_of the_seas he_
_will_dwell and_he will_become_(into)_a_harbour_of ships and_
_side_of_his will_be_at Tsīdōn/(Sidon). **14** Yissāskār/(Issachar)
is_a_donkey_of bone lying_down between the_two_
_saddlebaskets. **15** And_he/it_saw a_resting_place if/because_
_that it_was_good and_ꝺom the_earth/land if/because_that it_
_was_pleasant and_he_bent_down shoulder_of_his to_carry_a_
_load and_he/it_was (into)_forced_labour_of labouring. **16** Dān
he_will_judge people_of_his like_one of_the_tribes_of of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **17** May_he_be Dān a_snake on a_road a_viper
on a_path which_bites the_heels_of a_horse and_ rider_of_its _
_he_fell backwards. **18** For_deliverance_of_your I_wait_eagerly
Oh_**YHWH**. **19** Gād a_marauding_band it_will_attack_him and_
_he he_will_attack a_rearguard. **20** From_'Āshēr will_be_rich
food_of_his and_he he_will_provide delicacies_of a_king.
21 Naftālī is_a_doe let_untie/release which_utters
words/messages_of beauty. **22** Is_a_son of_a_fruit-bearer_of
Yōşēf/(Joseph) a_son of_a_fruit-bearer_of at a_spring
daughters she_will_climb over a_wall. **23** And_they_showed_
_bitterness_to_him and_they_shot and_they_were_hostile_
_towards_him masters_of arrows. **24** And_it_remained in_
_permanence bow_of_his and_ the_arms_of his_hands_of_his _
_they_were_agile from_the_hands of the_mighty_one_of
Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) from_there the_shepherd the_stone_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** From_the_god_of your_father_of_your and_
_he_will_help_you and_ꝺom the_almighty and_he_will_bless_
_you blessings_of heaven (from)_above blessings_of the_deep
which_lies beneath blessings_of breasts and_womb. **26** The_
_blessings_of your_father_of_your they_have_prevailed over
the_blessings_of those(m)_who_conceived_me to desire_of
hills_of antiquity may_they_belong[272] to_the_head_of Yōşēf
and_to_the_crown_of_the_head_of the_consecrated_one_of his_
_brothers_of_his. **27** Binyāmīn is_a_wolf which_it_tears_to_
_pieces in_morning he_consumes booty and_to_evening he_
_divides plunder. **28** All_of these are_the_tribes_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_plus ten and_this is_that_which he_spoke
to/for_them father_of_their and_he/it_blessed them everyone
whom according_to_of_his_blessing he_blessed ꝺom_them.

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and their severe anger is determined.
I will divide them out among Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
and scatter them across Yisrael (Israel).
8 **Yehudah** (Judah), you'll be praised by your brothers.
You'll be a powerful force against your enemies.
Your father's sons will bow down to you.
9 Yehudah is a lion cub.[264]
My son, you've stood up after feasting on your prey.
He stretches and lies down like a lion.
As with a lioness, who will dare wake him?
10 Yehudah will never leave the ruling position,
nor will his descendants be without the ruler's staff,
until the messiah arrives
and the people groups obey him.
11 He'll tie his donkey to the grapevine,[265]
and the donkey's colt to the best branch.
He'll wash his clothes in wine
and his robes in the blood of grapes.
12 His eyes will be darker than wine,
and his teeth will be white from milk.
13 **Zevulun** will settle near the coast,
and be like a safe harbour for ships.
His border will extend up to Tsidon (Sidon).
14 **Yisakar** (Issachar) (Yisakar) is a strong donkey
lying down between the sheep pens.[266]
15 He'll see that his resting place is good
and that the land is pleasant.
He'll strain his shoulders to carry a burden.
He'll be forced to labour for others.
16 **Dan** (which means 'judge') will judge his people
like one of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes.
17 He'll be a snake beside the road,
a viper on the path,
that bites a horse's heels
and its rider falls backwards.
18 Yahweh, I'm waiting for you to save us.
19 **Gad** will be attacked by riders,
but he'll attack them from behind.
20 **Asher** will enjoy delicious food,
and he'll provide delicacies for a king.
21 **Naftali** (Naphtali) is a doe that's been untied.
He says beautiful words.[267]
22 **Yosef** (Joseph) is part of a fruit-bearing vine—

264 **RV 49:9 · Cross-ref.** Num 24:9; Rev 5:5.

265 **RV 49:11 · Note** This likely suggests such a surplus of fruit that it doesn't even matter what the animals eat.

266 **RV 49:14 · Note** Or 'between two saddlebags'.

267 **RV 49:21 · Note** Or 'has beautiful fawns'.

269 **LV 49:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: הליש: (x-qere) 'וֹלִישׁ': lemma_7886 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_01KU3 וֹלִישׁ

270 **LV 49:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ריע: (x-qere) 'וֹ/רִיעַ': lemma_5895 n_1.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01BN1 וֹ/רִיעַ

271 **LV 49:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/תוס: (x-qere) 'וֹ/תוֹס': lemma_5497 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01Chx וֹ/תוֹס

272 **LV 49:26 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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part of a fruit-bearing vine at a spring.
His branches will climb over the wall.
23 Expert archers will attack him,
and shoot and harass him.
24 But his bow will stay steady
and his arms will be made agile
by the hands of the mighty one of Ya'akov (Jacob),
because of the shepherd who's Yisrael's (Israel's) rock,
25 by the god of your father, and he will help you,
and with the provider,
and he will bless you with blessings from the heavens above
blessings of the deep that lies below,
and blessings of breasts and womb.
26 I've been blessed more than my ancestors were—
even with being gifted those ancient hills.
May those blessings now transfer to Yosef (Joseph)—
the one who was separated from all his brothers.
27 **Benyamin** is a ravenous wolf.
In the morning he devours his prey,
and in the evening he divides the plunder.
28 Those are Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve sons (that led to the twelve tribes) and that's what their father said to them from his bed as he blessed each one of them—each one blessed appropriately.

Ya'akov's death and burial

29 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) instructed them, "I'm about to go and join my ancestors. Bury me with them in the cave in the field that was bought from Efron the Hiti, **30** in the cave that is in Makpelah's field in front of Mamre in Kena'an (Canaan). That's the cave that my grandfather Avraham bought with the field from Efron the Hiti as property for a burial place.[273] **31** Avraham and his wife Sarah were buried there,[274] along with their son Yitshak (Isaac) and his wife Rivkah,[275] and I also buried my wife Le'ah there. **32** That field and the cave in it was bought from the descendants of Het. **33** When Ya'akov finished giving those instructions to his sons, he pulled his feet up into the bed and lay and breathed his last and his spirit joined his ancestors.[276]

50:1 Then Yosef (Joseph) hugged his father and cried over him and kissed him. **2** Then he commanded those of his servants who were physicians to embalm his father. So Yisrael's (Israel's) body was embalmed **3** over the next forty days (which is the normal time for embalming), and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) mourned for him for seventy days.

4 After those mourning days were over, Yosef spoke to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) servants, saying, "Please, if I have found favour in your eyes, please tell Par'oh that **5** my father made me swear, saying, 'Listen, I am dying. You must bury me in my grave that I

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29 And_he/it_commanded them and_he/it_said to_them I am_
_about_to_be_gathered to people_of_my bury ĐOM_me with
fathers_of_my into the_cave which is_in_the_field_of ʹEfrōn
the_Ḥittiy. **30** In_cave which is_in_the_field_of (the)_Machpelah
which is_on the_face_of Mamre in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan)
which 'Avrāhām he_bought ĐOM the_field from_with ʹEfrōn
the_Ḥittiy to_a_possession_of a_burial_site. **31** There_(to)
people_buried ĐOM 'Avrāhām and_ĐOM Sārāh his/its_
wife/woman there(to) people_buried ĐOM Yitsḥāq/(Isaac)
and_ĐOM Rivqāh his/its_wife/woman and_there_(to) I_buried
ĐOM Lē'āh. **32** The_livestock_of the_field and_the_cave which
in/on/over_him/it from_with the_sons_of Ḥēt. **33** And_
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _they_were_ended/finished to_command ĐOM
sons_of_his and_he_gathered feet_of_his into the_bed and_he_
_expired and_he_was_gathered to peoples_of_his.
50:1 And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_fell on the_face_of his/its_father
and_he_wept on/upon/above_him/it and_he_kissed to_him/it.
2 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_commanded ĐOM servants_of_his ĐOM the_
_physicians to_embalm ĐOM his/its_father and_ the_physicians
_they_embalmed ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_they_were_
_completed to_him/it forty day[s] if/because thus the_days_of
the_embalming(s) they_were_completed and_
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_wept_for ĐOM_him/it seventy day[s].
4 And_ the_days_of his_weeping_of_his _they_passed and_
Yōṣēf _he/it_spoke to the_household_of Par'oh to_say if please
I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your(pl) speak please in_the_

273 **RV 49:30 · Cross-ref.** Gen 23:3-20.
274 **RV 49:31 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:9-10.
275 **RV 49:31 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:29.
276 **RV 49:33 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:15.

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_ears_of Par´oh to_say. **5** father_of_my he_made_me_swear_an_
_oath to_say HERE I am_about_to_die in_grave_of_my which I_
_dug to_me in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) there_(to) you_will_
_bury_me and_now let_me_go_up please so_that_I_may_bury
ÐOM father_of_my and_I_will_return. **6** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said
go_up and_bury ÐOM father_of_your just_as he_made_you_
swear. **7** And Yōşēf _he/it_ascended to_bury ÐOM his/its_
_father and_they_went_up with_him/it all_of the_servants_of
Par´oh the_elders_of his_household_of_his and_
_all/each/any/every the_elders_of the_land_of Mitsrayim.
8 And_all/each/any/every the_household_of Yōşēf/(Joseph)
and_brothers_of_his and_the_household_of his/its_father only
one[s]_of_their_little and_sheep_of_their and_cattle_of_their
they_left in_land of_Goshen. **9** And_he/it_ascended with_him/it
both chariotry as_well_as horsemen and_he/it_was the_
_company numerous very. **10** And_they_came to the_threshing_
_floor_of Atad which is_on_the_other_side_of the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_lamented there a_lament great
and_heavy very and_he/it_made for_father_of_his mourning
seven_of days. **11** And_ the_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land
the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] _he/it_saw ÐOM the_mourning at_
_threshing_floor_of Atad and_they_said is_mourning heavy this
for_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) therefore yes/correct/thus/so
someone_called his/its_name Hevel/(Abel) Mitsrayim which
is_on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn. **12** And_ sons_of_his _they_
_made to_him/it thus just_as he_had_commanded_them.
13 And_ sons_of_his _they_carried ÐOM_him/it towards_land of_
_Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_they_buried ÐOM_him/it in_the_cave_of
the_field_of (the)_Machpelah which 'Avrāhām he_had_bought
ÐOM the_field to_a_possession_of a_burial_site from_with ´Efrōn
the_Ḥittiy on the_face_of Mamre. **14** And_he_went_back Yōşēf
to_Mitsrayim he and_brothers_of_his and_all those_who_had_
_gone_up with_him/it to_bury ÐOM his/its_father after he_had_
_buried ÐOM his/its_father.
15 And_ the_brothers_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) _they_saw if/because_
_that father_of_their he_had_died and_they_said if he_will_be_
_hostile_towards_us Yōşēf and_indeed_(repay) he_will_repay
to/for_us ÐOM all_of the_harm which we_dealt_out_to ÐOM_
_him/it. **16** And_they_commanded to Yōşēf to_say father_of_
_your he_commanded to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
death_of_his to_say. **17** Thus you(pl)_will_say to_Yōşēf please
forgive please the_transgression_of your(pl)_brothers_of_your
and_sin_of_their if/because evil they_dealt_out_to_you and_
_now forgive please to_the_transgression_of the_servants_of
the_god_of your_father_of_your and_ Yōşēf _he_wept when_
_spoke_they to_him/it. **18** And_ also brothers_of_his _they_
_went and_they_fell before_him and_they_said HERE_we
to/for_yourself(m) to_slaves. **19** And_he/it_said to_them Yōşēf
do_not fear if/because in_place_of god am_I. **20** And_you(pl)
you(pl)_planned on_me harm god he_planned_it for_good so_as
to_act as_day the_this to_preserve_alive a_people numerous.
21 And_now do_not fear I I_will_provide_for you(pl) and_ÐOM
one[s]_of_your(pl)_little and_he_comforted them and_he/it_
_spoke to heart_of_their.

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dug for myself in Kena'an (Canaan).'[277] So now, please ask Par'oh to let me go up there and bury my father, then I'll return."

6 "Go up and bury your father just like he made you promise." was the reply back from Par'oh.

7 So Yosef went up to Kena'an to bury his father. Par'oh's servants went with him, along with the elders from Par'oh's household and all the elders of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **8** Yosef's own household also went, along with his brothers and his father's household. They only left their children and their livestock behind in Goshen. **9** There were chariots as well as soldiers mounted on horses so it was a very large procession.

10 After they crossed the Yarden (Jordan) river, they arrived at Atad's threshing floor, and they mourned there for seven days with very loud wailing. **11** The local Kena'ani (Canaanite) people saw the mourning at Atad's threshing floor, and they said, "This is very serious mourning for the Mitsrim (Egyptians)." That's why they then named that place across the Yarden 'Avel-Mitsrayim' (which means 'the Mitsrim mourned here').

12 So Ya'akov's (Jacob's) sons did everything just how he'd instructed them. **13** They carried his embalmed body to Kena'an and buried him in the cave in Makpelah's field. Avraham had bought with the field with the included cave from Efron the Hiti as property for a burial place, in front of Mamre.[278] **14** Then after his father's burial was completed, Yosef returned to Mitsrayim (Egypt) along with his brothers and everyone who had gone up with him to bury him.

Yosef forgives his brothers

15 Now that their father was no longer alive, Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers said to each other, "What if Yosef hates us and now he decides to repay us for all the evil things that we did to him?" **16** So they sent a messenger to Yosef to tell him, "Before he died, your father ordered that **17** you be given this message: 'I beg you, please forgive your brothers' crime and their sin, because they did evil things to you.' So now, please forgive the crime of the servants of your father's god." When Yosef heard their message, he started crying.

18 Then his brothers also came and bowed to the ground in front of him and pleaded, "Here we are. We belong to you as slaves."

19 "Don't be afraid," Yosef answered. "I'm not God and it's not my job to decide on your punishment. **20** You all plotted evil things against me, but God intended it for good in order to do what he's doing this very day: to save many people. **21** So now, don't be afraid. I'll support you and your little ones." So he reassured them and he spoke kindly to them.

277 **RV 50:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 47:29-31.

278 **RV 50:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:16.

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Yosef's death

22 Yosef (Joseph) continued to live in Mitsrayim (Egypt), along with the rest of his father Ya'akov's (Jacob's) family, until he was 110 years old. **23** He lived long enough to see his son Efrayim's (Ephraim's) children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The children of his grandson Makir, who was Menasheh's (Manasseh's) son, also grew up around him.
24 Then one day Yosef said to his brothers, "I'm about to die, but God will definitely help you all and take you and your descendants from this country to the land that he vowed to give to Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov. **25** When God does that, you must take my body back to Kena'an (Canaan) with you and bury it there." Then Yosef had his brothers and the rest of the descendants of Yisrael (Israel) vow that they would do that.[279]
26 Then Yosef died at the age of 110, and the specialists embalmed his body and it was put in a coffin in a tomb in Mitsrayim.

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22 And_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived Yōṣēf in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he and_the_household_of his/its_father
and_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he/it_lived one_hundred and_ten years.
23 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw of_'Efrayim sons_of a_third_
_generation also the_sons_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh
they_were_born on the_knees_of Yōṣēf. **24** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_
_said to brothers_of_his I am_about_to_die and_god surely_
_(visit) he_will_visit you(pl) and_he_will_bring_up you(pl) from
the_earth/land (the)_this to the_earth/land which he_swore
to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob).
25 And_ Yōṣēf _he_made_to_swear_an_oath ~~DOM~~ the_sons_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say surely_(visit) god he_will_visit you(pl)
and_you(pl)_will_bring_up ~~DOM~~ bones_of_my from_here.
26 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_died a_son_of one_hundred and_ten years
and_people_embalmed ~~DOM~~_him/it and_he_was_put in_coffin
in_Mitsrayim.

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279 RV 50:25 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:19; Josh 24:32; Heb 11:22.

Exodus

Introduction

The word *Exodus* comes from the Greek word meaning 'departure' or 'leaving'. Hebrew readers call this document 'Shemōt' which is the second word in the Hebrew and means 'Names' because it begins with a list of names. Some European and other translations call it 'The second book of Mosheh/Moses'.
It should be noted that 'Mosheh' is the best English transliteration of the name of the hero of this account. Sadly, he's commonly known in the English world as 'Mosheh', even though we have all the sounds in our language to be able to pronounce his name more accurately. Unfortunately, because the language of 'the New Testament' didn't have the 'sh' sound and had no letter for 'h', his Hebrew version of his Mitsri name is corrupted as it goes through Greek 'Mōsaʸs' and then Latin 'Moyses' and then first entered English in the 1300's as 'Moises'. Now that we live in a modern era where we try to show more respect to the names of peoples from other cultures, the *OET* encourages the same for Biblical characters (especially the major ones), hence 'Mosheh'. (Maybe a little bit of relearning could demonstrate a lot of respect to the Jewish people whose ancestors are recorded in these accounts.)
After God had used a famine to cause his people to go down into Mitsrayim/Egypt, this document records how they eventually become slaves, but then God works many miracles to enable them to leave again, and not only that, to be paid at the end for their work.
This story can be divided into three main parts: 1. their slavery in Mitsrayim, and how God called Mosheh (Moses), the child who had been adopted by an Mitsri princess, to lead them out of slavery; 2. how God assisted them when they were chased by the Mitsri army, then when they reached Mt. Sinay, how they were miraculously given food and drink there at the mountain; 3. how Yahweh revealed himself to Mosheh there at Mt. Sinay, and gave him instructions to guide their lives and their nation, and God's agreement with the people; 4. the ending is the construction of the sacred tent, complete with instructions about how they should worship.
An overview would be how God rescued his people from slavery and established them as a nation that was hopeful of a good future.
Mosheh is the most important person in this account. He was chosen by God to lead his people out of slavery and right out of Mitsrayim. The *ten commands* are another well-known component of this document and can be found in chapter twenty.

Main components of this account

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- c. Par'oh (Pharaoh) king of Mitsrayim stands strongly against Mosheh and Aharon taking the people out of Mitsrayim *5:1–11:10*
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Yisrael's descendants are driven into slavery

1:1 These are the names of Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants who accompanied Ya'akov (Jacob) when he moved his household to Mitsrayim (Egypt):[1] **2** Re'uven, Shim'on (Simeon), Levi, Yehudah (Judah), **3** Yisakar (Issachar), Zevulun, Benyamin, **4** Dan, Naftali (Naphtali), Gad, and Asher. **5** At that time, Ya'akov had a total of seventy descendants (including Yosef (Joseph) and his sons who were already in Mitsrayim.)

6 As the years progressed, Yosef and his brothers died—all of that generation, **7** but they'd had many children who went on to have their own children and grandchildren, and so they became a large and powerful group there in Mitsrayim.[2]

8 Eventually a new king came to power in Mitsrayim who had never known Yosef[3] **9** and he told his people, "Listen, those descendants of Yisrael (Israel) are becoming more numerous and powerful than us. **10** So, let's deal wisely with them, in case they continue to multiply. Then if war was to break out, they could easily take the other side and fight against us, and then leave our country."[4] **11** Then they appointed overseers to work them in slave gangs, and using them as forced labour, they built the store cities at Piton and Ra'meses for Par'oh (Pharaoh). **12** However, the more they oppressed them, the more they multiplied and spread out, and the more the Mitsrim (Egyptians) came to dread the Israelis. **13** So they made the Israelis work long, hard hours, **14** and they made their lives bitter with the hard slavery. They were forced to make mortar and bricks, as well as all kinds of slave labour in the fields—all the work they had to do was strenuous and tiring.

15 Then the king of Mitsrayim spoke to Shifrah and Puah, the two Ivri (Hebrew) midwives, **16** saying, "When you assist the Ivri women as midwives, as you sit there on your stool, if you see that it's a male, do something so he'll die, but if it's a female, then let her live." **17** But the midwives were godly women and didn't do according to what the Mitsri (Egyptian) king had instructed them, and they let the boys live. **18** So the king called the midwives back, and he demanded, "Why have you done that and let their sons live?"

19 "Because the Ivri women aren't like Mitsri women," the midwives answered. "They're more active and give birth before the midwife even gets to them." **20** So God rewarded the midwives, and meanwhile, the people continued to increase in number and become more powerful, **21** and because the midwives had demonstrated their desire to obey God, he gave them families of their own. **22** Then Par'oh (Pharaoh) commanded all of his people, "You all need to toss every newborn boy into the river, but

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1:1 And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_(ones_who)_went towards_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) with Ya'aqov/(Jacob) everyone and_his/its_house(hold) they_went. **2** Rə'ūvēn Shim'ōn Lēvī and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **3** Yissāskār/(Issachar) Zəvūlūn and_Benyamin.[6] **4** Dān and_ _Naftali Gād and_'Āshēr. **5** And_ every_of person_of who_came_ _out_of the_thigh_of Ya'aqov _he/it_was seventy person[s] and_ _Yōşēf/(Joseph) he_was in_Mitsrayim. **6** And_ Yōşēf and_all brothers_of_his and_all/each/any/every the_generation (the)_ _that _he/it_died. **7** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _were_fruitful and_they_swarmed and_they_multiplied and_ _they_became_mighty with_muchness muchness and_ the_ _earth/land _she/it_was_filled ĐOM_them. **8** And_he/it_rose_up a_king new over Mitsrayim who not he_knew ĐOM Yōşēf. **9** And_ _he/it_said to people_of_his HERE the_people_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_numerous and_mighty more_than_us. **10** Come_NOW let_us_deal_wisely to_him/it lest it_should_ _increase and_it_was if/because war they_will_happen and_ also it _it_will_be_added to those_of_who_hate_us and_it_will_ _fight against_us and_he/it_would_go_up from the_earth/land. **11** And_they_appointed on/upon/above_him/it overseers_of slave_gangs so_as to_afflict_it with_their_forced_of_labour and_ _he/it_built cities_of stores for_Par'oh ĐOM Pithom and_ĐOM Ra'məşēş. **12** And_as_which people_afflicted ĐOM_him/it so it_ _increased and_thus/so/as_follows it_spread and_people_felt_ _dread from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_compelled_to_labour ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_harshness. **14** And_they_ _made_bitter ĐOM lives_of_their with_labour hard in_mortar and_in_bricks and_on/over_all labour in_the_field ĐOM all_of labour_of_their which they_laboured in/among_them with_ _harshness. **15** And_ the_king_of Mitsrayim _he/it_said to_ _midwives (the)_Hebrew who the_name_of the_one(f) was_ _Shifrāh and_name_of the_second(fs) was_Pū'āh. **16** And_he/it_ _said when_you_assist_as_midwife ĐOM the_Hebrew_women and_you(pl)_will_look at the_stones if is_a_son he and_you(pl)_ _will_kill ĐOM_him/it and_if is_a_daughter she and_she_will_ _live. **17** And_ the_midwives _they_feared ĐOM the_'Elohīm and_ _not they_did just_as he_had_spoken to_them the_king_of Mitsrayim and_they_let_live ĐOM the_youths. **18** And_ the_king_ _of Mitsrayim _he/it_called (to)_midwives and_he/it_said to_ _them why have_you(pl)_done the_thing the_this and_have_ _you(pl)_let_live ĐOM the_youths. **19** And_ the_midwives _they_ _said to Par'oh if/because not are_like_women (the)_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) the_Hebrew_women if/because are_ _vigorous they before_before she_comes to_them the_midwife and_they_give_birth. **20** And_ god _he_did_good to_midwives and_ the_people _it_increased and_they_became_mighty exceedingly. **21** And_he/it_was if/because the_midwives they_ _feared ĐOM the_'Elohīm and_he/it_made to/for_them

1 **RV 1:1-4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:8-27.

2 **RV 1:7 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:17.

3 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:18.

4 **RV 1:10 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:19.

6 **LV 1:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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households. 22 And_ Par´oh _he/it_commanded to/from_ _all/each/any/every people_of_his to_say every_of (the)_son (the)_born to_the River you(pl)_will_throw_him and_all (the)_ _daughter you(pl)_will_let_live.

2:1 And_ a_man of_the_house_of Lēvī _he/it_went and_he/it_ _took ÐOM the_daughter_of Lēvī. 2 And_ the_woman _she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_saw ÐOM_him/it if/because_that was_good he and_ _she_hid_him three months. 3 And_not she_was_able still to_ _hide_him and_she_took to_him/it a_basket_of papyrus and_ _she_sealed_it with_bitumen and_with_pitch and_she_put in_it ÐOM the_child and_she_put_it among_rush[es] at the_bank_of the_River. 4 And_ sister_of_his _she_stood from_a_distance to_ _know what will_it_be_done to_him/it. 5 And_ the_daughter_of Par´oh _she_went_down to_bathe at the_River and_her_female_ _of_attendants were_walking on the_side_of the_River and_ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_box in_the_middle the_rush[es] and_she_ _sent ÐOM maid_of_her and_she_fetched_it[10] 6 and_she_ _opened_it and_she_saw_him ÐOM the_child and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_lad was_crying and_she_had_compassion on/upon/above_him/it and_she/it_said is_one_of_the_ _children_of the_´Ivrī/(Hebrews) this. 7 And_ sister_of_his _ _she/it_said to the_daughter_of Par´oh will_I_go and_will_I_call to/for_you(fs) a_woman a_wet_nurse from the_Hebrew_women so_that_she_may_suckle to/for_you(fs) ÐOM the_child. 8 And_ _she/it_said to/for_her/it the_daughter_of Par´oh go and_ the_ _young_woman _she_went and_she/it_called/named ÐOM the_ _mother_of the_child. 9 And_she/it_said to/for_her/it the_ _daughter_of Par´oh take ÐOM the_child the_this and_suckle_ _him to_me and_I I_will_pay ÐOM wage[s]_of_your and_ the_ _woman _she/it_took the_child and_she_suckled_him. 10 And_ _he_grew_up[11] the_child and_she_took_him to_the_daughter_of Par´oh and_he/it_was to/for_her/it (into)_a_son and_she/it_ _called/named his/its_name Mosheh and_she/it_said if/because from the_waters I_drew_him.

11 And_he/it_was in_the_days the_those and_ Mosheh _he_ _grew_up and_he/it_went_out to brothers_of_his and_he/it_ _saw on_their_forced_of_labour and_he/it_saw a_man from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) striking a_man Hebrew one_ _of_his_brothers. 12 And_he_turned thus and_thus and_he/it_ _saw if/because_that there_was_not anyone and_he_struck_ _down ÐOM the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_he_hid_him in_sand. 13 And_he/it_went_out in_the_day the_second and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE two_of men Hebrew were_struggling_

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you can let the girls live."[5]

The birth of Mosheh (Moses)

2:1 During this period, a man from the tribe of Levi married a woman who was also a Levite, 2 and she conceived and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a healthy boy, she hid him away for three months,[7] 3 but then she wasn't able to hide him any longer. So she got a basket made from woven reeds and plastered it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the baby in it, and floated the basket in the reeds along the riverbank, 4 leaving the baby's sister to watch from a distance to see what would happen to him.

5 After a while, Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter came down to the river to wash herself, and she and her young attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the container among the reeds and sent one of her slave women to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby inside, and wow, he started crying. She felt sorry for him and said, "This baby must be one of the Ivri (Hebrew) children."

7 Then his sister approached and asked the princess, "Would you like me to go and find a Ivri woman who'll be able to breastfeed the baby for you?"

8 "Yes, go," answered Par'oh's daughter, and the girl went and got the baby's mother. 9 "Take this baby," said the princess, "and breastfeed him for me, and I'll pay you for doing it." So the woman took the baby and looked after him. 10 When the boy had grown enough, she brought him back to Par'oh's daughter and he became her son.[8] She named him 'Mosheh' (Moses)[9] (which means 'pulled out') because she said that she'd plucked him out of the river.

Mosheh escapes to Midyan

11 Later on when Mosheh (Moses) was fully grown, he went out to visit the Ivrim (Hebrews) and saw their forced labour, and he saw an Mitsri (Egyptian) man beating a Ivri (Hebrew) man—one of his own people.[12] 12 Mosheh looked around to check that no one was watching, then he hit the Mitsri, killing him, then he hid his body in the sand. 13 The next day, he went out again and wow, two Ivri men were fighting each other, and he said to the man in

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5 RV 1:22 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:19.

7 RV 2:2 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:20; Heb 11:23.

8 RV 2:10 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:21.

9 RV 2:10 · Note More familiar to most English readers as 'Moses' from the Greek 'Μωσῆς' (Mōsaʸs) but Greek doesn't have an 'h' or a 'sh' so by going through Greek we ended up with something quite different from his real name. However, English does have those sounds and letters, so there's no reason why we can't get this name correct.

10 LV 2:5 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

11 LV 2:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

12 RV 2:11-14 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:23-28.

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the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Ivri?"

14 "Who made you the ruler and judge over us?" the man replied. "Are you planning to kill me like you killed that Mitsri?" Then Mosheh was afraid because he realised that what he'd done had probably become widely known. **15** Indeed, when Par'oh (Pharaoh) heard about it, he ordered Mosheh to be killed. So Mosheh had to flee from the king and he took off east to live in Midyan[13] and he stayed near the well.

16 The priest there in Midyan had seven daughters, and they would come to the well to draw water out and fill up the troughs there so their father's sheep and goats could drink. **17** Now some male shepherds came along and started to shoo their flock away, but Mosheh got involved and helped them so that their animals could drink. **18** When they got home to their father Re'uel, he asked, "How come you got home so early today?"

19 "There was an Mitsri man," they answered, "who stood up for us against those other shepherds. And he even drew water for us and gave our flock water to drink."

20 "Where is he now?" he asked them. "What's this—you mean you all just left him there? Go and get him so we can give him a meal."

21 Later it turned out that Mosheh was prepared to live with the man, and in due course he gave his daughter Tsiporah to Mosheh in marriage. **22** When she gave birth to a son, he named him 'Gereshom' (which means 'foreigner') because he said, "I've become a foreigner living in a foreign land."

23 Eventually Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king died, but the Israelis groaned from the slavery they were still under and they cried out, and their cry for freedom from slavery went up to God. **24** He heard their groaning and remembered his agreement with Avraham, with Yitshak (Isaac), and with Ya'akov (Jacob),[14] **25** and he looked down on the Israelis and he was concerned about them.

God calls Mosheh from a burning bush

3:1 One time Mosheh (Moses) was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Yitro (Jethro) (or Yitro, the priest at Midyan), and he led the flock beyond the wilderness and came to a hill. (This was later known as the mountain of God at Horev). **2** While he was there, Yahweh's messenger appeared to him in a flame coming from the middle of a bush, and as Mosheh looked, to his surprise he saw that the bush was burning in the fire yet not actually being burnt up.[15] **3** "I've got to go and see this amazing sight," Mosheh said to himself. "How come that bush isn't burning up?"

4 When Yahweh saw that he'd left his path in order to look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Mosheh, Mosheh."

"I'm here," he replied.

5 "Don't come any closer," Yahweh said. "Take off your sandals

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_together and_he/it_said to_one to/for_what are_you_striking companion_of_your. **14** And_he/it_said who did_he_appoint_ _you to_a_man a_chief and_a_judge over_us to_kill_me are_you saying just_as you_killed ĐOM the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_ Mosheh _he_was_afraid and_he_thought truly the_matter it_is_known. **15** And_ Par'oh _he/it_listened ĐOM the_matter the_this and_he/it_sought to_kill ĐOM Mosheh and_ Mosheh _ _he_fled from_face/in_front_of Par'oh and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_land_of Midyān and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived at the_well. **16** And_belonged_to_ _(the)_priest_of Midyān seven daughters and_they_came and_ _they_drew and_they_filled ĐOM the_drinking_troughs to_water the_flock_of their_father_of_their. **17** And_ the_shepherds _ _they_came and_they_drove_them_away and_ Mosheh _he/it_ _rose_up and_he_delivered_them and_he_watered ĐOM flock_ _of_their. **18** And_they_went to Rə'ū'ēl father_of_their and_ _he/it_said why did_you(pl)_hurry to_come the_day. **19** And_ _they_said a_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) he_ _rescued_us from_the_hand_of the_shepherds and_also actually_(draw) he_drew to/for_us and_he_watered ĐOM the_ _flock. **20** And_he/it_said to daughters_of_his and_where_is_he to/for_what this have_you(pl)_left ĐOM the_man invite to_ _him/it so_that_he_may_eat food. **21** And_ Mosheh _he_was_ _willing to_dwell with the_man and_he/it_gave ĐOM Tsipporāh/(Zipporah) daughter_of_his to_Mosheh. **22** And_ _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name Gērəshom if/because he_said a_sojourner I_have_become in_ _land foreign. **23** And_he/it_was in_days (the)_many the_those and_ the_king_of Mitsrayim _he/it_died and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_groaned from the_labour and_they_ _cried_out and_ for_help_of_their_cry _it_went_up to the_ _'Elohīm from the_labour. **24** And_ god _he/it_listened ĐOM groaning_of_their and_ god _he_remembered ĐOM covenant_of_ _his with 'Avrāhām with Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_with Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **25** And_ god _he/it_saw ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ god _he/it_knew.

3:1 And_Mosheh he_was pasturing ĐOM the_flock_of Yitrō/(Jethro) father-in-law_of_his the_priest_of Midyān and_ _he_drove ĐOM the_flock behind the_wilderness and_he_came to the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm to_Ḥorēv. **2** And_ the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** _he_appeared to_him/it (in)_a_flame_of fire from_the_middle_of the_bush and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_bush was_burning with_fire and_the_ _bush not_it was_consumed. **3** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said I_will_ _turn_aside please so_that_I_may_see ĐOM the_sight the_ _big/great(sg) the_this why not the_bush is_it_burning. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_saw if/because_that he_had_turned_aside to_see and_he/it_called to_him/it god from_the_middle_of the_bush and_he/it_said Oh_Mosheh Mosheh and_he/it_said here_I_am. **5** And_he/it_said do_not draw_near here take_off sandals_of_ _your from_under feet_of_your if/because the_place which you are_standing on/upon/above_him/it is_ground_of holiness it. **6** And_he/it_said I am_the_god_of your_father_of_your the_

13 RV 2:15 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:29; Heb 11:27.

14 RV 2:24 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:13-14.

15 RV 3:2-10 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:30-34.

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_god_of ’Avrāhām the_god_of Yitsḥāq and_the_god_of Ya´ₐqov and_ Mosheh _he_hid his/its_faces/face if/because he_was_ _afraid from_looking to the_’Elohīm. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said indeed_(see) I_have_seen ÐOM the_affliction_of my_people_of_ _my which is_in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ÐOM of_distress_of_ _their_cry I_have_heard from_face/in_front_of taskmasters_of_ _its if/because I_know ÐOM pains_of_its. **8** And_I_have_come_ _down to_deliver_it from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_to_bring_ _it_up from the_earth/land the_that into a_land good and_ _spacious into a_land flowing_of milk and_honey to the_place_ _of the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_ _’Amorī[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s]. **9** And_now THERE the_cry_of_distress_of the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) it_has_come to_me and_also I_ _have_seen ÐOM the_oppression which Mitsrayim are_ _oppressing ÐOM_them. **10** And_now go and_I_will_send_you to Par´oh and_bring_out ÐOM people_of_my the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim. **11** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_’Elohīm who am_I that/for/because/then/when I_will_go to Par´oh and_because/when I_will_bring_out ÐOM the_people_ _of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim. **12** And_he/it_said if/because I_will_be with_you and_this for_you will_be_the_ _sign if/because_that I I_sent_you when_you_have_brought_out ÐOM the_people from_Mitsrayim you(pl)_will_serve ÐOM the_ _’Elohīm on the_mountain (the)_this. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to the_’Elohīm HERE I am_about_to_go to the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_say to/for_them the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) he_has_sent_me to_you(pl) and_ _they_will_say to_me what name_of_is_his what will_I_say to_ _them. **14** And_ god _he/it_said to Mosheh I_am that_which I_ _am and_he/it_said thus you_will_say to_the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) I_am he_has_sent_me to_you(pl). **15** And_he/it_ _said again god to Mosheh thus you_will_say to the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) the_god_of ’Avrāhām the_god_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_ _the_god_of Ya´ₐqov/(Jacob) he_has_sent_me to_you(pl) this name_of_is_my to_vanishing_point and_this memorial_of_is_ _my to_a_generation generation. **16** Go and_you_will_gather ÐOM the_elders_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) he_appeared to_me the_god_of ’Avrāhām Yitsḥāq and_Ya´ₐqov to_say closely_(observe) I_have_observed you(pl) and_ÐOM the_thing_ _which_has_been_done to/for_you(pl) in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **17** And_I_have_said I_will_bring_up you(pl) from_the_affliction_ _of Mitsrayim into the_land_of the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_’Amorī[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_ _the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] into a_land flowing_ _of milk and_honey. **18** And_they_will_listen to_voice_of_your and_ you and_the_elders_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _you_will_go to the_king_of Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_will_say to_him/it **YHWH** the_god_of the_´Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_has_met with_us and_now let_us_go please a_journey_of three_of days in_wilderness so_ _that_we_may_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our. **19** And_I I_ _know if/because_that not the_king_of Mitsrayim he_will_ _permit you(pl) to_go and_not by_a_hand strong. **20** And_I_will_

16 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 6:2-3.

17 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:4,8.

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because the place where you're standing is HOLY ground. **6** I'm the god of your father and the god of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob)." So Mosheh covered hid his face because he was scared to look at God.

7 "I've certainly noticed the suffering of my people in Mitsrayim (Egypt)," Yahweh continued, "I've heard their cries as the slave drivers oppress them—I'm unmistakingly aware of their pain. **8** So I've come down to set them free from Mitsri (Egyptian) control and to bring them up from there to a good and wide land—a land flowing with milk and honey. It's currently the place of the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Amorim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. **9** Yes, the cry of the Israelis has now reached me and what's more, I've seen how much the Mitsrim (Egyptians) are oppressing them. **10** So go now and I'll send you to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and bring my people—Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants—out from Mitsrayim."

11 "Who am I, that I should go to Par'oh," Mosheh asked God, "and that I should be the one to bring out the Israelis out from Mitsrayim?"

12 "I'll certainly be with you," God replied, "and this will be your sign so that you'll know that I have sent you: when you bring the people out from Mitsrayim, you all will serve God on this very hill."

13 "But listen," Mosheh told God, "If I'm about to go to the Israelis and if I told them, 'Your ancestors' god has sent me to you.' then they'd ask me, 'Oh yeah, what's his name?' then what would I tell them?"[16]

14 "I AM WHO I AM," God told Mosheh. "You'll tell them this: 'I AM (Yahweh) sent me to you.' "[17] **15** Then he continued, "This is what you need to tell the Israelis: 'Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, the god of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is my memorial throughout the generations.' **16** Go and gather the Israeli elders, and tell them, 'Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, appeared to me, the god of Avraham, Yitshak, and Ya'akov, to say, "I've certainly noticed you all and how you're all being treated in Mitsrayim, **17** and I've promised to take you all from your mistreatment in Mitsrayim, away to the land where the Kena'anim (Canaanites), Hitim, Amorim, Perizim, Hivim, and the Yevusim are currently living—to a land flowing with milk and honey." '

18 Then the people will listen to what you tell them, and you and the Israeli elders will go to the Mitsri (Egyptian) king and you'll all tell him, 'Yahweh, the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews), has met with us. So now, please let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, so we can sacrifice to Yahweh, our god.' **19** But I know that the Mitsri king won't let you go until he's forced to. **20** So I will use force and I'll strike Mitsrayim with several supernatural acts, and after those, he'll let you all go.

21 Then I'll make the Mitsri people favour you all in such a way

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that when you go, you won't leave empty-handed.[18] **22** For example, an Israeli woman will ask her Mitsri neighbour (or from someone staying where she lives) for gold and silver items and for clothing. Then you'll put them on your sons and daughters, and in this way you'll all plunder the Mitsrim (Egyptians)."

God gives Mosheh three miracles

4:1 "But listen," Mosheh (Moses) responded, "they won't believe me and won't listen to what I say, because they'll say, 'Yahweh never showed himself to you.' " **2** "Well, what's that in your hand?" Yahweh asked.

"My shepherd's staff," he said. **3** "Throw it on the ground," Yahweh said. So Mosheh he threw it onto the ground and it became a snake, and he quickly moved back away from it. **4** "Pick it up by its tail." Yahweh told him. So Mosheh picked it up by the tail and it became a staff in his hand again. **5** "That's so that they'll believe that I appeared to you: Yahweh—the god of their ancestors—the god of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob)."

6 "Now put your hand on your chest—inside your robe." Yahweh added. So Mosheh did that, and when he pulled it out again, his hand had gone totally white with disease. **7** Then Yahweh said, "Now, put your hand back in again." So Mosheh did it again, and when he pulled it out, wow, it had returned to normal. **8** "So, if they don't believe you, and if the first miracle doesn't convince them, then they'll believe that second miracle. **9** And then, even if they don't believe those two miracles and won't believe what you tell them, then you should take some water from the river and pour it onto the dry land. Then the water which came from the river will turn into blood there on the dry land."

10 "Oh my master," Mosheh responded, "I'm not very good at speaking to others—I never have been and still aren't. I seem to get tongue-tied easily."

11 "Who was it that made people's mouths?" Yahweh said. "Who makes someone mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Isn't it me, Yahweh? **12** So get going now, and I'll look after your mouth and show you what you to say."

13 But Mosheh replied, "Oh master, please send someone else."

14 Then Yahweh got angry with Mosheh and told him, "Isn't Aharon (Aaron) a fellow Levite and your brother? I know that he can speak well, and what's more, he'll come from Mitsrayim (Egypt) to meet you, and when he does, he'll be very happy.

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_stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my and_I_will_strike ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim with_all_of wonders_of_my which I_will_do in_midst_of_its and_after thus he_will_let_go you(pl). **21** And_I_will_give ~~DOM~~ the_favour_of the_people the_this in/on_both_eyes_of Mitsrayim and_it_was if/because you(pl)_will_go not you(pl)_ _will_go empty. **22** And_ each_woman _she_will_ask from_her_ _female_of_neighbour and_from_the_woman_who_sojourns_of her_house_of_her articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_ _clothes and_you(pl)_will_put_them on sons_of_your(pl) and_ _on daughters_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_plunder ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

4:1 And_ Mosheh _he_answered and_he/it_said and_if not they_ _will_believe to_me and_not they_will_listen to_voice_of_my if/because they_will_say not he_appeared to_you **YHWH**. **2** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** mmm[1920] is_in_hand_of_ _your and_he/it_said a_staff. **3** And_he/it_said throw_it towards_land and_he_threw_it towards_land and_he/it_was (into)_a_snake and_ Mosheh _he_fled from_before_of_it. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out hand_of_your and_ _hold on_tail_of_its and_he_stretched_out his/its_hand and_he_ _took_hold in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_was (into)_a_staff in_ _palm_of_his. **5** So_that they_may_believe if/because_that he_ _appeared to_you **YHWH** the_god_of ancestors_of_their the_ _god_of 'Avrāhām the_god_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_the_god_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it again put please hand_of_your in_bosom_of_your and_he/it_brought his/its_hand in_bosom_of_his and_he_brought_it_out and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE his/its_hand was_leprous like_snow. **7** And_ _he/it_said return hand_of_your into bosom_of_your and_he_ _returned his/its_hand into bosom_of_his and_he_brought_it_ _out from_bosom_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_had_turned_ _back like_flesh_of_his. **8** And_it_was if not they_will_believe to/for_you(fs) and_not they_will_listen to_the_voice_of the_ _sign (the)_former and_they_will_believe (to)_the_voice_of the_ _sign (the)_latter. **9** And_it_was if not they_will_believe also (to)_the_two_of the_signs the_these and_not they_will_listen to_voice_of_your and_you_will_take some_of_the_water_of the_ _River and_you_will_pour_it_out the_dry_ground and_ the_ _waters which you_will_take from the_River _they_will_be and_ _they_will_be (into)_blood on_ground. **10** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to **YHWH** pardon_me my_master not am_a_man_of words/messages I neither from_yesterday nor from_three_ _days_ago nor from_then you_to_speak[21] to servant_of_your if/because am_heavy_of mouth and_heavy_of tongue I. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it who did_he_make a_mouth of_ _person or who does_he_make dumb or deaf or seeing or blind not do_I **YHWH**. **12** And_now go and_I I_will_be with mouth_of_ _your and_I_will_teach_you that_which you_will_say. **13** And_ _he/it_said pardon_me my_master send please by_the_hand_of whomever_you_will_send. **14** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_

18 **RV 3:21-22 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:35-36.

19 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִוא/מ: (x-qere) 'הֵמ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_02Hmd 'הֵמָּ ־הֵמ': lemma_2088 morph_HPdxms id_024Yz הֵמָּ

20 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

21 **LV 4:10 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_glowed/burnt on_Mosheh and_he/it_said not is_'Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred the_Lēviyyiy I_know if/because_ _that well_(speak) he he_speaks and_also THERE he is_about_ _to_come_out to_meet_you and_he_will_see_you and_he_will_ _rejoice in_heart_of_his. **15** And_you_will_speak to_him/it and_ _you_will_put ĐOM the_words/messages in_mouth_of_his and_I I_will_be with mouth_of_your and_with mouth_of_his and_I_ _will_teach you(pl) ĐOM that_which you(pl)_will_do. **16** And_ he _he_will_speak to/for_yourself(m) to the_people and_it_was he he_will_become for_you (into)_a_mouth and_you(ms) you_will_ _become for_him/it (into)_a_god. **17** And_ĐOM the_staff the_this you_will_take in_hand_of_your which you_will_do in/on/over_ _him/it ĐOM the_signs.

18 And_ Mosheh _he/it_went and_he_returned to Yitrō/(Jethro) father-in-law_of_his and_he/it_said to_him/it let_me_go please so_that_I_may_return to relatives_of_my who are_in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_so_that_I_may_see are_still_they living and_ Yitrō _he/it_said to_Mosheh go to_peace. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh in_Midyān go return Mitsrayim if/because all_of the_men who_sought ĐOM life_of_your they_ _have_died. **20** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ĐOM his/its_ _wife/woman and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_he_made_them_ride on the_donkey and_he_returned towards_land of_Mitsrayim and_ Mosheh _he/it_took ĐOM the_staff_of the_'Elohīm in_his/its_ _hand. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh when_go_you to_ _return to_Mitsrayim see all_of the_wonders which I_have_put in_hand_of_your and_you_will_do_them to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Par'oh and_I I_will_make_strong ĐOM his/its_ _heart and_not he_will_let_go ĐOM the_people. **22** And_you_ _will_say to Par'oh thus **YHWH** he_says son_of_is_my firstborn_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_I_said to_you let_go ĐOM son_of_ _my so_that_he_may_serve_me and_you_refused to_let_him_go HERE I am_about_to_kill ĐOM son_of_your firstborn_of_your. **24** And_he/it_was on_journey at_place and_he_met_him **YHWH** and_he/it_sought to_kill_him. **25** And_ Tsipporāh/(Zipporah) _ _she/it_took a_flint and_she_cut_off ĐOM the_foreskin_of her_ _son_of_her and_she_made_it_touch (to)_feet_of_his and_ _she/it_said if/because are_a_bridegroom_of blood(s) you to_ _me. **26** And_he_withdrew from_him/it then she_said a_ _bridegroom_of blood(s) to_circumcision(s). **27** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron go to_meet Mosheh to_the_wilderness and_he/it_went and_he_met_him at_the_mountain_of the_ _'Elohīm and_he_kissed to_him/it. **28** And_ Mosheh _he_told to_ _'Ah$_a$ron ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_ _had_sent_him and_ĐOM all_of the_signs which he_had_ _commanded_him. **29** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_went and_they_gathered ĐOM all_of the_elders_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **30** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_spoke ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages which **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_Mosheh and_he/it_made the_signs to_the_eyes_of the_people. **31** And_ the_people _it_believed and_they_heard if/because_that **YHWH** he_had_observed ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _because/when he_had_seen ĐOM affliction_of_their and_they_ _bowed_low and_they_bowed_down.[23]

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15 He'll become your speaker and you'll be able to talk to him and tell him what to say. I'll be helping both of you speak and I'll teach you both what you should do. **16** So in that way, he'll be like a mouth for you and speak to the people for you, and you'll be like God to him. **17** In addition, you'll have that staff with you in order to do those miracles."

Mosheh returns to Mitsrayim

18 Then Mosheh (Moses) went back to his father-in-law Yitro (Jethro), and told him, "Can I please leave so I can return to my relatives in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and see whether they're still alive."

"Go in peace," Yitro answered.

19 Meanwhile Yahweh had told Mosheh in Midyan, "Leave here and return to Mitsrayim because all those who wanted to kill you are now dead." **20** Then Mosheh took his wife and sons and put them on a donkey and returned towards Mitsrayim with them, and Mosheh took the staff that God had turned into a snake.

21 On the way, Yahweh said to Mosheh, "When you return to Mitsrayim, all those miracles that I gave you, you'll be able to demonstrate them in front of Par'oh (Pharaoh), but as for me, I'm going to make him stubborn so that he won't let your people leave. **22** But tell Par'oh, 'Yahweh has stated that Yisrael (Israel) is like his oldest son **23** and he asked you to let that son go so that he can serve him. But you refused to let Yisrael go, so Yahweh will kill *your* oldest son.' "[22]

24 One night as they were overnighting at a lodging place near the road, Yahweh confronted Mosheh and would have killed him, **25** but his wife Tsiporah took a flint knife and cut off her son's foreskin and threw it at Mosheh's feet saying, "You're definitely a bloody husband to me." **26** (That was referring to circumcision.) So then Yahweh left them alone.

27 Meanwhile Yahweh had told Aharon (Aaron), "Go out into the wilderness to meet Mosheh." So he went and met him at the hill of God, and he kissed him. **28** Then Mosheh told Aharon everything that Yahweh had told him and how he had sent him, and all the miracles that he commanded him to demonstrate.

29 Then Mosheh and Aharon went to Mitsrayim (Egypt) and they assembled all the Israeli elders **30** and Aharon told them everything that Yahweh had spoken to Mosheh. Then Mosheh did the miracles in front of them, **31** and the people believed. Then they heard how Yahweh had paid attention to the Israelis and that he had seen their suffering, and they bowed and prostrated themselves in thankfulness.

22 RV 4:23 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:29.

23 LV 4:31 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Mosheh challenges the Mitsri king

5:1 After that, Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) went in and said to Par'oh (Pharaoh), "This is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says: 'Let my people go, so they can celebrate me out in the wilderness.' "
2 But the king said, "Who's this 'Yahweh' that I should listen to him telling me to let Yisrael go? I don't know Yahweh, and what's more, I won't let the Israelis go anywhere."
3 "The god of us Ivrim (Hebrews) has met with us," they replied, "Please, let us go three days into the wilderness so we can sacrifice to our god Yahweh, because we don't want him to strike us with deadly diseases or with war."
4 "Mosheh and Aharon," the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt) answered, "why are you causing the people to slacken off from their tasks? Get back to your work." **5** And Par'oh continued, "Listen, there's many of you and you two have caused them to rest from their duties."
6 Then on that very same day, Par'oh ordered the people's slave masters and supervisors, **7** "Don't give straw to the people to make bricks with as you've done up till now. They can go and gather straw for themselves. **8** But keep the same quota of bricks as before—don't decrease it because they must be idle if they have time to say, 'Let us go—let us sacrifice to our god.' **9** Give the men more work so they'll be too busy to worry about deceptive words."
10 So the slave masters and supervisors of the people went out and told them all, "The king has said that he won't give you any more straw, **11** so you'll all have to go and get your own straw from wherever you can find it, because there'll be no reduction to your quota." **12** So the people dispersed throughout all of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to gather stubble for straw, **13** and the taskmasters were hassling them, saying, "Hurry up and finish your day's work, the same as when you were given straw." **14** Then the Israeli foremen that Par'oh's slave masters had appointed were beaten and told, "Why haven't you met your required brick making quota yesterday or today? It's just the same as in the past."
15 So the Israeli foremen went and complained to Par'oh, "Why are you treating your servants like this? **16** We haven't been given any straw and yet they're telling us to keep making bricks. And see, we your servants get beaten, but it's your people's mistake."
17 "You're all lazy—plain lazy!" the king responded. "That's why you're saying, 'Let us go sacrifice to Yahweh.' **18** So go now! Back to work! And you won't be given straw, but you still have to meet the quota of bricks."
19 When the Israeli foremen heard that the quota wasn't going to be reduced, they realised how serious their problem was, **20** so when they left Par'oh they confronted Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) who were waiting to meet them, **21** "May Yahweh see what you've done and judge you for it because you've raised a big stink in Par'oh's mind and with his servants. Now they have their excuse to kill us!"

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5:1 And_after Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron they_went and_they_said to Par'oh thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says let_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my so_that_they_may_celebrate_a_festival to_ _me in_wilderness. **2** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said who is_**YHWH** which/who I_will_listen to_voice_of_his by_letting_go ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_also ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_will_let_go. **3** And_they_said the_god_of the_'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_has_met with_us let_us_go please a_ _journey_of three_of days in_wilderness so_that_we_may_ _sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our lest he_should_fall_on_us with_pestilence or with_sword. **4** And_he/it_said to_them the_ _king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to/for_what Oh_Mosheh and_ _'Ah$_a$ron are_you(pl)_causing_to_refrain ~~DOM~~ the_people from_ _work(s)_of_its go to_your(pl)_forced_of_labour. **5** And_ Par'oh _ _he/it_said HERE is_many now the_people_of the_earth/land and_you(pl)_have_caused_to_cease ~~DOM~~_them from_their_ _forced_of_labour. **6** And_ Par'oh _he/it_commanded in_the_ _day (the)_that ~~DOM~~ the_taskmasters over_people and_~~DOM~~ foremen_of_its to_say. **7** Not you(pl)_will_repeat to_give straw to_people to_make_bricks the_bricks as_yesterday three_days_ _ago they let_them_go and_they_will_gather to/for_them straw. **8** And_~~DOM~~ the_measurement_of the_bricks which they were_making yesterday three_days_ago you(pl)_will_place on_ _them not you(pl)_will_diminish from_him/it if/because are_ _idle they therefore yes/correct/thus/so they are_crying_out to_say let_us_go let_us_sacrifice to_god_of_our. **9** The_labour let_it_be_heavy on the_men and_they_will_work in_it and_not let_them_pay_attention to_words/messages_of falsehood. **10** And_ the_taskmasters_of the_people and_foremen_of_its _ _they_went_out and_they_said to the_people to_say thus Par'oh he_says not_I am_giving to/for_you(pl) straw. **11** You(pl) go acquire to/for_you(pl) straw from_where you(pl)_will_find_it if/because there_is_not diminished from_labour_of_your(pl) anything. **12** And_ the_people _he/it_scattered in_all the_land_ _of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_gather stubble for_straw. **13** And_the_ _taskmasters were_urging_them to_say complete work(s)_of_ _your(pl) a_matter_of a_day in_its_day just_as when_ the_straw _was. **14** And_ the_foremen_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom they_had_appointed over_them the_taskmasters_of Par'oh _they_were_struck to_say why not have_you(pl)_ _completed portion_of_your(pl)_prescribed by_making_bricks as_yesterday three_days_ago neither yesterday nor the_day. **15** And_ the_foremen_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _came and_they_cried_out to Par'oh to_say to/for_what are_ _you_doing thus to_servants_of_your. **16** Straw not is_being_ _given to_servants_of_your and_bricks people_are_saying to/for_us make and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE your_servants are_being_ _struck and_ people_of_your _you_have_sinned. **17** And_he/it_ _said are_idle you(pl) are_idle therefore yes/correct/thus/so you(pl) are_saying let_us_go let_us_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH**. **18** And_now go work and_straw not it_will_be_given to/for_ _you(pl) and_the_measurement_of bricks you(pl)_will_give. **19** And_ the_foremen_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _saw ~~DOM~~_them in_trouble to_say not you(pl)_will_diminish from_bricks_of_your(pl) a_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **20** And_ _they_met ~~DOM~~ Mosheh and_~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron standing to_meet_ _them when_they_came_out from_with Par'oh. **21** And_they_ _said to_them **YHWH** may_he_look on_you(pl) and_may_he_

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_judge that you(pl)_have_made_stink ~~ᵭᵯ~~ odour_of_our in/on_
_both_eyes_of Par'oh and_in_the_eyes_of his_servants_of_his
to_put a_sword in_hand_of_their to_kill_us.
22 And_ Mosheh _he/it_returned to **YHWH** and_he/it_said my_
_master why have_you_done_harm to_people the_this to/for_
_what this did_you_send_me. **23** And_from_then I_went to
Par'oh to_speak in_name_of_your he_has_done_harm to_people
the_this and_at_all_(deliver) not you_have_delivered ~~ᵭᵯ~~
people_of_your.
6:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh now you_will_see that_
_which I_will_do to_Par'oh if/because by_a_hand strong he_
_will_let_them_go and_by_a_hand strong he_will_drive_them_
_out from_land_of_his.

2 And_ god _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_he/it_said to_him/it I
am_**YHWH**. **3** And_I_appeared to 'Avrāhām to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac)
and_to Ya'aqov/(Jacob) (in)_god almighty and_name_of_my
YHWH not I_made_myself_known to/for_them. **4** And_also I_
_established ~~ᵭᵯ~~ covenant_of_my with_them to_give to/for_
_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_land_of
their_sojournings_of_their which they_sojourned in_it. **5** And_
_also I I_have_heard ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_groaning_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom Mitsrayim/(Egypt) are_compelling_to_
_labour ~~ᵭᵯ~~_them and_I_have_remembered ~~ᵭᵯ~~ covenant_of_
_my. **6** For_so/thus/hence say to_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[26] I am_**YHWH** and_I_will_bring_out you(pl)
from_under the_forced_labour_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_deliver
you(pl) from_labour_of_their and_I_will_redeem you(pl) by_an_
_arm outstretched and_with_acts_of_judgement great. **7** And_I_
_will_take you(pl) to_me to_a_people and_I_will_be to/for_
_you(pl) (into)_god and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I
am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who_brought_out you(pl) from_
_under the_forced_labour_of Mitsrayim. **8** And_I_will_bring
you(pl) into the_earth/land which I_lifted_up ~~ᵭᵯ~~ hand_of_my
to_give ~~ᵭᵯ~~_her/it to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq and_to_Ya'aqov
and_I_will_give ~~ᵭᵯ~~_her/it to/for_you(pl) a_possession I am_
**YHWH**. **9** And Mosheh _he/it_spoke thus to_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_listened to Mosheh from_
_shortness_of spirit and_from_labour hard. **10** And_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **11** Go speak to Par'oh the_
_king_of Mitsrayim and_he_will_let_go ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_land_of_his. **12** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_say HERE the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_have_listened to_me and_
_how will_he_listen_to_me Par'oh and_I am_uncircumcised_of
lips. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Aharon
and_he_commanded_them to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_near/to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_bring_
_out ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim.

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Mosheh complains to God

22 Then Mosheh (Moses) went back to Yahweh and asked, "My master, why have you taken it out on our people? Was this why you sent me?
23 Ever since I went to Par'oh (Pharaoh) to deliver your message, he's made these people suffer and you clearly haven't rescued them."

6:1 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Now you'll see what I'll do to Par'oh. I'll use my power to force him to let them go, and then using my power again he'll actually drive them out of his country."

God promises to rescue the people

2 Then God spoke to Mosheh (Moses) again, "I am Yahweh **3** and I revealed myself to Avraham, to Yitshak (Isaac), and to Ya'akov (Jacob) as El Shaddai (God the provider) but they didn't know me by my name Yahweh.[24] **4** What's more, I made an agreement with them: to give them the Kena'an (Canaan) region—the area which they had been staying in. **5** Furthermore, I've heard the complaints from the Israelis who have been enslaved by the Mitsrim (Egyptians), and I have remembered my agreement. **6** Therefore, tell the Israelis, 'I am Yahweh and I will help you escape from the control of the Mitsrim and rescue you from their slavery. I'll buy you out of slavery using my power and by punishing the Mitsrim for this injustice. **7** I'll take you all to be my own people, and I'll be your god. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh your god—the one rescuing you all from the Mitsri (Egyptian) oppression.
8 Then I'll take you all to the land that I promised to give to Avraham, to Yitshak, and to Ya'akov,[25] and I'll give it to you as your own. I am Yahweh.' " **9** So Mosheh passed all that on to the Israelis, but they wouldn't listen to Mosheh, because they were both discouraged and worn out from the slavery.

10 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **11** "Go and speak to the Mitsri king Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him that he needs to let the Israelis leave his country." **12** And Mosheh said in front of Yahweh, "Look, the Israelis haven't listened to me, so why would Par'oh listen? And I have difficulty speaking." **13** Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron), and he gave them a command to pass on to the Israelis and to the Mitsri king Par'oh: to take the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).

24 **RV 6:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; Exo 3:13-15.

25 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:18; 26:3; 28:13.

26 **LV 6:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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The ancestors of Mosheh and Aharon

14 The following were the leaders of the clans:

The sons of **Re'uven** (Yisrael's (Israel's) eldest son) were Hanok, Palu, Hetsron, and Karmi, and they headed the clans of Re'uven.

15 **Shim'on's** (Simeon's) sons were Yemuel, Yamin, Ohad, Yakin, Tsohar, and Shaul—the son of a Kena'ani (Canaanite) woman, and they headed the clans of Shim'on.

16 **Levi's** sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.[27] Levi was 137 years old when he died. 17 Gereshon's sons were Livni and Shimei, and they headed their clans. 18 Kohat's sons were Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. Kohat was 133 years old when he died. 19 Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi, and all of those headed the clans of Levi. 20 Amram married his aunt Yokeved, and she gave birth to Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses). Amram lived to be 137 years old. 21 Yitshar's sons were Korah, Nefeg, and Zikri. 22 Uziel's sons were Mishael, Elitsafan, and Sitri.

23 Aharon married Elisheva, Aminadav's daughter and the sister of Nahshon, and she gave birth to Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar. 24 Korah's sons were Asir, Elkanah, and Aviasaf, and they headed the clans of Korah. 25 Aharon's son Eleazar took a wife for himself from the daughters of Putiel and she gave birth to Pinhas.

All of those headed the clans of Levi.

26 It was to Aharon and Mosheh that Yahweh had said, "Bring the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) by their tribes." 27 They were the ones who spoke to the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh), to bring the Israelis out of Mitsrayim.

God's reassurances to Mosheh and Aharon

28 On the day that Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) in Mitsrayim (Egypt), 29 he said, "I am Yahweh. Tell the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) everything that I tell you."

30 "Please listen to me," Mosheh responded. "I'm not a good speaker, so why should Par'oh listen to me?"

7:1 Yahweh answered, "Listen, I've made you like God to Par'oh, and your brother Aharon (Aaron) will be your prophet. 2 You'll quietly say everything that I tell you to and then your brother Aharon will relay it to Par'oh and tell him that he must let the Israelis leave his country. 3 But I'll make Par'oh stubborn and so I'll increase the signs and miracles that I'll do in Mitsrayim.[28] 4 Par'oh won't listen to you so I'll pressure Mitsrayim, and I'll use severe judgements to ensure that I bring my armies—my

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14 These were_the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_ _their the_sons_of Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_Ḥanōk/(Enoch) and_Pallū' Ḥetsrōn and_Karmī/(Carmi) these were_the_clans_of Rə'ūvēn. 15 And_the_sons of_Shim'ōn were_Jemuel and_Yāmīn/(Jamin) and_Ohad and_Yākīn/(Jakin) and_Zohar and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_son_of (the)_ _Kəna'anī/(Canaanite)_woman these were_the_clans_of Shim'ōn. 16 And_these were_the_names_of the_sons_of Lēvī to_ _descendants_of_their Gērəshōn and_Qəhāt and_Mərārī and_ _the_years_of the_life_of Lēvī were_seven and_thirty and_one_ _hundred year[s]. 17 The_sons_of Gērəshōn were_Livnī and_ _Shim'ī to_their_clans. 18 And_the_sons of_Qəhāt were_'Amrām and_Yitshār/(Izhar) and_Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziy'ēl and_the_years_of the_life_of Qəhāt were_three and_thirty and_one_hundred year[s]. 19 And_the_sons of_Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy these were_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_descendants_of_ _their. 20 And_ 'Amrām _he/it_took ÐOM Yōkevəd/(Jochebed) sister_of_his_father's to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_she/it_ _gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM 'Ahₐron and_ÐOM Mosheh and_the_ _years_of the_life_of 'Amrām were_seven and_thirty and_one_ _hundred year[s]. 21 And_the_sons of_Yitshār/(Izhar) were_ _Qoraḥ and_Nefeg and_Zikrī. 22 And_the_sons of_'Uzziy'ēl were_ _Mīshā'ēl and_'Elītsāfān and_Sithri. 23 And_ 'Ahₐron _he/it_took ÐOM 'Elīshevaʿ the_daughter_of 'Amminādāv the_sister_of Naḥshōn to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM Nādāv and_ÐOM 'Avīhū' ÐOM 'El'āzār and_ÐOM 'Ītāmār. 24 And_the_sons of_Qoraḥ were_'Aṣṣir and_'Elqānāh and_Abiasaph these were_the_clans_of the_Qoraḥite[s]. 25 And_ _'El'āzār the_son_of 'Ahₐron he_took to_him/it one_of_the_ _daughters_of Pūṭī'ēl to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_she/it_ _gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM Piṇḥāṣ these were_the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_Lēviyyiy to_their_clans. 26 That 'Ahₐron and_Mosheh were_those_whom **YHWH** he_said to/for_them bring_out ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on soldiers/messengers_of_their. 27 They were_the_ones_who_spoke to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim to_ _bring_out ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim that Mosheh and_'Ahₐron.

28 And_he/it_was in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_spoke to Mosheh in_land of_Mitsrayim. 29 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying I am_**YHWH** speak to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim ÐOM all_of that I am_speaking to_you. 30 And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** HERE I am_ _uncircumcised_of lips and_how will_he_listen to_me Par'oh. 7:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh see I_have_appointed_ _you a_god to_Par'oh and_'Ahₐron your(ms)_brother/kindred he_will_be prophet_of_your. 2 You you_will_speak ÐOM all_of that I_will_command_you and_'Ahₐron your(ms)_ _brother/kindred he_will_speak to Par'oh and_he_will_let_go ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_land_of_his. 3 And_I I_ _will_make_stubborn ÐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_I_will_ _multiply ÐOM signs_of_my and_ÐOM wonders_of_my in_land of_Mitsrayim. 4 And_not he_will_listen to_you(pl) Par'oh and_I_ _will_put ÐOM hand_of_my on_Mitsrayim and_I_will_bring_out

27 **RV 6:16-19 · Cross-ref.** Num 3:17-20; 26:57-58; 1Ch 6:16-19.

28 **RV 7:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:36.

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ĐOM soldiers/messengers_of_my ĐOM people_of_my the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) with_acts_of_judgement great. **5** And_ Mitsrayim _they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_stretch_out ĐOM hand_of_my on Mitsrayim and_I_will_bring_out ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_among_of_them. **6** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_ _commanded ĐOM_them so they_did. **7** And_Mosheh was_a_ _son_of eighty year[s] and_'Ah$_a$ron was_a_son_of three and_ _eighty year[s] when_spoke_they to Par'oh.

8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **9** If/because he_will_say to_you(pl) Par'oh to_say give to/for_ _you(pl) a_wonder and_you_will_say to 'Ah$_a$ron take ĐOM staff_ _of_your and_throw_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh it_will_become (into)_a_serpent. **10** And_ Mosheh and_ _'Ah$_a$ron _he_went to Par'oh and_they_did[30] so just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_threw_down ĐOM staff_ _of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_before_ _of servants_of_his and_he/it_was (into)_a_serpent. **11** And_ also Par'oh _he/it_called (to)_the_men and_to_the_sorcerers and_ also they the_soothsayer-priests_of Mitsrayim _they_did by_enchantments_of_their thus. **12** And_they_threw_down each_one staff_of_his and_they_were (into)_serpents and_ the_ _staff_of 'Ah$_a$ron _it_swallowed_up ĐOM staffs_of_their. **13** And_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_strong and_not he_listened to_ _them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said.

14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh is_heavy the_heart_of Par'oh he_has_refused to_let_go the_people. **15** Go to Par'oh in_ _morning THERE he_is_going_out to_the_water and_you_will_ _stand to_meet_him on the_bank_of the_River and_the_staff which it_was_changed into_a_snake you_will_take in_hand_of_ _your. **16** And_you_will_say to_him/it **YHWH** the_god_of the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_has_sent_me to_you to_say let_go ĐOM people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me in_wilderness and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE not you_have_listened until thus. **17** Thus **YHWH** he_says by_this you_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** HERE I am_about_to_strike with_staff which is_in_ _hand_of_my (on) the_waters which is_in_River and_they_will_ _be_changed into_blood. **18** And_the_fish which is_in_River it_ _will_die and_ the_River _it_will_stink and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _ _they_will_be_weary to_drink water from the_River. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to 'Ah$_a$ron take staff_of_your and_stretch_out hand_of_your over the_waters_of Mitsrayim over rivers_of_their over canals_of_their and_over pools_of_ _their and_over every_of (the)_collecting_place_of their_water_ _of_their so_that_they_may_become blood and_it_was blood in_ _all the_land_of Mitsrayim and_in_wood(s) and_in_stone(s). **20** And_they_did so Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded and_he_raised (in)_staff and_he_struck ĐOM the_waters which was_in_River to_the_eyes_of Par'oh and_to_

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people the Israelis—out Mitsrayim. **5** The Mitsrim (Egyptians) will know that I am Yahweh when I demonstrate my power to Mitsrayim by taking the Israelis out from the middle of them." **6** So Mosheh and Aharon did everything that Yahweh told them to do. **7** (Mosheh was eighty and Aharon was eighty-three when they were interacting with Par'oh.)

Staffs and snakes

8 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **9** "When Par'oh (Pharaoh) tells you to perform a miracle as a sign, then just tell Aharon to take his[29] staff and throw it down in front of Par'oh so it turns into a snake." **10** So Mosheh and Aharon went in to Par'oh's courtyard and did what Yahweh had told them: Aharon threw his staff down in front of Par'oh and his servants and it turned into a snake. **11** Then Par'oh also called for his wise men and sorcerers, and the Mitsri (Egyptian) magicians did the same thing using their magic— **12** each of them threw down his staff and they became snakes, except that Aharon's staff swallowed up their staffs. **13** But Par'oh's mind was made up and he took no notice of them as Yahweh had said earlier.

Plague 1: Water to blood

14 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Par'oh (Pharaoh) is very stubborn and he's refused to let the people go. **15** So go to Par'oh. Listen, every morning he goes down to the river, so station yourself to meet him on the bank. Take the staff with you that turned into a snake, **16** and tell him, 'Yahweh, the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews), previously sent me to you to say, "Let my people go so they can serve me in the wilderness." But listen, until now you haven't done it **17** so Yahweh says, "Now you will know that I am Yahweh because of this: See, I'm about to use my staff to strike the water in the Nile and it will turn to blood[31] **18** and the fish in the river will die and the river will stink. Then your people will gag to drink the water from the river." '

19 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) to take his staff and stretch out his hand over the waters of Mitsrayim (Egypt): over their streams, their canals, and their pools, and over every reservoir of their water, and the water will become blood. Then there'll be blood in the entire country—even in wooden or stone containers of water."

20 So And Mosheh and Aharon did exactly what Yahweh had commanded: Aharon raised the staff and struck the river, while

29 RV 7:9 · Note It's not clear here in this account, or even in the following events, if Mosheh and Aharon had separate miraculous sticks, or if Mosheh had (temporarily?) entrusted his original staff/rod/stick to his brother and spokesman Aharon.

30 LV 7:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

31 RV 7:17 · Cross-ref. Rev 16:4.

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Par'oh and his servants watched, and the entire river turned to blood. **21** Then the fish in the river died and the river stank, so the Mitsrim (Egyptians) couldn't drink water from the river, and the blood was all over Mitsrayim. **22** But the Mitsri (Egyptian) sorcerers did the same with their magic, and so Par'oh stayed stubborn and wouldn't listen to them, just as Yahweh had said earlier. **23** The Par'oh turned around and went back to his house, and he put all of that out of his mind. **24** Meanwhile, all the Mitsrim dug holes around the river to get water to drink, because river water was undrinkable.

25 So a week went by since Yahweh had struck the river

Plague 2: Frogs everywhere

8:1 and he said to Mosheh (Moses), "Go to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him, 'Yahweh says that you must let my people go so they can serve me.[32] **2** But if you refuse to let them go, then look, I'm about to pound your entire territory with frogs. **3** The frogs will swarm in the river, then they'll climb out and go into your house and in your bedroom and onto your bed. They'll go into your servants' houses and among your people, and in your cooking bowls and into your ovens. **4** They'll climb on you and on your people and on all your servants.' "

5 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Tell Aharon (Aaron): Hold your staff out over the canals, the streams, and the pools, and cause the frogs to come up onto the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **6** So Aharon reached out his hand over the Mitsri (Egyptian) water supplies and frogs came up and covered the land of Mitsrayim. **7** But the sorcerers did the same with their magic, and they too brought up frogs over the land of Mitsrayim.

8 Then Par'oh called for Mosheh and Aharon, and told them, "Ask Yahweh to take the frogs away from me and from my people. Then I'll let your people go, and they can sacrifice to Yahweh."

9 Mosheh answered, "I'll pray for you and your servants and your people, praying that the frogs will keep away from you and your homes and only be left in the river. And I'll give you the honour of specifying when it'll happen."

10 "Tomorrow morning," the king replied.

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_the_eyes_of his_servants_of_his and_ all_of the_waters which was_in_River _they_were_changed into_blood. **21** And_the_fish which was_in_River it_died and_ the_River _it_stank and_not Mitsrayim they_were_able to_drink water from the_River and_ _he/it_was the_blood in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **22** And_ _they_did thus the_soothsayer-priests_of Mitsrayim by_ _enchantments_of_their and_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_ _strong and_not he_listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _said. **23** And_ Par'oh _he_turned and_he_went into house_of_ _his and_not he_set his/its_heart also to_this. **24** And_ all_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_dug around_of the_River water for_ _drinking if/because not they_were_able to_drink any_of_the_ _water_of the_River.

25 And_ seven_of days _it_was_completed after **YHWH** struck ~~ĐOM~~ the_River. **26** [33] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to Par'oh and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says let_go ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me. **27** [34] And_if you are_refusing to_let_them_go HERE I am_about_to_strike ~~ĐOM~~ all_of territory_of_your with_frogs. **28** [35] And_ the_River _ _it_will_swarm frogs and_they_will_go_up and_they_will_go in_ _house_of_your and_in_the_chamber_of your_lying_down_of_ _your and_on bed_of_your and_in_the_house_of your_servants and_on_people_of_your and_in_ovens_of_your and_in_your(pl)_ _kneading_of_troughs. **29** [36] And_on_you and_on_people_of_ _your and_on/over_all your_servants the_frogs they_will_go_ _up.

8:1 [37] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to 'Ah$_a$ron stretch_out ~~ĐOM~~ hand_of_your with_staff_of_your over the_ _rivers over the_canals and_over the_pools and_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_frogs on the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **2** [38] And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _ _he_stretched_out ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_hand over the_waters_of Mitsrayim and_ the_frog[s] _it_went_up and_it_covered ~~ĐOM~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim. **3** [39] And_they_did thus the_ _soothsayer-priests by_enchantments_of_their and_they_ _brought_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_frogs on the_land_of Mitsrayim. **4** [40] And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_ _said pray to **YHWH** so_that_he_may_remove the_frogs from_ _me and_from_people_of_my and_I_will_let_go ~~ĐOM~~ the_people so_that_they_may_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH**. **5** [41] And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to_Par'oh honour_yourself over_me to_when will_I_ _pray to/for_yourself(m) and_for_servants_of_your and_for_ _people_of_your to_cut_off the_frogs from_you and_from_ _houses_of_your only in_River they_will_remain. **6** [42] And_

32 **RV 8:1 · Note** This is 7:26 in some versifications (and the following three verses are 7:27, 28, & 29).
33 **LV 7:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.1
34 **LV 7:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.2
35 **LV 7:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.3
36 **LV 7:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.4
37 **LV 8:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.5
38 **LV 8:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.6
39 **LV 8:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.7
40 **LV 8:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.8
41 **LV 8:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.9
42 **LV 8:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.10

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_he/it_said to_tomorrow and_he/it_said according_to_of_your_ _message so_that you_may_know if/because_that there_is_not like_**YHWH** god_of_our. **7** [43] And_ the_frogs _they_will_depart from_you and_from_houses_of_your and_from_servants_of_ _your and_from_people_of_your only in_River they_will_ _remain. **8** [44] And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_went_out from_ _with Par'oh and_ Mosheh _he_cried_out to **YHWH** on the_ _matter_of the_frogs which he_had_appointed for_Par'oh. **9** [45] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made according_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_ the_frogs _they_died from the_houses from the_ _villages and_from the_fields. **10** [46] And_people_piled_up ~~DOM~~_ _them heaps heaps and_ the_earth/land _it_stank. **11** [47] And_ Par'oh _he/it_saw if/because_that it_had_come the_respite and_he_made_unresponsive ~~DOM~~ his/its_heart and_not he_ _listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said.

12 [50] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to 'Ah$_a$ron stretch_ _out ~~DOM~~ staff_of_your and_strike ~~DOM~~ the_dust_of the_ _earth/land and_it_was (into)_gnats in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **13** [51] And_they_did so and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_ _stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand with_staff_of_his and_he_ _struck ~~DOM~~ the_dust_of the_earth/land and_ the_gnat[s] _it_ _became on_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock all_of the_dust_of the_earth/land it_was gnats in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **14** [52] And_they_made thus the_soothsayer-priests by_enchantments_of_their to_bring_forth ~~DOM~~ the_gnats and_ _not they_were_able and_ the_gnat[s] _it_became on_ _humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock. **15** [53] And_ the_ _magicians/soothsayers _they_said to Par'oh is_the_finger_of god it and_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_strong and_not he_ _listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said.

16 [55] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh rise_early in_morning and_present_yourself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh THERE he_is_going_out to_the_water and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says let_go people_of_my so_that_ _they_may_serve_me. **17** [56] If/because if not_you are_letting_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my HERE_I am_about_to_send on_you and_on_ _servants_of_your and_on_people_of_your and_on_houses_of_ _your ~~DOM~~ the_swarm and_ the_houses_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _

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"Just as you say," Mosheh responded, "so that you'll know that there's no one else like our god Yahweh. **11** Tomorrow the frogs will leave you and go away from your houses, and from your servants and your people. They'll only be left in the river." **12** Then Mosheh and Aharon left Par'oh and Mosheh called out to Yahweh concerning the retraction of the frogs that he'd sent against the king. **13** So Yahweh did what Mosheh had requested and the frogs died off from the houses and the courtyards, and from the fields. **14** The people collected them into many piles and the whole country stank. **15** But when Par'oh saw that there was relief from the frogs, he firmed his resolve and didn't listen to Mosheh and Aharon, just as Yahweh had said previously.

Plague 3: Lice

16 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "Tell Aharon (Aaron): Stretch out your staff and strike the dust on the ground, and it will turn into lice[48] all over Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **17** So Aharon held out his staff and struck the dust with it, and the dust became lice on the people and on the animals. All over Mitsrayim, the dust turned into lice **18** and the sorcerers tried to do the same with their magic but they were unable to. So there were lice on people and animals **19** and the magicians said to Par'oh (Pharaoh), "This is God's finger."[49] But Par'oh was stubborn and he didn't listen to them, just as Yahweh had said previously.

Plague 4: The swarm

20 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "Get up early in the morning and when you see Par'oh (Pharaoh) coming down to the river, station yourself in front of him and tell him, 'Yahweh saw that you must let my people go so they can serve me. **21** Certainly if you don't release my people immediately, then take note: I'm about to send the swarm[54] at you and your servants and at your people

43 **LV 8:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.11

44 **LV 8:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.12

45 **LV 8:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.13

46 **LV 8:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.14

47 **LV 8:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.15

48 **RV 8:16 · Note** The Hebrew word 'כְּנִּם/כִּנִּם' (kēn/kinnim) could refer to either lice, gnats, or fleas. However, unlike lice, gnats don't usually *reside* on people and animals (which seems to be implied by the text).

49 **RV 8:19 · Cross-ref.** Luk 11:20.

50 **LV 8:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.16

51 **LV 8:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.17

52 **LV 8:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.18

53 **LV 8:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.19

54 **RV 8:21 · Note** The Hebrew word 'עָרֹב' (ʿārov) probably meaning 'mixture' is sometimes translated as 'swarm'. This plague could have been anything from flies to other insects (hornets or mosquitoes???) all the way to a mixture of wild animals.

55 **LV 8:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.20

56 **LV 8:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.8.21

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and into your houses. The Mitsrim' (Egyptians') houses will be full of the swarm and even the ground that they're on. **22** But when it happens, I'll distinguish the Goshen region where my people live so the swarm won't be there, so that you'll be able to see that I'm Yahweh and I'm right here in this land. **23** This sign will happen tomorrow and you'll see how I plan to set my people free from your people.' " **24** So Yahweh did what he'd said and a heavy swarm came to Par'oh's house and the houses of his servants and all the Mitsrim—the country was ruined by the arrival of the swarm.

25 Then Par'oh called for Mosheh and to Aharon (Aaron) and told them, "Go and sacrifice to the god of you all, but here in Mitsrayim (Egypt)."

26 "It wouldn't be right to do that," Mosheh replied, "because our sacrifices to Yahweh our god would be offensive to Mitsrim. Listen, if we made sacrifices in front of the Mitsrim that are repulsive to them, wouldn't they throw rocks at us to try to kill us? **27** We need to travel into the wilderness for three days, then we'll sacrifice to our god Yahweh there, just like he's telling us to."

28 So Par'oh relented, "I'll let you all go into the wilderness and sacrifice to Yahweh your god—except you definitely can't go very far. Now, ask God for me for the plague to stop."

29 "Listen, I'm about to leave now," Mosheh responded, "and I'll pray to Yahweh and he'll withdraw the swarm from Par'oh tomorrow, and from his servants and his people. But may Par'oh not be dishonest again and fail to let our people go to sacrifice to Yahweh."

30 Then Mosheh left Par'oh and prayed to Yahweh **31** and Yahweh did what Mosheh asked him and he withdrew the swarm from Par'oh, and from his servants and his people. Not one remained. **32** But Par'oh changed his mind and remained stubborn and he wouldn't let the Israelis leave.

Plague 5: The stock disease

9:1 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "Go in to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him: 'This is what the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews). Yahweh, says: Let my people go so they can serve me. **2** Certainly if you're unwilling to release them and if you keep holding onto them, **3** then listen. Yahweh is about to inflict a very serious deadly disease onto your livestock which are in the fields—on the horses, the

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_they_will_be_full ~~DOM~~ the_swarm and_also the_soil which they are_on_it. **18** [57] And_I_will_make_separate on_day (the)_that ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Goshen which people_of_my is_standing on/upon_it(f) to_not to_be there a_swarm so_that you_may_ _know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_in_the_midst_of the_ _earth/land. **19** [58] And_I_will_make a_ransom between people_ _of_my and_between people_of_your to_tomorrow the_sign (the)_this it_will_happen. **20** [59] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made so and_ a_swarm massive _it_came the_house_of_to of_Par'oh and_the_house_of his_servants_of_his and_on/over_all the_ _land_of Mitsrayim the_earth/land it_was_ruined from_ _face/in_front_of the_swarm. **21** [60] And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to) Mosheh and_(to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_said go sacrifice to_ _god_of_your(pl) on_the_earth. **22** [61] And_ Mosheh _he/it_said not is_established for_doing thus if/because the_abomination_ _of Mitsrayim we_will_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our HERE we_will_sacrifice ~~DOM~~ the_abomination_of Mitsrayim to_eyes_ _of_their and_not will_they_stone_us. **23** [62] A_journey_of three_ _of days we_will_go in_wilderness and_we_will_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH** god_of_our just_as he_says to_us. **24** [63] And_ Par'oh _ _he/it_said I I_will_let_go you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) in_wilderness only definitely_ _(be_far_away) not you(pl)_must_be_far_away to_go pray for_ _me. **25** [64] And_ Mosheh _he/it_said HERE I am_about_to_go_out from_with_you and_I_will_pray to **YHWH** and_ the_swarm _he_ _will_turn_aside from_Par'oh from_servants_of_his and_from_ _people_of_his tomorrow only not Par'oh may_he_repeat to_ _deceive to_not to_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people to_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH**. **26** [65] And_ Mosheh _he/it_went_out from_with Par'oh and_he_prayed to **YHWH**. **27** [66] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made according_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_ the_swarm _he_ _turned_aside from_Par'oh from_servants_of_his and_from_ _people_of_his not one it_remained. **28** [67] And_ Par'oh _he_ _made_unresponsive ~~DOM~~ his/its_heart also at_time (the)_this and_not he_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people.

9:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to Par'oh and_you_ _will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of the_'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_says let_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me. **2** If/because if you are_refusing to_let_them_go and_still_you are_keeping_hold on_them. **3** THERE the_hand_of **YHWH** is_ _about_to_be on_livestock_of_your which in_the_field on_ _horses on_donkeys on_camels on_cattle and_on_sheep a_ _pestilence heavy very. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_distinguish

57 LV 8:18 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.22
58 LV 8:19 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.23
59 LV 8:20 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.24
60 LV 8:21 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.25
61 LV 8:22 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.26
62 LV 8:23 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.27
63 LV 8:24 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.28
64 LV 8:25 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.29
65 LV 8:26 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.30
66 LV 8:27 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.31
67 LV 8:28 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.8.32

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between the_livestock_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_between the_ _livestock_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_not it_will_die from_all that_belongs_to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) anything.
5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned an_appointed_time to_say tomorrow **YHWH** he_will_do the_thing the_this on_the_earth.
6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made ĐOM the_thing the_this from_the_ _next_day and_ all_of the_livestock_of Mitsrayim _he/it_died and_of_the_livestock_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not one it_died. **7** And_ Par'oh _he_sent and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_ _had_died any_of_the_livestock_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) up_to one and_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_unresponsive and_not he_let_ _go ĐOM the_people.
8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron take to/for_you(pl) the_fullness_of the_hollow_of_your_two's_ _hands_of_your(pl) soot_of a_kiln and_he_will_sprinkle_it Mosheh towards_the_heavens to_the_eyes_of Par'oh. **9** And_it_ _was (into)_dust over all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim and_it_was on the_humankind and_on the_cattle/livestock (into)_boil[s] breaking_out blisters in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **10** And_ _they_took ĐOM the_soot_of (the)_kiln and_they_stood to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_ Mosheh _he_sprinkled ĐOM_him/it towards_the_heavens and_he/it_was boil[s] blisters breaking_out on_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock.
11 And_not the_soothsayer-priests they_were_able to_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mosheh from_face/in_front_ _of the_boil[s] if/because the_boil[s] it_was on_ _soothsayer-priests and_on/over_all Mitsrayim/(Egypt).
12 And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_ _not he_listened to_them just_as **YHWH** he_had_said to Mosheh.

13 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh rise_early in_morning and_present_yourself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) he_says let_go ĐOM people_of_my so_that_ _they_may_serve_me. **14** If/because at_time (the)_this I am_ _about_to_send ĐOM all_of plagues_of_my to heart_of_your and_ _on_servants_of_your and_on_people_of_your in_account_of you_may_know if/because_that there_is_not like_me in_all the_ _earth/land. **15** If/because now I_stretched_out ĐOM hand_of_ _my and_I_struck you and_ĐOM people_of_your with_pestilence and_you_were_destroyed from the_earth/land. **16** And_but in_ _account_of this I_have_caused_you_to_stand in_account_of to_ _show_you ĐOM power_of_my and_so_as to_recount name_of_ _my in_all the_earth/land. **17** Still_you are_exalting_yourself on_people_of_my to_not to_let_them_go. **18** HERE_I am_about_ _to_rain_down about_time tomorrow hail heavy very which not it_has_been like_it in_Mitsrayim (to)_from the_day it_was_ _founded and_unto now. **19** And_now send bring_to_safety ĐOM livestock_of_your and_ĐOM all_of that to/for_yourself(m) in_ _the_field all_of the_humankind and_the_livestock which it_ _will_be_found in_field and_not it_will_be_gathered to_the_ _house and_it_will_come_down on_them the_hail and_they_ _will_die. **20** The_one_fearing ĐOM the_message_of **YHWH** of_ _the_servants_of of_Par'oh he_made_to_flee ĐOM servants_of_

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donkeys, the camels, the cattle, and on the flock. **4** But Yahweh will distinguish between the livestock of the Israelis and the Mitsrim (Egyptians)—none of the Israelis' animals will die.' " **5** Then Yahweh said when it would happen, "Yahweh will do this to Mitsrayim (Egypt) tomorrow."
6 So the next day Yahweh did what he'd said and all of the livestock of the Mitsrim died, yet none at all from the livestock of the Israelis died. **7** Par'oh sent people to investigate, and wow, not even one of the livestock of the Israelis had died. But Par'oh was strong-willed and wouldn't let the people go.

Plague 6: Boils

8 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), "Take handfuls of ash out of a furnace, then Mosheh should toss it up in the air in front of Par'oh (Pharaoh). **9** It will become a powder over all Mitsrayim (Egypt) and then it will turn into boils—bursting blisters—on people and on animals all over Mitsrayim." **10** So they took some ash from a furnace, and standing in front of Par'oh, Mosheh tossed it up into the air and it turned into boils with bursting blisters on the people and the animals.[68] **11** Because of the boils, the sorcerers weren't even able to stand there with Mosheh because the sorcerers suffered with them along with all the Mitsrim (Egyptians). **12** But Yahweh caused Par'oh to remain stubborn and he didn't listen to them, just as Yahweh had told Mosheh previously.

Plague 7: Hail

13 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Get up early in the morning, and stand in front of Par'oh (Pharaoh) and say to him, 'This is what Yahweh, the god of the Ivrim (Hebrews), says: Let my people go so they can serve me **14** because this time, I'm about to send all my plagues to you and your servants, and your people. You'll all be deeply distressed by them, in order that you might know that there is no one else like me in all the world. **15** By this time, I could have reached out and struck you and your people with such deadly disease or destruction that you would all have been obliterated from the land. **16** However, I've kept you for this reason: to show you my power and in order to proclaim my name all over the world.[69] **17** You're still considering yourself to be greater than my people by failing to release them. **18** Now listen: I'm about to cause extremely heavy hail to rain down at this time tomorrow. It'll be hail like which has never been seen before in Mitsrayim (Egypt) from the day it was founded until now. **19** So send for your livestock and everything you own in the country now, and bring it in under cover because the hail will come down on every person and animal that is found in the countryside and not sheltering under a roof, and they will die.' " **20** Some of Par'oh's servants who be-

68 RV 9:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 16:2.

69 RV 9:16 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:17.

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lieved what Yahweh said, quickly brought their slaves and their livestock back into their houses, **21** but those people who didn't believe Yahweh just left their slaves and their animals out in the countryside.

22 "Raise your arm up toward the sky," Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "and hail will strike all over Mitsrayim—on the people and animals and on every plant in the Mitsri (Egyptian) countryside." **23** So Mosheh lifted his staff to the sky, and Yahweh sent thunder and hail, and lightning caused fires on the land, and so Yahweh rained hail down onto Mitsrayim. **24** There was hail, and also fire coming down in the middle of the hail.[70] It was very heavy, such as had never been in all of Mitsrayim since it became a nation. **25** The hail struck everything in Mitsrayim—everything that was in the countryside, from people to animals. It also struck every plant and broke every tree out in the countryside. **26** Only in the Goshen region where the Israelis were, was there no hail.

27 Then Par'oh sent for Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) and told them, "I've sinned this time. Yahweh is righteous, and me and my people are guilty. **28** Pray to Yahweh to stop it, because the thunder of God and hail are too much. Then I'll release you all—you won't have to remain here."

29 "As I'm leaving the city," Mosheh replied, "I'll spread my palms out to Yahweh. The thunder will stop and the hail won't continue so that you will be able to see that the earth belongs to Yahweh. **30** But as for you and your servants, I know that you still don't fear Yahweh God."

31 (Now the flax and the barley were flattened by the hail because the barley was full grown and starting to fill out and the flax was in bloom. **32** But the wheat and the spelt weren't destroyed because they come later in the season.)

33 So Mosheh left Par'oh, and as he was leaving the city, he spread his palms out to Yahweh and the thunder and hail ceased, and the rain stopped pouring down on the land. **34** But when Par'oh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he added to his sins and he firmed his resolve—he and his servants. **35** And so Par'oh remained stubborn and didn't let the Israelis leave, just as Yahweh had said through Mosheh previously.

10:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **Plague 8: Locusts**
"Go in to Par'oh (Pharaoh) because I've made him and his servants stubborn in order to be able to demonstrate these miracles of mine among them, **2** and so that in the future you'll be able to tell your descendants that I made Mitsrayim (Egypt) look foolish, and my miracles which I demonstrated among them—and so that you will know that I am Yahweh."

3 So Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) went in to Par'oh and told

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_his and_ĐOM livestock_of_his into the_houses. **21** And_which not he_set his/its_heart to the_message_of **YHWH** and_he_left ĐOM servants_of_his and_ĐOM livestock_of_his in_field. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out ĐOM hand_of_your to the_heavens and_ hail _let_it_be in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on the_humankind and_on the_ _cattle/livestock and_on all_of the_vegetation_of the_field in_ _land of_Mitsrayim. **23** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ĐOM staff_of_his to the_heavens and_**YHWH** he_gave thunder_claps and_hail and_ fire _it_went ground_to_the and_ **YHWH** _he_ _rained_down hail on the_land_of Mitsrayim. **24** And_he/it_was hail and_fire was_flashing in_the_middle of_the_hail heavy very which not it_had_been like_it in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim from_then it_had_become to_(a)_nation. **25** And_ the_hail _it_ _struck in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim ĐOM all_of that in_the_field from_humankind and_unto livestock and_ĐOM all_of the_ _vegetation_of the_field the_hail it_struck and_ĐOM every_of (the)_tree_of the_field it_shattered. **26** Only in_land of_Goshen where were_there the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not it_was hail. **27** And_ Par'oh _he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_said to_them I_have_sinned this_ _time **YHWH** is_the_righteous_one and_I and_people_of_my are_the_guilty_ones. **28** Pray to **YHWH** and_is_enough for_ the_ _thunder_claps_of god and_the_hail _being and_I_will_let_go you(pl) and_not you(pl)_will_increase to_stand. **29** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it Mosheh just_as_I_have_gone_out ĐOM the_city I_will_spread_out ĐOM palms_of_my to **YHWH** the_thunder_ _claps they_will_cease and_the_hail not it_will_happen again so_that you_may_know if/because_that to/for_**YHWH** the_ _earth/land. **30** And_you(ms) and_servants_of_your I_know if/because_that not_yet you(pl)_fear from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** god. **31** And_the_flax and_the_barley it_was_struck if/because the_barley was_young_barley_ear[s] and_the_flax was_bud. **32** And_the_wheat and_the_spelt not they_were_ _struck if/because are_late_crops they. **33** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _went_out from_with Par'oh ĐOM the_city and_he_spread_out palms_of_his to **YHWH** and_ the_thunder_claps and_the_hail _ _they_ceased and_rain not it_was_poured_out earth_to_the. **34** And_ Par'oh _he/it_saw if/because_that the_rain and_the_ _hail and_the_thunder_claps it_had_ceased and_he_repeated to_sin and_ he and_servants_of_his _he_made_unresponsive his/its_heart. **35** And_ the_heart_of Par'oh _it_was_strong and_ _not he_let_go ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_had_said by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

10:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to Par'oh if/because I I_have_made_unresponsive ĐOM his/its_heart and_ĐOM the_ _heart_of his_servants_of_his so_as I_to_perform signs_of_my these in_midst_of_his.[72] **2** And_so_that you_may_recount in_ _the_ears_of your_son_of_your and_the_son_of your_son_of_ _your ĐOM how I_have_dealt_ruthlessly with_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ĐOM signs_of_my which I_performed among_them and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **3** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he_went to Par'oh and_they_said to_

70 RV 9:24 · Cross-ref. Rev 8:7; 16:21.

72 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of the_ʹIvrīʹ/(Hebrews) he_says until when have_you_refused to_humble_yourself from_before_ _of_me let_go people_of_my so_that_they_may_serve_me. **4** If/because if you are_refusing to_let_go ~~DOM~~ people_of_my HERE_I am_about_to_bring tomorrow locust[s] in_territory_of_ _your. **5** And_it_will_cover ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of the_earth/land and_ _not anyone_will_be_able for_seeing ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_ _he/it_will_eat ~~DOM~~ the_remainder_of the_escaped_thing (the)_ _that_which_remains to/for_you(pl) from the_hail and_he/it_ _will_eat ~~DOM~~ every_of the_tree which_is_sprouting to/for_ _you(pl) from the_field. **6** And_they_will_be_full houses_of_your and_the_houses_of all_of your_servants and_the_houses_of all_ _of Mitsrayim which not ancestors_of_your and_the_ancestors_ _of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your they_saw from_the_day_of were_they on the_soil until the_day the_this and_he_turned and_he/it_went_out from_with Parʹoh. **7** And_ the_servants_of Parʹoh _they_said to_him/it until when will_he_become this_ _man to/for_us (into)_a_snare let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people so_that_ _they_may_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their not_yet do_you_ _know if/because_that Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_will_perish. **8** And_ ~~DOM~~ Mosheh and_~~DOM~~ ʾAh$_a$ron _he_was_brought_back to Parʹoh and_he/it_said to_them go serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who and_who are_the_ones_going. **9** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said with_our_young_of_men and_with_our_old_of_men we_will_go with_sons_of_our and_with_daughters_of_our with_flock[s]_of_ _our and_with_herds_of_our we_will_go if/because (the)_ _festival_of **YHWH** to/for_us. **10** And_he/it_said to_them may_ _he_be thus **YHWH** with_you(pl) just_as I_will_let_go you(pl) and_~~DOM~~ one[s]_of_your(pl)_little see if/because evil is_before faces_of_your(pl). **11** Not so go please Oh_men and_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** if/because ~~DOM~~_her/it you(pl) are_requesting and_ _he/it_drove_out ~~DOM~~_them from_with the_face_of Parʹoh. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out hand_of_ _your over the_land_of Mitsrayim for_locust[s] so_that_it_may_ _come_up on the_land_of Mitsrayim and_so_that_it_may_eat ~~DOM~~ all_of the_vegetation_of the_earth/land ~~DOM~~ all_of that the_hail it_left_over. **13** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ staff_of_his over the_land_of Mitsrayim and_**YHWH** he_drove a_ _wind_of the_east on_the_earth all_of the_day (the)_that and_ _all the_night the_morning it_was and_spirit_of_the_east it_ _carried ~~DOM~~ the_locust[s]. **14** And_ the_locust[s] _he/it_ _ascended on all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_it_ _settled_down in_all_of the_territory_of Mitsrayim heavy very before_it not thus locust[s] it_had_been like_it and_after_it not it_will_be thus. **15** And_it_covered ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of all_of the_ _earth/land and_ the_earth/land _it_grew_dark and_it_ate ~~DOM~~ all_of the_vegetation_of the_earth/land and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _fruit_of the_tree which the_hail it_had_left_over and_not any_ _of greenery it_was_left_behind on_tree[s] and_on_the_ _vegetation_of the_field in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **16** And_ Parʹoh _he_hurried to_call (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_ʾAh$_a$ron and_ _he/it_said I_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_ _to_you(pl). **17** And_now forgive please sin_of_my only the_ _time//this_time and_pray to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) so_ _that_he_may_remove from_on_me only ~~DOM~~ the_death (the)_ _this. **18** And_he/it_went_out from_with Parʹoh and_he_prayed

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him, "This is what Yahweh, God of the Ivrim (Hebrews) says: how long before you'll submit to me? Let my people go so they can serve me, **4** because if you refuse to release them, then listen, I'll bring locusts into your territory tomorrow. **5** They'll cover the ground so that no one will even be able to see it, and they'll devour whatever remains after the hail. Plus they'll devour every tree growing in the countryside. **6** They'll fill your houses and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Mitsrim (Egyptians). It'll be nothing like anything which your parents generation ever saw, nor anything seen by the previous generations from the day they came to be on the earth until today." Then Mosheh turned around and went out from Par'oh with Aharon.

7 Then Par'oh's servants asked him, "How much longer is this going to cause trouble for us? Let the men go and they'll worship their god Yahweh. Don't you understand yet that Mitsrayim is being destroyed?"

8 So Mosheh and Aharon were brought back to Par'oh, and he told them, "Go and worship your god Yahweh. Who are the ones who'll be going?"

9 "We'll take our children and our old folks," Mosheh answered. "We'll go with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because the festival of Yahweh is for all of us."

10 "You'd need Yahweh with you if I ever let you and your children go together," Par'oh responded. "You're clearly plotting an evil trick! **11** Well that won't happen! The men may go and worship Yahweh since that's what you've been wanting." Then he drove them out of the room.

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Extend your hand over Mitsrayim and let the locusts rise up over the land, and let them devour all the plants—everything which the hail had spared." **13** So Mosheh stretched his staff out over Mitsrayim, and Yahweh sent an east wind over the land all that day and all night. Then morning came, and the east wind had brought the locusts. **14** The locusts covered across all the land of Mitsrayim and came to rest everywhere within the country's borders. They were extremely numerous—never before were there so many locusts, and it'll never be repeated again.[71] **15** The cloud of locusts blocked the sun and prevented people from being able to see very far. They devoured all the plants on the land and all of the fruit on the trees that the hail had left, and no piece of greenery remained on any tree or plant in the entire Mitsri (Egyptian) countryside.

16 Par'oh quickly summoned Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) and said, "I've sinned against your god Yahweh and against you. **17** So now just this once, please overlook my sin and pray to your god Yahweh and just let him take this deathly plague away from me." **18** So Mosheh left Par'oh and went out and prayed to Yahweh, **19** and Yahweh caused a very strong sea wind. The wind carried away the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea—not a single locust remained anywhere in Mitsri territory. **20** But Yah-

71 RV 10:14-15 · Cross-ref. Rev 9:2-3.

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weh caused Par'oh to remain stubborn and he wouldn't release the Israelis.

Plague 9: Darkness

21 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Raise your hand up toward the sky and let it become dark over all Mitsrayim (Egypt)—darkness that can be felt." 22 So Mosheh stretched his hand out towards the sky, and a thick darkness was in all Mitsrayim for three days.[73] 23 No one could see anyone else, and for three days no one was able to go anywhere, yet there was light in the region where the Israelis lived.

24 Then Par'oh (Pharaoh) summoned Mosheh and told him, "Go serve Yahweh. Your children can go with you all, but your flocks and your herds must remain behind."

25 "On top of that," Mosheh responded, "you must also give us the sacrifices and offerings to be burnt when we will sacrifice to Yahweh our god. 26 And even our livestock needs to go with us. Not a hoof will be left behind because we'll choose from them to serve Yahweh our god. You see, we won't know what we must sacrifice to Yahweh until we arrive there."

27 But Yahweh caused Par'oh to strengthen his resolve and he wouldn't agree to let them go. 28 "Get out of here!" Par'oh shouted. "And watch yourself! You'll never see me again, because if I ever see you again, I'll have you executed!"

29 "Yes," Mosheh responded. "It's just as you say: I'll never see you again!"

Plague 10: Death of oldest sons

11:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "I'll send one more plague to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and Mitsrayim (Egypt). After that he'll let you all go from here. What's more, when he does he'll actually chase you all right out of here. 2 Go and quietly tell the people that both men and women should ask their Mitsri (Egyptian) neighbours for items of gold and silver." 3 Then Yahweh gave the Israelis favour in the eyes of the Mitsrim (Egyptians). What's more, Mosheh was very prestigious in the eyes of Par'oh's servants and in the eyes of the Mitsri people.

4 Then Mosheh told Par'oh, "This is what Yahweh says: Sometime around the middle of the night I'll go out around Mitsrayim, 5 and every oldest son in Mitsrayim will die, from the oldest son of Par'oh who sits on his throne, to the oldest son of the slave girl who lives behind the mill, as well as every oldest male offspring of your livestock. 6 Then there'll be loud wailing right across Mitsrayim which will be nothing anything that's ever happened before, and nothing like it will ever happen again. 7 But amongst the Israelis, the dogs won't growl at any person or animals so that you'll know that Yahweh distinguishes between Mitsrayim and Yisrael (Israel). 8 Then all your servants

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to **YHWH**. 19 And_ **YHWH** _he_turned a_wind_of west strong very and_it_carried_away ~~DOM~~ the_locust[s] and_it_blew_it sea_ _of_towards_the reed[s] not a_locust one it_remained in_all_of the_territory_of Mitsrayim. 20 And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of Par'oh and_not he_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

21 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out hand_of_ _your to the_heavens and_ darkness _let_it_be over the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_so_that_everyone_may_feel darkness. 22 And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand to the_ _heavens and_he/it_was darkness_of gloom in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim three_of days. 23 Not they_saw each ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _brother and_not they_rose anyone from_under_him three_of days and_to/for_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_belonged light in_their_dwelling_of_places. 24 And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to) Mosheh and_he/it_said go serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** only flock[s]_ _of_your(pl) and_herd[s]_of_your(pl) it_will_be_detained also one[s]_of_your(pl)_little it_will_go with_you(pl). 25 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said also you you_will_give in_hand_of_our sacrifices and_burnt_offerings and_we_will_offer_them to/for_ _**YHWH** god_of_our. 26 And_also livestock_of_our it_will_go with_us not a_hoof it_will_remain if/because from_him/it we_ _will_take to_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_our and_we not we_will_ _know what will_we_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** until go_we there_(to). 27 And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of Par'oh and_ _not he_was_willing to_let_them_go. 28 And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Par'oh go from_with_me take_heed to/for_yourself(m) to you_will_repeat to_see face_of_my if/because in/on_day see_ _you face_of_my you_will_die. 29 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said right you_have_spoken not I_will_repeat again to_see face_of_ _your.

11:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh yet a_plague one I_will_ _bring on Par'oh and_on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) after thus he_will_ _let_go you(pl) from_here just_as_he_lets_you_go completely completely_(drive_out) he_will_drive_out you(pl) from_here. 2 Speak please in_the_ears_of the_people so_that_they_may_ _ask everyone(m) from_with his/its_neighbour and_ _everyone(f) from_with fem_of_her_neighbour articles_of silver and_articles_of gold. 3 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _favour_of the_people in/on_both_eyes_of Mitsrayim also the_ _man Mosheh was_great very in_land of_Mitsrayim in/on_ _both_eyes_of the_servants_of Par'oh and_in_the_eyes_of the_ _people. 4 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says about_ _the_middle_of the_night I am_about_to_go_out in_the_middle of_Mitsrayim. 5 And_ every_of firstborn _he_will_die in_land of_ _Mitsrayim from_the_firstborn_of Par'oh who_sits on throne_ _of_his unto the_firstborn_of the_maidservant who is_behind the_hand-mill and_all/each/any/every firstborn_of livestock. 6 And_it_will_be a_cry great in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim which like_it not it_has_occurred and_like_it not it_will_repeat. 7 And_ _to/for_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not a_dog it_will_ _sharpen tongue_of_its to_from_a_human and_unto livestock so_that you(pl)_may_know which/who **YHWH** he_distinguishes between Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_between Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 8 And_ all_of your_servants these _they_will_come_down to_me

73 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Psa 105:28; Rev 16:10.

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and_they_will_bow_down to_me[74] to_say you and_all the_ _people which is_at_feet_of_your go_out and_after thus I_will_ _go_out and_he/it_went_out from_with Par'oh in_heat_of anger. 9 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh not he_will_listen to_you(pl) Par'oh so_as wonders_of_my to_be_many in_land of_ _Mitsrayim. 10 And_Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron they_did ĐOM all_of the_wonders the_these to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh and_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_not he_let_go ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _land_of_his.

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron in_land of_Mitsrayim to_say. 2 The_month the_this to/for_you(pl) will_ _be_the_beginning_of months will_be_first it to/for_you(pl) of_ _the_months_of of_the_year. 3 Speak to all_of the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say on_ten of_month the_ _this and_they_will_take to/for_them everyone a_lamb for_a_ _household_of fathers a_lamb for_household. 4 And_if the_ _household it_will_be_too_small for_being for_a_lamb and_ he and_neighbour_of_his (the)_near to house_of_his _he/it_will_ _take by_the_number_of people each_one to_the_mouth_of his_ _food_of_his you(pl)_will_estimate on the_lamb. 5 A_lamb unblemished male a_son_of a_year it_will_be to/for_you(pl) one_of the_lambs and_from the_goats you(pl)_will_take. 6 And_ _it_was to/for_you(pl) for_safekeeping until the_four- teen day of_month the_this and_ all_of the_assembly_of the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_slaughter ĐOM_ _him/it between the_two_evenings. 7 And_they_will_take some_of the_blood and_they_will_put_it on the_two_of the_ _doorposts and_on the_lintels on the_houses which they_will_ _eat ĐOM_him/it in_them. 8 And_they_will_eat ĐOM the_meat in_night the_this roasted_of fire and_unleavened_bread(s) with bitter_herbs they_will_eat_it. 9 Do_not eat from_him/it raw and_boiled being_boiled in_water if/because (if) roasted_of fire his/its_head with legs_of_its and_with entrails_of_its. 10 And_ _not you(pl)_will_leave_over from_him/it until morning and_ _(the)_that_which_remains from_him/it until morning with_ _fire you(pl)_will_burn. 11 And_thus you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_ _him/it loins_of_your(pl) will_be_girded sandals_of_your(pl) will_be_of_on_your(pl)_feet and_staff_of_your(pl) will_be_of_ _in_your(pl)_hand and_you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_him/it in_haste is_ _a_passover it to/for_**YHWH**. 12 And_I_will_pass in_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_night the_this and_I_will_strike_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim from_humankind and_ _unto livestock and_on/over_all the_gods_of Mitsrayim I_will_ _do acts_of_judgement I am_**YHWH**. 13 And_it_was the_blood to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_sign on the_houses where you(pl) are_ _there and_I_will_see ĐOM the_blood and_I_will_pass_over over_ _you(pl) and_not it_will_be among_you(pl) a_plague for_ _destruction when_strike_I in_land of_Mitsrayim. 14 And_it_was the_day the_this to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_memorial and_ _you(pl)_will_celebrate_a_festival ĐOM_him/it a_festival to/for_ _**YHWH** to_generations_of_your(pl) a_regulation_of perpetuity

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will come down to me, and they'll bow to me, pleading, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you.' And after that I'll leave Mitsrayim." Then Mosheh left Par'oh in a fiery rage.

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Par'oh refused to listen to you, so that I'm able to multiply my miracles in Mitsrayim." 10 Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) had done all those miracles in front of Par'oh but Yahweh had made Par'oh stubborn so he hadn't let the Israelis leave his country.

Meal preparations to avoid death

12:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) in Mitsrayim (Egypt), 2 "This month is to become the beginning of the months for you all—from now on it will be the first month of the new year. 3 Assemble the people and tell them that on the tenth of this month, every man who's the head of the household must select a lamb or young goat for his family. 4 But if the household's too small to cook a whole animal, then neighbours can combine and share—budgeting on how much each person eats. 5 You all can choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a perfect, one-year-old male—without any defects. 6 You all must take special care of those animals until the fourteenth day of this month, then every Israeli household will slaughter their animal early that evening. 7 Then they must take some of the blood and put it on both doorposts and on the lintel of the houses that they'll be in when they eat it. 8 They must roast them on the fire and eat the meat that night, along with flat bread and bitter herbs. 9 Don't eat any of the meat raw and don't boil it in water—it must be roasted over the fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. 10 Nothing must be left by morning—anything that's not eaten must be burnt in the fire. 11 And this is how you all must eat it: with your belts fastened on your waists, your sandals on your feet, and your staffs in your hands. You all must eat it in a hurry. It is the Passover to Yahweh.[75]

12 Then during that night, I will move throughout Mitsrayim (Egypt) and I will kill all the oldest males—both people and animals. I will execute judgement on all the gods of Mitsrayim. I am Yahweh. 13 That blood on the doorposts and lintel will be your sign on the houses which you are all in. I will see the blood and will pass over above you all, and the plague won't affect you all with destruction as I strike against Mitsrayim. 14 Then this day will become a memorial for you all, and you'll celebrate it as a festival to Yahweh for future generations—a statute that you'll all celebrate forever.[76]

74 LV 11:8 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

75 RV 12:1-13 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:5; Num 9:1-5; 28:16; Deu 16:1-2.

76 RV 12:14-20 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:15; 34:18; Lev 23:6-8; Num 28:17-25; Deu 16:3-8.

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The 'Flat Bread Celebration'

15 For seven days you all must only eat flat bread made without yeast. Yes, on the first day you all must remove any yeast from your houses, because anyone who eats bread with yeast during those seven days, that person must be permanently driven out of Yisrael (Israel). 16 On the first day, you all must gather for a sacred assembly, and similarly on the seventh day. No work can be done on those days other than meal preparation. 17 You all must regularly observe the *Flat Bread Celebration*, because on this very day I will have brought your divisions out from Mitsrayim (Egypt). You all must observe this day throughout future generations—a statute that you'll all celebrate forever. 18 Starting on 14th of the first month in the evening, you all must eat only flat bread until the 21st day of the month in the evening. 19 For seven days you all must have no yeast in your homes, because anyone who eats bread with yeast in it, that person must be driven out from the Israeli people whether they're a foreigner or a native. 20 You all mustn't eat anything made with yeast. Wherever you live, you all must only eat flat bread.

The first ever 'pass-over' celebration

21 Then Mosheh (Moses) summoned the Israeli elders and told them, "Go ahead and select a lamb or young goat for each family and slaughter it. 22 Then you all must take a bunch of leafy hyssop stalks, and dip it in the basin with the blood from the sacrifice and paint the blood onto the lintel and both doorposts. After that, absolutely no one should go out the door of your houses until morning. 23 Then Yahweh will pass through out Mitsrayim (Egypt) to strike the Mitsrim (Egyptians) and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, he'll 'pass over' that doorway and won't permit 'the destroyer' to enter into your houses to strike.[77] 24 All of you and your descendants must maintain this as a law and celebrate it forever, 25 so when you all enter into the land that Yahweh will give to you just as he promised, then you must observe this ceremony. 26 Then when it occurs, your children will ask, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 you all must tell them, 'It's the sacrifice of 'pass-over' to Yahweh, who passed over the houses of the Israelis in Mitsrayim when he struck the Mitsrim and rescued our families.' "

And the people bowed their heads and prostrated themselves, 28 and the Israelis went and did just as Yahweh had commanded through Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron).

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you(pl)_will_celebrate_it_as_a_festival.

15 Seven_of days unleavened_bread(s) you(pl)_will_eat surely in_the_day (the)_first you(pl)_will_remove leaven from_houses_ _of_your(pl) if/because any_of one_who_eats leaven and_ the_ _living_creatures the_that _he_will_be_cut_off from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_day_of (the)_first until the_day_of (the)_seventh. 16 And_will_on_the_day (the)_first a_ _convocation_of holiness and_on_day the_seventh a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work not it_will_be_done in/among_them only that_which it_will_ _be_eaten to/from_all/each/any/every person it for_him/it_ _being_alone it_will_be_done by_you(pl). 17 And_you(pl)_will_ _keep ÐOM the_unleavened_bread(s) if/because on_the_ _substance_of the_day the_this I_brought_out ÐOM soldiers/messengers_of_your(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_day the_this to_generations_of_your(pl) a_regulation_of perpetuity. 18 In_ _month on_the_four- teen day of_month in_evening you(pl)_ _will_eat unleavened_bread(s) until the_day_of the_one and_ _twenty of_month in_evening. 19 Seven_of days leaven not it_ _will_be_found in_houses_of_your(pl) if/because any_of one_ _who_eats a_thing_leavened and_ the_living_creatures the_that _he_will_be_cut_off from_the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_sojourner and_in_the_native-born_of the_earth/land. 20 Any_of thing_leavened not you(pl)_will_eat in_all_of places_ _of_your(pl)_dwelling you(pl)_will_eat unleavened_bread(s).

21 And_ Mosheh _he/it_called to/from_all/each/any/every the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_them draw and_take to/for_you(pl) sheep to_clans_of_your(pl) and_ _slaughter the_passover. 22 And_you(pl)_will_take a_bunch_of hyssop and_you(pl)_will_dip_it in_blood which is_in_basin and_ _you(pl)_will_make_touch (to) the_lintels and_near/to the_ _two_of the_doorposts some_of the_blood which is_in_basin and_you(pl) not you(pl)_will_go_out anyone from_the_door_of his_house_of_his until morning. 23 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_pass_ _through to_strike ÐOM Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_will_see ÐOM the_blood on the_lintels and_on the_two_of the_doorposts and_ **YHWH** _he_will_pass_over over the_doorway and_not he_will_ _permit the_destroyer to_come into houses_of_your(pl) to_ _strike_you. 24 And_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_message the_ _this to_a_decree to/for_yourself(m) and_for_children_of_your until perpetuity. 25 And_it_was if/because you(pl)_will_come into the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_will_give to/for_you(pl) just_as he_said and_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_service (the)_ _this. 26 And_it_was if/because they_will_say to_you(pl) children_of_your(pl) what is_the_service (the)_this to_you(pl). 27 And_you(pl)_will_say is_a_sacrifice_of passover it to/for_ _**YHWH** who he_passed_over over the_houses_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Mitsrayim when_struck_he ÐOM Mitsrayim and_ÐOM houses_of_our he_delivered and_ the_people _it_ _bowed_low and_they_bowed_down. 28 And_they_went and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron so they_did.

77 **RV 12:23 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:28.

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29 And_he/it_was in_the_middle_of the_night and_**YHWH** he_
_struck_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim from_
_the_firstborn_of Par'oh who_sat on throne_of_his unto the_
_firstborn_of the_prisoner who in_house_of the_cistern and_
_all/each/any/every firstborn_of livestock. **30** And_he/it_rose_
_up Par'oh night he and_all servants_of_his and_all
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_it_became a_cry great in_Mitsrayim
if/because there_was_not a_house where there_was_not there
a_dead_person. **31** And_he/it_called (to)_Mosheh and_(to)_
_'Ah$_a$ron night and_he/it_said arise go_out from_among_of
people_of_my both you(pl) as_well_as the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_go serve ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** as_said_you(pl).
32 Both flock[s]_of_your(pl) as_well_as herd[s]_of_your(pl) take
just_as you(pl)_said and_go and_you(pl)_will_bless also ᴅᴏᴍ_
me. **33** And Mitsrayim _it_urged on the_people to_hurry to_
_send_them_away from the_earth/land if/because they_said
of_us_of_all are_about_to_die. **34** And_ the_people _it_carried_
_off ᴅᴏᴍ dough_of_its before it_was_leavened troughs_of_their_
_kneading were_bound_up in_clothes_of_their on shoulder_of_
_their. **35** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did according_
_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_they_asked from_Mitsrayim
articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_clothes. **36** And_
_**YHWH** he_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_favour_of the_people in/on_both_
_eyes_of Mitsrayim and_they_granted_them_the_request and_
_they_plundered ᴅᴏᴍ Mitsrayim. **37** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out from_Ra'məṣēṣ to_Ṣukkōt were_
_about_six hundred(s) thousand foot_soldier[s] the_men apart_
_beside from_little_one[s]. **38** And_also a_mixed_company
numerous it_went_up with_them and_flock[s] and_herd[s]
livestock numerous very. **39** And_they_baked ᴅᴏᴍ the_dough
which they_had_brought_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) bread_
_cakes unleavened_bread(s) if/because not it_was_leavened
if/because they_had_been_driven_out from_Mitsrayim and_not
they_had_been_able to_delay and_also provision[s] not they_
_had_made to/for_them. **40** And_the_dwelling_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_dwelt in_Mitsrayim was_thirty
year[s] and_four hundred(s) year[s]. **41** And_he/it_was from_
_the_end/extremity thirty year[s] and_four hundred(s) year[s]
and_he/it_was on_the_substance_of the_day the_this all_of the_
_soldiers/messengers_of **YHWH** they_went_out from_the_land_
_of Mitsrayim. **42** Was_a_night_of vigil(s) it to/for_**YHWH** to_
_bring_them_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim that the_night
the_this to/for_**YHWH** will_be_vigil(s) to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_
_generations_of_their.

43 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron this is_the_
_regulation_of the_passover any_of son_of foreignness not he_
_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **44** And_all slave_of anyone the_
_purchase_of silver and_you_have_circumcised ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it

Readers' Version

The death of all the oldest male offspring

29 Then, in the middle of the night, Yahweh struck all the oldest males in Mitsrayim (Egypt), from the oldest son of Par'oh (Pharaoh) who sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner in the dungeon and all oldest male offspring of the animals.[78] **30** During the night, all the Mitsrim (Egyptians) got up, including Par'oh and all his servants. There was tremendous wailing throughout Mitsrayim because it was a very rare house where there wasn't someone dead. **31** Par'oh called for Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) in the night and told them, "Pack up and get out from among my people—you two and all the other Israelis. Go and serve Yahweh as you've said. **32** Also take your flocks and your herds as you've said, and go. And bless me as well.

33 The Mitsrim urged the Israelis, hurrying to let them go from the land because they said, "We're all dying."

34 So the people carried their bread dough before it could rise. Their bread-making bowls were wrapped in their clothes on their shoulders.

35 The Israelis did everything that Mosheh had instructed them, including asking for items of gold and silver, and clothing from the Mitsrim.[79] **36** Yahweh gave the people favour in the eyes of the Mitsrim, so by their requests, they were able to strip the Mitsrim of their wealth.

37 Then the Israelis walked from Ra'meses toward Sukot—about 600,000 strong men on foot, not counting women and children. **38** A large assortment of other people also went with them, along with large numbers of sheep and goats, and cattle.

39 They baked the dough that they brought from Mitsrayim (Egypt) into flat bread since it hadn't had time to rise,[80] because they were driven out of Mitsrayim in a hurry and hadn't had time to prepare food to take.

40 The descendants of Yisrael (Israel) (also called Ya'akov (Jacob)) had lived in Mitsrayim for 430 years[81] **41** to the day, because that very day was when all the various divisions of Yahweh's people left Mitsrayim. **42** It was a time when they stayed awake all night as Yahweh took them out of Mitsrayim—a night to be observed in that same way by every future generation.

Instructions for observing the 'pass-over'

43 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), "This is the statute of the 'pass-over': No foreigners may share in

78 RV 12:29 · Cross-ref. Exo 4:22-23.

79 RV 12:35-36 · Cross-ref. Exo 3:21-22.

80 RV 12:39 · Note Most modern readers probably visualise yeast bought from a supermarket when 'leaven' (or even 'yeast') is mentioned in a Bible translation. However, it's much more likely that each day, a portion of the bread dough was set aside for the natural yeasts (think 'sour dough' bread) to accumulate, and then mixed into the new batch of dough the next day and left for the natural yeasts to work and rise the dough. The text here implies that it's possible that the Hebrew word translated 'unleavened' really meant 'unrisen' on that first 'pass-over' night.

81 RV 12:40 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:13; Gal 3:17.

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the meal that night, **44** unless it's a slave that you bought and who's been circumcised— **45** no foreigner or hired helper can join in the meal. **46** Each animal must be eaten in only one house—don't take any of the meat outside. And don't break any of the animals bones.[82] **47** Every Israeli must observe it, **48** and if someone is living among you and wants to join in Yahweh's 'pass-over', then every male in their family must be circumcised. Only then will they be allowed to observe it, and then they should be considered like a native of the land. No uncircumcised person may eat it. **49** This one law will apply to both the natives, and those who live among you all." **50** All the Israelis followed those instructions that Yahweh had given through Mosheh and Aharon, **51** and so on that very day, Yahweh took all the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) grouped by their family divisions.

God owns the first child

13:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "All firstborn offspring are to be consecrated to me—the first product of every womb, whether human or animal, belongs to me."[83]

The 'Flat Bread Celebration'

3 Then Mosheh (Moses) told the people, "Always remember this day, that you went out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), rescued from slavery, because Yahweh used his power to bring you out from there. And nothing with yeast in it can be eaten when you celebrate this. **4** Today you are leaving in the month of Aviv, **5** and when Yahweh brings you into the area occupied by the Kena'anim (Canaanites), Hitim, Amorim, Hivim, and the Yevusim (which he swore to your fathers to give to you—a land flowing with milk and honey) you must observe this ceremony in this same month. **6** You must eat only flat bread for seven days, and then on the seventh day, there will be a festival to honour Yahweh. **7** Again, you must only eat flat bread for seven days—not only that you mustn't even have any risen bread, nor must you have any yeast within any of your borders. **8** On that festival day, you must tell your children, 'This is because of what Yahweh did for us when we left Mitsrayim.' **9** It'll be like a reminder written on your hand and hanging from your forehead, so that you'll remember to pass on Yahweh's instructions because he used his power to bring you out of Mitsrayim. **10** So you must follow those instructions at the appointed time year after year.

Offering up the oldest children

11 Later, when Yahweh brings you into the land of the Kena'anim (Canaanites) as he promised to you and your ancestors, and he gives it to you, **12** then hand over to Yahweh all your oldest sons, and all the oldest, male animal offspring that are yours. They will then belong

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then he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **45** A_resident_alien and_a_ _hired_labourer not he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **46** In_a_ _house one it_will_be_eaten not you_will_bring_out from the_ _house any_of the_meat outside_to_the and_a_bone not you(pl)_will_break in_him/it. **47** All_of the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_do ÐOM_him/it. **48** And_ _because/when he_will_sojourn with_you a_sojourner and_he_ _will_observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH** he_will_be_circumcised to_him/it every_of male and_then he_will_draw_near to_ _observe_it and_it_was like_the_native-born_of the_earth/land and_all uncircumcised_man not he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **49** Law one it_will_belong to_native-born and_to_sojourner who_sojourns among_you(pl). **50** And_ all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh and_ÐOM 'Aha_ron so they_did. **51** And_he/it_was on_the_substance_of the_day the_this **YHWH** he_brought_out ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on soldiers/messengers_of_their.

13:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.
2 Consecrate to_me every_of firstborn the_firstborn_of every_ _of womb among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) among_ _humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock to_me it.

3 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people remember ÐOM the_ _day the_this when you(pl)_went_out from_Mitsrayim from_a_ _house_of slaves if/because by_strength_of hand **YHWH** he_ _brought_out you(pl) from_here and_not leaven it_will_be_ _eaten. **4** The_day you(pl) are_about_to_go_out in_the_month_ _of (the)_'Āvīv. **5** And_it_was if/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** into the_land_of the_Kəna'_anī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_ _Ḥittiy[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_ _give to/for_you(fs) a_land flowing_of milk and_honey and_ _you_will_serve ÐOM the_service (the)_this in_month (the)_this. **6** Seven_of days you_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) and_will_on_ _the_day the_seventh a_festival to/for_**YHWH**.
7 non-fermented_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten ÐOM the_seven_of the_days and_not it_will_be_seen to/for_yourself(m) leaven and_not it_will_be_seen to/for_yourself(m) leaven in_all territory_of_your. **8** And_you_will_tell to_child_of_your in_the_ _day (the)_that to_say in_account_of what **YHWH** he_did to_me when_I_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_it_was to/for_yourself(m) (into)_a_sign on hand_of_your and_(into)_a_ _memorial between eyes_of_your so_that it_may_be the_law_of **YHWH** in_mouth_of_your if/because by_a_hand strong he_ _brought_you_out **YHWH** from_Mitsrayim. **10** And_you_will_ _keep ÐOM the_regulation (the)_this to_its_appointed_of_time from_days to_days.

11 And_it_was if/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** into the_ _land_of the_Kəna'_anī[s] just_as he_swore to/for_yourself(m) and_to_ancestors_of_your and_he_will_give_it to/for_you(fs). **12** And_you_will_dedicate every_of firstborn_of a_womb to_ _**YHWH** and_all firstborn_of the_young_of cattle which it_will_ _belong to/for_yourself(m) the_males to/for_**YHWH**. **13** And_

82 RV 12:46 · Cross-ref. Num 9:12; Yhn 19:36.

83 RV 13:2 · Cross-ref. Num 3:13; Luk 2:23.

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_all firstborn_of a_donkey you_will_redeem with_a_sheep and_
_if not you_will_redeem_it and_you_will_break_its_neck and_
_all/each/any/every firstborn_of humankind among_sons_of_
_your you_will_redeem. **14** And_it_was if/because he_will_ask_
_you son_of_your in_future_time to_say what is_this and_you_
_will_say to_him/it by_strength_of hand he_brought_us_out
YHWH from_Mitsrayim from_a_house_of slaves. **15** And_he/it_
_was if/because Par'oh he_made_stubborn to_let_us_go and_
YHWH _he_killed every_of firstborn in_land of_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_the_firstborn_of humankind and_
_unto the_firstborn_of livestock therefore yes/correct/thus/so
I am_sacrificing to/for_**YHWH** every_of firstborn_of a_womb
the_males and_all (the)_firstborn_of my_sons_of_my I_redeem.
16 And_it_was (into)_a_sign on hand_of_your and_(into)_marks
between eyes_of_your if/because by_strength_of hand he_
_brought_us_out **YHWH** from_Mitsrayim.

17 And_he/it_was when_ Par'oh _let_go ĐOM the_people and_
_not he_led_them god the_way_of the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy
if/because was_near it if/because god he_said lest the_people
it_should_regret when_see_they battle and_they_will_return
towards_Mitsrayim. **18** And_ god _he_caused_to_go_around ĐOM
the_people the_way_of the_wilderness the_sea_of reed[s] and_
_arrayed_for_battle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_went_
_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim. **19** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took
ĐOM the_bones_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) with_him/it if/because
solemnly_(make_swear) he_had_made_swear ĐOM the_people_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say surely_(visit) god he_will_visit
you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_take_up ĐOM bones_of_my from_here
with_you(pl). **20** And_they_set_out from_Şukkōt and_they_
encamped at'Ētām on_the_edge_of the_wilderness. **21** And_
_**YHWH** was_going before_them by_day in_a_pillar_of cloud to_
_guide_them the_journey and_night in_a_pillar_of fire to_give_
_light to/for_them to_go by_day and_night. **22** Not the_pillar_of
(the)_cloud it_departed by_day and_the_pillar_of (the)_fire
night to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people.

14:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_turn_back
and_so_that_they_may_encamp to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before Pi- haḥirot between Migdōl and_between the_sea
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Ba'al- Tsəfōn opposite_it
you(pl)_will_encamp at the_sea. **3** And_ Par'oh _saying(ms) of_
_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they are_wandering_in_
_confusion on_the_earth it_has_shut on_them the_wilderness.
4 And_I_will_make_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh and_he_
_will_pursue after_them and_I_will_gain_honour by_Par'oh
and_on/over_all army_of_his and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** and_they_made so.
5 And_it_was_told to_the_king_of Mitsrayim if/because_that
the_people it_had_fled and_ the_heart_of Par'oh and_servants_
_of_his _it_was_changed to the_people and_they_said what this
have_we_done that/for/because/then/when we_have_let_go

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to Yahweh.[84] **13** In the case of the oldest donkey foal, you must buy it back by killing a lamb instead of it. If you don't buy it back, you must kill the donkey by breaking its neck. You *must* buy back every one of your oldest sons, **14** and in the future when your son asks you, 'What's that about?' then you must tell him, 'We were enslaved in Mitsrayim (Egypt) , but Yahweh used his incredible power to bring us out. **15** And so it was that when Par'oh (Pharaoh) was too stubborn to let us go, then Yahweh struck all of the oldest sons and oldest male animals in Mitsrayim. That's why we offer all the oldest offspring to Yahweh, and why we need to buy back all our oldest sons.' **16** So you must place a reminder on your hand and hanging on your forehead that Yahweh used his incredible power to bring us out of Mitsrayim."

Led by cloud and fire

17 When Par'oh (Pharaoh) released the people, God didn't lead them through the area occupied by the Pelishtim, although that way was shorter, because he said, "It's best if the people don't have to face war immediately, or they might change their minds and then want to return to Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **18** So God caused the people to take the path going towards the wilderness and the Red Sea.[85] The Israeli left Mitsrayim in formation as if ready for battle.

19 Mosheh (Moses) ensured that Yosef's (Joseph's) bones were taken with them, because many years back Yosef had made the Israelis promise, saying, "God will certainly take notice of you all, and you must take my bones out from here with you."[86]

20 The people travelled on from Sukot and camped at Etam on the edge of the wilderness. **21** During the day, Yahweh went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way, and at nighttime, he went in a pillar of fire to be light to them, so they could travel both in the daytime and at night. **22** The daytime pillar of cloud and the nighttime pillar of fire, didn't ever leave their place ahead of the people.

Crossing the Red Sea

14:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that they should turn and camp in front of Pi-Hahirot, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Ba'al-Tsefon. You all are to camp by the sea opposite it. **3** Then Par'oh (Pharaoh) will say, 'They are confused and lost—the wilderness has boxed them in.' **4** I'll strengthen Par'oh's resolve and he'll chase after them. Then because of Par'oh and all his army, I'll be honoured and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) will know that I am Yahweh." So the Israelis camped where they were instructed.

5 When the king of Mitsrayim (Egypt) was told that the Israelis had fled, he and his servants started thinking about their own people and they asked, "What have we done by letting the Israeli slaves go free?" **6** Then he hitched up his chariot and took his

84 RV 13:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:19-20; Luk 2:23.

85 RV 13:18 · Note Probably towards the *Gulf of Suez*: see https://armstronginstitute.org/339-where-did-the-red-sea-crossing-take-place.

86 RV 13:19 · Cross-ref. Gen 50:25; Josh 24:32.

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army with him. **7** He took 600 of the best chariots as well as all the other Mitsri (Egyptian) chariots and officers to supervise them. **8** Yahweh strengthened the Mitsri king's resolve and so Par'oh pursued after the Israelis after they had confidently marched out of Mitsrayim. **9** The Mitsrim pursued them, then all of Par'oh's horses and chariots, along with his mounted soldiers and his foot army, overtook them camping above the sea above Pi-Hahirot, across from Ba'al-Tsefon.

10 As the Mitsrim approached, the Israelis looked back, and to their horror, saw the army coming after them. They were extremely afraid and cried out to Yahweh. **11** They complained to Mosheh, "Is it because there weren't any graves in Mitsrayim that you brought us here to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us? Why did you bring us out from Mitsrayim? **12** Isn't this exactly what we told you in Mitsrayim when we said, 'Just leave us alone and let us serve the Mitsrim'? Because serving the Mitsrim sounds a lot better to us than dying out here in the wilderness."

13 Then Mosheh (Moses) told the people, "You mustn't be afraid. Stand still and see how Yahweh saves you all—he's going to do it today, because any Mitsrim that you see today, you'll never, ever see them again. **14** Yahweh himself will fight for you all—all you need to do is to remain calm." **15** Then Yahweh scolded Mosheh, "Why are you still here crying out to me? Talk to the Israelis and get them moving forward. **16** As for you, raise your staff and stretch your arm out over the sea and divide it. Then the Israelis will go on onto dry ground through the middle of the sea. **17** Yes, watch me! I'll strengthen the resolve of the Mitsrim and they'll enter between the sea after them. Then I'll be honoured because of what will happen to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his army, and his chariots and his horsemen. **18** The honour that I gain through that will cause the Mitsrim to know that I'm Yahweh."

19 Then God's messenger who travelled ahead of the Israelis, moved and went behind them. Also the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them **20** and so it was then between the coming Mitsrim and the Israelis. Then the cloud became darkness on the Mitsri (Egyptian) side, yet it lit up the other side, and no one could approach it all night. **21** Then Mosheh stretched his arm out over the sea and Yahweh sent a strong east wind. It blew all night and divided the sea on each side and dried the strip of land in the middle. **22** So then the Israelis entered through the middle of the sea on dry ground with a wall of water on each side of them.[87] **23** However, the Mitsrim pursued after them. Every one of Par'oh's horses and chariots and his horsemen also entered into the middle of the sea. **24** By now morning was coming and Yahweh looked down through the pillar of fire and cloud, and he caused confusion for the Mitsri army. **25** He caused the wheels of their chariots to turn unevenly so they became difficult to drive, and the Mitsrim complained,

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ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_serving_us. **6** And_he_harnessed ĐOM chariot_of_his and_ĐOM people_of_his he_took with_him/it. **7** And_he/it_took six hundred(s) chariot[s] chosen and_ _all/each/any/every the_chariotry_of Mitsrayim and_officers were_over of_it_of_all. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he_made_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_he_pursued after the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_going_out with_a_hand raised. **9** And_ Mitsrayim _they_pursued after_them and_ every_of (the)_ _horse_of the_chariotry_of Par'oh and_horsemen_of_his and_ _army_of_his _they_overtook them encamping at the_sea at Pi-haḥirot to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Ba'al- Tsəfōn. **10** And_Par'oh he_drew_near and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_lifted_up ĐOM eyes_of_their and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Mitsrayim was_marching after_them and_ _they_were_afraid exceedingly and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH**. **11** And_they_said to Mosheh from_not there_were_not graves in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) you_brought_us to_die in_wilderness what this have_you_done to/for_ourselves by_bringing_us_out from_Mitsrayim. **12** Not is_this the_message which we_spoke to_you in_Mitsrayim to_ _say cease from_him/it so_that_we_may_serve ĐOM Mitsrayim if/because is_good to/for_us serving ĐOM Mitsrayim more_ _than_our_dying in_wilderness. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people do_not be_afraid stand_firm and_see ĐOM the_ _deliverance_of **YHWH** which he_will_bring_about to/for_ _you(pl) the_day if/because which you(pl)_have_seen ĐOM Mitsrayim the_day not you(pl)_will_repeat to_see_them again until perpetuity. **14** **YHWH** he_will_fight to/for_you(pl) and_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_keep_quiet. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh why are_you_crying_out to_me speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_set_out. **16** And_you(ms) raise ĐOM staff_of_your and_stretch_out ĐOM hand_of_your over the_sea and_divide_it so_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _that_ _they_may_go in_the_middle the_sea on_ground. **17** And_I here_I am_about_to_make_strong ĐOM the_heart_of Mitsrayim and_they_will_go after_them and_I_will_gain_honour by_Par'oh and_on/over_all army_of_his by_chariot[s]_of_his and_by_ _horsemen_of_his. **18** And_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_gain_honour by_Par'oh by_chariot[s]_of_his and_by_horsemen_of_his. **19** And_ the_ _messenger_of the_'Elohīm who_had_been_going to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_set_ _out and_he/it_went (from)_behind_them and_ the_pillar_of (the)_cloud _it_set_out from_their_face/front and_it_stood (from)_behind_them. **20** And_it_went between the_camp_of Mitsrayim and_between the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_was the_cloud and_the_darkness and_it_lit_up ĐOM the_ _night and_not this it_drew_near to this all_of the_night. **21** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ĐOM his/its_hand over the_ _sea and_ **YHWH** _he_drove ĐOM the_sea by_a_wind_of an_east_ _wind strong all_of the_night and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_sea into_(the)_ground and_ the_waters _they_were_divided. **22** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came in_the_ _middle the_sea on_ground and_the_water to/for_them was_a_ _wall from_right_of_their and_from_left_of_their. **23** And_

87 **RV 14:22 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 10:1-2; Heb 11:29.

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Mitsrayim _they_pursued and_they_came after_them every_of (the)_horse_of Par´oh chariotry_of_his and_horsemen_of_his into the_middle_of the_sea. **24** And_he/it_was in_the_watch_of the_morning and_ **YHWH** _he_looked_down to the_camp_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_a_pillar_of fire and_cloud and_he_ _confused ~~DOM~~ the_camp_of Mitsrayim. **25** And_he_turned_ _aside ~~DOM~~ the_wheel[s]_of its_chariots_of_his and_he_caused_ _it_to_drive with_difficulty and_ Mitsrayim _he/it_said let_me_ _flee from_face/in_front_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because **YHWH** is_fighting to/for_them against_Mitsrayim[88] **26** and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to Mosheh stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your over the_ _sea so_ the_waters _that_they_may_return over Mitsrayim over chariot[s]_of_its and_over horsemen_of_its. **27** And_ Mosheh _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand over the_sea and_ the_sea _it_returned to_the_ morning _turning to_its_normal_ _of_state and_Mitsrayim were_fleeing to_meet_it and_ **YHWH** _ _he_shook_off ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim in_the_middle the_sea. **28** And_ the_waters _they_returned and_they_covered ~~DOM~~ the_ _chariot[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_horsemen to_all/each/any/every the_ _army_of Par´oh the_(ones_who)_went after_them in_sea not it_remained (is)_in_them up_to one. **29** And_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_walked on_ground in_the_middle the_sea and_the_water to/for_them was_a_wall from_right_of_their and_from_left_of_their[89] **30** and_ **YHWH** _he_delivered in_the_ _day (the)_that ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_saw ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim dead on the_shore_of the_sea. **31** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_saw ~~DOM~~ the_hand the_ _big/large/great(fs) which **YHWH** he_had_done on_Mitsrayim and_ the_people _they_feared ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_they_believed in_**YHWH** and_in_Mosheh servant_of_his.

15:1 Then Mosheh and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_sang ~~DOM~~ the_song (the)_this to/for_**YHWH** and_they_said to_say I_will_ _sing to/for_**YHWH** if/because highly_(exalted) he_is_exalted the_horse and_rider_of_its he_has_thrown in_sea. **2** Might_of_ _is_my and_strength Yah and_he/it_was to_me (into)_salvation this god_of_is_my and_I_will_glorify_him the_god_of my_ _father_of_my and_I_will_exalt_him. **3** **YHWH** is_a_man_of war **YHWH** his/its_name. **4** The_chariots_of Par´oh and_army_of_his he_has_thrown in_sea and_the_choicest_of his_officers_of_his they_have_been_sunk in_the_sea_of reed[s]. **5** The_deeps they_ _have_covered_them they_went_down in_the_depths like a_ _stone. **6** Hand_of_your_right Oh_**YHWH** was_glorious_of in_ _power hand_of_your_right Oh_**YHWH** it_shattered the_enemy. **7** And_in_the_greatness_of your_majesty_of_your you_threw_ _down those_of_who_rose_against_you you_sent_forth anger_ _of_your it_consumed_them like_stubble. **8** And_by_the_breath_ _of your(ms)_both_nostrils the_waters they_were_piled_up they_stood_up like a_heap streams the_deeps they_congealed

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"Let's retreat from following the Israelis, because Yahweh is fighting against Mitsrayim (Egypt) and for them."

26 On the other side, Yahweh told Mosheh, "Stretch your arm out over the sea and the waters will flow back onto the Mitsrim and onto Par'oh's chariots and his horsemen." **27** So Mosheh stretched his arm out over the sea, and as the day broke, the sea began to return to its normal place. The Mitsrim turned and fled before its impact but Yahweh shook the Mitsrim off their horses and chariots in the middle of the sea. **28** So the sea returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen—even Par'oh's entire army that had entered into the sea after the Israelis. Not even one of the pursuers remained. **29** But the Israelis had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground with a wall of water on each side of them.

30 So Yahweh saved Yisrael (Israel) from Mitsrayim's power that day, and the Israelis saw the Mitsrim' bodies washed up on the shore. **31** All the Israelis saw the incredible power that Yahweh had used against the Mitsrim, and the people revered Yahweh, and put their trust in him and his servant Mosheh.

Mosheh's song

15:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) and the Israelis sang this song to Yahweh:[90]

"I will sing to Yahweh because he's been so successful—
he's thrown both the horses and their riders into the sea.
2 I will sing about Yahweh, my source of strength,
and the one who saves me.[91]
I will praise him because he's my god—
he's my father's god and I will honour him.
3 Yahweh is a warrior.
Yahweh is his name.
4 He threw Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) chariots and his army into the sea.
His hand-picked officers have been sunk in the sea.
5 The deep waters cover them.
They descended into the depths like a stone.
6 Yahweh's right arm is so powerful.

88 **LV 14:25 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

89 **LV 14:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

90 **RV 15:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 15:3.

91 **RV 15:2 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:14; Isa 12:2.

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Yahweh's right arm shattered our enemy.
7 You toss away your adversaries with your great power.
Your burning anger consumes them like straw in a fire.
8 It was your breath that made the waters pile up.
They stood up like a heap.
The deep water seemed like it was solid.
9 Our enemies thought that they could chase after us and overtake us.
They had planned to satisfy themselves by sharing out the plunder.
They were ready to use their swords and swing their arms to destroy us.
10 But you blew with your breath.
The sea covered them.
They sank like lead in that terrible surge.
11 Which other god is like you, Yahweh?
Who else is so powerful and yet sinless,
receiving praises for doing miracles?
12 You stretched out your powerful arm.
The earth swallowed them up.
13 You are leading the people you bought back,
because you committed yourself to love them.
You used your strength to lead them to your sinless home.
14 Other countries have heard, and they tremble.
Anguish has struck the inhabitants of Peleshet.
15 The chiefs of Edom have panicked.
Trembling has seized the leaders of Moav (Moab).
The inhabitants of Kena'an (Canaan) have melted away.
16 Terror and dread have fallen on them.
After seeing your great power, they've stayed as still as stone
until your people have all marched past, Yahweh.
Until the people you bought have all gone past them.
17 Bring them into the land
and establish them on the mountain of your inheritance.
The place you've chosen to become your home, Yahweh—
a sanctuary built by your hands, master.
18 Yahweh will reign as king forever and ever.
19 Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) horse went into the sea, along with his chariots and horsemen,[92]
and Yahweh brought the water back over them,
after the Israelis had walked through on dry ground in the middle of the sea."

Miryam's song

20 Then Aharon's (Aaron's) sister Miryam (Miriam) who was a prophetess, picked up a tambourine and went outside. All the other women did likewise and followed her out to dance together **21** so Miryam sang this response:
"Sing to Yahweh and tell of his amazing victory—
He tossed the horses and their riders into the sea."

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in_the_heart_of the_sea. **9** The_enemy he_said I_will_pursue I_
_will_overtake I_will_divide the_plunder it_will_be_full_of_
_them self_of_my I_will_draw sword_of_my it_will_dispossess_
_them hand_of_my. **10** You_blew with_breath_of_your it_
_covered_them the_sea they_sank like_lead in_the_waters
mighty. **11** Who is_like_you among_gods Oh_**YHWH** who is_like_
_you glorious in_holiness awesome praises doing_of (of)_
_wonder[s]. **12** You_stretched_out hand_of_your_right it_
_swallowed_them_up the_earth. **13** You_have_guided in_your_
_covenant_of_loyalty the_people which you_have_redeemed
you_have_led_them by_strength_of_your to the_abode_of your_
_holiness_of_your. **14** Peoples they_have_heard they_tremble
anguish it_has_seized the_inhabitants_of Pəleshet. **15** Then the_
_chiefs_of 'Edōm they_are_terrified the_leaders_of Mō'āv it_
_has_seized_them trembling all_of the_inhabitants_of
Kəna'an/(Canaan) they_have_melted_away. **16** It_has_fallen on_
_them terror and_dread on_the_greatness_of your_arm_of_your
they_have_become_still like_stone until people_of_your it_has_
_passed_by Oh_**YHWH** until the_people which you_have_
_bought it_has_passed_by. **17** You_will_bring_them and_you_
_will_plant_them on_the_mountain_of your_inheritance_of_
_your a_place you_to_dwell you_have_made Oh_**YHWH** a_
_sanctuary my_master hands_of_your they_have_established.
18 **YHWH** he_will_reign to_vanishing_point and_ever.
19 If/because the_horse[s]_of Par'oh it_came with_chariot[s]_
_of_his and_with_horsemen_of_his in_sea and_ **YHWH** _he_
_brought_back over_them DOM the_waters_of the_sea and_the_
_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_walked on_ground in_the_middle
the_sea.

20 And_ Miryām the_prophetess the_sister_of 'Ah$_a$ron _she/it_
_took DOM the_tambourine in_hand_of_her and_ all_of the_
_women _they_went_out behind_her with_tambourines and_
_with_dancing(s). **21** And_she_sang to/for_them Miryām sing
to/for_**YHWH** if/because highly_(exalted) he_is_exalted horse
and_rider_of_its he_has_thrown in_sea.

92 RV 15:19 · Note Some interpreters include v19 as part of Mosheh's song (as we do, although it does seem less poetic in structure), while others don't. (There's no speech marks in the ancient Hebrew texts.)

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22 And_ Mosheh _he_led_out ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_sea_ _of reed[s] and_they_went_out into the_wilderness_of Shūr and_they_went three_of days in_wilderness and_not they_ _found water. **23** And_they_came to_Mārāh and_not they_were_ _able to_drink waters from_Mārāh if/because were_bitter they therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called his/its_name Mārāh. **24** And_ the_people _they_grumbled on Mosheh to_ _saying what will_we_drink. **25** And_he_cried_out to **YHWH** and_he_showed_him **YHWH** a_tree and_he_threw_it into the_ _waters and_ the_waters _they_became_sweet there he_made to_him/it a_decree and_a_custom and_there he_put_it_to_the_ _test. **26** And_he/it_said if carefully_(listen) you_will_listen to_ _sound/voice of_**YHWH** god_of_your and_the_right in_eyes_of_ _his you_will_do and_you_will_give_ear to_commands_of_his and_you_will_keep all_of decrees_of_his any_of (the)_sickness which I_put on_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not I_will_put on_you if/because I am_**YHWH** who_heals_of_you. **27** And_they_came to_'Ēylim and_there two_plus ten springs_of water and_seventy palm_trees and_they_encamped there at the_waters.

16:1 And_they_set_out from_'Ēylim and_ all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to the_wilderness_of Ṣīn which is_between 'Ēylim and_between Ṣīnay on_the_fif- teen day of_month the_second of_their_ _going_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim. **2** And[100] all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron in_wilderness. **3** And_they_said to_them the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who will_he_give died_we by_the_ _hand_of **YHWH** in_land of_Mitsrayim when_sat_we at the_pot_ _of the_meat when_ate_we food to_abundance if/because you(pl)_have_brought_out us into the_wilderness the_this to_ _put_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_assembly the_this by_hunger. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE_I am_about_to_ _rain_down to/for_you(pl) bread from the_heavens and_ the_ _people _it_will_go_out and_they_will_gather a_matter_of a_ _day in_its_day so_that I_may_put_it_to_the_test will_it_walk in_law_of_my or not. **5** And_it_was in_the_day the_sixth and_ _they_will_prepare ᴅᴏᴍ that_which they_will_bring and_it_was double to that_which they_will_gather day day. **6** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_said to all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) evening and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_ _brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **7** And_morning and_you(pl)_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_glory_of **YHWH** because_he_has_heard ᴅᴏᴍ grumblings_of_your(pl) on **YHWH** and_are_we what that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_ _grumble[101] on_us. **8** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said when_ **YHWH** _ _gives to/for_you(pl) in_evening meat to_eat and_bread in_ _morning to_be_satisfied because_ **YHWH** _has_heard ᴅᴏᴍ grumblings_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_grumbling on/upon/above_him/it and_are_we what not are_on_us grumblings_of_your(pl) if/because on **YHWH**. **9** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron say to all_of the_congregation_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) draw_near to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** if/because he_has_heard ᴅᴏᴍ

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22 Then Mosheh (Moses) lead the Israelis away from the Red Sea and they moved into the wilderness at Shur. They went through the wilderness for three days and finally found some water, **23** but it was so bitter that they couldn't drink it. So they named that place 'Marah' (which means 'bitter'), **24** and the people grumbled about Mosheh saying, "So what will we drink then?" **25** So Mosheh cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh showed him a tree. When he threw it into the water, the water became safe to drink.

The bitter water

Yahweh made a statue at that place, and a rule, and he tested Mosheh there, **26** saying, "If you carefully listen to the voice of Yahweh your god, and you do what's right in my eyes, and you listen to my commands and you keep all of my laws, then I won't inflict you with any of the diseases that I put on the Mitsrim (Egyptians), because I'm Yahweh your healer."

27 Then they moved on and came to Eylim where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there by the water.

16:1 Then they left Eylim, and all the Israelis entered into the wilderness at Sin (between Eylim and Sinay) around six weeks after leaving Mitsrayim (Egypt), **2** and all the Israelis murmured against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) there in the wilderness, **3** saying, "If only Yahweh had killed us in Mitsrayim, where we'd be sitting by a pot of meat eating bread until we're full, because you've brought us out into this wilderness to starve us all to death."

The manna and the quail

4 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Just watch me make food rain down from the sky for you all.[93] Then the people will be able to go out every day and gather enough for that day so that I can test them: Will they obey my law or not? **5** But every Friday they can gather and prepare twice as much as what they gather on the other days."

6 So Mosheh and Aharon told all the Israelis, "This evening you'll all know that Yahweh was the one who brought you out from Mitsrayim. **7** In the morning you'll all see Yahweh's greatness as he's heard your murmurings against him. I mean, who are we that you'd murmur against *us*?" **8** Then Mosheh continued, "So Yahweh will give you all meat to eat in the evening and enough bread in the morning to make you all full. Yes, Yahweh has heard your murmurings against him. As for us, we're insignificant. Your murmuring isn't against us, but against Yahweh."

9 Then Mosheh told Aharon, "Summon everyone to come and face Yahweh, because he's heard their murmurings." **10** And so while Aharon spoke to all the Israelis, they turned toward the wilderness, and wow, Yahweh's dazzling brightness appeared in the cloud! **11** Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **12** "I've heard the murmurings of the Israelis. Speak to them saying, 'In the evenings,

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93 RV 16:4 · Cross-ref. Yhn 6:31.

100 LV 16:2 · Note OSHB variant note: ונילי/ו: (x-qere) 'וּנְלֹוּ/ו': lemma_c/3885 b n_0.0.0.0 morph_HC/VNw3mp id_02iJj וּנְלֹוּ/ו

101 LV 16:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ונולת: (x-qere) 'וְנִילַת': lemma_3885 b n_0.0 morph_HVhi2mp id_02yoM וְנִילַת

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you'll all eat meat, and in the mornings you'll all be satisfied with bread. Then you'll all know that I'm your god, Yahweh.' "

13 And so that evening, quail appeared and covered the camp. And in the morning, something like dew was lying all around the camp, **14** and when it evaporated, wow, it left behind thin flakes—thin like frost on the ground there in the wilderness. **15** When the Israelis saw it, they asked each other, 'What is it?' because they didn't know what it was.

And Mosheh told them, "It's the food that Yahweh has given you all to eat.[94] **16** These are Yahweh's instructions: Gather enough of it according to how many people you're feeding—about two litres per person who lives in your tents."

17 So the Israelis went ahead and gathered it—some collecting a lot, and others, less, **18** but when they measured it out, those who'd collected a lot didn't have any extra, and those who hadn't gathered so much still had enough to eat—each person had gathered just enough.[95] **19** Then Mosheh told them, "Don't save any of it for tomorrow," **20** but some of them didn't take any notice of him and kept it until the next morning. However, by then it was full of maggots and smelt rotten, and Mosheh was very angry at them.

21 So from that day onwards, they gathered it every morning, depending on how many they were feeding, and then when the sun got hot, the rest melted away. **22** On the Friday, they gathered twice as much—around four litres for each person—and all the leaders of the community came and informed Mosheh **23** and he told them, "This is what Yahweh said: Tomorrow is a rest day to be set aside for Yahweh.[96] So bake or cook your food, and keep the left-overs overnight to use in the morning." **24** So they did what Mosheh had told them and kept the left-overs until the morning, and it didn't stink or have any bugs in it. **25** On that Saturday morning, Mosheh told them, "Go ahead and eat the previously cooked food because today is set aside for Yahweh and so you all won't find any more on the ground— **26** you'll gather it for six days each week, but on the Saturday, there won't be any."

27 However, some people did go out to collect it, but they couldn't find any, **28** and Yahweh said to Mosheh, "For how long will you all keep refusing to obey my commands and my laws? **29** Listen, Yahweh has given you the Rest Day, so on the Friday he gives you food for two days. On the Saturday, everyone should stay where they are—there's no need for anyone to go outside searching." **30** So the people didn't work on the Saturday.

31 The Israelis named it 'manna' (which sounds like Hebrew 'What is it?'). It was white like coriander seed, and it tasted like wafers with honey.[97] **32** Then Mosheh said, "This is the procedure that Yahweh has commanded: Keep a full measure of it for

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grumblings_of_your(pl). **10** And_he/it_was just_ 'Ah$_a$ron _as_ _spoke to all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_turned to the_wilderness and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of **YHWH** it_appeared in_cloud. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **12** I_have_ _heard ~~DOM~~ the_grumblings_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) speak to_them to_say between the_two_evenings you(pl)_will_ _eat meat and_in_morning you(pl)_will_be_satisfied bread and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **13** And_he/it_was in_evening and_ the_quail _it_ _came_up and_it_covered ~~DOM~~ the_camp and_in_morning it_ _was the_layer_of the_dew around (to)_camp. **14** And_ the_ _layer_of (the)_dew _it_went_up and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_on the_surface_of the_wilderness thin_stuff flake-like thin_stuff like_hoar-frost on the_earth/land. **15** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_saw and_they_said each to his/its_ _brother what is_it if/because not they_knew what was_it and_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_them it is_the_bread which **YHWH** he_ _has_given to/for_you(pl) for_food. **16** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded gather from_him/it everyone to_the_mouth_of his_food_of_his an_´omer for_head the_number_of your(pl)_people_of_your(pl) everyone for_ _those_who are_in_tent_of_his you(pl)_will_take. **17** And_they_ _made so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_gathered_it the_one_who_made_much and_the_one_who_made_little. **18** And_they_measured_it by_´omer and_not the_one_who_ _made_much he_had_a_surplus and_the_one_who_made_little not he_had_a_lack everyone to_the_mouth_of his_food_of_his they_had_gathered. **19** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_them everyone not let_him_leave_over from_him/it until morning. **20** And_not they_listened to Mosheh and_ people _they_left_ _over from_him/it until morning and_it_became_rotten worms and_it_stank and_he_was_angry towards_them Mosheh. **21** And_they_gathered ~~DOM~~_him/it in_morning in_morning everyone according_to_the_mouth_of his_food_of_his and_ the_ _sun _it_was_warm and_it_melted. **22** And_he/it_was in_the_ _day the_sixth they_gathered bread_of double (the)_two_of (the)_´omer[s] for_one and_ all_of the_leaders_of the_ _congregation _they_came and_they_told to_Mosheh. **23** And_ _he/it_said to_them it is_that_which **YHWH** he_said a_sabbath_ _observance a_sabbath_of holiness to/for_**YHWH** is_tomorrow ~~DOM~~ that_which you(pl)_will_bake bake and_~~DOM~~ that_which you(pl)_will_boil boil and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_surplus leave to/for_ _you(pl) for_keeping until the_morning. **24** And_they_left ~~DOM~~_ _him/it until the_morning just_as Mosheh he_had_commanded and_not it_stank and_a_maggot not it_was in/on/over_him/it. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said eat_it the_day if/because is_a_ _sabbath the_day to/for_**YHWH** the_day not you(pl)_will_find_ _it in_field. **26** Six_of days you(pl)_will_gather_it and_on_day the_seventh a_sabbath not it_will_be in/on/over_him/it. **27** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh some_of the_people they_went_out to_gather_it and_not they_found_it. **28** And_

94 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 10:3.

95 RV 16:18 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 8:15.

96 RV 16:23 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:8-11.

97 RV 16:31 · Cross-ref. Num 11:7-8.

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YHWH _he/it_said to Mosheh until when have_you(pl)_refused to_guard/protect commands_of_my and_laws_of_my.
29 Consider if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_ _you(pl) the_sabbath therefore yes/correct/thus/so he is_ _giving to/for_you(pl) in_the_day the_sixth bread_of two_days remain everyone in_his_place not anyone let_him_go_out from_place_of_his in_the_day the_seventh. **30** And_ the_people _they_rested in_the_day (the)_seventh. **31** And_ the_household_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_called ĐOM his/its_name manna and_ _he like_the_seed_of coriander was_white and_taste_of_its was_ _like_a_wafer with_honey. **32** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said this is_ _the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded the_fullness_ _of the_ʿomer from_him/it will_be_for_keeping to_generations_ _of_your(pl) so_that they_may_see ĐOM the_bread which I_ _caused_to_eat you(pl) in_wilderness when_I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **33** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to 'Ahₐron take a_jar_of one and_put there_(to) the_ _fullness_of the_ʿomer manna and_place ĐOM_him/it to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_keeping to_ _generations_of_your(pl). **34** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded to Mosheh and_he_placed_it 'Ahₐron to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_transcript for_keeping. **35** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ate ĐOM the_manna forty year[s] until came_they into a_land inhabited ĐOM the_ _manna they_ate until came_they to the_border_of the_land_of Kənaʿan/(Canaan). **36** And_the_ʿomer is_the_tenth_part_of the_ _'ēyfāh it.

17:1 And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out from_the_wilderness_of Ṣīn to_ _their_settings_of_out on the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_they_ _encamped at_Rəfīdīm and_there_was_not water to_ the_ _people _drink. **2** And_ the_people _it_quarrelled with Mosheh and_they_said give to/for_us water we_drink and_he/it_said to/for_them Mosheh why are_you_quarrelling with_me why are_you_putting_to_the_test ĐOM **YHWH**. **3** And_it_was_thirsty there the_people for_water and_ the_people _it_grumbled on Mosheh and_he/it_said to/for_what this did_you(pl)_bring_us_ _up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_put_to_death ĐOM_me and_ĐOM children_of_my and_ĐOM livestock_of_my by_thirst. **4** And_ Mosheh _he_cried_out to **YHWH** to_say what will_I_do to_ _people the_this yet a_little and_they_will_stone_me. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh pass_on to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_people and_take with_you some_of_the_ _elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_staff_of_your which you_struck in/on/over_him/it ĐOM the_River take in_hand_of_your and_ _you_will_go. **6** HERE_I will_be_standing to_your_face there on the_rock at_Ḥorēv and_you_will_strike (on)_rock and_they_ _will_come_out from_him/it waters and_ the_people _it_will_ _drink and_he/it_made so Mosheh to_the_eyes_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_he/it_called the_name_of the_place Maṣṣāh and_Mərīvāh on the_quarrel_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_because they_put_to_the_test ĐOM **YHWH**

98 **RV 16:33 · Cross-ref.** Heb 9:4.

99 **RV 16:35 · Cross-ref.** Josh 5:12.

102 **RV 17:1 · Parallel** Num. 20:1-13

103 **RV 17:1-7 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:2-13.

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preservation for your descendants so that they can see the food which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from Mitsrayim (Egypt)." **33** So Mosheh said to Aharon (Aaron), "Take a jar and fill it with the full two litres of manna.[98] Place it in front of Yahweh for preservation for your descendants." **34** So Aharon prepared the jar and kept it (and would eventually place it in the box with the stone tablets.) **35** The Israelis ate manna for forty years, until they eventually left the wilderness and came to the borders of the region of Kena'an (Canaan).[99] **36** (Two litres is called an 'omer' which is a tenth of a 'efah'.)

Yahweh gives water from a rock[102]

17:1 Then all the Israelis moved on from Sin in the wilderness, travelling following Yahweh's instructions. They camped at Refidim but there was no water for the people to drink.[103] **2** So the people argued with Mosheh (Moses) again, saying, "Give us water to drink!"

"Why are you all quarrelling with me?" Mosheh answered. "Why are you all testing Yahweh?"

3 But the people were very thirsty there and they murmured against Mosheh, so he demanded, "Is this why you brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)? To kill me and my sons and my cattle with thirst?" ???

4 Mosheh cried out to Yahweh, asking, "What should I do for these people? It won't take much more and they'll kill me."

5 "Walk on ahead of the people," Yahweh told Mosheh, "and take some of the Israeli elders with you, and your staff—the one which you struck the river with. Take it in your hand and go. **6** Watch me. I will stand in front of you there on the rock at Horev. Then you will strike the rock and water will come out of it, and the people will drink." So Mosheh did that while the Israeli elders watched.

7 Mosheh named that place both 'Masah' (which means 'testing') and 'Merivah' (which means 'complaining'), because of the

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conflict among the Israelis and because of how they tested Yahweh by saying, 'Is Yahweh among us or not?'

Mosheh's arms held high to defeat Amalek

8 Then the Amalek army came and attacked Yisrael (Israel) at Refidim, **9** and Mosheh (Moses) instructed Yehoshua (Joshua), "Choose men for us and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I'll be stationed on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." **10** So Yehoshua prepared to fight Amalek as Mosheh had told him, and Mosheh, Aharon (Aaron), and Hur climbed up to the top of the hill. **11** And so it happened that when Mosheh raised his arm, then Yisrael would be winning, but when he lowered his arm, then Amalek would start winning. **12** However, Mosheh's arms got tired, so they got a large stone and sat him on it, and Aharon and Hur stood on each side of him holding up his arms, and holding him steady in that position until the sun went down. **13** So this was how Yehoshua defeated Amalek and his army with their swords. **14** Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Write this event in the book and read it aloud to Yehoshua, because I will certainly blot out the memory of Amalek from off the earth."[104] **15** Then Mosheh built an altar and he named it 'Yahweh-nissi' (which means 'Yahweh is my banner'), **16** saying, "Because they battled against Yah's throne, then Yahweh will battle against Amalek throughout the generations."

Mosheh's father-in-law visits

18:1 Now Yitro (Jethro), the priest at Midyan and Mosheh's (Moses') father-in-law, heard about everything that God had done for Mosheh and for his people the Israelis—that Yahweh had brought the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **2** (Yitro had been looking after Mosheh's wife Tsiporah[105] and their two sons after he had sent her back **3** along with their two sons.[106] One was named 'Gereshom' (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'foreigner') because Mosheh had said, "I've been a foreigner living in another country." **4** Their other son's name was 'Eliezer' (which sounds like the Hebrew word that means 'God helps me', because Mosheh had said, "God, who my father worshipped, has helped me and stopped the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) from killing me.")) **5** So now Mosheh's father-in-law brought Mosheh's wife and sons to the wilderness where the people were camping near the mountain of God. **6** He had sent a message ahead saying, "I, your father-in-law Yitro, am coming to you, as well as your wife and your two sons." **7** So Mosheh went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down and kissed him. They asked each other about their welfare, then they went into the tent, **8** and Mosheh related to his father-in-law all that Yahweh had done to Par'oh and to Mitsrayim on account of Yisrael (Israel), all the hardship

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to_say (there) is_**YHWH** in_midst_of_our or not.

8 And_ ´Amālēq _it_came and_it_joined_battle with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_Rəfīdīm. **9** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) choose to/for_us men and_go_out fight against_´Amālēq tomorrow I will_be_standing on the_top_of the_hill and_the_staff_of the_'Elohīm will_be_of_in_my_hand. **10** And_ Yəhōshū´a _he/it_made just_as he_had_said to_him/it Mosheh by_fighting against_´Amālēq and_Mosheh 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _Ḥūr they_went_up the_top_of the_hill. **11** And_it_was just_as Mosheh he_lifted_up his/its_hand and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_ _prevailed and_as_which he_gave_rest his/its_hand and_ ´Amālēq _it_prevailed. **12** And_the_hands_of Mosheh were_ _heavy and_they_took a_stone and_they_put_it under_him and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on/upon_it(f) and_ _'Ah$_a$ron and_Ḥūr they_supported (in)_hands_of_his from_this one and_from_this one and_ hands_of_his _he/it_was steadiness until the_sun went. **13** And_ Yəhōshū´a _he_defeated ~~ĐOM~~ ´Amālēq and_~~ĐOM~~ people_of_its to_the_mouth_of the_ _sword. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh write this memorial in_book and_put_it in_the_ears_of Yəhōshū´a if/because_that completely_(wipe_out) I_will_wipe_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_remembrance_of ´Amālēq from_under the_heavens. **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_built an_altar and_he/it_called his/its_ _name **YHWH** standard_of_is_my. **16** And_he/it_said if/because a_hand was_on the_throne_of Yah war to/for_**YHWH** with_ _´Amālēq from_generation generation.

18:1 And_ Yitrō/(Jethro) the_priest_of Midyān the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_listened ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that god he_had_done for_Mosheh and_for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_ _his if/because_that **YHWH** he_had_brought_out ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **2** And_ Yitrō the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ Tsipporāh/(Zipporah) the_wife_of Mosheh after dismissal(s)_ _of_her. **3** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_two_of sons_of_her who the_name_of the_one was_Gērəshom if/because he_had_said a_sojourner I_ _have_become in_land foreign. **4** And_name_of the_one was_ _'Elī´ezer if/because the_god_of my_father_of_my has_been_ _(in)_of_my_help and_he_has_delivered_me from_the_sword_of Par´oh. **5** And_ Yitrō the_father-in-law_of Mosheh and_sons_of_ _his and_his/its_woman/wife _he_came to Mosheh into the_ _wilderness where he was_encamping there the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm. **6** And_he/it_said to Mosheh I father-in-law_of_ _your Yitrō am_coming to_you and_wife_of_your and_the_two_ _of sons_of_her with_her/it. **7** And_ Mosheh _he/it_went_out to_meet father-in-law_of_his and_he_bowed_down and_he_ _kissed to_him/it and_they_asked each of_neighbour_of_his to_ _welfare and_they_came to_the_tent. **8** And_ Mosheh _he_ _recounted to_father-in-law_of_his ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that **YHWH** he_ _had_done to_Par´oh and_to_Mitsrayim on the_causes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_hardship which it_had_come_ _upon_them on_journey and_he_had_delivered_them **YHWH**. **9** And_ Yitrō/(Jethro) _he_rejoiced on all_of the_good which

104 **RV 17:14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:17-19; 1Sam 15:2-9.

105 **RV 18:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 2:21-22.

106 **RV 18:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:29.

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YHWH he_had_done to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom he_had_ _delivered_it from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **10** And_ Yitrō _he/it_said **YHWH** who he_has_delivered you(pl) from_ _the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_from_the_hand_of Par'oh who he_ _has_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ the_people from_under the_hand_of Mitsrayim be_blessed. **11** Now I_know if/because_that is_great **YHWH** from_all the_'Elohīm if/because in_matter which they_ _have_acted_presumptuously on_them. **12** And_ Yitrō the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_took a_burnt_offering and_ _sacrifices to_god and_he_came 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _all/each/any/every the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_eat food with the_father-in-law_of Mosheh to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_'Elohīm.

13 And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Mosheh _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_judge ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_ the_ _people _it_stood at Mosheh from the_morning until the_ _evening. **14** And_ the_father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that he was_doing for_people and_he/it_said what is_the_ _thing the_this which you are_doing for_people why are_you sitting you_alone and_all the_people is_standing at_you from morning until evening. **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_ _father-in-law_of_his if/because it_comes to_me the_people to_ _consult god. **16** If/because it_will_belong to/for_them a_ _matter it_is_coming to_me and_I_judge between each and_ _between his/its_neighbour and_I_make_known ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _regulations_of the_'Elohīm and_ᴅᴏᴍ laws_of_his. **17** And_ the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh _he/it_said to_him/it not is_good the_thing which you are_doing. **18** Surely_(wear_out) both you as_well_as the_people the_this which is_with_you you_will_ _wear_yourself_out if/because is_too_heavy for_you the_thing not you_are_able to_do_it you_alone. **19** Now listen to_voice_of_ _my let_me_advise_you and_let_it_be god with_you be you for_ _people in_front_of the_'Elohīm and_ you _you_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_matters to the_'Elohīm. **20** And_you_will_warn them ᴅᴏᴍ the_regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_laws and_you_will_make_known to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_way which_they_will_walk in_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_work which they_will_do. **21** And_you(ms) you_will_select from_all the_people men_of ability those_fearing_of (of)_god men_of faithfulness who_hate_of (of)_unjust_gain and_you_ _will_appoint over_them leaders_of thousands leaders_of hundreds leaders_of fifties and_leaders_of tens. **22** And_they_ _will_judge ᴅᴏᴍ the_people in_all time and_it_was every_of (the)_matter the_big/great(sg) they_will_bring to_you and_all (the)_matter the_small(sg) they they_will_judge and_lighten from_on_yourself and_they_will_bear with_you. **23** If ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _thing the_this you_will_do and_he_will_command_you god and_you_will_be_able to_endure and_also all_of the_people the_this to place_of_its it_will_go in_peace. **24** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_listened to_sound/voice father-in-law_of_his and_he/it_ _made all that he_had_said. **25** And_ Mosheh _he_chose men_of ability from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ_them chiefs over the_people leaders_of thousands leaders_of hundreds leaders_of fifties and_leaders_of tens. **26** And_they_ _judged ᴅᴏᴍ the_people in_all time ᴅᴏᴍ the_matter (the)_ _difficult they_brought to Mosheh and_all (the)_matter the_

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that found them along the way, and about how Yahweh had rescued them. **9** Yitro was very happy to hear about all the good things that Yahweh had done for Yisrael when he had rescued them out from Mitsri control, **10** and he said, "Bless Yahweh, who rescued you from slavery in Mitsrayim, and from Par'oh's power. **11** Now I can see that Yahweh is greater than all the other gods because of the this result after the Mitsrim (Egyptians) had acted proudly against you all." **12** Then Mosheh's father-in-law Yitro made a burnt offering as well as sacrifices to God, and Aharon (Aaron) and all of the Israeli elders came to eat bread with Mosheh's father-in-law in God's presence.

Yitro's helpful administrative advice[107]

13 The following day, Mosheh (Moses) sat down to judge the people, and the people stood around him from morning until evening. **14** When his father-in-law noticed everything that he personally did for the people, he asked, "What's this that you're doing with the people? Why do you sit there alone, and all the people position themselves around you from morning until evening?"

15 "Because the people come to me to find out what God wants for them," Mosheh replied to Yitro (Jethro). **16** "When a difficult situation comes up among them, someone comes to me and I make the judgement between a man and his neighbour. In addition, I help them understand the god's statutes and laws."

17 "It's not a good idea what you're doing," said Yitro. **18** "You're definitely on the road to wear yourself out, plus you'll also wear out these people who are with you, because the responsibility is too heavy for you—you can't just do it alone. **19** Now, listen to this: I'll advise you and God will be with you. You be before God for the people, and you should bring their disputes to God yourself. **20** You should also teach them the statutes and the laws, and you should teach them the way they should live and the work that they should do. **21** But you yourself should search through all the people to find capable men who are godly and faithful, and not greedy for dishonest profit. Then appoint the best of them to be over a thousand households, and then others to be over groups of one hundred, fifty, and ten households. **22** They'll be the ones to judge the people, except that every serious situation they'll bring to you—they'll judge every minor situation themselves. Yes, you must lighten this load off yourself, and they'll share the load with you. **23** If you do that, and if God tells you to proceed, then you'll be able to endure in the long term, plus all of these people standing around will be able to return to their tents peacefully."

24 So Mosheh (Moses) took his father-in-law's advice and implemented all of his suggestions. **25** He chose capable men from among all the Israelis, and he appointed them as heads over the people: leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of

107 RV 18:13 · Parallel Deu. 1:9-18

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fifties, and leaders of tens of households. **26** They became the ones who settled most disputes for the people. They brought the difficult cases to Mosheh, but they judged each minor situation themselves.

27 Then Mosheh bid farewell to Yitro (Jethro) and he returned to his own home.

Camping by Mt. Sinay

19:1 The Israelis entered the Sinay wilderness in the third month after exiting Mitsrayim (Egypt). **2** After they had departed from Refidim, they had entered the Sinay wilderness and camped there at the base of the mountain. **3** Yahweh called Mosheh (Moses) from the mountain, so he climbed up and God gave him this message and asked him to pass it on to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants, the Israelis:

4 "You yourselves saw what I did to the Mitsrim (Egyptians)—how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you all here to myself. **5** And now, if you all carefully listen to my words and keep my agreement, then your nation will be my possession, separate from all the others,[108] because all the earth is mine, **6** so you all will be my kingdom of priests and a nation dedicated to me."[109] (That's the message to pass on to the Israelis.) **7** So Mosheh descended again and summoned the Israeli elders, then he passed on that message just as Yahweh had commanded him, **8** and all the people responded together, agreeing, "We'll do everything that Yahweh has said." Then Mosheh took the people's response back to Yahweh **9** and Yahweh told him, "Look, I'll come to you in a thick cloud so that the people will be able to hear when I speak with you so they'll also continue to trust you."

Then Mosheh told Yahweh the people's words **10** and Yahweh responded, "Go down to the people and purify them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes **11** and be prepared for the third day, because on the third day I will come down to Mt. Sinay while all the people watch. **12** Set boundaries for the people all around, and tell them, 'Don't climb on the mountain or touch its edge, because anyone who does will definitely be executed.[110] **13** Anyone who touches the mountain mustn't be touched by anyone else—they must be executed by throwing rocks at them or shooting them with a bow. No person or animal who touches the mountain can stay alive.' Only after a long trumpet blast should they start to climb the mountain." **14** So Mosheh went down the mountain to the people. He purified them and they all washed their clothes, **15** and he told them, "Abstain from sexual relations, and be ready by the third day."

16 So on the morning of the third day, there was thunder and lightning[111] and a thick cloud on the mountain, and an extremely loud horn blast, and all the people in the camp were trembling. **17** Then Mosheh led the people out of the camp to go

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_small(sg) they they_judged. **27** And_ Mosheh _he_sent_off ĐOM father-in-law_of_his and_he/it_went to_him/it to land_of_his.

19:1 In_month the_third of_ of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _the_going_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_the_ _day the_this they_came the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay. **2** And_they_ _set_out from_Rəfīdīm and_they_came the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay and_they_encamped in_wilderness and_it_encamped there Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) before the_mountain. **3** And_Mosheh he_went_ _up to the_'Elohīm and_he/it_called to_him/it **YHWH** from the_mountain to_say thus you_will_say to_the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_you_will_tell to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** You(pl) you(pl)_have_seen that_which I_did to_Mitsrayim and_I_carried you(pl) on wings_of eagles and_I_ _brought you(pl) to_myself. **5** And_now if carefully_(listen) you(pl)_will_listen to_voice_of_my and_you(pl)_will_keep ĐOM covenant_of_my and_you(pl)_will_be to_me a_possession from_ _all the_peoples if/because to_me all_of the_earth/land. **6** And_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_be to_me a_kingdom_of priests and_a_ _nation holy these are_the_words/messages which you_will_ _speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_ Mosheh _he_ _went and_he/it_called (to)_the_elders_of the_people and_ _he/it_assigned before_them ĐOM all_of the_words/messages the_these which he_had_commanded_him **YHWH**. **8** And_ all_of the_people _they_answered together and_they_said all that **YHWH** he_has_spoken we_will_do and_ Mosheh _he_brought_ _back ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_people to **YHWH**. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE I am_about_to_ _come to_you in_the_dark_cloud_of the_cloud in_account_of the_people it_may_hear when_speak_I with_you and_also in_ _you they_will_trust forever_perpetuity and_ Mosheh _he_told ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_people to **YHWH**. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go to the_people and_you_will_ _consecrate_them the_day and_tomorrow and_they_will_wash clothes_of_their. **11** And_they_will_be prepared for_day the_ _third if/because in_the_day the_third **YHWH** he_will_come_ _down to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people on the_mountain_of Ṣīnay. **12** And_you_will_set_bounds_for ĐOM the_people all_ _around to_say take_heed to/for_you(pl) to_go_up on_ _mountain and_to_touch (in)_edge_of_its every_of (the)_one_ _who_touches (in)_mountain surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_ _death. **13** Not it_will_touch in/on/over_him/it a_hand if/because really_(stone) he_will_be_stoned_to_death or really_ _(shot) he_will_be_shot whether an_animal or a_human not it_ _will_live when_ the_ram's_horn _sounds they they_will_go_up on_mountain. **14** And_ Mosheh _he/it_descended from the_ _mountain to the_people and_he/it_consecrated ĐOM the_ _people and_they_washed clothes_of_their. **15** And_he/it_said to the_people be prepared to_three_of days do_not draw_near

108 **RV 19:5-6 · Cross-ref.** 1Pe 2:9.

109 **RV 19:6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:6; 5:10.

110 **RV 19:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:18-20.

111 **RV 19:16 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:5.

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to a_woman. **16** And_he/it_was on_day the_third when_came the_morning and_he/it_was thunder_claps and_lightning_ _flashes and_a_cloud heavy on the_mountain and_the_sound_of a_ram's_horn strong very and_ all_of the_people which was_in_ _camp _it_trembled. **17** And_ Mosheh _he_led_out ~~DOM~~ the_ _people to_meet the_'Elohīm from the_camp and_they_stood at_the_lower_part_of the_mountain. **18** And_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay it_was_smoking of_it_of_all from_face/in_front_of that he_had_come_down on/upon/above_him/it **YHWH** in_fire and_ smoke_of_its _he/it_ascended like_the_smoke_of (the)_ _kiln and_ all_of the_mountain _it_trembled exceedingly. **19** And_ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn _he/it_was going and_ _strong very Mosheh he_spoke and_(the)_god he_answered_ _him with_a_voice. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_descended on the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay to the_top_of the_mountain and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_called (to)_Mosheh to the_top_of the_mountain and_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go_down warn (in)_people lest they_should_break_ _through to **YHWH** to_see and_it_will_fall from_him/it many. **22** And_also the_priests who_draw_near to **YHWH** they_will_ _make_themselves_holy lest he_should_break_out (is)_in_them **YHWH**. **23** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** not the_people it_is_able to_go_up to the_mountain_of Ṣīnay if/because you you_warned (in)_us to_say set_bounds_for ~~DOM~~ the_mountain and_you_will_consecrate_it. **24** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** go go_down and_ you and_'Ah$_a$ron with_you _you_will_ _come_up and_the_priests and_the_people not let_them_break_ _through to_come_up to **YHWH** lest he_should_break_out against_them. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_descended to the_people and_he/it_said to_them.

20:1 And_ god _he/it_spoke ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages the_ _these to_say. **2** I[128] am_**YHWH** god_of_your[129] who I_brought_ _you_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_ _of[130] slaves[131]. **3** Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m)[132][133] gods[134] other[135] on face_of_my[136].[137] **4** Not you_must_make

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and meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain. **18** Yahweh descended onto Mt. Sinay surrounded by fire and the entire mountain smoked. Its smoke went up like the smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. **19** Then it happened after the sound of the horn got extremely loud, that Mosheh was speaking and God was answering him in a voice. **20** Yahweh had descended onto the top of Mt. Sinay, and he called Mosheh up to the top of the mountain, so Mosheh ascended. **21** But Yahweh told him, "Go back down and warn the people in case they force their way through to look at me and many of them perish. **22** Also, the priests who come nearer to me, they must be very careful to purify themselves in case I suddenly punish them." **23** But Mosheh questioned Yahweh, "The people aren't able to come up on Mt. Sinay, because you yourself warned us, 'Set boundaries all around the mountain to keep it sacred.' "[112] **24** "Go back down," Yahweh responded, "and bring Aharon (Aaron) back up with you. However, the priests and the people must not cross the boundary to come up to me, in case I suddenly punish them." **25** So Mosheh went down and spoke to the people.

20:1 Then God gave these instructions to the Israelis: **2** I'm your god Yahweh, who rescued you[114] from where you were enslaved in Mitsrayim (Egypt).

The ten rules[113]

3 You mustn't own any other gods in my sight.

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112 **RV 19:23 · Cross-ref.** 19:12.

113 **RV 20:1 · Parallel** Deu. 5:1-22

114 **RV 20:2 · Note** Although modern English doesn't easily distinguish it, this discourse is addressed to singular 'you', i.e., to the Israelis as one group. While some of our modern, individualistic cultures might naturally interpret these rules as applying to individuals, they were given to Yisrael/Israel to implement at a national level.

128 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יְכֻנֶּא: (x-accent)יְכֻנֶּא

129 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ה/יְהֹלֶֽא: (x-accent)ה/יְהֹלֶֽא

130 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֶּיֶבִּ/מ: (x-accent)תֶּיֶבִּ/מ

131 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵיְדָבֵּע: (x-accent)סֵיְדָבֵּע

132 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ה/לְ:ה/לְ (x-accent)

133 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

134 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵיהֹלֶֽא: (x-accent)סֵיהֹלֶֽא

135 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵירֵחֶֽא: (x-accent)סֵירֵחֶֽא

136 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB alternative note: י/נָֽפְּ: (x-accent)י/נָֽפְּ

137 **LV 20:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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4 You mustn't make a carved figure for yourself, nor carve a copy of anything in the sky above or in the earth below, or that's in the water under the earth.[115] **5** Don't bow down to idols and don't serve them, because I, your god Yahweh, am a jealous God. I remember the sins of the fathers and punish the children of even the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,[116] **6** but I faithfully fulfil my promises to *thousands* of generations of those who love me and who obey my instructions.

7 You mustn't wrongly promote the name of Yahweh your god, because I won't leave anyone unpunished who does that.[117]

8 Keep Saturday different from all the other days[118]— **9** there's six days every week for working.[119] **10** The seventh day is a rest day for Yahweh your god: you mustn't do any work—not you, or

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to/for_yourself(m)[138] an_image[139][140] and_all form[141] which[142] is_in_heavens[143] (from)_above[144] and_which[145] on_the_earth[146] (from)_beneath[147][148] and_which[149] is_in_waters[150] from_ _under[151] to_earth[152].[153] **5** Not you_must_bow_down[154][155] to/for_them[156] and_not you_must_be_enticed_to_serve_ _them[157] if/because I **YHWH** god_of_your am_a_god jealous who_visits the_iniquity_of fathers on children on a_third_ _generation and_on a_fourth_generation of_those_of_who_ _hate_me[158]. **6** And_who_does[159] covenant_loyalty[160] to_ _thousands[161] of_those_of_who_love_me and_of_those_who_ _keep_of commands_of_(of)_my. **7** Not you_must_take ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_ _name_of **YHWH** god_of_your for_emptiness if/because not **YHWH** he_will_leave_unpunished ~~ᵭᵯ~~ one_who he_will_take ~~ᵭᵯ~~ his/its_name for_emptiness. **8** Remember[162] ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_day_

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115 RV 20:4-5 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:17; Lev 19:4; 26:1; Deu 4:15-18; 27:15.

116 RV 20:5-6 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:6-7; Num 14:18; Deu 7:9-10.

117 RV 20:7 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:12.

118 RV 20:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:23-30; 31:12-14.

119 RV 20:9-10 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:12; 31:15; 34:21; 35:2; Lev 23:3.

138 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: לְ/דְ֫; (x-accent)

139 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: וְ/לֶ֫סֶף: (x-accent)

140 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

141 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: תְּ/נוּמֹ֫ת: (x-accent)

142 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: רֶ֫שֶׁא: (x-accent)

143 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: בַּ/שָּׁ֫מַיִם: (x-accent)וּ

144 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִ/מַּ֫עַל: (x-accent)

145 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: וּ/רְשָׁ֫א: (x-accent)

146 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: בָּ/אָ֫רֶץ: (x-accent)

147 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִ/תַּ֫חַת: (x-accent)

148 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

149 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: וּ/רְשָׁ֫א: (x-accent)

150 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: בַּ/מַּ֫יִם: (x-accent)וּ

151 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִ/תַּ֫חַת: (x-accent)

152 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB alternative note: לָ/אָ֫רֶץ: (x-accent)

153 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

154 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: תָּ֫חֲוֶה: (x-accent)

155 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

156 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: לָ/הֶ֫ם: (x-accent)

157 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: תָּ/עָ֫בְדֵ֫ם: (x-accent)

158 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB alternative note: לָ/אֱנֹשִׁ֫י: (x-accent)

159 LV 20:6 · Note OSHB alternative note: וְ/עֹשֶׂ֫ה: (x-accent)

160 LV 20:6 · Note OSHB alternative note: חֶ֫סֶד: (x-accent)

161 LV 20:6 · Note OSHB alternative note: לְ/אֲלָפִ֫ים: (x-accent)

162 LV 20:8 · Note OSHB alternative note: זָכ֫וֹר: (x-accent)

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_of[163] of_the_sabbath[164] to_set_it_apart_as_holy[165].[166] **9** Six_
_of[167] days[168] you_will_labour[169] and_you_will_do[170] all_of
work_of_your[171].[172] **10** And_the_day_of the_seventh[173] is_a_
sabbath[174] to/for**YHWH** god_of_your[175] not you_must_do[176]
any_of work[177] you and_son_of_your and_daughter_of_your[178]
servant_of_your_male[179] and_your_female_of_servant[180] and_
_livestock_of_your[181] and_sojourner_of_your[182] who[183] is_in_
_gates_of_your[184].[185] **11** If/because six_of days **YHWH** he_made
ᵭᵒᵐ the_heavens and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_earth/land ᵭᵒᵐ the_sea and_
_ᵭᵒᵐ all_of that is_in_them and_he_rested in_the_day the_
_seventh therefore yes/correct/thus/so **YHWH** he_blessed ᵭᵒᵐ
the_day_of the_sabbath and_he_set_it_apart_as_holy. **12** Honour
ᵭᵒᵐ father_of_your and_ᵭᵒᵐ mother_of_your so_that they_
_may_be_long days_of_your on the_soil which **YHWH** god_of_
_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **13** Not[186] you_must_

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your children, or your male or female servants, or your cattle, or the foreigners living among you— **11** because Yahweh made the heavens and earth, the sea, and everything that's in them in six days. Then he rested on the seventh day, so that's why he blessed the rest day and made it sacred.[120]

12 Honour your father and your mother,[121] so that you'll have a long life on the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you.[122]

13 You mustn't murder.[123]

14 You mustn't commit adultery.[124]

15 You mustn't steal.[125]

16 You mustn't lie in court.[126]

17 You mustn't covet your neighbour's house or spouse, or

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120 **RV 20:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:1-3; Exo 31:17.

121 **RV 20:12 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:16; Mat 15:4; 19:19; Mrk 7:10; 10:19; Luk 18:20; Eph 6:2.

122 **RV 20:12 · Cross-ref.** Eph 6:3.

123 **RV 20:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 9:6; Lev 24:17; Mat 5:21; 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 13:9; Jam 2:11.

124 **RV 20:14 · Cross-ref.** Lev 20:10; Mat 5:27; 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 13:9; Jam 2:11.

125 **RV 20:15 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:11; Mat 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20; Rom 13:9.

126 **RV 20:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:1; Mat 19:18; Mrk 10:19; Luk 18:20.

163 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: מִוֹּי: (x-accent)מִוֹּי

164 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָ/תֻּבַּשׁ: (x-accent)הָ/תֻּבַּשׁ

165 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לְ/וֹ/שַׁדֵּק: (x-accent)לְ/וֹ/שַׁדֵּק

166 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

167 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֵּשֵׁשׁ: (x-accent)תֵּשֵׁשׁ

168 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יָמִֽי: (x-accent)יָמִֽי

169 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לֹּבַעַת: (x-accent)לֹּבַעַת

170 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תִּשְׁעֶֽ/וּ: (x-accent)תִּשְׁעֶֽ/וּ

171 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תְּכַלְּמִ: (x-accent)הֶ/תְּכַלְּמִ

172 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

173 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יְעִיבְּשׁ/ה: (x-accent)יְעִיבְּשׁ/ה

174 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֻּבַּשׁ: (x-accent)תֻּבַּשׁ

175 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/יְהֹלֶֽא: (x-accent)הֶ/יְהֹלֶֽא

176 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֶּשֲׂעַת: (x-accent)תֶּשֲׂעַת

177 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תָּכְאָלְמ: (x-accent)תָּכְאָלְמ

178 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תֵּב/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/תֵּב/וּ

179 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/דְּבַע: (x-accent)הֶ/דְּבַע

180 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תָּמָא/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/תָּמָא/וּ

181 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/תְּמֵהָב/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/תְּמֵהָב/וּ

182 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/רֵג/וּ: (x-accent)הֶ/רֵג/וּ

183 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֶשֲׁא: (x-accent)רֶשֲׁא

184 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶ/יְרָעְשׁ/ב: (x-accent)הֶ/יְרָעְשׁ/ב

185 **LV 20:10 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

186 **LV 20:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: אֹל: (x-accent)אֹל

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their male or female servants, or their animals, or anything else they own.[127]

The people are afraid of God[192]

18 All of the people could hear and see the thunder and the lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking. They trembled when they saw it, and they remained standing at a distance.[193] 19 They begged Mosheh (Moses), "You be the one to speak to us, and we'll listen, but don't let God speak directly to us, in case we die."

20 "Don't be afraid," Mosheh responded, "because God has come to test you so that the fear of him will remain with you so that you all won't disobey him." 21 So the people stood at a good distance while Mosheh approached toward the thick darkness where God was.

Instructions about altars

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "This is what you need to tell the Israelis: 'You yourselves have seen that I, Yahweh, have talked with you from heaven. 23 You all mustn't make gods out of silver or gold for yourselves to have alongside me. 24 You need to make an altar for me out of dirt, and then you can sacrifice your burnt offerings and peace offerings, and your sheep and cattle, on it. I'll inform you about every place where I want to be worshipped and I'll come to you and will bless you there. 25 If you do make me an altar with stones, you mustn't use cut stones to build it because moving your tools over it will defile it.[194] 26 And don't use steps to get up to the altar because you might expose your private parts under your robes.

Rules about slaves[195]

Hebrew slaves

21:1 These are the rules that you must present to them:

2 If you buy a Ivri (Hebrew) slave, he should serve for six years, then in the seventh year he must be set free without having to pay you anything.[196] 3 If he came by himself, he can go free by himself. If he's married with a wife,

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_murder[187]. 14 Not[188] you_must_commit_adultery[189]. 15 Not[190] you_must_steal[191]. 16 Not you_must_testify against_neighbour_ _of_your transcript_of falsehood. 17 Not you_must_covet the_ _house_of your_neighbour_of_your not you_must_covet the_ _wife_of your_neighbour_of_your and_his_male_of_servant and_his_female_of_servant and_ox_of_his and_donkey_of_his and_all/each/any/every that belongs_to_neighbour_of_your.

18 And_all the_people were_seeing ~~DOM~~ the_thunder_claps and_ _~~DOM~~ the_lightning(s) and_~~DOM~~ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn and_~~DOM~~ the_mountain smoking and_ the_people _he/it_saw and_they_trembled and_they_stood from_a_distance. 19 And_ _they_said to Mosheh you speak with_us and_we_will_listen and_not let_him_speak with_us god lest we_should_die. 20 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people do_not be_afraid if/because (to)_in_order to_put_to_the_test you(pl) the_'Elohīm he_has_ _come and_so_that it_may_be fear_of_his on your(pl)_faces to_ _not you(pl)_will_sin. 21 And_ the_people _it_stood from_a_ _distance and_Mosheh he_drew_near to the_thick_darkness where was_there the_'Elohīm.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh thus you_will_say to the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen if/because_that from the_heavens I_have_spoken with_you(pl). 23 Not you(pl)_must_make with_me gods_of silver and_gods_of gold not you(pl)_must_make for_yourselves. 24 An_altar_of earth you_will_make to/for_me and_you_will_sacrifice on/upon/above_him/it ~~DOM~~ offerings_of_your_burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_your_peace ~~DOM~~ sheep_of_your and_~~DOM~~ cattle_of_ _your in_all (the)_place where I_will_cause_to_be_remembered ~~DOM~~ name_of_my I_will_come to_you and_I_will_bless_you. 25 And_if an_altar_of stones you_will_make to/for_me not you_ _must_build them hewn_stone if/because tool_of_your you_ _have_wielded on/upon_it(f) and_you_have_profaned_it. 26 And_not you_must_go_up on_steps to altar_of_my that not nakedness_of_your it_will_be_uncovered on/upon/above_ _him/it.

21:1 And_these are_the_judgements which you_will_set before_ _them.

2 If/because you_will_buy a_slave Hebrew six years he_will_ _serve and_in_year he_will_go_out to_(the)_person without_ _paying. 3 If with_body_of_his he_will_come with_body_of_his he_will_go_out if is_the_husband_of a_wife he and_ his/its_ _wife/woman _she_will_go_out with_him/it. 4 If master(s)_of_

127 **RV 20:17 · Cross-ref.** Rom 7:7; 13:9.

187 **LV 20:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: חָֽצְרֹתָ֔: (x-accent)חָֽצְרֹתָ֔

188 **LV 20:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: אֹ֔ל: (x-accent)אֹ֔ל

189 **LV 20:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָֽאִנְּתָ֔: (x-accent)הָֽאִנְּתָ֔

190 **LV 20:15 · Note** OSHB alternative note: אֹ֔ל: (x-accent)אֹ֔ל

191 **LV 20:15 · Note** OSHB alternative note: בִּנְּתָ֔: (x-accent)בִּנְּתָ֔

192 **RV 20:18 · Parallel** Deu. 5:22-33

193 **RV 20:18-19 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:18-19.

194 **RV 20:25 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:5-7; Josh 8:31.

195 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** Deu. 15:12-18

196 **RV 21:2-6 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:39-46.

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_his he_will_give to_him/it a_wife and_she_will_bear to_him/it sons or daughters the_woman and_children_of_her she_will_ _belong to_master(s)_of_her and_he he_will_go_out with_body_ _of_his. **5** And_if explicitly_(say) the_slave he_will_say I_love ᴅᴏᴍ my_master ᴅᴏᴍ wife_of_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_my not I_ _will_go_out a_free_person. **6** And_he_will_bring_him_near master(s)_of_his to the_ʾElohīm and_he_will_bring_him_near to the_door or to the_doorpost and_ master(s)_of_his _he_will_ _pierce ᴅᴏᴍ ear_of_his with_awl and_he_will_serve_him to_ _vanishing_point. **7** And_because/when a_man he_will_sell ᴅᴏᴍ daughter_of_his to_a_female_slave not she_will_go_out as_ the_ _male_slaves _go_out. **8** If she_is_displeasing in/on_both_eyes_ _of her_master(s)_of_her who for_himself[197] he_designated_her and_he_will_let_her_be_ransomed to_a_people foreign not he_ _will_have_dominion to_sell_her because_he_has_dealt_ _treacherously with_her. **9** And_if for_son_of_his he_will_ _designate_her according_to_the_custom_of (the)_daughters he_will_do to_her. **10** If another_woman he_will_take to_him/it food_of_her covering_of_her and_her_right_of_to_intercourse not he_will_reduce. **11** And_if three_things these not he_will_do to/for_her/it and_she_will_go_out without_paying there_will_ _not_be money.

12 one_who_will_strike_of (of)_anyone and_he_will_die surely_ _(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **13** And_which not he_was_ _lying_in_wait and_(the)_god he_allowed_to_happen to_hand_ _of_his and_I_will_designate to/for_yourself(m) a_place where he_will_flee there_(to). **14** And_because/when anyone he_will_ _act_presumptuously on his/its_neighbour to_kill_him with_ _cunning from_with altar_of_my you_will_take_him to_die. **15** And_one_who_will_strike_of his/its_father and_mother_of_ _his surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **16** And_one_who_ _will_steal anyone and_he_will_sell_him and_he_will_be_found in_hand_of_his surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **17** And_ _one_who_will_curse his/its_father and_mother_of_his surely_ _(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **18** And_because/when they_ _will_quarrel men and_ anyone _he_will_strike ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _neighbour with_a_stone or with_a_fist and_not he_will_die and_he_will_fall to_a_bed. **19** If he_will_arise and_he_will_walk_ _about on_outside on staff_of_his and_ the_one_who_struck _ _he_will_be_free_from_guilt only still_of_his_sitting he_will_ _pay_for and_fully_(heal) he_will_have_him_healed. **20** And_ _because/when anyone he_will_strike ᴅᴏᴍ slave_of_his_male or ᴅᴏᴍ slave_of_his_female with_rod and_he_will_die under his/its_hand certainly_(avenge) he_will_be_avenged. **21** Nevertheless if a_day or two_days he_will_remain not he_ _will_be_avenged if/because money_of_is_his he. **22** And_ _because/when men they_will_struggle_together and_they_ _will_strike a_woman pregnant and_ children_of_her _they_ _will_come_out and_not harm it_will_be certainly_(fine) he_ _will_be_fined just_as he_will_impose on/upon/above_him/it

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then his wife must be set free with him. **4** If his master gave him a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, then the wife and her children are her master's, and only the husband must be set free. **5** But if he plainly says, "I love my master, my wife, and my children so I voluntarily choose not to be set free," **6** then his master must take him to the place of worship. He must bring him to a door or to a doorpost, and his master must bore a hole his ear with an awl. Then he must serve him for life.

7 And if a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she won't be sent away after six years like the male slaves. **8** If the man who bought her wanted her to become his slave-wife, but later he isn't pleased with her behaviour, he must allow her to be bought back by her relatives. He has no authority to sell her on to outsiders, because that would break the understanding of proper treatment of her. **9** Or if he selected her to become his son's slave-wife, then he must treat her like a daughter would expect to be treated. **10** If he go on to take another slave-wife, he mustn't reduce the first one's food or clothing, or her marital rights, **11** but if he doesn't provide these three things to her, then she can go free without having to pay anything.

Rules about violence to others

12 Anyone who strikes someone and that person dies, must definitely be put to death.[198] **13** But if it wasn't premeditated—if God had let it happen as an accident—then I'll assign a place where the one who hit them can flee to.[199] **14** However, if someone had schemed to trap and kill their neighbour, then even if the killer clings to my altar, you must take them for execution.

15 Anyone who strikes their father or mother must certainly be put to death.

16 Anyone who abducts another person—either to sell or to keep as a slave—that person must certainly be put to death.[200]

17 Anyone who curses their father or mother must certainly be put to death.[201]

18 If two people fight and one hits their neighbour with a stone or with their fist, and the injured one doesn't die but is bedridden, **19** if that person eventually rises and can walk about outside using a staff, then the person who struck them is free, other than reimbursing the costs of their lost work and their medical expenses.

20 If a master hits their male or female slave with a staff and the slave dies, then the death must certainly be avenged.
21 However, if the slave is able to stand within a couple of days, then the owner won't be punished because the slave is their property.

22 If two people fight together and strike a pregnant woman

197 **LV 21:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) לִ֫/וֹ֫: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_023Mv לִ֫/וֹ

198 **RV 21:12 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:17.

199 **RV 21:13 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:10-34; Deu 19:1-13; Josh 20:1-9.

200 **RV 21:16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:7.

201 **RV 21:17 · Cross-ref.** Lev 20:9; Mat 15:4; Mrk 7:10.

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and cause her to deliver the baby, if there's no serious injury, then he must certainly be fined whatever the husband of the woman demands and the judges allow. **23** But if there's serious injury, then you must give a life for a life, **24** an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot,[202] **25** a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, and a bruise for a bruise.

26 If a master hits their male or female slave's eye and damages it, they must let the slave go free in compensation for the eye. **27** Or if the master knocks out a tooth of a male or female slave, they must let the slave go free in compensation for the tooth.

Rules about property

28 If a bull gores a man or a woman and they die, the bull must certainly be killed by throwing rocks at it. The owner of the animal is to be considered innocent, but its meat mustn't be eaten. **29** But if the bull had a habit of goring in the past and its owner was warned but didn't keep it fenced in, and it kills a man or a woman, then the bull must be killed by throwing rocks at it and its owner must also be put to death. **30** If a ransom payment is demanded instead, the owner may buy back their life by paying the full amount demanded. **31** Those rules also apply if the bull gores a person's son or daughter. **32** If the bull gores a male or female slave, its owner must give thirty silver shekels to the slave owner and the bull must be killed by throwing rocks at it.

33 If someone uncovers a pit for storage, or digs a new one and leaves it uncovered, and a cow or a donkey falls into it, **34** the owner of the pit must pay compensation. The pit owner must pay in cash, but the dead animal will then belong to them. **35** If one person's bull attacks someone else's bull and it dies, then they should sell the live animal and divide the money as well as dividing up the dead animal. **36** But if it was known that the bull had a habit of goring in the past and its owner hadn't kept it fenced in, then that owner must certainly give a live bull for the dead one, but the dead animal will become theirs.

Rules about loss of property or farm animals

22:1 If someone steals a cow or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he must compensate five cattle for the cow or four sheep for the sheep.

2 (If a thief is discovered at night while breaking in, and is struck and dies, no one should be charged for murder. **3** But if it's daylight already, then that person is guilty of murder.)

A thief who's caught must make restitution, but if they're un-

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the_husband_of the_woman and_he/it_gave for_the_ _assessments. **23** And_if harm it_will_be and_you(ms)_will_give a_life in_place_of a_life. **24** An_eye in_place_of an_eye a_tooth in_place_of a_tooth a_hand in_place_of a_hand a_foot in_place_ _of a_foot. **25** Burning in_place_of burning bruise in_place_of bruise wound in_place_of wound. **26** And_because/when anyone he_will_strike ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of his_male_slave_of_his or ~~DOM~~ the_eye_of his_female_slave_of_his and_he_will_destroy_it to_(the)_person he_will_set_him_free in_place_of eye_of_his. **27** And_if the_tooth_of his_male_slave_of_his or the_tooth_of his_female_slave_of_his he_will_knock_out to_(the)_person he_ _will_set_him_free in_place_of tooth_of_his.
28 And_because/when an_ox it_will_gore ~~DOM~~ a_man or ~~DOM~~ a_ _woman and_he_will_die certainly_(stone) the_ox it_will_be_ _stoned_to_death and_not ~~DOM~~ meat_of_its it_will_be_eaten and_the_owner_of the_ox will_be_free_from_guilt. **29** And_if will_be_an_ox prone_to_gore it from_yesterday three_days_ago and_it_has_been_protested on_owner(s)_of_its and_not he_will_ _guard_it and_it_will_kill a_man or a_woman the_ox it_will_be_ _stoned_to_death and_also owner(s)_of_its he_will_be_put_to_ _death. **30** If a_ransom it_will_be_imposed on/upon/above_ _him/it and_he/it_gave the_ransom_of his_life_of_his according_to_all that it_will_be_imposed on/upon/above_ _him/it. **31** Or a_son it_will_gore or a_daughter it_will_gore according_the_judgement the_this it_will_be_done for_him/it. **32** If a_male_slave the_ox it_will_gore or a_female_slave silver thirty shekels he_will_give to_master(s)_of_his and_the_ox it_ _will_be_stoned_to_death. **33** And_because/when anyone he_ _will_open a_pit or if/because anyone he_will_dig a_pit and_not he_will_cover_it and_it_will_fall there_(to) an_ox or a_donkey. **34** The_owner_of the_pit he_will_make_compensation silver he_ _will_repay to_owner(s)_of_its and_the_dead_animal it_will_ _belong for_him/it. **35** And_because/when the_ox_of anyone it_ _will_strike ~~DOM~~ the_ox_of his/its_neighbour and_it_will_die and_they_will_sell ~~DOM~~ the_ox (the)_living and_they_will_ _divide ~~DOM~~ silver_of_its and_also ~~DOM~~ the_dead_animal they_ _will_divide. **36** Or it_is_known if/because_that is_an_ox prone_ _to_gore it from_yesterday three_days_ago and_not he_ _guarded_it owner(s)_of_its certainly_(make_compensation) he_will_make_compensation an_ox in_place_of the_ox and_the_ _dead_animal it_will_belong for_him/it.

37 [204] If/because anyone he_will_steal an_ox or a_sheep and_ _he_will_slaughter_it or he_has_sold_it five cattle he_will_repay in_place_of the_ox and_four sheep in_place_of the_sheep.
22:1 [205] If in_(the)_in the_thief he_will_be_found and_he_will_ _be_struck and_he_will_die there_will_not_be to_him/it blood(s). **2** [206] If the_sun it_has_risen on/upon/above_him/it blood(s) to_him/it certainly_(make_restitution) he_will_make_ _restitution if there_belongs_not to_him/it and_he_will_be_ _sold for_his_thing_of_stolen. **3** [207] If actually_(be_found) it_

202 **RV 21:24 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:19-20; Deu 19:21; Mat 5:38.

204 **LV 21:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.1

205 **LV 22:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.2

206 **LV 22:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.3

207 **LV 22:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.4

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_will_be_found in_hand_of_his the_thing_stolen from_an_ox unto a_donkey unto a_sheep alive twofold he_will_make_ _restitution. **4** [208] If/because anyone he_will_cause_to_be_ _grazed_over a_field or a_vineyard and_he_will_let_go ~~ḇḵm~~ mmm[209] and_it_will_graze in_the_field_of another_person the_ _best_of his_field_of_his and_the_best_of his_vineyard_of he_ _will_make_compensation. **5** [210] If/because a_fire it_will_go_ _forth and_it_will_find thorns and_ a_stack_of_sheaves or the_ _standing_grain or the_field _it_will_be_consumed certainly_ _(make_compensation) the_one_who_kindled ~~ḇḵm~~ the_fire he_ _will_make_compensation. **6** [211] If/because anyone he_will_give to his/its_neighbour money or articles to_guard/protect and_ _it_will_be_stolen from_the_house_of the_man if the_thief he_ _will_be_found he_will_make_restitution twofold. **7** [212] If not the_thief he_will_be_found and_ the_master_of the_house _he_ _will_be_brought_near to the_'Elohīm if not he_had_stretched_ _out his/its_hand on_the_property_of his/its_neighbour. **8** [213] On every_of matter_of transgression on an_ox on a_donkey on a_sheep on a_garment on every_of thing_lost which anyone_ _will_say if/because is_it this to the_'Elohīm the_case_of both_ _of_them it_will_come the_one_whom they_will_condemn_as_ _guilty the_judges he_will_make_restitution twofold to_ _neighbour_of_his. **9** [214] If/because anyone he_will_give to his/its_neighbour a_donkey or an_ox or a_sheep and_all animal to_guard/protect and_it_will_die or it_was_maimed or it_was_ _captured there_was_not one_who_saw. **10** [215] The_oath_of **YHWH** it_will_be between both_of_them if not he_had_ _stretched_out his/its_hand on_the_property_of his/its_ _neighbour and_ owner(s)_of_its _he/it_will_take and_not he_ _will_make_compensation. **11** [216] And_if actually_(steal) it_will_ _be_stolen from_with_him he_will_make_restitution to_ _owner(s)_of_its. **12** [217] If actually_(tear) it_will_be_torn_in_ _pieces he_will_bring_it evidence the_torn_animal not he_will_ _make_restitution. **13** [218] And_because/when anyone he_will_ _ask from_with his/its_neighbour and_it_will_be_maimed or it_ _died owner(s)_of_its not with_him/it certainly_(make_ _restitution) he_will_make_restitution. **14** [219] If owner(s)_of_its with_him/it not he_will_make_restitution if was_a_hired_ _animal it it_came for_hire_of_its.

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able to pay, then the thief must be sold to cover it. **4** If a thief is found in the possession of a stolen animal, be it a cow or a donkey or a sheep, then they must pay back another matching animal as well.[203]

5 If a person releases their livestock to graze their own field or vineyard, and it ends up grazing in the someone else's field, the owner of the animal must compensate from the best of their field and from the best of their vineyard.

6 If a fire breaks out and spreads in the bush, and grain that's already stacked or is still in the field gets burnt up, the person who started the fire must certainly pay compensation.

7 If anyone gives their neighbour money or goods for safekeeping, and if it is stolen from the neighbour's house, if the thief is found, they must pay double in compensation. **8** If the thief can't be found, then the owner of the house must be brought to the judges for God's decision as to whether or not they have improperly handled their neighbour's property.

9 Concerning every other squabble about any cattle or a donkey or sheep, or about clothing or any lost property that's under dispute, both parties must go to the judges for God's decision—anyone who God declares to be guilty must pay his neighbour double as compensation.

10 If anyone gives their neighbour a donkey or a cow or a sheep or any animal to look after, and it dies or is injured or disappears without anyone seeing, **11** both of them must declare in front of Yahweh as to whether or not they improperly handled their neighbour's property. The owner must accept the sworn statement and no compensation is required, **12** but if it was truly stolen from the neighbour, they must pay compensation to the owner. **13** If it was truly killed by a some other animal, the neighbour must bring the remains as evidence, and no compensation is required.

14 If anyone borrows an animal from their neighbour and it gets injured or dies without the owner being with it, the person who borrowed it must pay compensation, **15** but if its owner was there with it, no compensation is required—if it was for hire, then that was included in its hiring fee.

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203 **RV 22:4 · Note** Or possibly, must pay back **two** additional animals.

208 **LV 22:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.5

209 **LV 22:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/רֵיעַ**: (x-qere) **וֹ/רֵיעֵ**: lemma_1165 n_1.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_02ADR **וֹ/רֵיעֵ**

210 **LV 22:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.6

211 **LV 22:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.7

212 **LV 22:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.8

213 **LV 22:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.9

214 **LV 22:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.10

215 **LV 22:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.11

216 **LV 22:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.12

217 **LV 22:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.13

218 **LV 22:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.14

219 **LV 22:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.15

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More rules about everyday life

16 If a man entices a young woman who's not engaged, and sleeps with her, he must certainly pay the bride price to her father for her to become his wife.[220] **17** If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, the man must still pay the normal bride price in cash.

18 You must execute any woman who practices sorcery.[221]

19 Anyone who has sex with an animal must be executed.[222]

20 You must execute anyone who offers a sacrifice to any god other than Yahweh.[223]

21 You mustn't disadvantage or oppress any foreigner staying in your country, because you were foreigners staying in the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[224] **22** You mustn't mistreat any widow or any fatherless child, **23** because if you do and they ask me to help them, I'll help them **24** and get angry. I'll cause you all to die in battle, and your wives will become widows and your children will become fatherless.

25 If you loan money to any my people who are poor, you mustn't act like an impartial creditor to them—you mustn't charge them interest.[225] **26** If you actually take the your neighbour's cloak as a security, you must return it to them by sunset,[226] **27** because it's their only covering. What else could they cover themselves with when they try to sleep? If they cry out to me, I'll act on it, because I'm compassionate.

28 You mustn't insult God, and don't curse your leaders.[227]

29 You mustn't fail to give me the best parts of the grain that you harvest, or the best olive oil or wine that you produce.

You must give your firstborn sons to me, **30** plus you must do

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15 [229] And_because/when a_man he_will_seduce a_virgin who not she_was_betrothed and_he_will_lie with_her/it certainly_ _(pay_the_bride-price) he_will_pay_the_bride-price_for_her for_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **16** [230] If absolutely_(refuse) father_of_her he_will_refuse to_give_her to_him/it silver he_ _will_weigh_out according_to_the_bride-price_of (the)_virgins. **17** [231] A_sorceress not you_will_let_live. **18** [232] Any_of one_who_ _lies with an_animal surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **19** [233] one_who_sacrifices to_gods he_will_be_dedicated_to_ _destruction except to/for_**YHWH** for_him/it_being_alone. **20** [234] And_a_sojourner not you_must_maltreat and_not you_ _must_oppress_him if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **21** [235] Any_of widow and_a_fatherless_ _one not you(pl)_must_afflict. **22** [236] If indeed_(afflict) you_will_ _afflict ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it if/because if indeed_(cry_out) he_will_cry_ _out to_me certainly_(hear) I_will_hear of_distress_of_his_cry. **23** [237] And_ anger_of_my _it_will_burn and_I_will_kill you(pl) with_sword and_ wives_of_your(pl) _they_will_be widows and_ _children_of_your(pl) fatherless_ones. **24** [238] If money you_will_ _lend_to ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ the_poor_person with_you not you_must_be to_him/it like_a_creditor not you(pl)_must_put on/upon/above_him/it interest. **25** [239] If actually_(take_as_ _pledge) you_will_take_as_pledge the_cloak_of your_ _neighbour_of_your until the_sun goes you_will_return_it to_ _him/it. **26** [240] If/because it mmm[241] it_alone it cloak_of for_ _skin_of_his in_what will_he_lie_down and_it_was if/because he_will_cry_out to_me and_I_will_hear if/because am_gracious I. **27** [242] god not you_must_curse and_a_leader among_people_ _of_your not you_must_curse. **28** [243] Produce_of_your_full and_ _juice_of_your not you_must_delay the_firstborn_of your(pl)_

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220 RV 22:16-17 · Cross-ref. Deu 22:28-29.

221 RV 22:18 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:10-11.

222 RV 22:19 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:23; 20:15-16; Deu 27:21.

223 RV 22:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:2-7.

224 RV 22:21-22 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 24:17-18; 27:19.

225 RV 22:25 · Cross-ref. Lev 25:35-38; Deu 15:7-11; 23:19-20.

226 RV 22:26-27 · Cross-ref. Deu 24:10-13.

227 RV 22:28 · Cross-ref. Acts 23:5.

229 LV 22:15 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.16

230 LV 22:16 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.17

231 LV 22:17 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.18

232 LV 22:18 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.19

233 LV 22:19 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.20

234 LV 22:20 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.21

235 LV 22:21 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.22

236 LV 22:22 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.23

237 LV 22:23 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.24

238 LV 22:24 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.25

239 LV 22:25 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.26

240 LV 22:26 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.27

241 LV 22:26 · Note OSHB variant note: תוסכ/ה: (x-qere) תוסְכִּי/וֹ: lemma_3682 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_02CvC תוסְכִּי/וֹ

242 LV 22:27 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.28

243 LV 22:28 · Note Note: KJB: Exod.22.29

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_sons_of_your you_will_give to/for_me. **29** [244] Thus you_will_do to_ox_of_your to_sheep_of_your seven_of days it_will_be with his/its_mother in_the_day (the)_eighth you_will_give_it to_me. **30** [245] And_people_of holiness you(pl)_will_be to_me and_ _flesh/body in_the_field a_torn_animal not you(pl)_must_eat to_dog[s] you(pl)_will_throw ~~DOM~~_him/it.

23:1 Not you_must_bear a_report_of falsehood do_not put hand_of_your with a_wicked_person to_be a_witness_of injustice. **2** Not you_must_be after many_people to_wicked_ _deeds and_not you_must_testify on a_case_at_law by_turning_ _aside after many_people to_thrust_aside. **3** And_a_poor_ _person not you_must_honour in_his_case_of_at_law. **4** If/because you_will_meet the_ox_of your_enemy_of_your or donkey_of_his wandering_off certainly_(return) you_will_ _return_it to_him/it. **5** If/because you_will_see the_donkey_of one_who_hates_you lying_down under load_of_its and_you_ _will_refrain from_leaving to_him/it certainly_(rearrange) you_ _will_rearrange_it with_him/it. **6** Not you_must_turn_aside the_justice_of your_needy_person in_his_case_of_at_law. **7** From_a_message_of falsehood you_will_be_distant and_an_ _innocent_person and_a_righteous_person do_not kill if/because not I_will_declare_righteous a_wicked_person. **8** And_a_bribe not you_must_take if/because (the)_bribe it_ _makes_blind clear-sighted_people and_it_perverts the_ _words/messages_of righteous_people. **9** And_a_sojourner not you_must_oppress and_you(pl) you(pl)_have_known ~~DOM~~ the_ _life_of the_sojourner if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_ _land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

10 And_six years you_will_sow ~~DOM~~ land_of_your and_you_will_ _gather ~~DOM~~ produce_of_its. **11** And_the_seventh_year you_will_ _let_it_rest and_you_will_leave_it_fallow and_ the_needy_ _people_of your_people_of_your _they_will_eat and_excess_of_ _their the_animal[s]_of the_field it_will_eat thus you_will_do to_vineyard_of_your to_your_olive_of_grove. **12** Six_of days you_will_do work(s)_of_your and_on_day the_seventh you_will_ _rest so_that ox_of_your and_donkey_of_your it_may_rest and_ the_child_of your_female_slave_of_your and_the_sojourner _ _he_will_refresh_himself. **13** And_to_all that I_have_said to_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_take_heed and_name_of gods other not you(pl)_will_bring_to_remembrance not it_will_be_heard on mouth_of_your.

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the same with your cattle and your sheep and goats. The young must stay seven days with their mothers, then you must give them to me on the eighth day.

31 You must be different from others because you're dedicated to me. So you mustn't eat the meat of animals that are mauled in the countryside—throw it to the dogs instead.[228]

Rules about honesty and kindness

23:1 You mustn't present a false statement. Don't conspire with a wicked person to give false evidence.[246] **2** Don't just follow the crowd into doing what's wrong, and don't just say what others say in court if it's untrue, **3** and don't automatically favour the poor in court either.[247]

4 If you come across your enemy's cow or donkey going astray, you must certainly take it back to them.[248] **5** If you see that the donkey of someone who hates you has fallen to the ground under its load, you mustn't just walk way—you must certainly help them with it.

6 You mustn't deny justice to the poor in their lawsuits.[249] **7** Stay far way from deceptive words. You mustn't kill innocent or honest people because I won't allow wicked people to be declared innocent. **8** You mustn't accept bribes, because bribes stop people from being unbiased and they undermine the words of honest people.

9 You mustn't oppress foreigners since you yourselves know how that feels because you all were foreigners in Mitsrayim (Egypt).[250]

The seventh year and the seventh day

10 You should plant your land and gather its produce for six years,[251] **11** but in the seventh year you must let the harvest drop and just leave it there and allow the poor people to eat it. Then the animals in the countryside can eat the reminder. You must also do that to your vineyards and your olive orchards.

12 Six days You should work for six days, then on the seventh day you must rest so that your cow and your donkey can rest, and the children of your slaves and the foreigner staying in your land can be refreshed.[252]

13 Take careful notice of everything that I've told you all. You all mustn't invoke other gods—in fact don't even mention their names.

228 **RV 22:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 17:15.

244 **LV 22:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.30

245 **LV 22:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Exod.22.31

246 **RV 23:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:16; Lev 19:11-12; Deu 5:20.

247 **RV 23:3 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:15.

248 **RV 23:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 22:1-4.

249 **RV 23:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:15; Deu 16:19.

250 **RV 23:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:21; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 24:17-18; 27:19.

251 **RV 23:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:1-7.

252 **RV 23:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:9-11; 31:15; 34:21; 35:2; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:13-14.

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14 You must celebrate me three times every year. **15** 1/ You must observe the *Flat Bread Celebration*. You must eat unleavened bread for seven days as I commanded you, in late March or early April because that's when you came out from Mitsrayim (Egypt). You mustn't come without an offering.[254]

Three compulsory celebrations each year[253]

16 2/ You must observe the *Spring Harvest Celebration*, bringing the first portion of your harvests from what you planted.

3/ You must observe the *Finished Harvest Celebration* at the end of the year, after you've finished harvesting everything you planted. **17** So all your males must gather in front of the master Yahweh three times each year.

18 You mustn't sacrifice the blood of my sacrifices together with bread that's been risen, and all the fat must be burnt during the night so that none remains in the morning.

19 You must bring the best of the firstfruits of your harvests to the house of Yahweh your god.

You mustn't boil a young goat in its mother's milk.[255]

Promises and teachings

20 Listen, I'm about to send a messenger in front of you to guard you on the way, and to take you to the place that I have prepared. **21** Stay behind him and listen to what he says. Don't annoy him because he won't put up with disobedience because he represents my authority. **22** But if you take careful notice of his words and do everything that I say, then I'll be an enemy to your enemies and I'll be against those who are against you. **23** My messenger will go ahead of you and take you to face the Amorim, the Hitim, the Perizim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hivim, and the Yevusim, and then I'll annihilate them. **24** You mustn't serve or bow down to their gods, and you mustn't do what those people do, because you must completely overthrow them and completely smash their sacred stone pillars. **25** You all must worship your god Yahweh, and he'll bless your food and your water. I'll keep sickness away from you **26** and there won't be any miscarriages or women in your land that can't conceive. I'll ensure that you live your full number of days.

27 I'll go ahead of you and will terrify and confuse all of the people groups whose lands you'll enter, and I'll cause them to flee from you in battle. **28** I'll send hornets ahead of you and they'll drive out the Hivim, the Kena'anim, and the Hitim before you get there. **29** I won't drive them out more than a year ahead of you in case the area becomes desolate and the wild animals proliferate too much in the countryside. **30** I'll drive them out little by little ahead of you until your numbers increase and you take over the land. **31** Then I'll help you establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, and from the wilderness to the Perat (Euphrates) river, because I'll help you defeat the existing inhabitants of the land and so you'll drive them right

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14 Three feet you_will_celebrate_a_festival to_me in_year. **15** ĐØM the_festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) you_will_keep seven_of days you_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) just_as I_ _commanded_you to_the_appointed_time the_month_of (the)_ _'Āvīv if/because in_him/it you_came_out from_Mitsrayim and_not they_will_present_themselves presence_of_my empty. **16** And_the_festival_of the_harvest the_first-fruits_of your(pl)_ _work(s)_of_your which you_will_sow in_the_field and_the_ _festival_of the_ingathering when_ the_year _goes_out when_ _you_have_gathered ĐØM work(s)_of_your from the_field. **17** Three times in_year every_of male_of_your he_will_present_ _himself to the_presence_of the_master **YHWH**. **18** Not you_ _must_sacrifice with leaven the_blood_of my_sacrifice_of_my and_not the_fat_of my_festival_sacrifice_of_my it_will_remain_ _overnight until morning. **19** The_first_of the_first-fruits_of your_ground_of_your you_will_bring the_house_of **YHWH** god_ _of_your not you_must_boil a_kid in_the_milk_of his/its_ _mother.

20 HERE I am_about_to_send an_messenger to_your_face to_ _guard_you on_journey and_to_bring_you into the_place which I_have_prepared. **21** Take_care from_before_of_him and_listen to_voice_of_his do_not cause_bitterness in/on/over_him/it if/because not he_will_forgive to_transgression_of_your(pl) if/because name_of_my is_within_of_him. **22** If/because if carefully_(listen) you_will_listen to_voice_of_his and_you_will_ _do all that I_will_say and_I_will_be_an_enemy_to ĐØM enemies_of_your and_I_will_treat_as_a_foe ĐØM foes_of_your. **23** If/because messenger_of_my he_will_go to_your_face and_ _he_will_bring_you to the_'Amorī and_the_Ḫittiy[s] and_the_ _Pərizzī[s] and_the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Ḫiūī and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] and_I_will_annihilate_it. **24** Not you_ _must_bow_down to_gods_of_their and_not you_must_be_ _enticed_to_serve_them and_not you_must_make like_works_ _of_their if/because completely_(tear_down) you_will_tear_ _them_down and_totally_(shatter) you_will_shatter_into_pieces pillars_of_their_sacred. **25** And_you(pl)_will_serve ĐØM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_he_will_bless ĐØM food_of_your and_ĐØM water_of_your and_I_will_remove sickness from_midst_of_your. **26** Not miscarrying and_barren anyone_will_be in_land_of_your ĐØM the_number_of your(pl)_days_of_your I_will_complete. **27** ĐØM terror_of_my I_will_send to_your_face and_I_will_ _confuse ĐØM every_of (the)_people which you_will_go (is)_in_ _them and_I_will_give ĐØM all_of enemies_of_your to_you neck. **28** And_I_will_send ĐØM the_hornet to_your_face and_it_will_ _drive_out ĐØM the_Ḫiūī ĐØM the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] and_ĐØM the_ _Ḫittiy[s] from_before_face_of_you. **29** Not I_will_drive_it_out from_before_of_you in_a_year one lest the_earth/land it_ _should_become a_waste and_it_will_become_many on_you the_animal[s]_of the_field. **30** Little little I_will_drive_it_out from_before_of_you until that you_will_be_fruitful and_you_ _will_possess ĐØM the_earth/land. **31** And_I_will_set ĐØM border_of_your from_the_sea_of reed[s] and_unto the_sea_of

253 **RV 23:14 · Parallel** Exo. 34:18-26; Deu. 16:1-17

254 **RV 23:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:14-20; Lev 23:6-8; Num 28:17-25.

255 **RV 23:19 · Cross-ref.** Deu 26:2; Exo 34:26; Deu 14:21.

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the_Pəlishtiy and_from_the_wilderness to the_river if/because I_will_give in_hand_of_your(pl) ĐOM the_inhabitants_of the_ _earth/land and_you_will_drive_them_out from_before_of_you. **32** Not you_must_make to/for_them and_to_gods_of_their a_ _covenant. **33** Not they_will_dwell in_land_of_your lest they_ _should_cause_to_sin you to_me if/because you_will_serve ĐOM gods_of_their if/because it_will_become to/for_yourself(m) (into)_a_snare.

24:1 And_near/to Mosheh he_said come_up to **YHWH** you and_ _'Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_'Avīhū' and_seventy of_the_elders_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_will_bow_down from_a_distance. **2** And_ Mosheh _he_will_draw_near for_him/it_being_alone to **YHWH** and_they not they_will_draw_near and_the_people not they_will_come_up with_him/it. **3** And_ Mosheh _he_went and_ _he_recounted to_people ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM all_of the_judgements and_ all_of the_people _ _it_answered a_voice one and_they_said all_of the_ _words/messages which **YHWH** he_has_spoken we_will_do. **4** And_ Mosheh _he_wrote ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** and_he_rose_early in_morning and_he/it_built an_altar under the_mountain and_two_plus ten pillar[s] for_two_plus ten the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_he_sent ĐOM the_ _young_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _offered_up burnt_offerings and_they_sacrificed sacrifices peace_offerings to/for_**YHWH** young_bulls. **6** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took (the)_half_of the_blood and_he/it_assigned in_ _bowls and_(the)_half_of the_blood he_sprinkled on the_altar. **7** And_he/it_took the_book_of the_covenant and_he/it_called in_the_ears_of the_people and_they_said all that **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken we_will_do and_we_will_obey. **8** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took ĐOM the_blood and_he_sprinkled_it on the_people and_he/it_said HERE the_blood_of the_covenant which **YHWH** he_has_made with_you(pl) on all_of the_words/messages the_ _these. **9** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_'Avīhū' and_ _seventy of_the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended. **10** And_they_saw ĐOM the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_was_ _under feet_of_his like_the_working_of (the)_pavement_of (the)_sapphire and_like_the_substance_of the_heavens to_ _purity. **11** And_near/to the_nobles_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_stretched_out his/its_hand and_they_ _saw ĐOM the_'Elohīm and_they_ate and_they_drank.

12 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh come_up to_me to_the_ _mountain and_be there so_that_I_may_give to/for_yourself(m) ĐOM the_tablets_of (the)_stone and_the_law and_the_command which I_have_written to_teach_them. **13** And_ Mosheh and_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) servant_of_his _he/it_rose_up and_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended to the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm. **14** And_near/to the_elders he_said remain to/for_us in_this_ _place until that we_will_return to_you(pl) and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE 'Ah$_a$ron and_Ḥūr are_with_you(pl) whoever is_a_master_of matters he_will_draw_near to_them. **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended to the_mountain and_ the_cloud _it_ _covered ĐOM the_mountain. **16** And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_ _settled_down on the_mountain_of Ṣīnay and_it_covered_it

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out. **32** You mustn't make any agreement with those people or with their gods. **33** They mustn't live in your land, in case they cause you to sin against me. Their gods would certainly become a trap for you, and then you'd end up worshipping them.

The people confirm their agreement

24:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Come up the mountain to me—you, Aharon (Aaron), Nadav, Avihu and seventy of the Israeli elders, and you must stay at a distance to worship. **2** Then Mosheh alone must approach me, but the others mustn't come near, and also the people mustn't come up with him."

3 So Mosheh went and explained to the people everything that Yahweh had said, including all the regulations. Then all of the people answered in unison, "We'll do everything that Yahweh has told us to do." **4** So Mosheh wrote down everything that Yahweh had instructed. Then he got up early in the morning and built an altar at the bottom of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars for the twelve tribes of Yisrael (Israel), **5** and he sent some young men to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice some bulls as peace offerings to Yahweh. **6** Mosheh took half of the blood from the sacrifices and put it into basins. He sprinkled the other half of the blood onto the altar. **7** Then he took the scroll with the agreement written on it and read it out loud to the people, and they responded, "We'll obey everything that Yahweh has instructed."

8 Then Mosheh took the blood in the bowls and sprinkled it onto the people,[256] telling them, "Look. This is the blood confirming the agreement[257] that Yahweh has made with you according to what you just heard."

9 Then Mosheh, Aharon (Aaron), Nadav, Avihu, and seventy Israeli elders climbed up the mountain **10** and they saw the god of Yisrael. Under his feet was something like a tile made of sapphire that looked so pure that it was as clear as the sky. **11** Those Israeli leaders saw God and yet they weren't harmed by him.. Then they ate and drank together.

Mosheh's long stay on Mt. Sinay

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, and I will give you some stone slabs with the rules and regulations that I have written on them so you can to teach them to the people." **13** So Mosheh and his assistant Yehoshua (Joshua) set off, and Mosheh climbed up God's mountain. **14** He had already told the elders, "Wait for us down here in this place until we return here to you all. And see, Aharon (Aaron) and Hur are with you—any leader judging matters requiring more wisdom can approach them for help."

15 Then Mosheh went to the base of the mountain and a cloud

256 RV 24:8 · Cross-ref. Heb 9:19-20.

257 RV 24:8 · Cross-ref. Mat 26:28; Mrk 14:24; Luk 22:20; 1Cor 11:25; Heb 10:29.

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covered over it. **16** Yahweh's radiance settled on Mt. Sinay, and the cloud covered it for six days, then on the seventh day he called to Mosheh from within the cloud. **17** The appearance of Yahweh's radiance was like a roaring fire on the top of the mountain from what the Israelis below could see. **18** Then Mosheh entered into the cloud and continued up the mountain, and he remained up there for forty full days.[258]

Contributions for God's tent[259]

25:1 Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that they should raise funds for me. You should collect a contribution from every family that's willing to donate. **3** You should accept contributions of gold, silver, or bronze, **4** as well as yarn dyed blue, purple, or crimson, plus finely-spun linen and spun goat hair, **5** and red-dyed ram skins, fine leather, and acacia timber. **6** Also lamp oil, spices for making anointing oil and fragrant incense, **7** onyx and other gemstones for setting into the apron and the breastplate. **8** Then they should make me a residence so I can live in it among them, **9** according to the patterns that I'll show you for the residence and for all of its utensils. You all must make all of it exactly to plan.

The box to hold the stone slabs[260]

10 They must make a wooden chest from acacia wood. It should be 125cm long, with the width and the height being 75cm. **11** It must be overlaid with pure gold sheeting on the outside and the inside, and have a gold moulding fitted all around it. **12** Four gold rings must be cast and attached to the four feet—two rings on each side. **13** Make two carrying poles from acacia wood and overlay them with gold sheeting. **14** Those poles will be inserted through the rings on the sides of the chest so it can be picked up and carried on them. **15** The poles must be kept in the rings on the chest—they mustn't be removed. **16** The two stone slabs that I'll give you with our agreement inscribed on them must be placed inside the chest.

17 You must make a lid the same length and width as the chest. It must be made of pure gold and will be known as 'the atonement platform'.[261] **18** Then make a pair of winged-creatures from gold that's hammered from the two ends of the atonement platform. **19** Yes, make one winged-creature from each end of the gold lid material. **20** Their up-lifted wings should spread out covering the atonement platform and they should be facing each other across the top of the platform. **21** When I give you the stone slabs, put them inside the box and then fasten the atonement platform on top to form the lid. **22** Then I'll meet with you there, and from the atonement platform between the two winged-creatures and above the stone slabs, I'll be able to tell

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the_cloud six_of days and_he/it_called (to) Mosheh in_the_day the_seventh from_the_middle_of the_cloud. **17** And_appearance of_the_glory_of of_**YHWH** was_like_a_fire consuming on_the_ _top_of the_mountain to_the_eyes_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_ Mosheh _he_went in_the_middle of_ _the_cloud and_he/it_ascended to the_mountain and_he/it_ _was Mosheh on_mountain forty day[s] and_forty night[s].
25:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_take to_me a_ _contribution from_with every_of person whom it_will_impel_ _him his/its_heart you(pl)_will_take ~~DOM~~ contribution_of_my. **3** And_this is_the_contribution which you(pl)_will_take from_ _with_them gold and_silver and_bronze. **4** And_violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen and_ _goat_hair(s). **5** And_hides_of rams dyed_red and_skins_of dolphins and_wood(s)_of acacia. **6** Oil for_light spices for_the_ _oil_of the_anointing and_for_the_incense_of the_perfume(s). **7** Stones_of onyx and_stones_of setting(s) for_ephod and_for_ _breastpiece. **8** And_they_will_make to_me a_sanctuary and_I_ _will_dwell among_them. **9** According_to_all that I am_about_ _to_show you ~~DOM~~ the_pattern_of the_tabernacle and_~~DOM~~ the_ _pattern_of all_of articles_of_its and_thus/so/as_follows you(pl)_will_make_it.

10 And_they_will_make an_box_of wood(s)_of acacia will_be_ _two_cubits and_a_half length_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit and_ _a_half breadth_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit and_a_half height_ _of_its. **11** And_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure from_ _inside and_from_outside you_will_overlay_it and_you_will_ _make on/upon/above_him/it a_moulding_of gold all_around. **12** And_you_will_throw for_him/it four rings_of gold and_ _you(ms)_will_give on the_four feet_of_its and_two_of rings will_be_on side_of_its (the)_one and_two_of rings will_be_on side_of_its the_second(fs). **13** And_you_will_make poles_of wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_them gold. **14** And_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_poles in_rings on the_sides_of the_box to_carry ~~DOM~~ the_box by_them. **15** In_the_rings_of the_ _box the_poles they_will_be not they_will_be_removed from_it. **16** And_you_will_put into the_box ~~DOM~~ the_transcript which I_ _will_give to_you. **17** And_you_will_make an_atonement_cover_ _of gold pure will_be_two_cubits and_a_half length_of_its and_ _will_be_a_cubit and_a_half breadth_of_its. **18** And_you_will_ _make two cherubim gold hammered_work you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them from_the_two_of the_ends_of the_atonement_cover. **19** And_make a_cherub one from_an_end from_this and_a_ _cherub one from_an_end from_this from the_atonement_ _cover you(pl)_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_cherubims on the_two_of ends_of_its. **20** And_ the_cherubims _they_will_be spreading_ _out_of (of)_wings (to)_upwards covering with_wings_of_their over the_atonement_cover and_faces_of_their each will_be_to his/its_brother to the_atonement_cover they_will_be the_ _faces_of the_cherubims. **21** And_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_

258 **RV 24:18 · Cross-ref.** Deu 9:9.
259 **RV 25:1 · Parallel** Exo. 35:4-9
260 **RV 25:10 · Parallel** Exo. 37:1-9
261 **RV 25:17 · Cross-ref.** Heb 9:5.

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_atonement_cover on the_box from_to_above and_near/to the_ _box you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_transcript which I_will_give to_you. **22** And_I_will_meet to/for_yourself(m) there and_I_will_speak with_you from_under the_atonement_cover from_between the_ _two_of the_cherubims which will_be_above the_box_of the_ _transcript ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_will_command you to the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

23 And_you_will_make a_table wood(s)_of acacia will_be_two_ _cubits length_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit breadth_of_its and_ _will_be_a_cubit and_a_half height_of_its. **24** And_you_will_ _overlay ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure and_you_will_make for_him/it a_moulding_of gold all_around. **25** And_you_will_make for_ _him/it a_rim_of a_hand_breadth all_around and_you_will_ _make a_moulding_of gold for_rim_of_its all_around. **26** And_ _you_will_make for_him/it four rings_of gold and_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_rings on the_four the_corners which will_belong_to_ _the_four feet_of_its. **27** Close_to_of the_rim they_will_be the_ _rings to_holders for_poles to_carry ~~DOM~~ the_table. **28** And_ _you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_ _overlay ~~DOM~~_them gold and_it_will_be_carried by_them ~~DOM~~ the_table. **29** And_you_will_make dishes_of_its and_pans_of_its and_jugs_of_its and_bowls_of_its which it_will_be_poured_out with_them gold pure you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them. **30** And_you_ _will_put on the_table bread_of presence to/for_my_face/front continually.

31 And_you_will_make a_lampstand_of gold pure hammered_ _work the_lampstand base_of_its and_shaft_of_its it_will_be_ _made cups_of_its bulbs_of_its and_blossoms_of_its from_her/it they_will_be. **32** And_six branches will_be_going_out from_ _sides_of_its three branches_of lampstand will_be_of_from_its_ _side the_one and_three branches_of lampstand will_be_of_ _from_its_side the_second. **33** Three cups shaped_like_almond_ _blossoms will_on_the_branch the_one a_bulb and_a_blossom and_three cups shaped_like_almond_blossoms will_on_the_ _branch the_one a_bulb and_a_blossom thus for_the_six_of the_ _branches which_go_out from the_lampstand. **34** And_will_on_ _the_lampstand four cups shaped_like_almond_blossoms bulbs_ _of_its and_blossoms_of_its. **35** And_a_bulb will_be_under two_ _of the_branches from_her/it and_a_bulb will_be_under two_of the_branches from_her/it and_a_bulb will_be_under two_of the_branches from_her/it for_the_six_of the_branches which_ _go_out from the_lampstand. **36** Bulbs_of_their and_branches_ _of_their from_her/it they_will_be of_it_of_all will_be_ _hammered_work one gold pure. **37** And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ lamps_of_its seven and_it_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ lamps_of_its and_it_ _will_give_light on the_side_of its_face_of_her. **38** And_tongs_ _of_its and_fire-pans_of_its will_be_gold pure. **39** A_talent gold pure someone_will_make ~~DOM~~_her/it ~~DOM~~ all_of the_vessels the_these. **40** And_see and_make_them in_pattern_of_their which you are_being_shown on_mountain.

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you my commands to pass on to the Israelis.

The bread offering table[262]

23 You must make a table from acacia wood: one metre long, 500cm wide, and 750cm high. **24** Overlay it with pure gold and have a gold moulding fitted all around it. **25** Make an 8cm wide rim around it and fit a gold moulding onto the rim. **26** Make four gold rings and attach them near the legs on the four corners of the table **27** near the rim. The rings are so poles can be inserted in order to carry the table. **28** Make two poles out of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold for carrying the table. **29** In addition, make the necessary plates and pans, and the pitchers and bowls to be used for pouring out the wine offerings—all from pure gold. **30** You must keep sacred bread on the table continually in front of me.[263]

The lampstand[264]

31 You must make a lampstand from pure gold. The base and shaft are to be hammered out of one piece of gold as well as its cups and decorative buds and flowers. **32** There must be six branches extending from the shaft—three on each side. **33** Three cups shaped like almond flowers must be on each branch along with a bud and petals. **34** The centre shaft must have four cups like almond flowers along with a bud and petals. **35** For each of the three pairs of branches (one branch out each side in each pair), make a bud on the centre shaft so each pair of branches appear to be growing out of it. **36** These buds and their branches must all be hammered out from that single piece of pure gold. **37** Make seven lamps and set them up on it to give light out from the front of it, **38** and make all the utensils and dishes for the lamps from pure gold. **39** This can all be made from 35kg of pure gold **40** and be sure to make it all like the pattern that you're being shown on the mountain.[265]

262 RV 25:23 · Parallel Exo. 37:10-16

263 RV 25:30 · Cross-ref. Lev 24:5-8.

264 RV 25:31 · Parallel Exo. 37:17-24

265 RV 25:40 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:44; Heb 8:5.

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Plans for the sacred residence[266]

26:1 You must make my residence with ten fabric panels formed by a skilled craftsman. They must be made from twisted finely-spun linen, with winged-creatures embroidered on them using blue, purple, and scarlet thread. **2** The hanging panels must all be the same size: 14.5m long and two metres wide. **3** Five of the panels will be coupled together as one set and the other five as another. **4** For each set, make loops of blue cloth and fasten them along the outer edge of each of the end panels— **5** place fifty loops on the end of each set so that the loops are opposite each other. **6** You'll also need to make fifty gold clips to join the two sets together to make a single walled structure.

7 You must make eleven panels with goats' hair to form a tent over the residence. **8** Each of the eleven panels must be the same size: 15m long and two metres wide. **9** You must join five panels into a set, and six panels into the other set so that the sixth panel can be doubled over at the front of the tent. **10** You must make 50 loops to go onto the end of one set, and another 50 for the edge of the other set. **11** You'll also need to make fifty bronze clips to join the two sets together to make the tent cover. **12** Let the extra half panel hang over the back of the residence. **13** The half metre of extra length on each side that extends beyond the linen sets will hang evenly over the sides.

14 You must make a covering of rams hides dyed red to go over the tent, then another covering sea-cow hides to go over that.

The wooden frames

15 You must make frames for my residence from acacia wood. They'll stand upright **16** and each one must be five metres high and 0.75m wide. **17** Each frame must have two protrusions so it can be connected to the frame next to it. **18** Assemble twenty frames for the south side of the residence **19** along with forty silver bases to go underneath them—two bases supporting each frame, and each frame having two protrusions at the bottom to go into the bases. **20** For the north side, assemble twenty frames **21** along with forty silver bases—two under each frame. **22** For the rear of the residence facing west, assemble six frames **23** plus two extra frames for bracing the two back corners— **24** they must be joined on at the bottom and then both of them have their tops attached to a ring. **25** Then assem-

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26:1 And_~~DOM~~ the_tabernacle you_will_make ten curtains fine_ _linen twisted and_violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet cherubim the_work_of a_skillful_worker you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them. **2** The_length_of the_curtain the_one(f) will_be_ _eight and_twenty by_cubit and_the_breadth will_be_four by_ _cubit the_curtain (the)_one size one to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_curtains. **3** Five of_the_curtains they_ _will_be joined each to sister_of_its and_five curtains will_be_ _joined each to sister_of_its. **4** And_you_will_make loops_of violet_stuff on the_edge_of the_curtain (the)_one from_an_end in_set and_thus/so/as_follows you_will_do on_the_edge_of the_ _curtain (the)_outermost in_set the_second(fs). **5** Fifty loops you_will_make on_curtain (the)_one and_fifty loops you_will_ _make on_the_end_of the_curtain which is_in_set the_ _second(fs) the_loops will_be_opposite each to sister_of_its. **6** And_you_will_make fifty hooks_of gold and_you_will_join[267] ~~DOM~~ the_curtains each to sister_of_its with_hooks and_it_was the_tabernacle one. **7** And_you_will_make curtains_of goat_ _hair(s) into_a_tent over the_tabernacle one_plus_of ten curtains you_will_make ~~DOM~~_them. **8** The_length_of the_curtain the_one(f) will_be_thirty by_cubit and_the_breadth will_be_ _four by_cubit the_curtain (the)_one size one will_belong_to_ _one_plus_of ten curtains. **9** And_you_will_join ~~DOM~~ five of_the_ _curtains alone_one and_~~DOM~~ six of_the_curtains alone_one and_you_will_fold_double ~~DOM~~ the_curtain (the)_sixth to the_ _front of_the_face_of of_the_tent. **10** And_you_will_make fifty loops on the_edge_of the_curtain (the)_one (the)_outermost in_ _set and_fifty loops on the_edge_of the_curtain the_joined_set the_second(fs). **11** And_you_will_make hooks_of bronze fifty and_you_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_hooks in_loops and_you_will_join_ _together ~~DOM~~ the_tent and_it_was one. **12** And_the_ _overhanging of_the_surplus in_the_curtains_of the_tent the_ _half_of the_curtain (the)_surplus it_will_overhang over the_ _rear of_the_tabernacle. **13** And_the_cubit from_this and_the_ _cubit from_this in_surplus in_the_length_of the_curtains_of the_tent it_will_be projecting over the_sides_of the_tabernacle from_this and_from_this to_cover_it. **14** And_you_will_make a_ _covering for_tent hides_of rams dyed_red and_a_covering_of skins_of dolphins from_to_above.

15 And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_frames for_tabernacle wood(s)_ _of acacia standing_upright. **16** Will_be_ten cubits the_length_ _of the_frame and_will_be_a_cubit and_the_half_of the_cubit the_breadth_of the_frame the_one. **17** Two_of hands will_to_ _the_frame the_one joined each to sister_of_its thus you_will_ _do to_all/each/any/every the_frames_of the_tabernacle. **18** And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_frames for_tabernacle twenty frame[s] will_belong_to_the_side_of southward_of southward. **19** And_forty bases_of silver you_will_make under twenty the_ _frame[s] two_of bases will_be_under the_frame the_one for_ _the_two_of hands_of_its and_two_of bases will_be_under the_ _frame the_one for_the_two_of hands_of_its. **20** And_for_the_ _side_of the_tabernacle the_second(fs) will_belong_to_the_ _side_of the_north twenty frame[s]. **21** And_forty bases_of_their will_be_silver two_of bases will_be_under the_frame the_one

266 **RV 26:1 · Parallel** Exo. 36:8-38

267 **LV 26:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and_two_of bases will_be_under the_frame the_one. **22** And_ _for_the_innermost_parts_of the_tabernacle westward you_ _will_make six frames. **23** And_two_of frames you_will_make for_the_corners_of the_tabernacle in_parts. **24** And_they_will_ _be twins from_to_downwards and_together they_will_be complete on his/its_head into the_ring (the)_one thus it_will_ _be for_both_of_of_them (into)_the_two_of the_corners they_ _will_become. **25** And_ eight frames _they_will_be and_bases_ _of_their silver will_be_six- teen bases two_of bases will_be_ _under the_frame the_one and_two_of bases will_be_under the_ _frame the_one. **26** And_you_will_make bars wood(s)_of acacia five_bars will_belong_to_the_frames_of the_side_of the_ _tabernacle the_one. **27** And_five bars will_belong_to_the_ _frames_of the_side_of the_tabernacle the_second(fs) and_five bars will_belong_to_the_frames_of the_side_of the_tabernacle for_parts westward_on. **28** And_the_bar (the)_middle in_the_ _middle of_the_frames will_be_passing_through from the_end to the_end. **29** And_ĐOM the_frames you_will_overlay gold and_ _ĐOM rings_of_their you_will_make gold holders for_bars and_ _you_will_overlay ĐOM the_bars gold. **30** And_you_will_set_up ĐOM the_tabernacle according_to_of_its_plan which you_have_ _been_shown on_mountain.

31 And_you_will_make a_curtain violet_stuff and_purple and_ _scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_ _skillful_worker someone_will_make ĐOM_her/it cherubim. **32** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM_her/it on four pillars_of acacia overlaid gold hooks_of_their will_be_gold on four bases_of silver. **33** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM the_curtain under the_ _hooks and_you_will_bring there_(to) from_inside_of to_ _curtain ĐOM the_box_of the_transcript and_ the_curtain _it_ _will_separate to/for_you(pl) between the_holy_place and_ _between the_holy_place_of the_holy_places. **34** And_you_will_ _put ĐOM the_atonement_cover on the_box_of the_transcript in_the_holy_place_of the_holy_places. **35** And_you_will_put ĐOM the_table from_the_outside of_curtain and_ĐOM the_lampstand opposite_to the_table on the_side_of the_tabernacle southward_toward and_the_table you_will_put on the_side_of the_north. **36** And_you_will_make a_screen for_the_entrance_of the_tent violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_worker_in_colours. **37** And_you_will_make for_screen five pillars_of acacia and_ _you_will_overlay ĐOM_them gold hooks_of_their will_be_gold and_you_will_throw to/for_them five bases_of bronze.

27:1 And_you_will_make ĐOM the_altar wood(s)_of acacia five cubits length and_five cubits breadth square it_will_be the_ _altar and_will_be_three cubits height_of_its. **2** And_you_will_ _make horns_of_its on the_four corners_of_its from_him/it they_will_be horns_of_its and_you_will_overlay ĐOM_him/it bronze. **3** And_you_will_make pots_of_its to_take_away_its_ _fatty_ashes and_shovels_of_its and_bowls_of_its and_forks_of_ _its and_fire-pans_of_its to/from_all/each/any/every articles_ _of_its you_will_make bronze. **4** And_you_will_make for_him/it a_grating a_work_of a_net_of bronze and_you_will_make on

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ble eight frames with their sixteen silver bases—two bases supporting each frame.

26 Make crossbars from acacia wood—five of them to go across the frames on the northern side, **27** five for the south side, and five for the frames at the rear of the residence on the western side. **28** The middle crossbar in the centre of the frames will go right through from one end to the other. **29** Overlay the frames and the crossbars with gold, and make the rings for holding the crossbars with gold. **30** Then you must assemble my residence exactly as per the plan that you were shown on the mountain.

The curtain

31 You must have a skillful workman make a curtain from twisted finely-spun linen, with winged-creatures embroidered on them using blue, purple, and scarlet thread. **32** Hang it from gold clips on four pillars made from acacia wood overlaid with gold on four silver bases. **33** Hang the curtain under the clips, then bring the box that contains the agreement inside the curtain. That curtain will separate for you between the sacred section and the *very* sacred interior.[268] **34** Install the atonement platform as the lid on the box there in the very sacred interior. **35** Set the table up outside the curtain on the north side, with the lampstand on the south side opposite the table.

36 Then make a curtain out of twisted finely-spun linen for the entrance of the tent. It should be embroidered with blue, purple and scarlet yarn. **37** Make five pillars for the curtain from acacia wood overlaid with gold. The hooks on them must be made of gold, and their five bases must be cast with bronze.

The altar for burnt offerings[269]

27:1 Make an altar from acacia wood that's 2.5m square and 1.5m high **2** and as part of that same piece of wood, include a carved projection like a horn on each of the top corners of the altar. Overlay the altar with bronze. **3** Make pots for the ashes out of bronze, along with the necessary shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks, and fire-trays. **4** Then make a bronze grating for it with four rings of bronze on the four corners. **5** Fit it down onto a ledge inside the altar so that it sits inside the altar about halfway up. **6** Also,

268 **RV 26:33 · Cross-ref.** Heb 6:19; 9:3-5.

269 **RV 27:1 · Parallel** Exo. 38:1-7

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make poles from acacia wood for the altar and overlay them with bronze. **7** They'll be able to be put into rings on two sides of the altar for carrying it. **8** The altar should be hollow in the middle and made from wooden planks just like you were shown on the mountain.

The courtyard around the sacred tent[270]

9 Make curtains of twisted finely-spun linen to form a courtyard around the residence. The south side will require fifty metres of curtain **10** with twenty bronze pillars and their twenty bases. The hooks on the pillars and the clips must be made of silver. **11** Similarly on the north side, another fifty metres of curtain with twenty pillars and their bases and their hooks and clips. **12** The west side will require twenty-five metres of curtain with ten pillars and bases. **13** The east side of the courtyard must also be twenty-five metres wide. **14** On one side of the gate, the curtain will be 7.5m long with three pillars and bases, **15** and the same on the other side. **16** The entrance curtain must be made of twisted finely-spun linen. It'll be ten metres wide and hang on four pillars with their bases, and must be embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **17** All the pillars for the courtyard must have silver decorations around them, as well as their silver hooks and bronze bases. **18** So the courtyard will be fifty metres by twenty-five metres and the curtain enclosure will be 2.5m high. All the curtains will be made of finely-spun linen, and the bases under all the pillars will be bronze. **19** All the equipment for the operation of the residence and all the tent pegs and pegs for the courtyard must be made of bronze.

The oil for the lamps[273]

20 Order the Israelis to bring you pure, pressed olive oil for the lamps so they can be kept burning continually. **21** In the outer portion of the sacred tent (outside the curtain where the sacred box is kept), Aharon (Aaron) and his sons must attend to the lampstand in front of Yahweh from evening to morning. This regulation will apply continually to all future generations of Israelis.

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the_net four rings_of bronze on four ends_of_its. **5** And_ _you(ms)_will_give ~~DOM~~_her/it under the_ledge_of the_altar from_to_downwards and_ the_net _it_will_be to the_middle_of the_altar. **6** And_you_will_make poles for_altar poles_of wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_them bronze. **7** And_ ~~DOM~~ poles_of_its _it_will_be_put in_rings and_they_will_ _be the_poles on the_two_of the_sides_of the_altar when_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it. **8** Hollow_of boards you_will_make ~~DOM~~_him/it just_as he_showed you on_mountain so they_will_do.

9 And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_courtyard_of the_tabernacle for_ _the_side_of the_south southward curtains for_courtyard will_ _be_fine_linen twisted will_be_one_hundred by_cubit the_ _length of_side (the)_one. **10** And_pillars_of_its will_be_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty will_be_bronze the_hooks_of the_ _pillars and_bands_of_their will_be_silver. **11** And_thus/so/as_ _follows for_the_side_of the_north in_length curtains will_be_ _one_hundred length its[271] will_be_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty will_be_bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_ _their will_be_silver. **12** And_the_breadth_of the_courtyard for_ _the_side_of the_west curtains fifty cubit[s] pillars_of_their will_be_ten and_bases_of_their will_be_ten. **13** And_the_ _breadth_of the_courtyard for_the_side_of eastward eastward_ _toward will_be_fifty cubit[s]. **14** And_five teen cubit[s] curtains for_side pillars_of_their will_be_three and_bases_of_their will_ _be_three. **15** And_for_side the_second(fs) will_be_fif-[272] ten curtains pillars_of_their will_be_three and_bases_of_their will_ _be_three. **16** And_for_the_gate_of the_courtyard a_screen twenty cubit[s] violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_worker_in_ _colours pillars_of_their will_be_four and_bases_of_their will_ _be_four. **17** All_of the_pillars_of the_courtyard all_around will_ _be_furnished_with_bands silver hooks_of_their will_be_silver and_bases_of_their will_be_bronze. **18** The_length_of the_ _courtyard will_be_one_hundred by_cubit and_the_breadth will_be_fifty on_fifty and_the_height will_be_five cubits fine_ _linen twisted and_bases_of_their will_be_bronze. **19** To_ _all/each/any/every the_articles_of the_tabernacle in_all_of service_of_its and_all pegs_of_its_tent and_all the_tent_pegs_of the_courtyard will_be_bronze.
20 And_you(ms) you_will_command ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_will_bring to_you oil_of olive[s] pure pressed for_light to_lift_up a_lamp_of continually. **21** In_the_ _tent_of meeting from_the_outside of_curtain which is_on the_ _transcript ʾAhₐron and_sons_of_his he_will_arrange ~~DOM~~_ _him/it from_evening until morning to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** a_regulation_of perpetuity will_belong_of_ _to_their_generations from_with the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

270 **RV 27:9 · Parallel** Exo. 38:9-20

271 **LV 27:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דמע/ו: (x-qere) ו/יָדוּמַּע/ו: lemma_c/5982 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_02Uja ו/יָדוּמַּע/ו

272 **LV 27:15 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

273 **RV 27:20 · Parallel** Lev. 24:1-4

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28:1 And_you(ms) bring_near to_yourself ᴅᴏᴍ ’Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his with_him/it from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) he_to_serve_as_ _priest to_me ’Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_’Avīhū’ ’El’āzār and_’Îtāmār the_sons_of ’Ah$_a$ron. **2** And_you_will_make garments_of holiness for_’Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred for_glory and_ _for_beauty. **3** And_you(ms) you_will_speak to all_of people_ _skillful_of heart which I_have_filled_it a_spirit_of wisdom and_ _they_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_garments_of ’Ah$_a$ron to_consecrate_ _him he_to_serve_as_priest to_me. **4** And_these are_the_ _garments which they_will_make a_breastpiece and_an_ephod and_a_robe and_a_tunic_of checkered_work a_turban and_a_ _sash and_they_will_make garments_of holiness for_’Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_for_sons_of_his he_to_serve_as_ _priest to_me. **5** And_they they_will_take ᴅᴏᴍ the_gold and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_violet_stuff and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_purple and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_scarlet_ _stuff_of the_scarlet and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fine_linen. **6** And_they_will_ _make ᴅᴏᴍ the_ephod gold violet_stuff and_purple scarlet_ _stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_skillful_ _worker. **7** Two_of shoulder-pieces joined it_will_belong for_ _him/it to the_two_of ends_of_its and_it_will_be_joined_ _together. **8** And_the_girdle_of its_ephod_of_his which on/upon/above_him/it will_be_of_like_its_workmanship from_ _him/it it_will_be gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_ _stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted. **9** And_you_will_take ᴅᴏᴍ two_of stones_of onyx and_you_will_engrave on_them the_ _names_of the_sons_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **10** Six of_names_of_ _their will_be_on the_stone (the)_one and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_names_of the_six which_remain_over will_be_on the_stone the_ _second(fs) according_to_of_their_genealogies. **11** The_work_of an_engraver_of stone the_engravings_of a_seal you_will_ _engrave ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of the_stones on the_names_of the_ _sons_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) surrounded_of filigree_settings_of gold you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_them. **12** And_you_will_put ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of the_stones on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod stones_of remembrance for_the_sons_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_ ’Ah$_a$ron _ _he_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ names_of_their to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** on the_two_of shoulder-pieces_of_his to_a_ _memorial. **13** And_you_will_make filigree_settings_of gold. **14** And_two_of chains_of gold pure twisted_cords you_will_ _make ᴅᴏᴍ_them a_work_of cordage and_you(ms)_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_chains of_the_cords on the_filigree_settings.

15 And_you_will_make a_breastpiece_of judgement the_work_ _of a_skillful_worker like_the_work_of the_ephod you_will_ _make_it gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **16** Square it_will_be folded_double will_be_a_span length_of_its and_will_be_a_span breadth_of_its. **17** And_you_will_fill in_ _him/it a_setting_of stone[s] four rows stone will_be_a_row_of a_ruby a_topaz and_a_beryl the_row the_one. **18** And_the_row the_second will_be_a_turquoise a_sapphire and_an_emerald. **19** And_the_row the_third will_be_a_jacinth an_agate and_an_ _amethyst. **20** And_the_row the_fourth will_be_a_chrysolite and_an_onyx and_a_jasper set gold they_will_be in_settings_of_ _their. **21** And_the_stones they_will_be on the_names_of the_

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The priests' uniform[274]

28:1 Now, have your brother Aharon (Aaron) and his sons brought to you from among the Israelis. Aharon, Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar will become my priests. **2** Make sacred clothes for Aharon—they must be uniquely beautiful **3** so speak to all the skilled craftsmen who've been given the spirit of wisdom, and they can make Aharon's clothes to dedicate him as my priest. **4** These are the clothes that they'll need to make: a small pouch to hang around the neck and an apron, a robe and a tunic of woven work, and a turban and a waistband. They must make those sacred clothes for your brother Aharon and for his sons to serve as my priests. **5** The skilled craftsmen must be given gold wire and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and finely-spun linen.

6 They must make the sacred apron from twisted finely-spun linen with gold wire and blue, purple, scarlet yarn embroidered onto it by a skilled craftsman. **7** It should have two shoulder pieces attached to the top two corners so it can be fastened. **8** Then the waistband for the apron shall be made with similar workmanship from twisted finely-spun linen with gold wire and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn skillfully embroidered into it. **9** Then get two onyx stones and engrave the names of Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve sons onto them— **10** six names on one stone and six on the other, in their birth order. **11** A stone craftsman with experience at making signet rings should do the engravings, and then mount the two stones in decorative gold settings. **12** Then attach the two stones to the shoulder pieces of the apron as a reminder about Yisrael's sons. That way Aharon (Aaron) will carry their names on his two shoulders as a reminder every time he goes to face Yahweh. **13** Make the decorative settings for the two stones from gold, **14** and then make two twisted chains of pure gold like a cord that you can attach to the decorative settings.

The chestpiece[275]

15 Make a **sacred chest pouch** for important decision making. A skilled craftsman should make it from twisted finely-spun linen like the apron, embroidered with gold wire and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **16** It needs to be 23cm square when folded over double, **17** and it will have four rows of three gemstones on it: a red ruby, a yellow topaz, a green emerald, **18** then a turquoise, a blue sapphire, a diamond, **19** then a red jacinth, a white agate, a purple amethyst, **20** and in the last row, a yellow beryl, an onyx, and a green jasper. All those stones must be mounted in decorative gold settings, **21** and so they'll represent the twelve tribes of Yisrael (Israel). The names of the

274 **RV 28:1 · Parallel** Exo. 39:1-7

275 **RV 28:15 · Parallel** Exo. 39:8-21

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twelve sons must be engraved on the stones similar to how signet rings are made. 22 Make two twisted chains of pure gold like a cord that you can attach to the pouch, 23 then make two gold rings and attach them to the two top corners of the pouch. 24 Attach the two gold chains to the rings on the corners 25 with the other ends fastened to the two decorative settings around the stones and then attached to the front side of the shoulder straps. 26 Make two more gold rings and attach them on the inside to the two bottom corners of the pouch, 27 and another two gold rings to be attached to the bottom of the two shoulder pieces near where the shoulder straps join the apron just above the crafted waistband. 28 Then tie the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the apron with a blue cord so that the pouch sits above the waistband and can't come loose from the apron.

29 Then whenever Aharon (Aaron) enters the sacred inner room to stand in front of me, he'll be carrying the names of Yisrael's sons over his heart on the sacred pouch that'll be used for making decisions. 30 Then place the 'Urim' and the 'Tumim'[276][277] in the sacred pouch so they'll be over Aharon's heart when he goes in before Yahweh, thus Aharon will continually bear the decisions of the Israelis over his heart before Yahweh.

The other parts of the uniform[279]

31 Make the **robe** to be worn under the sacred apron entirely from blue material 32 with an opening for his head in the middle of it. A border will be needed around the opening so it can't tear—this should be woven like openings in regular clothes. 33 Then on the bottom hem, make decorations that look like pomegranates—they must be made from blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. Gold bells should hang in between the pomegranates 34 so as you go around the hem of the robe there'll be a gold bell, then a pomegranate, then a gold bell, then a pomegranate, etc. 35 Aharon (Aaron) must wear this robe when he's serving, so when he goes into my presence in the sacred inner room, I'll hear the bells when he enters and when he leaves, so he won't die.

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_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_plus ten on names_of_their the_ _engravings_of a_seal each_one on his/its_name they_will_be for_two_plus_of ten tribe[s]. 22 And_you_will_make on the_ _breastpiece chains_of twisting a_work_of cordage gold pure. 23 And_you_will_make on the_breastpiece two_of rings_of gold and_you_will_put ÐOM the_two_of the_rings on the_two_of the_ _ends_of the_breastpiece. 24 And_you(ms)_will_give ÐOM the_ _two_of the_cords_of the_gold on the_two_of the_rings to the_ _ends_of the_breastpiece. 25 And_ÐOM the_two_of the_ends_of the_two_of the_cords you_will_put on the_two_of the_filigree_ _settings and_you(ms)_will_give on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod to the_front his/its_faces/face. 26 And_you_will_ _make two_of rings_of gold and_you_will_put ÐOM_them on the_two_of the_ends_of the_breastpiece on edge_of_its which is_to the_side_of the_ephod inside_to_the. 27 And_you_will_ _make two_of rings_of gold and_you(ms)_will_give ÐOM_them on the_two_of the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod from_to_ _downwards from_the_front_of his/its_faces/face close_to_of joining_of_its from_above (to)_the_girdle_of the_ephod. 28 And_they_will_bind ÐOM the_breastpiece its[278] to the_rings_ _of the_ephod with_a_cord_of violet_stuff to_be on the_girdle_ _of the_ephod and_not the_breastpiece it_will_become_ _detached from_under the_ephod. 29 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_ _bear ÐOM the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_ _breastpiece_of (the)_judgement over his/its_heart when_goes_ _he into the_holy_place to_a_memorial to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** continually. 30 And_you_will_put into the_breastpiece_of (the)_judgement ÐOM the_Urim and_ÐOM the_Thummim and_they_will_be over the_heart_of 'Ah$_a$ron when_goes_he to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_bear ÐOM the_judgement_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) over his/its_heart to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** continually.

31 And_you_will_make ÐOM the_robe_of the_ephod an_entirety_ _of violet_stuff. 32 And_it_was the_opening_of his/its_head in_ _the_middle_of_of_it an_edge it_will_belong to_opening_of_its all_around the_work_of a_weaver like_the_opening_of a_collar it_will_belong for_him/it not it_will_be_torn. 33 And_you_will_ _make on skirts_of_its pomegranates_of violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet on skirts_of_its all_around and_ _bells_of gold will_be_of_between_them all_around. 34 A_bell_ _of gold and_a_pomegranate a_bell_of gold and_a_pomegranate will_be_on the_skirts_of the_robe all_around. 35 And_it_was on 'Ah$_a$ron to_serve and_ sound_of_its _it_will_be_heard when_ _goes_he into the_holy_place to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_when_he_comes_out and_not he_will_ _die. 36 And_you_will_make a_plate_of gold pure and_you_will_ _engrave on/upon/above_him/it the_engravings_of a_seal

276 RV 28:30 · Note These two objects appear abruptly in the text—they haven't been described previously—in fact, they're not described anywhere, so we don't really know much about them except that it seems they were used somehow to indicate Yahweh's decision on important matters. Although we presume that Mosheh must have already been familiar with them, sadly we're unable to translate these two Hebrew words, because we're not.

277 RV 28:30 · Cross-ref. Num 27:21; Deu 33:8; Ezr 2:63; Neh 7:65.

278 LV 28:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/תעבט/מ**: (x-qere) **ו/יֻתְעַבַּט/מ**: lemma_m/2885 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_02Kuy **ו/יֻתְעַבַּט/מ**

279 RV 28:31 · Parallel Exo. 39:22-31

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holiness to/for_**YHWH**. **37** And_you_will_put ĐOM_him/it on a_
_cord_of violet_stuff and_it_was on the_turban to the_front of_
_the_face_of of_the_turban it_will_be. **38** And_it_was on the_
_forehead_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_bear ĐOM the_guilt_
_of the_holy_things which the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_
_will_consecrate to/from_all/each/any/every the_gifts_of
their_holiness(es)_of_their and_it_was on forehead_of_his
continually for_acceptance to/for_them to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH**. **39** And_you_will_weave the_tunic
fine_linen and_you_will_make a_turban fine_linen and_a_sash
you_will_make the_work_of a_worker_in_colours. **40** And_for_
_the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron you_will_make tunics and_you_will_make
to/for_them sashes and_headdresses you_will_make to/for_
_them for_glory and_for_beauty. **41** And_you_will_clothe ĐOM_
_them ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_ĐOM sons_
_of_his with_him/it and_you_will_anoint ĐOM_them and_you_
_will_fill ĐOM hand_of_their and_you_will_consecrate ĐOM_
_them and_they_will_serve_as_priests to_me. **42** And_make
to/for_them undergarments_of linen to_cover the_flesh_of
nakedness from_the_hips and_unto the_thighs they_will_be.
43 And_they_will_be on 'Ah$_a$ron and_on sons_of_his when_go_
_they into the_tent_of meeting or when_they_draw_near to
the_altar to_serve in_place and_not they_will_bear guilt and_
_they_will_die it_will_be_a_regulation_of perpetuity to_him/it
and_for_offspring_of_his after_him.
29:1 And_this is_the_thing which you_will_do to/for_them to_
_consecrate ĐOM_them to_serve_as_priests to_me take a_young_
_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd and_rams two
unblemished. **2** And_bread_of unleavened_bread(s) and_cakes_
_of unleavened_bread(s) mixed with_oil and_wafers_of
unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil fine_flour_of wheat(s)
you_will_make ĐOM_them. **3** And_you_will_put them on a_
_basket one and_you_will_bring_near ĐOM_them in_basket and_
_ĐOM the_young_bull and_ĐOM the_two_of the_rams. **4** And_ĐOM
'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his you_will_bring_near to the_
_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_you_will_wash ĐOM_
_them with_water. **5** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_garments and_
_you_will_clothe ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron ĐOM the_tunic and_ĐOM the_robe_
_of the_ephod and_ĐOM the_ephod and_ĐOM the_breastpiece
and_you_will_gird_the_ephod to_him/it with_the_girdle_of
the_ephod. **6** And_you_will_put the_turban on his/its_head
and_you_will_put ĐOM the_crown_of (the)_holiness on the_
_turban. **7** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing
and_you_will_pour_it on his/its_head and_you_will_anoint
ĐOM_him/it. **8** And_ĐOM sons_of_his you_will_bring_near and_
_you_will_clothe_them tunics. **9** And_you_will_gird ĐOM_them
a_sash 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his and_you_will_bind_on to/for_
_them headdresses and_it_will_belong to/for_them priesthood
to_a_regulation_of perpetuity and_you_will_fill the_hand_of
'Ah$_a$ron and_the_hand_of his_sons_of_his. **10** And_you_will_
_bring_near ĐOM the_young_bull to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_tent_of meeting and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _
_he_will_lay ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_young_
_bull. **11** And_you_will_slaughter ĐOM the_young_bull to_(the)_

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36 Make a plate from pure gold and engrave 'Dedicated to Yahweh' on it like you would on a signet ring. **37** Attach it to the front of the turban using a blue cord **38** so it'll be on Aharon's forehead. In this way, it'll bear the deficiencies of human sinfulness when Israelis attempt to make sacred objects and attempt to make sacred offerings. Thus it'll be on his forehead continually so that I will see it and accept those things.

39 The **tunic** must be woven from finely-spun linen, and similarly for the **turban**. An embroiderer must make the **waistband**.

40 You must also make tunics, waistbands and headbands for Aharon's sons so they'll look splendid and beautiful. **41** Put these clothes on your brother Aharon and his sons, then anoint them with oil and ordain and consecrate them as priests to me.
42 Make **underwear** out of linen to cover their bare flesh from the waist to the thighs— **43** they must wear it whenever they enter the sacred tent and whenever they approach the altar to offer sacrifices so they won't be disobeying and die. Aharon and his descendants must obey that rule forever.

Consecrating the priests[280]

29:1 Now this is how you should consecrate them to be priests to me: Take a young bull from the herd and two rams without defects. **2** Also, using finely-ground wheat flour, bake flat bread, flat cakes with olive oil in them, and flat wafers sprinkled with olive oil. **3** Put the baking into a basket, and bring the basket to me along with the bull and two rams.

4 Then take Aharon (Aaron) and his sons near to the entrance of the sacred tent and wash them with water. **5** Take the clothes and dress Aharon in the tunic and the robe that goes with the apron, then the sacred apron and the sacred pouch, and tie the waistband around the apron. **6** Put the turban on his head and attach the sacred gold ornament to it, **7** then take the anointing oil and pour it over his head to dedicate him. **8** Next, bring his sons and put tunics on them **9** and wrap waistbands around them and tie on their headbands. They and their descendants will be priests forever, and you must ordain both Aharon and his sons.

10 Then bring the bull to the front of the sacred tent and get Aharon and his sons to put their hands on its head, **11** then slaughter[281] the bull before me at the entrance of the sacred tent. **12** Take some of that blood and smear it on the top projections of the altar with your finger, then pour the rest of it on the ground at the base of the altar. **13** Take all the fat covering the innards including the lobe above the liver, as well as both kidneys and the fat on them, and burn it all on the altar, **14** but the

280 RV 29:1 · Parallel Lev. 8:1-36

281 RV 29:11 · Note The throat will be cut with a sharp knife, and the blood will be caught in a bowl.

Readers' Version

bull's meat and hide and intestines must be burnt outside the camp. Sacrificing the bull's fat like that is an act of purification.

15 Then take one of the rams and have Aharon and his sons
place their hands on its head, **16** then slaughter it. Catch the
blood and sprinkle it all over the sides of the altar. **17** Then cut
the ram into pieces and wash its innards and its legs, and put
those bits together with the head and the other pieces. **18** Then
burn it all on the altar. That will be a burnt offering to me—a
pleasing aroma from the offering by fire.[282]

19 Then take the second ram, and have Aharon and his sons
place their hands on its head, **20** then slaughter it. Catch the
blood and smear some of it on the tip of Aharon and his sons'
right ears and on their right thumbs and big toes. Then sprinkle
the rest all over the sides of the altar. **21** Take some of the blood
that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle
that on Aharon and his clothes, and on his sons and their
clothes. That will consecrate Aharon and his sons and their
priestly clothes.

22 Take the fat of that second ram, and its fat tail, the fat cover-
ing its innards and the lobe above the liver, the two kidneys and
that fat that's on them, and the right thigh, because this ram is
for consecration. **23** Also take one round bread loaf, one cake of
bread made with oil in it, and one wafer from that basket of flat
breads that's offered to me. **24** Put all those into the hands of
Aharon and his sons, and they must wave them before me as a
wave offering. **25** Then take them from their hands and burn
them completely on the altar on top of the burnt offering. That
also will be a fire offering to me, and its aroma will please me.

26 Take the breast meat of the ram (the second one for the con-
secration of Aharon) and wave it as a wave offering before me.
Then after that it will be your share to cook and eat.

27 So you should consecrate the breast of the wave offering
and the thigh of the contribution from the ram of consecration
for Aharon and his sons. **28** Those will belong to Aharon and his
sons as their regular portion from the Israelis—it will be a con-
tribution from the Israelis from their peace offerings to me.

29 The sacred clothes that belong to Aharon will be used for his
male descendants to wear in turn when they're anointed and
consecrated. **30** The priest who succeeds him from among his
sons, who comes into the sacred tent to serve in the sacred in-
ner room must wear them for seven days.

31 Take the ram of consecration and boil its meat in a sacred
place, **32** then Aharon and his sons should eat the meat of the
ram as well as the breads that are in the basket at the entrance
to the tent. **33** They must eat those things used to make atone-
ment for them and to consecrate them. No one else can eat
them, because they've been made sacred. **34** If any meat of the
consecration or any of the bread remains until the morning,
then you must burn the remainder—it can't be eaten because it's
been made sacred.

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_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_entrance_of the_tent_
_of meeting. **12** And_you_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_
_young_bull and_you(ms)_will_give on the_horns_of the_altar
with_finger_of_your and_ĐOM all_of the_blood you_will_pour_
_out to the_base_of the_altar. **13** And_you_will_take ĐOM all_of
the_fat which_covers ĐOM the_entrails and_ĐOM the_lobe on
the_liver and_ĐOM the_two_of the_kidneys and_ĐOM the_fat
which is_on_them and_you_will_make_them_smoke to_the_
_altar. **14** And_ĐOM the_flesh_of the_young_bull and_ĐOM hide_
_of_its and_ĐOM dung_of_its you_will_burn with_fire from_the_
_outside of_camp is_a_sin_offering it. **15** And_ĐOM the_ram the_
_one you_will_take and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _they_will_lay
ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **16** And_you_will_
_slaughter ĐOM the_ram and_you_will_take ĐOM blood_of_its
and_you_will_sprinkle_it on the_altar all_around. **17** And_ĐOM
the_ram you_will_cut_in_pieces into_pieces_of_its and_you_
_will_wash entrails_of_its and_legs_of_its and_you_will_put_
_them with pieces_of_its and_with his/its_head. **18** And_you_
_will_make_smoke ĐOM all_of the_ram to_the_altar is_a_burnt_
offering it to/for**YHWH** is_an_odour_of soothing a_fire_
offering to/for**YHWH** it. **19** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_ram
the_second and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he_will_lay ĐOM
hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **20** And_you_will_
_slaughter ĐOM the_ram and_you_will_take some_of_its_blood
and_you(ms)_will_give on the_lobe_of the_ear_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_
_on the_lobe_of the_ear_of his_sons_of_his (the)_right and_on
the_thumb_of their_hand_of_their (the)_right and_on the_big_
_toe_of their_foot_of_their (the)_right and_you_will_sprinkle
ĐOM the_blood on the_altar all_around. **21** And_you_will_take
some_of the_blood which is_on the_altar and_some_of_the_oil_
_of (the)_anointing and_you_will_spatter_it on 'Ah$_a$ron and_on
garments_of_his and_on sons_of_his and_on the_garments_of
his_sons_of_his with_him/it and_ he and_garments_of_his and_
_sons_of_his and_the_garments_of his_sons_of_his with_him/it
_he_will_be_holy. **22** And_you_will_take from the_ram the_fat
and_the_fat_tail and_ĐOM the_fat which_covers ĐOM the_
_entrails and_ĐOM the_lobe_of the_liver and_ĐOM the_two_of
the_kidneys and_ĐOM the_fat which is_on_them and_ĐOM the_
_thigh_of the_right if/because is_a_ram_of installation_
_offering(s) it. **23** And_a_round_loaf_of bread one and_a_cake_of
bread_of oil one and_a_wafer one from_the_basket_of (the)_
_unleavened_bread(s) which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH**. **24** And_you_will_put (the)_everything on
the_palms_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_on the_palms_of his_sons_of_his
and_you_will_wave ĐOM_them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **25** And_you_will_take ĐOM_them
from_hand_of_their and_you_will_make_them_smoke to_the_
_altar on the_burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** is_a_fire_offering it to/for_
_**YHWH**. **26** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_breast from_the_ram_of
(the)_installation_offering(s) which belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron and_
_you_will_wave ĐOM_him/it a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_it_was to/for_yourself(m)
to_a_portion. **27** And_you_will_consecrate ĐOM the_breast_of
the_wave-offering and_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_contribution
that_which it_was_waved and_which it_was_raised from_the_

282 RV 29:18 · Cross-ref. Eph 5:2; Php 4:18.

Literal Version

_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) from_that_which belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron from_that_which belongs_to_sons_of_his. **28** And_it_was to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his to_a_prescribed_ _portion_of perpetuity from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because is_a_contribution it and_a_ _contribution it_will_be from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_sacrifices_of their_peace_offerings_ _of_their contribution_of_their to/for_**YHWH**. **29** And_the_ _garments_of (the)_holiness which belong_to_'Ah$_a$ron they_ _will_belong to_sons_of_his after_him for_anointing in/among_ _them and_to_fill in_them ~~DOM~~ hand_of_their. **30** Seven_of days he_will_wear_them the_priest/officer in_place_of_him one_of_ _his_sons who he_will_come into the_tent_of meeting to_serve in_place. **31** And_~~DOM~~ the_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) you_will_take and_you_will_boil ~~DOM~~ meat_of_its in_a_place holy. **32** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he/it_will_eat ~~DOM~~ the_ _meat_of the_ram and_~~DOM~~ the_bread which is_in_basket the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting. **33** And_they_will_eat ~~DOM~~_ _them which it_was_atoned (is)_in_them to_fill ~~DOM~~ hand_of_ _their to_consecrate ~~DOM~~_them and_a_stranger not he_will_eat_ _them if/because are_a_holy_thing they. **34** And_if some_of_ _the_meat_of (the)_installation_offering(s) and_from the_bread it_will_be_left_over until the_morning and_you_will_burn ~~DOM~~ the_remainder with_fire not it_will_be_eaten if/because is_a_ _holy_thing it. **35** And_you_will_do to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_ _his thus according_to_all that I_have_commanded you seven_ _of days you_will_fill hand_of_their. **36** And_a_young_bull_of a_ _sin_offering you_will_offer to_day on (the)_atonement(s) and_ _you_will_make_a_sin_offering on the_altar when_you_make_ _atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_you_will_anoint ~~DOM~~_ _him/it to_consecrate_it. **37** Seven_of days you_will_make_ _atonement on the_altar and_you_will_consecrate ~~DOM~~_him/it and_it_was the_altar holiness_of holiness(es) every_of (the)_ _thing_which_touches (in)_altar it_will_be_holy.

38 And_this is_that_which you_will_offer on the_altar lambs sons_of a_year two to_day continually. **39** ~~DOM~~ the_lamb the_ _one you_will_offer in_morning and_~~DOM~~ the_lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings. **40** And_a_tenth fine_ _flour mixed with_oil pressed (the)_fourth_part_of (the)_hin and_a_drink_offering (the)_fourth_of (the)_hin wine for_lamb the_one. **41** And_~~DOM~~ the_lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings like_the_grain_offering_of the_morning and_like_its_drink_of_offering you_will_offer (to)_it to_an_ _odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **42** A_burnt_ _offering_of continuity to_generations_of_your(pl) the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** where I_will_meet to/for_you(pl) there_(to) to_speak to_you there. **43** And_I_will_meet there_(to) (to)_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be_shown_as_holy by_ _glory_of_my. **44** And_I_will_consecrate ~~DOM~~ the_tent_of meeting and_~~DOM~~ the_altar and_~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~DOM~~ sons_of_ _his I_will_consecrate to_serve_as_priests to_me. **45** And_I_will_ _dwell in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_ _be to/for_them (into)_god. **46** And_they_will_know if/because_

Readers' Version

35 So that's what you must do for Aharon and his sons, just like I've commanded you. You'll consecrate them for seven days, **36** and each day you must sacrifice a bull to purify the altar and compensate for the altar's imperfections. You must also anoint it each day with olive oil to make it sacred. **37** After making atonement for the altar and making it sacred for seven days, it will then be so sacred that anything that touches it will also become sacred.

The daily sacrifices[283]

38 After all that, you must continually offer two, year-old lambs every day— **39** one in the morning and the other around twilight. **40** With the morning lamb, also offer 2kg of finely-ground wheat flour mixed with a litre of pressed olive oil and a litre of wine. **41** With the twilight lamb, offer the same grain offering as in the morning, and the same drink offering. That will be a fire offering to me and the aroma will please me. **42** This must be a continual offering to me at the entrance of the sacred tent even in following generations, and I'll meet with you all there to speak to you there **43** and I'll meet with the Israelis there, and my splendour will sanctify it. **44** I'll consecrate the sacred tent and the altar, and I'll sanctify Aharon (Aaron) and his sons to be my priests. **45** Then I'll live there among the Israelis and I will be their god, **46** and they will know that I'm their god Yahweh, who brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) so I could live among them. I am Yahweh their god.

283 RV 29:38 · Parallel Num. 28:1-8

Readers' Version

The incense altar[284]

30:1 You must make an altar out of acacia word for burning incense on. **2** It should be square—half a metre on each side—and a metre high. Make projections that look like horns on top out of that same block of wood. **3** It must be overlaid with pure gold—its top and all around its sides and its projections—plus you shall make a gold moulding all around it. **4** Make two gold rings and attach them to the altar below the moulding—one on each side to hold the poles for carrying it with. **5** Make the two poles from acacia wood and overlay them with gold. **6** Put this incense altar outside the curtain that hangs in front of the sacred chest—the box containing the stone slabs and with a platform on it where I will meet with you.

7 Aharon (Aaron) must burn fragrant incense on this altar every morning when he looks after the lamps **8** and again every evening when he lights the lamps, so incense must be continually burning before me throughout your generations. **9** Don't offer up any incense or burnt offering or grain offering on it that's different from these instructions, and don't pour a drink offering on it. **10** Once a year, Aharon must take the purifying blood from the annual atonement sacrifice and put it on the projections of the altar to compensate for the altar's imperfection. Each high priest will cover the altar's flaws this way throughout all future generations. The altar will be very sacred—dedicated to me.

The tax for making the tent

11 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **12** Whenever you take a census of the Israeli men, each man must pay a ransom to Yahweh for his life when they're counted, and then the counting won't cause deadly diseases among them. **13** As each man crosses over to stand with those who've been counted, he must pay give a half-shekel coin as an offering to me.[285] (That's half of the official shekel weight of 12 grams.) **14** Every man who's twenty or older must pay this contribution to me when he's counted—**15** the wealthy aren't expected to pay more, and the poor must not pass less than this amount when they pay this ransom to me to make atonement for your lives. **16** Then you must take that money from the Israelis and use it for work on the sacred tent—it will be a reminder to me that you all have made atonement for your lives.

Literal Version

that I am**YHWH** god_of_their who I_brought_out ~~DOM~~_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_to_dwell among_them I am_**YHWH** god_of_their.

30:1 And_you_will_make an_altar a_place_of_smoke_of incense wood(s)_of acacia you_will_make ~~DOM~~_him/it. **2** Will_be_a_cubit length_of_its and_will_be_a_cubit breadth_of_its square it_will_be and_will_be_two_cubits height_of_its from_him/it horns_of_its. **3** And_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure ~~DOM~~ top_of_its and_~~DOM~~ sides_of_its all_around and_~~DOM~~ horns_of_its and_you_will_make for_him/it a_moulding gold all_around. **4** And_two_of rings_of gold you_will_make for_him/it from_under to_moulding_of_its on the_two_of sides_of_its you_will_make_them on the_two_of sides_of_its and_it_was (into)_holders for_poles to_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it by_them. **5** And_you_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_you_will_overlay ~~DOM~~_them gold. **6** And_you(ms)_will_give ~~DOM~~_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_curtain which is_on the_box_of the_transcript to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_atonement_cover which is_on the_transcript where I_will_meet to/for_yourself(m) there_(to). **7** And_he_will_make_smoke on/upon/above_him/it 'Ah$_a$ron incense_of perfume(s) in_morning in_morning when_he_makes_good ~~DOM~~ the_lamps he_will_make_it_smoke. **8** And_when_ 'Ah$_a$ron _lifts_up ~~DOM~~ the_lamps between the_evenings he_will_make_it_smoke incense_of continuity to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_generations_of_your(pl). **9** Not you(pl)_must_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it incense strange and_a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering and_a_drink_offering not you(pl)_must_pour_out on/upon/above_him/it. **10** And_'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_make_atonement on horns_of_its one_time in_year from_the_blood_of the_sin_offering_of (the)_atonement(s) one_time in_year he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it to_generations_of_your(pl) is_holiness_of holiness(es) it to/for_**YHWH**.

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.

12 If/because you_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ the_head_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[286] to_those_of_who_are_enrolled_of_them and_they_will_give everyone the_ransom_of his_life_of_his to/for_**YHWH** when_enrol ~~DOM~~_them and_not it_will_be in/among_them a_plague when_enrol ~~DOM~~_them. **13** This every_of (the)_one_who_passes_over to those_enrolled they_will_pay the_half_of the_shekel by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place is_twenty gerah[s] the_shekel (the)_half_of the_shekel is_a_contribution to/for_**YHWH**. **14** Every_of (the)_one_who_passes_over to those_enrolled from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards he_will_pay the_contribution_of **YHWH**. **15** The_rich_person not he_will_make_much and_the_poor_person not he_will_make_little more_than_(the)_half_of the_shekel by_paying ~~DOM~~ the_contribution_of **YHWH** to_make_atonement on selves_of_your(pl). **16** And_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_money_of (the)_atonement(s) from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_give ~~DOM~~_him/it on the_service_of the_tent_of

284 **RV 30:1 · Parallel** Exo. 37:25-28

285 **RV 30:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 38:25-26; Mat 17:24.

286 **LV 30:12 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

meeting and_it_was for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_
memorial to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_
_make_atonement on selves_of_your(pl).
17 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **18** And_you_
_will_make a_laver bronze and_base_of_its bronze for_washing
and_you_will_put ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it between the_tent_of meeting
and_between the_altar and_you_will_put there_(to) water.
19 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _they_will_wash from_him/it
ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ feet_of_their. **20** When_go_they
into the_tent_of meeting they_will_wash water and_not they_
_will_die or when_they_draw_near to the_altar to_serve to_
_make_smoke a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **21** And_they_will_
_wash hands_of_their and_feet_of_their and_not they_will_die
and_it_will_be to/for_them a_decree_of perpetuity to_him/it
and_for_offspring_of_his to_generations_of_their.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **23** And_
_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) spices the_best_of myrrh_of
flowing five hundred(s) and_cinnamon_of spice half_of_its fifty
and_two_hundred and_cane_of spice fifty and_two_hundred.
24 And_cassia five hundred(s) by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place
and_oil_of olive[s] a_hin. **25** And_you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it
oil_of anointing_of holiness ointment_of an_ointment_mixture
the_work_of a_perfumer oil_of anointing_of holiness it_will_be.
26 And_you_will_anoint in_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_tent_of meeting
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_box_of the_transcript. **27** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_table and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of articles_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lampstand and_ᴅᴏᴍ
articles_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar_of (the)_incense. **28** And_ᴅᴏᴍ
the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of articles_of_its
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_laver and_ᴅᴏᴍ base_of_its. **29** And_you_will_
_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_they_will_be holiness_of
holiness(es) every_of (the)_thing_which_touches (is)_in_them
it_will_be_holy. **30** And_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ah$_a$ron and_ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his you_
_will_anoint and_you_will_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_serve_as_
_priests to_me. **31** And_near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
you_will_speak to_say oil_of anointing_of holiness it_will_be
this to_me to_generations_of_your(pl). **32** On the_body_of a_
_person not it_will_be_poured and_in_proportion[s]_of_its not
you(pl)_must_make like_it is_a_holy_thing it a_holy_thing it_
_will_be to_you(pl). **33** Anyone who he_will_mix like_it and_
_which he_will_put from_him/it on a_stranger and_he_will_be_
_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_his.

34 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh take to/for_yourself(m)
spices stacte and_onycha and_galbanum spices and_
_frankincense pure a_part in_a_part it_will_be. **35** And_you_
_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it incense ointment the_work_of a_
_perfumer salted pure a_holy_thing. **36** And_you_will_beat_fine
from_her/it finely_(pulverise) and_you(ms)_will_give from_
her/it to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_transcript in_
_the_tent_of meeting where I_will_meet to/for_yourself(m)
there_(to) holiness_of holiness(es) it_will_be to_you(pl).
37 And_the_incense which you_will_make in_proportion[s]_of_
_its not you(pl)_must_make to/for_you(pl) a_holy_thing it_will_
_be to/for_yourself(m) to/for_**YHWH**. **38** Anyone who he_will_
_make like_it to_smell (in)_it and_he_will_be_cut_off from_

Readers' Version

17 The Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **The washbasin**
18 Make a bronze washbasin with a bronze base.[287] Place it between the sacred tent and the altar, and fill it with water **19** and Aharon (Aaron) and his sons must wash their hands and feet in it. **20** Before they go into the sacred tent, they must wash with water so that won't die, and also when they're going to the altar to burn offerings to me— **21** they must wash their hands and feet so they won't die. This will be a rule for them and for all their descendants throughout the generations.

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **The anointing oil**
23 Then you yourself must collect these spices: 6kg of fragrant sap named myrrh, then 3kg of fragrant cinnamon, 3kg of fragrant cane, **24** and 6kg of fragrant casia bark. (Use the official weight for everything.) Also, four litres of olive oil. **25** Get a professional perfumer to make this into a sacred, fragrant, anointing oil. **26** Use it to anoint the sacred tent and the box containing the stone slabs, **27** as well as the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, the incense altar, **28** the altar for burnt offerings and all its equipment, and the basin and its base. **29** That will make them sacred and dedicated to me, and anything that touches them will also become sacred.
30 Then anoint Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, and dedicate them to become my priests. **31** Approach the Israelis and tell them, "This recipe will be my sacred anointing oil for all generations. **32** It must not be poured on anyone's body, and you all must not use any similar recipe for yourselves—it's sacred and must be treated as such. **33** Anyone who mixes together anything like that, or who puts any of it on a stranger, must be expelled from the community.

34 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **The incense**
Collect equal amounts of stacte, onycha, and galbanum spices, and pure frankincense, **35** and get a professional ointment mixer to add salt and make it into pure incense that will be sacred. **36** Pulverise some of it into a fine powder and put it in front of the box containing the stone slabs inside the sacred tent. This incense must be regarded as being very sacred. **37** No one else should make any incense for yourselves with this same recipe—it must be regarded as sacred to me. **38** Anyone who makes anything similar for its fragrance must be expelled from the community.[288]

287 **RV 30:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 38:8.

288 **RV 30:22-38 · Cross-ref.** Exo 37:29.

Readers' Version

Betsalel and Oholiav[289]

31:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 Listen, I've chosen a man named Betsalel
(son of Uri, son of Hur, from Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants)
3 and I've filled him with my spirit with wisdom, ability, knowledge, and general craftsmanship. **4** He's capable of designing and creating gold, silver, and bronze works, **5** as well as cutting and setting gemstones, wood-carving, and other crafts. **6** And what's more, I've appointed Oholiav (son of Ahisamak, from Dan's descendants) to help him, and I've also given special ability to other skilled men so that they can make everything that I've instructed you:
7 the sacred tent,
the box containing the stone slabs with the atonement platform on top of it,
all the equipment for inside the sacred tent,
8 the table and its utensils,
the gold lampstand and all its utensils,
the altar for burning incense,
9 the altar for the burnt offerings and all its utensils,
the washbasin with its base,
10 the woven clothes: the sacred clothes for Aharon (Aaron) the priest and his sons,
11 the anointing oil, and
the fragrant incense for the sacred tent.
Those craftsmen must make everything exactly according to my instructions.

The rest day

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
13 Tell the Israelis that you all must certainly observe the weekly rest day because the rest day is a sign between me and you all throughout your generations, so that you will know that I am Yahweh, who wants to distinguish you from other nations. **14** So you all must observe the rest day because it's sacred for you. Anyone who treats it as an ordinary day must be put to death. Anyone who works on it must be expelled from the community. **15** There's six days for working, and then the seventh is a rest day—dedicated to me.[290] Anyone who works on it must certainly be put to death. **16** The Israelis must observe the rest day for all future generations. There's no ending to this agreement **17** between me and the Israelis. It's a never-ending sign that I made the heavens and the earth in six days, and then rested on the seventh day and was refreshed.[291]

18 When Yahweh finished speaking to Mosheh, he gave Mosheh the two stone slabs with the transcript that he had engraved on them with his own finger.

Literal Version

_kinspeople(s)_of_his.

31:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** See I_ _have_called by_name Bətsal'ēl the_son_of 'Ūrī the_son_of Ḥūr of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **3** And_I_have_filled ĐOM_ _him/it the_spirit_of god with_skill and_with_understanding and_with_knowledge and_on/over_all workmanship. **4** To_ _design designs for_doing in_gold and_in_silver and_in_bronze. **5** And_in_carving_of stone to_fill and_in_carving_of wood for_ _doing in_all workmanship. **6** And_I HERE I_have_appointed with_him/it ĐOM 'Āh$_e$lī'āv the_son_of Ahisamach of_the_tribe_ _of of_Dān and_in_the_heart_of every_of person_skillful_of heart I_have_put skill and_they_will_make ĐOM all_of that I_ _have_commanded_you. **7** ĐOM the_tent_of meeting and_ĐOM the_box of_transcript and_ĐOM the_atonement_cover which on/upon/above_him/it and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of the_tent. **8** And_ĐOM the_table and_ĐOM articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_ _lampstand the_pure and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_altar_of (the)_incense. **9** And_ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_ _offering and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_laver and_ _ĐOM base_of_its. **10** And_ĐOM the_garments_of the_woven_ _material and_ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_holiness for_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_ĐOM the_garments_of his_sons_of_his to_serve_as_priests. **11** And_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ĐOM the_incense_of the_perfume(s) for_place according_ _to_all that I_have_commanded_you they_will_do.

12 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh to_said. **13** And_you(ms) speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say surely ĐOM sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_observe if/because is_a_sign it between_me and_between_you(pl) to_generations_of_your(pl) to_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_ _apart. **14** And_you(pl)_will_observe ĐOM the_sabbath if/because is_a_holy_thing it to/for_you(pl) those_of_who_ _profane_it surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death if/because every_of (the)_one_who_does on_it work and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_the_midst_of its_ _kinspeople(s)_of_her. **15** Six_of days work it_will_be_done and_ _will_on_the_day the_seventh a_sabbath_of sabbath_ _observance a_holy_thing to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_one_ _who_does work in/on_day of_the_sabbath surely_(die) he_ _will_be_put_to_death. **16** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_will_keep ĐOM the_sabbath for_doing ĐOM the_sabbath to_generations_of_their a_covenant_of perpetuity. **17** Between_ _me and_between the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_a_sign it to_ _vanishing_point if/because six_of days **YHWH** he_made ĐOM the_heavens and_ĐOM the_earth/land and_on_day the_seventh he_rested and_he_refreshed_himself. **18** And_he/it_gave to Mosheh just_as_he_finished to_speak with_him/it on_the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay the_two_of the_tablets_of the_transcript

289 **RV 31:1 · Parallel** Exo. 35:30–36:1

290 **RV 31:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:8-11; 23:12; 34:21; 35:2; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:12-14.

291 **RV 31:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:11.

Literal Version

tablets_of stone written by_the_finger_of god.

32:1 And_ the_people _he/it_saw if/because_that Mosheh he_ _delayed to_come_down from the_mountain and_ the_people _ _it_assembled to ’Ah$_a$ron and_they_said to_him/it arise make to/for_us gods which they_will_go before_us if/because this Mosheh the_man who he_brought_us_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not we_know what has_it_happened to_ _him/it. **2** And_he/it_said to_them ’Ah$_a$ron tear_off the_rings_ _of the_gold which are_on_the_ears_of your(pl)_wives_of_ _your(pl) sons_of_your(pl) and_daughters_of_your(pl) and_ _bring_them to_me. **3** And_ all_of the_people _they_tore_off_ _from_themselves ~~DOM~~ the_rings_of the_gold which were_on_ _ears_of_their and_they_brought_them to ’Ah$_a$ron. **4** And_ _he/it_took from_hand_of_their and_he/it_laid_siege ~~DOM~~_ _him/it with_tool and_he_made_it a_calf molten_metal and_ _they_said these gods_of_are_your Oh_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) who they_brought_you_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim. **5** And_ ’Ah$_a$ron _he/it_saw and_he/it_built an_altar before_it and_ ’Ah$_a$ron _he/it_called and_he_said a_festival to/for_**YHWH** will_ _be_tomorrow. **6** And_they_rose_early from_the_next_day and_ _they_offered_up burnt_offerings and_they_brought_near peace_offerings and_ the_people _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_eat and_to_drink and_they_arose to_play. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_Mosheh go go_down if/because people_of_your which you_brought_up from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim it_has_behaved_corruptly. **8** They_have_ _turned_aside quickly from the_way which I_commanded_them they_have_made to/for_them a_calf molten_metal and_they_ _have_bowed_down to_him/it and_they_have_sacrificed to_ _him/it and_they_said these gods_of_are_your Oh_ _Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) who they_brought_you_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_Mosheh I_ _have_seen ~~DOM~~ the_people the_this and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE is_a_ _people stiff_of neck it. **10** And_now leave_alone to/for_me so_ anger_of_my _that_it_may_burn in/among_them and_so_that_ _I_may_make_an_end_of_them and_I_will_make you to_(a)_ _nation great. **11** And_ Mosheh _he_entreated ~~DOM~~ the_face_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_he/it_said why Oh_**YHWH** anger_of_ _your does_it_burn on_people_of_your which you_brought_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim with_power great and_by_a_hand strong. **12** To/for_what Mitsrayim will_they_say to_say with_ _evil he_brought_them_out to_kill ~~DOM~~_them in_mountains and_to_make_an_end_of_them from_under the_surface_of the_ _soil turn from_the_burning_of your_anger_of_your and_relent on the_harm to_people_of_your. **13** Remember (to)_’Avrāhām

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32:1 Meanwhile, the people had noticed **The gold bull idol**[292] that Mosheh (Moses) had been up on the mountain for a long time, so they gathered themselves around Aharon (Aaron) and told him, “Come on. Make some gods for us that can go ahead of us, because we don’t know what’s happened to that Mosheh—the man[293] who brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).”[294]

2 Aharon replied, “Go and get the gold earrings off your wives and your sons and daughters, and bring them to me.” **3** So the people took off all their gold earrings and brought them to Aharon, **4** and he took them and smelted and crafted the gold into the form of a young bull. Then the people said, “These are your gods,[295] Yisrael (Israel), who brought you out of Mitsrayim.”[296]

5 When Aharon saw that, he built an altar in front of the bull and announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to honour Yahweh.” **6** So they got up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. Then the people sat down to eat and drink, then stood up to make merry.[297]

7 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, “Go on down because your people that you brought out of Mitsrayim have gone bad— **8** they’ve quickly deviated from what I instructed them. They’ve made a metal bull for themselves and have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and they’ve said, ‘Yisrael, these are your gods that brought you out of Mitsrayim.’ ” **9** Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, “I’ve seen this people, and look, they’re so stubborn. **10** So leave me alone now and let my anger rage against them. I will destroy them and make you into a great nation.” **11** But Mosheh pleaded with his god Yahweh and asked, “Yahweh, why are you angry at your people that you have brought out of Mitsrayim with your incredible power and actions?[298] **12** If you did that, the Mitsrim (Egyptians) would say, ‘Ha, he brought them out with evil plans to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from off the earth.’ Turn from your anger and repent from any idea of doing evil to your people. **13** Remember Avraham and Yitshak (Isaac) and Yisrael—your servants that you swore to them yourself and told them, ‘I will cause your descendants to increase like the stars in the sky, and I will give your descendants all this land which I told you about, and they will inherit it forever.’ ”[299] **14** So

292 **RV 32:1 · Parallel** Deu. 9:6-29

293 **RV 32:1 · Note** The way that the people speak of Mosheh here suggests that maybe they never really ever regarded him as being one of them—remember, he did grow up in an Mitsri palace.

294 **RV 32:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:40.

295 **RV 32:4 · Note** After crafting the gold into the form of a young bull (which wasn’t necessarily solid but may have had an internal wooden frame or a clay centre), it’s not clear here why the text refers to plural ‘gods’.

296 **RV 32:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 12:28; Acts 7:41.

297 **RV 32:6 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 10:7.

298 **RV 32:11-14 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:13-19.

299 **RV 32:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:16-17; Gen 17:8.

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Yahweh repented from the evil that he'd said he'd do to his people.

15 Then Mosheh turned and went down the mountain carrying the two tablets with the transcript. The tablets were engraved on both sides—front and back. **16** They were God's work—it was his writing and he had inscribed it on the tablets. **17** As they descended, Yehoshua (Joshua) heard the sounds of people shouting and said to Mosheh, "It sounds like a war going on down there in the camp!" **18** But Mosheh responded, "It's not a victory march, and it's not moans of defeat—it's singing that I can hear!" **19** Then as they approached the camp, they saw the bull and the dancing, and Mosheh got very angry and threw the tablets down at the bottom of the mountain and they shattered. **20** He took the bull they had made and burnt it in the fire, then he ground it down until it was powder and sprinkled it on top of pots of water and made the Israelis drink it.

21 Then Mosheh demanded from Aharon (Aaron), "What did these people do to you to make you bring such a terrible sin on them?" **22** Aharon responded, "Don't be angry with me, my master. You know the people—they're intent on evil. **23** They insisted, saying, 'Make a god for us to lead us. As for that Mosheh—the man that brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)—we don't know what's happened to him.' **24** So I told them, 'Anyone who has gold jewellery, take it off yourself,' and they gave it to me and I threw it into the fire, and this bull came out."

25 Mosheh saw that the people were out of control because Aharon had let them go wild, and now they were subject to mockery from any group that stood up against them. **26** Then Mosheh stood at the camp entrance and asked, "Anyone who's for Yahweh, come to me." And all the men from the clan of Levi gathered around him. **27** Then he told them, "This is what Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), says: 'Each man must strap his sword on his side. Pass through and return from gate to gate in the camp and kill the unfaithful men—even if it's your brother, or friend, or neighbour.' " **28** The Levite men did what Mosheh ordered and they killed about three thousand Israeli men that day. **29** Then Mosheh told them, "Consecrate yourselves to Yahweh today, because any man who stood against his son or his brother today has placed a blessing on himself."

30 The next day, Mosheh told the people, "You all have committed a terrible sin, but now I will go up to Yahweh—perhaps I can atone for your sin." **31** So Mosheh returned to Yahweh and said, "Please, these people have committed a terrible sin and made gods for themselves out of gold. **32** But now, maybe you'll forgive their sin, but if not, please blot me out of your book that you've written."[300] **33** But Yahweh said to Mosheh, "It's anyone

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(to)_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_(to)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) your_servants whom you_swore to/for_them on/over_you(fs) and_you_said to_them I_will_increase ᴅᴏᴍ offspring_of_your(pl) like_the_ _stars_of the_heavens and_all the_earth/land (the)_this which I_have_promised I_will_give to_offspring_of_your(pl) and_they_ _will_possess_it to_vanishing_point. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _sighed/regretted on the_harm which he_had_spoken for_ _doing to_people_of_his. **15** And_he_turned and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_descended from the_mountain and_the_two_of the_ _tablets_of the_transcript in_his/its_hand tablets written from_ _the_two_of sides_of_their from_this and_from_this they were_ _written. **16** And_the_tablets were_the_work_of god they and_ _the_writing was_the_writing_of god it engraved on the_ _tablets. **17** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sound_of the_people in_shouting_of_its[301] and_he/it_said to Mosheh a_sound_of battle is_in_camp.[302] **18** And_he/it_said it_ _is_not a_sound_of singing strength and_it_is_not a_sound_of singing weakness a_sound_of singing I am_hearing. **19** And_ _he/it_was just_as he_drew_near to the_camp and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_calf and_the_dancing(s) and_ the_anger of_Mosheh _ _it_glowed/burnt and_he_threw his[303] ᴅᴏᴍ the_tablets and_he_ _broke ᴅᴏᴍ_them under the_mountain. **20** And_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_calf which they_had_made and_he_burnt_it with_fire and_ _he_ground_it until that it_was_fine and_he_scattered_it on the_surface_of the_waters and_he_made_drink_it ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron what did_it_do to/for_yourself(m) the_people the_this that/for/because/then/when you_have_brought on/upon/above_him/it a_sin great. **22** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_said not the_anger my_master let_it_burn you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _people if/because_that is_on_evil it. **23** And_they_said to_me make to/for_us gods which they_will_go before_us if/because this Mosheh the_man who he_brought_us_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not we_know what has_it_happened to_ _him/it. **24** And_I_said to/for_them belongs_to_whom gold tear_it_off_from_yourselves and_they_gave_it to_me and_I_ _threw_it in_fire and_ the_calf (the)_this _he/it_went_out. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_people if/because_that it was_running_wild if/because he_had_let_it_run_wild 'Ah$_a$ron for_derision among_those_of_who_rise_against_them. **26** And_ Mosheh _he_stood at_the_gate_of the_camp and_he/it_said who to/for_**YHWH** to_me and_they_gathered_themselves to_ _him/it all_of the_descendants_of Lēvī. **27** And_he/it_said to/for_them thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says put everyone sword_of_his on thigh_of_his pass and_return from_gate to_gate in_camp and_kill everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _brother and_everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_neighbour and_everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his_of_neighbour. **28** And_ the_descendants_of Lēvī _they_ _did according_to_the_message_of Mosheh and_he_fell of the_ _people in_the_day (the)_that about_three_of thousand(s)_of person[s]. **29** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said fill hand_of_your(pl)

300 RV 32:32 · Cross-ref. Psa 69:28; Rev 3:5.

301 LV 32:17 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

302 LV 32:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

303 LV 32:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דר/מ: (x-qere) ו/יְדֵי/מ: lemma_m/3027 n_0.1.0 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_02Qza ו/יְדֵי/מ

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the_day to/for_**YHWH** if/because everyone was_on_son_of_his and_on_brother_of_his and_to_put on_yourselves the_day a_ _blessing. **30** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to the_people you(pl) you(pl)_have_sinned a_sin great and_now I_will_go_up to **YHWH** perhaps I_will_atone for sin_of_your(pl). **31** And_ Mosheh _he_returned to **YHWH** and_ _he_said please the_people the_this it_has_sinned a_sin great and_they_have_made to/for_them gods_of gold. **32** And_now if you_will_forgive sin_of_their and_if not wipe_me_out please from_book_of_your which you_have_written. **33** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to Mosheh who is_the_one_who he_has_sinned to_ _me I_will_wipe_him_out from_book_of_my. **34** And_now go lead ÐOM the_people to where I_have_spoken to/for_you(fs) THERE messenger_of_my he_will_go to_your_face and_on_the_ _day_of visit_I and_I_will_visit on_them sin_of_their. **35** And_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM the_people on that they_had_made ÐOM the_calf which 'Ah$_a$ron he_had_made.

33:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh go go_up from_here you and_the_people which you_have_brought_up from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to the_earth/land which I_swore to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) to_say to_offspring_of_your I_will_give_it. **2** And_I_will_send to_your_ _face an_messenger and_I_will_drive_out ÐOM the_ _Kəna'$_a$nī/(Canaanite)[s] the_'Amorī and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_ _Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **3** To a_land flowing_of milk and_honey if/because not I_will_go_up in_ _midst_of_your if/because are_a_people stiff_of neck you lest I_ _should_make_an_end_of_you on_journey. **4** And_ the_people _ _he/it_listened ÐOM the_message (the)_bad the_this and_they_ _mourned and_not they_placed anyone ornament[s]_of_his on/upon/above_him/it. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) are_a_people stiff_ _of neck a_moment one I_will_go_up in_midst_of_your and_I_ _will_make_an_end_of_you and_now take_down ornament[s]_ _of_your from_on_yourself so_that_I_may_consider what will_I_ _do to_you. **6** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _stripped_themselves ÐOM ornament[s]_of_their from_hill of_ _Ḥorēv.

7 And_Mosheh he_took ÐOM the_tent and_he_pitched to_him/it from_the_outside of_camp at_a_distance from the_camp and_ _he_called to_him/it the_tent_of meeting and_it_was any_of one_who_sought **YHWH** he_went_out to the_tent_of meeting which was_from_the_outside of_camp. **8** And_it_was just_ Mosheh _as_went_out to the_tent all_of the_people they_arose and_they_stood everyone the_opening_of his_tent_of_his and_ _they_looked after Mosheh until went_he to_the_tent. **9** And_it_ _was just_ Mosheh _as_went to_the_tent the_pillar_of (the)_ _cloud it_came_down and_it_stood the_opening_of the_tent and_he_spoke with Mosheh. **10** And_ all_of the_people _it_saw ÐOM the_pillar_of (the)_cloud standing the_opening_of the_tent

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who sinned against me that I'll blot out of my book. **34** So go now and lead the people to where I've spoken to you. See, my angel will go ahead of you, but on the day that I settle accounts, then I'll punish them for their sin."

35 Then Yahweh sent deadly diseases onto the people because they had got Aharon (Aaron) to make the gold bull.

God tells them to leave Mt. Sinay

33:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Go and pack up from here, you and the people that you brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). Go to the land which I promised to Avraham,[304] to Yitshak (Isaac),[305] and to Ya'akov (Jacob),[306] when I told them that I'd give it to their descendants. **2** I'll send an angel ahead of you, and I'll drive out the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Amorim, the Hitim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. **3** It's a land flowing with milk and honey, but I won't stay among you in case I decide to destroy you on the way because you're stubborn people."[307]

4 When the people heard this angry comment, they mourned and none of them put on anything fancy.[308] **5** Yahweh had[309] told Mosheh, "Tell the Israelis, 'You're all stubborn people. If I went with you for even one moment, then I'd destroy you. So now, take off your jewellery and anything fancy that you're wearing, and then I'll know what I'll do to you.' " **6** So from Mt. Sinay onwards, the Israelis stripped themselves of their jewellery and fancy things.

The tent for meeting God

7 From that day onwards, Mosheh (Moses) would take a tent and would put it up at a distance outside the camp—he called it 'the tent of meeting'. Then anyone who wanted a decision from Yahweh would go out to that tent of meeting outside the camp. **8** Whenever Mosheh went out to the tent, all the people would stand up at the entrance of their own tents, and they would watch Mosheh go out until he went into the tent. **9** Once he entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand at the entrance of the tent, and Yahweh would speak with him. **10** When all the

304 **RV 33:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.

305 **RV 33:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.

306 **RV 33:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.

307 **RV 33:3 · Cross-ref.** 32:9.

308 **RV 33:4 · Note** But they didn't mourn enough to wear sackcloth and throw ashes on themselves.

309 **RV 33:5 · Note** Assumed.

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people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, they would get up and bow down at the entrance of their own tents. **11** Yahweh would speak to Mosheh face to face like someone speaks to their friend. Then Mosheh would return to the camp, but his servant Yehoshua (Joshua) (a young man who was the son of Nun) would not leave the inside of the tent.

Mosheh sees the master's splendour

12 Then Mosheh (Moses) said to Yahweh, "Listen, you've been saying to me, 'Take these people onwards,' but you haven't let me know who you'll send with me, although you have said, 'I know you by name, and you've also found favour in my sight.' **13** So now please, if I've found favour in your sight, please help me to know your ways. Then I'll know you so that I can find favour in your sight. And don't forget that this nation is *your* people."

14 Yahweh replied, "My presence will go with you and I will help you to be able to rest."

15 Mosheh replied to him, "If your presence isn't coming with us, then don't make us leave here. **16** How would anyone know that I've found favour in your sight—me and your people that is—if you didn't come with us? How could I and your people be distinguished from all the other people groups in the world?"

17 Yahweh replied to Mosheh, "Okay, I'll also do what you've asked because you've found favour in my sight and I know you by name."

18 Then Mosheh, "Please show me your splendour."

19 Yahweh replied, "I myself will cause all my goodness to pass over in front of you, and I will say my name of Yahweh in front of you. I will favour anyone I want, and I'll be compassionate to whoever I want."[311] **20** But he said, "You won't be able to see my face, because no human can see me and still live." **21** He continued, "Look, there's a place near me where you can stand there on the rock. **22** Then while my splendour passes over, I'll put you in a crevice in the rock, and my hand will cover you until I've gone past. **23** Then I'll take my hand away and you'll be able to see my back, but you mustn't try to look at my face."

The replacement stone slabs[313]

34:1 Then Yahweh continued speaking to Mosheh (Moses), "Carve two slabs of stone for yourself just like the first ones. Then the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, I'll write them again on the slabs. **2** Be ready by morning, and in the morning come up to Mt. Sinay, and present yourself there to me up on the top. **3** Don't bring anyone with you, and also don't let anyone be on the mountain at all—don't even let their flocks and herds graze at

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and_ all_of the_people _it_arose and_they_bowed_down[310] everyone the_opening_of his_tent_of_his. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _spoke to Mosheh face to face just_as a_person he_speaks to his/its_neighbour and_he_returned to the_camp and_servant_ _of_his Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn a_young_man not he_departed from_the_midst_of the_tent.

12 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** see you are_saying to_ _me bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_people the_this and_you(ms) not you_ _have_made_me_know ~~ĐOM~~ whom you_will_send with_me and_ _you(ms) you_have_said I_know_you by_name and_also you_ _have_found favour in_eyes_of_my. **13** And_now if please I_ _have_found favour in_eyes_of_your show_me please ~~ĐOM~~ ways_of_your so_that_I_may_know_you so_that I_may_find favour in_eyes_of_your and_consider if/because_that people_ _of_is_your the_nation (the)_this. **14** And_he_said presence_of_ _my they_will_go and_I_will_give_rest to/for_you(fs). **15** And_ _he/it_said to_him/it if not presence_of_your are_going do_not bring_us_up from_here. **16** And_how will_it_be_known then if/because_that I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your I and_ _people_of_your am_not by_going_your with_us and_we_will_ _be_distinguished[312] I and_people_of_your from_all (the)_ _people which is_on the_surface_of the_soil. **17** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to Mosheh also ~~ĐOM~~ the_thing the_this which you_ _have_spoken I_will_do if/because you_have_found favour in_ _eyes_of_my and_I_have_known_you in/on_name_of. **18** And_ _he_said show_me please ~~ĐOM~~ glory_of_your. **19** And_he/it_said I I_will_cause_to_pass_by all_of goodness_of_my on face_of_ _your and_I_will_proclaim (in)_the_name_of **YHWH** to_your_ _face and_I_will_show_favour_to ~~ĐOM~~ those_whom I_will_show_ _favour and_I_will_have_compassion_on ~~ĐOM~~ those_whom I_ _will_have_compassion. **20** And_he/it_said not you_will_be_able for_seeing ~~ĐOM~~ face_of_my if/because not he_will_see_me the_ _humankind and_he_will_live. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said THERE a_place is_with_me and_you_will_stand on the_rock. **22** And_it_was when_ glory_of_my _passes_by and_I_will_put_ _you in_the_cleft_of the_rock and_I_will_hold palm_of_my over_you until I_have_passed_by. **23** And_I_will_remove ~~ĐOM~~ palm_of_my and_you_will_see ~~ĐOM~~ parts_of_my_back and_face_ _of_my not they_will_be_seen.

34:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh cut_out to/for_ _yourself(m) two_of tablets_of stone(s) like_tablets and_I_will_ _write on the_tablets ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages which they_ _were on the_tablets (the)_former which you_broke. **2** And_be prepared to_morning and_you_will_go_up in_morning to the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay and_you_will_station_yourself to_me there on the_top_of the_mountain. **3** And_anyone not he_will_go_up with_you and_also anyone not let_him_be_seen in_all the_ _mountain also the_sheep and_the_cattle not let_them_graze to

310 LV 33:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

311 RV 33:19 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:15.

312 LV 33:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

313 RV 34:1 · Parallel Deu. 10:1-5

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the_front of_the_mountain (the)_that. **4** And_he_cut_out two_of tablets_of stone(s) like_tablets and_ Mosheh _he_rose_early in_ _morning and_he/it_ascended to the_mountain_of Ṣīnay just_ _as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_he/it_took in_ _his/its_hand two_of tablets_of stone(s). **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _descended in_cloud and_he_stood with_him/it there and_ _he/it_called (in)_the_name_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _passed_through on his/its_faces/face and_he/it_called **YHWH YHWH** a_god compassionate and_gracious long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness[328] **7** maintaining covenant_loyalty to_thousands forgiving iniquity and_transgression and_sin and_certainly_(leave_ _unpunished) not he_leaves_unpunished visiting the_iniquity_ _of parents on the_children and_on the_children_of children on a_third_generation and_on a_fourth_generation. **8** And_ Mosheh _he_hurried and_he_bowed_low towards_land and_he_ _bowed_down. **9** And_he/it_said if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your my_master let_him_go please my_master in_ _midst_of_our if/because is_a_people stiff_of neck it and_you_ _will_forgive (to)_iniquity_of_our and_(to)_sin_of_our and_you_ _will_take_us_as_a_possession. **10** And_he/it_said HERE I am_ _about_to_make a_covenant before all_of people_of_your I_will_ _do wonders which not they_have_been_created in_all_of the_ _earth/land and_on/over_all the_nations and_ all_of the_ _people which you are_in_midst_of_its _it_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _work_of **YHWH** if/because_that it which I am_about_to_do with_you is_awesome. **11** Observe to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ that_ _which I am_commanding_of_you the_day HERE_I am_about_ _to_drive_out from_before_of_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Amorī and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḫittiy[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **12** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_make a_covenant to_the_ _inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land which you are_about_to_go on/upon_it(f) lest he_should_become (into)_a_snare in_midst_ _of_your. **13** If/because ᴅᴏᴍ altars_of_their you(pl)_will_pull_ _down and_ᴅᴏᴍ pillars_of_their_sacred you(pl)_will_break_ _down and_ᴅᴏᴍ poles_its_'Ashērāh you(pl)_will_cut_down. **14** If/because not you_must_bow_down to_a_god another if/because **YHWH** is_jealous his/its_name is_a_god jealous he. **15** Lest you_should_make a_covenant to_the_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land and_they_will_prostitute_themselves after gods_of_their and_they_will_sacrifice to_gods_of_their and_ _someone_will_invite to/for_yourself(m) and_you(ms)_will_eat some_of_his_sacrifice. **16** And_you_will_take some_of_his_ _daughters for_sons_of_your and_ daughters_of_his _they_will_ _prostitute_themselves after gods_of_their and_they_will_ _make_prostitute_themselves ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_your after gods_of_ _their. **17** gods_of molten_metal not you_must_make for_ _yourself. **18** ᴅᴏᴍ the_festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) you_

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the base of that mountain." **4** So Mosheh carved out two slabs of stone like the first ones, and he got up early in the morning and went up to Mt. Sinay as Yahweh had commanded him, carrying up the two slabs of stone. **5** Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and he pronounced his name 'Yahweh'. **6** Yahweh passed over above his face and proclaimed, "I am Yahweh, a compassionate and gracious God, slow to get angry but exuding faithfulness and trustworthiness.[314] **7** I display faithfulness to thousands of generations—forgiving disobedience, transgression, and sin. But I certainly won't let the guilty get away with it—visiting the iniquity of the parents onto the children and onto the grandchildren—to the third and the fourth generations."

8 Mosheh hurried and bowed to the ground and worshipped Yahweh **9** and said, "Please, if I have found favour in your sight, my master, please go with us, because these are stubborn people. And forgive our disobedience and our sin and take us as your inheritance."

10 Yahweh said, "Listen, I'm about to make an agreement in front of all your people.[315] I will do miracles that have not been done before anywhere on the earth or in any country of the world. All the people that you're among will see my work, because what I'm going to do with you is awe-inspiring. **11** Be sure to obey what I'm telling you today. See, I'm about to force the Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim out of the land ahead of you. **12** Be very careful not to make any treaties with any of the current inhabitants of the land that you're about to enter, in case it ends up trapping you. **13** What you must do instead is to break down their altars and smash their pillars, and cut down the poles used to worship their god Asherah.[316] **14** You must not bow down to any other god because Yahweh is a jealous God—jealous to protect his name. **15** So don't make an agreement with the inhabitants of the land, because when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, and then they invite you to join them and you eat some of their sacrifice, **16** then you'll end up by allowing your sons to marry their daughters who'll prostitute themselves to their gods, and then your sons will do the same.

17 Don't make cast metal gods for yourselves.[317]

18 You must observe the Flat Bread Celebration every year as I instructed you. For seven days you must eat only bread that hasn't been risen, at the appointed time in late March or early April because that's when you came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[318] **19** All of your eldest male offspring belong to me, including your

314 **RV 34:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:5-6; Num 14:18; Deu 5:9-10; 7:9-10.

315 **RV 34:10 · Note** Because there's no punctuation in the original Hebrew, it's not certain if 'in front of all your people' goes with what it follows (as the *OET-RV* has chosen), or with what follows it (as in several other translations).

316 **RV 34:13 · Cross-ref.** Deu 16:21.

317 **RV 34:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; Lev 19:4; Deu 5:8; 27:15.

318 **RV 34:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:14-20; Lev 23:6-8; Num 28:16-25.

328 **LV 34:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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sons and the first males born from your cattle and sheep and goats.[319] **20** If it's a male donkey, a lamb can be given as a ransom instead, but if you don't pay a ransom then you must kill the donkey. It's compulsory to ransom your eldest sons.[320] Don't come to worship me without bringing something.

21 Each week, you should only work for six days, then you must rest on the seventh day—even during ploughing and harvest times.[321]

22 In the spring when you begin to harvest the first wheat crop, you must have a *Celebration of Weeks*,[322] and at the end of the year in the autumn, have a *Finished Harvest Celebration*.[323]

23 Three times every year, all your men must present themselves before me—Yisrael's (Israel's) god, the master Yahweh. **24** I will drive out the people groups ahead of you and expand your borders, and no one will think of taking your land when they know that you present yourselves to me three times a year.

25 Don't wave bread that's been risen when offering a sacrifice. Don't allow any part of the sacrifice for the 'pass-over' celebration to still be there in the morning.[324]

26 You must bring the best of the first parts of your harvests to my residence.[325]

Don't boil a young goat in its mother's milk.[326]

27 Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Write down these words for yourself, because it's in accordance with these words that I've made an agreement with you and with Yisrael." **28** Mosheh was there with Yahweh for forty days and nights, and during that time he didn't eat or even drink water, and he wrote the ten commands of the agreement on the stone slabs.

29 So when Mosheh came down from Mt. Sinay, he was carrying the two stone slabs with the transcript of the ten commands, but what he didn't know as he descended was that the skin on his face was shining after his talking with Yahweh.[327] **30** When Aharon (Aaron) and the Israelis saw Mosheh, wow, his face radiated light and they were afraid to go close to him. **31** But Mosheh called them over, and Aharon and all of the community leaders returned back to him, and he spoke with them. **32** After that, the Israelis came closer, and Mosheh gave them all the instructions that Yahweh had told him on Mt. Sinay. **33** Then when he'd finished talking to them, Mosheh put a veil over his face, **34** and whenever he would go in to speak with Yahweh, he would remove the veil until he came out. Whenever he did come out, he'd tell the Israelis what he'd been instructed, **35** and they

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_will_keep seven_of days you_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) which I_commanded_you to_the_appointed_time_of the_ _month_of (the)_'Āvīv if/because in_the_month_of (the)_'Āvīv you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **19** Every_of firstborn_ _of a_womb to_me and_all livestock_of_your it_will_be_ _remembered the_firstborn_of an_ox and_a_sheep. **20** And_the_ _firstborn_of a_donkey you_will_redeem with_a_sheep and_if not you_will_redeem_it and_you_will_break_its_neck all_of the_ _firstborn_of your(pl)_sons_of_your you_will_redeem and_not people_will_present_themselves presence_of_my empty. **21** Six_ _of days you_will_labour and_on_day the_seventh you_will_rest at_(the)_time and_at_(the)_time you_will_rest. **22** And_a_ _festival_of weeks you_will_observe to/for_yourself(m) the_ _first-fruits_of the_harvest_of wheat(s) and_the_festival_of the_ _ingathering the_circuit_of the_year. **23** Three times in_year every_of male_of_your he_will_present_himself with the_ _presence_of the_master **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** If/because I_will_dispossess nations from_before_of_you and_I_will_enlarge ᴅᴏᴍ territory_of_your and_not anyone he_ _will_covet ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_your when_you_go_up to_present_ _yourself with the_presence_of **YHWH** god_of_your three times in_year. **25** Not you_must_slaughter with leaven the_blood_of my_sacrifice_of_my and_not it_will_remain_overnight to_ _morning the_sacrifice_of the_festival_of the_passover. **26** The_ _first_of the_first-fruits_of your_ground_of_your you_will_bring the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_boil a_kid in_ _the_milk_of his/its_mother. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh write to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these if/because on the_mouth_of the_words/messages the_these I_have_made with_you a_covenant and_ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **28** And_he/it_was there with **YHWH** forty day[s] and_forty night[s] food not he_ate and_water not he_ _drank and_he_wrote on the_tablets ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_ _of the_covenant the_ten_of the_words/messages. **29** And_ _he/it_was when_ Mosheh _came_down from_hill of_Ṣīnay and_the_two_of the_tablets_of the_transcript were_in_the_ _hand_of Mosheh when_he_came_down from the_mountain and_Mosheh not he_knew if/because_that the_skin_of his/its_ _faces/face it_shone because_he_had_spoken with_him/it. **30** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ _saw ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_skin_of his/its_ _faces/face it_shone and_they_were_afraid from_drawing_near to_him/it. **31** And_he/it_called (to)_them Mosheh and_they_ _returned to_him/it 'Ah$_a$ron and_all the_leaders among_ _congregation and_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to_them. **32** And_ _after thus all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_drew_near and_he_commanded_them ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that **YHWH** he_had_

319 RV 34:19 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:2.

320 RV 34:20 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:13.

321 RV 34:21 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:9-10; 23:12; 31:15; 35:2; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:13-14.

322 RV 34:22 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:16; Lev 23:15-21; Num 28:26-31.

323 RV 34:22 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:39-43.

324 RV 34:25 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:10.

325 RV 34:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 26:2.

326 RV 34:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 14:21.

327 RV 34:29-35 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 3:7-16.

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_spoken with_him/it on_the_mountain_of Şīnay. **33** And_ Mosheh _they_were_ended/finished from_speaking with_them and_he/it_gave over his/its_faces/face a_veil. **34** And_when_ Mosheh _went to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_ _speak with_him/it he_removed ĐOM the_veil until he_came_ _out and_he_came_out and_he_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM that_which he_was_commanded. **35** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_saw ĐOM the_face_of Mosheh if/because_that the_skin_of the_face_of Mosheh it_ _shone and_ Mosheh _he_put_back ĐOM the_veil over his/its_ _faces/face until went_he to_speak with_him/it.

35:1 And_ Mosheh _he_assembled ĐOM all_of the_congregation_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_them these are_the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_ _do ĐOM_them. **2** Six_of days work it_will_be_done and_on_day the_seventh it_will_be to/for_you(pl) a_holy_thing a_sabbath_ _of sabbath_observance to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_one_ _who_does in_him/it work he_will_be_put_to_death. **3** Not you(pl)_must_kindle fire in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling in/on_day of_the_sabbath.

4 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to all_of the_congregation_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_say. **5** Take from_with_ _yourselves a_contribution to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_ _person_willing_of his/its_heart let_him_bring_it ĐOM the_ _contribution_of **YHWH** gold and_silver and_bronze. **6** And_ _violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_ _linen and_goat_hair(s). **7** And_hides_of rams dyed_red and_ _skins_of dolphins and_wood(s)_of acacia.[332] **8** And_oil for_light and_spices for_the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_for_the_incense_ _of the_perfume(s). **9** And_stones_of onyx and_stones_of setting(s) for_ephod and_for_breastpiece.

10 And_all person_skillful_of heart among_you(pl) let_them_ _come and_let_them_make ĐOM all_of that **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded. **11** ĐOM the_tabernacle ĐOM tent_of_its and_ĐOM covering_of_its ĐOM hooks_of_its and_ĐOM frames_of_its ĐOM bars_of_its[334] ĐOM pillars_of_its and_ĐOM bases_of_its. **12** ĐOM the_box and_ĐOM poles_of_its ĐOM the_atonement_cover and_ _ĐOM the_curtain_of the_screen. **13** ĐOM the_table and_ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_bread_ _of the_presence. **14** And_ĐOM the_lampstand_of the_luminary and_ĐOM articles_of_its and_ĐOM lamps_of_its and_ĐOM the_oil_ _of the_luminary. **15** And_ĐOM the_altar_of (the)_incense and_ _ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ĐOM the_incense_of the_perfume(s) and_ĐOM the_screen_of the_ _entrance for_the_entrance_of the_tabernacle. **16** ĐOM the_ _altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ĐOM the_grating_of (the)_

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would see how his face shone. Then Mosheh would put the veil back over his face until he went in the next time to speak with Yahweh.

Instructions for the rest day

35:1 Mosheh (Moses) assembled all the Israelis and told them, "These are the things that Yahweh has instructed you to do. **2** Every week, you can work for six days, but the seventh day will be a sacred rest day, dedicated to Yahweh.[329] Anyone who works on that day must be put to death. **3** Don't light a fire[330] in any of your homes on the rest days."

The offering for Yahweh[331]

4 Then Mosheh (Moses) told all the assembled Israelis, "This is what Yahweh instructed: **5** Take up an offering for Yahweh—everyone who wants to participate should bring to Yahweh their contribution of gold, silver, bronze, **6** blue, purple, or scarlet yarn, finely-spun linen and goats' hair, **7** reddened ram skins, sea-cow hides, and acacia wood, **8** olive oil for the lamps and spices to make the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, **9** and onyx and other gemstones for the priest's sacred apron and chest pouch.

The equipment for the holy tent[333]

10 Everyone among you all who's highly skilled should come and make everything that Yahweh has instructed— **11** the tent for the residence and its covering, its clasps and frames, its bars, pillars, and bases, **12** the box with its poles and the atonement platform to go on top, the curtain for screening it, **13** the table and its poles and all its utensils and the sacred bread, **14** the lampstand for light with its lamps and utensils and oil to burn, **15** the incense altar and its poles, the anointing oil and fragrant incense, the curtain for the entrance of the residence, **16** the altar for the burnt offerings with its bronze grate, its poles and all of its utensils, the washbasin with its base, **17** the courtyard curtains with their pillars and bases, and the curtain for the courtyard gate, **18** the tent

329 **RV 35:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:8-11; 23:12; 31:15; 34:21; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:12-14.

330 **RV 35:3 · Note** This is effectively a command not to do any **cooking** on the rest day.

331 **RV 35:4 · Parallel** Exo. 25:1-9

332 **LV 35:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

333 **RV 35:10 · Parallel** Exo. 39:32-43

334 **LV 35:11 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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pegs and ropes for the residence and the courtyard, 19 the finely-woven clothing for serving in the Holy Place, the sacred clothes for Aharon (Aaron) the priest, and the clothes for his sons to serve as priests."

The people's offerings

20 Then all the Israelis who'd been assembled in front of Mosheh (Moses) went away, 21 and everyone who felt to do so came back bringing their contributions to Yahweh for the work on the sacred tent and all its components, and for the sacred clothes. 22 This included both men and women who were wanting to contribute, and they brought necklaces and earrings and ornaments—all made of gold. They held them up high as a raised offering of gold to Yahweh. 23 Many people who had blue or purple or scarlet yarn, or finely-spun linen or goats' hair, reddened ram skins or sea-cow hides brought them. 24 Others who could, brought a contribution of silver or bronze to Yahweh, and those with acacia wood brought it for all the construction of the tent components. 25 All the women who were skilled at making cloth brought blue, purple, or scarlet yarn and fine, hand-spun linen thread, 26 and all those women who felt to do so spun goats' hair. 27 The leaders brought onyx stones and other gemstones to be mounted on the sacred apron and for the sacred pouch, 28 along with the spices and olive oil to be used for the maps, the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense. 29 Thus the Israelis brought a voluntary offering to Yahweh—every man and woman who felt to do so brought something for all the work which Yahweh had instructed them through Mosheh to do.

The skills of Betsalel and Oholiav[335]

30 Then Mosheh (Moses) said to the Israelis, "Listen, Yahweh has called Betsalel by name (the son of Hur's son Uri, from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)) 31 and he has filled him with his spirit, with skill and understanding, and with knowledge and with all kinds of craftsmanship. 32 He can design designs, work in gold, silver, and bronze, 33 in cutting gemstones for setting, and in wood-carving—to do all kinds of design and crafting. 34 Yahweh has also given him the desire to teach, along with Oholiav (Ahisamak's son from the tribe of Dan). 35 He's given them both skills to do

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_bronze which to_him/it ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its ĐOM the_laver and_ĐOM base_of_its. 17 ĐOM the_ _curtains_of the_courtyard ĐOM pillars_of_its and_ĐOM bases_ _of_its and_ĐOM the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard. 18 ĐOM the_tent_pegs_of the_tabernacle and_ĐOM the_tent_ _pegs_of the_courtyard and_ĐOM tent-cords_of_their. 19 ĐOM the_garments_of the_woven_material to_serve in_place ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_holiness for_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_ĐOM the_garments_of his_sons_of_his to_serve_as_priests.

20 And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_out from_to/for_ _face/front/presence Mosheh. 21 And_ every_of person whom it_lifted_him his/its_heart _they_came and_all/each/any/every one_whom his/its_breath/wind/spirit it_impelled ĐOM_him/it they_brought ĐOM the_contribution_of **YHWH** for_the_work_of the_tent_of meeting and_to/for_all service_of_its and_for_the_ _garments_of (the)_holiness. 22 And_ the_men _they_came with the_women every person_willing_of heart they_brought nose_ _ring[s] and_earring[s] and_finger_ring[s] and_ornament[s] every_of article_of gold and_all person who he_waved a_ _wave-offering_of gold to/for_**YHWH**. 23 And_all person whom it_was_found with_him/it violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_ _stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen and_goat_hair(s) and_hides_of rams dyed_red and_skins_of dolphins they_brought_them. 24 All_of those_who_contributed a_contribution_of silver and_ _bronze they_brought ĐOM the_contribution_of **YHWH** and_ _all/each/any/every one_whom it_was_found with_him/it wood(s)_of acacia to/from_all/each/any/every the_work_of the_service they_brought_it. 25 And_all woman skillful_of heart with_hands_of_her they_spun and_they_brought that_which_ _was_spun ĐOM the_violet_stuff and_ĐOM the_purple ĐOM the_ _scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet and_ĐOM the_fine_linen. 26 And_all the_women whom heart_of_their it_lifted them with_skill they_spun ĐOM the_goat_hair(s). 27 And_the_leaders they_ _brought ĐOM the_stones_of the_onyx/beryl and_ĐOM the_ _stones_of the_setting(s) for_ephod and_for_breastpiece. 28 And_ĐOM the_spice and_ĐOM the_oil for_light and_for_the_ _oil_of (the)_anointing and_for_the_incense_of the_perfume(s). 29 Every_of man and_woman whom heart_of_their it_impelled ĐOM_them to_bring to/from_all/each/any/every the_work which **YHWH** he_had_commanded for_doing by_the_hand_of Mosheh they_brought the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_freewill_ _offering to/for_**YHWH**.

30 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) see **YHWH** he_has_called in/on_name_of Bətsal'ēl the_son_of 'Ūrī the_son_of Ḥūr of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). 31 And_he_has_filled ĐOM_him/it the_spirit_of god with_skill with_understanding and_with_knowledge and_on/over_all workmanship. 32 And_to_design designs to_work in_gold and_ _in_silver and_in_bronze. 33 And_in_carving_of stone to_fill and_in_carving_of wood for_doing in_all workmanship_of design. 34 And_to_teach he_has_put in_heart_of_his he and_ _'Āh$_e$lī'āv the_son_of Ahisamach of_the_tribe_of of_Dān. 35 He_ _has_filled ĐOM_them wisdom_of heart for_doing all_of the_ _work_of an_engraver and_a_skillful_worker and_a_worker_in_

335 **RV 35:30 · Parallel** Exo. 31:1-11

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_colours in_stuff and_in_purple in_the_scarlet_stuff_of the_
_scarlet and_in_linen and_a_weaver doers_of all_of
workmanship and_designers_of designs.
36:1 And_he_will_do Bətsal'ēl and_'Āh$_e$lī'āv and_
_all/each/any/every person skillful_of heart whom **YHWH** he_
_has_put skill and_understanding in_them to_know to_do ÐOM
all_of the_work_of the_service_of the_holy_place to_
_all/each/any/every that **YHWH** he_has_commanded.
2 And_ Mosheh _he/it_called to Bətsal'ēl[336] and_near/to
'Āh$_e$lī'āv and_near/to every_of person skillful_of heart whom
YHWH he_had_put skill in_heart_of_his every one_whom it_
_lifted_him his/its_heart to_draw_near to the_work to_do ÐOM_
_her/it. **3** And_they_took from_to/for_face/front/presence
Mosheh ÐOM all_of the_contribution which the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_brought for_the_work_of the_service_
_of the_holy_place to_do ÐOM_her/it and_they they_brought to_
_him/it still a_freewill_offering in_morning in_morning. **4** And_
all_of the_skillful_people who_were_doing ÐOM all_of the_work_
_of the_holy_place _they_came person person from_work_of_
_his which they were_doing. **5** And_they_said to Mosheh to_
_saying the_people are_multiplying to_bring from_sufficiency
of_the_service for_work which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_
_do ÐOM_her/it. **6** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded and_they_
_caused_to_pass a_proclamation in_camp to_say a_man and_a_
_woman not let_them_make again work for_the_contribution_
_of the_holy_place and_ the_people _it_was_restrained from_
_bringing. **7** And_the_work it_was sufficiency_of_their to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_work for_doing ÐOM_her/it and_it_
_was_more_than_enough.
8 And_ every_of person_skillful_of heart among_those_who_
_did_of (of)_the_work _they_made ÐOM the_tabernacle ten
curtains fine_linen twisted and_violet_stuff and_purple and_
_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet cherubim the_work_of a_skillful_
_worker he_made ÐOM_them. **9** The_length_of the_curtain the_
_one(f) was_eight and_twenty by_cubit and_the_breadth was_
_four by_cubit the_curtain (the)_one size one to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_curtains. **10** And_he_joined ÐOM five
of_the_curtains one to one and_five curtains he_joined one to
one. **11** And_he/it_made loops_of violet_stuff on the_edge_of
the_curtain (the)_one from_an_end in_set thus he_did on_the_
_edge_of the_curtain (the)_outermost in_set the_second(fs).
12 Fifty loops he_made on_curtain (the)_one and_fifty loops he_
_made on_the_end_of the_curtain which was_in_set the_
_second(fs) the_loops were_opposite one to one. **13** And_he/it_
_made fifty hooks_of gold and_he_joined ÐOM the_curtains one
to one with_hooks and_he/it_was the_tabernacle one. **14** And_
_he/it_made curtains_of goat_hair(s) into_a_tent over the_
_tabernacle one_plus_of ten curtains he_made ÐOM_them.
15 The_length_of the_curtain the_one(f) was_thirty by_cubit
and_four cubits the_breadth_of the_curtain (the)_one size one
belonged_to_one_plus_of ten curtains. **16** And_he_joined ÐOM

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all the work of craftsmen and of skillful workmen and of embroiderers in blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and in the fine linen and of weavers—both as designers as well as the various, actual crafts.
36:1 Betsalel and Oholiav will do the work of constructing all the components of the sacred tent along with any others who are like-minded and who have been given the necessary skills and understanding by Yahweh."

More than enough materials donated

2 So Mosheh (Moses) summoned Betsalel and Oholiav, as well as anyone else who felt to help and had been given the appropriate skills by Yahweh, **3** and they took away all the contributions that the Israelis had brought to Mosheh to be used for the construction of the sacred tent. However the people still continued to bring voluntary offerings every morning. **4** So all those skilled people came over to start on the work of making the sacred tent, Holy Place came, leaving behind the work that they had been doing, **5** and they informed Mosheh, "The people are bringing way more than enough to use for the work that Yahweh has instructed us to do."
6 So with Mosheh's agreement, they spread a message around the camp saying, "Please don't bring any more contributions for the sacred tent." So the people—men and women—stopped bringing donations **7** as they had already collected more than enough materials for all the work.

The construction of the tent[337]

8 Then all the most-skilled men out of the workmen made the ten strips of curtaining for the residence from twisted finely-spun linen and blue, purple, scarlet yarn used to embroider winged-creatures on them. **9** Each strip was 14.5m long and two metres wide—they were all the same size. **10** Five strips were sewn together as one set, and the other five as another set. **11** They[338] made loops of blue on the edge of the first curtain at the edge of the set, and similarly for the second set— **12** fifty matching loops on the edge of each set so they were aligned with each other. **13** They also made fifty gold clips and used them to join the two curtain sets to each other to make the wall of the sacred tent.
14 Then they made eleven goats' hair curtain sections for the tarpaulin over the sacred tent. **15** All eleven sections were the same size at fifteen metres long and two metres wide, **16** and they joined five sections to each other for one set and six for the other. **17** Then they attached fifty blue loops onto one edge of each of the two sets **18** and made fifty bronze clips for connecting them into one continuous cover. **19** They then made a

336 LV 36:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

337 RV 36:8 · Parallel Exo. 26:1-37

338 RV 36:11 · Note It's singular 'he' in the original, which is confusing after v8 mentioned a group of craftsmen. The *OET-RV* has chosen to follow v8 (and change the pronoun to 'they' in this section), but other translations are divided in how they handle this dilemma.

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tarpaulin from red rams skins to go over the tent, and the top waterproof tarpaulin of sea-cow hides.

20 Then they made forty-eight upright frames from acacia wood for the sacred tent. **21** Each frame was five metres long and 0.75m wide **22** with two protrusions on each frame for connecting them together, so all the frames were made in this way. **23** They made twenty frames for the south side **24** with their forty silver bases—two bases under each frame that two more protrusions fitted down into, **25** then two more for the north side **26** with their forty silver bases—two bases under each frame. **27** Six frames were made for the west side **28** as well as two frames for the back corners of the sacred tent. **29** At the two corners, the frames were connected together at the bottom, and similarly at the top before being attached to a single ring **30** so that made eight frames with their sixteen silver bases—two bases under each frame.

31 Then they made crossbars from acacia wood—five for the frames on the north side of the sacred tent, **32** five for the south side, and five crossbars for the frames on the west side along the back. **33** The middle crossbar was made to pass through from one end to the other in the centre of the frames, **34** and the frames were overlaid with gold. They then made gold rings to be the holders for the crossbars, and they too were overlaid with gold.

35 They made a curtain from twisted finely-spun linen, and a skillful workman embroidered winged creatures on them with blue, purple, scarlet yarn. **36** They made four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold, as well as their gold hooks and four bases cast from silver. **37** They made a curtain for the tent entrance—an embroiderer made it from twisted finely-spun linen and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, **38** along with its five pillars and their hooks. The tops of the pillars were overlaid with gold, and their five bases were made of bronze.

37:1 Then Betsalel made the sacred chest from acacia wood—it was 1.2m long, 0.75m wide, and 0.75m high. **2** He overlaid both the inside and the outside with pure gold, and made a gold moulding all around it,

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five of_the_curtains alone_set and_ĐOM six of_the_curtains alone_set. **17** And_he/it_made loops fifty on the_edge_of the_ _curtain (the)_outermost in_set and_fifty loops he_made on the_edge_of the_curtain the_joined_set the_second(fs). **18** And_ _he/it_made hooks_of bronze fifty to_join_together ĐOM the_ _tent to_be one. **19** And_he/it_made a_covering for_tent hides_ _of rams dyed_red and_a_covering_of skins_of dolphins from_ _to_above. **20** And_he/it_made ĐOM the_frames for_tabernacle wood(s)_of acacia standing_upright. **21** Was_ten cubits the_ _length_of the_frame and_was_a_cubit and_(the)_half_of (the)_ _cubit the_breadth_of the_frame the_one. **22** Two_of hands belonged_to_frame the_one joined one to one thus he_did to_ _all/each/any/every the_frames_of the_tabernacle. **23** And_ _he/it_made ĐOM the_frames for_tabernacle twenty frames for_ _the_side_of the_south southward_to. **24** And_forty bases_of silver he_made under twenty the_frames two_of bases were_ _under the_frame the_one for_the_two_of hands_of_its and_ _two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one for_the_two_of hands_of_its. **25** And_for_the_side_of the_tabernacle the_ _second(fs) for_the_side_of the_north he_made twenty frames. **26** And_forty bases_of_their silver two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one and_two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one. **27** And_for_the_innermost_parts_of the_tabernacle westward_on he_made six frames. **28** And_two_of frames he_ _made for_the_corners_of the_tabernacle in_parts. **29** And_ _they_will_be twins from_to_downwards and_together they_ _were complete to his/its_head into the_ring (the)_one thus he_did for_both_of_of_them for_the_two_of the_corners. **30** And_ eight frames _they_will_be and_bases_of_their were_ _silver six- teen bases two_of bases two_of bases were_under the_frame the_one. **31** And_he/it_made bars_of wood(s)_of acacia five_bars belonged_to_the_frames_of the_side_of the_ _tabernacle (the)_one. **32** And_five bars belonged_to_the_ _frames_of the_side_of the_tabernacle the_second(fs) and_five bars belonged_to_the_frames_of the_tabernacle for_parts westward_on. **33** And_he/it_made ĐOM the_bar (the)_middle to_ _pass_through in_the_middle of_the_frames from the_end to the_end. **34** And_ĐOM the_frames he_overlaid gold and_ĐOM rings_of_their he_made gold holders for_bars and_he_overlaid ĐOM the_bars gold. **35** And_he/it_made ĐOM the_curtain violet_ _stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_work_of a_skillful_worker he_made ĐOM_her/it cherubim. **36** And_he/it_made to/for_her/it four pillars_of acacia and_he_overlaid_them gold hooks_of_their were_gold and_he_throw to/for_them four bases_of silver. **37** And_he/it_ _made a_screen for_the_entrance_of the_tent violet_stuff and_ _purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted the_ _work_of a_worker_in_colours. **38** And_ĐOM pillars_of_its five and_ĐOM hooks_of_their and_he_overlaid tops_of_their and_ _bands_of_their gold and_bases_of_their five were_bronze.

37:1 And_ Bətsalʾēl _he/it_made ĐOM the_box wood(s)_of acacia was_two_cubits and_a_half length_of_its and_was_a_cubit and_ _a_half breadth_of_its and_was_a_cubit and_a_half height_of_ _its. **2** And_he_overlaid_it gold pure from_inside and_from_ _outside and_he/it_made to_him/it a_moulding gold all_

339 **RV 37:1 · Parallel** Exo. 25:10-22

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_around. 3 And_he_throw to_him/it four rings_of gold on the_
_four feet_of_its and_two_of rings were_on side_of_its (the)_one
and_two_of rings were_on side_of_its the_second(fs). 4 And_
_he/it_made poles_of wood(s)_of acacia and_he_overlaid ᴅᴏᴍ_
_them gold. 5 And_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_poles in_rings on
the_sides_of the_box to_carry ᴅᴏᴍ the_box. 6 And_he/it_made
an_atonement_cover_of gold pure was_two_cubits and_a_half
length_of_its and_was_a_cubit and_a_half breadth_of_its.
7 And_he/it_made two_of cherubim gold hammered_work he_
_made ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_the_two_of the_ends_of the_
_atonement_cover. 8 A_cherub one was_from_an_end from_this
and_a_cherub one was_from_an_end from_this from the_
_atonement_cover he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_cherubims from_the_two_
of its[340]. 9 And the_cherubims _they_were spreading_out_of
(of)_wings (to)_upwards covering with_wings_of_their over
the_atonement_cover and_faces_of_their each was_to his/its_
_brother to the_atonement_cover the_faces_of the_cherubims
they_were.

10 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_table wood(s)_of acacia was_two_
_cubits length_of_its and_was_a_cubit breadth_of_its and_was_
_a_cubit and_a_half height_of_its. 11 And_he_overlaid ᴅᴏᴍ_
_him/it gold pure and_he/it_made to_him/it a_moulding gold
all_around. 12 And_he/it_made to_him/it a_rim a_hand_
_breadth all_around and_he/it_made a_moulding_of gold for_
_rim_of_its all_around. 13 And_he_throw to_him/it four rings_
_of gold and_he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_rings on the_four the_corners
which belonged_to_the_four feet_of_its. 14 Close_to_of the_rim
the_rings holders they_were for_poles to_carry ᴅᴏᴍ the_table.
15 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_he_
_overlaid ᴅᴏᴍ_them gold to_carry ᴅᴏᴍ the_table. 16 And_he/it_
_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_vessels which were_on the_table ᴅᴏᴍ dishes_of_
_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ pans_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ bowls_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_jugs which it_is_poured_out with_them gold pure.

17 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_lampstand gold pure hammered_
_work he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_lampstand base_of_its and_shaft_of_its
cups_of_its bulbs_of_its and_blossoms_of_its from_her/it they_
_were. 18 And_six branches were_going_out from_sides_of_its
three branches_of lampstand were_from_side_of_its the_one
and_three branches_of lampstand were_from_side_of_its the_
_second. 19 Three cups shaped_like_almond_blossoms were_on_
_branch the_one a_bulb and_a_blossom and_three cups shaped_
_like_almond_blossoms were_on_a_branch one a_bulb and_a_
_blossom thus for_the_six_of the_branches which_go_out from
the_lampstand. 20 And_were_on_lampstand four cups shaped_
_like_almond_blossoms bulbs_of_its and_blossoms_of_its.
21 And_a_bulb was_under two_of the_branches from_her/it
and_a_bulb was_under two_of the_branches from_her/it and_a_
_bulb was_under two_of the_branches from_her/it for_the_six_
_of the_branches which_go_out from_it. 22 Bulbs_of_their and_
_branches_of_their from_her/it they_were of_it_of_all was_
_hammered_work one gold pure. 23 And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ
lamps_of_its seven and_tongs_of_its and_fire-pans_of_its gold

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3 and he cast four rings of gold and attached them to its four feet—two rings on each one side. 4 He made two acacia wood poles and overlaid them with gold, 5 and he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box for carrying it.

6 Then he made the atonement platform from pure gold to fit as the lid for the box, so it was also 1.2m long and 0.75m wide, 7 then from the ends of the lid, he hammered the gold to form two winged creatures. 8 There was a winged creature sitting on each end of the atonement platform made from its two ends, 9 and they were spreading their wings upwards to cover over the platform. They faced each other, looking down towards the atonement platform.

Making the bread table[341]

10 He made the bread table from acacia wood—one metre long, half a metre wide, and three-quarters of a metre high. 11 It was overlaid with pure gold and had a gold moulding all around it. 12 He made an 8cm wide rim all around it, and a gold moulding around the rim. 13 He moulded four gold rings from gold and attached them to the four corners of the table. Each ring was close to each table leg 14 near the rim to hold the poles for carrying the table. 15 He made two acacia wood poles and overlaid them for gold—they were for carrying the table. 16 He also made the utensils that would be on the table—its plates and pans, and its bowls and pitchers to be used for pouring out the wine offerings—all made from pure gold.

Making the lampstand[342]

17 Then he made the lampstand from pure gold. The base and shaft of the lampstand were hammered into shape, along with its cups, and its buds and blossoms. 18 There were six branches going out from the shaft of the lampstand—three on each side. 19 Each branch had three gold cups on it that looked like almond flowers with buds and petals. It was the same for each of the lampstand's six branches. 20 On the lampstand shaft there were four cups that also looked like almond blossoms, each one with flower buds and petals. 21 He made one flower bud beneath every pair of branches (that were going out from opposite sides). The bud was attached to each pair of branches as if they were growing out of it—all six lampstand branches were attached like that. 22 The buds and the branches coming out of them were all hammered out of one piece of pure gold. 23 Then he made the seven lamps out of pure gold, along with the tongs and trays. 24 He made the lampstand and tongs and trays using 33kg of pure gold.

340 LV 37:8 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/תַוּוצַק: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתּוּצֶק': lemma_7098 n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_027VD וְ/יִתּוּצֶק

341 RV 37:10 · Parallel Exo. 25:23-30

342 RV 37:17 · Parallel Exo. 25:31-40

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Making the incense altar[343]

25 Then he made the altar for burning incense out of acacia wood. It was square—half a metre on each side—and one metre high. Its projections on the top four corners were part of it. 26 He overlaid it with pure gold—all four sides including the projections—and put a gold moulding all around it. 27 Then he made two gold rings and attached them below the moulding—two on each side for holding the poles for carrying the altar. 28 The two poles were made from acacia wood and then overlaid with gold. 29 He got a professional ointment maker to make the sacred anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense.[344]

Making the altar for burning sacrifices[345]

38:1 Then Betsalel made the altar for burning offerings from acacia wood. It was square—2.5m on each side—and 1.5m tall. 2 From the same piece of wood, he made horn-like projections for each of the four corners, then he overlaid it all with bronze. 3 He made all the utensils for the altar: the pots and shovels, basins and meat-forks, and the firepans—all made from bronze. 4 He made a grating for the altar—a bronze lattice that fitted down in the middle of the altar, 5 and he cast the grating with rings on the four corners as holders for the carrying poles. 6 He made the acacia wood poles and overlaid them with bronze 7 and he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar so they could carry it with them. He made the altar hollow using boards.

Making the washbasin[346]

8 Then he made a bronze washbasin and base.[347] They were made with the bronze from the mirrors of the serving women who served at the entrance of the sacred tent.

Making the courtyard[348]

9 Then Betsalel worked on the courtyard. For the south side, the courtyard curtains were fifty metres of twisted finely-spun linen 10 with their twenty bronze pillars and their bases. The hooks on the pillars and their rings were made of silver. 11 On the north side, there were fifty metres of curtains with their twenty bronze pillars and bases, and their silver hooks and rings. 12 On the west side, there were twenty-five metres of curtains with their ten pillars and bases, and their silver hooks and rings, 13 and another twenty-five metres on the east side. 14 The curtains for one side of the entrance were 7.5m long with their three pillars and their bases. 15 On the other side, opposite the courtyard entrance, the

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pure. 24 A_talent gold pure he_made ~~DOM~~_her/it and_~~DOM~~ all_of articles_of_its.

25 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_altar_of (the)_incense wood(s)_of acacia was_a_cubit length_of_its and_was_a_cubit breadth_of_its square and_was_two_cubits height_of_its from_him/it horns_of_its they_were. 26 And_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_him/it gold pure ~~DOM~~ top_of_its and_~~DOM~~ sides_of_its all_around and_~~DOM~~ horns_of_its and_he/it_made to_him/it a_moulding gold all_around. 27 And_two_of rings_of gold he_made to_him/it from_under to_moulding_of_its on the_two_of sides_of_its on the_two_of sides_of_its for_holders for_poles to_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it by_them. 28 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_them gold. 29 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_oil_of (the)_anointing a_holy_thing and_~~DOM~~ the_incense_of the_perfume(s) pure the_work_of a_perfumer.

38:1 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_altar_of the_burnt_offering wood(s)_of acacia was_five cubits length_of_its and_was_five cubits breadth_of_its square and_was_three cubits height_of_its. 2 And_he/it_made horns_of_its on the_four corners_of_its from_him/it horns_of_its they_were and_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_him/it bronze. 3 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ all_of the_articles_of the_altar ~~DOM~~ the_pots and_~~DOM~~ the_shovels and_~~DOM~~ the_bowls ~~DOM~~ the_forks and_~~DOM~~ the_fire-pans all_of articles_of_its he_made bronze. 4 And_he/it_made for_altar a_grating a_work_of a_net_of bronze under ledge_of_its from_to_downwards to middle_of_its. 5 And_he_throw four rings on_the_four the_ends for_the_grating_of (the)_bronze holders for_poles. 6 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_poles wood(s)_of acacia and_he_overlaid ~~DOM~~_them bronze. 7 And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~ the_poles in_rings on the_sides_of the_altar to_carry ~~DOM~~_him/it (is)_in_them hollow_of boards he_made ~~DOM~~_him/it.

8 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_laver bronze and_~~DOM~~ base_of_its bronze with_the_mirrors_of the_serving_women who they_served the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting.

9 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_courtyard for_the_side_of the_south southward_to the_curtains_of the_courtyard were_fine_linen twisted one_hundred by_cubit. 10 Pillars_of_their were_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty were_bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_silver. 11 And_for_the_side_of the_north one_hundred by_cubit pillars_of_their were_twenty and_bases_of_their twenty were_bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_silver. 12 And_for_the_side_of the_west curtains fifty by_cubit pillars_of_their were_ten and_bases_of_their were_ten the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_silver. 13 And_for_the_side_of eastward eastward_toward fifty cubit[s]. 14 Curtains were_fif- teen cubit[s] to the_side pillars_of_their were_three and_bases_of_their were_three. 15 And_for_side the_second(fs) from_this

343 **RV 37:25 · Parallel** Exo. 30:1-5

344 **RV 37:29 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:22-38.

345 **RV 38:1 · Parallel** Exo. 27:1-8

346 **RV 38:8 · Parallel** Exo. 30:18

347 **RV 38:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:18.

348 **RV 38:9 · Parallel** Exo. 27:9-19

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and_from_this to_the_gate_of the_courtyard curtains were_fifteen cubit[s] pillars_of_their were_three and_bases_of_their were_three. **16** All_of the_curtains_of the_courtyard all_around were_fine_linen twisted. **17** And_the_bases for_pillars were_ _bronze the_hooks_of the_pillars and_bands_of_their were_ _silver and_the_plating_of their_tops_of_their was_silver and_ _they were_furnished_with_bands silver all_of the_pillars_of the_courtyard. **18** And_the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard was_the_work_of a_worker_in_colours violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted and_twenty cubit[s] the_length and_the_height in_breadth was_five cubits corresponding_to_of the_curtains_of the_courtyard. **19** And_ _pillars_of_their were_four and_bases_of_their four were_ _bronze hooks_of_their were_silver and_the_plating_of their_ _tops_of_their and_bands_of_their were_silver. **20** And_all the_ _tent_pegs for_tabernacle and_for_courtyard all_around were_ _bronze.

21 These were_the_expenses_of the_tabernacle the_tabernacle_ _of the_transcript which it_was_recorded on the_mouth_of Mosheh the_service_of the_Lēviyyiy by_the_hand_of ʾĪtāmār the_son_of ʾAh$_a$ron the_priest/officer. **22** And_Bətsalʾ^{ēl} the_son_ _of ʾŪrī the_son_of Ḥūr of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _made ÐOM all_of that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. **23** And_was_with_him ʾĀh$_e$līʾāv the_son_of Ahisamach of_the_tribe_of of_Dān an_engraver and_a_skillful_worker and_ _a_worker_in_colours in_stuff and_in_purple and_in_the_ _scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet and_in_linen. **24** All_of the_gold which_was_used for_work in_all_of the_work_of the_holy_place and_he/it_was the_gold_of the_wave-offering nine and_twenty talent[s] and_seven hundred(s) and_thirty shekel[s] by_the_ _shekel_of the_holy_place. **25** And_the_silver_of those_ _enrolled_of the_congregation was_one_hundred_of talent[s] and_one_thousand and_seven hundred(s) and_five and_seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place. **26** A_beka for_head the_half_of the_shekel by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place to_ _all/each/any/every (the)_one_who_passed_over to those_ _enrolled from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards to_six hundred(s) thousand and_three_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_fifty. **27** And_ the_one_hundred_of the_ _talent[s]_of (the)_silver _he/it_was to_throw ÐOM the_bases_of the_holy_place and_ÐOM the_bases_of the_curtain a_hundred_ _of bases for_the_one_hundred_of the_talent[s] a_talent for_ _base. **28** And_ÐOM the_one_thousand and_seven the_ _hundred(s) and_five and_seventy he_made hooks for_pillars and_he_overlaid tops_of_their and_he_furnished_with_bands ÐOM_them. **29** And_the_bronze_of the_wave-offering was_ _seventy talent[s] and_two_thousand and_four hundred(s) shekel[s]. **30** And_he/it_made with_it ÐOM the_bases_of the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_ÐOM the_altar_of (the)_ _bronze and_ÐOM the_grating_of (the)_bronze which to_him/it and_ÐOM all_of the_articles_of the_altar. **31** And_ÐOM the_bases_ _of the_courtyard all_around and_ÐOM the_bases_of the_gate_of the_courtyard and_ÐOM all_of the_tent_pegs_of the_tabernacle and_ÐOM all_of the_tent_pegs_of the_courtyard all_around.

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curtains were 7.5m long with their three pillars and their bases. **16** All of the courtyard curtains were made with twisted finely-spun linen. **17** The bases for the pillars were bronze, but the hooks on them and their rings were silver. All of the courtyard pillars had decorative silver caps fitted to their tops. **18** The curtain for the courtyard gate was done by an embroiderer. It was made from twisted finely-spun linen embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet yard. The curtain was ten metres long and 2.5m high, just like the other courtyard curtains **19** with its four bronze pillars and their bases and their silver hooks and rings, and with silver caps. **20** All the tent pegs for the sacred tent and for around the courtyard were made with bronze.

List of metals used

21 These are the records from making the sacred tent (where the stone transcripts were kept). They were recorded by the Levites according to Mosheh's (Moses') instructions and supervised by Itamar (a son of Aharon (Aaron) the priest).

22 Betsalel (son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)) made everything that Yahweh had instructed Mosheh to make. **23** Oholiav (son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan) worked with him—he was an engraver and a designer and an embroiderer in blue, purple, and scarlet, and in fine linen.

24 The gold that they used for the construction of the sacred tent was measured at 965kg. This was the gold from the wave offering and was weighed using the official standard weights. **25** The silver contributed by the people was measured at 3,420kg also using the official weights.[349] **26** During the census, every male who was twenty years old or older paid a 5g silver coin[350]—a total of 603,550 men. **27** They'd used 3,400kg of silver to make the bases under the pillars that supported the sacred tent's curtains (34kg for each of one hundred bases) **28** and the other twenty kilograms were used for the hooks for the pillars and for the caps on the tops of them. **29** The bronze from the wave offering came to 2,400kg **30** and it was used to make the bases for the pillars at the tent entrance and for the altar and its grating and all the utensils, **31** and for the bases for the posts for the curtains around the courtyard and at the entrance, and for the tent pegs for the main structure and around the courtyard.

349 **RV 38:25-26 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:11-16.

350 **RV 38:26 · Cross-ref.** Mat 17:24.

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Making the priests' uniforms[351]

39:1 They used the blue, purple, and scarlet cloth to make the sacred clothes to be used in the sacred tent. They made Aharon's (Aaron's) clothes just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses).

The sacred apron

2 Betsalel made the sacred apron from twisted finely-spun linen embroidered with gold wire, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **3** They hammered thin sheets of gold and he cut them into thread of wire for a skillful craftsman to embroider into the fine linen along with the blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **4** They made joined shoulder pieces for it—joined on two corners **5** and the skillfully woven waistband which is attached to the apron was made of the same material of twisted finely-spun linen, and had similar embroidery using gold wire, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses). **6** They cut two onyx stones and mounted them in decorative gold settings. The names of the twelve sons of Yisrael (Israel) were engraved on them similar to how a signet ring is engraved, **7** and he put them on the shoulder pieces of the sacred apron as stones of reminder for the sons of Yisrael, as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

Making the sacred pouch[353]

8 Then he made the sacred chest pouch which took the work of a skilled craftsman like making the sacred apron. It too was made of twisted finely-spun linen and embroidered with gold wire, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **9** When the material was folded over double, it made a square pouch that was 23cm long and 23cm wide, **10** and they attached four rows of gemstones onto the front. The first row had a red ruby, a yellow topaz, and a red garnet. **11** The second row had a green emerald, a blue sapphire, and a diamond. **12** The third row had a red jacinth, a white agate, and a purple amethyst. **13** The fourth row had a yellow beryl, an onyx, and a green jasper. All the stones were mounted in decorative gold settings. **14** The gemstones were engraved with the names of the twelve sons of Yisrael (Israel) similar to how a signet ring is engraved, and they represented the twelve tribes. **15** They attached two twisted chains of pure gold crafted like a cord onto the pouch, **16** and made two decorative gold settings and two gold rings, and attached them to the upper corners of the sacred pouch. **17** They attached one end of each gold chain to one of the rings on the top corner of the pouch, **18** and they attached the other end of each chain to the two decorative settings that enclose the stones. Then they put those on the front side of the shoulder straps of the sacred apron. **19** Then they made two more gold rings and attached them to the lower corners of the sacred pouch on the inside edges next to the sacred apron. **20** They made two more gold rings and attached them to

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39:1 And_from the_violet_stuff and_the_purple and_the_ _scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet they_made garments_of woven_ _material to_serve in_place and_they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_garments_ _of (the)_holiness which belong_to_'Ah$_a$ron just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh.

2 And_he/it_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_ephod gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted. **3** And_ _they_beat_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_thin_plates_of the_gold and_he_cut_ _them_up threads for_doing in_the_middle the_violet_stuff and_among_of the_purple and_among_of the_scarlet_stuff_of the_scarlet and_among_of the_fine_linen the_work_of a_ _skillful_worker. **4** Shoulder-pieces they_made to_him/it joined on the_two_of its[352] it_was_joined. **5** And_the_girdle_of its_ _ephod_of_his which on/upon/above_him/it from_him/it it will_be_of_like_its_workmanship gold violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh. **6** And_they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_stones_of the_onyx/beryl surrounded filigree_ _settings_of gold engraved the_engravings_of a_seal on the_ _names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_he/it_assigned ~~ĐOM~~_them on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod stones_of remembrance for_the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh.

8 And_he/it_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_breastpiece the_work_of a_skillful_ _worker like_the_work_of the_ephod gold violet_stuff and_ _purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_fine_linen twisted. **9** Square it_was folded_double they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_breastpiece was_a_span length_of_its and_was_a_span breadth_of_its folded_double. **10** And_they_filled in_him/it four rows_of stone[s] was_a_row_of a_ruby a_topaz and_a_beryl the_row the_ _one. **11** And_the_row the_second was_a_turquoise a_sapphire and_an_emerald. **12** And_the_row the_third was_a_jacinth an_ _agate and_an_amethyst. **13** And_the_row the_fourth was_a_ _chrysolite an_onyx and_a_jasper they_were_surrounded filigree_settings_of gold in_settings_of_their. **14** And_the_stones were_on the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they two_ _plus ten_stones were_on names_of_their was_the_engravings_ _of a_seal each_one on his/its_name for_two_plus ten tribe[s]. **15** And_they_made on the_breastpiece chains_of twisting a_ _work_of cordage gold pure. **16** And_they_made two_of filigree_ _settings_of gold and_two_of rings_of gold and_they_put ~~ĐOM~~ the_two_of the_rings on the_two_of the_ends_of the_ _breastpiece. **17** And_they_put the_two_of the_cords the_gold on the_two_of the_rings on the_ends_of the_breastpiece. **18** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_two_of the_ends_of the_two_of the_cords they_ _put on the_two_of the_filigree_settings and_they_put_them on the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod to the_front his/its_ _faces/face. **19** And_they_made two_of rings_of gold and_they_ _put_them on the_two_of the_ends_of the_breastpiece on edge_ _of_its which was_to the_side_of the_ephod inside_to_the. **20** And_they_made two_of rings_of gold and_they_put_them on the_two_of the_shoulder-pieces_of the_ephod from_to_

351 **RV 39:1 · Parallel** Exo. 28:1-14

352 **LV 39:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תווצק׃ (x-qere) ו/יתוֹצְק׳: lemma_7098 n_0.0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_02fC7 ו/יתוֹצְק

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_downwards from_the_front_of his/its_faces/face close_to_of joining_of_its from_above (to)_the_girdle_of the_ephod. **21** And_they_bound ĐOM the_breastpiece from_rings_of_its to the_rings_of the_ephod with_a_cord_of violet_stuff to_be on the_girdle_of the_ephod and_not the_breastpiece it_becomes_ _detached from_under the_ephod just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

22 And_he/it_made ĐOM the_robe_of the_ephod the_work_of a_ _weaver an_entirety_of violet_stuff. **23** And_the_opening_of the_robe in_the_middle_of_of_it was_like_the_opening_of a_ _collar an_edge belonged_to_opening_of_its all_around not it_ _was_torn. **24** And_they_made on the_skirts_of the_robe pomegranates_of violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet twisted. **25** And_they_made bells_of gold pure and_they_ _put ĐOM the_bells in_the_middle the_pomegranates on the_ _skirts_of the_robe all_around in_the_middle the_ _pomegranates. **26** A_bell and_a_pomegranate a_bell and_a_ _pomegranate were_on the_skirts_of the_robe all_around to_ _serve just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **27** And_they_made ĐOM the_tunics fine_linen the_work_of a_ _weaver for_'Ah$_a$ron and_for_sons_of_his. **28** And_ĐOM the_ _turban fine_linen and_ĐOM the_head-wraps_of the_ _headdresses fine_linen and_ĐOM the_undergarments_of (the)_ _linen fine_linen twisted. **29** And_ĐOM the_sash fine_linen twisted and_violet_stuff and_purple and_scarlet_stuff_of scarlet the_work_of a_worker_in_colours just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **30** And_they_made ĐOM the_ _plate_of the_crown_of (the)_holiness gold pure and_they_ _inscribed on/upon/above_him/it an_inscription_of the_ _engravings_of a_seal holiness to/for_**YHWH**. **31** And_they_put on/upon/above_him/it a_cord_of violet_stuff to_put_it on the_ _turban from_to_above just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

32 And_ all_of the_service_of the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting _it_was_finished and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_did according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh so they_did. **33** And_they_brought ĐOM the_ _tabernacle to Mosheh ĐOM the_tent and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_ _its hooks_of_its frames_of_its mmm[356] and_pillars_of_its and_ _bases_of_its. **34** And_ĐOM the_covering_of the_hides_of the_ _rams (the)_dyed_red and_ĐOM the_covering_of the_skins_of the_dolphins and_ĐOM the_curtain_of the_screen. **35** ĐOM the_ _box_of the_transcript and_ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM the_ _atonement_cover. **36** ĐOM the_table ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_bread_of the_presence. **37** ĐOM the_lampstand (the)_pure ĐOM lamps_of_its the_lamps_of the_row and_ĐOM all_ _of articles_of_its and_ĐOM the_oil_of the_luminary. **38** And_ĐOM the_altar_of the_gold and_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ _ĐOM the_incense_of the_perfume(s) and_ĐOM the_screen_of the_entrance_of the_tent. **39** ĐOM the_altar_of (the)_bronze and_ĐOM the_grating_of (the)_bronze which to_him/it ĐOM poles_of_its and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its ĐOM the_laver and_

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the lower part of the front of the shoulder straps near where the shoulder straps join with the sacred apron just above the waistband. **21** They tied the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the sacred apron with a blue cord, so that the sacred pouch was above the waistband and would not come loose from the apron. They did these things exactly as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses) to do.

Making the other clothes[354]

22 Betsalel had a weaver make the robe that would be worn under the sacred apron entirely from blue material. **23** It opened down the middle like other clothes and had a border around this opening so that it wouldn't tear, **24** and the bottom hem had decorative pomegranates on it that were made from blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. **25** They also made small bells from pure gold and attached them between the pomegranates around the bottom of the robe, **26** so it alternated between a bell and a pomegranate going around the hem, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses).

27 A weaver made tunics for Aharon (Aaron) and his sons from fine linen, **28** along with the turban and caps from fine linen, the underwear made from twisted finely-spun linen, **29** and the waistband from fine linen with blue, purple, and scarlet embroidery, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

30 They made a decorative plate (to represent a holy crown) from pure gold and they engraved 'Dedicated to Yahweh' on it (like you'd do for a signet ring). **31** They put a blue cord on it to attach it to the front of the turban, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

Mosheh inspects the finished components[355]

32 And so all the components of the residence, the tent for meeting God, were finished—the Israelis had done just what Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses). **33** The craftsmen brought the disassembled residence to Mosheh—the tent and all its equipment, the clips, the frames with their bars, and the pillars with their bases, **34** the reddened rams hide tarpaulin and the top sea-cow hide tarpaulin, the curtain for covering the most sacred place, **35** the box for the transcript slabs and its poles, the atonement platform, **36** the table with all its utensils and the sacred bread to present to God, **37** the pure lampstand with its row of lamps and all its utensils and the lamp oil, **38** the gold incense altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the curtain for the tent entrance, **39** the large bronze altar with its grating, its poles, and all its utensils, the washbasin with its base, **40** the courtyard curtains with their pillars and bases, the courtyard gate curtain, all the ropes and tent pegs and all

354 **RV 39:22 · Parallel** Exo. 28:31-43

355 **RV 39:32 · Parallel** Exo. 35:10-19

356 **LV 39:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: חירב/ו: (x-qere) יְחִירְבֵ֑ו: lemma_1280 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_02V5k יְחִירְבֵ֑ו

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the items to service the residence as the tent of meeting, **41** and the finely-woven clothes for serving in the holy place, the sacred clothes for Aharon (Aaron) the priest, and the clothes for his sons to serve as priests.

42 The Israelis had done all the work just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses). **43** Mosheh inspected all the work, and wow, they had done it just as Yahweh had instructed them, and Mosheh blessed them.

Erecting the sacred tent

40:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "On the first day of the first month, you should set up the tent where we'll meet. **3** Put the box for the transcript slabs in its place and hang the curtain to screen it from sight. **4** Then bring in the bread table and arrange its utensils, and bring in the lampstand and set up the lamps, **5** and put the gold incense altar in front of the sacred box and set up the entrance curtain for the tent. **6** Put the altar for burning sacrifices in front of the entrance to the sacred tent where we'll meet. **7** Put the washbasin between the sacred tent and that altar, and fill it with water. **8** Set-up the curtains around the outside to make the courtyard, and also set up the courtyard's entrance curtain.

9 Then take the sacred anointing oil and smear it on the sacred tent and everything that's in it, then none of those things should be touched by others—it will all be sacred. **10** Also anoint the altar for burnt offerings and all its utensils. After that, the altar shouldn't be touched by others—it will be *very* sacred. **11** Anoint the washbasin and its base, and then prohibit others from using it.

12 Now bring Aharon (Aaron) and his sons to the entrance of the sacred tent and wash them with water. **13** Then put the sacred garments on Aharon and anoint him and make him sacred, so he can now serve as a priest to me. **14** Also bring his sons and dress them in tunics **15** and anoint them like you anointed their father, and they will serve as priests to me. Their anointing will cause them to be a priesthood forever throughout their generations."

16 So Mosheh (Moses) did everything that Yahweh had instructed him to do. **17** It was the first day of the first month of their second year when they set up the sacred tent. **18** Mosheh set up the residence by setting out its bases and standing up the frames with their bars, and the pillars. **19** He spread the two tarpaulin layers over the tent just as Yahweh had instructed him. **20** Then he took the two stone slabs with the transcript and put them into the box. He put the poles into the rings on the box and fitted the atonement platform on the top of the box as a lid, **21** and brought the box into the residence. He set up the curtain to conceal the box with the transcript, just as Yahweh had in-

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_ĐOM base_of_its. **40** ĐOM the_curtains_of the_courtyard ĐOM pillars_of_its and_ĐOM bases_of_its and_ĐOM the_screen for_the_ _gate_of the_courtyard ĐOM tent-cords_of_its and_its_tent_of_ _pegs and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of the_service_of the_ _tabernacle for_the_tent_of meeting. **41** ĐOM the_garments_of the_woven_material to_serve in_place ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_holiness for_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_ĐOM the_ _garments_of his_sons_of_his to_serve_as_priests.
42 According_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did ĐOM all_of the_labour. **43** And_ Mosheh _he/it_saw ĐOM all_of the_work and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_had_done ĐOM_her/it just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded so they_had_done and_ Mosheh _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM_them.

40:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** In/on_ _day of_the_month (the)_first on_day_one of_month you_will_ _set_up ĐOM the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of_meeting. **3** And_you_ _will_put there ĐOM the_box_of the_transcript and_you_will_ _cover over the_box ĐOM the_curtain. **4** And_you_will_bring ĐOM the_table and_you_will_arrange ĐOM arrangement_of_its and_you_will_bring ĐOM the_lampstand and_you_will_lift_up ĐOM lamps_of_its. **5** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM the_altar_of the_gold for_incense to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _box_of the_transcript and_you_will_put ĐOM the_screen_of the_entrance of_tabernacle. **6** And_you(ms)_will_give ĐOM the_ _altar_of the_burnt_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_entrance_of the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting. **7** And_you_will_put ĐOM the_laver between the_tent_ _of meeting and_between the_altar and_you_will_put there water. **8** And_you_will_put ĐOM the_courtyard all_around and_ _you_will_put ĐOM the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard. **9** And_you_will_take ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_you_ _will_anoint ĐOM the_tabernacle and_ĐOM all_of that in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_consecrate ĐOM_him/it and_ _ĐOM all_of articles_of_its and_it_was a_holy_thing. **10** And_you_ _will_anoint ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ĐOM all_ _of articles_of_its and_you_will_consecrate ĐOM the_altar and_ _it_was the_altar holiness_of holiness(es). **11** And_you_will_ _anoint ĐOM the_laver and_ĐOM base_of_its and_you_will_ _consecrate ĐOM_him/it. **12** And_you_will_bring_near ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_you_will_wash ĐOM_them with_water. **13** And_ _you_will_clothe ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron ĐOM the_garments_of (the)_ _holiness and_you_will_anoint ĐOM_him/it and_you_will_ _consecrate ĐOM_him/it and_he_will_serve_as_a_priest to_me. **14** And_ĐOM sons_of_his you_will_bring_near and_you_will_ _clothe ĐOM_them tunics. **15** And_you_will_anoint ĐOM_them just_as you_anointed ĐOM father_of_their and_they_will_serve_ _as_priests to_me and_it_will_become to_be to/for_them anointing_of_their (into)_a_priesthood_of perpetuity to_ _generations_of_their. **16** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made according_ _to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM_him/it so he_did. **17** And_he/it_was in_month (the)_first in_year the_second(fs) on_day_one of_month the_tabernacle it_was_set_up. **18** And_ Mosheh _he_set_up ĐOM the_tabernacle and_he/it_gave ĐOM bases_of_its and_he/it_assigned ĐOM frames_of_its and_he/it_ _gave ĐOM bars_of_its and_he_set_up ĐOM pillars_of_its. **19** And_ _he_spread_out ĐOM the_tent over the_tabernacle and_he/it_

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_assigned ĐOM the_covering_of the_tent on/upon/above_him/it from_to_above just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **20** And_he/it_took and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_transcript into the_box and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_poles on the_box and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_atonement_cover on the_box from_to_ _above. **21** And_he/it_brought ĐOM the_box into the_tabernacle and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_curtain_of the_screen and_he_ _covered over the_box_of the_transcript just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **22** And_he/it_gave ĐOM the_table in_the_tent_of meeting on the_side_of the_tabernacle northward_to from_the_outside of_curtain. **23** And_he_ _arranged on/upon/above_him/it an_arrangement_of bread to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **24** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_lampstand in_the_tent_of meeting opposite_to the_table on the_side_of the_tabernacle southward_to. **25** And_he/it_ _ascended the_lamps to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **26** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_altar_of the_gold in_the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_curtain. **27** And_he_made_smoke on/upon/above_him/it incense_of perfume(s) just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **28** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_screen_of the_entrance of_ _tabernacle. **29** And_ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_offering he_ _set_up the_entrance_of the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_burnt_ _offering and_ĐOM the_grain_offering just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **30** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_ _laver between the_tent_of meeting and_between the_altar and_he/it_gave there_(to) water for_washing. **31** And_they_ _washed from_him/it Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his ĐOM hands_of_their and_ĐOM feet_of_their. **32** When_went_they into the_tent_of meeting and_when_they_drew_near to the_ _altar they_washed just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **33** And_he_set_up ĐOM the_courtyard around (to)_ _tabernacle and_(to)_altar and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_screen_of the_gate_of the_courtyard and_ Mosheh _they_were_ _ended/finished ĐOM the_work.

34 And_ the_cloud _it_covered ĐOM the_tent_of meeting and_ _the_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled ĐOM the_tabernacle. **35** And_not Mosheh he_was_able to_go into the_tent_of meeting if/because it_had_settled_down on/upon/above_him/it the_cloud and_ _the_glory_of **YHWH** it_had_filled ĐOM the_tabernacle. **36** And_ _when_ the_cloud _was_taken_up from_under the_tabernacle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out in_all_of out_of_ _their_settings. **37** And_if not the_cloud it_was_taken_up and_ _not they_set_out until the_day_of it_was_taken_up. **38** If/because the_cloud_of **YHWH** was_over the_tabernacle by_ _day and_fire it_was night in/on/over_him/it to_the_eyes_of all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_all journeyings_of_their.

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structed him.

22 He put the table into the sacred tent on the north side of the residence, outside the curtain, **23** and arranged the bread on it to display it to Yahweh, just as Yahweh had instructed him. **24** He put the lampstand inside the sacred tent across from the table, on the south side of the residence, **25** and he placed the lamps on it in Yahweh's presence, just as Yahweh had instructed him. **26** Then he put the gold incense altar inside the sacred tent in front of the curtain that screened the sacred box from view, **27** and burnt some fragrant incense on it, just as Yahweh had instructed him, **28** then he hung the curtain at the tent entrance. **29** He put the altar for burning sacrifices at the gate of the sacred tent and offered the burnt offering and the grain offering up on it, just as Yahweh had instructed him. **30** Then he placed the washbasin between the tent and the altar, and filled it with water **31** so that Mosheh (Moses), and Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, could wash their hands and feet from it. **32** Whenever they went into the sacred tent or whenever they went near the altar, first they would wash themselves, just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh. **33** He erected the courtyard curtains around the residence and the altar, and he set up the courtyard gate curtain. And so Mosheh finished the work.

Yahweh's splendour fills the tent[357]

34 Then a cloud covered the sacred tent and Yahweh's power and bright light filled the residence[358] **35** and Mosheh (Moses) was unable to enter the tent because the cloud had settled on it and Yahweh's splendour had filled the residence. **36** From then onwards, whenever the cloud went up from over the residence, the Israelis would pack their camp and set out on their travels, **37** but while the cloud remained, they would stay in that place until the cloud lifted. **38** Yahweh's cloud would be there during the day but it would become fire at night, and so the Israelis could always see it.

357 **RV 40:34 · Parallel** Num. 9:15-23

358 **RV 40:34 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 8:10-11; Isa 6:4; Eze 43:4-5; Rev 15:8.

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Introduction

The Latin word *Leviticus* means ‘concerning the Levites’, who were the tribe of workers and priests who God chose to serve him at the altar and in other religious ceremonies. Hebrew readers call this document ‘Vayikrā’ which is the first word in the Hebrew and means ‘And he called’ (Yahweh called Mosheh/Moses). Some European and other translations call it ‘The third book of Mosheh/Moses’.
It’s presumed that Mosheh wrote this document down while they were all camped there at Mt. Sinay as mentioned in a few places: 1:1, 4:1, 6:1,24, and of 8:1.
This document focuses on the proper values and behaviour that the Israelis should observe as Yahweh’s chosen and sacred people. That involved staying ‘clean’ as per Yahweh’s values by carefully following his detailed instructions, and by avoiding wickedness.
Some of the instructions apply particularly to the priests (Aharon’s/Aaron’s descendants) and to the remainder of their own tribe (the Levites that this document is often named after) who served the priests in their sacred ceremonies.

Main components of this account

Instructions about offerings and sacrifices *1:1–7:38*
The dedication of Aharon and his sons as Yahweh’s priests *8:1–10:20*
Instructions about ‘clean’ and ‘unclean’ *11:1–15:33*
The day for getting right with Yahweh *16:1-34*
Instructions for living and worshipping as a sacred people *17:1–27:34*

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Procedures for burnt sacrifices

1:1 Yahweh summoned Mosheh (Moses) to the sacred tent and told him, **2** "Tell the Israelis that when anyone presents an offering to Yahweh, it must be presented from their own herd or flock. **3** If it's from the herd, it must be a bull with no defects. It must be presented in front of the entrance to the sacred tent to be acceptable to Yahweh. **4** The owner must place his hand on the head of that offering to be burnt, and then it will be accepted make him right with Yahweh. **5** Then he must slaughter the bull in front of Yahweh, and the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants), must present the blood and splash it all around the altar which is by the entrance of the sacred tent. **6** Then the presenter must skin the bull and cut it into pieces, **7** Meanwhile, the priest Aharon's sons must put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire, **8** and then they must arrange the pieces (including the head and the fat portions) on top of the burning wood on the altar. **9** Then the presenter must wash the innards and the feet with water, and the priest must place it on the altar, ensuring that every part is completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

10 "If the offering is from the flock (i.e., a sheep or a goat), then it must be a healthy male that's presented, **11** and then it must be slaughtered on the northern side of the altar facing Yahweh, and Aharon's sons, the priests, must splash its blood on the altar, all around. **12** Then the presenter must cut it into pieces and they must arrange them (including the head and fat portions) on top of the burning wood on the altar. **13** Then the presenter must wash the innards and the feet with water, and the priest must place it on the altar, ensuring that every part is completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

14 "However, if his burnt offering to Yahweh will be a bird, then it must be either a dove or a young pigeon. **15** The priest must present it at the altar, and then twist its head off and burn the head on the altar as he drains the blood out onto the outer edge of the altar. **16** Then he must pull out the crop with its contents, and throw it down on the eastern side of the altar where the ashes are. **17** He will then tear the bird mostly apart by its wings (but making sure that it stays as one piece), and place it on the altar, ensuring that every part is completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

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1:1 And_he/it_called to Mosheh and_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_ _him/it from_the_tent_of meeting to_say. **2** Speak to the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them anyone if/because of_you(pl) he_will_present a_present to/for_**YHWH** from the_cattle/livestock from the_herd and_from the_flock you(pl)_will_present ÐOM present_of_your(pl). **3** If is_a_burnt_ _offering present_of_his from the_herd a_male unblemished he_will_present_it to the_entrance_of[1] of_the_tent_of meeting he_will_present ÐOM_him/it for_acceptance_of_its to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **4** And_he_will_lean his/its_ _hand on the_head_of the_burnt_offering and_it_will_be_ _accepted to_him/it to_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it. **5** And_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_young_one_ _of the_herd to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priests _they_will_present ÐOM the_ _blood and_they_will_sprinkle ÐOM the_blood on the_altar all_ _around which is_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **6** And_ _he_will_skin ÐOM the_burnt_offering and_he_will_cut_in_ _pieces ÐOM_her/it into_pieces_of_its. **7** And_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priest/officer _they_will_put fire on the_altar and_ _they_will_arrange wood(s) on the_fire. **8** And_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priests _they_will_arrange ÐOM the_pieces ÐOM the_head and_ÐOM the_suet on the_wood(s) which are_on the_ _fire which is_on the_altar. **9** And_entrails_of_its and_legs_of_its he_will_wash with_water and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _make_smoke ÐOM (the)_everything to_the_altar a_burnt_ _offering a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **10** And_if is_from the_flock present_of_his from the_ _young_rams or from the_goats to_a_burnt_offering a_male unblemished he_will_present_it. **11** And_he_will_cut_the_ _throat_of ÐOM_him/it at the_side_of the_altar northward_to to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ the_sons_of 'Ahₐron the_priests _they_will_sprinkle ÐOM blood_of_its on the_altar all_around. **12** And_he_will_cut_in_pieces ÐOM_him/it into_pieces_of_its and_ÐOM his/its_head and_ÐOM suet_of_its and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_arrange ÐOM_them on the_ _wood(s) which are_on the_fire which is_on the_altar. **13** And_ _the_entrails and_the_legs he_will_wash with_water and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_present ÐOM (the)_everything and_he_ _will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar is_a_burnt_offering it a_fire_ _offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **14** And_if from the_bird[s] is_a_burnt_offering present_of_his to/for_ _**YHWH** and_he_will_present from the_turtle-doves or from the_young_ones_of the_dove ÐOM present_of_his. **15** And_he_ _will_present_it the_priest/officer to the_altar and_he_will_ _nip_off ÐOM his/its_head and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_ _altar and_ blood_of_its _it_will_be_drained_out on the_side_of the_altar. **16** And_he_will_remove ÐOM craw_of_its with_ _feather[s]_of_its and_he_will_throw ÐOM_her/it beside the_ _altar eastward_to to the_place_of the_fatty_ash. **17** And_he_ _will_tear_apart ÐOM_him/it by_wings_of_its not he_will_ _separate_it and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ÐOM_ _him/it to_the_altar on the_wood(s) which are_on the_fire is_a_ _burnt_offering it a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**.

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2:1 And_anyone if/because it_will_present a_present_of a_ _grain_offering to/for_**YHWH** fine_flour it_will_be present_of_ _his and_he_will_pour on/upon_it(f) oil and_he/it_gave on/upon_it(f) frankincense. **2** And_he_will_bring_it to the_ _sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests and_he_will_take_a_handful from_ _there the_fullness_of his_handful_of_his of_its_fine_of_flour and_of_oil_of_its with all_of frankincense_of_its and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ~~DOM~~ offering_of_its_ _memorial to_the_altar a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **3** And_the_remainder of the_grain_offering belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his a_holy_thing_of holy_ _things from_the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH**. **4** And_ _because/when you_will_present a_present_of a_grain_offering a_baked_item_of an_oven fine_flour_of cakes unleavened_ _bread(s) mixed with_oil and_wafers_of unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil. **5** And_if is_a_grain_offering on the_baking_ _tray present_of_your fine_flour mixed with_oil unleavened_ _bread(s) it_will_be. **6** You_will_crumble ~~DOM~~_her/it crumbs and_you_will_pour on/upon_it(f) oil is_a_grain_offering it. **7** And_if is_a_grain_offering_of a_baking_pan present_of_your fine_flour with_oil it_will_be_made. **8** And_you_will_bring ~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering which it_will_be_made from_these to/for_ _**YHWH** and_he_will_present_it to the_priest/officer and_he_ _will_bring_it_near to the_altar. **9** And_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_lift_up from the_grain_offering ~~DOM~~ offering_of_its_ _memorial and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar a_fire_ _offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **10** And_the_ _remainder of the_grain_offering belongs_to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_ _sons_of_his a_holy_thing_of holy_things from_the_fire_ _offerings_of **YHWH**. **11** Any_of (the)_grain_offering which you(pl)_will_present to/for_**YHWH** not it_will_be_made leaven if/because any_of leaven and_all honey not you(pl)_must_ _make_to_smoke from_him/it a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **12** A_present_of first_fruit you(pl)_will_present ~~DOM~~_them to/for_**YHWH** and_near/to the_altar not they_will_go_up to_ _an_odour_of soothing. **13** And_all present_of your_grain_ _offering_of_your with_salt you_will_salt and_not you_must_ _cause_to_cease the_salt_of the_covenant_of your(pl)_god_of_ _your from_under offering_of_your_grain with every_of present_of_your you_will_present salt. **14** And_if you_will_ _present a_grain_offering_of first-fruits to/for_**YHWH** young_ _barley_ear[s] roasted in_fire groats_of new_corn you_will_ _present ~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering_of your(pl)_first-fruits_of_ _your. **15** And_you_will_put on/upon_it(f) oil and_you_will_ _place on/upon_it(f) frankincense is_a_grain_offering it. **16** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ~~DOM~~ offering_ _of_its_memorial some_of_its_groats and_some_of_its_oil with all_of frankincense_of_its a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.

3:1 And_if is_a_sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) present_of_his if one_of the_herd he is_presenting whether a_male or a_female unblemished he_will_present_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH**. **2** And_he_will_lean his/its_hand on the_ _head_of his_present_of_his and_he_will_cut_its_throat the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests _they_will_sprinkle ~~DOM~~ the_blood on the_altar all_ _around. **3** And_he_will_present from_the_sacrifice_of the_ _peace_offering(s) a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_fat

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Procedures for grain offerings

2:1 "When someone presents a grain offering to Yahweh, it must be as fine, wheat flour mixed with olive, and with frankincense added to the top of it. **2** It must be taken to the priest Aharon's (Aaron's) sons who will take it from them, then take a handful out, being sure to get flour, oil, and some frankincense, and throw that memorial portion onto the altar to get completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **3** Then the rest of that grain offering will be for Aharon and his sons—it's a very sacred part from the gifts for Yahweh.

4 "When someone presents something baked as their grain offering, it must be baked without leaven: either wheat flour mixed with olive oil and baked into flat buns, or else wheat flour biscuits with olive oil spread on top. **5** Or if your grain offering is done on the flat pan, it must be wheat flour mixed with olive oil and made into flat biscuits **6** that should then be crumbled and have oil poured over them as your grain offering. **7** Or if your grain offering is deep-fried in a pot, it must be made from wheat flour with olive oil.

8 "Any of the above types of grain offering to Yahweh must be presented to the priest, and he will take it to the altar. **9** Then he must take a handful as a memorial portion to the altar to get completely burnt up as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **10** Then the rest of that grain offering will be for Aharon and his sons—it's a very sacred part from the gifts for Yahweh.

11 "Anything that's presented to Yahweh as a grain offering must not be made with any rising agent, because any leaven or honey mustn't be burnt as a gift to Yahweh. **12** Foods containing those can be presented as a first-fruits offering, but they mustn't be burnt on the altar. **13** However, every grain offering must be salted—the salt in the grain offering is a reminder of our agreement, so it must always be present.

14 "Finally, if you want to offer ripe grain as a grain offering to Yahweh, then it must be a young ear of grain that's been roasted over the fire and presented as a grain offering of your first ripe grains **15** with olive oil on it and some frankincense on top. That also becomes a grain offering, **16** and the priest must burn a memorial portion from it with some of the crushed grains and some of the oil and some of the incense, to be burnt to become smoke as a gift to Yahweh.

Procedures for peace offerings

3:1 "Now if it's a sacrifice for a peace offering, if it's from the **herd**, then either a male or female can be presented to Yahweh as long as it has no defects. **2** The presenter must lay their hand on the head of the bull or cow, then he must slaughter it in front of the sacred tent. Then the priest Aharon's (Aaron's) sons will splash the blood on the altar on each side. **3** From that peace offering, he must present the fat covering the innards and which is part of the in-

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nards as a gift to Yahweh, 4 along with both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal). 5 Then Aharon's sons must burn them on the wood that's burning on the altar as a gift—to become smoke as a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

6 "However, if the sacrifice for a peace offering is from the **flock**, then either a male or a female can be presented to Yahweh as long as it has no defects. 7 When the offering is being presented, it must be presented in front of Yahweh, 8 and the presenter will put his hand on the head of the animal being offered, and slaughter it in front of the sacred tent. Then Aharon's sons must splash its blood on the altar, on each side. 9 From that peace offering, he must present the fat as a gift to Yahweh, along with the entire fatty tail (cut off near the backbone), the fat covering the innards and which is part of the innards, 10 both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal). 11 Then the priest must burn them on the altar as a food offering made to Yahweh by fire.

12 "Similarly, if the offering is a **goat**, then it can be presented to Yahweh. 13 The presenter will put his hand on its head, and slaughter it in front of the sacred tent. Then Aharon's sons must splash its blood on the altar, on each side. 14 From that peace offering, he must present the fat as a gift to Yahweh, along with the fat covering the innards and which is part of the innards, 15 both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal). 16 Then the priest must burn them on the altar as a food offering made to Yahweh by fire as a pleasing aroma. All the fat belongs to Yahweh.

17 "This regulation must be permanent for all future generations: All of you must never eat fat or blood."

Procedures for sin offerings

4:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 2 "Tell the Israelis that if a person breaks any of Yahweh's regulations unintentionally, or does anything that he said shouldn't be done, then this is the procedure:

3 "If it's **the high priest** who's done it, that causes the nation to be guilty, and for his transgression he must present a bull with no defects to Yahweh as a sin offering. 4 He must bring the bull before Yahweh at the entrance of the sacred tent, then he must place his hand on its head and slaughter it in front of Yahweh. 5 Then the high priest must get some of the bull's blood and bringing it into the sacred tent, 6 he must dip his finger into it and seven times he must flick the blood towards the front of

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which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which is_ _on the_entrails. 4 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_~~DOM~~ the_ _lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. 5 And_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_will_make_smoke ~~DOM~~_him/it to_ _the_altar on the_burnt_offering which is_on the_wood(s) which are_on the_fire a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. 6 And_if is_one_of the_flock present_of_his to_a_ _sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) to/for_**YHWH** a_male or a_ _female unblemished he_will_present_it. 7 If a_young_ram he is_presenting ~~DOM~~ present_of_his and_he_will_present ~~DOM~~_ _him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. 8 And_he_ _will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_head_of his_present_of_his and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_tent_of meeting and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_will_sprinkle ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its on the_altar all_around. 9 And_he_will_present from_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_ _offering(s) a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** fat_of_its the_fat_tail complete close_to_of the_backbone he_will_remove_it and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which is_on the_entrails. 10 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_ _~~DOM~~ the_lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. 11 And_he_will_make_it_smoke the_priest/officer to_the_altar food_of a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. 12 And_if is_a_goat present_of_his and_he_will_present_it to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH**. 13 And_he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on his/its_head and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_him/it to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of meeting and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_will_sprinkle ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its on the_altar all_around. 14 And_he_will_present from_him/it present_of_his a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_fat which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which is_ _on the_entrails. 15 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_~~DOM~~ the_ _lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. 16 And_ _he_will_make_them_smoke the_priest/officer to_the_altar food_of a_fire_offering to_an_odour_of soothing all_of fat to/for_**YHWH**. 17 A_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_ _of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling any_of fat and_all blood not you(pl)_must_eat.

4:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 2 Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[4] to_say anyone if/because it_ _will_sin by_inadvertence from_all the_commands_of **YHWH** which not they_will_be_done and_he_will_do any_one of_them. 3 If the_priest/officer (the)_anointed he_will_sin to_the_guilt_ _of the_people and_he_will_present on sin_of_his which he_ _sinned a_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished to/for_ _**YHWH** to_a_sin_offering. 4 And_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ the_bull to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_ _head_of the_bull and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_bull to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. 5 And_ the_ _priest/officer (the)_anointed _he/it_will_take some_of_the_ _blood_of the_bull and_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~_him/it into the_

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_tent_of meeting. **6** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_dip ᴅᴏᴍ finger_of_his in_blood and_he_will_spatter some_of the_blood seven times to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** with the_face_of the_curtain_of the_holy_place. **7** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_gave some_of the_blood on the_horns_of the_altar_of the_incense_of the_perfume(s) to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** which is_in_the_tent_of meeting and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_blood_of the_bull he_will_pour_out to the_ _base_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering which is_the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **8** And_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_fat_of the_bull_of the_sin_offering he_will_lift_up from_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_fat which_covers over the_entrails and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_fat which is_on the_entrails. **9** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of the_kidneys and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on the_loins and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_will_remove_it. **10** Just_as it_is_lifted_up from_the_ox_of the_sacrifice_of the_ _peace_offering(s) and_he_will_make_them_smoke the_ _priest/officer on the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering. **11** And_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_hide_of the_bull and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of flesh_of_its with his/its_head and_with legs_of_its and_entrails_of_its and_ _dung_of_its. **12** And_he_will_bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_bull to from_the_outside of_camp to a_place pure to the_pouring_out_ _of the_fatty_ash and_he_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it on wood(s) with_fire at the_pouring_out_of the_fatty_ash it_will_be_burnt. **13** And_if all_of the_congregation_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_will_ _go_astray and_ the_matter _it_will_be_hidden from_the_eyes_ _of the_assembly and_they_will_do one from_all the_ _commands_of **YHWH** which not they_will_be_done and_they_ _will_be_guilty. **14** And_ the_sin which they_have_sinned on/upon_it(f) _it_will_be_made_known and_ the_assembly _ _they_will_present a_bull a_young_one_of the_herd to_a_sin_ _offering and_they_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_tent_of meeting. **15** And_ the_elders_of the_congregation _they_will_lean ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their on the_ _head_of the_bull to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_someone_will_cut_the_throat_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_bull to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **16** And_ the_priest/officer (the)_anointed _he_will_bring some_of_the_blood_of the_bull into the_tent_of meeting. **17** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _dip finger_of_his some_of the_blood and_he_will_spatter_it seven times to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** with the_face_of the_curtain. **18** And_from the_blood he_will_put on the_horns_of the_altar which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** which is_in_the_tent_of meeting and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_blood he_will_pour_out to the_base_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering which is_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **19** And_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of fat_of_its he_will_lift_up from_ _him/it and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar. **20** And_he_ _will_do to_bull just_as he_did to_the_bull_of the_sin_offering so he_will_do for_him/it and_he_will_make_atonement on_ _them the_priest/officer and_it_will_be_forgiven to/for_them. **21** And_he_will_bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_bull to from_the_outside of_ _camp and_he_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it just_as he_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _bull (the)_first is_the_sin_offering_of the_assembly it. **22** That a_leader he_will_sin and_he_will_do one from_all the_

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the curtain of the sanctuary in front of Yahweh. **7** Then the high priest must put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the incense altar (located inside the sacred tent in front of Yahweh and used for burning fragrant incense). Then he must go back outside and pour the rest of the bull's blood out at the base of the altar for burnt offerings (which is out at the entrance to the sacred tent). **8** Then the high priest must remove all the fat from the bull being offered as a sin offering, including the fat covering the innards and which is a part of the innards, **9** both kidneys and the fat that's attached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be removed from the animal) **10** just like you'd do for the bull of the peace offering. Then the priest must burn them on the altar for the burnt offering. **11** However, the bull's hide and its meat, plus its head and feet, and innards and dung, **12** must be taken outside the camp to the clean place where they pour out the ashes, and they must make a fire with wood there on top of the ashes and burn it there.

13 "If it's the **whole community** that unintentionally transgresses by doing something that Yahweh prohibited, then they'll be guilty even if the community didn't actually notice.[2] **14** When they become aware of what they've done wrong, then the community must present a young bull in front of the sacred tent as a sin offering. **15** Then the community elders must place their hands of the bull's head in front of Yahweh, and slaughter it there. **16** The high priest must take some of the bull's blood into the sacred tent **17** and seven times he must dip his finger in it and flick the blood towards the front of the curtain of the sanctuary in front of Yahweh. **18** Then he must put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the incense altar (located inside the sacred tent in front of Yahweh). Then he must go back outside and pour the rest of the bull's blood out at the base of the altar for burnt offerings (which is out at the entrance to the sacred tent). **19** Then he must remove all the fat from the slaughtered bull and burn up that fat on the altar, **20** and he should process the bull just the same as for a sin offering. Then the priest will have made them right with God and they'll be forgiven. **21** Then he must take the remaining parts of the bull outside the camp and burn it as described above and it will be the sin offering for the community.

22 "If it's **a leader** that unintentionally transgresses by doing something that his god Yahweh prohibited, then he'll be guilty. **23** Alternatively, maybe someone else will point out his failing to him. Then he must bring an offering of a male goat with no defects. **24** He must place his hand on its head and slaughter it in the place where the animals for the burnt offering are slaughtered. It will be a sin offering, **25** and the priest must take some of the blood of that sin offering and with his finger, put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the altar for burnt offerings. **26** He must burn up all the fat on the altar just like the fat from the peace offering, and that way, the priest will make

2 RV 4:13-21 · Cross-ref. Num 15:22-26.

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that leader right with God and he'll be forgiven.

27 "If it's **an ordinary person** who unintentionally transgresses by doing something that Yahweh prohibited, then they'll be guilty.[3] **28** Alternatively, maybe someone else will point out their failing to them. Then due to their transgression, that person must bring an offering of a female goat with no defects. **29** He must place his hand on the head of the goat that's a sin offering, and slaughter it at the place for burnt offerings. **30** Then the priest must take some of the blood and with his finger, put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the altar for burnt offerings, and then pour the rest of the blood at the altar's base. **31** Then the presenter must pull out all the fat (just like it's done for the peace offering), and the priest will burn it on the altar to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, and to make that person right with God, and they'll be forgiven.

32 "But if it's a lamb that the individual wants to bring as their sin offering, then it must be a female with no defects. **33** The presenter must put their hand on the head of the lamb and slaughter it as a sin offering at the place where burnt offerings are slaughtered. **34** Then the priest must take some of the blood and with his finger, put some of the blood on the four projecting corners of the altar for burnt offerings, and then pour the rest of the blood at the altar's base. **35** Then the presenter must pull out all the fat (just like it's done for the peace offering), and the priest will burn it on the altar to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, and to make that person right with God, and they'll be forgiven.

More needs for sin offerings

5:1 "If someone is a witness to a case because of something they saw or knew about, and hears an oath in court but doesn't testify, then they'll

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_commands_of **YHWH** his/its_god which not they_will_be_ _done by_inadvertence and_he_will_be_guilty. **23** Or it_has_ _been_made_known to_him/it sin_of_his which he_has_sinned by_it and_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ present_of_his a_male_goat_of goats a_male unblemished. **24** And_he_will_lean his/its_hand on the_head_of the_male_goat and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_him/it in_the_place_of (of)_where someone_cuts_the_ _throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_burnt_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** is_a_sin_offering it. **25** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_sin_ _offering on_finger_of_his and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_ _altar_of (the)_burnt_offering and_~~DOM~~ blood_of_its he_will_ _pour_out to the_base_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering. **26** And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_of_its he_will_make_smoke to_the_altar like_the_fat_of the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) and_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer from_sin_of_his and_it_will_be_forgiven to_ _him/it. **27** And_if a_person_of one it_will_sin by_inadvertence one_of_the_people_of the_earth/land when_does_it one of_the_ _commands_of of_**YHWH** which not they_will_be_done and_he_ _will_be_guilty. **28** Or it_has_been_made_known to_him/it sin_ _of_his which he_has_sinned and_he_will_bring present_of_his a_female_goat_of goats unblemished a_female on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned. **29** And_he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_head_of the_sin_offering and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_sin_offering in_the_place_of the_burnt_offering. **30** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_its_blood on_finger_of_his and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering and_~~DOM~~ all_of blood_of_its he_will_pour_ _out to the_base_of the_altar. **31** And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_of_its he_ _will_remove just_as the_fat it_was_removed from_under the_ _sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) and_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it the_priest/officer and_it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it. **32** And_if a_male_lamb he_will_bring present_of_his to_a_sin_ _offering a_female unblemished he_will_bring_it. **33** And_he_ _will_lean ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand on the_head_of the_sin_offering and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~_her/it to_a_sin_offering in_ _the_place_of (of)_where someone_cuts_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_ _burnt_offering. **34** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_sin_offering on_finger_of_his and_ _he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar_of (the)_burnt_offering and_~~DOM~~ all_of blood_of_its he_will_pour_out to the_base_of the_altar. **35** And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_of_its he_will_remove just_as the_fat_of the_young_ram it_is_removed from_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_ _smoke ~~DOM~~_them to_the_altar on the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned and_it_will_ _be_forgiven to_him/it.

5:1 And_anyone if/because it_will_sin and_it_will_hear the_ _sound_of an_oath and_he was_a_witness or he_saw or he_ _knew if not he_will_tell and_he_will_bear iniquity_of_his. **2** Or anyone who it_will_touch in_all thing unclean or (in)_a_

3 RV 4:27-31 · Cross-ref. Num 15:27-28.

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_carcass_of an_animal unclean or[5] (in)_a_carcass_of livestock unclean or (in)_a_carcass_of a_swarming_thing unclean and_it_ _will_be_hidden from_him/it and_he is_unclean and_he_will_ _be_guilty. **3** Or if/because he_will_touch (in)_the_uncleanness_ _of a_human to_all/each/any/every uncleanness_of_his which he_will_be_unclean by_it and_it_will_be_hidden from_him/it and_he he_knew and_he_will_be_guilty. **4** Or anyone if/because it_will_swear_an_oath by_speaking_rashly with_lips to_do_evil or to_do_good to_all/each/any/every that the_humankind he_ _will_speak_rashly in_an_oath and_it_will_be_hidden from_ _him/it and_he he_knew and_he_will_be_guilty to_one from_ _these. **5** And_it_was if/because he_will_be_guilty to_one from_ _these and_he_will_confess which/who he_had_sinned on_it. **6** And_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_guilt to/for_**YHWH** on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned a_female from the_flock a_ewe_ _lamb or a_female_goat_of goats to_a_sin_offering and_he_will_ _make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer from_sin_of_his. **7** And_if not it_will_reach[6] his/its_hand sufficiency_of a_sheep and_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_ _guilt which he_has_sinned two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove to/for_**YHWH** one to_a_sin_offering and_one to_a_burnt_offering. **8** And_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_them to the_priest/officer and_he_will_present ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_which is_ _for_offering first and_he_will_nip_off ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head from_ _in_front_of neck_of_its and_not he_will_separate_it. **9** And_he_ _will_spatter some_of_the_blood_of the_sin_offering on the_ _side_of the_altar and_the_remainder in_blood it_will_be_ _drained_out to the_base_of the_altar is_a_sin_offering it. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_second he_will_offer a_burnt_offering according_the_ordinance and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer from_sin_of_his which he_has_sinned and_it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it. **11** And_if not his/its_hand it_will_reach to_two_of turtle-doves or to_two_of young_ones_of a_dove and_he_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ present_of_his which he_has_sinned (the)_tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh fine_flour to_a_sin_offering not he_will_place on/upon_it(f) oil and_not he_will_put on/upon_it(f) frankincense if/because is_ _a_sin_offering it. **12** And_he_will_bring_it to the_priest/officer and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_take_a_handful from_her/it the_fullness_of his_handful_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_its_ _memorial and_he_will_make_it_smoke to_the_altar on the_ _fire_offerings_of **YHWH** is_a_sin_offering it. **13** And_he_will_ _make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned any_one from_these and_it_ _will_be_forgiven to_him/it and_it_will_belong to_priest like_ _offering.

14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **15** Anyone if/because it_will_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness and_it_will_ _sin by_inadvertence from_the_holy_things_of **YHWH** and_he_ _will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_guilt to/for_**YHWH** a_ram unblemished from the_flock by_valuation_of_your silver_of shekels by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place to_a_guilt_offering. **16** And_ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_sinned from the_holy_thing he_

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become guilty.

2 "If someone touches anything 'unclean' (e.g., a dead domestic or wild animal, or some creature) without realising it, they still become 'unclean' and is guilty.

3 "If someone touches anything 'unclean' from another person, even if they initially didn't realise what it was, they become guilty.

4 "If someone makes a rash promise, whether it's to do something good or something bad, and even if they were just speaking carelessly but find out later, they become guilty.

5 "So then the person that became guilty from any of the above, must confess their wrongdoing **6** and present a penalty to Yahweh to address that wrongdoing, and must present a female lamb or young goat as a sin offering, and the priest will act on their behalf to make them right with God.

7 "However if that person can't afford a sheep, then for their guilt offering because of their transgression, they must bring two doves or young pigeons to Yahweh—one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering. **8** The presenter must take them to the priest who will present the sin offering first—twisting the bird's head off from the neck, but not pulling the body in half. **9** Then he must sprinkle some of the blood from that sin offering onto the side of the altar, and then drain out the rest of the blood at the altar's base. That will be the sin offering. **10** The second bird will be for a burnt offering as per the regulation. The priest will make the presenter right with God after their wrongdoing, and they'll be forgiven.

11 "However if that person still can't afford those two doves or young pigeons, then they can present a kilogram of fine wheat flour for a sin offering. It mustn't have oil or frankincense in it because it's a sin offering. **12** The presenter must take it to the priest who will then take a handful of it, and burn that memorial portion on the altar for burnt offerings to Yahweh. That will be the sin offering. **13** The priest will make the presenter right with God after their wrongdoing as per one of the above, and they'll be forgiven. The rest of the flour will be for the priest, similar to a grain offering."

More on guilt offerings

14 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **15** "If someone acts unfaithfully but unintentionally desecrates something that's sacred to Yahweh, then because of their guilt, that person must present ram with no defects from the flock, or silver coins using the official valuation, as a guilt offering. **16** They must also compensate for the sacred

5 LV 5:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

6 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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item, but with an extra twenty percent. That must all be given to the priest who will make the presenter right with God with that ram as the guilt offering, and they'll be forgiven.

17 "If someone transgresses by violating even one of Yahweh's regulations or prohibitions, even if they didn't realise it, they become guilty and must bear responsibility for that guilt.
18 Then that person must take a ram from the flock that has no defects to the priest for a guilt offering. Then the priest will make the presenter right with God after that transgression (even if they weren't aware of it), and they'll be forgiven.
19 That's a guilt offering, because they were clearly guilty before Yahweh."

6:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Someone who transgresses against Yahweh by cheating with respect to a deposit or a pledge, or by theft or extortion, **3** or by finding lost property and then denying it, or making an oath that was knowingly false, or by any other typical transgression that people do,
4 then they've become guilty as a result of that transgression. That person must return what was stolen or extorted, or return the deposit or the lost property, **5** or make amends for a false oath. They must return the full value plus an extra twenty percent[7] as soon as the guilt is discovered. **6** Then that person must take a ram from the flock with no defects to the priest as a guilt offering to Yahweh, **7** and the priest will make the presenter right with Yahweh after whatever that transgression was to make them guilty, and they'll be forgiven.

The fire and the ashes

8 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
9 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that these are the regulations for the burnt offerings: The burnt offering must remain on the altar's hearth, on the altar all night until the morning and the fire must be kept burning on it.
10 Then the priest must put on his linen underwear and linen

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_will_repay and_~~DOM~~ its_of_fifth let_him_add on/upon/above_ _him/it and_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_him/it to_priest and_the_priest he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it by_the_ram_ _of the_guilt_offering and_it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it.
17 And_if anyone if/because it_will_sin and_it_will_do one from_all the_commands_of **YHWH** which not they_will_be_ _done and_not he_knew and_he_will_be_guilty and_he_will_ _bear iniquity_of_his. **18** And_he_will_bring a_ram unblemished from the_flock by_valuation_of_your to_a_guilt_offering to the_ _priest/officer and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it the_priest/officer on inadvertence_of_his which he_ _has_sinned_inadvertently and_he not he_knew and_it_will_be_ _forgiven to_him/it. **19** Is_a_guilt_offering it indeed_(be_guilty) he_was_guilty to/for_**YHWH**. **20** [8] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **21** [9] Anyone if/because it_will_sin and_it_ _will_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_**YHWH** and_he_ _will_deny (in)_his_fellow_of_citizen (in)_a_deposit or (in)_ _deposited_property_of a_hand or (in)_a_robbery or he_has_ _oppressed ~~DOM~~ citizen_of_his_fellow. **22** [10] Or he_has_found a_ _thing_lost and_he_will_deny (in)_it and_he_will_swear_an_ _oath on falsehood on one from_all that the_humankind he_ _will_do to_sin by_them. **23** [11] And_it_was if/because he_will_ _sin and_he_will_be_guilty and_he_will_restore ~~DOM~~ the_ _robbery which he_robbed or ~~DOM~~ the_extortion which he_ _extorted or ~~DOM~~ the_deposit which it_was_entrusted with_ _him/it or ~~DOM~~ the_thing_lost which he_found. **24** [12] Or from_ _all that he_will_swear_an_oath on/upon/above_him/it to_ _falsehood and_he_will_repay ~~DOM~~_him/it in_head_of_its and_ _its_of_fifth(s) let_him_add on/upon/above_him/it to_the_one_ _whom it to_him/it he_will_give_it in/on_day his_guilt_of_his.
25 [13] And_~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_guilt he_will_bring to/for_ _**YHWH** a_ram unblemished from the_flock by_valuation_of_ _your to_a_guilt_offering to the_priest/officer. **26** [14] And_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _it_will_be_forgiven to_him/it on one from_all that someone_ _will_do to_guilt by_it.

6:1 [15] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** [16] Command ~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~DOM~~ sons_of_his to_say this is_the_ _legal_procedure_of the_burnt_offering it the_burnt_offering will_be_on the_hearth on the_altar all_of the_night until the_ _morning and_the_fire_of the_altar it_will_burn in/on/over_ _him/it. **3** [17] And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_put_on garment_ _of_his linen and_undergarments_of linen he_will_put_on on

7 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 5:5-8.
8 **LV 5:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.1
9 **LV 5:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.2
10 **LV 5:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.3
11 **LV 5:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.4
12 **LV 5:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.5
13 **LV 5:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.6
14 **LV 5:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.7
15 **LV 6:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.8
16 **LV 6:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.9
17 **LV 6:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.10

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body_of_his and_he_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ the_fatty_ash which the_ _fire it_will_consume ~~DOM~~ the_burnt_offering on the_altar and_ _he_will_place_it beside the_altar. **4** **18** And_he_will_strip_off ~~DOM~~ garments_of_his and_he_will_put_on garments other and_ _he_will_take_out ~~DOM~~ the_fatty_ash to from_the_outside of_ _camp to a_place pure. **5** **19** And_the_fire on the_altar it_will_ _burn in/on/over_him/it not it_will_be_extinguished and_he_ _will_kindle on/upon_it(f) the_priest/officer wood(s) in_ _morning in_morning and_he_will_arrange on/upon_it(f) the_ _burnt_offering and_he_will_make_smoke on/upon_it(f) the_ _fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings. **6** **20** A_fire continually it_will_ _burn on the_altar not it_will_be_extinguished.**21**

7 **22** And_this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_grain_offering the_ _sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron they_will_present ~~DOM~~_her/it to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to the_face_of the_altar. **8** **23** And_he_will_lift_up from_him/it in_handful_of_his some_of_ _the_fine_flour_of the_grain_offering and_some_of_its_oil and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of the_frankincense which is_on the_grain_offering and_he_will_make_smoke the_altar an_odour_of soothing offering_of_its_memorial to/for_**YHWH**. **9** **24** And_the_ _remainder from_her/it 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his they_will_eat unleavened_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten in_a_place holy in_the_ _courtyard_of the_tent_of meeting they_will_eat_it. **10** **25** Not it_will_be_baked leaven share_of_their I_have_given ~~DOM~~_her/it from_my_fire_of_offerings is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it like_offering and_like_offering. **11** **26** Every_of male among_the_ _sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_eat_it a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl) from_the_fire_offerings_ _of **YHWH** every one_who he_will_touch (is)_in_them he_will_ _be_holy.

12 **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **13** **28** This is_the_present_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his which they_will_ _present to/for_**YHWH** in/on_day ~~DOM~~_him/it is_anointed (the)_tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh fine_flour grain_offering continually half_of_its in_morning and_half_of_its in_evening. **14** **29** On a_baking_tray with_oil it_will_be_made mixed_dough you_will_bring_it broken_pieces_of a_grain_offering_of crumbs you_will_present an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **15** **30** And_the_priest (the)_anointed in_place_of_him one_of_his_

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robe and remove the fatty ashes from the burnt offerings on the altar, and pile them beside it. **11** After that, he'll get changed again into his regular clothes and take those ashes outside the camp to a 'clean' place. **12** Meanwhile, the fire on the altar must be kept burning—it must never go out. Every morning the priest must put more wood on the fire, then he must arrange more offerings on the fire—he should burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on that fire so the smoke rises. **13** Yes, the fire must burn continually on the altar—never going out.

Procedures for the grain offering

14 "Here's the regulations for the grain offering: Aharon's (Aaron's) sons must present it before Yahweh in front of the altar. **15** The priest must take a handful of the flour from that grain offering, being sure it includes some of the oil and the incense, and burn it on the altar as a memorial portion to become a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **16** The remainder of that flour will be used as food for Aharon and his sons—they must eat the flat bread in a sacred place, i.e., in the courtyard of the sacred tent. **17** It must not be baked with any rising agent. I give that to them from what's given to me. It's very sacred just like the sin offering and the guilt offering. **18** Any of Aharon's male descendants can eat it—it'll be their portion from Yahweh's gifts throughout the generations. Anyone who touches Yahweh's gifts will become sacred themself."

Procedures for the ordination offering

19 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **20** "On the day when one of Aharon's (Aaron's) male descendants is consecrated as a priest, this is what he must present to Yahweh: a continual grain offering of a kilogram of fine wheat flour—half for the morning and half for the evening. **21** It must be mixed with olive oil then cooked with oil on a flat pan. It must then be broken into pieces and presented as a grain offering to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh.

18 **LV 6:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.11

19 **LV 6:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.12

20 **LV 6:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.13

21 **LV 6:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

22 **LV 6:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.14

23 **LV 6:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.15

24 **LV 6:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.16

25 **LV 6:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.17

26 **LV 6:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.18

27 **LV 6:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.19

28 **LV 6:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.20

29 **LV 6:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.21

30 **LV 6:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.22

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22 The priest who's next in line to become high priest must offer
it and it must be completely burnt for Yahweh. This is a perma-
nent regulation. 23 Any grain offering by a priest must be com-
pletely burnt—it must not be eaten."

Procedures for the sin offering

24 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
25 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that
these are the regulations for the sin offerings: The sin offering
must be slaughtered in front of Yahweh at the place where the
burnt offerings are slaughtered. It's a very sacred activity. 26 The
priest who offers the sin offering must be the one to eat it. It
must be eaten in a sacred place, i.e., in the courtyard of the sa-
cred tent. 27 Everything that touches the animal's body will be-
come sacred. Anyone who gets the blood on their clothes, must
wash them in a sacred place. 28 Any clay pot that it's been boiled
in, must then be shattered, but if it's boiled in a bronze pot, then
that must be scoured and rinsed with water. 29 Any male in the
priests' families may eat it—it's very sacred. 30 However, every
sin offering that has its blood taken inside the sacred tent to
make someone right with God, then that meat mustn't be
eaten—it must be completely burnt up.

Procedures for the guilt offering

7:1 "Then these are the regulations for
the very sacred guilt offerings: 2 The guilt
offering must be slaughtered at the same place as the burnt of-
ferings, and the blood must be splashed on each side of the altar.
3 The presenter must present all the fat including the fatty tail,
the fat covering the innards, 4 both kidneys and the fat that's at-
tached to them, and the lobe on the liver (all of which need to be
removed from the animal). 5 Then the priest must burn those on
the altar as a guilt offering to Yahweh. 6 Any male in the priests'
families may eat it—it's very sacred. 7 The regulations are the
same for the guilt offering as for the sin offering—the priest who
offers the guilt offering must be the one to eat it.

8 "Whenever a priest presents someone's burnt offering, the
skin of the animal that was presented belongs to that priest.
9 Any grain offering that's baked in an oven, or cooked in a pan
or on a griddle, will belong to the priest who presents it. 10 Any
grain offering that's either dry or mixed with oil, belongs to all
of Aharon's (Aaron's) male descendants without any distinction.

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_sons he_will_offer ~~DOM~~_her/it a_prescribed_portion_of
perpetuity to/for_**YHWH** a_whole_offering it_will_be_made_to_
_smoke. 16 [31] And_all grain_offering_of a_priest a_whole_
_offering it_will_be not it_will_be_eaten.

17 [32] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 18 [33]
Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his to_say this is_the_
_legal_procedure_of the_sin_offering in_the_place_of (of)_
_where the_burnt_offering it_has_its_throat_cut the_sin_
_offering it_will_have_its_throat_cut to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it. 19 [34] The_
_priest/officer who_makes_a_sin_offering ~~DOM~~_her/it he_will_
_eat_it in_a_place holy it_will_be_eaten in_the_courtyard_of
the_tent_of meeting. 20 [35] All that it_will_touch (in)_meat_of_
_its it_will_be_holy and_which any_of_its_blood he_will_spatter
on the_garment that_which he_will_spatter on/upon_it(f) you_
_will_wash in_a_place holy. 21 [36] And_a_vessel_of earthenware
which it_will_be_boiled in/on/over_him/it it_will_be_broken
and_if in_a_vessel_of bronze it_was_boiled and_it_will_be_
_scoured and_it_will_be_rinsed with_water. 22 [37] Every_of male
among_priests he_will_eat ~~DOM~~_her/it is_a_holy_thing_of holy_
_things it. 23 [38] And_all sin_offering which any_of_its_blood it_
_will_be_brought_in into the_tent_of meeting to_make_
_atonement in_place not it_will_be_eaten with_fire it_will_be_
_burnt.

7:1 And_this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_guilt_offering is_a_
_holy_thing_of holy_things it. 2 In_the_place_of (of)_where
people_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_burnt_offering people_will_
_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_guilt_offering and_~~DOM~~ blood_of_its
he_will_sprinkle on the_altar all_around. 3 And_~~DOM~~ all_of fat_
_of_its he_will_present from_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_fat_tail and_~~DOM~~
the_fat which_covers ~~DOM~~ the_entrails. 4 And_~~DOM~~ the_two_of
the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ the_fat which is_on_them which is_on
the_loins and_~~DOM~~ the_lobe on the_liver with the_kidneys he_
_will_remove_it. 5 And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_
_smoke ~~DOM~~_them to_the_altar a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** is_
_a_guilt_offering it. 6 Every_of male among_priests he_will_eat_
_it in_a_place holy it_will_be_eaten is_a_holy_thing_of holy_
_things it. 7 As_offering as_offering a_legal_procedure one
to/for_them the_priest/officer who he_will_make_atonement
in/on/over_him/it to_him/it it_will_belong. 8 And_the_priest
who_presents ~~DOM~~ a_burnt_offering_of anyone the_hide_of the_
_burnt_offering which he_presented to_priest to_him/it it_
_will_belong. 9 And_all grain_offering which it_will_be_baked
in_oven and_all that_it_has_been_made in_(the)_pan and_on a_
_baking_tray belongs_to_priest who_presents ~~DOM~~_her/it to_
_him/it it_will_belong. 10 And_all grain_offering mixed with_oil
and_dry to/from_all/each/any/every the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron it_
_will_belong each like_brother_of_his.

31 **LV 6:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.23
32 **LV 6:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.24
33 **LV 6:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.25
34 **LV 6:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.26
35 **LV 6:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.27
36 **LV 6:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.28
37 **LV 6:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.29
38 **LV 6:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Lev.6.30

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11 And_this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_sacrifice_of the_ _peace_offering(s) which someone_will_present to/for_**YHWH**. **12** If on thanksgiving he_will_present_it and_he_will_present with the_sacrifice_of (the)_thanksgiving cakes unleavened_ _bread(s) mixed with_oil and_wafers_of unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil and_fine_flour mixed cakes mixed with_oil. **13** With cakes_of bread_of leaven he_will_present present_of_ _his with the_sacrifice of_the_thanksgiving_of his_peace_ _offering(s)_of_his. **14** And_he_will_present from_him/it one_ _loaf from_all present a_contribution to/for_**YHWH** to_priest who_sprinkles ~~DOM~~ the_blood_of the_peace_offerings to_him/it it_will_belong. **15** And_the_meat_of the_sacrifice_of the_ _thanksgiving_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his in/on_day his_ _present_of_his it_will_be_eaten not he_will_leave from_him/it until morning. **16** And_if is_a_vow or a_freewill_offering the_ _sacrifice_of his_present_of_his in/on_day presents_he ~~DOM~~ sacrifice_of_his it_will_be_eaten and_from_the_next_day and_ _the_remainder from_him/it it_will_be_eaten. **17** And_the_ _remainder of_the_meat_of of_the_sacrifice in_the_day the_ _third with_fire it_will_be_burnt. **18** And_if ever_(eaten) any_ _of_the_meat_of the_sacrifice_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his it_will_be_eaten in_the_day the_third not he_will_be_accepted the_one_who_presented ~~DOM~~_him/it not it_will_be_reckoned to_him/it unclean_meat it_will_be and_the_person who_eats from_him/it iniquity_of_its it_will_bear. **19** And_the_meat which it_will_touch in_all unclean_thing not it_will_be_eaten with_fire it_will_be_burnt and_the_meat every_of pure_person he_will_eat meat. **20** And_the_person who it_will_eat meat from_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s) which to/for_ _**YHWH** and_uncleanness_of_his on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_ _kinspeople(s)_of_its. **21** And_anyone if/because it_will_touch in_all unclean_thing (in)_the_uncleanness_of humankind or (in)_livestock unclean or in_all detestable_thing unclean and_ _he/it_will_eat any_of_the_meat_of the_sacrifice_of the_peace_ _offering(s) which to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **23** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say any_of fat_of an_ox and_a_ _young_ram and_a_goat not you(pl)_must_eat. **24** And_the_fat_ _of a_carcass and_the_fat_of a_torn_animal it_will_be_used to/from_all/each/any/every work and_certainly_(eat) not you(pl)_must_eat_it. **25** If/because any_of one_who_eats fat from the_cattle/livestock which he_will_present from_her/it a_ _fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_living_creatures who_ _eats _it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its. **26** And_all blood not you(pl)_must_eat in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_ _dwelling of_bird[s] and_of_livestock. **27** Every_of person who it_will_eat any_of blood and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_ _will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its.

28 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **29** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say the_one_who_presents ~~DOM~~ the_sacrifice_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his to/for_**YHWH** he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ present_of_his to/for_**YHWH** from_the_ _sacrifice_of his_peace_offering(s)_of_his. **30** Hands_of_his_own

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Procedures for the peace offering

11 "Then these are the regulations for sacrificing peace offerings to present to Yahweh: **12** If it's presented from thankfulness, then the sacrifice must be accompanied by thanksgiving flat bread buns (made from flour mixed with olive oil), and flat biscuits smeared with oil, and buns made from fine wheat flour mixed with oil, **13** plus risen bread rolls. All that must accompany the peace offering from thankfulness. **14** Then he must present one of each kind of bread as a contribution to Yahweh. Those will belong to the priest who splashes the blood for the peace offerings. **15** The meat of the thankfulness sacrifice of those peace offerings must be eaten the same day that it's offered—none of it can be left until morning. **16** However, if the sacrificed offering is a vow or freewill offering, then it can be eaten that same day and also the next day, **17** but any left-over meat must be burnt up on the fire on the third day. **18** If any of that meat from the sacrifice was eaten on the third day, the presenter won't be accepted and they won't be forgiven. It is spoilt, and anyone who eats any of it will bear their own guilt. **19** If any meat touches anything that's 'unclean', then it must not be eaten—it must be burnt up in the fire. However, any long as the meat remains 'clean', it can be eaten by any person who's 'clean'. **20** If a person who was 'unclean' were to eat any of the meat from the sacrifice for a peace offering, then that person must be cut off from the community. **21** Similarly, when a person touches anything 'unclean' (e.g., human uncleanness, or an unclean animal, or a detestable creature), and then they eat some of the meat of the sacrifice for a peace offering that now belongs to Yahweh, that person must be cut off from the community.

Don't eat fat or blood

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **23** "Tell the Israelis that you all must not eat the fat from cattle or sheep or goats, **24** plus you all definitely must not eat the fat from an animal that died naturally or was killed by wild animals although you can use it for other purposes. **25** Anyone who does eat the fat from an animal presented as a gift to Yahweh must be cut off from the community.

26 "Also, you all must not eat blood from either a bird or an animal, no matter where you're living.[39] **27** Any person who does eat blood must be cut off from the community."

The priests' portions

28 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **29** "Tell the Israelis that anyone who offers a peace offering to Yahweh must take some of it as his peace offering to Yahweh. **30** They must personally carry Yahweh's gift which will be the

39 RV 7:26-27 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

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breast with its fat and raise it in front of Yahweh as a wave offering, **31** and the priest must burn that fat up on the altar but the breast will be for Aharon (Aaron) and his sons. **32** The right thigh from the sacrifices of your peace offerings must be given to the priest— **33** whichever priest (Aharon's descendant) who handled the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, that right thigh will be his portion **34** because I took the breast from the wave offering and the thigh from the contribution of the Israelis' peace offerings, and I gave them to Aharon the priest and his sons as an ongoing portion from the Israeli people. **35** That's the share for Aharon and his sons from the gifts to Yahweh since Mosheh presented them to Yahweh as priests. **36** Yahweh commanded them to be given to them back on the day when he anointed them out of all the Israeli people and made it a permanent regulation for future generations.

37 Those are the regulations for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, the sin offerings, the guilt offerings, the ordination offerings, and the peace offerings **38** that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mt. Sinay on the day when he ordered the Israelis to present their offerings to Yahweh when they were there in the Sinay wilderness.

Ordination of Aharon and his sons[40]

8:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Take Aharon (Aaron) and his sons with their clothes and the anointing oil, and the bull for the sin offering and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread, **3** and assemble the entire community at the entrance to the sacred tent."

4 So Mosheh did exactly has Yahweh had commanded him, and the people assembled at the entrance of the sacred tent. **5** Then Mosheh told the assembled people, "This ceremony is what Yahweh has told us to do."

6 Then Mosheh presented Aharon and his sons and after washing them with water, **7** he put the tunic on Aharon and wrapped the sash around him, and then put the robe on him. Then he put the sacred apron on him, tying its finely woven waistband to fasten it onto him. **8** Then he attached the chest pouch and put the Urim and Tumim into the pouch. **9** Finally he placed the turban on his head, and fastened the golden flower-shaped plate (that sacred crown that demonstrates that Aharon is set apart to only serve Yahweh) to the front of the turban, exactly as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

10 Then Mosheh took the anointing oil and anointed Yahweh's residence and everything in it, thus consecrating it all. **11** Seven times he flicked some of it onto the altar—anointing the altar

Literal Version

they_will_bring ĐOM the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** ĐOM the_fat with the_breast he_will_bring_it ĐOM the_breast to_wave ĐOM_ _him/it a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **31** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_smoke ĐOM the_fat to_the_altar and_it_was the_breast to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_ _sons_of_his. **32** And_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_right you(pl)_will_ _give a_contribution to_priest from_the_sacrifices_of your(pl)_ _peace_offerings_of_your(pl). **33** The_one_who_presents ĐOM the_blood_of the_peace_offerings and_ĐOM the_fat from_(the)_ _sons of_'Ah$_a$ron to_him/it the_thigh_of the_right it_will_ _belong to_a_portion. **34** If/because ĐOM the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_contribution I_have_ _taken from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_ _sacrifices_of their_peace_offerings_of_their and_I_have_given ĐOM_them to_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_to_sons_of_his to_ _a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **35** This is_the_share_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_the_share_ _of his_sons_of_his from_the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** in/on_ _day when_he_presented ĐOM_them to_serve_as_priests to/for_ _**YHWH**. **36** Which **YHWH** he_commanded to_give to/for_them in/on_day anointed_he ĐOM_them from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity to_ _generations_of_their. **37** This is_the_legal_procedure to_ _offering to_offering and_to_offering and_to_offering and_to_ _offering(s) and_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offering(s). **38** Which **YHWH** he_commanded ĐOM Mosheh on_the_ _mountain_of Şīnay in/on_day commanded_he ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_present ĐOM presents_of_their to/for_**YHWH** in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay.

8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Take ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his with_him/it and_ĐOM the_ _garments and_ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_ĐOM the_ _bull_of the_sin_offering and_ĐOM the_two_of the_rams and_ _ĐOM the_basket_of (the)_unleavened_bread(s). **3** And_ĐOM all_ _of the_congregation assemble to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **4** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM_him/it and_ the_congregation _it_assembled to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **5** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to the_congregation this is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded for_doing. **6** And_ Mosheh _he_presented ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_he_washed ĐOM_them with_water. **7** And_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_ _tunic and_he_girded ĐOM_him/it with_sash and_he_clothed ĐOM_him/it ĐOM the_robe and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_ _him/it ĐOM the_ephod and_he_girded ĐOM_him/it with_the_ _girdle_of the_ephod and_he_girded_the_ephod to_him/it in/on/over_him/it. **8** And_he/it_assigned on/upon/above_ _him/it ĐOM the_breastpiece and_he/it_gave into the_ _breastpiece ĐOM the_Urim and_ĐOM the_Thummim. **9** And_ _he/it_assigned ĐOM the_turban on his/its_head and_he/it_ _assigned on the_turban to the_front his/its_faces/face ĐOM the_plate_of the_gold the_crown_of (the)_holiness just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **10** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took ĐOM the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_he_anointed ĐOM the_tabernacle and_ĐOM all_of that in/on/over_him/it

40 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** Exo. 29:1-37

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and_he/it_consecrated ĐOM_them. **11** And_he_spattered from_ _him/it on the_altar seven times and_he_anointed ĐOM the_ _altar and_ĐOM all_of utensils_of_its and_ĐOM the_laver and_ _ĐOM base_of_its to_set_them_apart_as_holy. **12** And_he_poured some_of_the_oil_of (the)_anointing on the_head_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_he_anointed ĐOM_him/it to_set_him_apart_as_holy. **13** And_ Mosheh _he_presented ĐOM the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _he/it_clothed_them tunics and_he_girded ĐOM_them a_sash and_he_bound_on to/for_them headdresses just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **14** And_he_brought_near ĐOM the_bull_of the_sin_offering and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he_ _leaned ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_bull_of the_ _sin_offering. **15** And_he_cut_the_throat_of_it and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_took ĐOM the_blood and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar all_around with_finger_of_his and_he_cleansed_from_ _sin ĐOM the_altar and_ĐOM the_blood he_poured to the_base_ _of the_altar and_he_set_it_apart_as_holy to_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it. **16** And_he/it_took ĐOM all_of the_fat which was_on the_entrails and_ĐOM the_lobe_of the_liver and_ _ĐOM the_two_of the_kidneys and_ĐOM fat_of_their and_ Mosheh _he_made_them_smoke to_the_altar. **17** And_ĐOM the_ _bull and_ĐOM hide_of_its and_ĐOM flesh_of_its and_ĐOM dung_ _of_its he_burnt with_fire from_the_outside of_camp just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **18** And_he_presented ĐOM the_ram_of the_burnt_offering and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_ _his _they_leaned ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **19** And_he_cut_the_throat_of_it and_ Mosheh _he_sprinkled ĐOM the_blood on the_altar all_around. **20** And_ĐOM the_ram he_cut_in_pieces into_pieces_of_its and_ Mosheh _he_made_ _smoke ĐOM the_head and_ĐOM the_pieces and_ĐOM the_suet. **21** And_ĐOM the_entrails and_ĐOM the_legs he_washed with_ _water and_ Mosheh _he_made_smoke ĐOM all_of the_ram to_ _the_altar was_a_burnt_offering it to_an_odour_of soothing was_a_fire_offering it to/for_**YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **22** And_he_presented ĐOM the_ram the_second the_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) and_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _they_leaned ĐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_ram. **23** And_he_cut_the_throat_of_it and_ Mosheh _he/it_took some_of_its_blood and_he/it_gave on the_ _lobe_of the_ear_of 'Ah$_a$ron (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right. **24** And_he_presented ĐOM the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ Mosheh _he/it_gave some_of the_blood on the_lobe_of their_ _ear_of_their (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of their_hand_of_ _their (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of their_foot_of_their (the)_right and_ Mosheh _he_sprinkled ĐOM the_blood on the_

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and all its utensils and the basin and its base, thus consecrating them. **12** He poured some of the anointing oil over Aharon's head, thus anointing him to consecrate him. **13** Then Mosheh presented Aharon's sons and dressed them in tunics and wrapped sashes around each of them, and tied their headbands onto them, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

14 Then he brought the bull for the sin offering, and Aharon and his sons placed their hands on its head. **15** Then Aharon[41] slaughtered it, and Mosheh took the blood and used his finger to put some on the four projecting corners of the altar, thus purifying the altar. Then he poured the rest of the blood out at the altar's base, sanctifying it so it could be used for making people right with God. **16** Then Mosheh took all the far that was on the innards and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and he burnt them up on the altar. **17** However, he burnt up the rest of the bull including its hide, flesh, and dung, outside the camp, just as Yahweh had told him.

18 Then Mosheh presented the ram for the burnt offering, and Aharon and his sons placed their hands on its head. **19** Then Aharon[42] slaughtered it, and Mosheh splashed the blood on each side of the altar. **20** Then Aharon[43] cut the ram into pieces, and Mosheh burnt up the head, and the pieces and the fat. **21** However, Aharon[44] washed the innards and the legs, then Mosheh also burnt those up on the altar as a burnt offering that was pleasing aroma for Yahweh, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

22 Then Mosheh presented the second ram for the ordination offering, and Aharon and his sons placed their hands on the ram's head. **23** Then Aharon[45] slaughtered it, and Mosheh took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aharon's right ear, on his right thumb, and on his right big toe. **24** Then he presented Aharon's sons and put some of the blood on their right earlobes, and their right thumbs, and their right big toes. Then Mosheh splashed the blood on each side of the altar. **25** He collected the fat and the fatty tail, and all the fat that was on the innards and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and the right thigh, **26** Then from the basket of unleavened bread that was there in front of Yahweh, he took one flat bread bun, and one flat bread that had been smeared with oil, and one flat biscuit, and placed them on top of the fat and the right thigh. **27** He place all that onto the open hands of Aharon and his sons who

41 RV 8:15 · Note It's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was still referring to Aharon here.

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43 RV 8:20 · Note Again it's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was referring to Aharon (and possibly including his sons) here.

44 RV 8:20 · Note Again it's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was referring to Aharon here.

45 RV 8:19 · Note It's not 100% clear from the Hebrew if the pronoun here refers to Aharon or to Mosheh, but as Mosheh's name is specifically mentioned in the next clause, we assume that 'he' was still referring to Aharon here.

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raised them as a wave offering in front of Yahweh. **28** Then Mosheh took it all again, and burnt it all up on the altar with the burnt offering. That ordination offering on the fire became a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **29** Then Mosheh took the breast meat from the ram for the ordination offering, and raised it as a wave offering in front of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had instructed him.

30 Then Mosheh took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood from on the altar, and he flicked them onto Aharon and his clothes, his sons and their clothes, thus consecrating Aharon and his clothes, and his sons and their clothes.

31 Then Mosheh told Aharon and his sons, "Boil the meat at the entrance to the sacred tent and eat it, along with the flat bread that's in the basket as part of the ordination offering, just as I had instructed that Aharon and his sons should eat it. **32** Any meat or bread that's leftover must be burnt in the fire. **33** None of you may leave the entrance to the sacred tent for seven days. That's because Yahweh will ordain you all over those seven days. **34** What's been done today has been initiated by Yahweh in order to make you all right with him, **35** so remain here day and night at the entrance of the sacred tent for seven days as per Yahweh's instructions and you all won't die, because that's what I've been commanded." **36** So Aharon and his sons did everything that Yahweh had instructed them via Mosheh.

The priests start their duties

9:1 On the eighth day, Mosheh (Moses) summoned Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, along with Yisrael's (Israel's) elders, **2** and he told Aharon, "Get a healthy, young, male calf for a sin offering for yourself, and a ram without defects for a burnt offering, and present them to Yahweh. **3** Then tell the Israeli people to take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old and without defects for a burnt offering, **4** as well as a bull and a ram to sacrifice to Yahweh as peace offerings, and a grain offering mixed will oil, because Yahweh will appear to you all today."

5 So they brought everything to the sacred tent that Mosheh

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_altar all_around. **25** And_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_fat and_~~DOM~~ the_ _fat_tail and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fat which was_on the_entrails and_ _~~DOM~~ the_lobe_of the_liver and_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_kidneys and_~~DOM~~ fat_of_their and_~~DOM~~ the_thigh_of the_right. **26** And_ _from_the_basket_of (the)_unleavened_bread(s) which to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** he_took a_cake_of unleavened_bread(s) one and_a_cake_of bread_of oil one and_a_ _wafer one and_he/it_assigned on the_fat(s) and_on the_thigh_ _of the_right. **27** And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything on the_ _palms_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_on the_palms_of his_sons_of_his and_ _he_waved ~~DOM~~_them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH**. **28** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ~~DOM~~_ _them from_under palms_of_their and_he_made_them_smoke to_the_altar on the_burnt_offering were_installation_offerings they to_an_odour_of soothing was_a_fire_offering it to/for_ _**YHWH**. **29** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_breast and_he_ _waved_it a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** from_the_ram_of (the)_installation_offering(s) to_ _Mosheh it_belonged to_a_portion just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh. **30** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took some_ _of_the_oil_of (the)_anointing and_from the_blood which was_ _on the_altar and_he_spattered_it on 'Ah$_a$ron on garments_of_ _his and_on sons_of_his and_on the_garments_of his_sons_of_ _his with_him/it and_he/it_consecrated ~~DOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron ~~DOM~~ garments_of_his and_~~DOM~~ sons_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_garments_ _of his_sons_of_his with_him/it. **31** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his boil ~~DOM~~ the_meat the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_there you(pl)_will_eat ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ the_bread which is_in_the_basket_of the_ _installation_offering(s) just_as I_commanded to_say 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his they_will_eat_it. **32** And_the_remainder in_ _meat and_in_bread with_fire you(pl)_will_burn. **33** And_from_ _the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not you(pl)_must_go_out seven_of days until the_day_of the_days_of your(pl)_ _installation_of_your(pl) are_completed if/because seven_of days he_will_fill ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your(pl). **34** Just_as someone_ _has_done in_the_day the_this **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_ _do to_make_atonement on_you(pl). **35** And_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting you(pl)_will_remain by_day and_night seven_of days and_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ the_duty_of **YHWH** and_not you(pl)_will_die if/because thus I_have_been_ _commanded. **36** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he/it_made ~~DOM~~ all_of the_things which **YHWH** he_had_commanded by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh.

9:1 And_he/it_was in_the_day (the)_eighth Mosheh he_ _summoned (to)_'Ah$_a$ron and_(to)_sons_of_his and_(to)_the_ _elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron take to/for_yourself(m) a_male_calf a_young_one_of the_herd to_a_ _sin_offering and_a_ram to_a_burnt_offering unblemished and_ _present_them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **3** And_near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_speak to_say take a_male_goat_of goats to_a_sin_offering and_a_male_ _calf and_a_male_lamb sons_of a_year unblemished to_a_burnt_ _offering. **4** And_an_ox and_a_ram to_peace_offerings to_ _sacrifice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_a_ _grain_offering mixed with_oil if/because the_day **YHWH** he_ _will_appear to_you(pl). **5** And_they_took ~~DOM~~ that_which

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Mosheh he_had_commanded to the_face_of the_tent_of meeting and_ all_of the_congregation _they_drew_near and_ _they_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. 6 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said this is_the_thing which **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded you(pl)_will_do and_it_will_appear to_you(pl) the_glory_of **YHWH**. 7 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron draw_near to the_altar and_offer ÐOM offering_of_your_sin and_ÐOM offering_of_your_burnt and_make_atonement for_ _yourself and_for the_people and_offer ÐOM the_present_of the_people and_make_atonement for_them just_as **YHWH** he_ _has_commanded. 8 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_drew_near to the_altar and_he_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_male_calf_of the_sin_ _offering which to_him/it. 9 And_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_ _presented ÐOM the_blood to_him/it and_he_dipped finger_of_ _his in_blood and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_altar and_ _ÐOM the_blood he_poured to the_base_of the_altar. 10 And_ÐOM the_fat and_ÐOM the_kidneys and_ÐOM the_lobe from the_liver from the_sin_offering he_made_smoke to_the_altar just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. 11 And_ÐOM the_flesh and_ÐOM the_hide he_burnt with_fire from_the_outside of_ _camp. 12 And_he_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_burnt_offering and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_brought_forward to_him/it ÐOM the_blood and_he_sprinkled_it on the_altar all_around. 13 And_ÐOM the_burnt_offering they_brought_forward to_ _him/it to_pieces_of_its and_ÐOM the_head and_he_made_ _them_smoke on the_altar. 14 And_he_washed ÐOM the_entrails and_ÐOM the_legs and_he_made_them_smoke on the_burnt_ _offering to_the_altar. 15 And_he_presented ÐOM the_present_ _of the_people and_he/it_took ÐOM the_male_goat_of the_sin_ _offering which was_for_people and_he_cut_its_throat and_he_ _made_it_a_sin_offering like_offering. 16 And_he_presented ÐOM the_burnt_offering and_he_offered_it according_the_ _ordinance. 17 And_he_presented ÐOM the_grain_offering and_ _he_filled palm_of_his from_her/it and_he_made_it_smoke on the_altar (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of the_ _morning. 18 And_he_cut_the_throat_of ÐOM the_ox and_ÐOM the_ram the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings which was_for_ _people and_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron _they_brought_forward ÐOM the_blood to_him/it and_he_sprinkled_it on the_altar all_ _around. 19 And_ÐOM the_fat(s) from the_ox and_from the_ram the_fat_tail and_the_covering and_the_kidneys and_the_lobe_of the_liver. 20 And_they_placed ÐOM the_fat(s) on the_breasts and_he_made_smoke the_fat(s) to_the_altar. 21 And_ÐOM the_ _breasts and_ÐOM the_thigh_of the_right 'Ah$_a$ron he_waved a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** just_as Mosheh he_had_commanded. 22 And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_ _lifted_up ÐOM his[49] to the_people and_he_blessed_them and_ _he/it_descended from_when_offered the_sin_offering and_ _the_burnt_offering and_the_peace_offerings. 23 And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he_went into the_tent_of meeting and_they_ _went_out and_they_blessed ÐOM the_people and_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared to all_of the_people. 24 And_ fire _it_went_

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had instructed them, and the whole assembly presented them as they stood before Yahweh, 6 then Mosheh said, "You've done what Yahweh told you, so now you'll all see his brightness appear." 7 Then he told Aharon, "Go to the altar and make your sin offering and your burnt offering to make yourself and the people right with God. Then make the people's offering to make them right with God, just as Yahweh commanded."[46]

8 So Aharon approached the altar and slaughtered the calf for his own sin offering, 9 and his sons presented the blood to him. Dipping his finger into the blood, he smeared it on the altar's four projecting corners, then he poured the rest of the blood out at the altar's base. 10 He burnt up the fat and the kidneys, and the lobe from the liver for the sin offering on the altar, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh, 11 but the meat and the skin, he burnt up in a fire outside the camp.

12 Then Aharon slaughtered the burnt offering, and his sons brought the blood to him and he splashed it on each side of the altar. 13 Then they brought him the head and the cut-up pieces, and he burnt them up on the altar. 14 He washed the innards and the legs, and then also burnt them up on the altar.

15 Then Aharon presented the people's offering. He took the goat for the people's offering and slaughtered it, then offered it as a sin offering like the other one. 16 He presented the burnt offering—following all the instructions when he did it. 17 Then he presented the grain offering, and taking a large handful, he burnt it on the altar, in addition to the morning's burnt offering. 18 Then Aharon slaughtered the bull and the ram which were the people's peace offering, and his sons brought the blood to him and he splashed it on each side of the altar.[47] 19 He took the fat from the bull and the ram, including their fatty tails and the fat covering the innards, the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver, 20 and placed it all on top of those animals breast meat, then burnt up the fat on the altar. 21 Finally, he raised the breast meat and the right thigh as a wave offering in front of Yahweh, just as Mosheh (Moses) had instructed.

22 Then Aharon raised his arms towards the people and blessed them,[48] and then he stepped down, having finished making the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.
23 Mosheh and Aharon entered the sacred tent, and when they came back out, they blessed the people and Yahweh's brilliance appeared to all the people. 24 Then flames shot out from Yahweh's front and evaporated the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. They people saw that happen, and they yelled out and fell down onto their knees with their faces to the ground.

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46 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Heb 7:27.

47 **RV 9:18 · Cross-ref.** Lev 3:1-11.

48 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 6:22-26.

49 **LV 9:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/יָדָיו: (x-qere) וְ/יָדָי: lemma_3027 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_03KEV וְ/יָדָיו

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Nadav and Avihu get destroyed

10:1 Then two of Aharon's (Aaron's) sons, Nadav and Avihu each took their incense-burning pans and put fire in them, and put incense on the fire, thus offering unauthorised fire to Yahweh that he hadn't instructed them to do. **2** So flames shot out from Yahweh's front and consumed then so they died there in front of Yahweh.
3 Then Mosheh (Moses) told Aharon, "That's what Yahweh meant when he said, 'I will reveal my holiness to those who approach me, then I'll be honoured in the sight of all the people.' "
4 Then Mosheh summoned Mishael and Elitsafan, the sons of Aharon's Uncle Uziel, and told them, "Come and help by carrying your cousins' bodies from the sacred place here to a place outside the camp." **5** So they came and carried the two corpses by their clothes to a place outside the camp just as Mosheh had told them to do.
6 Then Mosheh told Aharon and his sons Eleazar and Itamar, "Don't leave your hair loose, and don't tear your clothes, so that you won't die and so that Yahweh won't be angry at the entire community. But meanwhile, all the Israelis must mourn because Yahweh was angry enough to burn those two. **7** Also, don't leave the entrance to the sacred tent, as you might die because you all still have Yahweh's anointing oil on you." So they did everything that Mosheh said.

Instructions for priests

8 Then Yahweh told Aharon (Aaron), **9** "Neither you or your sons should drink wine or strong drink when you're going to go into the sacred tent so that you won't die. This regulation is permanent and for future generations. **10** You must carefully distinguish between what's sacred and what's common, and what's 'unclean' and 'clean'. **11** and you must teach the Israelis all the instructions that Yahweh has given them via Mosheh (Moses)."
12 Then Mosheh told Aharon and his remaining sons Eleazar and Itamar, "Take the remainder of the grain offering after the memorial portion has been given to Yahweh, and eat that flat bread there beside the altar, because it's very sacred.[50] **13** You all must eat it in a sacred place, because it's the portion for you and your sons from the gifts to Yahweh, because that's what I've been instructed. **14** Also, you all must eat the breast meat from the wave offering and the thigh from the contribution offering in a 'clean' place. Your sons and daughters can join you all for that, because that food has been given as the portion for you and your children from the peace offering sacrifices from the Is-

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_out from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_she/it_ate on the_altar ĐOM the_burnt_offering and_ĐOM the_fat(s) and_ all_of the_people _he/it_saw and_they_shouted and_they_fell on faces_of_their.

10:1 And_ the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron Nādāv and_'Avīhū' _they_took each censer_of_his and_they_put in_them fire and_they_placed on/upon_it(f) incense and_they_presented to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** fire strange which not he_had_ _commanded ĐOM_them. **2** And_ fire _it_went_out from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** and_she/it_ate them and_they_ _died to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **3** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron it is_that_which **YHWH** he_ _spoke to_say among_those_near_of_to_me I_will_show_ _myself_holy and_on the_face_of all_of the_people I_will_gain_ _glory and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_was_silent. **4** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _called (to) Mīshā'ēl and_near/to 'Elītsāfān the_sons_of 'Uzziy'ēl the_uncle_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_he/it_said to_them draw_near carry ĐOM relatives_of_your(pl) from_with the_face_of the_holy_place to from_the_outside of_camp. **5** And_they_drew_near and_ _they_carried_them in_tunics_of_their to from_the_outside of_ _camp just_as Mosheh he_had_spoken. **6** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to 'Ah$_a$ron and_to_'El'āzār and_to_'Ītāmār sons_of_his heads_of_your(pl) do_not let_untie/release and_garments_of_ _your(pl) not you(pl)_must_tear and_not you(pl)_will_die and_ _towards all_of the_congregation he_will_be_angry and_ _relatives_of_your(pl) all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _will_weep_for ĐOM the_burning which **YHWH** he_has_burnt. **7** And_from_the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not you(pl)_ _must_go_out lest you(pl)_should_die if/because the_oil_of the_ _anointing_of **YHWH** is_on_you(pl) and_they_did according_to_ _the_message_of Mosheh.

8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **9** Wine and_ _strong_drink do_not drink you and_sons_of_your with_you when_go_you(pl) into the_tent_of meeting and_not you(pl)_ _will_die a_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_of_ _your(pl). **10** And_to_separate between the_holy_thing and_ _between the_profane_thing and_between the_unclean_thing and_between the_clean_thing. **11** And_to_teach ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM all_of the_regulations which **YHWH** he_has_spoken to_them by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **12** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to 'El'āzār and_near/to 'Ītāmār sons_of_his (the)_remaining take ĐOM the_ _grain_offering which_remains of_the_fire_offerings_of of_ _**YHWH** and_eat_it unleavened_bread(s) beside the_altar if/because is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it. **13** And_you(pl)_ _will_eat ĐOM_her/it in_a_place holy if/because prescribed_ _portion_of_is_your and_the_prescribed_portion_of your(pl)_ _sons_of_your it from_the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** if/because thus I_have_been_commanded. **14** And_ĐOM the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_ĐOM the_thigh_of the_contribution you(pl)_ _will_eat in_a_place pure you and_sons_of_your and_daughters_ _of_your with_you if/because portion_of_your_prescribed and_ _the_prescribed_portion_of your(pl)_children_of_your they_

50 RV 10:12-13 · Cross-ref. Lev 6:14-18.

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_have_been_given from_the_sacrifices_of the_peace_offerings_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** The_thigh_of the_ _contribution and_the_breast_of the_wave-offering on the_fire_ _offerings_of (the)_fat(s) they_will_bring to_wave a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_it_was to/for_yourself(m) and_to_sons_of_your with_you to_a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity just_as **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded. **16** And_ĐOM the_male_goat_of the_sin_offering diligently_(seek) Mosheh he_sought and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_ _had_been_burnt and_he_was_angry towards 'El'āzār and_ _towards 'Ītāmār the_sons_of 'Aha_ron (the)_remaining to_say. **17** Why not did_you(pl)_eat ĐOM the_sin_offering in_the_place_ _of (the)_holiness if/because is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it and_it he_gave to/for_you(pl) to_bear ĐOM the_iniquity_of the_ _congregation to_make_atonement on_them to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **18** HERE not ĐOM blood_of_its it_ _was_brought into the_holy_place within certainly_(eat) you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_her/it in_place just_as I_commanded. **19** And_ 'Aha_ron _he/it_spoke to Mosheh HERE the_day they_ _have_presented ĐOM offering_of_their_sin and_ĐOM offering_ _of_their_burnt to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ like_these_things _they_have_happened_to ĐOM_me and_ _I_will_eat a_sin_offering the_day will_it_be_good in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH**. **20** And_ Mosheh _he/it_listened and_it_was_ _good in_eyes_of_his.

11:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Aha_ron to_say to_them. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this is_the_living_creature which you(pl)_will_eat from_all the_ _cattle/livestock which is_on the_earth/land. **3** Any one_ _which_divides_in_two a_hoof and_which_cleaves a_cleft_of hooves which_brings_up_of (of)_cud among_animal[s] ĐOM_ _her/it you(pl)_will_eat. **4** Nevertheless ĐOM this not you(pl)_ _must_eat from_those_which_bring_up_of (of)_the_cud and_ _from_those_which_divide_in_two_of (of)_the_hoof ĐOM the_ _camel if/because is_bringing_up_of (of)_cud it and_a_hoof not_it is_dividing_in_two is_unclean it to_you(pl). **5** And_ĐOM the_rock_badger if/because is_bringing_up_of (of)_cud it and_ _a_hoof not it_divides_in_two is_unclean it to_you(pl). **6** And_ _ĐOM the_hare if/because is_bringing_up_of (of)_cud it and_a_ _hoof not it_divides_in_two is_unclean it to_you(pl). **7** And_ĐOM the_pig if/because is_dividing_in_two a_hoof it and_is_cleaving a_cleft_of a_hoof and_he cud not it_ruminates is_unclean it to_ _you(pl). **8** Any_of_their_meat not you(pl)_must_eat and_(in)_ _carcass_of_their not you(pl)_will_touch are_unclean they to_ _you(pl). **9** ĐOM this you(pl)_will_eat from_all that is_in_waters all that to_him/it fin and_scale in_waters in_the_seas and_in_ _wadis ĐOM_them you(pl)_will_eat. **10** And_all/each/any/every that there_belong_not to_him/it fin and_scale in_the_seas and_ _in_wadis from_all (the)_swarming_thing_of the_waters and_ _from_all creature_of the_living which is_in_waters are_ _detestable_thing[s] they to_you(pl). **11** And_detestable_ _thing[s] they_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of_their_meat not

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raelis.[51] **15** Yes, those thighs from the contribution offering and the breast meat from the wave offering, in addition to the gifts of the fat portions, must be brought before Yahweh as a raised offering, and then they'll always become the portion for you and your families, just as Yahweh instructed."

16 Then Mosheh looked for the goat meat from the sin offering, but was shocked to discover that it had been burnt up on the altar, so he was angry with Aharon's remaining sons Eleazar and Itamar, telling them, **17** "Why didn't you eat that sin offering in the sacred place, because it's very sacred and he gave it to you to bear the community's guilt then to make them right with Yahweh.[52] **18** Listen here! Its blood *wasn't* taken into the inner sacred place, so you must eat it in the sacred place just like I told you to do!"

19 Then Aharon explained to Mosheh, "Listen, they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering to Yahweh today, and yet I lost two of my sons. But if I'd eaten the sin offering today, would it have pleased Yahweh?" **20** When Mosheh heard that, he was satisfied.

Creatures that may be eaten[53]

11:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

2 Tell the Israelis that the following creatures on the earth are the ones that you all can eat: **3** You all can eat any animal that has hooves which are completely split in two and that also chew the cud. **4** However you mustn't eat those without *both* traits, for example camels chew the cud but don't have divided hooves, so they are 'unclean' for you. **5** The rock badger likewise, because although it chews the cud, it too doesn't have divided hooves, **6** and the rabbit is 'unclean' for you all because although it chews the cud, it doesn't have divided hooves. **7** Pigs have divided hooves that are split completely, but don't chew the cud, so they're 'unclean' for you all— **8** you mustn't eat their meat or touch their carcasses because they're 'unclean' for you all.

9 You all can eat everything that lives in the water, whether the oceans or rivers, as long as it has both fins and scales. **10** In contrast, anything in the oceans or rivers without both fins and scales, whether they're swarming creatures or otherwise, they'll all be detestable for you all. **11** So anything that's detestable to you all, you mustn't eat their meat and you must detest their carcasses. **12** Anything in the water that doesn't have both fins and scales will be detestable for you all.

13 From the birds, the ones that you'll all detest and avoid eating will include: the eagle and any kind of vulture, **14** the kite

51 RV 10:14-15 · Cross-ref. Lev 7:30-34.

52 RV 10:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 6:24-26.

53 RV 11:1 · Parallel Deu. 14:3-21

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and any kind of falcon, **15** any kind of crow, **16** any kind of owl, gull, or hawk, **17** the cormorant, **18** the osprey, **19** the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and bats. **20** Everything that swarms with wings and walks on four legs must be detestable for you all. **21** However, you all can eat anything that swarms with wings and walks on four legs that has its legs above its feet for hopping on the ground. **22** You all can eat any kind of locust or cricket or grasshopper, **23** but anything that swarms with wings and walks on four legs must be detestable for you all.

24 The following will make you 'unclean'—anyone who touches their carcasses will become 'unclean' until the evening, **25** plus anyone who carries their carcass must wash their clothes and will be 'unclean' until the evening: **26** Any animal with a divided hoof but not completely split in two or that doesn't chew the cud will be 'unclean' for you all—anyone who touches them will become 'unclean'. **27** Also, any four-footed animal that walks on its paws is 'unclean' for you—anyone who touches their carcass will become 'unclean' until the evening, **28** plus anyone who carries their carcass must wash their clothes and will be 'unclean' until the evening because they're 'unclean' for you all.

29 These are the 'unclean' creatures from the ones that swarm on the ground: rats, mice, lizards **30** of any kind, geckos, skinks, and chameleons. **31** Out of all the swarming things, those are 'unclean' for you—anyone who touches them when they've died will be 'unclean' until the evening. **32** Also, anything that their dead bodies fall on will become 'unclean', whether it's a wooden, cloth, leather, or sackcloth object, or any container used for work, so then it must be immersed in water and it will be 'unclean' until the evening when it will become 'clean' again. **33** If one of those creatures falls into a clay container, everything in it will become 'unclean' and you must break that container. **34** If water from that container got onto any food, it will become 'unclean', and any drink take from that container will be 'unclean'. **35** Anything that the dead body of one of those creatures falls onto will become 'unclean'—any oven or stove must be smashed. They have become 'unclean' and would always remain so. **36** However a spring or a cistern for collecting water will be 'clean', but anyone touching that dead body will be 'unclean'. **37** If the dead body fell on some seeds that will be planted, that seed is still 'clean', **38** but if the seeds are wet when the dead body falls on it, then it's 'unclean' for you.

39 If any animal that you all can eat dies, then any person touches its carcass will be 'unclean' until the evening. **40** Anyone who eats any part of that dead body, and anyone who moves it, must wash their clothes and will be 'unclean' until the evening.

41 Every creature that swarms along the ground is detestable—it mustn't be eaten. **42** Everything that moves on its belly, and any swarming thing that moves along the ground on four or more feet mustn't be eaten because they're detestable. **43** Don't make yourselves detestable with any of those swarming

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you(pl)_must_eat and_ĐOM carcass_of_their you(pl)_will_detest. **12** All that there_belong_not to_him/it fin and_scale in_waters is_a_detestable_thing it to_you(pl). **13** And_ĐOM these you(pl)_ _will_detest from the_bird[s] not they_will_be_eaten are_ _detestable_thing[s] they ĐOM the_eagle and_ĐOM the_bearded_ _vulture and_ĐOM the_black_vulture. **14** And_ĐOM the_red_kite and_ĐOM the_black_kite to_its_kind. **15** ĐOM every_of raven to/for_his/its_kind. **16** And_ĐOM the_daughter_of the_ostrich and_ĐOM the_screech_owl and_ĐOM the_gull and_ĐOM the_ _falcon to_his/its_kind. **17** And_ĐOM the_little_owl and_ĐOM the_cormorant and_ĐOM the_great_owl. **18** And_ĐOM the_barn_ _owl and_ĐOM the_wilderness_owl and_ĐOM the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt))_vulture. **19** And_ĐOM the_stork the_heron to_its_kind and_ĐOM the_hoopoe and_ĐOM the_bat. **20** Every_of (the)_swarming_thing_of (the)_insect which_walks on four_legs is_a_detestable_thing it to_you(pl). **21** Nevertheless ĐOM this you(pl)_will_eat from_all (the)_ _swarming_thing_of (the)_insect which_walks on four_legs which belong_to_it[55] legs from_above (to)_feet_of_its to_hop with_them on the_earth/land. **22** ĐOM these from_them you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM the_locust to/for_his/its_kind and_ĐOM the_locust to_his/its_kind and_ĐOM the_locust to_his/its_kind and_ĐOM the_grasshopper to_his/its_kind. **23** And_ _all/each/any/every (the)_swarming_thing_of (the)_insect which to_him/it four feet is_a_detestable_thing it to_you(pl). **24** And_to_these you_will_make_yourselves_unclean every_of (the)_one_who_touches (in)_carcass_of_their he_will_be_ _unclean until the_evening. **25** And_all (the)_one_who_carries any_of_their_carcass he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_ _will_be_unclean until the_evening. **26** To/from_ _all/each/any/every the_cattle/livestock which it is_dividing_ _in_two a_hoof and_a_cleft not_it is_cleaving and_cud not_it is_ _bringing_up are_unclean they to/for_you(pl) every_of (the)_ _one_who_touches (is)_in_them he_will_be_unclean. **27** And_ _all/each/any/every one_which_walks on paws_of_its in_all (the)_living_creature[s] which_walks on four_feet are_unclean they to/for_you(pl) every_of (the)_one_who_touches (in)_ _carcass_of_their he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **28** And_the_one_who_carries ĐOM carcass_of_their he_will_ _wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening are_unclean they to_you(pl). **29** And_this to/for_ _you(pl) is_the_unclean among_thing[s] which_swarms on the_ _earth/land the_weasel and_the_mouse and_the_great_lizard to_his/its_kind. **30** And_the_gecko and_the_monitor_lizard and_ _the_wall_lizard and_the_skink and_the_chameleon. **31** These are_the_unclean to/for_you(pl) in_all (the)_swarming_thing every_of (the)_one_who_touches (is)_in_them in_death_of_ _their he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **32** And_ _all/each/any/every that it_will_fall on/upon/above_him/it from_them in_death_of_their it_will_be_unclean from_all vessel_of wood or a_garment or a_hide or sackcloth every_of vessel which a_work it_will_be_done (is)_in_them in_water it_ _will_be_put and_it_will_be_unclean until the_evening and_it_ _will_be_pure. **33** And_all vessel_of earthenware which from_ _them it_will_fall into of_it_of_the_middle all that is_in_the_ _midst_of_of_it it_will_be_unclean and_it you(pl)_will_break.

55 LV 11:21 · Note OSHB variant note: אֵל: (x-qere) וְלִי: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_03iGP וְלִי

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34 From_all the_food which it_will_be_eaten which it_will_
_come on/upon/above_him/it water it_will_be_unclean and_all
drink which it_is_drunk in_all vessel it_will_be_unclean.
35 And_all/each/any/every that any_of_their_carcass it_will_
_fall on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be_unclean an_oven and_a_
_stove it_will_be_broken_up are_unclean they and_unclean
they_will_be to_you(pl). **36** Nevertheless a_spring and_a_cistern
a_collecting_place_of water it_will_be pure and_one_who_
_touches (in)_carcass_of_their he_will_be_unclean. **37** And_
_because/when any_of_their_carcass it_will_fall on every_of
seed sowing which it_will_be_sown is_pure it. **38** And_
_because/when water it_will_be_put on seed and_ any_of_
_their_carcass _it_will_fall on/upon/above_him/it is_unclean it
to_you(pl). **39** And_because/when any_of the_cattle/livestock
which it to/for_you(pl) for_food it_will_die the_one_who_
_touches (in)_carcass_of_its he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **40** And_the_one_who_eats any_of_its_carcass he_will_
_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening and_the_one_who_carries ᴅᴏᴍ carcass_of_its he_will_
_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **41** And_all (the)_swarming_thing which_swarms on
the_earth/land is_a_detestable_thing it not it_will_be_eaten.
42 Any one_which_walks on wwww[56] and_all/each/any/every
one_which_walks on four_feet to any_of one_which_multiplies_
_of (of)_feet to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_swarming_
_thing which_swarms on the_earth/land not you(pl)_must_eat_
_them if/because are_detestable_thing[s] they. **43** Do_not
make_detestable ᴅᴏᴍ selves_of_your(pl) in_all (the)_swarming_
_thing which_swarms and_not you_must_make_yourselves_
_unclean (is)_in_them and_you_will_make_yourselves_unclean
by_them. **44** If/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_you_
_will_keep_yourselves_holy and_you(pl)_will_be holy
if/because am_holy I and_not you(pl)_must_make_unclean ᴅᴏᴍ
selves_of_your(pl) in_all (the)_swarming_thing the_(one)_
_creeping on the_earth/land. **45** If/because I am_**YHWH** who_
_brought_up you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_
_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god and_you(pl)_will_be holy
if/because am_holy I. **46** This is_the_legal_procedure_of the_
_cattle/livestock and_the_bird and_all/each/any/every
creature_of (the)_living the_creeping in_waters and_to/for_all
creature which_swarms on the_earth/land. **47** To_separate
between the_unclean_thing and_between the_pure_thing and_
_between the_living_creature which_is_eaten and_between
the_living_creature which not it_will_be_eaten.

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say a_woman if/because she_
_will_bear_a_child and_she_will_bear a_male and_she_will_be_
_unclean seven_of days like_the_days_of the_impurity_of her_
_being_unwell she_will_be_unclean. **3** And_on_day (the)_eighth
the_flesh_of his_foreskin_of_his it_will_be_circumcised. **4** And_
_thirty day[s] and_three_of days she_will_remain in_the_
_blood(s)_of purification in_all holy_thing not she_will_touch

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creatures, and don't make yourselves 'unclean' by touching or eating them, **44** because I am your god Yahweh. You all must keep yourselves holy, and you're a holy people because I'm holy.[54] So don't make yourselves 'unclean' with any swarming creatures that creep across the ground **45** because I am Yahweh, the one who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be your god, and you must be holy because I am holy.

46 The above are the regulations about livestock, birds, creatures that move in the water, and creatures that swarm across the ground, **47** to distinguish between the 'unclean' and the 'clean', i.e., those that can be eaten and those that must not be eaten.

Purification after giving birth

12:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **2** Tell the Israelis that when a woman gets pregnant and then gives birth to a boy, she will then be 'unclean' for seven days similar to how her impurity during her monthly period makes her 'unclean'. **3** Then on the eighth day, the baby boy's foreskin must be circumcised.[57] **4** The mother will remain impure from the blood for thirty-three days—she must

54 RV 11:44 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:2; 1Pe 1:16.

56 LV 11:42 · Note OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

57 RV 12:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:12; Luk 2:21.

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not touch any sacred thing and may not enter the sanctuary until her purification time is completed.

5 However, if she gave birth to a girl, she'll be 'unclean' for two weeks similar to how her impurity during her monthly period, and her purification time will be sixty-six days.

6 When the mother's purification time is completed for either a son or a daughter, she must take a one-year-old lamb as a burnt offering and a young pigeon or dove as a sin offering to the priest at the entrance to the sacred tent. **7** Then he must present them to Yahweh to make her right with God, and then she'll be purified from her flow of blood. That's the regulation for a woman who gives birth to either a male or a female.

8 If she's unable to afford a lamb, then she must take *two* young pigeons or doves—one for the burnt offering and one for the sin offering.[58] Then the priest will make her right with God, and then she'll will have been purified.

13:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

Regulations about skin diseases

2 If someone discovers a raised area on their skin, or a scab or a bright spot, and it seems like an infectious skin disease, then that person should be taken to a priest (Aharon or one of his sons), **3** and the priest must examine their skin. If the hair in the infected spot has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper under the skin, then it's confirmed as an infectious skin disease and so the priest must pronounce the person as 'unclean'. **4** However, if it's a white spot that doesn't seem to be deep, and the hair hasn't turned white, then the priest must order the person to be quarantined for seven days. **5** Then on the seventh day, if the infection is still there but hasn't spread, then the priest must order a further seven days of quarantine. **6** After that next seven days, if the infection has faded and not spread, the priest must pronounce the person as 'clean'—it was just a sore so the person must wash their clothes and then they'll be 'clean'. **7** However, if the spot does spread across the skin *after* the priest has pronounced the person to be 'clean', then they must return to the priest a second time. **8** The priest must re-examine that person and if the spot on the skin has spread, then the priest must pronounce them 'unclean' because they have a skin disease.

9 Anyone who develops an infectious skin disease must be taken to a priest **10** to be examined. If it's a white spot on the skin and the hair has turned white, and there's raw flesh visible in the swelling, **11** then it's a chronic skin disease, and the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' and can't just be temporarily quarantined. **12** However, if the disease has broken out and spread across the entire body from head to toe as far as can be observed by the priest, **13** then after the priest's confirmation that it covers the entire body, that person can be pronounced as

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and_near/to the_sanctuary not she_will_go until the_days_of her_purification_of_her are_completed. **5** And_if a_female she_ _will_bear and_she_will_be_unclean two_weeks like_her_ _menstruous_of_impurity and_sixty day[s] and_six_of days she_ _will_remain on the_blood(s)_of purification. **6** And_when_are_ _completed the_days_of her_purification_of_her for_a_son or for_a_daughter she_will_bring a_male_lamb a_son_of its_year_ _of_his to_a_burnt_offering and_a_young_one_of a_dove or a_ _turtle-dove to_a_sin_offering to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to the_priest/officer. **7** And_he_will_present_it to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_make_ _atonement on/upon_it(f) and_she_will_be_pure from_the_ _spring_of her_blood(s)_of_her this is_the_legal_procedure_of the_one_who_gives_birth for_male or for_female. **8** And_if not hand_of_her it_will_find sufficiency_of a_sheep and_she_will_ _take two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove one to_a_burnt_offering and_one to_a_sin_offering and_he_will_ _make_atonement on/upon_it(f) the_priest/officer and_she_ _will_be_pure.

13:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_ _say. **2** Anyone if/because it_will_be on_the_skin_of his_flesh_ _of_his a_swelling or flaking_skin or a_bright_spot and_it_was on_the_skin_of his_flesh_of_his (into)_a_plague_of a_serious_ _skin_disease and_he_will_be_brought to 'Ah$_a$ron the_ _priest/officer or to one of_sons_of_his the_priests. **3** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague on_the_skin_of the_flesh and_the_hair in_plague it_has_turned white and_ _appearance of_the_plague is_deep more_than_the_skin_of his_ _flesh_of_his is_a_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it and_he_ _will_see_it the_priest/officer and_he_will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it. **4** And_if is_a_bright_spot white it on_the_skin_of his_flesh_of_his and_is_deep not appearance_of_its more_than the_skin and_hair_of_its not it_has_turned white and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person seven_of days. **5** And_he_will_see_it the_priest/officer in_the_ _day the_seventh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_ _stayed in_eyes_of_his not the_plague it_has_spread in_skin and_he_will_shut_him_up the_priest/officer seven_of days a_ _second. **6** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~_him/it in_ _the_day the_seventh a_second_time and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _plague it_has_become_dull and_not the_plague it_has_spread in_skin and_he_will_declare_him_pure the_priest/officer is_a_ _skin_rash it and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_ _be_pure. **7** And_if truly_(spread) the_skin_rash it_will_spread in_skin after he_has_presented_himself to the_priest/officer for_purification_of_his and_he_will_present_himself a_second_ _time to the_priest/officer. **8** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_skin_rash it_has_spread in_skin and_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_priest/officer is_a_ _serious_skin_disease it. **9** A_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease if/because it_will_be on_anyone and_he_will_be_brought to the_priest/officer. **10** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_swelling_of white is_in_skin and_she it_ _has_turned the_hair white and_a_raw_spot_of flesh living is_ _in_swelling. **11** Is_a_serious_skin_disease grown_old it in_the_

58 RV 12:8 · Cross-ref. Luk 2:24.

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_skin_of his_flesh_of_his and_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_
_priest/officer not he_will_shut_him_up if/because is_unclean
he. **12** And_if suddenly_(break_out) the_serious_skin_disease it_
_will_break_out on_skin and_ the_serious_skin_disease _it_will_
_cover ~~DOM~~ all_of the_skin_of the_plagued_person from_head_
_of_his and_unto feet_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every the_
_appearance_of the_eyes_of the_priest/officer. **13** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_serious_
_skin_disease it_has_covered ~~DOM~~ all_of flesh_of_his and_he_
_will_declare_pure ~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person of_it_of_all it_has_
_turned white is_pure he. **14** And_on_the_day_of appears
in/on/over_him/it flesh living he_will_be_unclean. **15** And_
the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_flesh (the)_living and_
_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_flesh (the)_living is_unclean
it is_a_serious_skin_disease it. **16** Or if/because the_flesh (the)_
_living it_will_return and_it_will_be_turned to_white and_he_
_will_go to the_priest/officer. **17** And_he_will_see_it the_
_priest/officer and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_been_
_turned to_white and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_pure
~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person is_pure he. **18** And_flesh/body
if/because it_will_be in_him/it on_skin_of_its a_boil and_it_
_will_be_healed. **19** And_it_was in_the_place_of the_boil a_
_swelling white or a_bright_spot white reddish and_he_will_
_present_himself to the_priest/officer. **20** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE appearance_
_of_its is_deep more_than the_skin and_hair_of_its it_has_
_turned white and_he_will_declare_him_unclean the_
_priest/officer is_a_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it in_boil
it_has_broken_out. **21** And_if he_will_see_it the_priest/officer
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_is_not in_it hair white and_is_deep
not_it more_than the_skin and_she is_dull and_he_will_shut_
_him_up the_priest/officer seven_of days. **22** And_if truly_
_(spread) it_will_spread in_skin and_ the_priest/officer _he_
_will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_plague it. **23** And_if in_
_its_place the_bright_spot it_will_stay not it_has_spread is_the_
_scar_of the_boil it and_he_will_declare_him_pure the_
_priest/officer. **24** Or flesh if/because it_will_be on_skin_of_its
a_burn_of fire and_ the_raw_spot_of the_burn _it_will_be a_
_bright_spot white reddish or white. **25** And_ the_priest/officer
_he_will_see ~~DOM~~_her/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_hair it_has_
_been_turned white in_spot and_appearance_of_its is_deep
more_than the_skin is_a_serious_skin_disease it in_burn it_has_
_broken_out and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_unclean
~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it. **26** And_if
he_will_see_it the_priest/officer and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_
_is_not in_spot hair white and_is_deep not_it more_than the_
_skin and_it is_dull and_he_will_shut_him_up the_priest/officer
seven_of days. **27** And_he_will_see_it the_priest/officer in_the_
_day the_seventh if truly_(spread) it_will_spread in_skin and_
the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_
_plague_of a_serious_skin_disease it. **28** And_if in_its_place the_
_bright_spot it_will_stay not it_has_spread in_skin and_it is_
_dull is_the_swelling_of the_burn it and_he_will_declare_him_
_pure the_priest/officer if/because is_the_scar_of the_burn it.
29 And_man or a_woman if/because it_will_be in_him/it a_
_plague on_the_head or in_the_beard. **30** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE appearance_of_its is_deep more_than the_

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'clean' again as all of it has turned white. **14** However, if any raw flesh shows itself, then they'll become 'unclean' that same day. **15** The priest must examine that raw flesh and must pronounce that person as 'unclean' due to their skin disease. **16** Afterwards, if it heals over and goes white, then they can return to the priest **17** to be reexamined, and if the infection has indeed gone white, then the priest can pronounce it as not being infectious and the person as 'clean' again.

18 When someone has a boil on their skin, but it heals **19** leaving behind a white swelling or a reddish-white bright spot, then that person must show themself to the priest. **20** The priest will examine it, and if it is indeed more than just skin deep and its hair has turned white, then the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because an infectious skin disease has broken out from the original boil. **21** However, if the priest's examination finds not white hair on it, and it's not more than skin deep, and it's fading, then he will order that person quarantined for seven days, **22** and if it spreads further on their skin, then the priest must declare that person as 'unclean' because it's infectious. **23** But if the bright spot hasn't spread during the quarantine, then it's just the scar from the boil and the priest can pronounce the person as 'clean'.

24 If someone gets a burn on their skin, and the burn area becomes reddish-white or a white spot, **25** then the priest must examine it, and if the hair on the spot has turned white and the infection looks more than skin deep, then a skin disease has broken out in the burn, and the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because it's infectious. **26** However, if the priest sees that there's no white hair in the spot, and it's not more than skin deep, and it's fading, then he will order that person quarantined for seven days. **27** On the seventh day, the priest will re-examine the person, and if it's spread further, he must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because it's an infectious skin disease. **28** But if the bright spot hasn't spread on the skin, and it faded more, then it was just swelling from the burn. Then the priest will pronounce that person to be 'clean' because it was just the scar caused by their burn.

29 If a man or woman has an infection in their scalp or under their beard, **30** then the priest should inspect the infection. If it appears to be more than skin deep, and there's any thin yellow hairs in it, then the priest must pronounce that person as 'unclean' because it's an itchy and infectious skin infection on the scalp or face. **31** However, if the priest notices an itchy infection yet it's only skin deep and there's no black hair on it, then he should quarantine that person for seven days. **32** On the seventh day, the priest will re-examine that person and if the spot hasn't widened and still only appears to be skin deep, **33** then that person should shave their head, and then the priest should quarantine them for a further seven days. **34** Then again on the seventh day, the priest will inspect it, and if the spot hasn't widened after being shaved and it doesn't seem to be more than skin deep, then the priest can pronounce that person as 'clean' once

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they've washed their clothes. **35** However, if it did spread on their skin after that, **36** then the priest must inspect it again, and if it's spread then that person is 'unclean' (whether or not there's any yellow hair). **37** But if it seems that the spot hasn't spread and dark hair is growing in it again, then that person's not infectious and the priest can pronounce them as 'clean'.

38 If a man or woman finds very white spots on their skin, **39** then the priest must examine them. If the spots on their skin are dull white, then it's a skin rash that's broken out and they are 'clean'.

40 If a man's head has become bare, then he's gone bald and is still 'clean'. **41** Similarly, if the hair is receding from the front corners, he's going bald and is still 'clean'. **42** However, if there's a balding spot with a reddish-white infection, it's a skin disease breaking out via that spot **43** and the priest must examine him. If it's a balding spot with a reddish-white infection that looks like a contagious skin disease, **44** then he's contagious and 'unclean'. The priest must pronounce his as 'unclean' because of that infection on his head.

45 Anyone who's developed an infectious skin disease must tear their clothes and leave their hair loose, and must cover their mouth and call out, 'Unclean, unclean.' **46** They will remain 'unclean' as long as they still have that infection, and must live alone outside the camp.

Regulations about moulds and fungi

47 When a piece of clothing has a mould growing on it, whether it's made of wool or linen, **48** or whether it's something woven from wool or linen, or something made from leather, **49** if the growth is greenish or reddish in colour, then it's something that can spread and it

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_skin and_is_in_it hair yellow thin and_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_declare_unclean ~~DOM~~_him/it is_a_scall it is_a_serious_ _skin_disease_of the_head or of_the_beard it. **31** And_ _because/when the_priest/officer he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague_ _of the_scall and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not appearance_of_its is_ _deep more_than the_skin and_hair black there_is_not in/on/over_him/it and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_plagued_person_of the_scall seven_of days. **32** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague in_the_day the_ _seventh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_scall it_has_spread and_ _not it_was in_him/it hair yellow and_appearance of_the_scall not is_deep more_than the_skin. **33** And_he_will_shave_himself and_~~DOM~~ the_scall not he_will_shave and_ the_priest/officer _ _he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_scall seven_of days a_second. **34** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_scall in_the_day the_ _seventh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_scall it_has_spread in_ _skin and_appearance_of_its not_it is_deep more_than the_skin and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_declare_pure ~~DOM~~_him/it and_ _he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_be_pure. **35** And_if truly_(spread) the_scall it_will_spread in_skin after purification_of_his. **36** And_he_will_see_it the_priest/officer and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_scall it_has_spread in_skin not the_ _priest/officer he_will_seek for_hair (the)_yellow is_unclean he. **37** And_if in_eyes_of_his the_scall it_has_stayed and_hair black it_has_sprouted in/on/over_him/it the_scall it_has_been_ _healed is_pure he and_he_will_declare_him_pure the_ _priest/officer. **38** And_a_man or a_woman if/because it_will_be on_the_skin_of their_flesh_of_their bright_spots bright_spots white. **39** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE are_on_the_skin_of their_flesh_of_their bright_spots dull white is_a_skin_rash it it_has_broken_out on_ _skin is_pure he. **40** And_anyone if/because his/its_head it_ _will_become_bare is_bald he is_pure he. **41** And_if from_the_ _side_of his/its_faces/face his/its_head it_will_become_bare is_ _bald he is_pure he. **42** And_because/when it_will_be on_spot or on_forehead a_plague white reddish is_a_serious_skin_ _disease which_is_breaking_out it on_his_bald_of_spot or on_ _his_bald_of_forehead. **43** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~_him/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_swelling_of the_plague is_white reddish on_his_bald_of_spot or on_his_bald_of_ _forehead like_the_appearance_of a_serious_skin_disease_of skin_of flesh. **44** Is_a_person_of who_has_a_serious_skin_disease he is_unclean he surely_(declare_unclean) he_will_declare_ _him_unclean the_priest/officer is_on_head_of_his plague_of_ _his. **45** The_one_who_has_a_serious_skin_disease whom in/on/over_him/it the_plague garments_of_his they_will_be torn and_his/its_head/top it_will_be let_untie/release and_ _over a_moustache he_will_cover and_UNCLEAN UNCLEAN he_ _will_call_out. **46** All_of the_days_of (of)_which the_plague in/on/over_him/it he_will_be_unclean is_unclean he alone he_ _will_dwell will_be_from_the_outside of_camp dwelling_of_his.

47 And_the_clothing if/because it_will_be in_him/it a_plague_ _of a_serious_disease in_clothing_of wool or in_clothing_of linen(s). **48** Or in_warp or in_woof of_linen(s) and_of_wool or in_a_hide or in_all work_of hide. **49** And_ the_plague _it_was greenish or reddish in_clothing or in_hide or in_warp or in_ _woof or in_every_of article_of hide is_a_plague_of a_serious_

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_disease it and_it_will_be_shown_to ~~DOM~~ the_priest/officer.
50 And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_
_he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_plague seven_of days. **51** And_he_
_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague in_the_day the_seventh if/because
the_plague it_has_spread in_clothing or in_warp or in_woof or
in_hide to_all/each/any/every that the_hide it_will_be_made
into_a_product is_a_serious_disease malignant the_plague is_
_unclean it. **52** And_he_will_burn ~~DOM~~ the_garment or ~~DOM~~ the_
_warp or ~~DOM~~ the_woof in_wool or in_linen(s) or ~~DOM~~ every_of
(the)_article_of (the)_hide which it_will_be in_him/it the_
_plague if/because is_a_serious_disease malignant it with_fire
it_will_be_burnt. **53** And_if the_priest/officer he_will_see and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_plague it_has_spread in_garment or
in_warp or in_woof or in_all article_of hide. **54** And_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_command and_they_will_wash ~~DOM~~
that_which in/on/over_him/it the_plague and_he_will_shut_it_
_up seven_of days a_second. **55** And_ the_priest/officer _he_
_will_see after ~~DOM~~ the_plague was_washed_out and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_plague it_has_turned ~~DOM~~ eye_of_its
and_the_plague not it_has_spread is_unclean it with_fire you_
_will_burn_it is_a_mildew it on_its_bald_of_spot or on_its_bald_
_of_front. **56** And_if the_priest/officer he_has_seen and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_become_dull after ~~DOM~~_
_him/it was_washed_out and_he_will_tear ~~DOM~~_him/it from
the_clothing or from the_hide or from the_warp or from the_
_woof. **57** And_if it_will_appear again in_garment or in_warp or
in_woof or in_every_of article_of hide it is_breaking_out with_
_fire you_will_burn_it ~~DOM~~ that_which in/on/over_him/it the_
_plague. **58** And_the_garment or the_warp or the_woof or
every_of (the)_article_of (the)_hide which you_will_wash and_
_it_will_depart from_them the_plague and_it_will_be_washed
a_second_time and_it_will_be_pure. **59** This is_the_legal_
_procedure_of the_plague_of the_serious_disease_of the_
_clothing_of (the)_wool or of_(the)_linen(s) or the_warp or the_
_woof or every_of article_of hide to_declare_it_pure or to_
_declare_it_unclean.

14:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** This it_
_will_be the_legal_procedure_of the_one_who_has_a_serious_
_skin_disease in/on_day his_purification_of_his and_he_will_
_be_brought to the_priest/officer. **3** And_ the_priest/officer _
_he_will_go_out to from_the_outside of_camp and_ the_
_priest/officer _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague_
_of the_serious_skin_disease it_has_been_healed from the_one_
_who_had_a_serious_skin_disease. **4** And_ the_priest/officer _
_he_will_command and_he/it_will_take for_purifying_himself
two_of birds living pure and_tree cedar and_scarlet_of a_worm
and_hyssop. **5** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_command and_
_someone_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_bird (the)_one into
a_vessel_of earthenware over water living. **6** ~~DOM~~ the_bird
(the)_living he_will_take ~~DOM~~_her/it and_~~DOM~~ the_wood_of
(the)_cedar and_~~DOM~~ the_scarlet_of the_worm and_~~DOM~~ the_
_hyssop and_he_will_dip them and_~~DOM~~ the_bird the_living in_
_the_blood_of the_bird which_had_the_throat_cut over the_
_waters (the)_living. **7** And_he_will_spatter_it on the_one_
_purifying_himself from the_serious_skin_disease seven times

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must be shown to the priest. **50** The priest must examine the growth, and quarantine the article for seven days. **51** On the seventh day, if the growth has spread on that piece of material or leather equipment, and it's confirmed as spreadable and is 'unclean'. **52** The owner must burn the piece of clothing or equipment that contains the infection because it's contagious, so it must be completely burnt up.

53 However if the priest notices that the growth hasn't spread on the clothing or on the woven or leather material, **54** then the priest must order that the material be washed and then quarantined for a further seven days. **55** On the seventh day, the priest must inspect that washed material, and if the growth hasn't changed its appearance, even if it hasn't spread, then it's 'unclean' and must be burnt in the fire—it's a mildew that's on the front or back of the material. **56** However, if the priest notices that the growth has faded after being washed, then it can be torn out of the clothing or piece of leather or woven material. **57** If it then reappears on that clothing or material, then it's breaking out, so then that article must be burnt in the fire. **58** On the other hand, if the growth vanished after being washed, then it must be washed a second time and then it will be 'clean'.

59 The above are the regulations concerning any growth on a piece of woollen or linen clothing or fabric, or any leather article, to pronounce it 'clean' or 'unclean'.

Purification after a skin disease

14:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 These are the regulations for the purification of a person who had a skin disease. They must be taken to a priest[59] **3** who'll go outside the camp to meet them. The priest must inspect that person, and if the skin disease has indeed left them, **4** then the priest will order them to bring him two live, 'clean' birds, some cedar wood, some scarlet thread, and some hyssop twigs. **5** The priest must tell the person to slaughter one bird so the blood runs into a clay jug containing water from a spring or creek. **6** Then the priest will take the live bird, along with the cedar wood, the scarlet thread, and the hyssop twigs, and dip them all into that blood of the slaughtered bird (mixed with the fresh water), **7** and flick it seven times onto the person who's being purified from the skin disease. Then the priest can pronounce them as 'clean' enough to re-enter the community, and release the live bird to fly into the countryside. **8** The person who's being purified must then wash their clothes,

59 **RV 14:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 8:4; Mrk 1:44; Luk 5:14; 17:14.

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shave all their hair, and then bathe in flowing water. After that, they can re-enter the camp but must live outside their tent for seven more days. **9** On the seventh day, that person must shave off all their hair (including eyebrows and beard if appropriate), wash their clothes and bathe themself in flowing water, then they'll be 'clean'.

10 Then on the eighth day, that person must get two one-year-old male lambs, and one female lamb, all with no defects, along with three kilograms of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, as well as half a litre of olive oil. **11** That must be taken to the priest who'd pronounced them as 'clean' will accompany them and all those offerings to stand in front of Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent. **12** Then the priest must take one of the male lambs and the container of oil and present it as a guilt offering, then he'll raise them as a wave offering in front of Yahweh. **13** Then that person must slaughter that lamb in the sacred place where sin offerings and burnt offerings are slaughtered, because this guilt offering is like a sin offering in that it's for the priest—it's very sacred. **14** Then the priest must take some of the blood from that guilt offering, and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe. **15** Then the priest must take the container of olive oil and pour some into his left hand. **16** Then he'll dip his right finger into that oil on his left palm, and with that same finger, flick it seven times towards Yahweh. **17** Then the priest must put some of the remaining oil on his palm onto the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe—on top of the blood from the guilt offering. **18** Then the priest will put all the remaining oil from his palm onto the head of the person being purified, and the priest will then make that person right with Yahweh.

19 Then the priest must make the sin offering and make that person right after being purified from their 'uncleanness'. After that that person will slaughter lamb for the burnt offering. **20** Then the priest must offer that burnt offering and the grain offering on the fire on the altar and he will make that person right again and he will be 'clean'.

21 However, if that person is poor and cannot afford the multiple lambs, then they must take *one* lamb to wave as the guilt offering and to make them right again, along with *one* kilogram of fine flour mixed with oil for the grain offering, and the half litre of oil, **22** plus two doves or young pigeons—whichever they can afford—one for a sin offering and the other for the burnt offering. **23** Then on that eighth day, he'll take them to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent for purification in front of Yahweh. **24** Then the priest should take the guilt offering lamb and the container of oil and lift them up as a wave offering in front of Yahweh. **25** Then the person should slaughter that guilt offering lamb, and the priest must take some of that blood and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe. **26** Then he must pour some of the oil onto his left palm **27** and with his right finger he must

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and_he_will_declare_him_pure and_he_will_let_go ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_bird (the)_living over the_surface_of the_field. **8** And_ the_one_ _purifying_himself _he_will_wash ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ garments_of_his and_ _he_will_shave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of hair_of_his and_he_will_wash with_ _water and_he_will_be_pure and_after he_will_come into the_ _camp and_he_will_remain from_the_outside of_tent_of_his seven_of days. **9** And_it_was on_day the_seventh he_will_shave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of hair_of_his ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ his/its_head and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ beard_of_his and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_eyebrows_of his_eyes_of_his and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of hair_ _of_his he_will_shave and_he_will_wash ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ garments_of_his and_he_will_wash ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ body_of_his with_water and_he_will_be_ _pure. **10** And_on_day (the)_eighth he_will_take two_of male_ _lambs unblemished and_a_ewe-lamb one a_daughter_of its_ _year_of_her unblemished and_three tenths fine_flour a_grain_ _offering mixed with_oil and_a_log one oil. **11** And_ the_ _priest/officer who_declares_pure _he_will_station ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _man who_is_purifying_himself and_them to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **12** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_male_lamb the_one and_he_will_present ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it to_a_guilt_offering and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_log_of (the)_oil and_he_will_wave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **13** And_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_male_lamb in_the_ _place_of (of)_where someone_cuts_the_throat_of ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sin_ _offering and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering in_the_place_of (the)_ _holiness if/because like_offering the_guilt_offering it belongs_ _to_priest is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it. **14** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_ _guilt_offering and_ the_priest/officer _he/it_gave on the_lobe_ _of the_ear_of the_one_purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right. **15** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_ _will_take some_of_the_log_of (the)_oil and_he_will_pour_it on the_palm_of the_priest/officer (the)_left. **16** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_dip ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ finger_of_his (the)_right some_ _of the_oil which is_on palm_of_his (the)_left and_he_will_ _spatter some_of the_oil with_finger_of_his seven times to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **17** And_some_of_the_ _remainder_of the_oil which is_on palm_of_his the_ _priest/officer he_will_put on the_lobe_of the_ear_of the_one_ _purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_ _hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_ _right on the_blood_of the_guilt_offering. **18** And_the_ _remainder in_oil which is_on the_palm_of the_priest/officer he_will_put on the_head_of the_one_purifying_himself and_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_ _priest/officer to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **19** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sin_offering and_he_will_make_atonement on the_one_purifying_himself from_uncleanness_of_his and_after he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering. **20** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _offer_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_grain_offering to_the_altar and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_ _him/it the_priest/officer and_he_will_be_clean. **21** And_if is_ _poor he and_not his/its_hand is_reaching and_he/it_will_take a_male_lamb one a_guilt_offering to_a_wave-offering to_make_ _atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_a_tenth fine_flour one mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering and_a_log_of oil. **22** And_

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_two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove which his/its_hand it_will_reach and_it_was one_bird a_sin_offering and_the one a_burnt_offering. **23** And_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~_them in_the_day (the)_eighth for_purification_of_his to the_ _priest/officer to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **24** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_male_lamb_of the_ _guilt_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_log_of (the)_oil and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_wave ~~DOM~~_them a_wave-offering to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **25** And_he_will_cut_ _the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_male_lamb_of the_guilt_offering and_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_ _guilt_offering and_he/it_gave on the_lobe_of the_ear_of the_ _one_purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right. **26** And_from the_oil the_priest/officer he_will_ _pour on the_palm_of the_priest/officer (the)_left. **27** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_spatter with_finger_of_his (the)_right some_of the_oil which is_on palm_of_his (the)_left seven times to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **28** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_gave some_of the_oil which is_on palm_ _of_his on the_lobe_of the_ear_of the_one_purifying_himself (the)_right and_on the_thumb_of his/its_hand (the)_right and_ _on the_big_toe_of his_foot_of_his (the)_right on the_place_of the_blood_of the_guilt_offering. **29** And_the_remainder of the_ _oil which is_on the_palm_of the_priest/officer he_will_put on the_head_of the_one_purifying_himself to_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **30** And_he_will_offer ~~DOM~~ the_one of the_turtle-doves or of the_young_ones_of the_dove from_that_which his/its_ _hand it_will_reach. **31** ~~DOM~~ that_which his/its_hand it_will_ _reach ~~DOM~~ the_one a_sin_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_one a_burnt_ _offering with the_grain_offering and_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_make_atonement on the_one_purifying_himself to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **32** This is_the_legal_ _procedure_of one_whom in/on/over_him/it a_plague_of a_ _serious_skin_disease who not his/its_hand it_will_reach for_ _purification_of_his.

33 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **34** If/because you(pl)_will_go into the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) which I am_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) to_ _a_possession and_I_will_put a_plague_of a_serious_disease in_ _house_of the_land_of your_possession_of_your(pl). **35** And_ the_one_whom to_him/it the_house _he_will_come and_he_ _will_tell to_priest to_say like_a_plague it_has_appeared to_me in_house. **36** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_command and_ _people_will_make_clear ~~DOM~~ the_house before_before the_ _priest/officer he_will_go to_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_not all_of that is_in_house it_will_be_unclean and_after thus the_ _priest/officer he_will_go to_see ~~DOM~~ the_house. **37** And_he_ _will_see ~~DOM~~ the_plague and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague is_ _in_the_walls_of the_house depressions greenish or reddish and_appearance_of_their is_deep more_than the_wall. **38** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_go_out from the_house to the_ _entrance_of the_house and_he_will_shut_up ~~DOM~~ the_house seven_of days. **39** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_return in_ _the_day the_seventh and_he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE

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flick it seven times towards Yahweh. **28** Then the priest must put some of the oil from his palm onto the lobe of the right ear of the person being purified, and on their right thumb and right big toe—on top of the blood from the guilt offering. **29** Then the priest will put all the remaining oil from his palm onto the head of the person being purified, and the priest will then make that person right with Yahweh. **30** Then he must offer one of the birds (dove or pigeon—whatever that person could afford) **31** as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering along with the grain offering and he will make that person right again with Yahweh. **32** The above are the regulations for anyone who has a skin disease but who couldn't afford the regular purification offerings.

Treating contaminated homes

33 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

34 "When you enter into the land of Kena'an (Canaan) which I'm giving you all as a possession, and if I cause an infection in one of your homes in that land, **35** then the homeowner must go and inform the priest that something like an infection has appeared in their house. **36** The priest must order that everything be removed out of the house before he comes to inspect it so that it won't all be pronounced as 'unclean'. After that's done, he'll go to see the house **37** and examine the growth. If the growth is greenish or reddish and seems more than surface deep, **38** then the priest must leave the house via the main entrance and quarantine the house for seven days. **39** On the seventh day, the priest must return and examine it again, and if the growth has spread on the house walls, **40** then he must order that those infected stones be pulled out of the wall and thrown outside the city into a place that's considered

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'unclean'. **41** Then the homeowner must scrape all the plaster off the inside walls and also dispose of that at that 'unclean' place. **42** Then they can replace the stones that were removed, and apply fresh plaster to the house.

43 However, if the growth returns and breaks out again in the house even after the stones were replaced and the walls were replastered, **44** then the priest must come back and reexamine it. If the growth has spread on the walls, then it's a malignant growth and the house is 'unclean'. **45** The owner must tear the house down—its stones and timber and all the mortar, must be carted outside the city into a place that's considered 'unclean'. **46** Any person that enters that house after the priest had quarantined it, will be 'unclean' until that evening. **47** Any person who lies down or eats in that house, must wash their clothes.

48 However, if the priest came back after the house was replastered and after his inspection, find that the growth hasn't reappeared, then he can pronounce the house as 'clean' because the growth has gone. **49** Then he must take two birds, cedar wood, scarlet thread, and some hyssop twigs, **50** and slaughter one bird so the blood runs into a clay jug containing water from a spring or creek. **51** Then the priest must take the live bird, along with the cedar wood, the scarlet thread, the hyssop twigs and the live bird, and dip them all into that blood of the slaughtered bird (mixed with the fresh water), and flick it seven times onto the house. **52** In that way, he'll purify the house with the bird's blood and the fresh water, and with the live bird and the cedar wood, the hyssop twigs and the scarlet thread. **53** Then he must release the live bird to fly into the countryside, thus making the house right with God, and then it'll be 'clean'.

54 The above are the regulations concerning any serious skin diseases and itchiness, **55** as well as growths on clothing and buildings **56** and swellings, rashes, and bright spots on the skin, **57** so that you'll know how to determine what's 'unclean' or 'clean'. Those are the regulations for infectious growths.

Dealing with bodily discharges

15:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):

2 Tell the Israelis that whenever any man has a discharge from his genitals, then he becomes 'unclean'. **3** He becomes 'unclean' whether his body secretes the flow or if it's blocked—either way

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the_plague it_has_spread in_the_walls_of the_house. **40** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_command and_people_will_tear_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_stones which is_in_them the_plague and_they_will_ _throw them to from_the_outside of_city to a_place unclean. **41** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_house he_will_scrape from_inside all_around and_people_will_pour_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_dust which they_have_ _scraped_off to from_the_outside of_city to a_place unclean. **42** And_they_will_take stones other and_they_will_bring_them to in_place_of the_stones and_dust other he_will_take and_he_ _will_plaster ~~ĐOM~~ the_house. **43** And_if the_plague it_will_ _return and_it_will_break_out in_house after tears_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_stones and_after has_scraped ~~ĐOM~~ the_house and_after was_plastered. **44** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_come and_ _he_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_has_spread in_ _house is_a_serious_disease malignant it in_house is_unclean it. **45** And_he_will_pull_down ~~ĐOM~~ the_house ~~ĐOM~~ stones_of_its and_~~ĐOM~~ wood(s)_of_its and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_dust_of the_house and_he_will_take_them_out to from_the_outside of_city to a_ _place unclean. **46** And_the_one_who_goes into the_house all_of the_days_of (of)_which_he_has_shut_up ~~ĐOM~~_him/it he_will_ _be_unclean until the_evening. **47** And_the_one_who_lies_down in_house he_will_wash ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his and_the_one_who_ _eats in_house he_will_wash ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his. **48** And_if indeed_(come) the_priest/officer he_will_come and_he_will_ _see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not the_plague it_has_spread in_ _house after ~~ĐOM~~ the_house was_plastered and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_declare_pure ~~ĐOM~~ the_house if/because the_plague it_has_been_healed.[60] **49** And_he/it_will_take to_ _cleanse_from_sin ~~ĐOM~~ the_house two_of birds and_tree cedar and_scarlet_of a_worm and_hyssop. **50** And_he_will_cut_the_ _throat_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_bird (the)_one into a_vessel_of earthenware over water living. **51** And_he/it_will_take ~~ĐOM~~ the_wood_of (the)_cedar and_~~ĐOM~~ the_hyssop and_~~ĐOM~~ the_scarlet_of the_ _worm and_~~ĐOM~~ the_bird the_living and_he_will_dip ~~ĐOM~~_them in_the_blood_of the_bird which_had_the_throat_cut and_in_ _water the_life and_he_will_spatter_it to the_house seven times. **52** And_he_will_cleanse_from_sin ~~ĐOM~~ the_house with_ _the_blood_of the_bird and_with_water the_life and_with_bird the_living and_with_the_wood_of (the)_cedar and_with_hyssop and_with_the_scarlet_of the_worm. **53** And_he_will_let_go ~~ĐOM~~ the_bird (the)_living to from_the_outside of_city to the_ _surface_of the_field and_he_will_make_atonement on the_ _house and_it_will_be_pure. **54** This is_the_legal_procedure to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_plague_of (the)_serious_ _skin_disease and_to_scall. **55** And_to_(the)_serious_disease_of (the)_clothing and_to_house. **56** And_to_swelling and_to_(the)_ _skin and_to_(the)_spot. **57** To_teach in/on_day of_the_ _unclean_thing and_on_the_day_of the_pure_thing this is_the_ _legal_procedure_of (the)_serious_skin_disease.

15:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_ _say. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_will_ _say_to_them a_man a_man if/because he_will_be discharging from_flesh_of_his discharge_of_his is_unclean it. **3** And_this it_ _will_be uncleanness_of_his by_discharge_of_his flesh_of_his it_ _has_secreted ~~ĐOM~~ discharge_of_his or flesh_of_his it_has_been_

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_obstructed from_discharge_of_his uncleanness_of_is_his it.
4 Every_of (the)_bed which he_will_lie_down on/upon/above_
_him/it the_one_discharging it_will_be_unclean and_all (the)_
_article which he_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be_
_unclean. **5** And_anyone who he_will_touch (in)_bed_of_his he_
_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_
_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **6** And_the_one_who_
_sits on the_article which he_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it
the_one_discharging he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_
_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **7** And_the_one_who_touches (in)_the_flesh_of the_
_one_discharging he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_
_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening.
8 And_because/when the_one_discharging he_will_spit on_
_(the)_person and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_
_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening.
9 And_all (the)_saddle which he_will_ride on/upon/above_
_him/it the_one_discharging it_will_be_unclean. **10** And_all
(the)_one_who_touches (in)_all that it_will_be under_him he_
_will_be_unclean until the_evening and_the_one_who_carries
them he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_
_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **11** And_
_all/each/any/every one_whom he_will_touch in/on/over_
_him/it the_one_discharging and_hands_of_his not he_has_
_rinsed with_water and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_
_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **12** And_a_vessel_of earthenware which he_will_touch
in/on/over_him/it the_one_discharging it_will_be_broken and_
_all vessel_of wood it_will_be_rinsed with_water. **13** And_
_because/when the_one_discharging from_discharge_of_his
he_will_be_pure and_he_will_count to_him/it seven_of days
for_purification_of_his and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_
_he_will_wash body_of_his with_water living and_he_will_be_
_pure. **14** And_on_day (the)_eighth he_will_take to_him/it two_
_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove and_he_will_
come to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to the_
_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_he_will_give_them to
the_priest/officer. **15** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer
~~DOM~~_them one_bird a_sin_offering and_the_one a_burnt_
_offering and_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_
_him/it the_priest/officer to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH from_discharge_of_his. **16** And_a_man if/because it_
_will_go_out from_him/it a_laying_of seed and_he_will_wash
with_water ~~DOM~~ all_of body_of_his and_he_will_be_unclean
until the_evening. **17** And_all garment and_all hide which it_
_will_be on/upon/above_him/it a_laying_of seed and_it_will_
_be_washed with_water and_it_will_be_unclean until the_
_evening. **18** And_a_woman whom a_man he_will_lie ~~DOM~~_
_her/it a_laying_of seed and_they_will_wash with_water and_
_they_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **19** And_a_woman
if/because she_will_be discharging blood discharge_of_her in_
_flesh_of_her it_will_be seven_of days she_will_be in_her_
_menstruous_of_impurity and_all (the)_one_who_touches (in)_
_her he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **20** And_

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he's 'unclean'. **4** Any bed that he was lying on during or after the discharge becomes 'unclean', as does anything he sits on. **5** Anyone who touches that bed must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and that person will be 'unclean' until the evening. **6** Similarly, anyone who sits on the place where he sat must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and that person will be 'unclean' until the evening. **7** Anyone who touches the man who had a discharge must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and that person will be 'unclean' until the evening. **8** If that man who had a discharge spits on some person who was 'clean', then that person must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **9** Any thing that the man who had a discharge rides on, will become 'unclean', **10** and anyone who touches it will be 'unclean' until the evening, plus anyone who carries any of those things, must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **11** Anyone the man who had a discharge touches and do didn't rinse their hands in water, must wash their clothes and bathe themself in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **12** Any container that the man who had a discharge touches, must be smashed if it's made from clay and rinsed with water if it's made from wood.

13 When the man's discharge ceases, he must mark off seven days for his purification, and then he must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and after that, he'll be 'clean'. **14** Then on the eighth day, he must take two doves or young pigeons, and stand in front of Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent. There he should give them to a priest, **15** and the priest must offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, thus making the man right with Yahweh for his discharge.

16 Now when a man has an emission of semen, then he must bathe his entire body in water, and he'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **17** He must also wash all his clothing, and any leather articles on him that came into contact with the semen and all of that will be 'unclean' until the evening. **18** When a man and a woman 'sleep together', then they must both bathe in water, and they'll both be 'unclean' until the evening.[61]

19 When a woman has her menstrual period, she'll be 'unclean' for seven days, and anyone who touches her during that time will be 'unclean' until the evening. **20** Anything that she lies on or sits on during that time will become 'unclean'. **21** Anyone who touches her bed must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening. **22** Anyone who touches anything that she sat on must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening, **23** i.e., whether it's her bed or something she sat on, anyone who touches it will be 'unclean' until the evening. **24** If a man sleeps with a menstruating woman and gets blood on him, then he'll be 'unclean' for

61 RV 15:18 · Note Note that if they had sexual relations in the evening, say 9pm, then they'd be 'unclean' all the next day and until the *following* evening (because the Jewish 'day' begins after dusk—rather than at midnight like modern Western society counts time).

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seven days, and any bed that he lies on will also become 'unclean'.

25 If any woman has a blood flow when it's not her period, or keeps bleeding beyond her menstrual period, all those days will be regarded the same as her menstruation so she'll be 'unclean'. **26** Any bed that she lies on as long as she's discharging blood will be regarded the same as during her menstruation and will be 'unclean', as will anything she sits on. **27** Also, any person who touches them will be 'unclean' and they must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening.

28 Once the flow stops, then the woman must count off seven days, and then she'll be 'clean' after that. **29** Then on the eighth day, she must take two doves or young pigeons and give them to a priest at the entrance to the sacred tent, **30** and he will offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, thus making her right with Yahweh from her 'unclean' flow.

31 You two must keep the Israeli people separate from their 'uncleanness', then they won't defile my residence that's among them, and cause their own death.

32 The above are the regulations for any man with a discharge or a seminal emission that makes him 'unclean', **33** plus any woman who is menstruating or has a bodily discharge, as well as any man who sleeps with an 'unclean' woman.

The day for making things right

16:1 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) after the death of two of Aharon's (Aaron's) sons when they approached Yahweh wrongly and died, **2** and he told Mosheh:

Tell your brother Aharon that if he doesn't want to die, then

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_all/each/any/every that she_will_lie_down on/upon/above_ _him/it in_her_menstruous_of_impurity it_will_be_unclean and_all/each/any/every that she_will_sit on/upon/above_ _him/it it_will_be_unclean. **21** And_all (the)_one_who_touches (in)_bed_of_her he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_ _wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **22** And_all (the)_one_who_touches in_all article which she_will_ _sit on/upon/above_him/it he_will_wash garments_of_his and_ _he_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening. **23** And_if is_on the_bed it or on the_article which she was_sitting on/upon/above_him/it when_touches_he in_ _him/it he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **24** And_if indeed_(lie) a_man he_will_lie ĐOM_her/it and_ impurity_of_ _her_menstruous _it_will_be on/upon/above_him/it and_he_ _will_be_unclean seven_of days and_all (the)_bed which he_ _will_lie on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be_unclean. **25** And_a_ _woman if/because the_discharge_of her_blood_of_her it_will_ _discharge days many at_not the_time_of her_menstruous_ _impurity_of_her or if/because she_will_discharge on impurity_of_her_menstruous all_of the_days_of the_discharge_ _of her_uncleanness_of_her like_the_days_of her_menstruous_ _impurity_of_her she_will_be is_unclean she. **26** Every_of (the)_ _bed which she_will_lie on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_days_ _of her_discharge_of_her like_the_bed_of her_menstruous_ _impurity_of_her it_will_be to_her and_all (the)_article which she_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it unclean it_will_be like_the_ _uncleanness_of her_menstruous_impurity_of_her. **27** And_all (the)_one_who_touches (in)_them he_will_be_unclean and_he_ _will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_ _he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **28** And_if she_has_ _become_pure from_discharge_of_her and_she_will_count for_ _herself seven_of days and_after she_will_be_pure. **29** And_on_ _day (the)_eighth she_will_take to/for_her/it two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove and_she_will_ _bring them to the_priest/officer to the_entrance_of the_tent_ _of meeting. **30** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer ĐOM the_ _one a_sin_offering and_ĐOM the_one a_burnt_offering and_he_ _will_make_atonement on/upon_it(f) the_priest/officer to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** from_the_discharge_ _of her_uncleanness_of_her. **31** And_you(pl)_will_keep_separate ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_uncleanness_of_their and_not they_will_die in_uncleanness_of_their because_they_ _made_unclean ĐOM place_of_my_dwelling which is_among_of_ _them. **32** This is_the_legal_procedure_of the_one_discharging and_which it_will_go_out from_him/it a_laying_of seed to_be_ _unclean by_it. **33** And_the_menstruating_woman in_her_ _menstruous_of_impurity and_the_one_discharging ĐOM discharge_of_his for_male and_for_female and_for_a_man who he_will_lie with an_unclean_woman.

16:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh after the_death_of the_two_of the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron when_they_drew_near to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_died. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh speak to 'Ah$_a$ron your(ms)_brother/kindred and_not let_him_come at_every_of time into the_holy_place from_inside_of to_curtain to the_face_

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_of the_atonement_cover which is_on the_box and_not he_will_
_die if/because in_cloud I_will_appear over the_atonement_
_cover. **3** With_this 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_come into the_holy_place
with_a_bull a_young_one_of the_herd to_a_sin_offering and_a_
_ram to_a_burnt_offering. **4** A_tunic_of linen_of holiness he_
_will_wear and_undergarments_of linen they_will_be on flesh_
_of_his and_with_a_sash_of linen he_will_gird_himself and_
_with_a_turban_of linen he_will_wind are_garments_of
holiness they and_he_will_wash with_water ~~DOM~~ body_of_his
and_he_will_put_them_on. **5** And_from_with the_congregation_
_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_take two_of male_
_goats_of goats to_a_sin_offering and_a_ram one to_a_burnt_
offering. **6** And 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_present ~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_
_sin_offering which to_him/it and_he_will_make_atonement
for_himself and_for household_of_his. **7** And_he/it_will_take
~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_male_goats and_he_will_station ~~DOM~~_them
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_entrance_of
the_tent_of meeting. **8** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_gave on the_two_of
the_male_goats lots a_lot one to/for_**YHWH** and_a_lot one for_
_the_escape_goat. **9** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_present ~~DOM~~ the_
_male_goat which it_came_up on/upon/above_him/it the_lot
to/for_**YHWH** and_he_will_offer_it a_sin_offering. **10** And_the_
_male_goat which it_came_up on/upon/above_him/it the_lot
for_the_escape_goat it_will_be_stationed alive to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_make_atonement
on/upon/above_him/it by_sending_away ~~DOM~~_him/it to_the_
_escape_goat to_the_wilderness. **11** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_
_present ~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_sin_offering which to_him/it
and_he_will_make_atonement for_himself and_for household_
_of_his and_he_will_cut_the_throat_of ~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_sin_
_offering which to_him/it. **12** And_he/it_will_take (the)_
_fullness_of (the)_censer coals_of fire from_under the_altar
from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_the_fullness_of
the_hollow_of_his_hands_of_his incense_of perfume(s) fine
and_he_will_bring_them from_inside_of to_curtain. **13** And_
_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_incense on the_fire to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** and_it_will_cover the_cloud_of the_
_incense ~~DOM~~ the_atonement_cover which is_on the_transcript
and_not he_will_die. **14** And_he/it_will_take some_of_the_
_blood_of the_bull and_he_will_spatter_it with_finger_of_his on
the_face_of the_atonement_cover eastward_on and_before_of
the_atonement_cover he_will_spatter seven times some_of the_
_blood with_finger_of_his. **15** And_he_will_cut_the_throat_of
~~DOM~~ the_male_goat_of the_sin_offering which is_for_people
and_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its to from_inside_of to_
_curtain and_he_will_do with blood_of_its just_as he_did to_
_the_blood_of the_bull and_he_will_spatter ~~DOM~~_him/it on the_
_atonement_cover and_before_of the_atonement_cover.
16 And_he_will_make_atonement on the_holy_place from_the_
_uncleanness(es)_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_
_transgressions_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every sins_of_
_their and_thus/so/as_follows he_will_do to_the_tent_of
meeting which_dwells with_them in_the_middle
uncleanness(es)_of_their. **17** And_all person not he_will_be in_

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he mustn't just enter the holiest room inside the curtain[62] at any old time. The atonement lid is on the sacred box, and I will appear in a cloud over that lid.

3 This is how Aharon must enter the sacred tent: he must acquire a young bull for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. **4** He must bathe himself in water and then put on linen underclothes, followed by his sacred linen tunic and tie the linen sash around it. Then he must wrap the linen turban on. Those are all sacred clothes.

5 Then Aharon must acquire two young goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. **6** He must present the bull as a sin offering for himself to make both him and his household right with God. **7** Then he must take the two goats and make them stand in front of Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent, **8** and throw dice to decide which one is for Yahweh, and one is to be the 'scapegoat'. **9** Then Aharon must present the goat that's for Yahweh, and offer it as a sin offering, **10** but the chosen 'scapegoat' must be kept standing there in front of Yahweh, because it'll be used to make the people right with Yahweh, and be sent into the wilderness.

11 Then Aharon must present the bull for his own sin offering to make him and his household right with God, then he'll slaughter the bull for the sin offering for himself. **12** Then he must get a panful of burning coals off the altar in front of Yahweh as well as two handfuls of finely-ground, fragrant incense, and take them inside the curtain **13** where he'll put the incense on the coals in Yahweh's presence. Then the smoke cloud from the incense will cover the atonement lid on the sacred chest, and he won't die. **14** Then he must take some of the bull's blood, and using his finger, he must flick the blood seven times onto the eastern the side of the lid and seven times onto the front of the lid.

15 Then Aharon must slaughter the goat for the people's sin offering, and take its blood inside the curtain, and do the same with it that he did to the bull's blood—flicking it onto the side and front of the atonement lid,[63] **16** thus making the Israeli people right with Yahweh for their uncleanness and their rebellion and disobedience. That's also for the sacred tent which is among the people with their uncleanness. **17** No one else can enter the sacred tent when Aharon enters to make atonement in the sacred room until he leaves again. He must make atonement for himself and his household, as well as for the whole Israeli community, **18** then he'll go out to the altar that's in front of Yahweh and make atonement for that—he must take some of the bull's blood and some of the goat's blood and put it on the four projecting corners of the altar. **19** Then he must flick blood on to it seven times with his finger, thus purifying it and removing the uncleanness of the Israeli people from it.

62 RV 16:2 · Cross-ref. Heb 6:19.

63 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. Heb 9:12.

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The goat taking the blame

20 When Aharon (Aaron) has finished purifying the sacred room, the sacred tent, and the altar, then he should present the live goat. **21** He must place both his hands on the goat's head, and confess all of Yisrael's (Israel's) disobedience, rebellion, and shortcomings—symbolically placing them onto the goat's head, and then he must choose a man that's nearby to take it into the wilderness. **22** Then he'll release the goat there in the wilderness, and the goat will carry all their sins into that barren land.

23 Then Aharon must enter the sacred tent and take off the linen garment that he'd put on as he'd entered into the sacred room and leave them there.[64] **24** Then he must wash himself in water in a sacred place, put on his regular clothes, and go out and make his burnt offering and the burnt offering for the people, thus making both himself and the people right with Yahweh. **25** Then he must burn the fat from the sin offering up on the altar. **26** Also, the person who led away the 'scapegoat' must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and then he can reenter the camp. **27** Then the remains of the bull and the goat from the sin offerings (whose blood was taken into the sacred room to make atonement) must be taken to a place outside the camp where they must be burnt—skins, flesh, and dung.[65] **28** The man who burnt them must then wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and then he can reenter the camp.

The national purification day

29 This will be a permanent regulation for you all:

On the 10th of the seventh month (of Tishrei—around September/October), all of you including those who are native-born as well as foreigners living among you, must humble yourselves and not work that day[67] **30** because on that day, the high priest

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_the_tent_of meeting when_goes_he to_make_atonement in_ _place until he_comes_out and_he_will_make_atonement for_ _himself and_for household_of_his and_for all_of the_ _assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_he_will_go_out to the_ _altar which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_ _will_take some_of_the_blood_of the_bull and_some_of_the_ _blood_of the_male_goat and_he/it_gave on the_horns_of the_ _altar all_around. **19** And_he_will_spatter on/upon/above_ _him/it some_of the_blood with_finger_of_his seven times and_ _he_will_purify_it and_he_will_set_it_apart_as_holy from_the_ _uncleanness(es)_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

20 And_he_will_finish from_making_atonement_for ~~DOM~~ the_ _holy_place and_~~DOM~~ the_tent_of meeting and_~~DOM~~ the_altar and_he_will_present ~~DOM~~ the_male_goat (the)_living. **21** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_lean ~~DOM~~ the_two_of mmm[66] on the_head_of the_male_goat (the)_living and_he_will_confess on/upon/above_him/it ~~DOM~~ all_of the_iniquities_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~DOM~~ all_of transgressions_of_ _their to/from_all/each/any/every sins_of_their and_he/it_ _gave ~~DOM~~_them on the_head_of the_male_goat and_he_will_ _send_it_away by_the_hand_of a_man ready to_the_wilderness. **22** And_ the_male_goat _it_will_bear on/upon/above_him/it ~~DOM~~ all_of iniquities_of_their into a_land infertile and_he_will_ _let_go ~~DOM~~ the_male_goat in_wilderness. **23** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_ _will_go into the_tent_of meeting and_he_will_strip_off ~~DOM~~ the_garments_of (the)_linen which he_wore when_went_he into the_holy_place and_he_will_leave_them there. **24** And_he_ _will_wash ~~DOM~~ body_of_his with_water in_a_place holy and_ _he_will_put_on ~~DOM~~ garments_of_his and_he_will_come_out and_he_will_offer ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_burnt and_~~DOM~~ the_ _burnt_offering_of the_people and_he_will_make_atonement for_himself and_for the_people. **25** And_~~DOM~~ the_fat_of the_sin_ _offering he_will_make_smoke to_the_altar. **26** And_the_one_ _who_lets_go ~~DOM~~ the_male_goat to_the_escape_goat he_will_ _wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash ~~DOM~~ body_of_his with_water and_after thus he_will_come into the_camp. **27** And_~~DOM~~ the_bull_of the_sin_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_male_ _goat_of the_sin_offering which ~~DOM~~ blood_of_their it_was_ _brought to_make_atonement in_place someone_will_bring_out to from_the_outside of_camp and_people_will_burn with_fire ~~DOM~~ hides_of_their and_~~DOM~~ flesh_of_their and_~~DOM~~ dung_of_ _their. **28** And_the_one_who_burns ~~DOM~~_them he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash ~~DOM~~ body_of_his with_water and_after thus he_will_come into the_camp.

29 And_it_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity in_month the_seventh on_ten of_month you(pl)_ _will_afflict ~~DOM~~ selves_of_your(pl) and_all work not you(pl)_ _will_do the_native-born and_the_sojourner who_sojourns among_you(pl). **30** If/because on_day the_this he_will_make_ _atonement on_you(pl) to_purify you(pl) from_all sins_of_ _your(pl) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** you(pl)_

64 RV 16:23 · Cross-ref. Eze 44:19.

65 RV 16:27 · Cross-ref. Heb 13:11.

66 LV 16:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/דִי: (x-qere) וְ/יָדֵי: lemma_3027 n_1.2.1 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_03MQc וְ/יָדֵי

67 RV 16:29-34 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:26-32; Num 29:7-11.

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_will_be_pure. **31** Is_a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance it to/for_ _you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_afflict ᴅᴏᴍ selves_of_your(pl) a_ _regulation_of perpetuity. **32** And_ the_priest/officer whom someone_will_anoint ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_which someone_will_fill ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_hand to_serve_as_priest in_place_of his/its_father _ _he_will_make_atonement and_he_will_wear ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _garments_of (the)_linen the_garments_of (the)_holiness. **33** And_he_will_make_atonement_for ᴅᴏᴍ the_sanctuary_of (the)_holiness and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_tent_of meeting and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar he_will_make_atonement_for and_on the_priests and_on all_of the_people_of the_assembly he_will_make_atonement. **34** And_ _it_will_become this to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity to_make_atonement on the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_all sins_of_their one_time in_year and_ _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh.

17:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his and_near/to all_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them this is_ _the_thing which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_say. **3** A_ _person a_person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_ _will_cut_the_throat_of an_ox or a_young_ram or a_goat in_ _camp or who he_will_cut_the_throat_of_it from_the_outside of_camp. **4** And_near/to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not he_has_brought_it to_present a_present to/for_**YHWH** to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** blood it_will_be_reckoned to_person (the)_that blood he_has_ _shed and_ the_man (the)_that _he_will_be_cut_off from_the_ _midst_of his_people_of_his. **5** So_that that the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_may_bring ᴅᴏᴍ sacrifices_of_their which they are_sacrificing on the_face_of the_field and_they_will_ _bring_them to/for_**YHWH** to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to the_priest/officer and_they_will_sacrifice sacrifices_of peace_offerings to/for_**YHWH** them. **6** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_sprinkle ᴅᴏᴍ the_blood on the_altar_of **YHWH** the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_he_will_ _make_smoke the_fat to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **7** And_not they_will_sacrifice again ᴅᴏᴍ sacrifices_of_their to_ _idols which they are_prostituting_themselves after_them a_ _regulation_of perpetuity it_will_be this to/for_them to_ _generations_of_their. **8** And_to_them you_will_say a_person a_ _person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_ _sojourner[s] who he_will_sojourn among_them who he_will_ _offer_up a_burnt_offering or a_sacrifice. **9** And_near/to the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting not he_will_bring_it for_ _doing ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_man (the)_that _he_ _will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_his.

10 And_a_person a_person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] who_sojourns among_them who he_ _will_eat any_of blood and_I_will_set face_of_my on_person who_eats ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_blood and_I_will_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it from_ _the_midst_of its_people_of_her. **11** If/because the_life_of the_ _flesh is_in_blood it and_I I_have_given_it to/for_you(pl) on the_altar to_make_atonement on selves_of_your(pl) if/because is_the_blood it which_by_life it_makes_atonement.

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will purify you all from your sins to make you right with Yahweh, and you'll be 'clean'. **31** It'll be a very sacred rest day for you, and you all must humble yourselves—a permanent regulation for you all. **32** The priest who's anointed and ordained to succeed his father as high priest must be the one to make atonement, and he must be wearing his sacred linen clothes. **33** He will first purify the sacred room and the sacred tent, and the altar, and then make all the priests right with Yahweh and finally, the entire community. **34** That will become a permanent regulation every year to make all the Israelis right with Yahweh because of their sins.

So Mosheh (Moses) did exactly as Yahweh had instructed him.

17:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Slaughtering animals

2 Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons and all the Israelis that these are the instructions from Yahweh: **3** No Israeli is allowed to slaughter a bull or lamb or goat either inside the camp or outside it. **4** If they're not taken to the entrance to the sacred tent to be presented as an offering to Yahweh in front of his residence, then that person will be held guilty of its blood—they've shed blood so they must be cut off from his people. **5** The Israelis must stop sacrificing their animals in the countryside, and instead bring them to Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent, i.e., they must bring them to the priest and sacrifice them as peace offerings to Yahweh. **6** Then the priest will splash the blood onto Yahweh's altar at the tent entrance, and burn up the fat to become a soothing aroma for Yahweh. **7** Then they won't be able to continue offering their sacrifices to the goat demons that they're prostituting themselves to. The above will be a permanent regulation throughout the generations.

8 You must tell them that if an Israeli or a foreigner living among them, makes a burnt offering or sacrifice **9** without bringing it to Yahweh at the sacred tent entrance, then that person must be cut off from the community.

10 If there's any Israeli or foreigner living among them, who eats blood, then I'll oppose that person and remove them from the community[68] **11** because the body's life is in the blood. I myself have given you blood to make atonement for your lives at the altar, because it's the blood that can atone for life.[69] **12** That's why I told the Israelis that none of them must eat blood—not even the foreigners

The law concerning the blood

68 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

69 RV 17:11 · Cross-ref. Heb 9:22.

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that live among them may eat blood.

13 So any person (Israeli or foreigner living among them) who catches wild game (including birds) to eat, they must pour its blood out and cover it with soil **14** because the life of their bodies is the blood that's in them. Again, that's why I've told the Israelis not to eat the blood of any living thing because the life is in the blood, and anyone who eats it must be cut off from the community.

15 Anyone who eats part of a carcass they found or one that was killed by wild animals, must wash their clothes and bathe in water, and they'll be 'unclean' until the evening, and then they'll be 'clean' again. **16** However, if that person doesn't wash their clothes or bathe, then they must bear the punishment for their own disobedience.

18:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Sexual relationships

2 Tell the Israeli that I am their god Yahweh. **3** They mustn't behave as if they're still there in Mitsrayim (Egypt), nor should they behave like the Kena'anim (Canaanites) that were living in the land that I'm taking you all into, and don't emulate their customs and practices. **4** You all must imbibe my values and follow my instructions. I am your god Yahweh. **5** You all must follow my instructions and my values—those who do so will live.[70] I am your god Yahweh.

6 None of you may ever flirt with any close relative to try to get them to undress. I am Yahweh. **7** You must never mess with your father's naked body, or your mother's—no, she's your mother so don't ever take advantage of her nakedness. **8** Don't ever mess with any of your father's wives, because their naked bodies are the realm of your father.[71] **9** Don't flirt with your sister's nakedness, whether she's a full sister, a half sister, or an adopted sister.[72] **10** Don't flirt with your grandchildren's nakedness, because you'd be absolutely shaming yourself. **11** Don't flirt with your step-sister's nakedness, because she's your sister and her nakedness isn't yours to enjoy. **12** Don't flirt with your aunts nakedness on your father's side, because she's closely related to your father.[73] **13** Don't flirt with your aunt's nakedness on your mother's side, because she's closely related to your mother. **14** Don't flirt with your uncle's nakedness on your father's side, and keep away from his wife, because she's your aunt. **15** Don't flirt with your daughter-in-law's nakedness, because she's your son's wife and her nakedness isn't yours to enjoy.[74] **16** Don't flirt with your sister-in-law, because her naked body is the realm of

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12 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_said to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) any_of person of_you(pl) not it_will_eat blood and_the_sojourner who_sojourns among_you(pl) not he_will_ _eat blood. **13** And_a_person a_person from_(the)_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] who_sojourns among_them who he_will_hunt hunted_game_of an_animal or a_bird which it_will_be_eaten and_he_will_pour_out ~~DOM~~ blood_ _of_its and_he_will_cover_it with_dust. **14** If/because the_life_of all_of flesh blood_of_its is_(in)_life_of_its it and_I_have_said to_ _the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_blood_of any_of flesh not you(pl)_must_eat if/because the_life_of all_of flesh blood_of_is_ _its it all_of those_of_who_eat_it he_will_be_cut_off. **15** And_all person who it_will_eat a_carcass and_a_torn_animal among_ _native-born and_among_sojourner and_he_will_wash garments_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_ _unclean until the_evening and_he_will_be_pure. **16** And_if not he_will_wash and_body_of_his not he_will_wash and_he_will_ _bear iniquity_of_his.

18:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **3** According_to_the_deed[s]_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which you(pl)_dwelt in_it not you(pl)_will_do and_according_to_the_deed[s]_of the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) where I am_about_to_bring you(pl) to_(to) not you(pl)_will_do and_in_regulations_of_their not you(pl)_ _will_walk. **4** ~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my you(pl)_will_do and_~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my you(pl)_will_keep to_go (is)_in_them I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **5** And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my which the_ _humankind he_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_ _them I am_**YHWH**. **6** A_man a_man to any_of relative_of his_ _flesh_of_his not you(pl)_will_draw_near to_uncover nakedness I am_**YHWH**. **7** The_nakedness_of your_father_of_your and_the_ _nakedness_of your_mother_of_your not you_will_uncover mother_of_is_your she not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_her. **8** The_nakedness_of the_wife_of your_father_of_your not you_ _will_uncover is_the_nakedness_of your_father_of_your it. **9** The_nakedness_of your_sister_of_your the_daughter_of your_ _father_of_your or the_daughter_of your_mother_of_your one_ _born_of house or one_born_of (of)_outside not you_will_ _uncover nakedness_of_their. **10** The_nakedness_of the_ _daughter_of your_son_of_your or the_daughter_of your_ _daughter_of_your not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_their if/because own_nakedness_of_are_your they. **11** The_ _nakedness_of the_daughter_of the_wife_of your_father_of_ _your one_born_of your_father_of_your sister_of_is_your she not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_her. **12** The_nakedness_of the_sister_of your_father_of_your not you_will_uncover is_a_ _relative_of your_father_of_your she. **13** The_nakedness_of the_ _sister_of your_mother_of_your not you_will_uncover

70 RV 18:5 · Cross-ref. Neh 9:29; Eze 18:9; 20:11-13; Luk 10:28; Rom 10:5; Gal 3:12.

71 RV 18:8 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:11; Deu 22:30; 27:20.

72 RV 18:9 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:17; Deu 27:22.

73 RV 18:12-14 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:19-20.

74 RV 18:15 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:12.

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if/because is_a_relative_of your_mother_of_your she. **14** The_
_nakedness_of the_brother_of your_father_of_your not you_
_will_uncover to his/its_wife/woman not you_will_draw_near
aunt_of_is_your she. **15** The_nakedness_of your_
_daughter-in-law_of_your not you_will_uncover is_the_wife_of
your_son_of_your she not you_will_uncover nakedness_of_her.
16 The_nakedness_of the_wife_of your(ms)_brother/kindred
not you_will_uncover is_the_nakedness_of your(ms)_
_brother/kindred it. **17** The_nakedness_of a_woman and_
_daughter_of_her not you_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of
her_son_of_her and_~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of her_daughter_of_her
not you_will_take to_uncover nakedness_of_her are_relative[s]
they is_wickedness it[82] **18** and_a_woman to sister_of_her not
you_will_take to_make_her_a_rival_wife to_uncover nakedness_
_of_her on/upon_it(f) in_life_of_her. **19** And_near/to a_woman
in_the_menstruous_impurity_of her_uncleanness_of_her not
you_will_draw_near to_uncover nakedness_of_her. **20** And_
_near/to the_wife_of your_fellow_citizen_of_your not you_will_
_give copulation_of_your for_seed to_be_unclean by_her.
21 And_any_of_your_offspring not you_will_give to_make_pass
to_Molek and_not you_will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of your(pl)_
_god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **22** And_~~DOM~~ a_male not you_will_lie
the_lyings_of a_woman is_an_abomination it. **23** And_on/over_
_all animal not you_will_give copulation_of_your to_be_unclean
by_it and_a_woman not she_will_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before an_animal to_lie_with_it is_confusion it.
24 Do_not make_yourselves_unclean in_all these_things
if/because by_all_of these_things the_nations which I am_
_about_to_send_away from_before_of_you(pl) they_have_made_
_themselves_unclean. **25** And_ the_earth/land _it_became_
_unclean and_I_visited iniquity_of_its on/upon_it(f) and_ the_
_earth/land _it_vomited_up ~~DOM~~ inhabitants_of_its. **26** And_
you(pl) _you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~
judgements_of_my and_not you(pl)_will_do from_all the_
_abominations the_these the_native-born and_the_sojourner
who_sojourns among_you(pl). **27** If/because ~~DOM~~ all_of the_
_abominations (the)_these the_people_of the_earth/land who
were_before_of_you(pl) they_did and_ the_earth/land _it_
_became_unclean. **28** And_not the_earth/land it_will_vomit_up
you(pl) when_you_make_unclean ~~DOM~~_her/it just_as it_was_
_vomiting_up ~~DOM~~ the_nation which was_before_of_you(pl).
29 If/because every_of one_who he_will_do from_all the_
_abominations the_these and_ the_persons who_do_them _
_they_will_be_cut_off from_the_midst_of their_people_of_their.
30 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ duty_of_my to_not to_do any_of_
_the_customs_of the_abominations which they_have_been_

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your brother.[75] **17** Don't flirt with the nakedness of both a woman and her daughter or her granddaughter, because they're related to each other—that would be perverse.[76] **18** Don't take your wife's sister to be a junior wife while your wife is still alive.

19 Don't approach a woman who's menstruating, to undress her, because she's 'unclean'.[77] **20** Don't sleep with someone else's wife—your child with her would be 'unclean'.[78] **21** Don't sacrifice your children to Molek so you don't profane your god's reputation.[79] I am Yahweh. **22** Don't have sexual relations with a man like with a woman—it's an abomination.[80] **23** Men, don't have sexual relations with any animal as that would make you 'unclean'. And women, don't give yourself sexually to any animal as that's perverse.[81]

24 Don't make yourselves 'unclean' in any of the above ways, because all of those things were done by the people groups that I'm driving out of this land ahead of you all. **25** The land had become 'unclean' so I made them pay for their wickedness and so the land will vomit out its inhabitants. **26** However, you all must obey my instructions and decisions and not tolerate any of that perverse behaviour—not you who are native-born, nor any foreigner living among you all, **27** because all that perversity was done by those living there before you all, and the land became 'unclean'. **28** Don't think that the land won't vomit you all out just like it's doing to the people groups that have been there before you, **29** because everyone who does any of those perversities will be cut off from their community. **30** So you all must carefully guard against practising any of those detestable customs which were previously done there and which would make you all 'unclean'. I am your god Yahweh.

75 RV 18:16 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:21.

76 RV 18:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:14; Deu 27:23.

77 RV 18:19 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:18.

78 RV 18:20 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:10.

79 RV 18:21 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:1-5.

80 RV 18:22 · Cross-ref. Lev 20:13.

81 RV 18:23 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:19; Lev 20:15-16; Deu 27:21.

82 LV 18:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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19:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Various moral imperatives

2 Tell the entire Israeli community that they must be separate from others, because I, your god Yahweh, am holy (i.e., separated from impurity).[83] **3** Everyone must respect and obey their parents,[84] and observe my rest days.[85] I am your god Yahweh.

4 Don't turn to worthless idols,[86] and don't make cast metal gods for yourselves.[87] I am your god Yahweh.

5 When you all sacrifice peace offerings, do it correctly so that you'll all be accepted. **6** The meat from your sacrifice must be eaten that same day or the next day—anything left until the third day must be thrown into the fire. **7** If it was to be eaten on the third day, it would be 'unclean' and not acceptable, **8** and the people eating it would have to bear their own guilt for profaning Yahweh's holiness, and that person must be cut off from the community.

9 When you all harvest your crops off your land, you mustn't cut the grain right to the very edge of your field, and nor can you all pick up any dropped stalks.[88] **10** In your vineyards, you must not pick every last grape or pick up any that fall on the ground, because they must be left for the poor and for the foreigners. I am your god Yahweh.

11 You all mustn't steal[89] or deceive, or defraud any fellow citizen,[90] **12** and don't use my name to seal a promise and then go ahead and ruin my reputation.[91] I am Yahweh.

13 Don't oppress your neighbours or steal from them. Don't fail to pay a day-labourer as they finish each day's work.[92] **14** Don't curse a deaf person, or put something in front of a blind person to trip them.[93] You must respect and obey your god. I am Yahweh.

15 Don't judge unfairly—showing partiality to the poor, or honouring those who are well-known—you must always judge your fellow citizens fairly.[94] **16** Don't go around slandering people. Don't take advantage of your neighbour's death. I am Yahweh.

17 You mustn't hate your brother. Certainly rebuke those you

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_done before_you(pl) and_not you_will_make_yourselves_ _unclean (is)_in_them I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

19:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying[107] **2** speak to all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them holy you(pl)_will_be if/because am_ _holy I **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **3** Anyone his/its_mother and_ _father_of_his you(pl)_will_fear and_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_keep I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **4** Do_not turn to (the)_worthless_idols and_gods_of molten_metal not you(pl)_must_make to/for_you(pl) I am_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **5** And_because/when you(pl)_will_sacrifice a_ _sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) to/for_**YHWH** for_acceptance_ _of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_sacrifice_it. **6** In/on_day your_ _sacrifice_of_your(pl) it_will_be_eaten and_from_the_next_day and_the_remainder until the_day the_third with_fire it_will_ _be_burnt. **7** And_if indeed_(eaten) it_will_be_eaten in_the_day the_third is_unclean_meat it not it_will_be_accepted. **8** And_ _those_of_who_eat_it iniquity_of_his he_will_bear if/because ĐOM the_holy_thing_of **YHWH** he_has_profaned and_ the_ _living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_ _kinspeople(s)_of_its. **9** And_when_harvest_you(pl) ĐOM the_ _harvest_of your_land_of_your(pl) not you_will_finish the_side_ _of your_field_of_your to_harvest and_the_remnant_of your_ _harvest_of_your not you_will_gather. **10** And_vineyard_of_your not you_will_glean and_the_fallen_grape[s]_of your_vineyard_ _of_your not you_will_gather for_person and_for_sojourner you_will_leave ĐOM_them I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **11** Not you(pl)_will_steal and_not you(pl)_will_deceive and_not you(pl)_will_deal_falsely anyone with_his_fellow_of_citizen. **12** And_not you(pl)_will_swear_an_oath by_name_of_my to_ _falsehood and_you_will_profane ĐOM the_name_of your(pl)_ _god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **13** Not you_will_oppress ĐOM neighbour_of_your and_not you_will_rob_him not it_will_ _remain_overnight the_wage[s]_of a_hired_labourer with_you until morning. **14** Not you_will_curse a_deaf_person and_ _before_of a_blind_person not you_will_put a_stumbling_block and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **15** Not you(pl)_will_do injustice in_judgement not you_will_lift_up the_face_of a_poor_person and_not you_will_honour the_face_ _of a_great_person in_righteousness you_will_judge citizen_of_ _your_fellow. **16** Not you_will_go_about slander among_

83 RV 19:2 · Cross-ref. Lev 11:44-45; 1Pe 1:16.

84 RV 19:3 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

85 RV 19:3 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:8; Deu 5:12.

86 RV 19:4 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:1.

87 RV 19:4 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:23; 34:17; Deu 27:15.

88 RV 19:9-10 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:22; Deu 24:19-22.

89 RV 19:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:15; Deu 5:19.

90 RV 19:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:16; Deu 5:20.

91 RV 19:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:7; Deu 5:11; Mat 5:33.

92 RV 19:13 · Cross-ref. Deu 24:14-15.

93 RV 19:14 · Cross-ref. Deu 27:18.

94 RV 19:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:6-8; Deu 16:19.

107 LV 19:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_kinspeople(s)_of_your not you_will_stand on the_blood_of your_neighbour_of_your I am_**YHWH**. **17** Not you_will_hate ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_brother/kindred in_heart_of_your surely_ _(rebuke) you_will_rebuke ~~DOM~~ citizen_of_your_fellow and_not you_will_bear on/upon/above_him/it sin. **18** Not you_will_ _avenge_yourself and_not you_will_keep ~~DOM~~ the_sons_of your_ _people_of_your and_you_will_love (to)_neighbour_of_your like_yourself I am_**YHWH**. **19** ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my you(pl)_ _will_keep livestock_of_your not you_will_make_lie two_kinds field_of_your not you_will_sow two_kinds and_clothing_of two_ _kinds mixed_stuff not it_will_go_up on_you. **20** And_a_man if/because he_will_lie with a_woman a_laying_of seed and_she is_a_female_slave intended for_a_man and_indeed_(be_ _released) not she_had_been_released or freedom not it_had_ _been_given to/for_her/it compensation it_will_be not they_ _will_be_put_to_death if/because not she_had_been_given_ _freedom. **21** And_he_will_bring ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_guilt to/for_**YHWH** to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting a_ram_ _of a_guilt_offering. **22** And_he_will_make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it the_priest/officer by_the_ram_of the_ _guilt_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** on sin_of_his which he_has_sinned and_it_will_be_forgiven to_ _him/it from_sin_of_his which he_has_sinned. **23** And_ _because/when you(pl)_will_go into the_earth/land and_ _you(pl)_will_plant every_of tree_of food and_you(pl)_will_ _count_as_foreskin foreskin_of_its ~~DOM~~ fruit_of_its three years it_will_be to/for_you(pl) uncircumcised not it_will_be_eaten. **24** And_in_year (the)_fourth it_will_be all_of fruit_of_its a_holy_ _thing praise_offerings to/for_**YHWH**. **25** And_in_year (the)_ _fifth you(pl)_will_eat ~~DOM~~ fruit_of_its to_add to/for_you(pl) produce_of_its I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **26** Not you(pl)_ _will_eat with the_blood not you(pl)_will_practice_divination and_not you(pl)_will_practice_soothsaying. **27** Not you(pl)_will_ _round_off the_side_of your_head_of_your(pl) and_not you_ _will_trim ~~DOM~~ the_side_of your_beard_of_your. **28** And_cut[s] for_a_corpse not you(pl)_will_make in_flesh_of_your(pl) and_ _the_inscription_of an_incision not you(pl)_will_make in_ _yourselves I am_**YHWH**. **29** Do_not profane ~~DOM~~ daughter_of_ _your by_making_her_prostitute_herself and_not the_ _earth/land it_will_prostitute_itself and_ the_earth/land _it_ _will_be_full wickedness. **30** ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_ _keep and_sanctuary_of_my you(pl)_will_fear I am_**YHWH**. **31** Do_not turn to the_necromancers and_near/to the_ _soothsayers do_not seek_them to_become_unclean in/among_

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interact with so you don't get blamed for their bad behaviour.[95] **18** Don't try to get revenge against others or hold a grudge against any of your people, but instead, love your neighbour as yourself.[96] I am Yahweh.

19 Follow my instructions—don't crossbreed two different kinds of animals, don't sow two different crops in your field, and don't wear clothing made of different kinds of thread.[97]

20 If a man impregnates a woman who's destined to be someone else's slave and she hasn't been freed, compensation needs to be paid.[98] They mustn't be executed, because she hadn't been freed. **21** However, that man must take a ram to Yahweh at the sacred tent's entrance for a guilt offering, **22** and the priest will make him right with Yahweh by means of that guilt offering ram, and then he'll be forgiven for his transgression.

23 When you all enter into the land and plant various kinds of fruit trees, you mustn't eat the fruit for the first three years—it should be regarded as 'uncircumcised' for that duration. **24** Then in the fourth year, all that fruit must be regarded as 'sacred'—praise offerings for Yahweh. **25** Finally, in the fifth year, you can eat that fruit and add that produce to your harvest. I am your god Yahweh.

26 Don't eat anything with the blood still in it.[99] Don't practice divination or witchcraft.[100] **27** Don't have haircuts that round off your hair at the sides, and men, don't trim the edges of your beards.[101] **28** Don't make cuts on your bodies when someone dies, and don't tattoo yourselves. I am Yahweh.

29 don't defile your daughter by making her prostitute herself,[102] so the country doesn't prostitute itself and become full of wickedness. **30** Keep my rest days, and respect my sanctuary.[103] I am Yahweh.

31 Don't turn to mediums and diviners[104]—don't make yourselves 'unclean' by means of them. I am your god Yahweh.

32 Stand up for those with grey hair, and honour the presence of the elderly. Honour and respect your god. I am Yahweh.

33 Don't take advantage of foreigners when they stay in your land[105]— **34** you all must treat foreigners the same as native-born Israelis and love them like you love yourselves, because you were all foreigners in Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am your god Yahweh.

35 Don't allow injustice either in judging cases, or by trading

95 RV 19:17 · Cross-ref. Mat 18:15.

96 RV 19:18 · Cross-ref. Mat 5:43; 19:19; 22:39; Mrk 12:31; Luk 10:27; Rom 13:9; Gal 5:14; Jam 2:8.

97 RV 19:19 · Cross-ref. Deu 22:9-11.

98 RV 19:20 · Note We as modern readers don't understand all the dynamics of this seemingly complex social situation.

99 RV 19:26 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

100 RV 19:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:10.

101 RV 19:27-28 · Cross-ref. Lev 21:5; Deu 14:1.

102 RV 19:29 · Cross-ref. Deu 23:17.

103 RV 19:30 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:2.

104 RV 19:31 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:11; 1Sam 28:3; 2Ki 23:24; Isa 8:19.

105 RV 19:33-34 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:21; Deu 24:17-18; 27:19.

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with rigged weights and measures[106]— 36 your scales and weights and measuring containers must be honest. I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out of Mitsrayim. 37 You all must obey my instructions and decisions and stick to them. I am Yahweh.

Penalties for disobedience

20:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): 2 Tell the Israeli people that if any of them, or any foreigner staying in Yisrael (Israel), gives any of their children to Molek, then that person must definitely be executed—the people must do it by throwing rocks at them. 3 Yes, I myself will personally punish that person and cut them off from the people for giving their child to Molek and so making my sanctuary 'unclean' and profaning my sacred name. 4 If the people of the land just hides their eyes from seeing anyone offering their child to Molek so they don't have to execute that person, 5 then I'll also remove that other person and their clan. I'll cut them off from their people, along with anyone else who practises prostitution by prostituting themselves to Molek.

6 I'll take action against any person who turns to mediums or diviners to prostitute themselves to them, and I'll cut them off from their people. 7 You must keep yourselves separate from those kinds of things to be holy, because I, Yahweh, am your god. 8 You all must follow my instructions and implement them. I am Yahweh who makes you different from other people groups.

9 Any person who curses their father or mother must be executed—their blood will be on their own head for cursing their parents.[108]

10 Any man who commits adultery with another man's wife, maybe even his neighbours wife, must be executed—both the man and the woman.[109] 11 Any man who sleeps with any of his father's wives, has exposed his father's nakedness. Both of them must be executed—their blood is on their own heads.[110] 12 If a man sleeps with his daughter-in-law, both of them must be executed. That's perversion and so their blood is on their own

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them I am**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). 32 From_face/in_front_of grey_hair you_will_arise and_you_will_honour the_face_of an_ _old_person and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your I am_**YHWH**. 33 And_because/when he_will_sojourn with_you a_sojourner in_land_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_will_maltreat ~~DOM~~_him/it. 34 Like_the_native-born of_you(pl) he_will_be to/for_you(pl) the_sojourner who_sojourns with_you(pl) and_you_will_love to_him/it like_yourself if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_ _land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). 35 Not you(pl)_will_do injustice in_judgement in_measurement in_weight and_in_measure. 36 Balances_of righteousness weights_of righteousness an_'ēyfāh_of righteousness and_a_ _hin_of righteousness it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim. 37 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~ all_of judgements_of_my and_ _you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them I am_**YHWH**.

20:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 2 And_ _near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[118] you_will_say a_ _person a_person from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] who_sojourns in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_will_ _give any_of_his_offspring to_Molek surely_(die) he_will_be_ _put_to_death the_people_of the_earth/land they_will_stone_ _him with_stone[s]. 3 And_I I_will_set ~~DOM~~ face_of_my on_ _person (the)_that and_I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~_him/it from_the_ _midst_of his_people_of_his if/because one_of_his_offspring he_has_given to_Molek so_as to_make_unclean ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_ _of_my and_to_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my. 4 And_if indeed_(hide) the_people_of the_earth/land they_will_ _hide ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_their from the_man (the)_that when_gives_ _he one_of_his_offspring to_Molek to_not to_put_to_death ~~DOM~~_him/it. 5 And_ I _I_will_set ~~DOM~~ face_of_my on_person (the)_that and_on_clan_of_his and_I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ all_of those_who_act_as_prostitutes after_him by_ _acting_as_prostitutes after (the)_Molek from_the_midst_of their_people_of_their. 6 And_the_person who it_will_turn to the_necromancers and_near/to the_soothsayers to_act_as_a_ _prostitute after_them and_I_will_set ~~DOM~~ face_of_my on_ _person the_that and_I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~_him/it from_the_ _midst_of his_people_of_his. 7 And_you_will_keep_yourselves_ _holy and_you(pl)_will_be holy if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). 8 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_ _you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_ _apart_as_holy. 9 If/because a_person a_person who he_will_ _curse ~~DOM~~ his/its_father and_~~DOM~~ his/its_mother surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death his/its_father and_mother_of_his he_ _has_cursed blood(s)_of_his in/on/over_him/it. 10 And_a_man who he_will_commit_adultery ~~DOM~~ a_wife_of a_man who he_ _will_commit_adultery ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_neighbour surely_(die) the_adulterer and_the_adulteress he_will_be_put_

106 **RV 19:35-36 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:13-16; Prv 20:10; Eze 45:10.

108 **RV 20:9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:17; Mat 15:4; Mrk 7:10.

109 **RV 20:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Lev 18:20; Deu 5:18.

110 **RV 20:11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:8; Deu 22:30; 27:20.

118 **LV 20:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_to_death. **11** And_a_man who he_will_lie with the_wife_of his/its_father the_nakedness_of his/its_father he_has_ _uncovered surely_(die) both_of_them they_will_be_put_to_ _death blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **12** And_a_man who he_ _will_lie with his/its_daughter-in-law surely_(die) both_of_ _them they_will_be_put_to_death confusion they_have_done blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **13** And_a_man who he_will_lie with a_male the_lyings_of a_woman an_abomination both_of_ _them they_have_done surely_(die) they_will_be_put_to_death blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **14** And_a_man who he_will_take ~~DOM~~ a_woman and_~~DOM~~ mother_of_her is_wickedness it with_ _fire people_will_burn ~~DOM~~_him/it and_them and_not it_will_be wickedness among_you(pl). **15** And_a_man who he_will_give copulation_of_his in_an_animal surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_ _death and_~~DOM~~ the_cattle/livestock you(pl)_will_kill. **16** And_ _a_woman who she_will_draw_near to any_of animal to_lie_ _with ~~DOM~~_her/it and_you_will_kill ~~DOM~~ the_woman and_~~DOM~~ the_cattle/livestock surely_(die) they_will_be_put_to_death blood(s)_of_their are_on_them. **17** And_a_man who he_will_take ~~DOM~~ sister_of_his the_daughter_of his/its_father or the_ _daughter_of his/its_mother and_he_will_see ~~DOM~~ nakedness_ _of_her and_she she_will_see ~~DOM~~ nakedness_of_his is_a_shame it and_they_will_be_cut_off to_the_eyes_of the_sons_of their_ _people_of_their the_nakedness_of his_sister_of_his he_has_ _uncovered iniquity_of_his he_will_bear. **18** And_a_man who he_will_lie with a_woman menstruating and_he_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ nakedness_of_her ~~DOM~~ spring_of_her he_has_made_naked and_she she_has_uncovered ~~DOM~~ the_spring_of_her_blood(s)_ _of_her and_ both_of_them _they_will_be_cut_off from_the_ _midst_of their_people_of_their. **19** And_the_nakedness_of the_ _sister_of your_mother_of_your and_the_sister_of your_father_ _of_your not you_will_uncover if/because ~~DOM~~ relative_of_his he_has_made_naked iniquity_of_their they_will_bear. **20** And_a_ _man who he_will_lie with aunt_of_his the_nakedness_of his_ _uncle_of_his he_has_uncovered sin_of_their they_will_bear childless they_will_die. **21** And_a_man who he_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_brother is_impurity it the_nakedness_of his/its_brother he_has_uncovered childless they_will_be. **22** And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of judgements_of_my and_you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_not the_earth/land where I am_about_to_bring you(pl) to_ _(to) to_dwell in_it it_will_vomit_up you(pl). **23** And_not you(pl)_will_walk in_the_regulations_of the_nation which I am_ _about_to_send_away from_before_of_you(pl) if/because ~~DOM~~ all_of these_things they_have_done and_I_loathed (in)_them. **24** And_I_have_said to/for_you(pl) you(pl) you(pl)_will_take_ _possession_of ~~DOM~~ ground_of_their and_I I_will_give_it to/for_ _you(pl) to_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~_her/it a_land flowing_of milk and_honey I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_have_

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heads.[111] **13** If a man has a sexual relationship with another man, both of them have done something detestable and both of them must be executed—their blood is on their own heads.[112] **14** If a man takes both a mother and her daughter as wives, then that's wicked. They must all be burnt to death so that depravity won't take root among you.

15 If a man tries to have sex with an animal, that man must be executed and the animal must also be killed.[113] **16** If a woman presents herself sexually to any animal, you must execute the woman and kill the animal—their blood is on their own heads.

17 If a man sleeps with his sister (whether on his father's or mother's side) and they see each other's nakedness, it's a disgrace and they must be cut off from their people—he's exposed her nakedness and he must bear his wickedness.[114] **18** If a man sleeps with a woman who's menstruating, he's exposed her nakedness and uncovered the source of her blood, so they must both be cut off from among their people.[115]

19 You mustn't expose the nakedness of your sister (whether on your father's side or mother's side) because that's like exposing your own body. They must bear their wickedness.[116] **20** A man who sleeps with his aunt, he's exposed his uncle's nakedness. They'll bear their wickedness by dying childless. **21** If a man marries his brother's wife, it's indecent. He's exposed his nakedness and they'll be childless.[117]

22 You all must obey my instructions and decisions and stick to them, and then the land that I'm about to take you into, won't vomit you all out. **23** Don't follow the customs of the peoples that I'll drive out ahead of you all, because they do all of the above things, and I detest them **24** and I've told you all that you yourselves will inherit their land—I'll give it to you to take possession of. It's a land flowing with milk and honey. I am your god Yahweh who separates you all from the other people groups. **25** You all must distinguish between 'clean' and 'unclean' animals and birds. Don't make yourselves detestable to me with any animal or bird or crawling creature which I've distinguished for you all as 'unclean'. **26** You all must be 'holy' to me, because I Yahweh am holy, and I've set you all apart from the other people groups to be mine.

27 Any man or woman who's a medium or diviner must be executed—the people must do it by throwing rocks at them.

111 RV 20:12 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:15.

112 RV 20:13 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:22.

113 RV 20:15-16 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:19; Lev 18:23; Deu 27:21.

114 RV 20:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:9; Deu 27:22.

115 RV 20:18 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:19.

116 RV 20:19-20 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:12-14.

117 RV 20:21 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:16.

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_separated you(pl) from the_peoples. **25** And_you(pl)_will_
_separate between the_cattle/livestock (the)_pure and_unclean
and_between the_bird[s] (the)_unclean and_pure and_not
you(pl)_will_make_detestable ĐƠM selves_of_your(pl) by_
_animal[s] and_by_bird[s] and_by_all that it_creeps the_soil
which I_have_separated to/for_you(pl) to_declare_unclean.
26 And_you(pl)_will_be to_me holy if/because am_holy I **YHWH**
and_I_have_separated you(pl) from the_peoples to_be to_me.
27 And_a_man or a_woman if/because he_will_be in/among_
_them a_necromancer or a_soothsayer surely_(die) they_will_
_be_put_to_death with_stone[s] people_will_stone ĐƠM_them
blood(s)_of_their are_on_them.

21:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Stricter instructions for priests

Tell Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants the priests that they must not defile themselves among the Israelis, by touching anything that's not living **2** apart from the body of a close relative like a parent, child, brother **3** or unmarried sister—the priest can become 'unclean' by means of one of them. **4** He must not make himself 'unclean' if it's the death of a relative only by marriage. **5** They must not shave their heads or trim the edges of their beards or cut their bodies in grief.[119]

6 The priests must stay separate for their God and they must not tarnish his reputation because they present the gifts to Yahweh—their god's food **7** They mustn't marry a woman who was a prostitute or who has defiled herself some other way or who is divorced from her husband, because they're separated for their god. **8** You must treat him as set apart because he's the one presenting your god's food. He must be 'holy' for you, because I, Yahweh, am holy and I set you all apart as 'holy'. **9** If a priest's daughter prostituted herself, she would be profaning her father so must be burnt to death.

10 The priest who is chief of all his brothers and who had the anointing oil poured over his head, and who has the responsibility of wearing the special clothing, must not wear his hair loose, and he must not tear his clothes in grief. **11** He mustn't approach *any* dead body—not even his own parents—he mustn't make himself 'unclean'. **12** Even for a death, he mustn't leave his duties in the sanctuary, and he mustn't profane the sanctuary of his god, because he's been consecrated with the anointing oil. I am Yahweh. **13** He can only marry a virgin— **14** he mustn't take a widow or a divorced woman, or a defiled prostitute. He can only marry an unmarried, Israeli girl, **15** then he won't profane his offspring among his relatives, because I am Yahweh who sets him apart as 'holy'.

16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),

17 Tell Aharon (Aaron) that none of his descendants who have a deformity should ever approach to present the food for his god. **18** Yes, no man who has a deformity must approach to offer a sacrifice, i.e., no one who's blind, lame, mutilated, or with a

21:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh say to the_priests the_
_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_you_will_say to_them to_living_creature
not he_will_make_himself_unclean among_kinspeople(s)_of_
_his. **2** If/because (if) for_relative_of_his (the)_near to_him/it
for_mother_of_his and_for_father_of_his and_for_son_of_his
and_for_daughter_of_his and_for_brother_of_his. **3** And_for_
_sister_of_his the_virgin (the)_near to_him/it who not she_has_
_belonged to_a_husband to/for_her/it he_will_make_himself_
_unclean. **4** Not a_husband among_kinspeople(s)_of_his he_
_will_make_himself_unclean he_to_profane_himself. **5** Not
they_will_make_bald[120] baldness on_head_of_their and_the_
_side_of their_beard_of_their not they_will_shave and_in_flesh_
_of_their not they_will_cut cut[s]. **6** holy they_will_be to_god_
_of_their and_not they_will_profane the_name_of their_god_of_
_their if/because ĐƠM the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** the_food_of
their_god_of_their they are_presenting and_they_will_be a_
_holy_thing. **7** A_woman a_prostitute and_a_woman_profaned
not they_will_take and_a_woman divorced from_husband_of_
_her not they_will_take if/because is_holy he to_god_of_his.
8 And_you_will_set_him_apart_as_holy if/because ĐƠM the_
_food_of your(pl)_god_of_your he is_presenting holy he_will_be
to_you if/because am_holy I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_
_apart_as_holy. **9** And_a_daughter_of a_man_of a_priest
if/because she_will_profane_herself by_acting_as_a_prostitute
ĐƠM father_of_her she is_profaning with_fire she_will_be_
_burnt. **10** And_the_priest (the)_great more_than_of_his_
_brothers whom it_was_poured on his/its_head the_oil_of
(the)_anointing and_he_has_filled ĐƠM his/its_hand to_wear
ĐƠM the_garments ĐƠM his/its_head not he_will_let_
_untie/release and_garments_of_his not he_will_tear. **11** And_to
any_of corpses_of dead_person[s] not he_will_go for_father_of_
_his and_for_mother_of_his not he_will_make_himself_unclean.
12 And_from the_sanctuary not he_will_go_out and_not he_
_will_profane ĐƠM the_sanctuary_of his/its_god if/because the_
_consecration_of the_oil_of (the)_anointing_of his/its_god
on/upon/above_him/it I am_**YHWH**. **13** And_he a_woman in_
_virginiti(es)_of_her he_will_take. **14** A_widow and_a_divorced_
_woman and_a_woman_profaned a_prostitute ĐƠM these not
he_will_take if/because (if) a_virgin from_kinspeople(s)_of_his
he_will_take a_wife. **15** And_not he_will_profane his/its_seed
among_kinspeople(s)_of_his if/because I am_**YHWH** who_sets_
_of_him_apart_as_holy. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh

119 RV 21:5 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:27-28; Deu 14:1.

120 LV 21:5 · Note OSHB variant note: הַחֹרְקִי: (x-qere) וְיַחְרְקִי': lemma_7139 morph_HVqi3mp id_03nEy

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to_saying. **17** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say a_man from_offspring_of_ _your to_generations_of_their whom it_will_be in_him/it a_ _blemish not he_will_draw_near to_present the_food_of his/its_ _god. **18** If/because any_of man whom in/on/over_him/it a_ _blemish not he_will_draw_near a_man blind or lame or having_a_slit_nose or having_something_enlarged. **19** Or a_man whom it_will_be in_him/it a_fracture_of a_foot or a_fracture_of a_hand. **20** Or a_man_hunchbacked or a_man_thin or a_defect in_eye_of_his or a_festering_rash or scab[s] or a_man_crushed_ _of testicle. **21** Any_of man whom in/on/over_him/it a_blemish from_the_offspring_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer not he_will_ _draw_near to_present ~~DOM~~ the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** a_ _blemish in/on/over_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_food_of his/its_god not he_will_draw_near to_present. **22** The_food_of his/its_god from_the_holy_things_of the_holy_things and_from the_holy_ _things he_will_eat. **23** Nevertheless to the_curtain not he_will_ _go and_near/to the_altar not he_will_draw_near if/because a_ _blemish in/on/over_him/it and_not he_will_profane ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_of_my if/because I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_them_ _apart_as_holy. **24** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _near/to sons_of_his and_to all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

22:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his so_that_they_may_separate_ _themselves from_the_holy_things_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my which they are_setting_apart_as_holy to_ _me I am_**YHWH**. **3** Say to_them to_generations_of_your(pl) every_of man who he_will_draw_near from_all offspring_of_ _your(pl) to the_holy_things which the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_set_apart_as_holy to/for_**YHWH** and_ _uncleanness_of_his on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_before_face_of_me I am_**YHWH**. **4** A_man a_man of_the_offspring_of of_'Ah$_a$ron and_he is_having_a_serious_skin_disease or is_discharging in_ _things not he_will_eat until that he_will_be_pure and_the_ _one_who_touches in_all thing_unclean_of a_corpse or anyone whom it_will_go_out from_him/it a_laying_of seed. **5** Or anyone who he_will_touch in_all swarming_thing which it_is_unclean to_him/it or (in)_anyone who he_is_unclean to_him/it to_ _all/each/any/every uncleanness_of_his. **6** Anyone who it_will_ _touch in/on/over_him/it and_it_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening and_not he_will_eat any_of the_holy_things if/because (if) he_has_washed body_of_his with_water. **7** And_ the_sun _it_will_go and_he_will_be_clean and_after he_will_eat any_of the_holy_things if/because food_of_is_his it. **8** A_carcass and_a_torn_animal not he_will_eat to_become_unclean by_it I am_**YHWH**. **9** And_they_will_keep ~~DOM~~ duty_of_my and_not they_will_bear on/upon/above_him/it sin and_they_will_die in_him/it if/because they_will_profane_it I am_**YHWH** who_ _sets_of_them_apart_as_holy. **10** And_all stranger not he_will_ _eat a_holy_thing a_resident_alien_of a_priest and_a_hired_ _labourer not he_will_eat a_holy_thing. **11** And_a_priest if/because he_will_acquire a_person the_acquisition_of his_ _money_of_his he he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it and_(the)_ _one_born_of his_household_of_his they they_will_eat in_food_ _of_his. **12** And_a_daughter_of a_priest if/because she_will_

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swelling, **19** or with a broken foot or hand, **20** or a hunchback or dwarf, or with an eye defect, with a scab or rash, or anyone with a crushed testicle. **21** Any descendant of Aharon the priest with a blemish mustn't approach to preset a gift to Yahweh—no that person mustn't approach to present god's food. **22** However, they can eat those gifts for God, including the sacred and very sacred portions. **23** Despite that, they mustn't enter past the curtain or approach the altar if they have a defect on their body. They mustn't profane my sanctuary because I am Yahweh who sets them apart as 'holy'.

24 So Mosheh (Moses) told all that to Aharon and his sons, and all the Israelis.

Offerings to Yahweh become sacred

22:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses): **2** Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that they must carefully honour the holy things offered by the Israeli people, and they mustn't profane my holy reputation. I am Yahweh. **3** Tell them that throughout the generations, any of your descendants who is 'unclean' and approaches things that have become holy because the people have consecrated them to Yahweh, that person will be cut off from me. I am Yahweh.

4 Any man who's a descendant of Aharon, if he has a skin disease or a discharge, he mustn't eat any of the sacred food until he's 'clean' again. The same applies if he's touched any 'unclean' corpse, anyone who's had a seminal emission, **5** anyone who's touched any swarming creature that makes him 'unclean' or touches another person who makes him 'unclean' (whatever that person's uncleanness is). **6** No, the man who's touched any of those will be 'unclean' until the evening and he mustn't eat any of the sacred food until he's washed his body with water. **7** When the sun sets, then he'll be 'clean' and will be able to eat any of those sacred offerings because that's his food. **8** But he must never eat an animal found dead or torn by wild animals and become 'unclean' in that way. I am Yahweh.

9 The priests must follow my instructions so they won't have to bear their own disobedience and die from it because they profaned them. I am Yahweh who makes them sacred.

10 However, no stranger may eat the sacred food, e.g., someone staying with the priest, or his hired servant. **11** If the priest had purchased the person with cash, then that person can eat it, plus anyone that was born into the priest's household. **12** A priest's daughter who is married by someone who's not a priest can no longer eat those sacred offerings. **13** However, in the future if she became a widow or was divorced without having had children,

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and if she has returned to her father's house like when she was young, then she can eat the same food as her father, but no stranger may eat it.

14 If someone accidentally eats something that's sacred, then they must pay back the full value plus 20% to the priest.

15 So in summary, the priests must not profane the sacred things contributed by the Israelis and which they've offered to Yahweh **16** or else they'll cause themselves to bear the guilt from their disobedience concerning eating sacred food, because I am Yahweh who has separated them to be sacred.

17 The Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

18 Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, and all the Israelis that any Israeli or outsider residing in Yisrael (Israel), when they present their burnt offering to Yahweh, whether it's for a vow or for a freewill offering, **19** to be accepted it must be a male with no defects, whether it's a cow, or a sheep, or a goat. **20** Anything that has a defect must *not* be presented because it wouldn't be acceptable on your behalf.[121] **21** When someone presents a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or the flock, to be accepted it must flawless with no defects— **22** not blind or with broken bones, and not maimed or with an oozing sore or rash or scab. You all mustn't present anything like that to Yahweh, and must not even offering any part of them to Yahweh on the altar. **23** However, if a cow or a sheep has something enlarged or something stunted, it can be offered as a freewill offering, but it wouldn't be accepted for a vow, **24** and you all must never present to Yahweh any animal that's bruised or torn or cut.[122] You mustn't do that in your country.

25 You all mustn't present any of those animals raised by foreigners to your god because they've been ruined and are defective,[123] so they won't be accepted for you.

26 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

27 A newborn calf or lamb or goat must remain with its mother for seven days—it can be offered as a sacrifice to Yahweh from the eighth day onwards, **28** but you mustn't slaughter a cow or a sheep and its offspring on the same day. **29** When you offer a thanksgiving sacrifice to Yahweh, it must be acceptable as a sacrifice **30** and you can eat it that same day but no part of it should be left until the morning. I am Yahweh.

31 You all must record my instructions and follow them. I am Yahweh. **32** You mustn't profane the reputation of my holiness, and I will demonstrate my holiness among the Israeli people. I am Yahweh who separates you all to be sacred— **33** who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be your god. I am Yahweh.

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_belong to_a_man strange she in_the_contribution_of the_holy_ _things not she_will_eat. **13** And_a_daughter_of a_priest if/because she_will_be a_widow and_a_divorced_woman and_ _offspring there_belongs_not to/for_her/it and_she_will_ _return to the_house_of her_father_of_her like_youth(s)_of_her any_of_the_food_of her_father_of_her she_will_eat and_all stranger not he_will_eat in/on/over_him/it. **14** And_anyone if/because he_will_eat a_holy_thing by_inadvertence and_he_ _will_add its_of_fifth on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_gave to_priest ~~DOM~~ the_holy_thing. **15** And_not they_will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_holy_things_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ which they_will_lift_up to/for_**YHWH**. **16** And_they_will_cause_ _to_bear them iniquity_of guilt when_eat_they ~~DOM~~ things_of_ _their_holy if/because I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_them_apart_ _as_holy. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **18** Speak to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to sons_of_his and_near/to all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them a_ _person a_person of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_sojourner[s] in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_will_present present_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every vows_of_their and_ _to/for_all offerings_of_their_freewill which they_will_present to/for_**YHWH** to_a_burnt_offering. **19** For_acceptance_of_ _your(pl) will_be_unblemished a_male among_cattle among_ _rams and_among_goats. **20** All that in/on/over_him/it a_ _blemish not you(pl)_will_present if/because not for_ _acceptance it_will_be your(pl). **21** And_anyone if/because he_ _will_present a_sacrifice_of peace_offering(s) to/for_**YHWH** to_ _fulfill a_vow or to_a_freewill_offering in_herd or in_flock unblemished it_will_be for_acceptance any_of blemish not it_ _will_be in/on/over_him/it. **22** Blindness or a_fracture or a_ _mutilation or a_running_sore or a_festering_rash or scab[s] not you(pl)_will_present these to/for_**YHWH** and_a_fire_ _offering not you(pl)_must_give from_them on the_altar to/for_**YHWH**. **23** And_an_ox and_a_sheep having_something_ _enlarged and_having_something_stunted a_freewill_offering you_will_offer ~~DOM~~_him/it and_for_a_vow not it_will_be_ _accepted. **24** And_one_which_is_squeezed and_one_which_is_ _crushed and_one_which_is_torn and_one_which_is_cut not you(pl)_will_present to/for_**YHWH** and_in_land_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_will_do_it. **25** And_from_the_hand_of a_son_of foreignness not you(pl)_must_present ~~DOM~~ the_food_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) from_all these_animals if/because disfigurement_of_their (is)_in_them a_blemish is_in_them not they_will_be_accepted for_you(pl). **26** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **27** An_ox or a_young_ram or a_ _goat if/because it_will_be_born and_it_was seven_of days under his/its_mother and_from_the_day_of (the)_eighth and_ _onwards it_will_be_accepted to_a_present_of a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **28** And_an_ox or a_sheep ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ his/its_son not you(pl)_must_cut_the_throat_of in/on_day one. **29** And_because/when you(pl)_will_sacrifice a_sacrifice_of thanksgiving to/for_**YHWH** for_acceptance_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_sacrifice_it. **30** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be_

121 RV 22:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:1.

122 RV 22:24 · Note The Septuagint mentions 'testicles' here, which also correlates with 21:20.

123 RV 22:25 · Note Could this be related to the fact that they'd been neutered (as per v24 in the Septuagint)???

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_eaten not you(pl)_will_leave_over from_him/it until morning I am_**YHWH**. **31** And_you(pl)_will_keep commands_of_my and_ _you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_them I am_**YHWH**. **32** And_not you(pl)_ _will_profane ~~DOM~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my and_I_will_ _show_myself_holy in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I am_**YHWH** who_sets_of_you(pl)_apart_as_ _holy. **33** Who_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god I am_**YHWH**.

23:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them the_ _appointed_feasts_of **YHWH** which you(pl)_will_proclaim ~~DOM~~_ _them convocations_of holiness these they appointed_feasts_ _of_are_my.

3 Six_of days work it_will_be_done and_will_on_the_day the_ _seventh a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance a_convocation_of holiness any_of work not you(pl)_will_do will_be_a_sabbath it to/for_**YHWH** in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling. **4** These are_the_appointed_feasts_of **YHWH** convocations_of holiness which you(pl)_will_proclaim ~~DOM~~_them at_their_appointed_of_ _time.

5 Will_in_the_month (the)_first on_day_four- teen of_month between the_evenings a_passover to/for_**YHWH**. **6** And_will_ _be_on_the_fif- teen day of_month the_this the_festival_of (the)_unleavened_bread(s) to/for_**YHWH** seven_of days unleavened_bread(s) you(pl)_will_eat. **7** In_the_day (the)_first a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **8** And_you(pl)_will_ _present a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** seven_of days in_the_ _day the_seventh a_convocation_of holiness any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do.

9 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them if/because you(pl)_will_go into the_earth/land which I am_ _about_to_give to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_harvest ~~DOM~~ harvest_of_its and_you(pl)_will_bring ~~DOM~~ (the)_sheaf_of (the)_ _first_fruit_of your_harvest_of_your(pl) to the_priest/officer. **11** And_he_will_wave ~~DOM~~ the_sheaf to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** for_acceptance_of_your(pl) from_the_next_ _day_of the_sabbath he_will_wave_it the_priest/officer. **12** And_ _you(pl)_will_offer in/on_day wave_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_sheaf a_ _male_lamb unblemished a_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_ _offering to/for_**YHWH**. **13** And_its_grain_of_offering will_be_ _two_of tenths fine_flour mixed with_oil a_fire_offering to/for_ _**YHWH** an_odour_of soothing and_its_drink_of_offering[128] will_be_wine (the)_fourth_of (the)_hin. **14** And_bread and_ _roasted_grain and_new_corn not you(pl)_will_eat until the_ _substance_of the_day the_this until bring_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _present_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) a_regulation_of

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23:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

The scheduled festivals

2 Tell the Israelis that they must proclaim Yahweh's scheduled festivals as sacred assemblies at the given times.

3 Work for six days, then the seventh is a rest day for a sacred assembly—don't work on that day—wherever you live it's a rest day to honour Yahweh.[124]

The rest day

4 The following are the scheduled festivals that you must proclaim at the appointed times as sacred assemblies:

5 The 14th of the first month (Nisan = March/April) each year at twilight is the start of the celebration to honour Yahweh with the 'passover'.[126]

Passover and flat bread festivals[125]

6 Then the next day (the 15th) is the start of the festival of flat bread to honour Yahweh—you all must eat bread made without any rising agent for seven days.[127] **7** On that first day you'll hold a sacred assembly—no regular work may be done that day. **8** For seven days you all must present offerings to Yahweh, then the seventh day is another sacred assembly—again no regular work may be done that day.

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

The firstfruits festival

10 Tell the Israelis that when you enter the land that I'm giving you all, and you harvest your grain crops, then you all must bring a sheaf of the first part of your harvest to a priest, **11** and he will wave the sheaf in front of Yahweh to be accepted for you. That must be done the day after the rest day. **12** That same day, you all must offer a year-old lamb with no defects to Yahweh as a burnt offering, **13** and the associated grain offering will be two kilograms of fine wheat flour mixed with olive oil. That will be a gift to Yahweh with a pleasing aroma, and the associated drink offering will be a litre of wine. **14** You all may not eat any bread, or roasted or fresh grain, on that day, until after you've taken the offering to your god. That is a rule that will continue throughout your generations no matter where you live.

124 **RV 23:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:8-10; 23:12; 31:15; 34:21; 35:2; Deu 5:12-14.

125 **RV 23:5 · Parallel** Num. 28:16-25

126 **RV 23:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-13; Deu 16:1-2.

127 **RV 23:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:14-20; 23:15; 34:18; Deu 16:3-8.

128 **LV 23:13 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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The fiftieth day festival[129]

15 Then count seven rest days from the day after you brought the bundle of grain as a wave offering—seven full weeks.[130] 16 Then that next day will make fifty days, and then you all must present a new grain offering to Yahweh. 17 From your homes, each family must bring two loaves of bread baked with a rising agent, as a firstfruits offering to Yahweh. 18 Along with the bread, you all must present seven year-old male lambs without defects, one young bull, and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to Yahweh, with their associated grain and drink offerings—a gift with a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. 19 You all must also offer a male goat as a sin offering and two one-year-old male lambs as a peace offering. 20 The priest must raise them along with the firstfruits bread as a wave offering in front of Yahweh, with the two lambs. They will become sacred to Yahweh, but for the priest to eat. 21 You all must proclaim a sacred assembly that same day—you mustn't do any regular work. That is a permanent rule that will continue throughout the generations no matter where you live.

22 When you all harvest your crops, don't cut the stalks to the very edge of your field and don't pick up stalks that drop on the ground—they must be left for the poor and for foreigners without land.[131] I am your god, Yahweh.

The new year festival[132]

23 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 24 "Tell the Israelis that on the 1st of the seventh month (Tishrei = September/October) each year, you must have a public holiday with a loud trumpet blast announcing the sacred assembly. 25 You all must not do any regular work on that day, and you all must present a fire-offering to Yahweh."

The day of atonement[133]

26 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 27 "The 10th of that seventh month is a day for making things right with Yahweh.[134] You all must hold a sacred assembly and humble yourselves and present a fire-offering to Yahweh. 28 You mustn't do any work on that particular day because it's the day for making yourselves right in front of your god Yahweh, 29 because anyone who doesn't humble themself on that day will be cut off from their people. 30 In addition, I will destroy anyone who works on that day—removing them

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perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_ _your(pl)_dwelling.
15 And_you(pl)_will_count to/for_you(pl) from_the_next_day_ _of the_sabbath from_the_day_of brought_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _sheaf_of the_wave-offering seven sabbaths complete they_ _will_be. 16 Until from_the_next_day_of the_sabbath (the)_ _seventh you(pl)_will_count fifty day[s] and_you(pl)_will_ _present a_grain_offering new to/for_**YHWH**. 17 From_ _your(pl)_dwelling_of_places you(pl)_will_bring bread_of a_ _wave-offering two two_of tenths fine_flour they_will_be leaven they_will_be_baked first-fruits to/for_**YHWH**. 18 And_ _you(pl)_will_present with the_bread seven_of male_lambs unblemished sons_of a_year and_a_bull a_young_one_of the_ _herd one and_rams two they_will_be a_burnt_offering to/for_ _**YHWH** and_their_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_ _offerings a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. 19 And_you(pl)_will_offer a_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering and_two_of male_lambs sons_of a_year to_a_ _sacrifice_of peace_offering(s). 20 And_ the_priest/officer _he_ _will_wave ~~DOM~~_them with the_bread_of the_first-fruits a_ _wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** with two_of male_lambs a_holy_thing they_will_be to/for_ _**YHWH** for_priest. 21 And_you(pl)_will_proclaim on_the_ _substance_of the_day the_this a_convocation_of holiness it_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_ _will_do a_regulation_of perpetuity in_all places_of_your(pl)_ _dwelling to_generations_of_your(pl). 22 And_when_harvest_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_harvest_of your_land_of_your(pl) not you_ _will_finish the_side_of your_field_of_your when_harvest_you and_the_remnant_of your_harvest_of_your not you_will_gather for_person and_for_sojourner you_will_leave ~~DOM~~_them I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).
23 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 24 Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say in_month the_seventh on_ _day_one of_month it_will_be to/for_you(pl) a_sabbath_ _observance a_memorial_of a_sound_of_a_loud_blast a_ _convocation_of holiness. 25 Any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do and_you(pl)_will_present a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.

26 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 27 Surely on_ten of_month the_seventh the_this is_the_day_of (the)_ _atonement(s) it a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_afflict ~~DOM~~ selves_of_your(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_present a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. 28 And_all work not you(pl)_will_do on_the_substance_of the_day the_this if/because is_a_day_of atonement(s) it to_make_atonement on_ _yourselves to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). 29 If/because any_of the_living_creatures who not it_ _will_humble_itself on_the_substance_of the_day the_this and_

129 **RV 23:15 · Parallel** Num. 28:26-31
130 **RV 23:15-21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:16; 34:22; Deu 16:9-12.
131 **RV 23:22 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:9-10; Deu 24:19-22.
132 **RV 23:23 · Parallel** Num. 29:1-6
133 **RV 23:26 · Parallel** Num. 29:7-11
134 **RV 23:27 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:29-34.

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_it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its. **30** And_all the_
_living_creatures who it_will_do any_of work on_the_
_substance_of the_day the_this and_I_will_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_living_creatures the_that from_the_midst_of its_people_of_
_her. **31** Any_of work not you(pl)_will_do a_regulation_of
perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_
_your(pl)_dwelling. **32** Is_a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance it
to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_afflict ᴅᴏᴍ selves_of_your(pl)
on_day_nine of_month in_evening from_evening until evening
you(pl)_will_cease sabbath_of_your(pl).
33 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **34** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say is_on_the_fif- teen day of_
_month the_seventh the_this the_festival_of (the)_booths
seven_of days to_**YHWH**. **35** In_the_day (the)_first a_
_convocation_of holiness any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_
_will_do. **36** Seven_of days you(pl)_will_present a_fire_offering
to/for_**YHWH** in_the_day (the)_eighth a_convocation_of
holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_present a_
_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** is_an_assembly it any_of work_of
servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **37** These are_the_appointed_
_feasts_of **YHWH** which you(pl)_will_proclaim ᴅᴏᴍ_them
convocations_of holiness to_present a_fire_offering to/for_
_**YHWH** a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering a_sacrifice and_
_drink_offerings a_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **38** (From)_
_besides_of the_sabbaths_of **YHWH** and_(from)_besides_of
gifts_of_your(pl) and_(from)_besides_of all_of vows_of_your(pl)
and_(from)_besides_of all_of offerings_of_your(pl)_freewill
which you(pl)_will_give to/for_**YHWH**. **39** Surely on_the_fif-
teen day of_month the_seventh when_you_have_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ
the_produce_of the_earth/land you(pl)_will_celebrate_a_
_festival ᴅᴏᴍ the_festival_of **YHWH** seven_of days in_the_day
(the)_first a_sabbath_observance and_is_on_day (the)_eighth a_
_sabbath_observance. **40** And_you(pl)_will_take to/for_you(pl)
in_the_day (the)_first fruit_of tree[s]_of splendour branches_of
palm_trees and_branch[es]_of tree[s] leafy and_poplars_of a_
_wadi and_you(pl)_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) seven_of days. **41** And_
_you(pl)_will_celebrate_a_festival ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_festival to/for_
_**YHWH** seven_of days in_year a_regulation_of perpetuity to_
_generations_of_your(pl) in_month the_seventh you(pl)_will_
_celebrate_as_a_festival ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **42** In_booths you(pl)_will_
_dwell seven_of days every_of (the)_native-born in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_dwell in_booths. **43** So_that
generations_of_your(pl) they_may_know if/because_that in_
_booths I_caused_to_dwell ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
when_I_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt)
I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **44** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke
ᴅᴏᴍ the_appointed_feasts_of **YHWH** to the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

24:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.
2 Command ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_bring to_you oil_of olive[s] pure pressed for_light to_lift_up a_
_lamp continually. **3** From_the_outside of_the_curtain_of of_

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from their people. **31** You all must not do any work. That's a permanent rule that will continue throughout the generations no matter where you live— **32** it's a very strict rest day and you all must humble yourselves from the evening of the 9th until the next evening when it will finish.

The celebration in shelters[135]

33 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
34 Tell the Israelis that starting on the 15th of the seventh month (of Tishrei—around September/October), there will be a celebration in shelters to honour Yahweh.[136]
35 The first day will be a sacred assembly—you all mustn't do any regular work. **36** You all must present a gift to Yahweh each day for seven days, and then on the eighth day, there'll be another sacred assembly and you'll all present a gift to Yahweh. It'll be a day to assemble—you all mustn't do any regular work that day.
37 The above are the scheduled dates to proclaim sacred assemblies to present a gift to Yahweh: burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, on the appropriate days, **38** as well as Yahweh's rest days, and alongside all your regular gifts and vows and freewill offerings that you all give to Yahweh.
39 So indeed, on the 15th of the seventh month when you have harvested your crops, you'll all celebrate Yahweh's festival for seven days with the first and eighth days being rest days. **40** On that first day, you'll all bring the fruit from your trees, along with palm branches, leafy branches, and willow branches from beside the creeks, and you'll all happily celebrate in front of your god Yahweh for seven days. **41** Do that for seven days each year as a festival to honour Yahweh. you all must celebrate it in the seventh month. That's a permanent rule that will continue throughout the generations. **42** You all must live in shelters for seven days—all you native-born Israelis, **43** so that the future generations will know that I made their ancestors live in shelters when I brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am your god Yahweh.
44 So Mosheh (Moses) passed all those scheduled dates from Yahweh, on to the Israelis.

Oil for the lamps[137]

24:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 Order the Israelis to bring you pressed olive oil that's pure, to supply lamps to give continual light. **3** The high priest (Aharon

135 **RV 23:33 · Parallel** Num. 29:12-40
136 **RV 23:34 · Cross-ref.** Deu 16:13-15.
137 **RV 24:1 · Parallel** Exo. 27:20-21

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(Aaron)) must take care of them from evening until the morning to burn continually in front of Yahweh. That's a permanent requirement that will continue throughout the generations. **4** He will arrange the lamps continually on the lampstand in front of Yahweh.

The bread offered there to God

5 Each week you must take fine wheat flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two kilograms of flour for each loaf.[138] **6** Arrange the loaves into two rows of six loaves on the pure table in front of Yahweh, **7** and put pure frankincense with each row to be a memorial portion for the bread as a gift to Yahweh. **8** Every rest day it will be placed in front of Yahweh representing the ongoing agreement with the Israelis. **9** Afterwards, it will belong to Aharon (Aaron) and his sons, and they must eat it in a sacred area[139] because it's a very sacred part of the gifts for Yahweh. That's a permanent rule.

Execution for cursing Yahweh

10 Once there was an Israeli woman and an Mitsri (Egyptian) man who had a son who lived among the Israelis, and he got into a fight with an Israeli man. **11** Then that son of the Israeli woman slandered Yahweh's name and cursed, and so the people took him to Mosheh (Moses). (The mother was Shelomit, a daughter of Divri from the Dan tribe.) **12** They held him in custody while waiting for Yahweh's decision.

13 Then Yahweh told Mosheh:

14 Take that man who cursed outside the camp, and everyone who heard him must place their hands on his head, and then all the people must execute him by throwing rocks at him. **15** Then tell the people that anyone who curses God must bear the results of their own wickedness. **16** Anyone who slanders Yahweh's reputation must be executed. The gathered assembly must throw rocks at them. It makes no difference whether they're a foreigner staying there, or a native-born Israeli.

17 Anyone who murders another person, must definitely be executed.[140] **18** Anyone who kills someone else's animal, must make restitution with the same kind of animal.

19 Anyone who injures a fellow citizen, must have the same done to them— **20** fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth—however they injured the other person, that's what must be done to them.[141] **21** Anyone who kills someone else's animal must replace it, but anyone who kills another person must be executed. **22** There's only one set of regulations for both the foreigner and the native-born citizen[142] because I am your god Yahweh.

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_the_transcript in_the_tent_of meeting 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_
_arrange ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_evening until morning to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** continually a_regulation_of
perpetuity to_generations_of_your(pl). **4** On the_lampstand
(the)_pure he_will_arrange ᴅᴏᴍ the_lamps to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** continually.
5 And_you_will_take fine_flour and_you_will_bake ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it
two_plus ten cakes two_of tenths it_will_be the_cake (the)_one.
6 And_you_will_place them two rows six the_row on the_table
(the)_pure to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **7** And_
_you_will_put on the_row frankincense pure and_it_will_belong
to_bread to_a_memorial_offering a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.
8 In/on_day of_the_sabbath in/on_day of_the_sabbath he_will_
_arrange_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**
continually from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_
_covenant_of perpetuity. **9** And_it_will_belong to_'Ah$_a$ron and_
_to_sons_of_his and_they_will_eat_it in_a_place holy if/because
is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it to_him/it from_the_fire_
_offerings_of **YHWH** a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity.
10 And_ a_son_of a_woman Israelite _he/it_went_out and_he
was_a_son_of a_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) in_
_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_struggled_
_together in_camp the_son_of the_Israelite_woman and_the_
_man_of the_Israelite[s]. **11** And_ the_son_of the_woman (the)_
_Israelite _he_slandered ᴅᴏᴍ the_name and_he_cursed and_
_people_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Mosheh and_name_of his/its_
_mother was_Shəlomīt the_daughter_of Divrī of_the_tribe_of
of_Dān. **12** And_they_placed_him in_custody to_decide to/for_
_them on the_mouth_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to
Mosheh to_saying. **14** Bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_who_cursed to
from_the_outside of_camp and_ all_of those_who_heard _they_
_will_lean ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their on his/its_head and_ all_of the_
_congregation _they_will_stone ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **15** And_near/to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_speak to_say a_person
a_person if/because he_will_curse his/its_god and_he_will_
_bear sin_of_his. **16** And_one_who_slanders the_name_of
YHWH surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death surely_(stone)
they_will_stone in_him/it all_of the_congregation as_sojourner
as_native-born when_slanders_he the_name he_will_be_put_to_
_death. **17** And_anyone if/because he_will_strike_down any_of
life_of humankind surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death.
18 And_one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_the_life_of an_animal
he_will_repay_it a_life in_place_of a_life. **19** And_anyone
if/because he_will_make a_blemish on_his_fellow_of_citizen
just_as he_has_done so it_will_be_done for_him/it. **20** A_
_fracture in_place_of a_fracture an_eye in_place_of an_eye a_
_tooth in_place_of a_tooth just_as he_will_make a_blemish on_
_person so it_will_be_made in/on/over_him/it. **21** And_one_
_who_strikes_down_of (of)_an_animal he_will_repay_it and_
_one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person he_will_be_put_to_
_death. **22** Judgement_of (of)_one it_will_belong to/for_you(pl)

138 **RV 24:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:30.

139 **RV 24:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:4; Mrk 2:26; Luk 6:4.

140 **RV 24:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:12.

141 **RV 24:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:23-25; Deu 19:21; Mat 5:38.

142 **RV 24:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 15:16.

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as_sojourner as_native-born it_will_be if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **23** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_brought_out ÐOM the_one_who_had_ _cursed to from_the_outside of_camp and_they_stoned ÐOM_ _him/it stone[s] and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did just_ _as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh.

25:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh on_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay to_say. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_ _will_say to_them if/because you(pl)_will_go into the_ _earth/land which I am_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) and_ the_ _earth/land _it_will_cease a_sabbath to/for_**YHWH**. **3** Six years you_will_sow field_of_your and_six years you_will_prune vineyard_of_your and_you_will_gather ÐOM produce_of_its. **4** And_in_year (the)_seventh a_sabbath_of sabbath_observance it_will_belong to_land a_sabbath to/for_**YHWH** field_of_your not you_will_sow and_vineyard_of_your not you_will_prune. **5** ÐOM the_self-sown_grain_of your_harvest_of_your not you_ _will_harvest and_ÐOM the_grapes_of your(pl)_untrimmed_ _vine_of_your not you_will_gather_grapes a_year_of sabbath_ _observance it_will_belong to_land. **6** And_it_will_belong the_ _sabbath_of the_earth/land to/for_you(pl) for_food to/for_ _yourself(m) and_to_your_male_of_slave and_to_your_female_ _of_slave and_to_your_hired_of_labourer and_to_your_ _resident_of_alien[s] who_are_sojourning with_you. **7** And_to_ _livestock_of_your and_to_animal[s] which is_in_land_of_your it_will_be all_of produce_of_its to_eat.
8 And_you_will_count to/for_yourself(m) seven sabbaths_of years seven years seven times and_they_will_be to/for_ _yourself(m) the_days_of seven the_sabbaths_of (the)_years nine and_forty year[s]. **9** And_you_will_cause_to_pass_through a_ram's_horn_of the_sound_of_a_loud_blast in_month (the)_ _seventh on_ten of_month in/on_day of_(the)_atonement(s) you(pl)_will_cause_to_pass a_ram's_horn in_all land_of_ _your(pl). **10** And_you(pl)_will_set_apart_as_holy ÐOM the_year_ _of the_fifty year and_you(pl)_will_proclaim liberty on_the_ _earth to/from_all/each/any/every inhabitants_of_its a_jubilee it it_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_return each_one to possession_of_his each_one to clan_of_his you(pl)_will_return. **11** A_jubilee it the_year_of the_fifty year it_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) not you(pl)_will_sow and_not you(pl)_will_harvest ÐOM grain_of_its_self-sown and_not you(pl)_will_gather_grapes ÐOM vines_of_its_untrimmed. **12** If/because is_a_jubilee it a_holy_ _thing it_will_be to/for_you(pl) from the_field you(pl)_will_eat ÐOM produce_of_its. **13** In_year of_the_jubilee (the)_this you(pl)_will_return each_one to possession_of_his. **14** And_ _because/when you(pl)_will_sell a_thing_sold to_your_fellow_ _of_citizen or you_will_buy from_the_hand_of your_fellow_ _citizen_of_your do_not maltreat each ÐOM his/its_brother. **15** By_the_number_of years after the_jubilee you_will_buy from_with citizen_of_your_fellow by_the_number_of the_years_ _of produce(s) he_will_sell_it to/for_you(fs). **16** To_the_mouth_ _of the_abundance_of the_years you_will_increase price_of_its_ _purchase and_to_the_mouth_of the_years of_the_being_small

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23 Mosheh (Moses) passed all that onto the people, and they took the man who had cursed Yahweh outside the camp where they executed him with rocks. The Israelis did exactly what Yahweh had commanded them via Mosheh.

The rest year[143]

25:1 Then on Mt. Sinay, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):
2 Tell the Israelis that when you all enter the land that I'm giving you, the land must observe a rest year for Yahweh. **3** You can plant your crops, prune your grapevines, and harvest all its produce for six years, **4** but during the seventh year, you must allow the land to rest to honour Yahweh.[144] You mustn't plant any crops or prune any grapevines. **5** Don't systematically harvest the self-sown crops or the grapes from the untrimmed vines. It must be a rest year for the land. **6** However, during the rest year, the land will provide food for you and your servants, and for your hired workers and the foreigners who are living among you, **7** as well as your livestock and the wild animals across the land. Any produce from the land can be eaten.

The restoration celebration year

8 Count off seven rest years, so seven times seven which is forty-nine years, **9** then after that, sound loud horn blasts on the 10th of the seventh month to announce throughout the land that it's the day for making things right with Yahweh. **10** Then you all must declare that fiftieth year to be sacred. It'll be a restoration celebration year when you announce freedom for all the inhabitants of the country—everyone can be free to return to their families, and all families can be free to return to their originally inherited land. **11** That fiftieth year will be a restoration celebration year. You all mustn't plant crops and don't systematically harvest the self-sown crops or the grapes from the untrimmed vines, **12** because it's a restoration celebration year. You all must treat it as sacred and just eat what you take directly from the countryside.
13 In that restoration celebration year, you all should return to your inherited land. **14** In the other years when you buy or sell from your fellow citizens, you mustn't cheat them **15** because the value of the land will depend on the number of years after the restoration celebration year, i.e., you must take into account the number of years of produce— **16** if there's many years to go, the price will increase, and if the next rest year is close, the price will decrease because you're selling the number of crops. **17** So don't cheat eat other—you must respect and obey your god, because I am your god Yahweh.

143 **RV 25:1 · Parallel** Deu. 15:1-11

144 **RV 25:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:10-11.

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18 You all must follow all my instructions and maintain my values—keeping them so that you'll be able to live securely on the land. 19 The land will yield its crops and you'll all have plenty to eat, and you'll be able to live there securely.

20 But if you all wonder what you'll eat in that seventh year when you'll neither plant crops or do organised harvests, 21 well I'll send my blessing to you all in the sixth year, and it'll produce enough for three years 22 so you all can still eat that stored food while you plant crops in the eighth year to feed you all through the ninth year.

Returning property to the clan

23 The land can not be irrevocably sold, because it belongs to me and you all are foreigners and temporary residents on my land. 24 so for all the land that you take possession of, there must be a way to get back the family land. 25 For example, if an Israeli man becomes poor and sells off some of his inherited land, then a close relative must have the right to go and buy back that land. 26 Even if he didn't have a relative who could do that, and he prospers again in the future and is able to raise enough money, 27 then he can calculate the value of the years until the restoration celebration, and then for that amount he must be allowed to buy the land back from the person he'd sold it to. 28 However, if the original owner wasn't able to raise enough money, then that piece of land that was sold will remain under the control of the buyer until the restoration celebration year when it must be returned anyway.

29 If a house inside a walled city is sold, then the right to buy it back will last until one full year after the sale. 30 If it's not bought back by the original family within that year, then that house in the walled city will then belong permanently to the buyer—it won't be returned in the restoration celebration year. 31 On the contrary, village houses will be considered as part of the family land, so they'll be able to be bought back by the family, otherwise they'll be returned in the restoration celebration year.

32 The Levites' cities and houses will belong to them permanently—the Levites must *always* be able to buy them back, 33 but even if they don't buy them back, they must be returned in the restoration celebration year because the Levites' houses are their only possession among the Israelis. 34 In addition, they may not sell the pastureland around their cities because that's

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you_will_make_small price_of_its_purchase if/because the_ _number_of produce(s) he is_selling to/for_you(fs). 17 And_not you(pl)_will_maltreat anyone ~~DOM~~ citizen_of_his_fellow and_ _you_will_fear from_god_of_your if/because I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl). 18 And_you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_you(pl)_ _will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_you(pl)_will_dwell on the_earth/land to_security. 19 And_ the_earth/land _it_will_give fruit_of_its and_you(pl)_will_eat to_abundance and_you(pl)_will_dwell to_ _security on_it. 20 And_because/when you(pl)_will_say what will_we_eat[145][146] in_year (the)_seventh HERE not we_will_sow and_not we_will_gather ~~DOM~~ produce_of_our. 21 And_I_will_ _command ~~DOM~~ blessing_of_my to/for_you(pl) in_year (the)_ _sixth and_it_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_produce for_the_three the_ _years. 22 And_you(pl)_will_sow ~~DOM~~ the_year (the)_eighth and_you(pl)_will_eat from the_produce old_harvest until the_ _year (the)_ninth until produce_of_its comes you(pl)_will_eat old_harvest.

23 And_the_earth not it_will_be_sold to_perpetuity if/because to_me the_earth/land if/because are_sojourners and_resident_ _aliens you(pl) with_me. 24 And_in_all_of the_land_of your_ _possession_of_your(pl) the_right_of_redemption you(pl)_will_ _give for_land. 25 If/because your(ms)_brother/kindred he_ _will_become_impoverished and_he_will_sell some_of_his_ _possession and_ kinsman-redeemer_of_his (the)_near to_ _him/it _he_will_come and_he_will_redeem ~~DOM~~ the_thing_ _sold_of his/its_brother. 26 And_anyone if/because not he_will_ _belong for_him/it a_kinsman-redeemer and_ his/its_hand _it_ _will_reach and_he_will_find according_to_the_sufficiency_of its_redemption_of_his. 27 And_he_will_calculate ~~DOM~~ the_ _years_of its_sale_of_his and_he_will_repay ~~DOM~~ the_surplus to_ _person whom he_sold_it to_him/it and_he_will_return to_ _possession_of_his. 28 And_if not his/its_hand it_has_found sufficiency_of (of)_to_repay to_him/it and_ sold_of_his_thing _ _it_was in_the_hand_of the_one_who_bought ~~DOM~~_him/it until the_year_of the_jubilee and_it_will_go_out in_jubilee and_he_ _will_return to_possession_of_his. 29 And_anyone if/because he_will_sell a_house_of dwelling_of a_city a_wall and_it_will_be of_redemption_of_its_right until the_year_of its_sale_of_his is_ _finished days of_redemption_of_its_right it_will_be. 30 And_if not it_will_be_redeemed until is_completed to_him/it a_year complete and_it_will_stand the_house which is_in_city which wwww[147] a_wall to_perpetuity to_who_bought ~~DOM~~_him/it to_ _generations_of_his not it_will_go_out in_jubilee. 31 And_the_ _houses_of the_villages which there_belongs_not to/for_them a_wall round_about to the_field_of the_earth/land it_will_be_ _reckoned a_right_of_redemption it_will_belong for_him/it and_in_jubilee it_will_go_out. 32 And_the_cities_of the_Lēviyyiy the_houses_of the_cities_of their_possession_of_their a_right_ _of_redemption_of perpetuity it_will_belong to_Lēviyyiy. 33 And_which one_of the_Lēviyyiy he_will_redeem and_ the_ _sale_of the_house and_the_city_of his_possession_of_his _it_ _will_go_out in_jubilee if/because the_houses_of the_cities_of

145 **LV 25:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

146 **LV 25:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

147 **LV 25:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) יֹ֫/לֹ: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_03mN4 יֹ֫/לֹ

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the_Lēviyyiy it possession_of_is_their in_the_middle the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **34** And_the_field_of the_pasture_ _land_of their_cities_of_their not it_will_be_sold if/because is_ _a_possession_of perpetuity it to/for_them.

35 And_because/when your(ms)_brother/kindred he_will_ _become_impoverished and_ his/its_hand _it_will_slip with_ _you and_you_will_strengthen in/on/over_him/it a_sojourner and_a_resident_alien and_he/it_will_live with_you. **36** Do_not take from_with_him interest and_usury and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your and_ your(ms)_brother/kindred _he_will_ _live with_you. **37** ~~DOM~~ silver_of_your not you_will_give to_ _him/it for_interest and_for_increase not you_will_give food_ _of_your. **38** I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_give to/for_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_be to/for_ _you(pl) (into)_god.

39 And_because/when your(ms)_brother/kindred he_will_ _become_impoverished with_you and_he_will_sell_himself to/for_you(fs) not you_will_labour in/on/over_him/it the_ _labour_of a_slave. **40** Like_a_hired_labourer like_a_resident_ _alien he_will_be with_you until the_year_of the_jubilee he_ _will_serve with_you. **41** And_he_will_go_out from_with_you he and_sons_of_his with_him/it and_he_will_return to clan_of_his and_near/to the_possession_of his_ancestors_of_his he_will_ _return. **42** If/because servants_of_are_my they whom I_ _brought_out ~~DOM~~_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim not they_ _will_be_sold a_sale_of a_slave. **43** Not you_will_rule in_him/it with_harshness and_you_will_fear from_god_of_your. **44** And_ _your_male_of_slave and_your_female_of_slave who they_will_ _belong to/for_you(fs) from_with the_nations which are_ _around_of_you(pl) from_them you(pl)_will_buy a_male_slave and_a_female_slave. **45** And_also from_(the)_sons of_the_ _resident_aliens who_sojourn with_you(pl) from_them you(pl)_ _will_buy and_from_clan_of_their which is_with_you(pl) which they_have_fathered in_land_of_your(pl) and_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) to_a_possession. **46** And_you(pl)_will_give_as_ _an_inheritance[151] ~~DOM~~_them to_sons_of_your(pl) after_you(pl) to_inherit a_possession to_vanishing_point (is)_in_them you(pl)_will_labour and_over_brothers_of_your(pl) the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) each over_brother_of_his not you_will_rule in_him/it with_harshness. **47** And_because/when the_hand_of a_sojourner and_a_resident_alien with_you it_will_reach and_ your(ms)_brother/kindred with_him/it _he_will_become_ _impoverished and_he_will_sell_himself to_a_sojourner a_ _resident_alien with_you or to_a_member_of the_clan_of a_ _sojourner. **48** After he_has_sold_himself a_right_of_ _redemption it_will_belong for_him/it one of_brothers_of_his he_will_redeem_him. **49** Or uncle_of_his or the_son_of his_ _uncle_of_his he_will_redeem_him or any_of_the_relative[s]_of his_flesh_of_his from_clan_of_his he_will_redeem_him or

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their permanent possession.

Assisting the poor

35 If a fellow citizen becomes poor and is unable to survive beside you, then you must support that person and allow him to live with you like a foreigner might.[148] **36** You mustn't charge that person any interest or make a profit from him, but you must respect and obey your god, and your fellow citizen can continue to live with you. **37** If you loan him money, don't charge interest or make a profit from his food.[149] **38** I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to give you the Kena'an (Canaan) region and to be your god.

Treatment of slaves

39 If a fellow citizen becomes poor and selling himself to you, don't force him to work like a slave[150]— **40** treat him like a hired worker or a temporary resident. He can work with you until the restoration celebration year **41** when he must be released along with his children, and he can return to his family, and to his clan's land, **42** because they are my slaves that I brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) so they mustn't be sold again as slaves. **43** Don't rule harshly over them but rather, respect and obey your god. **44** If you want to have male or female slaves, they you can buy them from the surrounding countries, **45** or else from the children or clans of the foreigners who are living among you—you all can own them **46** and then pass them on to your children to own as their inheritance. You all can make them work indefinitely for you, but you mustn't harshly oppress your fellow Israelis.

47 If a foreigner living among you becomes wealthy, yet your fellow citizen becomes poor and sells himself to that resident foreigner or to a member of their clan, **48** then there's always the right of redemption even after he's sold himself, so one of his brothers can buy him back, **49** or his uncle or cousin or another relative from the clan can pay to free him. In fact, he might even be able to buy his own way out. **50** He must work out with his master how many years from when he sold himself, until the restoration celebration year, and figure out the price according to the wages of a hired worker for that many years. **51** If there's still a lot of years to go, he'd need to repay most of what he sold himself for, **52** but if it's only a few years to go, the price for his freedom would be proportionally smaller. **53** While he works for the foreign master, he must be treated like an annual hired worker. You others must ensure that he's not treated harshly.

148 **RV 25:35 · Cross-ref.** Deu 15:7-8.

149 **RV 25:37 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:25; Deu 23:19-20.

150 **RV 25:39-46 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:2-6; Deu 15:12-18.

151 **LV 25:46 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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54 Then even if he's not bought out, he and his children must be released in the restoration celebration year 55 because the Israelis are my slaves—my slaves because I brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am your god Yahweh.

Obedience will lead to prosperity[152]

26:1 You all mustn't make worthless idols[153] or carved images for yourselves, or set up sacred pillars. In your country, you must never bow down to an engraved stone image,[154] because I am your god Yahweh. 2 You all must observe my rest days and honour my sanctuary. I am Yahweh.

3 If you'll all follow my instructions and remember my rules and obey them, 4 then I'll give you all rain in the proper season, and the land will produce crops and the trees in the countryside will produce fruit. 5 The grain threshing will continue until the grape harvest, and the grape harvesting will continue until it's time to plant new crops, and so you'll all have plenty of food and you'll live securely there on your land.

6 Then I'll give peace in your country so that you'll all sleep without being afraid. I'll remove the wild animals from your area and there'll be no raids or wars in your region. 7 You'll all be able to chase away your enemies and destroy them— 8 five of you will chase away a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase away ten thousand, and you'll be able to defeat your enemies.

9 I'll give you all my attention and bless you with many children, and I'll maintain my agreement with you all. 10 You'll all still be eating the previous year's grain when the new harvest starts, and you'll have to move out that left-over grain to make room for the new. 11 Then I'll put my residence among you all and won't reject you, 12 and I'll walk among you and be your god, and you'll all be my people. 13 I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out from being slaves in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and I broke the chains off you so that you all could walk with heads

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his/its_hand it_has_reached and_he_will_redeem_himself. 50 And_he_will_calculate with the_one_of_who_bought_him from_the_year_of he_sold_himself to_him/it until the_year_of the_jubilee and_it_was the_silver_of his_sale_of_his by_the_ _number_of years according_to_the_days_of a_hired_labourer he_will_be with_him/it. 51 If still many in_years to_mouth_of_ _their he_will_repay redemption_of_his some_of_the_silver_of his_purchase_of_his. 52 And_if few it_remains in_years until the_year_of the_jubilee and_he_will_calculate to_him/it according_to_the_mouth_of his_years_of_his he_will_repay ~~DOM~~ redemption_of_his. 53 Like_a_hired_labourer_of a_year in_a_ _year he_will_be with_him/it not he_will_rule_over_him with_ _harshness to_eyes_of_your. 54 And_if not he_will_be_redeemed in_these_ways and_he_will_go_out in_year of_the_jubilee he and_sons_of_his with_him/it. 55 If/because to_me the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_servants servants_of_are_my they whom I_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

26:1 Not you(pl)_must_make to/for_you(pl) worthless_idols and_an_idol and_a_sacred_pillar not you(pl)_must_set_up to/for_you(pl) and_stone_of a_carved_image not you(pl)_must_ _make in_land_of_your(pl) to_bow_down on/upon_it(f) if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). 2 ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_sanctuary_of_my you(pl)_will_fear I am_ _**YHWH**. 3 If in_regulations_of_my you(pl)_will_walk and_~~DOM~~ commands_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~_ _them. 4 And_I_will_give rains_of_your(pl) at_time_of_their and_ the_earth/land _it_will_give produce_of_its and_tree the_ _field it_will_give fruit_of_its. 5 And_it_will_reach to/for_ _you(pl) threshing ~~DOM~~ grape_harvest and_grape_harvest it_ _will_reach ~~DOM~~ seed and_you(pl)_will_eat bread_of_your(pl) to_abundance and_you(pl)_will_dwell to_security in_land_of_ _your(pl). 6 And_I_will_give peace on_the_earth and_you(pl)_ _will_lie_down and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies and_I_ _will_cause_to_cease animal[s] wild from the_earth/land and_ _a_sword not it_will_pass in_land_of_your(pl). 7 And_you(pl)_ _will_pursue ~~DOM~~ enemies_of_your(pl) and_they_will_fall before_you(pl) to_sword[155] 8 and_they_will_pursue[156] of_ _you(pl) five one_hundred and_one_hundred of_you(pl) ten_ _thousand they_will_pursue and_ enemies_of_your(pl) _they_ _will_fall before_you(pl) to_sword. 9 And_I_will_turn to_you(pl) and_I_will_make_fruitful you(pl) and_I_will_multiply you(pl) and_I_will_establish ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my with_you(pl). 10 And_ _you(pl)_will_eat old_harvest growing_old and_old_harvest from_face/in_front_of the_new_harvest you(pl)_will_bring_out. 11 And_I_will_put place_of_my_dwelling among_you(pl) and_ _not self_of_my it_will_abhor you(pl). 12 And_I_will_walk_about among_you(pl) and_I_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god and_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_become to_me (into)_a_people. 13 I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_brought_out you(pl) from_the_

152 **RV 26:1 · Parallel** Deu. 7:12-24; 28:1-14

153 **RV 26:1 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:4.

154 **RV 26:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; Deu 5:8; 16:21-22; 27:1.

155 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

156 **LV 26:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_being to/for_them slaves and_I_broke the_bars_of your_yoke_of_your(pl) and_I_made_ _walk you(pl) upright.

14 And_if not you(pl)_will_listen to_me and_not you(pl)_will_do ~~DOM~~ all_of the_commands the_these. **15** And_if (in)_regulations_ _of_my you(pl)_will_reject and_if ~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my self_ _of_your(pl) it_will_abhor to_not to_do ~~DOM~~ all_of commands_ _of_my you_to_break ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my. **16** Also I I_will_do this to/for_you(pl) and_I_will_appoint on_you(pl) sudden_ _terror ~~DOM~~ (the)_consumption and_~~DOM~~ (the)_fever which_ _cause_to_fail the_eyes and_which_make_pine_away the_life and_you(pl)_will_sow to_emptiness seed_of_your(pl) and_they_ _will_eat_it enemies_of_your(pl). **17** And_I_will_set face_of_my on_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl) and_they_will_rule over_ _you(pl) those_of_who_hate_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_flee and_ _there_will_not_be one_who_pursues you(pl). **18** And_if up_to these_things not you(pl)_will_listen to_me and_I_will_repeat to_discipline you(pl) sevenfold on sins_of_your(pl). **19** And_I_ _will_break ~~DOM~~ the_pride_of your_strength_of_your(pl) and_I_ _will_make ~~DOM~~ heavens_of_your(pl) like_iron and_~~DOM~~ land_ _of_your(pl) like_bronze. **20** And_it_will_be_consumed to_ _emptiness strength_of_your(pl) and_not land_of_your(pl) it_ _will_give ~~DOM~~ produce_of_its and_tree the_earth/land not it_ _will_give fruit_of_its. **21** And_if you(pl)_will_walk with_me contrariness and_not you(pl)_will_be_willing to_listen to_me and_I_will_add to_you(pl) a_plague sevenfold according_to_of_ _your(pl)_sins. **22** And_I_will_send among_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _animal[s]_of the_field and_it_will_make_childless you(pl) and_ _it_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ livestock_of_your(pl) and_it_will_diminish you(pl) and_ roads_of_your(pl) _they_will_be_desolate. **23** And_ _if by_these_things not you_will_let_yourselves_be_ _disciplined(pl) to_me and_you(pl)_will_walk with_me contrariness. **24** And_ also I _I_will_walk with_you(pl) in_ _contrariness and_ also I _I_will_strike you(pl) sevenfold on sins_of_your(pl). **25** And_I_will_bring on_you(pl) a_sword which_will_avenge vengeance_of a_covenant and_you(pl)_will_ _gather to cities_of_your(pl) and_I_will_send a_pestilence among_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_given in_the_hand_of an_ _enemy. **26** When_break_I to/for_you(pl) staff_of bread and_ ten women _they_will_bake bread_of_your(pl) in_an_oven one and_ _they_will_bring_back bread_of_your(pl) by_weight and_ _you(pl)_will_eat and_not you(pl)_will_be_satisfied. **27** And_if in_this not you(pl)_will_listen to_me and_you(pl)_will_walk with_me in_contrariness. **28** And_I_will_walk with_you(pl) in_ _anger_of contrariness and_ also I _I_will_discipline you(pl) sevenfold on sins_of_your(pl).[159] **29** And_you(pl)_will_eat the_ _flesh_of your(pl)_sons_of_your(pl) and_the_flesh_of your(pl)_ _daughters_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_eat. **30** And_I_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ places_of_your(pl)_high and_I_will_cut_down ~~DOM~~ altars_ _of_your(pl)_incense and_I_will_put ~~DOM~~ corpses_of_your(pl) on

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erect.

Punishments for disobedience[157]

14 However, if you all won't listen to me and won't follow all those instructions,[158] **15** and if you all reject my regulations and my values to the point of hating my commands, thus breaking my agreement, **16** then this is what I'll do to you all: I'll send sudden terror to you all, and wasting diseases and sicknesses. You'll all be wasting your time sowing seeds because your enemies will eat the harvest. **17** I'll take action against you, and you'll be defeated by your enemies. You'll be ruled over by those who hate you, and you'll all run away frightened even when no one's chasing you.

18 If you all still won't listen to me after that, then I'll continue on to discipline you seven times over for your disobedience. **19** Then I'll smash your strong pride, and I'll make the sky like iron with no rain and your land hard like bronze. **20** Your energy spent working your land will be just wasted as your land won't produce its crops, and the trees won't produce any fruit.

21 Then if you're all still being contrary and unwilling to listen to me, then I'll send seven times more deadly diseases according to your disobedience. **22** Then I'll send in the wild animals to make you childless and to cut back your livestock, thus diminishing your numbers and leaving your roads desolate.

23 Then after that if you all still won't accept my discipline and continue to oppose me, **24** then I myself will oppose you all and punish you all seven times over for your disobedience. **25** I'll send armies against you all to avenge the breaking of our agreement. You'll be shut into your cities where I'll send diseases in for you all, and allow your enemies to defeat you. **26** When I limit your food supplies, ten women will bake bread in one oven and it will be rationed by weight—you'll all eat but never be satisfied.

27 In spite of all that, if you all still won't listen to me, and continue to oppose me, **28** then I'll be in a hostile rage against you all and I'll discipline you seven times more for your disobedience **29** and you'll start eating your own sons and daughters. **30** I'll destroy your hilltop shrines and cut down you incense altars, then I'll pile your corpses on top of your idols' corpses, and I myself will detest you all. **31** I'll make your cities into heaps of rubble and I'll devastate your sanctuaries and no longer smell the pleasing aromas of your sacrifices.

32 I'll devastate the region, and your enemies who live in it will be appalled. **33** Then I'll scatter you all among other nations and then armies will come in after you and your land will become desolate and your cities will become rubble, **34** and the land will enjoy all its rest times while it's desolate and you're all in your

157 **RV 26:14 · Parallel** Deu. 28:15-68

158 **RV 26:14-33 · Cross-ref.** Deu 28:15-68.

159 **LV 26:28 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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enemies' countries. The land will stop producing and enjoy its times of resting. **35** It will rest all through its desolation since it didn't get its rest times when you lived on it.

36 Then those of you who are left in your enemies' countries, I'll make you paranoid there—even the sound of a blowing leaf will make them run away as if someone's chasing them with a sword, and they'll fall down even when no one's chasing them. **37** They'll stumble over each other as if being attacked, but there won't be anyone chasing them, and then you all won't have the energy to stand up against your enemies. **38** You'll die in various countries and your enemies will consume you. **39** Those of you who are left will rot away amongst the wickedness in your enemies' countries and because of the wickedness of their ancestors.

40 However, if they confess their wickedness and their ancestors' wickedness, that they've disobeyed and neglected me, and been hostile towards me, **41** (and that I became hostile toward them and took their into their enemies' countries,) and humble their undisciplined hearts and admit their disobedience, **42** then I'll remember my agreements with Ya'akov (Jacob) and with Yitshak (Isaac) and with Avraham, and I'll remember this land. **43** The land here will have been deserted by them and will have enjoyed its times of rest, and they'll accept their wickedness because they rejected my values and they really detested my regulations. **44** Despite that, I won't reject them in their enemies' countries, and I won't detest them enough to completely destroy them and to break my agreement with them, because I am their god Yahweh. **45** I'll remember the earlier agreement with their ancestors that I brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) while all the nations watched me be their god. I am Yahweh.

46 The above are the instructions and values and rules that Yahweh instilled between him and the Israelis through Mosheh (Moses) there at Mt. Sinay.

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the_corpses_of your(pl)_idols_of_your(pl) and_ self_of_my _it_ _will_abhor you(pl). **31** And_I_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ cities_of_your(pl) a_waste_place and_I_will_devastate ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sanctuaries_of_ _your(pl) and_not I_will_smell (in)_the_odour_of your_ _soothing_of_your(pl). **32** And_ I _I_will_devastate ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _earth/land and_they_will_be_appalled on/upon_it(f) enemies_ _of_your(pl) who_dwell in_it. **33** And_you(pl) I_will_scatter among_nations and_I_will_draw after_you(pl) a_sword and_it_ _will_be land_of_your(pl) a_desolation and_cities_of_your(pl) they_will_be a_waste_place. **34** Then the_earth/land it_will_ _accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sabbaths_of_its all_of the_days_of its_being_made_ _desolate and_you(pl) in_land your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) then the_earth/land it_will_cease and_it_will_accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sabbaths_of_its. **35** All_of the_days_of its_being_made_desolate it_will_cease ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ which not it_ceased in_sabbaths_of_your(pl) when_dwelt_you(pl) on_it. **36** And_those_who_remain among_ _you(pl) and_I_will_bring despair in_heart_of_their in_the_ _land_of their_enemies_of_their and_ the_sound_of a_leaf driven_about _it_will_pursue ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them and_they_will_flee a_ _flight_of a_sword and_they_will_fall and_there_will_not_be one_who_pursues. **37** And_they_will_stumble each over_ _brother_of_his as_from_before_of a_sword and_one_who_ _pursues there_will_not_be and_not it_will_belong to/for_ _you(pl) power_to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl). **38** And_you(pl)_will_perish among_ _nations and_ the_land_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) _it_ _will_consume you(pl). **39** And_those_who_remain among_ _you(pl) they_will_rot_away in_iniquity_of_their in_the_land_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) and_also in_the_iniquities_of their_ancestors_of_their with_them they_will_rot_away. **40** And_they_will_confess ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ iniquity_of_their and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _iniquity_of their_ancestors_of_their by_unfaithfulness_of_ _their which they_acted_unfaithfully against_me and_also which/who they_walked with_me in_contrariness. **41** Also I I_ _will_walk with_them in_contrariness and_I_will_bring ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_ _them in_land their_enemies_of_their or then heart_of_their (the)_uncircumcised it_will_humble_itself and_then they_will_ _accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ iniquity_of_their. **42** And_I_will_remember ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ covenant_of_my of_Ya'ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) and_also ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ covenant_of_ _my of_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_also ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ covenant_of_my of_ _'Aѵrāhām I_will_remember and_the_earth I_will_remember. **43** And_the_earth it_will_be_abandoned from_them and_it_will_ _accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sabbaths_of_its when_it_is_made_desolate from_ _them and_they they_will_accept ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ iniquity_of_their because and_by_cause (in)_judgements_of_my they_rejected and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ regulations_of_my self_of_their it_abhorred. **44** And_ _also also this on_their_being in_land their_enemies_of_their not I_will_reject_them and_not I_will_abhor_them to_make_an_ _end_of_them to_break covenant_of_my with_them if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_their. **45** And_I_will_remember to/for_them the_covenant_of the_forefathers whom I_brought_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_ _them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_the_eyes_of the_ _nations to_become to/for_them (into)_god I am_**YHWH**. **46** These are_the_regulations and_the_judgements and_the_ _legal_procedures which **YHWH** he_gave between_himself and_ _between the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

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27:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them anyone if/because he_will_make_hard a_vow by_valuation_of_ _your persons to/for_**YHWH**. **3** And_ valuation_of_your _it_was of_the_male from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_unto a_son_of sixty year[s] and_it_was valuation_of_your fifty shekel[s] silver by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place. **4** And_if is_female she and_ valuation_of_your _it_was thirty shekel[s]. **5** And_if from_a_ _son_of five years and_unto a_son_of twenty year[s] and_it_was valuation_of_your of_the_male twenty shekels and_of_female ten_of shekels. **6** And_if from_a_son_of a_month and_unto a_ _son_of five years and_ valuation_of_your _it_was of_the_male five shekels silver and_of_female valuation_of_your three_of shekels silver. **7** And_if from_a_son_of sixty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards if male and_it_was valuation_of_your fifteen shekel[s] and_of_female ten shekels. **8** And_if he is_too_ _impoverished for_valuation_of_your and_he_will_station_him to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_priest/officer and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_evaluate ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it on the_ _mouth_of that_which the_hand_of the_one_who_vows it_will_ _reach he_will_evaluate_him the_priest/officer. **9** And_if an_ _animal which people_will_present from_her/it a_present to/for_**YHWH** all that someone_will_give from_him/it to/for_ _**YHWH** it_will_be a_holy_thing. **10** Not he_will_substitute_it and_not he_will_exchange ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it good for_bad or bad for_ _good and_if actually_(exchange) he_will_exchange an_animal for_an_animal and_it_was it and_substitute_of_its it_will_be a_ _holy_thing. **11** And_if any_of animal unclean which not people_will_present from_her/it a_present to/for_**YHWH** and_ _he_will_station ᴅᴏᴍ the_cattle/livestock to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_priest/officer. **12** And_ the_priest/officer _ _he_will_evaluate ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it between good and_between bad according_to_of_your_valuation the_priest/officer so it_will_ _be. **13** And_if indeed_(redeem) he_will_redeem_it and_he_will_ _add its_of_fifth to valuation_of_your. **14** And_anyone if/because he_will_set_apart_as_holy ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_his a_holy_ _thing to/for_**YHWH** and_he_will_evaluate_it the_ _priest/officer between good and_between bad just_as the_ _priest/officer he_will_evaluate ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it so it_will_stand. **15** And_if the_one_who_sets_apart_as_holy he_will_redeem ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_his and_he_will_add the_fifth_part_of the_silver_of your_valuation_of_your on/upon/above_him/it and_it_was to_ _him/it. **16** And_if some_of_the_field_of his_possession_of_his anyone he_will_set_apart_as_holy to/for_**YHWH** and_it_was valuation_of_your to_the_mouth_of his/its_seed seed_of a_ _homer_of barley(s) for_fifty shekel[s]_of silver. **17** If from_the_ _year_of the_jubilee he_will_set_apart_as_holy field_of_his according_to_of_your_valuation it_will_stand. **18** And_if after the_jubilee he_will_set_apart_as_holy field_of_his and_he_will_ _calculate to_him/it the_priest/officer ᴅᴏᴍ the_money on the_ _mouth_of the_years which_remain until the_year_of the_ _jubilee and_it_will_be_deducted from_valuation_of_your. **19** And_if indeed_(redeem) the_one_who_set_apart_as_holy ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it he_will_redeem ᴅᴏᴍ the_field and_he_will_add the_ _fifth_part_of the_silver_of your_valuation_of_your on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_stand to_him/it. **20** And_if not he_will_redeem ᴅᴏᴍ the_field and_if he_has_sold ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _field to_a_man another not it_will_be_redeemed again.

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27:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses):

Valuations of vows to Yahweh

2 Tell the Israelis that when someone makes a special vow to offer someone to Yahweh, **3** a man between twenty and sixty will be valued at fifty silver coins (according to the sanctuary standard weights) **4** and a woman at thirty coins. **5** If it's someone between five and twenty, then it's twenty silver coins for a male and ten for a female. **6** Between one month old and five years, it's five silver coins for a male and three for a female. **7** For sixty years old and older, it's fifteen silver coins for a male and ten for a female.

8 If the maker of the vow can't afford the valuation, then that person must stand in front of the priest and give an account, and then the priest can set a value that they can afford.

9 If it's an animal that they're promising as a gift for Yahweh, then that animal becomes sacred— **10** it can't be exchanged for a different one (either better or worse), but if it does get substituted, then both animals will become sacred. **11** Any 'unclean' animal cannot be presented to Yahweh, so if that's what was promised, the person must take the animal to the priest, **12** and a priest must give a fair valuation according to the quality of the animal—the priest's decision will be final. **13** However, if it's later bought back, then an extra twenty percent must be added to that valuation.

14 If someone dedicates their house as sacred to Yahweh, a priest must value it according to its quality—the priest's decision will be final. **15** However, if that person decides to buy back their house, then an extra twenty percent must be added to the valuation and then it can be theirs again.

16 If someone dedicates part of their farmland as sacred to Yahweh, then it will be valued according to how much seed would be sown in it—fifty silver coins for each 130kg of barley seed required. **17** That would be its value if it was dedicated during the restoration celebration year, **18** but in the years following, the priest must calculate the field's value depending on how many years remain before the next rest year. **19** However, if that person decides to buy back their land, then an extra twenty percent must be added to the valuation and then it can be theirs again. **20** If the person doesn't buy back the field but sells it to someone else, then it can't be bought back again. **21** Then when the field is released at the next rest year, it will be sacred to Yahweh and the priests will take ownership.

22 If someone dedicates to Yahweh some land that they've bought (i.e., it's not part of their clan inheritance), **23** then a priest must calculate the valuation until the next restoration celebration year, and it must be paid that same day —becoming sacred to Yahweh. **24** In that rest year, the land will return to the original owner who has it as part of their clan inheritance.

25 All valuations will be calculated using the standard weights from the sanctuary—the silver coin must weigh twelve grams.

26 Every firstborn domestic animal (including cows and sheep) automatically belongs to Yahweh, and no person can claim to 'dedicate' it. **27** However, if it's an 'unclean' animal then it must

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be bought back by paying its valuation plus an additional twenty percent, but if it's not bought back, then it must be sold at its valuation price.

28 If someone dedicates something to Yahweh that they own (e.g., a man or an animal, or a field), they can't then sell it or buy it straight back—everything that's dedicated like that becomes sacred to Yahweh.[160]

29 Any person who's dedicated for destruction cannot be bought back—they must be executed.

30 A tenth of all the harvests from the crops and fruit from the trees, belongs to Yahweh. It's sacred to Yahweh.[161] **31** If someone really wanted to buy back their tenth of their produce, an additional twenty percent must be added to the valuation. **32** Every tenth animal of the mustered domestic cattle and sheep and goats, is sacred to Yahweh. **33** The herder mustn't pick out good or bad ones, or make substitutions. (If a substitution was made, both animals then become sacred and must not be bought back.)

34 The above are the instructions and rules that Yahweh gave Mosheh (Moses) at Mt. Sinay for the Israelis.

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21 And_it_was the_field in_his/its_coming_out in_jubilee a_ _holy_thing to/for_**YHWH** like_(the)_field_of (the)_total_ _destruction to_priest it_will_belong possession_of_his. **22** And_ _if ~~DOM~~ (the)_field_of his_purchase_of_his which not is_from_ _the_field_of his_possession_of_his he_will_set_apart_as_holy to/for_**YHWH**. **23** And_he_will_calculate to_him/it the_ _priest/officer ~~DOM~~ the_amount_of (the)_valuation_of_your until the_year_of the_jubilee and_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ (the)_ _valuation_of_your in_the_day (the)_that a_holy_thing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **24** In_year of_the_jubilee the_field it_will_return to_ _the_one_whom he_bought_it from_with_him to_the_one_ _whom to_him/it the_possession_of the_earth/land. **25** And_all valuation_of_your it_will_be by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place twenty gerah[s] it_will_be the_shekel. **26** Nevertheless a_ _firstborn which it_will_be_belong_as_a_firstling to/for_**YHWH** among_livestock not anyone he_will_set_apart_as_holy ~~DOM~~_ _him/it whether an_ox or a_sheep to/for_**YHWH** it. **27** And_if among_livestock (the)_unclean and_he_will_redeem_it by_ _valuation_of_your and_he_will_add its_of_fifth on/upon/above_him/it and_if not it_will_be_redeemed and_it_ _will_be_sold by_valuation_of_your. **28** Nevertheless every_of devoted_thing which anyone he_will_dedicate_to_destruction to/for_**YHWH** from_all that to_him/it from_humankind and_ _livestock and_from_the_field_of his_possession_of_his not it_ _will_be_sold and_not it_will_be_redeemed every_of devoted_ _thing is_a_holy_thing_of holy_things it to/for_**YHWH**. **29** Every_of dedicated_person who he_will_be_dedicated_to_ _destruction from the_humankind not he_will_be_redeemed surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **30** And_all the_tithe_of the_earth/land of_the_seed_of the_earth/land from_the_fruit the_tree to/for_**YHWH** it it_is_a_holy_thing to/for_**YHWH**. **31** And_if indeed_(redeem) anyone he_will_redeem any_of_his_ _tithe its_of_fifth let_him_add on/upon/above_him/it. **32** And_ _all the_tithe_of the_herd and_the_flock all that it_will_pass_by under the_rod the_tenth it_will_be a_holy_thing to/for_**YHWH**. **33** Not he_will_seek between good and_bad and_not he_will_ _exchange_it and_if actually_(exchange) he_will_exchange_it and_it_was it and_substitute_of_its it_will_be a_holy_thing not it_will_be_redeemed. **34** These are_the_commands which **YHWH** he_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_mountain_of Ṣīnay.

160 RV 27:28 · Cross-ref. Num 18:14.

161 RV 27:30-33 · Cross-ref. Num 18:21; Deu 14:22-29.

Census

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Numbers

Introduction

The English word 'Numbers' relates to the census of Israeli fighting men so we have chosen to rename it as *'Census'*. (Actually, there are *two* censuses described in this document, but the plural form of the word feels less comfortable to pronounce.) Hebrew readers call this document 'Bemidbar' which is the fourth word in the Hebrew text, and means 'In the wilderness'. Some European and other translations call it 'The fourth book of Mosheh' (Moses).
This document tells about the descendants of Yisrael (called 'Israel' in older translations) for the forty years after their departure from Mt. Sinay, until they arrived at the eastern edge of the land that God has promised to give them. This document is named after the census that Yahweh ordered Mosheh to take before the Israelis had left Mt. Sinay.
Then the Israelis purified themselves and celebrated their second 'pass-over' festival after some forty years had passed.
Also at that time, the second census of fighting men was taken, i.e., a generation later at Kadesh-Barnea at Kena'an's southern boundary. But from Kadesh-Barnea, none of them entered the land that Yahweh had promised to give them.
When they were still camped east of the Yarden (Jordan) River, two and a half tribes requested to be given territory on that side of the river, although they sent their fighting men ahead with the other tribes to help them conquer Kena'an.
This 'Census' document also records how people were often scared and discouraged as they faced hardship, causing them to sometimes rebel against Yahweh and his chosen servant Mosheh who led them. However, Yahweh's (mostly) patient endurance of their behaviour is told here, and his faithfulness throughout their generations. It reveals Mosheh as an obedient yet humble leader who was devoted both to Yahweh and to the people he had responsibility for.

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The first census of the Israelis by Mosheh

1:1 In April of the year after the Israeli people escaped from Mitsrayim (Egypt), Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) in the Sinay wilderness in the sacred tent, saying, **2** "Count all the men who are Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants by their clans and families,[1] being sure to list all their names. **3** Only include those who are twenty or older and able to be recruited as soldiers. You and Aharon (Aaron) must enrol them into military divisions. **4** The leader of each tribe will accompany you.

5 These are the names of the men who will assist you:
Elitsur (Shedeyur's son) from Re'uven,
6 Shelumiel (Tsurishadai's son) from Shim'on (Simeon),
7 Nahshon (Aminadav's son) from Yehudah (Judah),
8 Netanel (Tsuar's son) from Yisakar (Issachar),
9 Eliav (Helon's son) from Zevulun,
10 Elishama (Amihud's son) from Yosef's (Joseph's) son Efrayim (Ephraim),
Gamliel (Pedahtsur's son) from Yosef's son Menasheh (Manasseh),
11 Avidan (Gid'oni's son) from Benyamin,
12 Ahiezer (Amishaday's son) from Dan,
13 Pagiel (Okran's son) from Asher,
14 Elyasaf (Re'uel's son) from Gad,
15 Ahira (Eynan's son) from Naftali (Naphtali). **16** They were the leaders of their tribes—chosen out of their communities, and leaders of units of one thousand soldiers.

17 Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) took those men whose names had been given **18** and they assembled the entire community that April. For each tribe, they recorded their ancestry by clan, counting the names of those men who were twenty or over, **19** just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh. So he counted them there in the Sinay wilderness, **20-21** individually counting those in each tribe below by their clan, and only including males who were twenty or older and able to fight in battle:

46,500 men from the tribe of Re'uven,
22-23 59,300 men from the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon),
24-25 45,650 men from the tribe of Gad,
26-27 74,600 men from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah),
28-29 54,400 men from the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar),
30-31 57,400 men from the tribe of Zevulun,
32-33 40,500 men from the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim),
34-35 32,200 men from the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh),
36-37 35,400 men from the tribe of Benyamin,
38-39 62,700 men from the tribe of Dan,
40-41 41,500 men from the tribe of Asher,
42-43 53,400 men from the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali).

44 Those were the ones that Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and the twelve Israeli leaders (one from each tribe) listed. **45** They were all the Israelis who were counted according

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1:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay in_the_tent_of meeting on_day_one of_month the_ _second in_year the_second(fs) of_their_going_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_say. **2** Lift_up ~~DOM~~ the_head_of all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_ _their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_ _number_of names of_every_of male to_heads_of_their. **3** From_ _a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_ _who_goes_forth warfare in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl)_will_enrol ~~DOM~~_them to_their_military_of_groups you and_'Ah$_a$ron. **4** And_ _with_you(pl) they_will_be a_man a_man to_tribe a_man is_ _head of_the_house_of his_fathers_of_his he. **5** And_these are_ _the_names_of the_men who they_will_stand with_you(pl) for_ _Rə'ūvēn 'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **6** For_Shim'ōn Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-shadday/(Zurishadday). **7** For_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Naḥshōn the_son_of 'Amminādāv. **8** For_ _Yissāskār/(Issachar) Nətan'ēl the_son_of Tsū'ār/(Zuar). **9** For_ _Zəvūlūn 'Elī'āv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **10** For_the_sons_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) for_'Efrayim 'Elīshā'ma the_son_of 'Ammihūd for_Mənashsheh Gamlī'ēl the_son_of Pədāhtsūr. **11** For_ _Binyāmīn Abidan the_son_of Gid'ōni. **12** For_Dān 'Aḥī'ezer the_ _son_of 'Ammiyshadday. **13** For_'Āshēr Pag'ī'ēl the_son_of 'Okrān. **14** For_Gād 'Elyāṣāf the_son_of Də'ū'ēl. **15** For_Naftālī 'Aḥīra' the_son_of 'Ēynān. **16** These were_those_who_were_ _called_of[2] of_the_congregation the_leaders_of the_tribes_of their_ancestors_of_their were_the_heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **17** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_men the_these who they_had_been_designated by_ _names. **18** And_~~DOM~~ all_of the_congregation they_summoned on_day_one of_month the_second and_they_recorded_their_ _ancestry on clans_of_their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_ _of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards to_heads_of_their. **19** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh and_he_enrolled_ _them in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay. **20** And_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_ _the_number_of names to_heads_of_their every_of male from_ _a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_ _who_goes_forth_of warfare _they_were. **21** Their_enrolled_of_ _men of_the_tribe_of of_Rə'ūvēn were_six and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **22** Of_the_descendants_of Shim'ōn genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their its_enrolled_of_men by_the_number_of names to_heads_of_their every_of male from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **23** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_Shim'ōn were_nine and_fifty thousand and_three hundred(s). **24** Of_the_ _descendants_of Gād genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_ _the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **25** Their_enrolled_of_ _men of_the_tribe_of of_Gād were_five and_forty thousand and_six hundred(s) and_fifty. **26** Of_the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_

1 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 26:1-51.

2 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: יֵרֵק: (x-qere) יֵרָקְנ: lemma_7121 morph_HVqsmpc id_04GK3 יֵרָקְנ

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_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **27** Their_enrolled_of_men of_ _the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh were_four and_seventy thousand and_six hundred(s). **28** Of_the_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_ _the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **29** Their_enrolled_of_ _men of_the_tribe_of of_Yissāskār were_four and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **30** Of_the_descendants_of Zəvūlūn genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_ _of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_ _goes_forth_of warfare. **31** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_ _of of_Zəvūlūn were_seven and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **32** Of_the_descendants_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) of_the_ _descendants_of of_'Efrayim genealogies_of_their to_their_ _clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_ _number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **33** Their_ _enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_'Efrayim were_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **34** Of_the_descendants_of Mənashsheh genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_ _of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_ _son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_ _who_goes_forth_of warfare. **35** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_ _tribe_of of_Mənashsheh were_two and_thirty thousand and_ _two_hundred. **36** Of_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_ _forth_of warfare. **37** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_ _Binyāmīn were_five and_thirty thousand and_four hundred(s). **38** Of_the_descendants_of Dān genealogies_of_their to_their_ _clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_ _number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **39** Their_ _enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_Dān were_two and_sixty thousand and_seven hundred(s). **40** Of_the_descendants_of 'Āshēr genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_the_number_of names from_a_son_ _of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_ _goes_forth_of warfare. **41** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_ _of of_'Āshēr were_one and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **42** The_descendants_of Naftālī genealogies_of_their to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their by_ _the_number_of names from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth_of warfare. **43** Their_enrolled_of_men of_the_tribe_of of_Naftālī were_three and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **44** These were_the_ _enrolled_men whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_the_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_plus ten man he_enrolled a_man one for_ _the_house_of his_ancestors_of_his they_were. **45** And_ all_of the_enrolled_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards every_of one_who_goes_forth warfare in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were. **46** And_ all_of the_

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to their ancestry, being men who were twenty or older, and capable of going off to battle— **46** 603,550 of them in total. **47** However, the Levites weren't listed along with the other tribes **48** because Yahweh had told Mosheh, **49** "Don't list the Levites or count them with the other Israelis. **50** Instead, appoint them to manage the tent where the copy of the agreement is kept, along with all its equipment. They must serve inside it as required, and they should set their tents up around it. **51** When it's time to leave that place, the Levites must take the tent down and when camp is set up, they must erect it again, but any stranger who approaches it must be executed. **52** When the other Israelis set up camp, each man must set up with his army division by their banner, **53** but the Levites will camp there around the sacred tent and look after it. That way, the Israeli community won't make Yahweh angry. **54** So the Israelis did everything that Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

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Camp layout by tribe

2:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron):
2 "The Israelis must camp with each family joining their tribe, which will be displaying its banner. They must camp around the sacred tent but at a distance.
3 On the eastern side facing the sunrise will be Yehudah's (Judah's) banner and their army divisions, led by Aminadav's son Nahshon **4** with 74,600 in his division. **5** The tribe of Yisakar (Issachar) will set up next to them, led by Tsuar's son Netanel, **6** with 54,400 in his division. **7** Then the tribe of Zevulun, led by Helon's son Eliav, **8** with 57,400 in his division. **9** The total number in the divisions in the Yehudah camp is 186,400, and when travelling, they'll all go at the front.
10 On the southern side of the sacred tent will be Re'uven's banner, led by Shedeyur's son Elitsur **11** with 46,500 in his division. **12** The tribe of Shim'on (Simeon) will set up next to them, led by Tsurishadai's son Shelumiel **13** with 59,300 in his division. **14** Then the tribe of Gad, led by Re'uel's son Elyasaf. **15** with 45,650 in his division. **16** The total number in the divisions in the Re'uven camp is 151,450, and when travelling, they'll all go second.
17 Then the Levites will go next with their own banners in the order that they were camped, carrying the sacred tent.
18 On the western side of the sacred tent will be Efrayim's (Ephraim's) banner, led by Amihud's son Elishama **19** with 40,500 in his division. **20** The tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) will set up next to them, led by Pedahtsur's son Gamliel **21** with 32,200 in his division. **22** Then the tribe of Benyamin led by Gid'oni's son Avidan **23** with 35,400 in his division. **24** The total number in the

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_enrolled_men _they_were six hundred(s) thousand and_three_ _of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_fifty. **47** And_the_ _Lēviyyiy to_the_tribe_of their_ancestors_of_their not they_ _were_enrolled among_them. **48** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **49** Only ÐOM the_tribe_of Lēvī not you_will_ _enrol and_ÐOM head_of_their not you_will_lift_up in_the_ _middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **50** And_you(ms) appoint ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy over the_tabernacle_of the_transcript and_ _over all_of_articles_of_its and_over all_of that to_him/it they they_will_carry ÐOM the_tabernacle and_ÐOM all_of articles_of_ _its and_they they_will_serve_it and_around (to)_tabernacle they_will_encamp. **51** And_when_ the_tabernacle _sets_out the_ _Lēviyyiy they_will_take_down ÐOM_him/it and_when_ the_ _tabernacle _encamps the_Lēviyyiy they_will_raise_up ÐOM_ _him/it and_the_stranger (the)_approaching he_will_be_put_ _to_death. **52** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_ _encamp everyone at camp_of_his and_everyone at standard_ _of_his to_their_military_of_groups. **53** And_the_Lēviyyiy they_ _will_encamp around (to)_the_tabernacle_of the_transcript and_not severe_anger it_will_be towards the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_will_ _keep ÐOM the_duty_of the_tabernacle_of the_transcript. **54** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_did according_to_ _all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh so they_did.

2:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **2** Everyone at standard_of_his with_the_signs of_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _will_encamp from_before around (to)_the_tent_of meeting they_will_encamp. **3** And_those_who_encamp eastward_on eastward_toward will_be_the_standard_of the_camp_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_their_military_of_groups and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Yəhūdāh was_Naḥshōn the_son_of ʻAmminādāv. **4** And_his_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_ _of_men were_four and_seventy thousand and_six hundred(s). **5** And_those_who_encamp on/upon/above_him/it will_be_the_ _tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_the_leader of_the_ _descendants_of of_Yissāskār was_Nətan'ēl the_son_of Tsūʻār/(Zuar). **6** And_his_military_of_group and_his_enrolled_ _of_men were_four and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **7** The_tribe_of Zəvūlūn and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Zəvūlūn was_'Elī'āv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **8** And_his_military_ _of_group and_his_enrolled_of_men were_seven and_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s). **9** All_of the_enrolled_men of_ _the_camp_of of_Yəhūdāh were_one_hundred_of thousand and_eighty thousand and_six_of thousand(s) and_four hundred(s) to_their_military_of_groups first they_will_set_out. **10** The_standard_of the_camp_of Rə'ūvēn be_southward_will to_their_military_of_groups and_the_leader of_the_ _descendants_of of_Rə'ūvēn was_'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **11** And_his_military_of_group and_his_enrolled_of_men were_ _six and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **12** And_those_ _who_encamp on/upon/above_him/it will_be_the_tribe_of Shimʻōn and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Shimʻōn was_Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-/(Zuri-) shadday. **13** And_his_ _military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_nine and_ _fifty thousand and_three hundred(s). **14** And_the_tribe_of Gād and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Gād was_'Elyāṣāf the_

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_son_of Rə´ūʾēl. **15** And_his_military_of_group and_their_
_enrolled_of_men were_five and_forty thousand and_six
hundred(s) and_fifty. **16** All_of the_enrolled_men of_the_camp_
_of of_Rə'ūvēn were_one_hundred_of thousand and_one and_
_fifty thousand and_four hundred(s) and_fifty to_their_
_military_of_groups and_second they_will_set_out. **17** And_
the_tent_of meeting _it_will_set_out the_camp_of the_Lēviyyiy
in_the_middle of_the_camps just_as they_will_encamp so they_
_will_set_out each on his/its_hand to_standards_of_their.
18 The_standard_of the_camp_of 'Efrayim to_their_military_of_
_groups be_westward_will and_the_leader of_the_descendants_
_of of_'Efrayim was_'Elīshā´ma the_son_of ´Ammihūd. **19** And_
_his_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_forty
thousand and_five hundred(s). **20** And_will_be_on_him the_
_tribe_of Mənashsheh and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of
of_Mənashsheh was_Gamlīʾēl the_son_of Pədāhtsūr. **21** And_his_
_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_two and_
_thirty thousand and_two_hundred. **22** And_the_tribe_of
Binyāmīn and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn
was_Abidan the_son_of Gid´ōni. **23** And_his_military_of_group
and_their_enrolled_of_men were_five and_thirty thousand
and_four hundred(s). **24** All_of the_enrolled_men of_the_camp_
_of of_'Efrayim were_one_hundred_of thousand and_eight_of
thousand(s) and_one_hundred to_their_military_of_groups
and_third they_will_set_out. **25** The_standard_of the_camp_of
Dān be_northward_will to_their_military_of_groups and_the_
_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Dān was_'Aḥī´ezer the_son_of
´Ammiyshadday. **26** And_his_military_of_group and_their_
_enrolled_of_men were_two and_sixty thousand and_seven
hundred(s). **27** And_those_who_encamp on/upon/above_him/it
will_be_the_tribe_of 'Āshēr and_the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_'Āshēr was_Pag´īʾēl the_son_of ´Okrān.
28 And_his_military_of_group and_their_enrolled_of_men
were_one and_forty thousand and_five hundred(s). **29** And_the_
_tribe_of Naftālī and_the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_
Naftālī was'Aḥīra´ the_son_of ´Ēynān. **30** And_his_military_of_
_group and_their_enrolled_of_men were_three and_fifty
thousand and_four hundred(s). **31** All_of the_enrolled_men of_
_the_camp_of of_Dān were_one_hundred_of thousand and_
_seven and_fifty thousand and_six hundred(s) to_last they_
_will_set_out to_standards_of_their. **32** These were_the_men_
_enrolled_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_the_house_of
their_ancestors_of_their all_of the_enrolled_men_of the_camps
to_their_military_of_groups were_six hundred(s) thousand
and_three_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_fifty.
33 And_the_Lēviyyiy not they_were_enrolled in_the_middle
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_had_
commanded ~~ĐØM~~ Mosheh. **34** And the_people_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_made according_to_all that **YHWH** he_
_had_commanded ~~ĐØM~~ Mosheh so they_camped to_standards_
_of_their and_thus/so/as_follows they_set_out everyone to_
_clans_of_his on the_house_of his_ancestors_of_his.

3:1 And_these are_the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_Mosheh
in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_spoke with Mosheh on_the_
_mountain_of Ṣīnay. **2** And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of
'Ah$_a$ron the_firstborn Nādāv and_'Avīhū' 'El´āzār and_'Ītāmār.

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divisions in the Efrayim camp is 108,100, and when travelling, they'll all go third.

25 On the northern side of the sacred tent will be Dan's banner, led by Amishaday's son Ahiezer **26** with 62,700 in his division. **27** The tribe of Asher will set up next to them, led by Okran's son Pagiel **28** with 41,500 in his division. **29** Then the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali) led by Eynan's son Ahira **30** with 53,400 in his division. **31** The total number in the divisions in the Dan camp is 157,600, and when travelling, they'll all go last with their banners.

32 Those are the listed Israelis by their ancestral tribes with a total of 603,500 fighting men. **33** However, following Yahweh's instructions, the Levites weren't listed among them.

34 So the Israelis did everything that Yahweh commanded Mosheh (Moses). They camped under their banners, and travelled grouped in their tribes and clans.

Aharon's sons

3:1 The following are the descendants of Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses) as on the day when Yahweh spoke with Mosheh on Mt. Sinay: **2** Aharon's sons were: Na-

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dav (the oldest), Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar.[3] 3 They were all anointed as priests and served in that role, 4 except that Nadav and Avihu died in front of Yahweh when they offered unacceptable fire to him in the Sinay wilderness,[4] and so they had no sons. So Eleazar and Itamar served as priests alongside their father Aharon.

The Levites as ransom for their sons

5 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 6 "Summon the Levites to come and stand in front of Aharon (Aaron) the priest, so they can assist him. 7 They must perform duties for him and for the entire community at and around the sacred tent, 8 including looking after all of its equipment and fulfilling the obligations of the Israelis. 9 You must assign the Levites to Aharon—out of all the Israelis it's them who are assigned to serve the priests. 10 Appoint Aharon and his sons as priests and to preserve the priesthood. Any other person who tries to act as a priest must be executed."

11 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, 12 "Out of all the Israelis, I've taken the Levites instead of the oldest son from every family. The Levites will be the ransom for those sons, and so they belong to me, 13 because every firstborn male person and animal is set aside as belonging to me ever since I killed those firstborn males in Mitsrayim (Egypt). I am Yahweh."

The census of the Levites

14 Then in the Sinay wilderness, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), 15 "List all the male Levites that are at least one month old. Count them by their families and clans." 16 So Mosheh listed them exactly as Yahweh had commanded him to, 17 and these were Levi's sons: Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari. 18 Gereshon's sons were: Livni and Shimei. 19 Kohat's sons were: Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. 20 Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi.
Those were the families of the Levites by their clans.

21 Gereshon's descendants were the Livnim and the Shim'im, so they made up the Gershonim. 22 They had 7,500 males that were at least a month old. 23 The Gershoni clans were to camp on the western side of the sacred tent, 24 and their leader was La'el's son Elyasaf. 25 Gereshon's descendants were responsible for the sacred tent, including its covering and the entrance curtain, 26 the courtyard curtains, and the courtyard entrance curtain, that surrounded it. Also the ropes used to hold them.

27 Kohat's descendants were the Amramim, the Yitshari, the Hevronim, and the Uzielim, so they made up the Kohatites.

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3 These are_the_names_of the_sons_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests (the)_anointed whom he_filled hand_of_their to_serve_as_ _priests. 4 And_ Nādāv and_'Avīhū' _he/it_died to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** when_they_brought_near fire strange to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_the_ _wilderness_of Ṣīnay and_sons not they_belonged to/for_them and_ 'El'āzār and_'Ītāmār _he_served_as_priest on the_face_of 'Ah$_a$ron father_of_their.

5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 6 Bring_near ~~ĐOM~~ the_tribe_of Lēvī and_you_will_make_stand ~~ĐOM~~_him/it to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer and_they_will_serve ~~ĐOM~~_him/it. 7 And_they_will_keep ~~ĐOM~~ duty_of_his and_~~ĐOM~~ the_duty_of all_of the_congregation to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of meeting by_ _serving ~~ĐOM~~ the_service_of the_tabernacle. 8 And_they_will_ _keep ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_articles_of the_tent_of meeting and_~~ĐOM~~ the_duty_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_serving ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _service_of the_tabernacle. 9 And_you(ms)_will_give ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _Lēviyyiy to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his are_assigned assigned they to_him/it from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 10 And_~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~ĐOM~~ sons_of_his you_will_appoint and_they_will_keep ~~ĐOM~~ priesthood_of_their and_the_stranger (the)_approaching he_will_be_put_to_death. 11 And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 12 And_I HERE I_have_taken ~~ĐOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_place_of every_of firstborn the_firstborn_of a_womb from_ _(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_be to_me the_ _Lēviyyiy. 13 If/because to_me every_of firstborn in/on_day I_ _struck_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_set_apart to_me every_of firstborn in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _humankind unto livestock to_me they_will_belong I am_ _**YHWH**.

14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay to_say. 15 Enroll ~~ĐOM~~ the_descendants_of Lēvī to_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their to_their_clans every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards you_will_ _enrol_them. 16 And_ Mosheh _he_enrolled ~~ĐOM~~_them on the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** just_as he_had_been_commanded. 17 And_ the_sons_of Lēvī _they_were these by_names_of_their Gērəshōn and_Qəhāt and_Mərārī. 18 And_these were_the_names_of the_ _sons_of Gērəshōn to_their_clans Livnī and_Shim'ī. 19 And_the_ _sons of_Qəhāt to_their_clans were_'Amrām and_ _Yitshār/(Izhar) Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziy'ēl. 20 And_the_sons of_ _Mərārī to_their_clans were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy these they were_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. 21 Belonged_to_Gērəshōn the_clan_of the_ _Livnīte[s] and_the_clan_of the_Shim'īte[s] these they were_ _the_clans_of the_Gērəshōnite[s]. 22 Their_enrolled_of_men by_ _the_number_of every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_ _upward_upwards their_enrolled_of_men were_seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s). 23 The_clans_of the_ _Gērəshōnite[s] behind the_tabernacle they_will_encamp westward_on. 24 And_the_leader_of the_house_of a_father of_ _Gērəshōnite[s] was_'Elyāṣāf the_son_of Lā'ēl. 25 And_the_duty_

3 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 26:60.

4 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:1-2; Num 26:61.

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_of the_descendants_of Gērəshōn in_the_tent_of meeting was_
_the_tabernacle and_the_tent covering_of_its and_the_screen_
_of the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **26** And_the_curtains_
_of the_courtyard and_ðoм the_screen_of the_entrance_of the_
_courtyard which is_at the_tabernacle and_at the_altar all_
_around and_ðoм tent-cords_of_its to_all/each/any/every
service_of_its. **27** And_belonged_to_Qəhāt the_clan_of the_
_ʹAmrāmite[s] and_the_clan_of the_Izharite[s] and_the_clan_of
the_Ḫevrōnite[s] and_the_clan_of the_ʹUzziyʾēlite[s] these they
were_the_clans_of the_Qəhātite[s]. **28** By_the_number_of every_
_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards were_
_eight_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) the_keepers_of the_
_duty_of the_holy_place. **29** The_clans_of the_descendants_of
Qəhāt they_will_encamp at the_side_of the_tabernacle
southward_to. **30** And_the_leader_of the_house_of a_father of_
_the_clans_of of_the_Qəhātite[s] was_ʾElītsāfān[5] the_son_of
ʹUzziyʾēl. **31** And_duty_of_their was_the_box and_the_table and_
_the_lampstand and_the_altars and_the_equipment(s)_of the_
_holy_place which they_will_serve (is)_in_them and_the_screen
and_all/each/any/every service_of_its. **32** And_the_leader_of
the_leaders_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] was_ʾElʹāzār the_son_of ʾAhₐron
the_priest/officer the_oversight_of the_keepers_of the_duty_of
the_holy_place. **33** Belonged_to_Mərārī the_clan_of the_
_Maḥlīte[s] and_the_clan_of the_Mūshiyte[s] these they were_
_the_clans_of the_Mərārīte[s]. **34** And_their_enrolled_of_men
by_the_number_of every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_
_upward_upwards were_six_of thousand(s) and_two_hundred.
35 And_the_leader_of the_house_of a_father of_the_clans_of of_
_the_Mərārīte[s] was_Tsūrīʾēl/(Zuriel) the_son_of ʾAvīhayil at
the_side_of the_tabernacle they_will_encamp northward_to.
36 And_the_office_of the_duty_of the_descendants_of Mərārī
was_the_frames_of the_tabernacle and_bars_of_its and_pillars_
_of_its and_bases_of_its and_all articles_of_its and_
_all/each/any/every service_of_its. **37** And_the_pillars_of the_
_courtyard all_around and_bases_of_their and_their_tent_of_
_pegs and_tent-cords_of_their. **38** And_those_who_encamped
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tabernacle eastward_
_on to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of meeting
eastward_toward were_Mosheh and_ʾAhₐron and_sons_of_his
who_were_keeping the_duty_of the_sanctuary to_the_duty_of
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_stranger (the)_
_approaching he_will_be_put_to_death. **39** All_of the_enrolled_
_men_of the_Lēviyyiy whom Mosheh and_ʾAhₐron he_enrolled[6]
on the_mouth_of **YHWH** to_their_clans every_of male from_a_
_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards were_two and_twenty
thousand.

40 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh enrol every_of_firstborn
male of_the_people_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_a_son_of a_
_month and_upward_upwards and_take ðoм the_number_of
their_names_of_their. **41** And_you_will_take ðoм the_Lēviyyiy
to_me I am_**YHWH** in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_

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28 They had 8,600 males that were at least a month old. They were in charge of the running of the sacred tent. **29** The Kohatite clans were to camp of the southern side of the sacred tent, **30** and their leader was Uziel's son Elitsafan. **31** They were in charge of the box, the table and the lampstand, the altars and all the utensils used for ministry, the inside curtain and its gear.

32 The man who organised the Levites was Aharon's (Aaron's) son, Eleazar the priest. He had oversight over all those who were responsible for the sacred tent.

33 Merari's descendants were the Mahlim and the Mushim, so they made up the Merarim. **34** They had 6,200 males that were at least a month old, **35** and their leader was Avihayil's son Tsuriel. They were to camp on the northern side of the sacred tent. **36** They were in charge of all the frames for the sacred tent, its crossbars, posts, bases, all its containers and equipment, **37** as well as the pillars used to make the courtyard with their bases, pegs, and ropes.

38 Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon and his sons set up their tents in front of the entrance on the eastern side of the sacred tent. They were in charge of that tent and the needs of the Israelis. Any stranger who approached had to be executed. **39** Mosheh and Aharon listed 22,000 Levite males that were at least a month old, listing them by their clans as per Yahweh's instructions.

Paying the price for the firstborn sons

40 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "List all the other male Israeli that are at least one month old and count them. **41** The Levites are for me, Yahweh, in the place of the firstborn males from every Israeli

5 LV 3:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

6 LV 3:39 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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family, and their animals are in place of the Israelis' firstborn male animals." **42** So Mosheh listed the firstborn Israelis exactly as Yahweh had commanded him to. **43** and the total number of firstborn males a month old or more whose names were listed came to 22,273.

44 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, **45** "Take the Levites instead of every firstborn male Israeli, and the Levites' animals instead of their animals, and the Levites will be mine—I am Yahweh. **46** To redeem the 273 firstborn Israelis who outnumber the Levites, **47** collect five silver coins for each one of them. (Use the same silver coins weighing eleven grams, that the priests use in the sacred tent.) **48** Give that money to Aharon (Aaron) and his sons as payment of the ransom for those excess 273 males." **49** So Mosheh collected that ransom money to cover the ransom of the excess not covered by the number of Levites. **50** He collected 1,365 silver coins from the firstborn Israeli males (using the standard weight of silver from the sanctuary) **51** and gave it to Aharon and his sons just as Yahweh had commanded.

Kohat's descendants' duties

4:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **2** "Take a detailed census of Kohat's male descendants by their clans and families **3** who are from twenty-five up to fifty years old and who goes into the sacred tent to minister.

4 This is what the Kohatites are responsible for concerning the sacred tent including the inner room: **5** When it's time to break camp, Aharon and his sons must enter and take down the curtain that veils it, and then use that to cover the box containing the agreement. **6** Then they must cover it with fine leather, followed by a blue cloth, and then put its carrying poles through the rings.

7 They must spread a blue cloth over the sacred bread table, then place the dishes, pans, bowls, and jugs for the drink offerings on top of that, along with the sacred bread. **8** Then they must spread a scarlet cloth over all that, and cover that again with fine leather, and then put its poles through the rings.

9 They must spread a blue cloth over the lampstand with its oil lamps, its tongs and trays, and the oil containers that are used for it. **10** Then they must wrap the lampstand and all its equipment in fine leather, and place it all on its carrying frame.

11 Then the must spread a blue cloth over the gold incense altar, and cover that again with fine leather, and then put its poles through the rings. **12** Then they must get all the other utensils that they use in the sacred tent, and cover that again with fine leather, and place it all on its carrying frame. **13** They need to re-

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_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM the_livestock_of the_ _Lēviyyiy in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_livestock_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **42** And_ Mosheh _he_ _enrolled just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM_him/it ĐOM every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **43** And_he/it_was every_of firstborn male by_the_number_of names from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards to_their_ _enrolled_of_men two and_twenty thousand three and_seventy and_two_hundred. **44** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_ _saying. **45** Take ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM the_ _livestock_of the_Lēviyyiy in_place_of livestock_of_their and_ _they_will_be to_me the_Lēviyyiy I am_**YHWH**. **46** And_ĐOM the_ransom(s)_of the_three and_the_seventy and_the_two_ _hundred who_are_in_excess to the_Lēviyyiy of_the_firstborn_ _of of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **47** And_you_will_take five_of five_of shekels for_head by_the_shekel_of the_holy_ _place you_will_take is_twenty gerah[s] the_shekel. **48** And_ _you(ms)_will_give the_money to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his the_ransom(s)_of those_who_are_in_excess among_them. **49** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ĐOM the_money_of the_ransom from_with those_who_were_in_excess to the_ransom(s)_of the_ _Lēviyyiy. **50** From_with the_firstborn_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_took ĐOM the_money five and_sixty and_ _three hundred(s) and_one_thousand by_the_shekel_of the_ _holy_place. **51** And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave ĐOM the_money_of the_ransom(s) to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his on the_mouth_of **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

4:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **2** Lift_up ĐOM the_head_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt from_ _among_of the_descendants_of Lēvī to_their_clans to_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their. **3** From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of one_who_comes for_service for_doing work in_the_ _tent_of meeting. **4** This is_the_service_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt in_the_tent_of meeting the_holy_thing_of the_holy_ _things. **5** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his _he_will_go when_ the_camp _sets_out and_they_will_take_down ĐOM the_curtain_ _of the_screen and_they_will_cover with_it ĐOM the_box_of the_ _transcript. **6** And_they_will_put on/upon/above_him/it a_ _covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_spread_out a_ _covering_of an_entirety_of violet_stuff from_to_above and_ _they_will_put_in poles_of_its. **7** And_over the_table_of the_ _presence they_will_spread_out a_covering_of violet_stuff and_ _they_will_put on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_dishes and_ĐOM the_pans and_ĐOM the_bowls and_ĐOM the_jugs_of the_drink_ _offering and_the_bread_of (the)_continuity on/upon/above_ _him/it it_will_be. **8** And_they_will_spread_out over_them a_ _covering_of scarlet_stuff_of scarlet and_they_will_cover ĐOM_ _him/it with_a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_ _in ĐOM poles_of_its. **9** And_they_will_take a_covering_of violet_ _stuff and_they_will_cover ĐOM the_lampstand_of the_luminary and_ĐOM lamps_of_its and_ĐOM tongs_of_its and_ĐOM fire-pans_ _of_its and_ĐOM all_of the_vessels_of its_oil_of_her which they_ _will_serve to/for_her/it by_them. **10** And_they_will_put ĐOM_ _her/it and_ĐOM all_of articles_of_its into a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_it on the_carrying_frame. **11** And_

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_over the_altar_of the_gold they_will_spread_out a_covering_of violet_stuff and_they_will_cover ÐOM_him/it with_a_covering_ _of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_in ÐOM poles_of_its. **12** And_they_will_take ÐOM all_of the_articles_of (the)_service which they_will_serve by_them in_place and_they_will_put_ _them into a_covering_of violet_stuff and_they_will_cover them with_a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_ _them on the_carrying_frame. **13** And_they_will_take_away_ _the_fatty_ashes_from ÐOM the_altar and_they_will_spread_out on/upon/above_him/it a_covering_of purple_cloth. **14** And_ _they_will_put on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM all_of articles_of_its which they_will_serve on/upon/above_him/it (is)_in_them ÐOM the_fire-pans ÐOM the_forks and_ÐOM the_shovels and_ÐOM the_ _bowls all_of the_articles_of the_altar and_they_will_spread_ _out on/upon/above_him/it a_covering_of skin_of dolphin and_they_will_put_in poles_of_its. **15** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_ _of_his _he_will_finish to_cover ÐOM the_holy_place and_ÐOM all_of the_articles_of the_holy_place when_ the_camp _sets_out and_after thus the_descendants_of Qəhāt they_will_come to_ _carry_them and_not they_will_touch (to) the_holy_thing and_ _they_will_die these_things are_the_burden_of the_ _descendants_of Qəhāt in_the_tent_of meeting. **16** And_the_ _oversight_of 'El'āzār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer is_ _the_oil_of the_luminary and_the_incense_of the_perfume(s) and_the_grain_offering_of (the)_continuity and_the_oil_of (the)_anointing the_oversight_of all_of the_tabernacle and_all that in/on/over_him/it with_the_holy_place and_with_ _equipment(s)_of_its. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **18** Do_not cut_off ÐOM the_tribe_of the_ _clans_of the_Qəhātite[s] from_among_of the_Lēviyyiy. **19** And_ _this do to/for_them and_they_will_live and_not they_will_die when_they_draw_near ÐOM the_holy_thing_of the_holy_things 'Ah$_a$ron and_sons_of_his they_will_go and_they_will_appoint them a_man a_man on service_of_his and_near/to burden_of_ _his. **20** And_not they_will_go to_see as_a_swallowing ÐOM the_ _holy_thing and_they_will_die.

21 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **22** Lift_up ÐOM the_head_of the_descendants_of Gērəshōn also they to_ _the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their to_their_clans. **23** From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards to a_son_ _of fifty year[s] you_will_enrol them every_of (the)_one_who_ _comes to_serve service to_serve service in_the_tent_of meeting. **24** This is_the_service_of the_clans_of the_ _Gērəshōnite[s] for_serving and_for_carrying. **25** And_they_ _will_carry ÐOM the_curtains_of the_tabernacle and_ÐOM the_ _tent_of meeting covering_of_its and_the_covering_of the_ _dolphin which on/upon/above_him/it from_to_above and_ _ÐOM the_screen_of the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **26** And_ÐOM the_curtains_of the_courtyard and_ÐOM the_ _screen_of the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_courtyard which is_at the_tabernacle and_at the_altar all_around and_ÐOM tent-cords_of_their and_ÐOM all_of the_articles_of their_ _service_of_their and_ÐOM all_of that it_will_be_made to/for_ _them and_they_will_serve. **27** On the_mouth_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_ _sons_of_his it_will_be all_of the_service_of the_descendants_of the_Gērəshōnite[s] to/from_all/each/any/every carrying_of_ _their and_to/for_all service_of_their and_you(pl)_will_assign to_them (in)_a_duty ÐOM all_of carrying_of_their. **28** This is_

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move the ashes from the bronze altar and spread a purple cloth over it, **14** and put all the utensils they use on top of it: the trays, meat forks, shovel and basins for the altar. Then they must cover it with fine leather, and then put its poles through the rings. **15** Aharon and his sons must finish covering the sacred tent and all its utensils and equipment when they're about to move camp. Then the Kohatites can come to carry it all without touching the inner room so they won't die. That's the responsibility of Kohat's descendants—carrying the sacred tent.

16 Eleazar (son of Aharon (Aaron) the priest) is in charge of the lamp oil and the fragrant incense, the regular grain offering, the anointing oil, and the oversight of the sacred tent and the inner room, including everything that's used inside them.

17 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon, **18** "Don't allow the Kohatite Levites to get wiped out by mishandling the most sacred items, **19** but take these precautions on their behalf so they won't die when they approach the most sacred items: Get Aharon and his sons to go and show each of them personally the correct and proper way to do his duties. **20** However, they must never go early to set their eyes on the sacred objects, even briefly, or they'll die."

Gereshon's descendants' duties

21 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **22** "Take a detailed census of Gereshon's male descendants by their clans and families **23** who are from thirty up to fifty years old and who goes into the sacred tent to minister.

24 This is what the Gershonim are responsible for working with and carrying: **25** They must carry the inner curtains from the sacred tent, the covering, the fine leather covering, the entrance curtain, **26** the courtyard curtains, and the courtyard gate curtain, along with the ropes and other equipment for using them. That will be their ministry. **27** Aharon (Aaron) and his sons will direct the Gershonim in their duties and assign all the items to them. **28** That will be the ministry of Gereshon's descendants with the sacred tent, and it will all be under the supervision of Aharon's son Itamar the priest.

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Merari's descendants' duties

29 "Take a detailed census of Merari's descendants by their clans and families,
30 listing the men who are from thirty to fifty years old and who goes into the sacred tent to minister. 31 Their duties are carrying the frames, crossbars, posts, and sockets for the sacred tent,
32 the courtyard pillars and their bases, their pegs and ropes, and all their equipment. Every man must be assigned by name as to what equipment he must carry. 33 That will be the ministry of Merari's descendants with the sacred tent, and it will all be under the supervision of Aharon's (Aaron's) son Itamar the priest.

The totals from the Levite census

34 So Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and the community leaders listed the Kohatites by their clans and families, 35 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister, 36 and the total for all the clans was 2,750. 37 That was from the Kohatite clans who ministered at the sacred tent and were listed by Mosheh and Aharon just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh. 38 They counted the Gershonim by their clans and families, 39 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister, 40 and the total for all the clans was 2,630. 41 That was from the Gershoni clans who ministered at the sacred tent and were listed by Mosheh and Aharon just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh. 42 They counted the Merarim by their clans and families, 43 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister, 44 and the total for all the clans was 3,200. 45 That was from the Merari clans who ministered at the sacred tent and were listed by Mosheh and Aharon just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.
46 So Mosheh, Aharon, and the Israeli leaders counted all the Levites by their clans and families, 47 counting the men from thirty to fifty years old who go into the sacred tent to minister and also help with carrying it, 48 and the total came to 8,580.
49 Those were the ones counted by Mosheh following Yahweh's instructions. Each man's name was listed by Mosheh, along with his duties and what was his responsibility to carry.

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_the_service_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of the_
_Gērəshōnite[s] in_the_tent_of meeting and_duty_of_their is_
_in_the_hand_of 'Ītāmār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer.

29 The_descendants_of Mərārī to_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their you_will_enrol ~~ĐOM~~_them. 30 From_a_
_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] you_will_enrol_them every_of (the)_one_who_
_comes for_service to_serve ~~ĐOM~~ the_service_of the_tent_of meeting. 31 And_this is_the_duty_of their_carrying_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every service_of_their in_the_tent_of meeting the_frames_of the_tabernacle and_bars_of_its and_
_pillars_of_its and_bases_of_its. 32 And_the_pillars_of the_
_courtyard all_around and_bases_of_their and_their_tent_of_
_pegs and_tent-cords_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every articles_of_their and_to/for_all service_of_their and_by_names you(pl)_will_assign ~~ĐOM~~ the_equipment(s)_of the_duty_of their_carrying_of_their. 33 This is_the_service_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī to/from_all/each/any/every service_of_their in_the_tent_of meeting in_the_hand_of 'Ītāmār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer.

34 And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_the_leaders_of the_
_congregation _he_enrolled ~~ĐOM~~ the_descendants_of the_
_Qəhātite[s] to_their_clans and_to_the_house_of their_
_ancestors_of_their. 35 From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_
_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes for_service for_service in_the_tent_of meeting. 36 And_ their_enrolled_of_men _they_were to_their_
_clans two_thousand seven hundred(s) and_fifty. 37 These were_the_enrolled_men_of the_clans_of the_Qəhātite[s] every_
_of (the)_one_who_serves in_the_tent_of meeting whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron he_enrolled on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_
_the_hand_of Mosheh. 38 And_the_enrolled_men_of the_
_descendants_of Gērəshōn to_clans_of_their and_to_the_house_
_of their_ancestors_of_their. 39 From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes for_service for_service in_the_tent_of meeting. 40 And_ their_enrolled_of_men to_their_clans to_the_
_house_of their_ancestors_of_their _they_were two_thousand and_six hundred(s) and_thirty. 41 These were_the_enrolled_
_men_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Gērəshōn every_of (the)_one_who_serves in_the_tent_of meeting whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron he_enrolled on the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 42 And_the_
_enrolled_men_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī to_
_their_clans to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their. 43 From_
_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_unto a_son_
_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes for_service for_
_service in_the_tent_of meeting. 44 And_ their_enrolled_of_
_men to_their_clans _they_were three_of thousand(s) and_two_
_hundred. 45 These were_the_enrolled_men_of the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron he_
_enrolled on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh.
46 All_of the_enrolled_men whom Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_
_the_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_enrolled ~~ĐOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy to_their_clans and_to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their.
47 From_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_
_unto a_son_of fifty year[s] every_of (the)_one_who_comes to_

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_serve a_service_of a_service and_a_service_of carrying in_the_ _tent_of meeting. **48** And_ their_enrolled_of_men _they_were eight_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s) and_eighty. **49** On the_mouth_of **YHWH** someone_enrolled them by_the_hand_of Mosheh a_man a_man on service_of_his and_on burden_of_his and_his_appointed_of_things which **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh.

5:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Command ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_send_ _away from the_camp any_of one_who_has_a_skin_disease and_ _all one_who_has_a_discharge and_all/each/any/every person_ _unclean to_a_corpse. **3** From_male unto female you(pl)_will_ _send_away to from_the_outside of_camp you(pl)_will_send_ _them_away and_not they_will_make_unclean ĐOM camps_of_ _their which I am_dwelling among_them. **4** And_they_did so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_sent_away them to from_the_outside of_camp just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken to Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did.
5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **6** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_man or a_woman if/because they_will_do from_all the_sins_of the_humankind by_acting_ _unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_**YHWH** and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_guilty. **7** And_they_will_confess ĐOM sin_of_their which they_have_done and_he_will_repay ĐOM compensation_of_its in_head_of_its and_its_of_fifth let_him_ _add on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_gave to_the_one_whom he_was_guilty to_him/it. **8** And_if there_belongs_not to_person a_kinsman-redeemer to_repay the_compensation to_him/it the_compensation which_is_repaid to/for_**YHWH** for_priest (from)_besides_of the_ram_of (the)_atonement(s) which he_ _will_make_atonement in/on/over_him/it on/upon/above_ _him/it. **9** And_all contribution to/from_all/each/any/every the_holy_things_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_ _will_bring_near to_priest to_him/it it_will_belong. **10** And_ _everyone ĐOM things_of_his_holy to_him/it they_will_belong everyone that_which he_will_give to_priest to_him/it it_will_ _belong.

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **12** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them a_man a_man if/because his/its_wife/woman she_will_turn_aside and_she_will_act_unfaithfully in_him/it unfaithfulness.
13 And_ a_man _he_will_lie ĐOM_her/it a_laying_of seed and_it_ _will_be_hidden from_the_eyes_of her/its_husband/man and_ _she_will_be_undiscovered and_she she_has_made_herself_ _unclean and_a_witness there_was_not on_her and_she not she_was_caught. **14** And_it_will_pass on/upon/above_him/it a_ _spirit_of jealousy and_he_will_be_jealous_of ĐOM his/its_ _wife/woman and_she she_has_made_herself_unclean or it_ _has_passed on/upon/above_him/it a_spirit_of jealousy and_ _he_will_be_jealous_of ĐOM his/its_wife/woman and_she not she_has_made_herself_unclean. **15** And_ the_man _he_will_ _bring ĐOM his/its_wife/woman to the_priest/officer and_he_ _will_bring ĐOM offering_of_her on/upon_it(f) (the)_tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh flour_of barley(s) not he_will_pour_out on/upon/above_him/it oil and_not he_will_put on/upon/above_him/it frankincense if/because is_a_grain_

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Handling ceremonial 'uncleanness'

5:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Order the Israelis that anyone with a skin disease or a discharge, and anyone who's 'unclean' because they touched a corpse, must be sent outside the camp. **3** Whether they're male or female, they must be sent outside the camp so that the whole camp doesn't become 'unclean' because I'm living there right amongst them." **4** So the Israelis did what Yahweh told Mosheh, and sent those people outside the camp.

Reparations for crimes

5 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **6** "Tell the Israelis that when any man or a woman disobeys God by doing any of the things that humans do when they're unfaithful towards Yahweh, then that person is guilty **7** and they must confess their disobedience. Then that person must make full reparation to whoever they wronged, along with an extra twenty percent of the cost. **8** However, if reparation to the victim isn't possible for some reason, then it must be paid to Yahweh via a priest, in addition to the ram that will be offered for that person's atonement. **9** Any sacred contributions by the Israelis that are presented to a priest will belong to him. **10** Each person's sacred contributions will be their own, but anything given to a priest will belong to him."

Testing for an unfaithful wife

11 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **12** "Tell the Israelis that if any man's wife has an affair and is unfaithful towards him, **13** when another man secretly has sex with her, then she becomes 'unclean', even though there's no witness against her and she wasn't caught. **14** If the husband becomes suspicious, whether or not she's actually become 'unclean', **15** then he should take her to a priest. He must also bring an offering on her behalf: two litres of barley flour. It must not have any oil or spices mixed into it because it's a grain offering for suspicion—for determining if unfaithfulness has occurred.

16 Then the priest must lead her forward and stand her in front of Yahweh. **17** He must fill a pottery jar with sacred water, and then mix some dust from the floor of Yahweh's residence into the water. **18** Then the priest must stand the woman in front of Yahweh and let her hair down, then he must place the suspicion grain offering on her palm. (It's a grain offering for jeal-

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ousy.) The priest must be holding the water of bitterness that brings a curse **19** and tell the woman to make this oath: "If no other man slept with you, and if you didn't dirty yourself while you're married, then be free from this water of bitterness that brings a curse. **20** But if you have cheated on your husband and become 'unclean' and slept with some other guy, there'll be consequences. **21** Then the priest will make the woman take that curse as an oath, and he'll tell her, "Yahweh will make your experience a curse and your people will see the results of the oath, when Yahweh gives disease to your genitals and makes your belly swell. **22** This water will invoke the curse to make your belly swell and your genitals shrivel." Then the woman must say, "Indeed, let it be so."

23 Then the priest must write those curses on a scroll, then wipe the ink into the water of bitterness. **24** He must make the woman drink that water of bitterness that brings the curse, and it will enter into her. **25** Then he'll take the grain offering of suspicion from her hand, and hold it up in front of Yahweh, and then take it to the altar. **26** He'll take some of the grain as a memorial portion and burn it on the altar. Then he'll make the woman drink the water. **27** After she's drunk it, if she was 'unclean' and unfaithful to her husband, the water will carry that curse into her, and her belly will swell and her genitals will get diseased, and the woman will become a curse among her people. **28** However, if she hadn't defiled herself and is pure, then she'll be free and be able to have children.

29 That's the rule about jealousy when a wife cheats on her husband and defiles herself, **30** or when a husband becomes jealous and suspicious and he stands his wife in front of Yahweh, and the priest applies this ruling to her. **31** Then the husband will be innocent, and that women will bear the consequences of her wrongdoing.

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_offering_of jealousi(es) it a_grain_offering_of remembrance which_brings_to_remembrance iniquity. **16** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_bring_near ÐOM_her/it and_he_will_ _make_her_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **17** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take water holy in_a_ _vessel_of earthenware and_from the_dust which it_will_be on_ _the_floor_of the_tabernacle the_priest/officer he_will_take and_he/it_gave into the_waters. **18** And_ the_priest/officer _ _he_will_make_stand ÐOM the_woman to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_let_untie/release ÐOM the_head_of the_woman and_he/it_gave on palms_of_her ÐOM the_grain_offering_of (the)_remembrance is_a_grain_offering_ _of jealousi(es) it and_in_the_hand_of the_priest/officer the_ _waters_of (the)_bitter_things which_bring_a_curse they_will_ _be. **19** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_swear ÐOM_ _her/it and_saying(ms) to the_woman if not a_man he_has_lain with_you and_if not you_have_turned_aside uncleanness under your(fs)_man/husband be_free from_the_waters_of (the)_ _bitter_things which_bring_a_curse the_these. **20** And_you if/because you_have_turned_aside under your(fs)_ _man/husband and_because/when you_have_made_yourself_ _unclean and_ a_man _he/it_gave on/over_you(fs) ÐOM copulation_of_his (from)_except your(fs)_man/husband. **21** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_make_swear ÐOM the_ _woman with_the_oath_of the_curse and_ the_priest/officer _ _saying(ms) to/for_the_woman/wife **YHWH** may_he_make you into_a_curse and_into_a_oath in_the_middle people_of_your when_ **YHWH** _makes ÐOM thigh_of_your falling and_ÐOM belly_ _of_your swollen. **22** And_ the_waters which_bring_a_curse the_ _these _they_will_go in_your(pl)_inward_of_parts to_make_ _swell a_belly and_to_make_fall a_thigh and_ the_woman _she_ _will_say amen amen. **23** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_write ÐOM the_curses the_these on_scroll and_he_will_wipe_them_off into the_waters_of (the)_bitter_things. **24** And_it_watered ÐOM the_woman ÐOM the_waters_of (the)_bitter_things which_ _bring_a_curse and_they_will_go in_her the_waters which_ _bring_a_curse to_bitter_things. **25** And_ the_priest/officer _ _he/it_will_take from_the_hand_of the_woman ÐOM the_grain_ _offering_of (the)_jealousi(es) and_he_will_wave ÐOM the_ _grain_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_bring_near ÐOM_her/it to the_altar. **26** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_take_a_handful from the_grain_ _offering ÐOM offering_of_its_memorial and_he_will_make_it_ _smoke to_the_altar and_after he_will_make_drink ÐOM the_ _woman ÐOM the_waters. **27** And_he_will_make_her_drink ÐOM the_waters and_she_will_be if she_has_made_herself_unclean and_she_has_acted_unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_ _husband_of_her and_they_will_go in_her the_waters which_ _bring_a_curse to_bitter_things and_ belly_of_her _it_will_swell and_ thigh_of_her _it_will_fall and_ the_woman _she_will_ _become (into)_a_curse in_the_midst_of her_people_of_her. **28** And_if not the_woman she_has_made_herself_unclean and_ _is_pure she and_she_will_be_free and_ seed _she_will_be_ _impregnated. **29** This is_the_law_of (the)_jealousi(es) that a_ _wife she_will_turn_aside under her/its_husband/man and_ _she_will_make_herself_unclean. **30** Or a_man that it_will_pass on/upon/above_him/it a_spirit_of jealousy and_he_will_be_ _jealous_of ÐOM his/its_wife/woman and_he_will_make_stand

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ᴅᴏᴍ the_woman to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_do to/for_her/it the_priest/officer ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _law (the)_this. **31** And_ the_man _he_will_be_free from_ _iniquity and_the_woman the_that she_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ iniquity_ _of_her.

6:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them a_man or a_woman if/because he_will_make_hard to_vow a_vow_of a_ _Nāzīr to_be_a_Nāzīr to/for_**YHWH**. **3** From_wine and_strong_ _drink he_will_keep_separate vinegar_of wine and_vinegar_of strong_drink not he_will_drink and_all juice_of grapes not he_ _will_drink and_grapes fresh and_dry not he_will_eat. **4** All_of the_days_of his_consecration_of_his from_all that it_is_made from_the_vine_of the_wine from_seeds and_unto skin not he_ _will_eat. **5** All_of the_days_of the_vow_of his_consecration_of_ _his a_razor not it_will_pass over his/its_head until the_days which he_will_be_a_Nāzīr to/for_**YHWH** are_completed holy he_will_be the_lock[s]_of the_hair_of his/its_head he_will_ _make_grow. **6** All_of the_days_of his_being_a_Nāzīr to/for_ _**YHWH** to a_corpse a_dead_person not he_will_go. **7** For_ _father_of_his and_for_mother_of_his for_brother_of_his and_ _for_sister_of_his not he_will_make_himself_unclean to/for_ _them when_die_of_they if/because the_consecration_of his/its_god is_on his/its_head. **8** All_of the_days_of his_ _consecration_of_his is_holy he to/for_**YHWH**. **9** And_ _because/when a_dead_person he_will_die on/upon/above_ _him/it with_suddenness suddenly and_he_will_make_unclean the_head_of his_consecration_of_his and_he_will_shave his/its_ _head in/on_day his_purification_of_his in_the_day the_ _seventh he_will_shave_it. **10** And_on_day (the)_eighth he_will_ _bring two_of turtle-doves or two_of young_ones_of a_dove to the_priest/officer to the_entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting. **11** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer one_bird to_a_sin_ _offering and_one to_a_burnt_offering and_he_will_make_ _atonement on/upon/above_him/it because he_sinned on the_ _corpse and_he_will_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head in_the_day (the)_that. **12** And_he_will_be_a_Nāzīr to/for_**YHWH** ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _days_of his_consecration_of_his and_he_will_bring a_lamb the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_guilt_offering and_the_days (the)_former they_will_fall if/because consecration_of_his it_ _has_become_unclean. **13** And_this is_the_law_of the_Nāzīr in/on_day the_days_of his_consecration_of_his are_completed someone_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. **14** And_he_will_bring_near ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his to/for_**YHWH** a_lamb the_son_of its_year_of_his unblemished one to_a_burnt_offering and_a_ewe-lamb one the_daughter_of its_year_of_her unblemished to_a_sin_offering and_a_ram one unblemished to_a_peace_offering(s). **15** And_a_basket_of unleavened_bread(s) fine_flour_of cakes mixed with_oil and_ _wafers_of unleavened_bread(s) smeared with_oil and_their_ _grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings. **16** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_bring_them_near to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_will_offer ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_ _sin and_ᴅᴏᴍ offering_of_his_burnt. **17** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ram he_ _will_offer a_sacrifice_of peace_offerings to/for_**YHWH** with

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Instructions for the Nazirite vow

6:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that when any man or woman wants to make a solemn vow to separate themself to Yahweh as a Nazirite, **3** they must keep away from wine and strong drink,[7] and even vinegar made from wine or strong drink, plus they mustn't drink grape juice or eat either grapes or raisins. **4** For the entire time of their separation, they mustn't eat anything coming from a grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.

5 "For the entire time of their vow to Yahweh as a Nazirite, they mustn't cut their hair—they must sacred and grow their hair long.

6 "For the entire time of their separation to Yahweh, they mustn't approach any dead body, **7** even if it's their father or mother, or brother or sister. They mustn't defile themselves with death, because their consecration to their god is on their head. **8** They must remain holy to Yahweh for the whole time.

9 "However, if someone right next to them suddenly died, that would defile their consecrated head, and after the regular seven days of purification, they would have to shave their head. **10** Then on the eighth day, they'd have to take two doves or young pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent, **11** and he would take one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering—making atonement for their transgression with the corpse. Then they would consecrate their head again that day **12** and restart their days of separation, as well as bringing a one-year old male lamb as a guilt offering. (Their initial days of separation won't count because they were made 'unclean'.)

13 "Now these are the instructions for the Nazirites: Once their days of separation are fulfilled, someone must take them to the entrance of the sacred tent **14** and they will present their offerings to Yahweh—an unblemished, one-year old, male lamb as a burnt offering, and an unblemished, one-year old, female lamb as a sin offering, plus an unblemished ram as a peace/fellowship offering, **15** along with a basket of flat breads, flour mixed with oil, and wafers spread with olive oil, and their grain and drink offerings. **16** The priest must present all that to Yahweh, and handle their sin offering and burnt offering. **17** The ram and the basket of flat breads will be offered as a peace offering to Yahweh, and the priest will offer their grain and wine offerings. **18** Then the Nazirite must shave their head of separation at the opening to the sacred tent, and taking the hair, must put it on the fire under their peace offering sacrifice.

19 "The priest will then take the boiled shoulder from the ram, and one flat bread roll and one wafer from the basket, and place

7 RV 6:3 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:15.

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them on the palms of that Nazirite with their consecrated head that's been shaved. 20 Then the priest will raise them as a raised offering to Yahweh. Those raised breads and the shoulder are now sacred and belong to the priest. Then the Nazirite can drink some wine.

21 Those are the instructions for the Nazirite who makes a solemn oath to Yahweh for their separation, plus what they're able to give. They must do exactly what they promised as per these instructions."

The priests' prayer for blessing

22 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
23 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) and his sons that when the bless the Israelis, this is what they must say:

24 May Yahweh bless you and protect you.
25 May Yahweh give you prosperity and show grace toward you.
26 May he watch over you and give you peace.
27 "In that way, they'll put my name on the Israelis, and I will bless them."

The leaders' offerings at the altar dedication

7:1 When Mosheh (Moses) had finished setting up the sacred tent, he anointed it with oil and consecrated it and all its furniture, as well as the altar and all its equipment. 2 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders presented gifts. They were the leaders of the tribes who ruled over those who'd been listed for duties. 3 They brought their gifts to Yahweh's presence in six carts pulled by twelve bulls. Each cart was from two leaders, and each of the bulls was from one leader. 4 Then Yahweh told Mosheh: 5 "Accept their gifts because they'll be useful for the running of the sacred tent. Distribute them appropriately to the Levites, depending on each man's duties." 6 So Mosheh took the carts and the cattle and distributed them to the Levites, 7 giving two carts and four bulls to the Gershonim to help them with their assigned duties. 8 Then he gave four carts and eight bulls to the Merarim to help them with their assigned duties under the supervision of the priest (Aharon's (Aaron's) son) Itamar. 9 However, the Kohatites weren't given any because they were responsible for carrying the very holy objects, and those had to be carried on their shoulders.

10 The day that the altar was dedicated and anointed, the leaders brought their gifts and presented them at the altar, 11 and

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the_basket_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_offer ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_donation/offering and_~~ĐOM~~ offering_ _of_its_drink. 18 And_ the_Nāzīr _he_will_shave the_entrance_ _of the_tent_of_meeting ~~ĐOM~~ the_head_of his_consecration_of_ _his and_he/it_will_take ~~ĐOM~~ the_hair_of the_head_of his_ _consecration_of_his and_he/it_gave on the_fire which is_ _under the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings. 19 And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take ~~ĐOM~~ the_arm boiled from the_ _ram and_a_cake_of unleavened_bread one from the_basket and_a_wafer_of unleavened_bread one and_he/it_gave on the_ _palms_of the_Nāzīr after he_has_shaved_himself ~~ĐOM~~ consecration_of_his. 20 And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_wave them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** is_a_holy_portion it for_priest with the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_with the_thigh_of the_contribution and_ _after the_Nāzīr he_will_drink wine. 21 This is_the_law_of the_ _Nāzīr who he_will_vow offering_of_his to/for_**YHWH** will_be_ _on consecration_of_his (from)_besides_of that_which his/its_ _hand it_will_reach according_to_the_mouth_of his_vow_of_his which he_will_vow so he_will_do on the_law_of his_ _consecration_of_his.

22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. 23 Speak to ʾAhₐron and_near/to sons_of_his to_say thus you(pl)_will_bless ~~ĐOM~~ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) say to/for_them. 24 May_he_ _bless_you **YHWH** and_may_he_keep_you. 25 **YHWH** may_he_ _make_shine his/its_faces/face to_you and_may_he_show_ _favour_to_you. 26 **YHWH** may_he_lift_up his/its_faces/face to_ _you and_may_he_appoint to/for_yourself(m) peace. 27 And_ _they_will_put ~~ĐOM~~ name_of_my on the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_I I_will_bless_them.

7:1 And_he/it_was in/on_day Mosheh finished to_set_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_tabernacle and_he_anointed ~~ĐOM~~_him/it and_he/it_ _consecrated ~~ĐOM~~_him/it and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of articles_of_its and_ _~~ĐOM~~ the_altar and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of articles_of_its and_he_anointed_ _them and_he/it_consecrated ~~ĐOM~~_them. 2 And_ the_leaders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_ _their _they_brought_near they were_the_leaders_of the_tribes they were_the_ones_who_stood over the_enrolled_men. 3 And_ _they_brought ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_their to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** six carts_of litter and_two_plus_of ten ox[en] a_cart on two_of the_leaders and_an_ox for_one and_they_ _brought_near them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _tabernacle. 4 And_he/it_said[8] **YHWH** to Mosheh to_saying. 5 Take_them from_with_them and_they_will_be to_serve ~~ĐOM~~ the_service_of the_tent_of_meeting and_you(ms)_will_give them to the_Lēviyyiy each_one according_to_the_mouth_of his_service_of_his. 6 And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_carts and_~~ĐOM~~ the_ox[en] and_he/it_gave them to the_Lēviyyiy. 7 ~~ĐOM~~ two_of the_carts and_~~ĐOM~~ four_of the_ox[en] he_gave to_ _the_descendants_of Gērəshōn according_to_the_mouth_of their_service_of_their. 8 And_~~ĐOM~~ four of_the_carts and_~~ĐOM~~ eight_of the_ox[en] he_gave to_the_descendants_of Mərārī according_to_the_mouth_of their_service_of_their in_the_ _hand_of ʾĪtāmār the_son_of ʾAhₐron the_priest/officer. 9 And_ _to_the_descendants_of Qəhāt not he_gave if/because the_

8 **LV 7:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_service_of the_holy_thing[s] was_on_them on_shoulder they_
carried. **10** And the_leaders _they_brought_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_dedication_of the_altar in/on_day ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it was_anointed
and_ the_leaders _they_brought_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_their to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_altar. **11** And_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_said to Mosheh a_leader one for_day a_leader one for_
_day they_will_bring_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_their for_the_
_dedication_of the_altar. **12** And_he/it_was the_one_who_
_brought_near in_the_day (the)_first ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_his
Naḥshōn the_son_of ʿAmminādāv of_the_tribe_of of_
_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **13** And_offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver
one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one
silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_
_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_
_offering. **14** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **15** A_young_
_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_
_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **16** A_male_goat_of
goats one to_a_sin_offering. **17** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_
_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of
a_year five this was_the_offering_of Naḥshōn the_son_of
ʿAmminādāv. **18** In_the_day the_second Nətanʾēl the_son_of
Tsūʿār/(Zuar) the_leader_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) he_brought_
_near. **19** He_brought_near ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ offering_of_his a_dish_of silver
one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one
silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_
_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_
_offering. **20** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **21** A_young_
_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_
_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **22** A_male_goat_of
goats one to_a_sin_offering. **23** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_
_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of
a_year five this was_the_offering_of Nətanʾēl the_son_of Tsūʿār.
24 In_the_day the_third the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_
_Zəvūlūn ʾElīʾāv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **25** Offering_of_his was_a_
_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its
a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_
_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_
_grain_offering. **26** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **27** A_
_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb
one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **28** A_male_
_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **29** And_to_the_sacrifice_of
the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_
_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of ʾElīʾāv the_son_of
Ḥēlon. **30** In_the_day the_fourth the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_Rəʾūvēn ʾElītsūr the_son_of Shədēyʾūr.
31 Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_
_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s]
by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_
_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **32** A_pan_of one ten
gold full incense[9] **33** a_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_
_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_
_burnt_offering. **34** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering.
35 And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two
rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_

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Yahweh told Mosheh, "Each day for the next twelve days, one leader must present his offering for the altar dedication."

12–83 These were the leaders who presented their offerings:

On the first day, Aminadav's son Nahshon on behalf of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah),

on the second day, Tsuar's son Netanel on behalf of the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar),

on the third day, Helon's son Eliav on behalf of the tribe of Zevulun,

on the fourth day, Shedeyur's son Elitsur on behalf of the tribe of Re'uven,

on the fifth day, Tsurishadai's son Shelumiel on behalf of the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon),

on the sixth day, Deuel's son Elyasaf on behalf of the tribe of Gad,

on the seventh day, Amihud's son Elishama on behalf of the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim),

on the eighth day, Pedahtsur's son Gamliel on behalf of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh),

on the ninth day, Gid'oni's son Avidan on behalf of the tribe of Benyamin,

on the tenth day, Amishaday's son Ahiezer on behalf of the tribe of Dan,

on the eleventh day, Okran's son Pagiel on behalf of the tribe of Asher,

and on the twelfth day, Eynan's son Ahira on behalf of the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali).

Each of the leaders presented the following offerings:

a silver dish (1.5 kg—all weights by the standard temple measurement) and a silver bowl (800g)—both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering,

a small gold dish (110g) filled with incense,

a young bull, a ram and a one-year-old male lamb for a burnt offering,

a male goat for a sin offering,

two cows, five rams, five male goats, and five one-year-old rams for the peace offering.

84 That was the dedication of the altar in the day it was anointed, when Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders presented twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans. **85** Each silver dish weighed 1.5kg (all weights by the standard temple measurement) and the silver bowls were 800g. The total weight of the silver was around 27 kg. **86** The gold pans that had been filled with incense weighed 110g and their total weight came to 1.3kg. **87** For the burnt offerings there was: twelve bulls, twelve rams, and twelve male one-year-old lambs along with their grain offerings. There were twelve male goats for a sin offering. **88** For the peace offering, there were 24 bulls, 60 rams, 60 male goats, 60 male one-year-old lambs. All of those were part of the dedica-

9 LV 7:32 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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tion offerings for the altar after it was anointed. **89** Then Mosheh (Moses) entered the sacred tent to speak with Yahweh. He heard the voice speaking to him from between the two images of winged-creatures that were on the platform above the sacred box. That's how Yahweh spoke to him.

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_offering_of 'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **36** In_the_day (the)_ _fifth the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Shim'ōn Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-shadday/(Zurishadday). **37** Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_ _of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_ _oil to_a_grain_offering. **38** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **39** A_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_ _lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **40** A_ _male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering[10] **41** and_to_the_ _sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-shadday. **42** In_the_day the_sixth the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_Gād 'Elyāşāf the_son_of Də'ū'ēl. **43** Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_ _full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **44** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **45** A_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_ _a_burnt_offering. **46** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_ _offering. **47** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of 'Elyāşāf the_son_of Də'ū'ēl. **48** In_the_day the_seventh the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_'Efrayim 'Elīshā'ma the_son_of 'Ammihūd. **49** Offering_of_his was_a_ _dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_ _place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_ _grain_offering. **50** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **51** A_ _young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **52** A_male_ _goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **53** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_ _of_a_year five this was_the_offering_of 'Elīshā'ma the_son_of 'Ammihūd. **54** In_the_day (the)_eighth the_leader of_the_ _descendants_of of_Mənashsheh Gamlī'ēl the_son_of Pədāh-tsūr. **55** Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_ _full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering[11] **56** a_pan_ _of one ten gold full incense. **57** A_young_bull one a_young_ _one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_ _his to_a_burnt_offering. **58** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_ _offering. **59** And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Gamlī'ēl the_son_of Pədāh-[12] tsūr. **60** In_ _the_day (the)_ninth the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_ _Binyāmīn Abidan the_son_of Gid'ōni. **61** Offering_of_his was_a_ _dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_

10 LV 7:40 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

11 LV 7:55 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

12 LV 7:59 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_
_grain_offering. **62** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **63** A_
_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb
one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **64** A_male_
_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **65** And_to_the_sacrifice_of
the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_
_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Abidan the_son_of
Gid῾ōni. **66** In_the_day (the)_tenth the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_Dān ’Aḥī῾ezer the_son_of ῾Ammiyshadday.
67 Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_
_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s]
by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_
_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **68** A_pan_of one ten
gold full incense[13] **69** a_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_
_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_
_burnt_offering. **70** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering.
71 And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two
rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_
_offering_of ’Aḥī῾ezer the_son_of ῾Ammiyshadday. **72** In/on_day
the_one_plus_of ten day the_leader of_the_descendants_of of_
_’Āshēr Pag῾ī᾽ēl the_son_of ῾Okrān. **73** Offering_of_his was_a_
_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_one_hundred weight_of_its
a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s] by_the_shekel_of the_holy_
_place both_of_them were_full fine_flour mixed with_oil to_a_
_grain_offering. **74** A_pan_of one ten gold full incense. **75** A_
_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_herd a_ram one a_lamb
one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_burnt_offering. **76** A_male_
_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **77** And_to_the_sacrifice_of
the_peace_offerings ox[en] two rams five goats five lambs sons_
_of a_year five this was_the_offering_of Pag῾ī᾽ēl the_son_of
῾Okrān. **78** In/on_day the_two_plus ten day the_leader of_the_
_descendants_of of_Naftālī ’Aḥīra῾ the_son_of ῾Ēynān.
79 Offering_of_his was_a_dish_of silver one was_thirty and_
_one_hundred weight_of_its a_bowl one silver seventy shekel[s]
by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place both_of_them were_full fine_
_flour mixed with_oil to_a_grain_offering. **80** A_pan_of one ten
gold full incense. **81** A_young_bull one a_young_one_of the_
_herd a_ram one a_lamb one the_son_of its_year_of_his to_a_
_burnt_offering. **82** A_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering.
83 And_to_the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings ox[en] two
rams five goats five lambs sons_of a_year five this was_the_
_offering_of ’Aḥīra῾ the_son_of ῾Ēynān. **84** This was_the_
_dedication_of the_altar in/on_day ~~DOM~~_him/it was_anointed
from_with the_leaders_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) dishes_of silver two_
_plus ten bowls_of silver two_plus ten pans_of gold two_plus
ten. **85** Was_thirty and_one_hundred the_dish the_one(f) silver
and_seventy the_bowl the_one all_of the_silver_of the_vessels
was_two_thousand and_four hundred(s) by_the_shekel_of the_
_holy_place. **86** The_pans_of gold two_plus ten were_full
incense was_ten ten the_pan by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place
all_of the_gold_of the_pans was_twenty and_one_hundred.
87 All_of the_cattle for_offering was_two_plus ten young_bulls
rams two_plus ten lambs sons_of a_year two_plus ten and_
_their_grain_of_offering and_male_goats_of goats two_plus ten
for_a_sin_offering. **88** And_all/each/any/every the_cattle_of

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Lighting the seven lamps

8:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
2 "Tell Aharon (Aaron) that when he
places the seven lamps on the lampstand,[14] they must light up
the area in front of it." **3** So Aharon did it just as Yahweh had in-
structed, setting up the lamps on the lampstand to face for-
wards. **4** The lampstand from the base to its blossoms had been
made by hammering a single sheet of gold, just as Yahweh had
shown Mosheh.

The dedication of Levites

5 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
6 "Out of all the Israelis, take the Levites
and purify them. **7** This is how to make them pure: sprinkle the
sin offering water on them, then they must shave their entire
bodies and wash themselves and their clothes. **8** They must take
a young bull along with its grain offering of flour mixed with oil,
plus a second young bull for a sin offering. **9** You must have the
Levites stand at the front of the sacred tent and summon the
rest of the Israelis there too. **10** Then you must present the
Levites in front of Yahweh and the Israeli men must place their
hands on them. **11** Out of all the Israelis, Aharon (Aaron) must
present the Levites as a raised offering to Yahweh so they can
serve Yahweh with their assigned duties. **12** Then the Levites
must place their hands on the bulls' heads, and one must be
given as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to Yah-
weh, to make the Levites innocent in Yahweh's eyes.
13 "The Levites must stand in front of Aharon and his sons,
then they can be offered as a raised offering to Yahweh. **14** That's
how they'll be distinguished from the other Israelis, and then
they'll belong to me. **15** Then the Levites will go to serve at the
sacred tent after you've purified them and presented them as a
raised offering, **16** because they're given to me by all the Israeli
people—I've taken them for myself in place of their firstborn
male sons, **17** because every firstborn Israeli male person and an-
imal belongs to me. I set them apart for myself when I killed ev-
ery other firstborn in Mitsrayim (Egypt), **18** so I've now taken the
Levites instead of the firstborn Israeli sons. **19** Then I've given
the Levites out of all the Israelis, to Aharon and his sons to serve
the whole country by serving in the sacred tent and making the
Israelis innocent in Yahweh's eyes. That way, a deadly disease
won't strike the Israelis when they approach the sacred tent."
20 So Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon and all the Israelis did to the
Levites just what Yahweh had instructed Mosheh. **21** The Levites

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the_sacrifice_of the_peace_offerings was_twenty and_four
young_bulls rams sixty goats sixty lambs sons_of a_year sixty
this was_the_dedication_of the_altar after ÐOM_him/it was_
_anointed. **89** And_when_ Mosheh _went into the_tent_of
meeting to_speak with_him/it and_he/it_listened ÐOM the_
_voice speaking to_him/it from_under the_atonement_cover
which was_on the_box_of the_transcript from_between the_
_two_of the_cherubims and_he/it_spoke to_him/it.

8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to
'Ah$_a$ron and_you_will_say to_him/it when_you_lift_up ÐOM the_
_lamps to the_front of_the_face_of of_the_lampstand the_
_seven_of the_lamps they_will_give_light. **3** And_he/it_made so
'Ah$_a$ron to the_front of_the_face_of of_the_lampstand he_
_lifted_up lamps_of_its just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM
Mosheh. **4** And_this was_the_work_of the_lampstand
hammered_work gold to base_of_its to blossom_of_its was_
_hammered_work it like_appearance which **YHWH** he_had_
_shown ÐOM Mosheh so he_made ÐOM the_lampstand.
5 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **6** Take ÐOM
the_Lēviyyiy from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_you_will_purify ÐOM_them. **7** And_thus you_will_do to/for_
_them to_purify_them spatter on_them water_of sin_offering
and_they_will_cause_to_pass a_razor over all_of body_of_their
and_they_will_wash clothes_of_their and_they_will_purify_
_themselves. **8** And_they_will_take a_young_bull a_young_one_
_of the_herd and_its_grain_of_offering fine_flour mixed with_
_oil and_a_young_bull second a_young_one_of the_herd you_
_will_take to_a_sin_offering. **9** And_you_will_bring_near ÐOM
the_Lēviyyiy to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of
meeting and_you_will_assemble ÐOM all_of the_congregation_of
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** And_you_will_bring_near ÐOM
the_Lēviyyiy to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_lay ÐOM hands_of_
_their on the_Lēviyyiy. **11** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_will_wave ÐOM the_
_Lēviyyiy a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_be to_serve ÐOM the_service_of **YHWH**. **12** And_the_Lēviyyiy
they_will_lay ÐOM hands_of_their on the_head_of the_young_
_bulls and_offer ÐOM the_one a_sin_offering and_ÐOM the_one
a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** to_make_atonement on the_
_Lēviyyiy. **13** And_you_will_make_stand ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Ah$_a$ron and_before_of sons_
_of_his and_you_will_wave ÐOM_them a_wave-offering to/for_
_**YHWH**. **14** And_you_will_separate ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy from_
_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_be to_
_me the_Lēviyyiy. **15** And_after thus the_Lēviyyiy they_will_go
to_serve ÐOM the_tent_of meeting and_you_will_purify ÐOM_
_them and_you_will_wave ÐOM_them a_wave-offering.
16 If/because are_assigned assigned they to_me from_among_
_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_place_of the_firstborn_of
every_of womb the_firstborn_of all from_(the)_sons of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_taken ÐOM_them to_me. **17** If/because
to_me every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
among_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock in/on_day I_
_struck_down every_of firstborn in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt)

14 RV 8:2 · Cross-ref. Exo 25:31-40; 37:17-24.

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I_set_apart ĐOM_them to_me. **18** And_I_have_taken ĐOM the_ _Lēviyyiy in_place_of every_of firstborn among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **19** And_I_have_given ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy given_ _things to_'Ah$_a$ron and_to_sons_of_his from_among_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_serve ĐOM the_service_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_tent_of meeting and_to_ _make_atonement on the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not it_ _will_be among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_plague when_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _draw_near to the_holy_place. **20** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron and_all the_congregation_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_made to_Lēviyyiy according_ _to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh of_ _Lēviyyiy so they_did to/for_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_purified_ _themselves and_they_washed clothes_of_their and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _ _he_waved ĐOM_them a_wave-offering to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_made_atonement on_them 'Ah$_a$ron to_purify_them. **22** And_after thus the_Lēviyyiy they_ _went to_serve ĐOM service_of_their in_the_tent_of meeting to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Ah$_a$ron and_before_of sons_ _of_his just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh on the_Lēviyyiy so they_did to/for_them. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **24** This is_that_which is_to_ _Lēviyyiy from_a_son_of five and_twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards he_will_go to_serve service in_the_service_of the_ _tent_of meeting. **25** And_from_a_son_of fifty year[s] he_will_ _turn_back from_the_service_of the_service and_not he_will_ _serve again. **26** And_he_will_serve ĐOM brothers_of_his in_the_ _tent_of meeting to_guard/protect a_duty and_service not he_ _will_serve thus you_will_do to_Lēviyyiy in_duties_of_their.

9:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay in_year the_second(fs) of_their_going_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_month (the)_first to_say. **2** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _let_them_observe ĐOM the_ _passover at_its_appointed_of_time. **3** On_the_four- teen day in_month the_this between the_evenings[16] you(pl)_will_ _observe ĐOM_him/it at_its_appointed_of_time according_to_ _all_of regulations_of_its and_according_to_all_of judgements_ _of_its you(pl)_will_observe ĐOM_him/it. **4** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_observe the_ _passover. **5** And_they_made ĐOM the_passover in_month on_ _the_four- teen day of_month between the_evenings in_the_ _wilderness_of Şīnay according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_did. **6** And_ people who they_were unclean to_living_ _creature a_person _he/it_was and_not they_were_able to_ _observe the_passover in_the_day (the)_that and_they_drew_ _near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mosheh and_before_ _of 'Ah$_a$ron in_the_day (the)_that. **7** And_ the_people (the)_ _those _they_said to_him/it we are_unclean to_living_creature a_person to/for_what are_we_restrained to_not to_bring_near ĐOM the_offering_of **YHWH** at_its_appointed_of_time in_the_ _middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_he/it_said to_ _them Mosheh stand so_that_I_may_hear what **YHWH** will_he_

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purified themselves and washed their clothes, and Aharon offered them to Yahweh as a raised offering, and Aharon offered a sacrifice to make them innocent in Yahweh's eyes. **22** After that, the Levites went to do their assigned duties at the sacred tent working under Aharon and his sons. The Israelis did exactly what Yahweh told Mosheh to do with the Levites.

23 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **24** "These are the instructions for the Levites: from the age of twenty-five, Levite men will begin serving the work in the sacred tent **25** until the age of fifty when they must retire from that work. **26** They may then assist their fellow Levites with guard duties, but they can no longer work directly with the sacred tent."

The 'pass-over' celebration

9:1 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) in the Sinay wilderness, in the first month of the second year after they'd left Mitsrayim (Egypt), **2** "The Israelis must observe 'pass-over' at the appointed time. **3** You all must celebrate it on the evening of the 14th of this month, following all the instructions that you've all been given previously." **4** So Mosheh ordered the Israelis to prepare the 'pass-over', **5** and they celebrated it in the Sinay wilderness starting on the evening of the 14th of that first month, following all the instructions that Yahweh had given Mosheh.

6 However, there were some men who were 'unclean' (because they'd touched a dead body) and hence they weren't able to celebrate the 'pass-over' that day, so they approached Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron) **7** and asked them, "We were 'unclean' because we'd touched a dead body, but how come we're excluded from presenting an offering to Yahweh along with the other Israelis?"

8 "Wait here," Mosheh answered, "and I'll ask Yahweh what he wants you all to do."

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **10** "Tell the Israelis that for this and future generations, if a person is 'unclean' or far from home, then they can still observe Yahweh's 'pass-over'. **11** They can

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start it on the evening of the 14th of the *second* month, and eat it as usual with flat bread and bitter herbs. **12** They must not break any of the lambs bones,[15] must not leave any of it until the morning, and must observe it following all the normal instructions. **13** However, any person who isn't 'unclean' or far away, but yet who didn't celebrate the 'pass-over' that first month, must be driven out of the community and will have to bear their own sin.

14 If an outsider is living among you and celebrates the 'pass-over', they must also do it according to all the same instructions—there's only one way to do it whether it's you all, or a foreigner, or a native of the land.

15 When the sacred tent was dedicated, the cloud covered the inner room of the tent, and every evening it would look like fire above the residence, until morning came. **16** It remained like that continually—the cloud would cover it during the day, and then at night, it would appear like fire. **17** Whenever the cloud would be lifted up from the tent, then the Israelis would leave that place. Then wherever the cloud settled down, that's where the Israelis would set up camp, **18** so in that way, the Israelis would leave a place whenever Yahweh told them, and would set up camp whenever he told them. As long as the cloud stayed above the residence, they would stay camped in that place. **19** Whenever the cloud remained above the residence for a long time, then the Israelis would follow Yahweh's guidance and wouldn't pack up camp. **20** Sometimes the cloud would only remain above the residence for a few days, in which case they'd leave where they'd just camped, and move on as Yahweh commanded. **21** If the cloud was lifted up the next morning, then they'd move on—in fact whether day or night if the cloud was lifted up, then they would move on. **22** Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud stayed above the residence, then the Israeli camp would remain in that place, until eventually moving on when it was lifted up again. **23** In that way, when Yahweh ordered them to camp, they would, and when order to move on, they'd do that—thus they obeyed Yahweh's instructions to Mosheh (Moses).

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_command of_you(pl). **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say a_ _person a_person if/because he_will_be unclean to_a_corpse or on_a_journey distant[17] to/for_you(pl) or to_generations_of_ _your(pl) and_he_will_observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH**. **11** In_ _month the_second on_the_four- teen day between the_ _evenings they_will_observe ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it with unleavened_ _bread(s) and_bitter_herbs they_will_eat_it. **12** Not they_will_ _leave_over from_him/it until morning and_a_bone not they_ _will_break in_him/it according_to_every_of (the)_regulation_ _of the_passover they_will_observe ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **13** And_the_ _person who he was_pure and_on_a_journey not he_was and_ _he_failed for_doing the_passover and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_kinspeople(s)_of_its if/because the_offering_of **YHWH** not he_brought_near at_its_ _appointed_of_time sin_of_his the_man (the)_that he_will_bear. **14** And_because/when he_will_sojourn with_you(pl) a_ _sojourner and_he_will_observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH** according_to_the_regulation_of the_passover and_according_ _to_of_its_judgement so he_will_do a_regulation one it_will_ _belong to/for_you(pl) and_to_sojourner and_to_the_ _native-born_of the_earth/land. **15** And_on_the_day_of set_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_tabernacle the_cloud it_covered ᴅᴏᴍ the_tabernacle of_the_tent_of of_the_transcript and_in_evening it_was over the_tabernacle like_the_appearance_of fire until morning. **16** Thus it_was continually the_cloud it_covered_it and_ _appearance fire night. **17** And_to_the_mouth_of the_cloud of_ _the_taking_up from_under the_tent and_after thus the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out and_in_the_place_of (of)_where it_settled_down there the_cloud there the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_encamped. **18** On the_mouth_of **YHWH** the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out and_on the_mouth_ _of **YHWH** they_encamped all_of the_days_of (of)_which the_ _cloud it_settled_down over the_tabernacle they_encamped. **19** And_when_ the_cloud _made_long over the_tabernacle days many and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _duty_of **YHWH** and_not they_set_out. **20** And_there_were times_when the_cloud it_was days number over the_tabernacle on the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_encamped and_on the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_set_out. **21** And_there_were times_when it_was[1819] the_cloud from_evening until morning and_ the_cloud _it_was_ _taken_up in_morning and_they_set_out or by_day and_night and_ the_cloud _it_was_taken_up and_they_set_out. **22** Or two_ _days or a_month or days when_ the_cloud _made_long over the_tabernacle to_dwell on/upon/above_him/it the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_encamped and_not they_set_out and_ _when_it_was_taken_up they_set_out. **23** On the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_encamped and_on the_mouth_of **YHWH** they_set_ _out ᴅᴏᴍ the_duty_of **YHWH** they_kept on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

15 **RV 9:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:46; Yhn 19:36.

17 **LV 9:10 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

18 **LV 9:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

19 **LV 9:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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10:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Make to/for_yourself(m) two_of trumpets_of silver hammered_work you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_they_will_be to/for_yourself(m) for_the_convocation_of the_congregation and_for_breaking ᴅᴏᴍ the_camps. **3** And_they_will_give_a_blast on_them and_ _they_will_gather to_you all_of the_congregation to the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of_meeting. **4** And_if on_one_trumpet they_will_give_a_blast and_they_will_gather to_you the_leaders the_heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_you(pl)_ _will_give_a_blast an_alarm and_ the_camps which_encamp eastward_on _they_will_set_out. **6** And_you(pl)_will_give_a_ _blast an_alarm second and_ the_camps which_encamp southward_on _they_will_set_out an_alarm they_will_give_a_ _blast for_their_settings_of_out. **7** And_when_summon ᴅᴏᴍ the_assembly you(pl)_will_give_a_blast and_not you(pl)_will_ _give_an_alarm. **8** And_the_sons of_'Aha_ron the_priests they_ _will_give_a_blast on_trumpets and_they_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_of_ _your(pl). **9** And_because/when you(pl)_will_go war in_land_of_ _your(pl) on the_foe who_attacks you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _give_an_alarm on_trumpets and_you(pl)_will_be_ _remembered[20] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_delivered from_enemies_ _of_your(pl). **10** And_on_the_day_of your_rejoicing_of_your(pl) and_at_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts and_at_the_beginnings_of your(pl)_months_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_give_a_blast on_ _trumpets over offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_over the_ _sacrifices_of your(pl)_peace_offerings_of_your(pl) and_they_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_memorial to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before god_of_your(pl) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **11** And_he/it_was in_year the_second(fs) in_month the_second on_day_twenty in_month the_cloud it_was_taken_up from_ _under the_tabernacle_of the_transcript. **12** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out to_their_settings_of_out from_ _the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay and_ the_cloud _it_settled_down in_ _the_wilderness_of Pā'rān. **13** And_they_set_out at_time on the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **14** And_ the_ _standard_of the_camp_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_set_out at_first to_their_military_of_ _groups and_was_over group_of_its_military Naḥshōn the_son_ _of ʹAmminādāv. **15** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) Nətan'ēl the_ _son_of Tsūʹār/(Zuar). **16** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Zəvūlūn 'Elī'āv the_son_of Ḥēlon. **17** And_ the_tabernacle _it_was_taken_down and_ the_ _descendants_of Gērəshōn and_the_sons of_Mərārī who_ _carried_of (of)_the_tabernacle _they_set_out. **18** And_ the_ _standard_of the_camp_of Rə'ūvēn _it_set_out to_their_ _military_of_groups and_was_over group_of_its_military 'Elītsūr the_son_of Shədēy'ūr. **19** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Shimʹōn Shəlumī'ēl the_son_of Tsūrī-/(Zuri-) shadday. **20** And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Gād 'Elyāşāf the_son_of Dəʹū'ēl. **21** And_ the_Qəhātites who_carried_of (of)_the_sanctuary _ _they_set_out and_people_set_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_tabernacle until

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10:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **The silver trumpets**
2 "Make two hammered silver trumpets for yourself to use for assembling the community and for signalling when it's time to leave the camp. **3** When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble in front of you at the entrance to the sacred tent. **4** If just one is sounded, then it's only the leaders and heads of clans who must assemble. **5** A single blast means that the camps on the eastern side should start moving out. **6** A double blast means that the camps on the southern side should start moving out. So the blasts will signal them to get going. **7** (To assemble the community as above, use long blows, not short blasts.) **8** The priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants) must be the ones to blow the trumpets. That is a permanent regulation.

9 When you need to defend yourselves against an attacker, then you must sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you'll all be noticed by Yahweh, and you'll be saved from your enemies.

10 On festival days and at times of celebrations and at the beginning of each new month, then the trumpets will be blown as the burnt offerings and peace offerings are made as a memorial for you all towards your god. I am your god, Yahweh.

11 Then on the 20th of the second month in that second year (after leaving Mitsrayim (Egypt)), the cloud was lifted up from above the sacred tent **12** and the Israelis started moving out from the Sinay wilderness as per the pre-arranged order. The cloud moved to the Paran wilderness. **13** That was the first time that they had moved as a result of Yahweh signalling Mosheh (Moses) by means of the cloud. **The Israelis leave Sinay**

14 Yehudah (Judah) tribe with their banner was the first to leave under the leadership of Aminadav's son Nahshon.
15 Tsuar's son Netanel led the company from Yisakar (Issachar) tribe, **16** and Helon's son Eliav led the company from Zevulun tribe.

17 Then the sacred tent was disassembled, and the men of Gereshon and Merari set off, carrying the tent.

18 Re'uven tribe with their banner was next to leave under the leadership of Shedeyur's son Elitsur. **19** Tsurishadai's son Shelumiel led the company from Shim'on (Simeon) tribe. **20** Deuel's son Elyasaf led the company from Gad tribe.

21 Then the sacred utensils were carried out by the Kohatite men, who then helped set up the sacred tent when they arrived.

22 Efrayim (Ephraim) tribe with their banner was next to leave

20 LV 10:9 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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under the leadership of Amihud's son Elishama. 23 Pedahtsur's son Gamliel led the company from Menasheh (Manasseh) tribe. 24 Gid'oni's son Avidan led the company from Benyamin tribe.

25 Dan tribe with their banner was last to leave as the rear guard under the leadership of Amishaday's son Ahiezer. 26 Okran's son Pagiel led the company from Asher tribe. 27 Eynan's son Ahira led the company from Naftali (Naphtali) tribe. 28 That was the order of the departures of the companies of the Israeli tribes when they set off.

29 Then Mosheh (Moses) told Hovav (son of the Midyanite Re'uel who was Mosheh's father-in-law), "We're heading towards the place that Yahweh said he'd give us. Come and join us, and we'll look after you, because Yahweh has promised to look after Yisrael (Israel)."

30 "Thank you but no," Hovav replied, "I'll return to my land and to my relatives."

31 "Please don't leave us," Mosheh insisted, "because you're the one who knows about camping in the wilderness, and you could be our guide. 32 When you come with us, Yahweh will be blessing us so we'll also bless you."

33 Then they left Yahweh's mountain and travelled for three days, with the box containing Yahweh's agreement being carried at the front to find a resting place for them, 34 and Yahweh's cloud was over them each day as they set out from their stop.

35 As the box started moving, Mosheh would say, "Yahweh, take action and then your enemies will scatter, and the ones hating you will flee away from your presence."[21] 36 Then at the end of the day when it came to rest, he would say, "Yahweh, return to the tens of thousands of Israelis."

Complaints and fire from Yahweh

11:1 One day, the people were complaining about their situation and when Yahweh heard them, it made him angry so he sent a fire that burnt up the edges of their camp. 2 The people cried out to Mosheh (Moses) for help, and he prayed to Yahweh, and the fire stopped, 3 and they named that place Tav'erah (which means 'burning') because Yahweh's fire had burnt among them.

The choosing of seventy elders

4 However, there was a group of stirrers among the people that badly wanted to

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came_they. 22 And_ the_standard_of the_camp_of the_ _descendants_of 'Efrayim _it_set_out to_their_military_of_ _groups and_was_over group_of_its_military 'Elīshā'ma the_ _son_of 'Ammihūd. 23 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Mənashsheh Gamlī'ēl the_son_ _of Pədāh- tsūr. 24 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn Abidan the_son_of Gid'ōni. 25 And_ the_standard_of the_camp_of the_ _descendants_of Dān a_rearguard to/from_all/each/any/every the_camps _it_set_out to_their_military_of_groups and_was_ _over group_of_its_military 'Aḥī'ezer the_son_of 'Ammiyshadday.[22] 26 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of 'Āshēr Pag'ī'ēl the_son_of 'Okrān. 27 And_was_over the_military_group_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of Naftālī 'Aḥīra' the_son_of 'Ēynān. 28 These are_the_settings_out_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_their_ _military_of_groups and_they_set_out. 29 And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to_Ḥovāv the_son_of Rə'ū'ēl the_Midyānite the_ _father-in-law_of Mosheh are_about_to_set_out we to the_place which **YHWH** he_said ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_give to/for_you(pl) come with_us and_we_will_do_good to/for_you(fs) if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken good on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 30 And_he/it_ _said to_him/it not I_will_go if/because (if) to land_of_my_own and_near/to kindred_of_my I_will_go. 31 And_he/it_said do_not please leave us if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so you_ _know encamping_our in_wilderness and_you_will_become to/for_ourselves (into)_eyes. 32 And_it_was if/because you_ _will_go with_us and_it_was the_good (the)_that which **YHWH** he_will_do_good with_us and_we_will_do_good to/for_you(fs). 33 And_they_set_out from_hill of_**YHWH** a_journey_of three_of days and_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** was_setting_out before_them a_journey_of three_of days to_seek_out to/for_ _them a_resting_place. 34 And_the_cloud_of **YHWH** was_over_ _them by_day on_their_pulling_out from the_camp.[23] 35 And_ _he/it_was when_ the_box _set_out and_ Mosheh _he/it_said rise_up Oh_**YHWH** and_ enemies_of_your _may_they_be_ _scattered and_ those_of_who_hate_you _may_they_flee from_ _before_of_you. 36 And_when_rested_it he_said return Oh_ _**YHWH** the_ten_thousands_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).[24]

11:1 And_ the_people _he/it_was like_those_who_complain trouble in_the_ears_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened and_ anger_of_his _it_glowed/burnt and_it_burnt among_them the_ _fire_of **YHWH** and_she/it_ate in_the_outskirt[s]_of the_camp. 2 And_ the_people _it_cried_out to Mosheh and_ Mosheh _he_ _prayed to **YHWH** and_ the_fire _it_died_out. 3 And_he/it_ _called the_name_of the_place (the)_that Tav'ērāh if/because it_had_burnt among_them the_fire_of **YHWH**.

4 And_the_rabble which was_in_midst_of_its they_craved a_ _craving and_they_returned and_ also the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_wept and_they_said who will_he_cause_

21 **RV 10:35 · Cross-ref.** Psa 68:1.

22 **LV 10:25 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

23 **LV 10:34 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.

24 **LV 10:36 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.

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_us_to_eat meat. **5** We_remember ~~DOM~~ the_fish which we_ate in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_nothing ~~DOM~~ the_cucumbers and_~~DOM~~ the_watermelons and_~~DOM~~ the_leek[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_onions and_~~DOM~~ the_garlic(s). **6** And_now appetite_of_our is_dry there_ _is_not anything except are_to the_manna eyes_of_our. **7** And_ _the_manna was_like_seed_of coriander it and_appearance_of_ _its was_like_the_appearance_of the_bdellium. **8** The_people they_went_about and_they_gathered and_they_ground in_ _hand-mill or they_pounded in_mortar and_they_boiled in_pot and_they_made ~~DOM~~_him/it bread_cakes and_it_was taste_of_ _its like_the_taste_of (the)_cake_of (the)_oil. **9** And_when_ the_ _dew _came_down on the_camp night the_manna it_came_ _down on/upon/above_him/it. **10** And_ Mosheh _he/it_listened ~~DOM~~ the_people weeping to_clans_of_its everyone to_the_ _entrance_of his_tent_of_his and_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_ _glowed/burnt exceedingly and_in_the_eyes_of Mosheh it_was_ _displeasing. **11** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** why have_ _you_done_harm to_servant_of_your and_for_what not have_I_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your to_put ~~DOM~~ the_burden_of all_of the_people the_this on_me. **12** I did_I_conceive ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _people the_this or I did_I_give_birth_to_it that/for/because/then/when you_will_say to_me carry_it in_ _bosom_of_your just_as (the)_foster-father he_carries ~~DOM~~ the_ _sucking_child on the_soil which you_swore to_ancestors_of_ _its. **13** From_where to_me will_meat to_give_it to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_people the_this if/because they_are_ _weeping to_me to_say give to/for_ourselves meat so_that_we_ _may_eat. **14** Not I I_am_able I_alone to_carry ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _people the_this if/because it_is_too_heavy for_me. **15** And_if thus you are_doing to/for_me kill_me please immediately_(kill) if I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your and_not let_me_look on_distress_of_my. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh gather to/for_me seventy man of_the_elders_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom you_know if/because_that they are_ _the_elders_of the_people and_officials_of_its and_you_will_ _take ~~DOM~~_them to the_tent_of meeting and_they_will_present_ _themselves there with_you. **17** And_I_will_come_down and_I_ _will_speak with_you there and_I_will_set_apart some_of the_ _spirit which is_on_you and_I_will_put_it on_them and_they_ _will_carry with_you in_the_burden_of the_people and_not you you_will_carry_it you_alone. **18** And_near/to the_people you_ _will_say sanctify_yourselves for_tomorrow and_you(pl)_will_ _eat meat if/because you(pl)_have_wept in_the_ears_of **YHWH** to_say who will_he_cause_us_to_eat meat if/because it_was_ _good to/for_us in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to/for_you(pl) meat and_you(pl)_will_eat. **19** Not a_day one you(pl)_will_eat and_not two_days and_not five days and_not ten days and_not twenty day[s]. **20** Until a_month_of days until that it_will_come_out from_nose_of_your(pl) and_it_was to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_loathsome_thing because if/because you(pl)_have_rejected ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** who is_in_midst_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_wept before_him to_say to/for_what this did_we_come_out from_Mitsrayim. **21** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said are_six hundred(s) thousand foot_soldier[s] the_people which I

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have meat and other foods to eat. That spread to all the Israelis who wept and asked, "Who'll give us meat to eat? **5** We remember the fish that we ate in Mitsrayim (Egypt) for free, as well as the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic, **6** but now our appetite has shrivelled up because we don't see anything to eat except this 'stuff'."

7 (The 'stuff' they ate every day was a bit like coriander seed except kind of clear.[25] **8** Each morning the people went around gathering it, then ground it with a stone mill or pounded it in a mortar, then they boiled it and made something like bread rolls with it. They tasted like fresh olive oil. **9** The 'stuff' actually descended on the camp during the night with the dew.)[26]

10 Mosheh (Moses) heard the people weeping in their tents (set up by tribe and clan). He thought it was wrong, and it made Yahweh very angry. **11** So Mosheh asked Yahweh, "Why have you caused me, your servant, to be in trouble like this? Don't you approve of me?. Why has the burden of all this people group landed on me? **12** Was it me who conceived it? Did I carry it to the land promised to their ancestors, like I was a wet-nurse? **13** All these people come to me to ask me to give them meat to eat. Where would I get enough meat to feed all them? **14** I can't bear the load of this entire people group by myself—it's too heavy for me. **15** If that's what you're doing to me, please kill me now if I've found favour in your eyes. Then I wouldn't have to suffer like this."

16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Bring me seventy of Yisrael's (Israel's) elders who you know are good leaders, and take them to the sacred tent, and let them take their positions there with you. **17** I'll come down and talk with you there, and I'll take some of the spirit that's on you and put it on them, and then they'll carry the burden of the people along with you. Then you won't have to carry it by yourself. **18** Also, tell the people that because they wept in my hearing about not having meat to eat like you all did in Mitsrayim (Egypt), they must purify themselves for tomorrow, because I'll provide meat for you all to eat. **19** You won't just have meat for a day or two, or for five, ten, or twenty days, **20** you have it for a whole month until it comes out your nostrils. Yes, it'll make you all nauseous because you rejected Yahweh who's among you, and you all wept in front of him, complaining, 'Why did we ever leave Mitsrayim?' "

21 Mosheh queried, "There's 600,000 able to serve in the army plus women and children, yet you say that you'll give them all enough meat to eat every day for month! **22** Even if we killed all the cattle and sheep, or caught all the fish in the sea, that wouldn't be enough meat for all them."

23 "Do you think that Yahweh's powerless?" Yahweh replied. "Soon you'll see whether or not my statement will come true."

24 So Mosheh went out and passed on Yahweh's message to the people. Then he gathered seventy men from the Israeli elders

25 RV 11:7-8 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:31.

26 RV 11:9 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:13-15.

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and stood them around the tent. **25** Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and spoke to Mosheh, and he took some of the spirit away from him and put it on those seventy elders. As the spirit rested on them, they prophesied (but they never did that again).

26 Two of the men who were listed (named Eldad and Medad), had remained in the main camp (not going to the sacred tent), and the spirit had also rested on them and they prophesied in the camp. **27** A young man ran to Mosheh and told him that Eldad and Medad were prophesying there in the camp.

28 Then Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) (who had helped Mosheh since his youth) responded, "My master Mosheh, stop them from that."

29 But Mosheh replied, "Are you being jealous on my behalf? I'd be happy if Yahweh would put his spirit on *all* the people and make them into prophets." **30** Then Mosheh and the elders went back to their tents.

Yahweh sends quails for meat

31 Then Yahweh sent a wind that blew quails from the ocean, and they dropped on the ground a day's walk in every direction around the camp until they were piled a metre high. **32** So the people went out and collected the quail—each family getting at least the equivalent of ten large barrels full, and they spread the meat around the camp to sun dry. **33** Then when they started to cook and eat some of the fresh meat, Yahweh got very angry and struck the people with a terrible deadly disease before they could even chew it. **34** So that place was named Kivrot-Hata'avah (which means 'Graves of the cravers'), because that was where they buried the people who had craved meat. **35** From Kivrot-Hata'avah, the people moved on to Hatserot and stayed there.

Miryam's punishment

12:1 One day, Miryam (Miriam) and Aharon (Aaron) spoke out against Mosheh (Moses) because he'd taken an Kushi (Ethiopian) woman (Kushit) as a wife, **2** and they challenged, "Did Yahweh really only speak through Mosheh? Doesn't he also speak through us?" Yahweh heard what they said. **3** (Now Mosheh was actually a very humble man—more humble than anyone else alive.)

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am_in_midst_of_its and_you(ms) you_have_said meat I_will_ _give to/for_them and_they_will_eat a_month_of days. **22** A_ _flock and_a_herd will_it_be_slaughtered to/for_them and_ _someone_will_find to/for_them or ~~ÐØM~~ all_of the_fish(es)_of the_sea will_it_be_gathered to/for_them and_someone_will_ _find to/for_them. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh the_ _hand_of **YHWH** is_it_short now you_will_see will_it_happen_ _to_you message_of_my or not. **24** And_ Mosheh _he/it_went_ _out and_he/it_spoke to the_people ~~ÐØM~~ the_words/messages_ _of **YHWH** and_he_gathered seventy man of_the_elders_of of_ _the_people and_he_stationed ~~ÐØM~~_them around_of the_tent. **25** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_descended in_cloud and_he/it_spoke to_ _him/it and_he_set_apart some_of the_spirit which on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_gave on seventy man the_ _elders and_he/it_was just_as_rested on_them the_spirit and_ _they_prophesied and_not they_repeated. **26** And_ two_of men _they_had_remained in_camp the_name_of the_one was_'Eldād and_name_of the_second was_Mēydād and_it_rested on_them the_spirit and_they were_among_written and_not they_had_ _gone_out to_the_tent and_they_prophesied in_camp. **27** And_ the_young_man _he_ran and_he_told to_Mosheh and_he_said 'Eldād and_Mēydād are_prophesying in_camp. **28** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn the_servant_of Mosheh from_youth(s)_of_his _he_answered and_he_said my_master Mosheh restrain_them. **29** And_he/it_said to_him/it Mosheh zealous are_you to_me and_who will_he_give all_of the_people_ _of **YHWH** were_prophets that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_put ~~ÐØM~~ his/its_breath/wind/spirit on_them. **30** And_he_gathered_himself Mosheh to the_camp he and_the_ _elders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

31 And_spirit it_set_out from_with **YHWH** and_it_brought quails from the_sea and_it_left_them at the_camp about_a_ _journey_of a_day thus and_about_a_journey_of a_day thus around_of the_camp and_about_two_cubits above the_surface_ _of the_earth/land. **32** And_ the_people _he/it_rose_up all_of the_day (the)_that and_all the_night and_all/each/any/every the_day_of the_next_day and_they_gathered ~~ÐØM~~ the_quail the_one_who_made_little he_gathered ten homers and_they_ _spread_them_out to/for_them widely_(spread_out) around_of the_camp. **33** The_meat still_it was_between teeth_of_their not_ _yet it_was_chewed and_the_anger_of **YHWH** it_burnt on_ _people and_ **YHWH** _he_struck (on)_people a_plague great very. **34** And_he/it_called ~~ÐØM~~ the_name_of the_place (the)_that Qivrōt Hattaʾₐvāh if/because there they_buried ~~ÐØM~~ the_people who_craved. **35** From_Qivrōt- hattaʾₐvāh the_people they_set_ _out Ḥₐtsērōt and_they_were at_ Ḥₐtsērōt.

12:1 And_ Miryām and_'Ahₐron _she_spoke against_Mosheh on the_causes_of the_woman (the)_Kūshiy/(Cushite) whom he_ _had_taken if/because a_woman Kūshiy he_had_taken. **2** And_ _they_said only only by_Mosheh **YHWH** has_he_spoken not also by_us has_he_spoken and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened. **3** And_ _the_man Mosheh was_humble[29] very from_all the_humankind who was_on the_surface_of the_soil. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said suddenly to Mosheh and_to 'Ahₐron and_near/to Miryām Oh_

29 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **ונע**: (x-qere) 'וְנֻעַ': lemma_6035 morph_HAamsa id_04HkZ וְנֻעַ

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_of_the_three_of_you(pl) come_out to the_tent_of meeting and_ the_three_of_of_them _they_went_out. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _descended in_a_pillar_of cloud and_he_stood the_entrance_of the_tent and_he/it_called ʾAhₐron and_Miryām and_ both_of_ _of_them _they_went_out. **6** And_he/it_said hear please words/messages_of_my if prophet_of_your(pl) he_is **YHWH** by_ _vision to_him/it I_make_myself_known by_a_dream I_speak in/on/over_him/it. **7** Not thus servant_of_my Mosheh in_all house_of_my he is_faithful. **8** Mouth to mouth I_speak in/on/over_him/it and_a_vision and_not by_riddles and_the_ _form_of **YHWH** he_sees and_why not were_you(pl)_afraid to_ _speak against_servant_of_my against_Mosheh. **9** And_it_ _glowed/burnt[30] the_anger of_**YHWH** on_them and_he_went. **10** And_the_cloud it_departed from_under the_tent and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Miryām was_leprous like_snow and_ ʾAhₐron _he_turned to Miryām and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE leprous. **11** And_ ʾAhₐron _he/it_said to Mosheh pardon_me my_master do_not please put on_us the_sin which we_have_acted_foolishly and_ _which we_have_sinned. **12** Not please let_her_be like_(the)_ _person whom in_his/its_coming_out from_the_womb_of his/its_mother and_ (the)_half_of his_flesh_of_his _it_was_ _eaten. **13** And_ Mosheh _he_cried_out to **YHWH** to_say Oh_god please heal please to/for_her/it. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_father_of_her only_(spit) he_had_spat in_face_of_ _her not will_she_be_put_to_shame seven_of days she_will_be_ _shut_up seven_of days from_the_outside of_camp and_after she_will_be_received. **15** And_ Miryām _she_was_shut_up from_ _the_outside of_camp seven_of days and_the_people not it_set_ _out until Miryām was_received. **16** And_after the_people they_ _set_out from_ Ḥₐtsērōt and_they_encamped in_the_ _wilderness_of Pāʾrān.

13:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Send to/for_yourself(m) men so_that_they_may_spy_out ~~DOM~~ the_ _land_of Kənaʻan/(Canaan) which I am_about_to_give to_the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_man one a_man one for_the_tribe_ _of his_ancestors_of_his you(pl)_will_send every_one a_leader among_them. **3** And_ Mosheh _he_sent ~~DOM~~_them from_the_ _wilderness_of Pāʾrān on the_mouth_of **YHWH** of_them_of_all were_men who_were_the_heads_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they. **4** And_these names_of_are_their for_the_ _tribe_of Rəʾūvēn Shammūʻa the_son_of Zakkūr. **5** For_the_ _tribe_of Shimʻōn Shāfāṭ the_son_of Ḥorī. **6** For_the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh). **7** For_the_tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) Yigʾāl/(Igal) the_son_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **8** For_the_tribe_of ʾEfrayim Hōshēʻa the_son_of Nūn. **9** For_the_tribe_of Binyāmīn Palṭī/(Palti) the_son_of Rāfūʾ. **10** For_the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn Gaddiyʾēl the_son_of Ṣōdī. **11** For_the_tribe_of Yōṣēf for_the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh Gaddiy the_son_of Ṣūṣī. **12** For_the_tribe_ _of Dān ʻAmmiyʾēl the_son_of Gəmalliy. **13** For_the_tribe_of

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4 Then Yahweh suddenly told Mosheh, Aharon, and Miryam, "Go out, the three of you, to the sacred tent." So the three of them went there. **5** and Yahweh descended in a pillar of cloud and stood at the tent opening and called Aharon and Miryam, and the two of them stepped forward, **6** and he said, "Listen to me. When there's a prophet of Yahweh, I make myself known to him in a vision and speak to him in a dream, **7** but I don't do that to my servant Mosheh. He's the most faithful of all my people[27] **8** and I speak to him directly—face-to-face, and not in parables, and he's able to see my form. So why weren't you afraid to speak against my servant Mosheh?"

9 So Yahweh was angry at Miryam and Aharon. Then he departed **10** and the cloud moved from the tent. Then wow, Miryam had leprosy—her skin had gone as white as snow. As Aharon turned to her, he saw, wow, she was leprous, **11** and he begged Mosheh, "Please, my master, please don't make us suffer for our foolish disrespect and disobedience. **12** Don't let her be like a still-born baby that's already starting to decompose when its mother gives birth to it.

13 So Mosheh pleaded with Yahweh, "God, please, please heal her!"

14 "If her father had spit in her face, wouldn't she stay inside in disgrace for seven days?" Yahweh replied. "So she must be put outside the camp for seven days,[28] then after that, she can enter again." **15** So Miryam was sent outside the camp for seven days, and the people didn't move on until after she was allowed to return. **16** After that, the people left Hatserot and set up camp in the Paran wilderness.

Twelve scouts sent into Kena'an[31]

13:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Send some men in to explore Kena'an (Canaan)—the land that I'm giving to the Israelis. Send one man from each ancestral tribe—a leader within that tribe." **3** Then at Yahweh's command, Mosheh sent them off from the Paran wilderness. They were all Israeli leaders **4** and their names were:

Shamua (Zakur's son) from Re'uven tribe,
5 Shafat (Hori's son) from Shim'on (Simeon) tribe,
6 Kalev (Caleb) (Kalev—Yefuneh's son) from Yehudah (Judah) tribe,
7 Yigal (Yosef's (Joseph's) son) from Yisakar (Issachar) tribe,
8 Hoshea (Nun's son) from Efrayim (Ephraim) tribe,
9 Palti (Rafu's son) from Benyamin tribe,
10 Gadiel (Sodi's son) from Zevulun tribe,
11 Gadi (Susi's son) from Yosef tribe,
12 Amiyel (Gemali's son) from Dan tribe,
13 Setur (Mika'el's (Michael's) son) from Asher tribe,

27 **RV 12:7 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:5.

28 **RV 12:14 · Cross-ref.** Num 5:2-3.

30 **LV 12:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

31 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** Deu. 1:19-33

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14 Nahbi (Vofsi's son) from Naftali (Naphtali) tribe, and
15 Geuel (Maki's son) from Gad tribe.
16 Mosheh (Moses) called (Nun's son) Hoshea, 'Yehoshua' (Joshua). Those were the names of the men that Mosheh sent out to explore Kena'an (Canaan).
17 So Mosheh sent them to explore Kena'an, telling them, "Go through the Negev and then up into the hill country. 18 Find out what the land's like, and whether the people living there are militarily strong or weak, and if they're many or few. 19 Find out whether the land is good or bad, what cities they live in, and how fortified they are. 20 Find out whether the soil is fertile or not, whether or not there's trees there. Be courageous and bring back some of the produce from that land." (He said that because it was the time of the year when grapes were starting to ripen.)
21 So the twelve men went and explored the region from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness in the south, all the way up to Rehov at Levo-Hamat in the north. 22 They started in the Negev, and went as far as Hevron where some of Anak's descendents lived: Ahiman, Sheshay, Talmay. Hevron had been built seven years before Tsoan in Mitsrayim (Egypt). 23 When they got to the Eshkol riverbed, they cut off a branch with a cluster of grapes, and carried it on a pole between two of them, along with some pomegranates and figs. 24 (That place was then called Eshkol, meaning 'cluster', because of the cluster of grapes they'd taken from there.)

The reports from the scouts

25 Forty days later, they returned from exploring that land 26 and went to Kadesh in the Paran wilderness. There they reported back to Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and all the assembled people, and showed them the fruit from the land, 27 and told them, "We went to the land where you sent us, and it is indeed flowing with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 However, the people living in that land are powerful, and the cities are very well fortified. Also, some of the Anak people group live there. 29 The Amaleki people live in the Negev, and the Hitim, Yevusim, and Amorim live in the hill country, and the Kena'anim (Canaanites) live along the coast and along the Yarden (Jordan) river."
30 Then Kalev (Caleb) raised an arm to quieten the people in front of Mosheh and stated, "We'll certainly go in there and take it over, because we're capable of going against them."
31 But the men who'd gone in with him argued, "No, we're not able to battle against them because they're stronger than us."
32 Then they went on to bring out a bad report to the Israelis about the land that they'd explored, saying, "The land that we passed to explore is a land that devours those who live in it. In addition, all the people we saw in there were tall and powerful,
33 plus we saw the Nefilim[32] (descendants of Anak), and we felt as small as grasshoppers compared to them, and that's how they

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'Āshēr Şətūr the_son_of Mīkā'ēl. 14 For_the_tribe_of Naftālī Naḥbiy the_son_of Vofşī. 15 For_the_tribe_of Gād Gə'ū'ēl the_ _son_of Mākī. 16 These are_the_names_of the_men whom Mosheh he_sent to_spy_out ĐOM the_earth/land and_ Mosheh _ _he/it_called (to)_Hōshē'a the_son_of Nūn Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua). 17 And_ Mosheh _he_sent ĐOM_them to_spy_out ĐOM the_land_ _of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_he/it_said to_them go_up this in_ _Negev and_you(pl)_will_go_up ĐOM the_hill_country. 18 And_ _you(pl)_will_see ĐOM the_earth/land what is_it and_ĐOM the_ _people which_dwells on/upon_it(f) strong is_it feeble few is_it or many. 19 And_what the_earth/land which it is_dwelling in_it good is_it or bad and_what are_the_cities which it is_dwelling in_them in_camps or in_fortresses. 20 And_what the_ _earth/land fertile is_it or lean is_there in_it wood or not and_ _you_will_show_yourselves_strong and_you(pl)_will_take from_ _the_fruit the_earth/land and_the_days were_the_days_of the_ _first-fruits_of grapes. 21 And_they_went_up and_they_spied_ _out ĐOM the_earth/land from_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) to Rəḥov Ləvō' Ḥamāt. 22 And_they_went_up in_Negev and_he_ _came to Ḥevrōn and_there 'Aḥīman Shēshay and_Talmay those_born_of (the)_'Ānāq and_Ḥevrōn seven years it_was_ _built to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Tso'an/(Zoan) Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 23 And_they_came to the_wadi_of 'Eshkol and_they_cut_down from_there a_vine_branch and_a_cluster_ _of grapes one and_they_carried_it on_pole (in)_two and_from the_pomegranates and_from the_figs. 24 (To)_place (the)_that someone_called the_wadi_of 'Eshkol on the_causes_of the_ _cluster_of_grapes which they_cut_down from_there the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

25 And_they_returned from_spying_out the_earth/land from_ _the_end/extremity forty day[s]. 26 And_they_went and_they_ _came to Mosheh and_to 'Ahₐron and_near/to all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_ _wilderness_of Pā'rān to_Qādēsh and_they_brought_back them message and_ĐOM all_of the_congregation and_they_showed_ _them ĐOM the_fruit_of the_earth/land. 27 And_they_recounted to_him/it and_they_said we_went into the_earth/land which you_sent_us and_also is_flowing_of milk and_honey it and_this fruit_of_is_its. 28 Nevertheless if/because is_strong the_people which_dwells on_the_earth and_the_cities are_fortified large very and_also those_born_of (the)_'Ānāq we_saw there. 29 'Amālēq is_dwelling in_land of_the_Negev and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] is_dwelling in_ _country and_the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] is_dwelling at the_ _sea and_on the_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). 30 And_ Kālēv/(Caleb) _he_silenced ĐOM the_people to Mosheh and_ _he/it_said certainly_(go_up) we_will_go_up and_we_will_take_ _possession_of ĐOM_her/it if/because certainly_(prevail) we_ _will_prevail to/for_her/it. 31 And_the_men who they_had_ _gone_up with_him/it they_said not we_are_able to_go_up against the_people if/because is_strong it more_than_us. 32 And_they_brought_out (the)_bad_report_of the_earth/land which they_had_spied_out ĐOM_her/it to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say the_earth/land which we_passed in_it to_spy_out ĐOM_her/it is_a_land which_devours inhabitants_of_

32 RV 13:33 · Cross-ref. Gen 6:4.

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_its it and_all the_people which we_saw in_the_midst_of_of_it were_men_of stature(s). **33** And_there we_saw ÐOM the_ _Nephilim the_descendants_of ʿĀnāq were_from the_ _Nefilim/Nephilim and_we_were in_our_own_of_eyes like_ _grasshoppers and_thus/so/as_follows we_were in_eyes_of_ _their.

14:1 And_ all_of the_congregation _it_lifted_up and_they_gave_ _forth ÐOM voice_of_their and_ the_people _they_wept in_night (the)_that. **2** And_they_grumbled on Mosheh and_on ʾAh$_a$ron all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_said to_them all_ _of the_congregation if we_had_died in_land of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) or in_wilderness the_this if we_had_died. **3** And_why is_**YHWH** bringing us into the_earth/land (the)_this to_fall by_sword wives_of_our and_our_little_of_one[s] they_ _will_become (into)_plunder am_not good to/for_us is_to_ _return towards_Mitsrayim. **4** And_they_said each to his/its_ _brother let_us_appoint a_leader and_let_us_return towards_ _Mitsrayim. **5** And_ Mosheh and_ʾAh$_a$ron _he_fell on faces_of_ _their to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before all_of the_assembly_ _of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **6** And_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_ _son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) of those_who_spied_out ÐOM the_earth/land they_tore clothes_of_their. **7** And_they_said to all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say the_earth/land which we_passed in_it to_spy_out ÐOM_her/it is_good the_earth/land very very. **8** If he_delights in_us **YHWH** and_he_will_bring us into the_earth/land (the)_this and_he_ _will_give_it to/for_us a_land which it is_flowing_of milk and_ _honey. **9** Only against_**YHWH** do_not rebel and_you(pl) do_not fear ÐOM the_people_of the_earth/land if/because be_our_ _bread_of_will they shade_of_their it_has_departed from_over_ _them and_**YHWH** is_with_us do_not fear_them. **10** And_ all_of the_congregation _they_said to_stone ÐOM_them with_stones and_the_glory_of **YHWH** it_appeared at_the_tent_of meeting to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh until when will_they_ _spurn_me the_people the_this and_unto when not will_they_ _believe in_me with_all_of the_signs which I_did in_midst_of_ _its. **12** I_will_strike_it with_pestilence and_I_will_dispossess_it and_I_will_make you to_(a)_nation great and_mighty more_ _than_it. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to **YHWH** and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_will_hear if/because you_brought_up by_strength_of_your ÐOM the_people the_this from_midst_of_ _its. **14** And_they_will_say to the_inhabitant[s]_of the_ _earth/land (the)_this they_have_heard if/because_that you Oh_**YHWH** are_in_the_midst_of the_people the_this who eye in_eye he_was_seen you Oh_**YHWH** and_cloud_of_your is_ _standing over_them and_in_a_pillar_of cloud you are_going before_them by_day and_in_a_pillar_of fire night. **15** And_you_ _will_put_to_death ÐOM the_people the_this like_a_person one and_ the_nations which they_have_heard ÐOM report_of_your _ _they_will_say to_say. **16** Because_not **YHWH** was_able to_bring ÐOM the_people the_this into the_earth/land which he_swore to/for_them and_he_has_slaughtered_them in_wilderness. **17** And_now may_it_be_great please the_power_of my_master just_as you_have_spoken to_say. **18** **YHWH** is_long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty he_is_forgiving iniquity and_

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saw us as well."

14:1 The assembled people cried loudly that entire night, **2** and then they started to protest against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron). They were all saying, "If only we'd died in Mitsrayim (Egypt) or back there in this wilderness. **3** Why did Yahweh bring us to this place only to be slaughtered in battle with our wives and children being taken as plunder? Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Mitsrayim?" **4** So they said to each other, "Let's choose a new leader to take us back to Mitsrayim."

The people rebel

5 Then Mosheh and Aharon fell to their knees with their faces bowed in front of all the assembled Israelis. **6** Then Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) and Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb), two of those who'd explored that land, tore their clothes in grief **7** and spoke to all those Israelis gathered there, "The land that we passed throughout and explored is a very, very good place. **8** If Yahweh is pleased with us, then he'll take us into it and give it to us—that land flowing with milk and honey. **9** However, you all mustn't rebel against Yahweh, and you mustn't be scared of the people in that area because they'll be like bread for us. There's nothing left to protect them as Yahweh is with us, so don't be afraid." **10** Then the mass of people talked about killing them by throwing rocks at them, but Yahweh's brilliant light suddenly appeared to all the Israelis from the sacred tent.

11 Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses), "How long will this people group spurn me for? How long will they refuse to believe in me for, despite all the miracles that I've done among them? **12** I'll strike them with a deadly disease and destroy them. I'm make you into a nation that's greater and more powerful than them."

Mosheh asks Yahweh to forgive

13 But Mosheh disagreed with Yahweh, "Then Mitsrayim (Egypt) will hear about how you used your power to bring these people out from among them, **14** and they'll report to the inhabitants of Kena'an (Canaan), because those inhabitants have heard that you, Yahweh, are right here in the middle of us Israeli people, and how your cloud rests on us, and how you lead us with that pillar of cloud that becomes a pillar of fire at night. **15** If you exterminate all the Israelis, those nations who've heard about your fame will say, **16** 'That Yahweh couldn't take those people into the land that he promised them, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.' **17** So may the power of my master be great, just as you've previously said, **18** 'Yahweh is slow to anger and quick to show loyal commitment, forgiving disobedience and rebel-

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lion. Yet he doesn't leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the father's disobedience onto the next three generations.' **19** Please forgive this people for their disobedience, applying your incredible loyal commitment like how you did when you brought these people from Mitsrayim all the way to here."

20 "I've forgiven as per your request," Yahweh replied, **21** "however, as surely as I live and as all the land is filled with Yahweh's light, **22** and despite them all seeing my power and the miracles that I did both in Mitsrayim and in the wilderness, they've now tested me many times and haven't done what I told them, **23** so there's no way that they'll enter the land that I promised to their ancestors. All those who despised me won't get to enter it. **24** However, my servant Kalev (Caleb) has a different spirit with him, and he wholeheartedly followed me, so I'll take him into the land that he explored, and his descendants will inherit it.[33] **25** The Amalekim and Kena'anim (Canaanites) live in the valleys. Tomorrow, you all must turn and set off towards the wilderness via the route to the Red Sea.

Punishment for the protestors

26 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **27** "How much longer do I have to put up with this evil gathering that grumble against me? I've heard the complaints that the Israelis are making against me. **28** Tell them this, 'Yahweh declares that as I live, your own words that I heard are exactly what I'll do to you all. **29** Indeed you'll die there in the wilderness—all those men who were listed as being twenty years old and older that complained against me. **30** You all won't enter that land that I would have used my power to settle you into. The only exceptions are Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb) and Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua). **31** The children of you all that you said would be taken as plunder, I take *them* in and they'll experience the land that you all have rejected, **32** but your bodies will remain in this wilderness. **33** Your sons will become shepherds in the wilderness for forty years, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness until you yourselves all become corpses in the wilderness. **34** For each day that you explored the land, you'll all bear your disobedience for one year, so forty days will be forty years of experiencing my displeasure. **35** I, Yahweh, have spoken that I'll certainly do that to this evil community that joined together against me. They'll meet their end and die there in the wilderness.' "

36 Now those ten men who Mosheh (Moses) had sent in to explore the land, and who'd returned and the made the whole assembly grumble against him because of their evil report about the land, **37** they died from a deadly disease in front of Yahweh after producing that evil report. **38** However, Yehoshua

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_transgression and_certainly_(leave_unpunished) not he_will_ _leave_unpunished he_is_visiting the_iniquity_of parents on the_children on a_third_generation and_on a_fourth_ _generation. **19** Forgive please (to)_the_iniquity_of the_people the_this according_to_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_ _of_your and_as_which you_have_forgiven (to)_people the_this from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto now. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _said I_have_forgiven_them according_to_of_your_message. **21** And_but by_the_life of_me and_it_will_be_filled the_glory_of **YHWH** ÐØM all_of the_earth/land. **22** If/because all_of the_men who_saw ÐØM glory_of_my and_ÐØM signs_of_my which I_did in_Mitsrayim and_in_wilderness and_they_have_put_to_the_ _test ÐØM_me this ten times and_not they_have_listened to_ _voice_of_my. **23** If they_will_see ÐØM the_earth/land which I_ _swore to_ancestors_of_their and_all those_of_who_spurned_ _me not they_will_see_it. **24** And_servant_of_my Kālēv/(Caleb) consequence it_has_been a_spirit another with_him/it and_he_ _has_filled after_me and_I_will_bring_him into the_earth/land where he_went there_(to) and_offspring_of_his it_will_take_ _possession_of_it. **25** And_the_ʹAmālēqite[s] and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] is_dwelling in_valley[s] tomorrow turn and_set_out to/for_you(pl) the_wilderness the_way_of the_sea_of reed[s].

26 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ahₐron to_say. **27** Until when to_congregation the_evil (the)_this who they are_grumbling on_me ÐØM the_grumblings_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) which they are_grumbling on_me I_have_heard. **28** Say to_them by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** if not just_as you(pl)_have_spoken in_ears_of_my so I_will_do to_ _you(pl). **29** In_wilderness the_this corpses_of_your(pl) they_ _will_fall and_all your(pl)_enrolled_of_men to/from_ _all/each/any/every number_of_your(pl) from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards who you(pl)_have_ _grumbled on_me. **30** If you(pl) you(pl)_will_go into the_ _earth/land which I_lifted_up ÐØM hand_of_my to_cause_to_ _dwell you(pl) in_it if/because (if) Kālēv the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) and_Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn. **31** And_your_little_of_one[s] who you(pl)_said (into)_ _plunder he_will_become and_I_will_bring ÐØM_them and_ _they_will_know ÐØM the_earth/land which you(pl)_have_ _rejected (in)_it. **32** And_corpses_of_your(pl) you(pl) they_will_ _fall in_wilderness (the)_this. **33** And_children_of_your(pl) they_will_be shepherds in_wilderness forty year[s] and_they_ _will_bear ÐØM prostitution(s)_of_your(pl) until corpses_of_ _your(pl) are_finished in_wilderness. **34** By_the_number_of the_ _days which you(pl)_spied_out ÐØM the_earth/land forty day[s] a_day for_year a_day for_year you(pl)_will_bear ÐØM iniquities_ _of_your(pl) forty year[s] and_you(pl)_will_know ÐØM opposition_of_my. **35** I **YHWH** I_have_spoken if not this I_will_ _do to/from_all/each/any/every the_congregation the_evil (the)_this which_has_gathered on_me in_wilderness the_this they_will_meet_their_end and_there they_will_die. **36** And_the_ _men whom Mosheh he_sent to_spy_out ÐØM the_earth/land

33 **RV 14:24 · Cross-ref.** Josh 14:9-12.

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they_returned and[34] on/upon/above_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _congregation by_bringing_out a_bad_report on the_ _earth/land. **37** And_ the_men who_brought_out_of (of)_the_ _bad_report_of the_earth/land evil _they_died by_plague to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **38** And_ _Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_ _son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) they_lived of the_men the_ _those who_went to_spy_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land.

39 And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_ _these to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_ the_people _ _they_mourned exceedingly. **40** And_they_rose_early in_ _morning and_they_went_up to the_top_of the_hill_country to_ _say here_we_are and_we_will_go_up to the_place which **YHWH** he_said if/because we_have_sinned. **41** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_said to/for_what this are_you(pl) transgressing ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** and_it not it_will_succeed. **42** Do_not go_up if/because not **YHWH** will_be_of_in_your(pl)_midst and_not you(pl)_will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl). **43** If/because the_ʻAmālēqite[s] and_the_ _Kəna ʻ ₐnīte are_there before_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_fall by_ _sword if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so you(pl)_have_ _turned_back from_after **YHWH** and_not he_will_be **YHWH** with_you(pl). **44** And_they_presumed to_go_up to the_top_of the_hill_country and_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_ _Mosheh not they_departed from_the_midst_of the_camp. **45** And_ the_ʻAmālēqite[s] and_the_Kəna ʻ ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_dwelt in_country (the)_that _he/it_descended and_they_ _attacked_them and_they_scattered_them to (the)_Ḥormāh. **15:1** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them if/because you(pl)_will_go into the_land_of your(pl)_dwelling_ _places_of_your(pl) which I am_about_to_give to_you(pl). **3** And_you(pl)_will_make a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** a_ _burnt_offering or a_sacrifice to_fulfill a_vow or (in)_a_ _freewill_offering or at_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts for_doing an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** from the_herd or from the_flock. **4** And_ the_one_who_brings_near offering_of_his to/for_**YHWH** _he_will_bring_near a_grain_offering fine_flour one_tenth_of_an_ʼēyfāh mixed with_(the)_fourth of_(the)_hin oil. **5** And_wine for_offering (the)_fourth of_(the)_hin you_will_ _offer with the_burnt_offering or for_sacrifice for_lamb the_ _one. **6** Or for_ram you_will_offer a_grain_offering fine_flour two_of tenths_of_an_ʼēyfāh mixed with_oil (the)_third of_(the)_ _hin. **7** And_wine for_offering (the)_third of_(the)_hin you_will_ _bring_near an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **8** And_ _because/when you_will_offer a_young_one_of the_herd a_ _burnt_offering or a_sacrifice to_fulfill a_vow or peace_ _offerings to/for_**YHWH**. **9** And_he_will_bring_near with the_ _young_one_of the_herd a_grain_offering fine_flour three tenths_of_an_ʼēyfāh mixed with_oil (the)_half_of (the)_hin. **10** And_wine you_will_bring_near for_offering (the)_half_of (the)_hin a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **11** Thus it_will_be_done for_bull the_one or for_ram the_one or for_livestock among_lambs or among_kids.

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(Yehoshua—Nun's son) and Kalev (Kalev—Yefuneh's son) who had also explored that land, continue to live on.

The wrong-minded attempt to invade[35]

39 So Mosheh (Moses) passed on to the Israelis what Yahweh had said, and the people were extremely sad. **40** Early the next morning, they went up towards the hilltops, saying, "Look at us all here! Yes, we sinned yesterday, but today we'll go up to the place that Yahweh said."

41 "What's that?" Mosheh responded. "Don't go against Yahweh's instructions because your plan won't succeed. **42** Don't continue onwards because Yahweh isn't with you and for sure you'll all be defeated by your enemies **43** because you'll all be facing the Amalekim and the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and you'll die by the sword. Yes, you've turned away from following Yahweh so he won't be with you all."

44 Nevertheless, they dared to continue up to the tops of the hills, but neither Mosheh nor the box containing the agreement with Yahweh, left the camp. **45** Then the Amalekim and Kena'anim that lived in that part of the hill country attacked them and killed them as far down as Hormah.

Instructions about sacrifices and offerings

15:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis that when they enter the region that I'll give them to live in, they must do this: **3** When you all make a gift to Yahweh—a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow, or as a freewill offering, or at your appointed times, to make a scent of pleasing for Yahweh from the cattle or from the flock— **4** then the donor must present their offering to Yahweh, along with a grain offering of a kilogram of fine flour mixed with 0.9 litres of olive oil. **5** Also about a quarter of a litre of wine for the drink offering must be offered with the burnt offering and/or with each male lamb. **6** For a ram, there must also be a grain offering of two kilograms of fine flour mixed with 1.2 litres of oil **7** plus 1.2 litres of wine, all to be presented as a pleasing aroma to Yahweh. **8** When you offer a young bull as a burnt offering or as a sacrifice such as fulfilling a vow or as a peace offering, **9** the donor must present a grain offering of 3.5kg of fine flour mixed with two litres of oil, **10** plus a drink offering of two litres of wine, all to be presented as a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

11 That's what must be done for each bull or ram or lamb or young goat. **12** Whatever number of animals that you offer, there must be the appropriate grain and wine offerings. **13** Every native-born Israeli must do that when presenting a gift, all to be

34 LV 14:36 · Note OSHB variant note: ונולי/ו: (x-qere) וּנְגֵלִי/וּ: lemma_c/3885 b morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_04DkJ וּנְגֵלִי/ו

35 RV 14:39 · Parallel Deu. 1:41-46

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presented as a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.

14 If a foreigner is staying with you all or living among you for multiple generations, and they make an offering to Yahweh with a pleasing aroma, then they must follow the same instructions as all of you. **15** Yes, the same regulations apply to both you and the foreigners living among you all. That will always apply—foreigners in front of Yahweh must do the same as all of you. **16** One set of instructions and regulations for both you and the foreigner that lives among you all.

17 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **18** "Tell the Israelis that when you get to the land that I'm taking you to, **19** and you all settle there and start eating food that you've grown there, you all must dedicate a special contribution to Yahweh. **20** You must present the first portion of your dough and hold it up just like a presentation from the threshing floor. **21** You all must do that each year with your first dough, even through future generations.

Handling unintentional non-compliance

22 "However, if you do something wrong and don't follow all these instructions that Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **23** i.e., don't follow everything that Yahweh has commanded through Mosheh from when the commands were given right through to future generations, **24** then assuming that it was an accident, the community must offer a young bull for a burnt offering to make a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, along with its grain offering and drink offering as per the instructions, plus a male goat as a sin offering. **25** That way the priest will make atonement for the Israeli community and they'll be forgiven because it was a mistake and they'd brought their gift as an offering to Yahweh plus their sin offering because of their mistake. **26** The Israeli community will be forgiven along with any foreigner living among them because it accidentally affected the entire community.

27 "Now if a single person disobeys by mistake, then that person must present a one-year-old female goat as a sin offering, **28** and the priest will make atonement for that person. In that way, the one making a mistake in front of Yahweh will be forgiven. **29** Both native-born Israelis and foreigners living among them must all follow the same instructions after making a mistake. **30** However, any person who disobeys defiantly, whether native-born or foreigner, they are slandering Yahweh and that person must be driven out of the community **31** because they've despised Yahweh's message and disobeyed his instructions. That person must be completely cut off and their guilt remains on them.

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12 According_the_number which you(pl)_will_offer thus you(pl)_will_do for_one according_to_of_their_number. **13** Every_of (the)_native-born he_will_do thus ~~DOM~~ these_things to_bring_near a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH**. **14** And_because/when he_will_sojourn with_you(pl) a_ _sojourner or one_who is_among_of_you(pl) to_generations_of_ _your(pl) and_he_will_offer a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** just_as you(pl)_do so he_will_do. **15** The_assembly a_regulation one to/for_you(pl) and_to_ _sojourner who_sojourns a_regulation_of perpetuity to_ _generations_of_your(pl) as_you(pl) as_sojourner it_will_be to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **16** A_law one and_ _judgement one it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) and_to_sojourner who_sojourns with_you(pl). **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **18** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them when_come_you(pl) into the_ _earth/land where I am_about_to_bring you(pl) there_(to). **19** And_it_was when_eat_you(pl) from_the_food_of the_ _earth/land you(pl)_will_offer_up a_contribution to/for_ _**YHWH**. **20** The_first_of your(pl)_dough(s)_of_your(pl) a_cake you(pl)_will_offer_up a_contribution like_a_contribution_of the_threshing_floor so you(pl)_will_offer_up ~~DOM~~_her/it. **21** Some_of_the_first_of your(pl)_dough(s)_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _will_give to/for_**YHWH** a_contribution to_generations_of_ _your(pl).

22 And_because/when you(pl)_will_err and_not you(pl)_will_ _observe ~~DOM~~ all_of the_commands the_these which **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken to Mosheh. **23** ~~DOM~~ all_of that **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded to_you(pl) by_the_hand_of Mosheh from the_day when **YHWH** he_commanded and_onwards to_generations_of_ _your(pl). **24** And_it_was if away_from_the_eyes_of the_ _congregation it_was_done to_inadvertence and_ all_of the_ _congregation _they_will_offer a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd one to_a_burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** and_its_grain_of_offering and_its_drink_of_ _offering according_the_ordinance and_a_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering. **25** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _make_atonement on all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be_forgiven to/for_them if/because was_inadvertence it and_they they_have_brought ~~DOM~~ offering_ _of_their a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_their_sin_of_ _offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** on inadvertence_of_their. **26** And_it_will_be_forgiven to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_sojourner who_sojourns among_them if/because to/from_all/each/any/every the_people by_ _inadvertence. **27** And_if a_person one it_will_sin by_ _inadvertence and_it_will_bring_near a_female_goat a_ _daughter_of its_year_of_her to_a_sin_offering. **28** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_make_atonement on the_living_ _creatures who_has_sinned_inadvertently by_sin by_ _inadvertence to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_ _make_atonement on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_be_ _forgiven to_him/it. **29** The_native-born among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_sojourner who_sojourns among_them a_law one it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) for_who]_acts by_ _inadvertence. **30** And_the_person who it_will_act with_a_hand raised one_of the_native-born and_from the_sojourner[s] ~~DOM~~

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YHWH he is_blaspheming and_ the_living_creatures the_that _
_it_will_be_cut_off from_the_midst_of people_of_its.
31 If/because the_message_of **YHWH** he_has_despised and_ĐǾM
command_of_his he_has_broken certainly_(cut_off) the_living_
_creatures the_that it_will_be_cut_off iniquity_of_its will_be_
_on_it.

32 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were in_
_wilderness and_people_found a_man gathering wood(s)
in/on_day of_the_sabbath. **33** And_ those_who_found ĐǾM_
_him/it gathering wood(s) _they_brought_near ĐǾM_him/it to
Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron and_near/to all_of the_congregation.
34 And_they_left ĐǾM_him/it in_custody if/because not it_had_
_been_decided what will_it_be_done to_him/it. **35** And_ **YHWH**
_he/it_said to Mosheh surely_(die) the_man he_will_be_put_to_
_death it_will_stone ĐǾM_him/it with_stones all_of the_
_congregation from_the_outside of_camp. **36** And_ all_of the_
_congregation _they_brought_out ĐǾM_him/it to from_the_
_outside of_camp and_they_stoned ĐǾM_him/it with_stones
and_he/it_died just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐǾM
Mosheh.

37 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh to_saying. **38** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them and_
_they_will_make to/for_them tassel[s] on the_corners_of their_
_clothes_of_their to_generations_of_their and_they_will_put on
the_tassel[s]_of the_corner a_cord_of violet_stuff. **39** And_it_
_was to/for_you(pl) (into)_tassel[s] and_you(pl)_will_see ĐǾM_
_him/it and_you(pl)_will_remember ĐǾM all_of the_commands_
_of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_observe ĐǾM_them and_not
you(pl)_will_go_about after heart_of_your(pl)_own and_after
your(pl)_eyes which you(pl) are_acting_as_prostitutes after_
_them. **40** So_that you(pl)_may_remember and_you(pl)_will_
_observe ĐǾM all_of commands_of_my and_you(pl)_will_be holy
to_god_of_your(pl). **41** I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who I_
_brought_out you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_
_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

16:1 And_ Qoraḥ the_son_of Yitshār/(Izhar) the_son_of Qəhāt
the_son_of Lēvī and_Dātān and_'Avīrām the_sons_of 'Elī'āv
and_'Ōn the_son_of Pelet the_sons_of Rə'ūvēn _he/it_took.
2 And_they_rose_up to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
Mosheh and_men from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fifty and_
_two_hundred leaders_of the_congregation called_of the_
_appointed_meeting men_of name. **3** And_they_assembled on
Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron and_they_said to_them enough to/for_
_you(pl) if/because all_of the_congregation of_them_of_all are_
_holy and_is_among_of_them **YHWH** and_why do_you_exalt_
_yourselves over the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **4** And_ Mosheh _
_he/it_listened and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face. **5** And_he/it_
_spoke to Qoraḥ and_to all_of company_of_his to_say morning
and_ **YHWH** _he_will_make_known ĐǾM the_one_who to_him/it
and_ĐǾM the_holy_person and_he_will_bring_him_near to_
_him/it and_ĐǾM the_one_whom he_will_choose in/on/over_
_him/it he_will_bring_near to_him/it. **6** This do take to/for_
_you(pl) censers Oh_Qoraḥ and_all company_of_his. **7** And_put

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Violating the rest day

32 One day when the Israelis were in the wilderness, they noticed a man gathering firewood on the rest day, **33** and those who caught him took him to Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and the rest of the community. **34** They put him into custody, because it hadn't been decided what to do with him, **35** and Yahweh told Mosheh, "That man must definitely be put to death—the community must do it outside the camp by throwing rocks at him." **36** So the community took him outside the camp, and they executed him by throwing rocks at him just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh.

Tassels on clothes

37 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **38** "Tell the Israelis that they must make tassels on the corners of their outer robes. Each tassel must have a blue cord, and they must do this for all future generations. **39** Then when you see a tassel, it'll remind you of Yahweh's instructions, and so you'll follow them rather than your own desires and lusts that lead you all into unfaithfulness. **40** Instead, you'll remember and follow my instructions, and stay pure for your god. **41** I am your god Yahweh—the one who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be your god. I am Yahweh your god."

Korah's rebellion

16:1 Now Korah[36] (son of Yitshar, son of Kohat, son of Levi) along with Datan and Aviram (sons of Eliav) and On (son of Pelet) **2** rebelled against Mosheh (Moses) along with 250 respected, Israeli community leaders. **3** They got together and challenged Mosheh and Aharon (Aaron), "You think you're great but the entire community is sacred and has Yahweh among us, so why do you consider yourselves more important than Yahweh's community?"

4 When Mosheh heard that, he fell to his knees with his face to the ground **5** and responded to Korah and his supporters, "Tomorrow morning Yahweh will show who's sacred and who belongs to him. Yahweh will present his chosen leader. make known who is to him and the holy one, and he will present to him, and whom he chooses he will present to him. **6** So Korah and supporters, bring incense burners **7** and put burning coals and incense in them, and bring them to Yahweh's presence to-

36 RV 16:1-35 · Cross-ref. Jude 11.

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morrow. Then the man that Yahweh chooses will be the sacred one. It's you Levites who think you're great."

8 Then Mosheh told Korah, "You Levites, please listen. **9** Isn't it enough for you all that Yisrael's (Israel's) god separated you from the rest of the Israeli community to present you to him to serve in Yahweh's residence and to stand in front of the gatherings to minister to them? **10** Yahweh has presented you and your brothers, the other Levites to approach him. Are you all wanting the priesthood now also? **11** So it's Yahweh that you and your group are opposing, not really Aharon (Aaron) that you're all grumbling about."

12 Then Mosheh summoned Eliav's sons Datan and Aviram but they refused, "We won't come. **13** Isn't it enough that you brought us *out* of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us here in the wilderness, without also making yourself the ruler over us? **14** What's more, you didn't bring us into a land flowing with milk and honey or give us an inheritance of land and vineyards. Will you gouge out the eyes of those Kena'anim (Canaanites) so that we can defeat them? No, we won't come."

15 That made Mosheh very angry and he told Yahweh, "Don't accept their grain offering. I've never taken even one donkey from them or done anything bad to any of them."

16 Then Mosheh told Korah, "You and all your group, must appear in front of Yahweh tomorrow, as will Aharon. **17** Each man must bring his pan with incense burning in it and present it to Yahweh—all 250 of you as well as Aharon. **18** So the next day, they all brought their pans with burning coals and incense in them, and they stood at the entrance of the sacred tent, as did Mosheh and Aharon. **19** plus Korah had also assembled the entire community to oppose Mosheh and Aharon at the entrance to the sacred tent. Then Yahweh's brilliance appeared to all the community **20** and Yahweh warned Mosheh and Aharon, **21** "Get away from all those people, then I can destroy them in an instant."

22 However, Mosheh and Aharon fell to their knees with their faces to the ground and interceded, "God, you are the god who gives life to everything. Will you be angry at the entire community because of the sin of one man?" **23** So Yahweh told Mosheh, **24** "Tell the people to keep back from the homes of Korah, Datan, and Aviram."

25 Then Mosheh walked to the homes of Datan and Aviram, and the Israeli elders followed behind him, **26** and he told the people, "Please keep back from the tents of these wicked men, and don't touch anything of theirs, in case you get caught up in their disobedience." **27** So the rest of the Israelis kept back from the residences of Korah, Datan, and Aviram. Meanwhile, Datan and Aviram had come out of their tents, and were standing at the entrances with their wives and children.

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in_them fire and_set on_them incense to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** tomorrow and_it_was the_man whom **YHWH** he_will_choose he will_be_the_holy_person enough to/for_you(pl) Oh_descendants_of Lēvī. **8** And_ Mosheh _he/it_ _said to Qoraḥ listen please Oh_descendants_of Lēvī. **9** Is_it_ _too_small for_you(pl) that/for/because/then/when the_god_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_set_apart you(pl) from_the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_bring_near you(pl) to_ _him/it to_serve ~~ḌǪM~~ the_service_of the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** and_to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _congregation to_serve_them. **10** And_he_has_brought_near you and_~~ḌǪM~~ all_of brothers_of_your the_descendants_of Lēvī with_you and_will_you(pl)_seek also priesthood. **11** For_ _so/thus/hence you and_all company_of_your are_the_ones_ _who_are_gathered on **YHWH** and_'Ah$_a$ron what is_he that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_grumble[37] on/upon/above_him/it. **12** And_ Mosheh _he_sent to_call (to)_ _Dātān and_(to)_'Avīrām the_sons_of 'Elī'āv and_they_said not we_will_come_up. **13** Is_it_small that/for/because/then/when you_have_brought_us_up from_a_land flowing_of milk and_ _honey to_kill_us in_wilderness that/for/because/then/when you_will_make_yourself_ruler over_us also really_(make_ _yourself_ruler). **14** Also not into a_land flowing_of milk and_ _honey you_have_brought_us and_you_have_given to/for_us an_inheritance_of field and_vineyard the_eyes_of the_men the_ _those will_you_gouge_out not we_will_come_up. **15** And_it_ _glowed/burnt to_Mosheh exceedingly and_he/it_said to **YHWH** do_not turn to_offering_of_their not a_donkey one from_them I_have_taken and_not I_have_done_harm_to ~~ḌǪM~~ one of_them. **16** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to Qoraḥ you and_all company_of_your be to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** you and_they and_'Ah$_a$ron tomorrow. **17** And_take each_ _one censer_of_his and_you(pl)_will_put on_them incense and_ _you(pl)_will_bring_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** each_one censer_of_his fifty and_two_hundreds censers and_you(ms) and_'Ah$_a$ron each_one censer_of_his. **18** And_ _they_took each_one censer_of_his and_they_put on_them fire and_they_set on_them incense and_they_stood the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron. **19** And_he_ _called_together on_them Qoraḥ ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of the_congregation to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared to all_of the_congregation. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_say. **21** Separate_ _yourselves from_among_of the_congregation (the)_this so_ _that_I_may_consume[38] ~~ḌǪM~~_them like_a_moment. **22** And_ _they_fell on faces_of_their and_they_said Oh_god the_god_of the_spirits to/from_all/each/any/every flesh the_man one will_he_sin and_towards all_of the_congregation will_you_be_ _angry. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **24** Speak to the_congregation to_say take_yourselves_up from_ _round_about (to)_the_dwelling_place_of Qoraḥ Dātān and_ _'Avīrām. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to Dātān and_'Avīrām and_they_went after_him the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **26** And_he/it_spoke to the_congregation to_say

37 LV 16:11 · Note OSHB variant note: ונולת: (x-qere) וניֵלֶת': lemma_3885 b n_0.0 morph_HVhi2mp id_04h7f וניֵלֶת

38 LV 16:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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turn_away please from_under the_tents_of the_men (the)_
_wicked the_these and_do_not touch in_all that to/for_them
lest you(pl)_should_be_swept_away in_all sins_of_their. **27** And_
_they_took_themselves_up from_under the_dwelling_place_of
Qoraḥ[39] Dātān and_'Avīrām from_all_around and_Dātān and_
_'Avīrām they_came_out standing the_entrance_of their_tents_
_of_their and_wives_of_their and_sons_of_their and_their_
_little_of_one[s]. **28** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said by_this you(pl)_
_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_sent_me for_doing
ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_works the_these if/because_that not from_my_
_own_of_heart. **29** If like_the_death_of every_of the_humankind
they_will_die these_men and_the_visitation_of every_of the_
_humankind it_will_be_visited on_them not **YHWH** he_has_
_sent_me. **30** And_if a_creation **YHWH** he_will_create and_ the_
_soil _it_will_open ᴅᴏᴍ her/its_mouth and_it_will_swallow
ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that to/for_them and_they_will_go_
_down alive Shə'ōl_to and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that
the_men the_these they_have_spurned ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **31** And_
_he/it_was just_as_he_finished to_speak ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_
_words/messages the_these and_ the_soil which was_under_
_them _it_was_split_open. **32** And_ the_earth/land _it_opened
ᴅᴏᴍ her/its_mouth and_it_swallowed ᴅᴏᴍ_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ
households_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ every_of the_humankind who
belonged_to_Qoraḥ and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_property. **33** And_ they
and_all that to/for_them _they_went_down alive Shə'ōl_to and_
_it_covered over_them the_earth/land and_they_perished
from_among_of the_assembly. **34** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which
was_around_of_them they_fled to_voice_of_their if/because
they_said lest it_should_swallow_us the_earth/land. **35** And_
_fire it_came_forth from_with **YHWH** and_she/it_ate ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_fifty and_two_hundreds man who_were_bringing_near_of (of)_
_the_incense.

17:1 [40] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** [41]
Speak to 'El'āzār the_son_of 'Ahₐron the_priest/officer and_let_
_him_take_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_censers from_between the_burning and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fire scatter beyond if/because they_are_holy. **3** [42] ᴅᴏᴍ
the_censers_of the_sinners the_these by_lives_of_their and_
_people_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ_them beaten_out_of thin_plates plating
for_altar if/because they_brought_them_near to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_became_holy and_let_
_them_become (into)_a_sign for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 [43] And_ 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_censers_of (the)_bronze which those_who_were_burnt they_
_had_brought_near and_people_beat_them_out plating for_
_altar. **5** [44] A_memorial for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_
_that that not a_man strange who not is_one_of_the_offspring_
_of 'Ahₐron he he_may_draw_near to_make_smoke incense to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_not he_will_be

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28 Then Mosheh said, "This is how you'll all known that it was Yahweh who selected me for this role—it's never been something that I aspired to: **29** If all these men die a natural death like most people, then Yahweh didn't choose me, **30** but if Yahweh does something new and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them and their homes and tents and all their possessions, and if they then go down alive into their grave, then you'll all know that it was because these men rejected Yahweh."

31 As soon as Mosheh had finished speaking, the ground below those men split open **32** and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their homes and every man who backed Korah along with all their property. **33** They went down alive to their grave, along with everything they owned, and then the ground covered over them and they vanished from the community. **34** All the people who were around them fled away screaming because they were afraid of getting swallowed by the earth as well.

35 Then Yahweh sent fire that consumed the 250 men who were presenting incense.

The incense burners

36 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **37** "Tell the priest Eleazar (Aharon's (Aaron's) son) to collect the incense pans from those who were burnt, and scatter the coals far away because they're sacred. **38** The pans of those who rebelled at the expense of their own lives must be hammered into thin plates to be attached to the altar, because they presented them in front of Yahweh and now they're sacred, and they'll become a reminder for the Israelis. **39** So the priest Eleazar took the bronze incense burners that had been presented by those men who'd been burnt up, and they were hammered into a plating for the altar **40** for a memorial for the Israelis just as Yahweh had told him via Mosheh. That's a reminder that no one who's not a descendant of Aharon is allowed to approach Yahweh with incense burners, so they don't end up like Korah and his sup-

39 LV 16:27 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

40 LV 17:1 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.36

41 LV 17:2 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.37

42 LV 17:3 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.38

43 LV 17:4 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.39

44 LV 17:5 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.40

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The people complain and cause a plague

41 However, the next day the Israelis complained about Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), "It was you who killed Yahweh's people." **42** But as the community gathered there against Mosheh and Aharon, they looked across to the sacred tent, and wow, the cloud covered over it and Yahweh's brilliance appeared. **43** Mosheh and Aharon went over to the front of the sacred tent, **44** and Yahweh told Mosheh, **45** "Get away from this gathering and then I'll finish them in an instant."

But Mosheh and Aharon fell to their knees with their faces to the ground, **46** and Mosheh told Aharon, "Take the incense burner, and put fire in it from the altar and incense, and take it quickly to the people and make atonement for them, because Yahweh's rage is already burning—the deadly disease has begun." **47** So Aharon took it as Mosheh had told him and ran into the middle of the people. Wow, the deadly disease had already begun, so he burnt incense and made atonement for them. **48** He stood between those who were dying and those still alive, and the deadly disease was restrained. **49** There were 14,700 people who died from the deadly disease, in addition to those who'd died due to Korah's rebellion. **50** Then Aharon returned to Mosheh at the sacred tent entrance, as the disease had been stopped.

The budding of Aharon's rod

17:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Tell the Israelis to bring you twelve staffs—one from each ancestral tribe with the leader's name inscribed on it, **3** and inscribe Aharon's (Aaron's) name on the staff for the Levites so there's one for each tribe. **4** Put them all in the sacred tent in front of the sacred box where I meet with you,

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like_Qoraḥ and_like_company_of_his just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _spoken by_the_hand_of Mosheh to_him/it.

6 **45** And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_grumbled from_the_next_day on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron to_say you(pl) you(pl)_have_killed ~~DOM~~ the_ _people_of **YHWH**. **7** **46** And_he/it_was when_ the_congregation _assembled on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron and_they_turned to the_tent_of meeting and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_covered_it the_ _cloud and_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared. **8** **47** And_ Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron _he_came to the_face_of the_tent_of meeting. **9** **48** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** **49** Get_away from_among_of the_congregation (the)_this so_ _that_I_may_make_an_end_of ~~DOM~~_them like_a_moment and_ _they_fell on faces_of_their. **11** **50** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron take ~~DOM~~ the_censer and_put on/upon_it(f) fire from_ _under the_altar and_set incense and_take_it quickly to the_ _congregation and_make_atonement on_them if/because (the)_ _severe_anger it_has_gone_forth from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** the_plague it_has_begun. **12** **51** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_took just_as Mosheh he_had_said and_he_ _ran into the_middle_of**52** of_the_assembly and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_plague it_had_begun among_people and_ _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_incense and_he_made_atonement on the_ _people. **13** **53** And_he_stood between the_dead and_between the_living and_ the_plague _it_was_restrained. **14** **54** And_ those_who_died by_plague _they_were four- teen thousand and_seven hundred(s) (from)_besides_of those_who_died on the_matter_of Qoraḥ. **15** **55** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he_returned to Mosheh to the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_the_ _plague it_had_been_restrained.

16 **57** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **17** **58** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_take from_with_ _them a_rod a_rod for_the_house_of an_ancestor from_with all_ _of leaders_of_their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their two_plus ten rods each ~~DOM~~ his/its_name you_will_write on rod_of_his. **18** **59** And_~~DOM~~ the_name_of 'Ah$_a$ron you_will_write on the_rod_of Lēvī if/because a_rod one is_for_the_head_of

45 LV 17:6 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.41
46 LV 17:7 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.42
47 LV 17:8 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.43
48 LV 17:9 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.44
49 LV 17:10 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.45
50 LV 17:11 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.46
51 LV 17:12 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.47
52 LV 17:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
53 LV 17:13 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.48
54 LV 17:14 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.49
55 LV 17:15 · Note Note: KJB: Num.16.50
57 LV 17:16 · Note Note: KJB: Num.17.1
58 LV 17:17 · Note Note: KJB: Num.17.2
59 LV 17:18 · Note Note: KJB: Num.17.3

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the_house_of their_fathers_of_their. **19** [60] And_you_will_
_deposit_them in_the_tent_of meeting to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_transcript where I_meet to/for_you(pl)
there_(to). **20** [61] And_it_was the_man whom I_will_choose
in/on/over_him/it rod_of_his it_will_bud and_I_will_put_an_
_end_to from_on_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_grumblings_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they are_grumbling on_you(pl). **21** [62]
And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_they_gave to_him/it all_of leaders_of_their a_rod for_a_
_leader one a_rod for_a_leader one to_the_house_of their_
_ancestors_of_their two_plus ten rods and_the_rod_of 'Ah$_a$ron
in_the_middle rods_of_their. **22** [63] And_ Mosheh _he_deposited
ᴅᴏᴍ the_rods to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_
_the_tent_of the_transcript. **23** [64] And_he/it_was from_the_
_next_day and_ Mosheh _he_went into the_tent_of the_
_transcript and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_rod_of 'Ah$_a$ron for_the_
_house_of Lēvī it_had_budded and_it_had_put_forth bud[s]
and_it_had_blossomed blossom and_it_had_ripened almonds.
24 [65] And_ Mosheh _he_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_rods from_
_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** to all_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_saw and_they_took each_one rod_of_
his. **25** [66] And **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh put_back ᴅᴏᴍ
the_rod_of 'Ah$_a$ron to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_transcript for_keeping for_a_sign for_the_sons_of rebellion so_
_grumblings_of_their _that_you_may_put_an_end_to from_on_
_me and_not they_will_die. **26** [67] And_ Mosheh _he/it_made
just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it so he_did. **27** [68]
And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to Mosheh to_
_say HERE we_will_die we_will_perish of_us_of_all we_will_
_perish. **28** [69] Every (the)_person_approaching (the)_person_
_approaching to the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** he_will_die or will_
_we_complete to_die.

18:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron you and_sons_of_your
and_the_house_of your_ancestor_of_your with_you you(pl)_
_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ the_guilt_of the_sanctuary and_you(ms) and_
_sons_of_your with_you you(pl)_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ the_guilt_of
your_priesthood_of_your(pl). **2** And_also ᴅᴏᴍ brothers_of_your
the_tribe_of Lēvī the_tribe_of your_ancestor_of_your bring_
_near with_you so_that_they_may_join_themselves to_you and_
_so_that_they_may_serve_you and_you(ms) and_sons_of_your
with_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tent_of the_
_transcript. **3** And_they_will_keep service_of_your and_the_
_service_of all_of the_tent only to the_equipment(s)_of the_
_holy_place and_near/to the_altar not they_will_draw_near

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5 and then the staff of the man that I choose to be the priest will sprout. Then the people can stop complaining to me about you."

6 So Mosheh passed the message on to the Israeli leaders and they gave him one staff for each leader—a total of twelve including Aharon's one, **7** and Mosheh laid them in front of Yahweh in the sacred tent.

8 Then the next day when Mosheh went to the sacred tent, wow, he saw that Aharon's staff (representing Levi tribe) had sprouted, plus it had blossomed and produced a flower and ripened almonds![56] **9** Mosheh took all the staffs out of the tent to the people to look at and each of the leaders took back his own staff, **10** then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Put Aharon's staff back in front of the sacred chest. Keep it there as a reminder to any rebels to stop complaining against me so they won't die." **11** So Mosheh did what Yahweh had commanded.

12 Then the Israelis complained to Mosheh, "Wow, we're done for—it's clear that we're all going to die! **13** Everyone who goes close to Yahweh's residence gets killed. Won't we all die?"

The work of priests and Levites

18:1 Then Yahweh told Aharon (Aaron), "You and your Levite brothers and cousins and all your descendants must bear the imperfections of the sacred tent, and you and your sons must bear the imperfections of your priesthood. **2** Bring your Levite brothers (your father's tribe) to work closely with you and to assist you as you and your sons perform your duties at the sacred tent. **3** They must look after the tent, however, they mustn't approach the furnishings or utensils, or the altar, so that both you and they won't die. **4** Then must work closely with you and take care of all the duties to do

56 **RV 17:8-10 · Cross-ref.** Heb 9:4.
60 **LV 17:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.4
61 **LV 17:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.5
62 **LV 17:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.6
63 **LV 17:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.7
64 **LV 17:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.8
65 **LV 17:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.9
66 **LV 17:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.10
67 **LV 17:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.11
68 **LV 17:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.12
69 **LV 17:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.17.13

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with the sacred tent, but no outsider is allowed to approach.
5 You priests will take care of the sacred place and the altar, and then there won't be anymore fury against the Israeli people.
6 Now listen, I've taken your brothers the Levites out from the rest of the Israelis as a gift for you—they're given to do the duties at the sacred tent. **7** However, it's you and your sons who are the priests who must serve for things to do with the altar and inside the curtain. Your priesthood is a gift of service, and any outsider who approaches must be executed."

8 Then Yahweh told Aharon, "Also listen, I've put you in charge of looking after the sacred offerings to me. I've given them to you and your sons as your permanent income. **9** Every offering apart from the burnt offerings, will belong to you. That includes their grain offerings, their sin offerings, and their guilt offerings. Once they're given, they become sacred, and they're for you and your sons. **10** You and the males in your families may eat that sacred offering but do remember that it's sacred.

11 "In addition, the people's raised offerings belong to you, and they are permanently given to your entire families to eat—everyone who's 'clean' may eat them.

12 "All the best of the fresh oil, and the new wine and grain that they give to Yahweh, I give to you. **13** The first portions of all their harvests that they bring to Yahweh, belong to you—everyone in your families who's 'clean' may eat them.

14 "Everything throughout Yisrael (Israel) that's dedicated to Yahweh will belong to you.[70]

15 "Every firstborn male baby, as well as animals, will belong to Yahweh, however you must buy back the human babies as well as the firstborns from the 'unclean' livestock. **16** The babies must be bought back when they're one month old, paying five silver coins of the proper weight according to the scales at the sacred tent. **17** However, the firstborn cows or sheep or goats can't be bought back. They are sacred—you must sprinkle their blood on the altar and burn their fat as an offering that's a soothing aroma for Yahweh. **18** Their meat will belong to you, just like the breast or the right thigh of the wave offerings are yours. **19** All sacred donations by the Israelis, I've permanently given to you and your children to eat—it's an irrevocable agreement with Yahweh for you and your future ancestors."

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and_not both they as_well_as you(pl) they_will_die. **4** And_
_they_will_join_themselves to_you and_they_will_keep ÐOM
the_duty_of the_tent_of meeting to_all/each/any/every the_
_service_of the_tent and_a_stranger not he_will_draw_near to_
_you(pl). **5** And_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_service_of the_holy_
_place and_ÐOM the_service_of the_altar and_not it_will_be
again severe_anger towards the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
6 And_I HERE I_have_taken ÐOM brothers_of_your(pl) the_
_Lēviyyiy from_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_
_you(pl) a_gift they_are_assigned to/for_**YHWH** to_serve ÐOM
the_service_of the_tent_of meeting. **7** And_you(ms) and_sons_
_of_your with_you you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM priesthood_of_
_your(pl) to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_
_altar and_to_from_inside_of to_curtain and_you(pl)_will_serve
a_service_of a_gift I_give ÐOM priesthood_of_your(pl) and_the_
_stranger (the)_approaching he_will_be_put_to_death. **8** And_
YHWH _he/it_spoke to 'Ah$_a$ron and_I HERE I_give to/for_
_yourself(m) ÐOM the_charge_of my_contributions_of_my
to/from_all/each/any/every the_holy_gifts_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_yourself(m)[71] I_give_them to_a_portion
and_to_sons_of_your to_a_prescribed_portion_of perpetuity.
9 This it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) from_the_holy_thing_
_of the_holy_things from the_fire every_of offering_of_their
to/from_all/each/any/every offering_of_their_grain and_
_to/for_all offering_of_their_sin and_to/for_all offering_of_
_their_guilt which they_will_bring_back to_me will_be_a_holy_
_thing_of holy_things to/for_yourself(m) it and_for_sons_of_
_your. **10** (In)_the_holy_thing_of the_holy_things you_will_eat_
_it every_of male he_will_eat ÐOM_him/it a_holy_thing it_will_
_be for_you. **11** And_this will_belong_to_you the_contribution_
_of their_gift[s]_of_their to/from_all/each/any/every the_
_wave-offerings_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_
_yourself(m) I_give_them and_to_sons_of_your and_to_
_daughters_of_your with_you to_a_prescribed_portion_of
perpetuity every_of clean_person among_household_of_your
he_will_eat ÐOM_him/it. **12** All_of the_best_of the_fresh_oil and_
_all the_best_of the_new_wine and_grain fruit_of_their_first
which they_will_give to/for_**YHWH** to/for_yourself(m) I_give_
_them. **13** The_first-fruits_of all_of that is_in_land_of_their
which they_will_bring to/for_**YHWH** to/for_yourself(m) it_
_will_belong every_of clean_person among_household_of_your
he_will_eat_it. **14** Every_of devoted_thing in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
to/for_yourself(m) it_will_belong. **15** Every_of firstborn_of a_
_womb to/from_all/each/any/every flesh which they_will_
_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** among_humankind and_on/over_
_cattle/livestock it_will_belong to_you only certainly_(redeem)
you_will_redeem ÐOM the_firstborn_of the_humankind and_
_ÐOM the_firstborn_of the_cattle/livestock (the)_unclean you_
_will_redeem. **16** Its_ransom_of_him from_a_son_of a_month
you_will_redeem_it by_valuation_of_your will_be_silver_of five_
_of shekels by_the_shekel_of the_holy_place is_twenty gerah[s]
it. **17** Only the_firstborn_of a_cow or the_firstborn_of a_young_
_ram or the_firstborn_of a_goat not you_will_redeem are_holy_
_thing[s] they ÐOM blood_of_their you_will_sprinkle on the_

70 **RV 18:14 · Cross-ref.** Lev 27:28.

71 **LV 18:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_altar and_ĐOM fat_of_their you_will_make_smoke a_fire_ _offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**. **18** And_ _meat_of_their it_will_belong to_you like_the_breast_of the_ _wave-offering and_like_the_thigh_of the_right to/for_ _yourself(m) it_will_belong. **19** All_of the_contributions_of the_ _holy_gifts which the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_ _offer_up to/for_**YHWH** I_give to/for_yourself(m) and_to_sons_ _of_your and_to_daughters_of_your with_you to_a_prescribed_ _portion_of perpetuity is_a_covenant_of salt_of perpetuity it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to/for_yourself(m) and_to_offspring_of_your with_you.

20 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to 'Ah$_a$ron in_land_of_their not you_ _will_have_an_inheritance and_a_share not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) among_them I share_of_am_your and_ _inheritance_of_your in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_to_the_descendants_of Lēvī HERE I_give every_of tithe in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_an_inheritance in_return_ _for service_of_their which they are_serving ĐOM the_service_ _of the_tent_of meeting. **22** And_not they_will_draw_near again the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_tent_of meeting to_bear sin to_die. **23** And_ the_Lēviyyiy[s] he _he_will_serve ĐOM the_ _service_of the_tent_of meeting and_they they_will_bear iniquity_of_their a_regulation_of perpetuity to_generations_of_ _your(pl) and_among_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_inherit an_inheritance. **24** If/because ĐOM the_tithe_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_will_offer_up to/for_**YHWH** a_contribution I_give to_Lēviyyiy for_an_ _inheritance therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_said to/for_ _them in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_ _will_inherit an_inheritance.

25 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **26** And_ _near/to the_Lēviyyiy you_will_speak and_you_will_say to_ _them if/because you(pl)_will_take from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_tithe which I_give to/for_you(pl) from_ _with_them (in)_inheritance_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _offer_up from_him/it the_contribution_of **YHWH** a_tithe of the_tithe. **27** And_it_will_be_reckoned to/for_you(pl) contribution_of_your(pl) like_grain from the_threshing_floor and_like_produce from the_winepress. **28** Thus also you(pl) you(pl)_will_offer_up (the)_contribution_of **YHWH** from_all tithes_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_will_take from_with the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_will_give from_him/it ĐOM the_contribution_of **YHWH** to_'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer. **29** From_all gifts_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_offer_up ĐOM every_ _of (the)_contribution_of **YHWH** from_all best_of_its ĐOM part_ _of_its_sacred of_it. **30** And_you_will_say to_them when_you_ _offer_up ĐOM best_of_its from_him/it and_it_will_be_reckoned to_Lēviyyiy like_the_produce_of a_threshing_floor and_like_ _the_produce_of a_winepress. **31** And_you(pl)_will_eat ĐOM_ _him/it in_all place you(pl) and_household_of_your(pl) if/because is_wage[s] it to/for_you(pl) in_return_for service_ _of_your(pl) in_the_tent_of meeting. **32** And_not you(pl)_will_ _bear on/upon/above_him/it sin when_you_offer_up ĐOM best_ _of_its from_him/it and_ĐOM the_holy_gifts_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not you(pl)_will_profane and_not you(pl)_will_ _die.

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The Levites' share

20 Yahweh also told Aharon (Aaron), "You priests won't inherit any land or property—I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelis.

21 For an inheritance for the Levites, I've given them all the tenths given by the Israelis as their inheritance in exchange for their service at the sacred tent. **22** The other Israelis mustn't approach that tent or they'll incur guilt and die, **23** but the Levites must serve at the sacred tent and they must bear their inadequacies. That order applies for all future generations, including the not inheriting any land like the other Israelis. **24** That's because I've given the Levites that tenth that the other Israelis offer to Yahweh as a donation. That's why I said that they won't receive any other inheritance."

The Levites' contribution

25 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **26** "Tell the Levites: 'When you all receive the tenth from the Israelis that I've given to you as you inheritance, then you must offer a tenth of that tenth as a donation to Yahweh. **27** That will be considered as your contribution just as if it was grain from the threshing floor, or juice from the wine-pressing pit. **28** So when you all offer that donation from all the tenths that you receive from the Israelis, it must then be given as Yahweh's contribution to the priest Aharon (Aaron). DOUBLE-CHECK **29** When an offering is presented to Yahweh, it must be the best parts of whatever is given.' **30** Also tell them, 'When you all present the best of what was given, it'll be as it's come straight from the threshing floor or the wine-pressing pit. **31** The rest is for your wages for the service you all do at the sacred tent, and you all can eat it wherever you want to. **32** After donating the best tenth from it, you won't incur guilt for what you all do with the rest of it, however you all mustn't defile any sacred things or you'll die.' "

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The red cow's ashes

19:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), **2** "This is a new law that Yahweh has commanded, 'Tell the Israelis that they must bring you an unblemished red heifer with no defects and that has never had a yoke on its neck. **3** Give it to the priest Eleazar, and he must take it outside the camp and have someone slaughter it in front of him. **4** Then Eleazar must get some of its blood with his finger seven times and flick it onto the ground directly in front of the sacred tent. **5** Then while he watches, they must completely burn the heifer—its skin and flesh, and including its blood and dung. **6** Meanwhile, the priest must take some cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool, and throw them into the fire where the cow is burning. **7** Then the priest must wash his clothes and bathe. After that, he can return to the camp, but he'll be 'unclean' until that evening. **8** The man who burnt the cow must also wash his clothes and bathe, and he will also be 'unclean' until that evening. **9** A 'clean' man must collect the cow's ashes and place them in a sacred place outside the camp where they can be used for water for purification for the Israelis to purify from disobedience. **10** Then that man who collected the ashes must also wash his clothes and be 'unclean' until that evening. Those regulations will permanently apply both to Israelis and to foreigners living among them.

Contact with a corpse

11 " 'All those who touch a dead, human body will be 'unclean' for seven days. **12** On the third day, they must purify themselves, and then they'll be 'clean' on the seventh day. (If they don't purify themselves, they'll won't become 'clean' on that seventh day— **13** if they've touched a dead, human body and don't purify themselves, that would defile Yahweh's residence, and so they must be permanently removed from the camp. If the purifying water wasn't sprinkled on them, that 'uncleanness' will remain on them.)

14 " 'This is the regulation if a person dies in a tent: Everyone who was in the tent, and everyone that enters afterwards, will all be 'unclean' for seven days, **15** and every container that doesn't have its lid on becomes 'unclean'. **16** Out in the countryside, who touches the corpse of someone killed in a fight, or any dead human body or bone or grave, will be 'unclean' for seven days. **17** Someone must take some of the ashes from that burnt cow, and put them into a jar with some fresh, running water, then pour some of it over them. **18** Then a man who's 'clean' must dip some hyssop in that water and sprinkle it onto the tent and all the containers in it and everyone who lives in it or who touched the body or the bone or grave. **19** On the third day, that 'clean' man must sprinkle that water on the 'unclean' ones, and

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19:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron to_ _say. **2** This is_the_regulation_of the_law which **YHWH** he_has_ _commanded to_say speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_ _that_they_may_bring to_you a_heifer red unblemished which there_is_not in_it a_blemish which not it_has_gone_up on/upon_it(f) a_yoke. **3** And_you(pl)_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_he_will_take_out ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to from_the_outside of_camp and_someone_will_slaughter ᴅᴏᴍ_ _her/it before_him. **4** And_ 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_ _will_take some_of_its_blood with_finger_of_his and_he_will_ _spatter to in_front_of the_face_of the_tent_of meeting some_ _of_its_blood seven times. **5** And_he_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ the_heifer to_eyes_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ skin_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ flesh_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_its with dung_of_its he_will_burn. **6** And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_will_take wood_of cedar and_hyssop and_ _scarlet_of scarlet_stuff and_he_will_throw_them into the_ _middle_of the_burning_of the_heifer. **7** And_ the_priest/officer _he_will_wash clothes_of_his and_he_will_wash body_of_his with_water and_after he_will_come into the_camp and_ the_ _priest/officer _he_will_be_unclean until the_evening. **8** And_ _the_one_who_burns ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it he_will_wash clothes_of_his with_water and_he_will_wash body_of_his with_water and_he_ _will_be_unclean until the_evening. **9** And_he_will_gather a_ _man clean ᴅᴏᴍ the_ash[es]_of the_heifer and_he_will_deposit_ _them from_the_outside of_camp in_a_place clean and_it_will_ _become for_the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_something_kept to_water_of impurity is_ _a_sin_offering it. **10** And_ the_one_who_gathers ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _ash[es]_of the_heifer _he_will_wash ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_ _he_will_be_unclean until the_evening and_it_will_become for_ _the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_sojourner who_ _sojourns among_them (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity.

11 The_one_who_touches (in)_a_dead_body to/from_ _all/each/any/every corpse a_person and_he_will_be_unclean seven_of days. **12** He he_will_purify_himself in_him/it in_the_ _day the_third and_on_day the_seventh he_will_be_pure and_if not he_will_purify_himself in_the_day the_third and_on_day the_seventh not he_will_be_pure. **13** Every_of (the)_one_who_ _touches (in)_a_dead_body (in)_the_corpse_of the_humankind who he_will_die and_not he_will_purify_himself ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _tabernacle_of **YHWH** he_has_made_unclean and_ the_living_ _creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because the_water_of impurity not it_was_sprinkled on/upon/above_him/it unclean he_will_be still uncleanness_ _of_his in_him/it. **14** This is_the_law anyone if/because he_will_ _die in_a_tent every_of (the)_one_who_goes into the_tent and_ _all one_who is_in_tent he_will_be_unclean seven_of days. **15** And_all/each/any/every vessel open which there_is_not a_ _cover_of a_cord on/upon/above_him/it is_unclean it. **16** And_ _all/each/any/every one_who he_will_touch on the_face_of the_field (in)_one_slain_of a_sword or (in)_a_dead_body or (in)_ _a_bone_of a_human or (in)_a_grave he_will_be_unclean seven_ _of days. **17** And_people_will_take for_person some_of_the_ _dust_of the_burning_of the_sin_offering and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it water living into a_vessel. **18** And_ _he/it_will_take hyssop and_he_will_dip_it in_water a_person clean and_he_will_spatter_it on the_tent and_on all_of the_ _vessels and_on the_people who they_were there and_on the_

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_one_who_touched (in)_bone or (in)_the_slain or (in)_the_body or (in)_grave. **19** And_ the_clean_person _he_will_spatter_it on the_unclean_person in_the_day the_third and_on_day the_ _seventh and_he_will_cleanse_him_from_sin in_the_day the_ _seventh and_he_will_wash clothes_of_his and_he_will_wash with_water and_he_will_be_pure in_evening. **20** And_a_person who he_will_be_unclean and_not he_will_purify_himself and_ the_living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_among_ _of the_assembly if/because ᴅᴏᴍ the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** he_ _has_made_unclean water_of_impurity not it_has_been_ _sprinkled on/upon/above_him/it is_unclean he. **21** And_it_ _will_become for_them[72] (into)_a_regulation_of perpetuity and_the_one_who_spatters_of (of)_the_water_of (the)_impurity he_will_wash clothes_of_his and_the_one_who_touches (in)_ _the_water_of (the)_impurity he_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening. **22** And_all/each/any/every that he_will_touch in/on/over_him/it the_unclean_person it_will_be_unclean and_the_person who_touches_it it_will_be_unclean until the_ _evening.

20:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) all_of the_congregation _they_came the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) in_month (the)_first and_ the_people _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Qādēsh and_she_died there Miryām and_she_was_buried there. **2** And_ _not it_belonged water to_congregation and_they_assembled on Mosheh and_on ʾAhₐron. **3** And_ the_people _it_quarrelled with Mosheh and_they_said to_say and_if we_had_died when_ brothers_of_our _died to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **4** And_why did_you(pl)_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_assembly_of **YHWH** into the_wilderness the_this to_die there we and_cattle_ _of_our. **5** And_why did_you(pl)_bring_us_up from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_bring us to the_place the_evil the_this not a_place_of seed and_fig_tree and_vine and_pomegranate and_water there_is_not to_drink. **6** And_ Mosheh and_ʾAhₐron _ _he_went from_face/in_front_of the_assembly to the_entrance_ _of the_tent meeting and_they_fell on faces_of_their and_ the_ _glory_of **YHWH** _it_appeared to_them. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **8** Take ᴅᴏᴍ the_rod and_ you and_ _ʾAhₐron your(ms)_brother/kindred _assemble ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _congregation and_you(pl)_will_speak to the_rock to_eyes_of_ _their and_he/it_gave water_of_its and_you_will_bring_out[75] to/for_them water from the_rock and_you_will_give_drink_to ᴅᴏᴍ the_congregation and_ᴅᴏᴍ cattle_of_their. **9** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_rod from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** just_as he_had_commanded_him. **10** And_ Mosheh and_ _ʾAhₐron _they_made_assemble ᴅᴏᴍ the_assembly to the_face_ _of the_rock and_he/it_said to/for_them listen please Oh_ _rebels the_(one)_from the_rock the_this will_we_bring_out to/for_you(pl) water. **11** And_ Mosheh _he_raised ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _hand and_he_struck ᴅᴏᴍ the_rock with_rod_of_his two_times and_ waters many _they_went_out and_ the_congregation and_ _cattle_of_their _it_drank. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to

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then must purify them on the seventh day. Then he himself must wash his clothes and bathe, and will be 'unclean' until that evening.

20 " 'Anyone who's 'unclean' and doesn't purify themself, that person will be permanently removed from the camp because they've made Yahweh's sanctuary 'unclean'. They didn't sprinkle that purifying water on themself, so they remain 'unclean'. **21** That will be a permanent regulation. The person who's had the purifying water sprinkled on them must wash their clothes, and any person who sprinkles the water will be 'unclean' until that evening. **22** Anything touched by an 'unclean' person becomes 'unclean', and anyone who touches an 'unclean' person will become 'unclean' until that evening.

Water from the Kadesh rock[73]

20:1 Then in the first month of the next year, all the Israelis entered the Tsin (Zin) ('Thorny' or 'Thirsty') wilderness and the people camped at Kadesh. While they were there, Miryam (Miriam) died, and was buried there.

2 However, there was no water to drink, so the people came against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron)[74] **3** and complained, "It would have been better if we'd died in front of Yahweh along with our relatives back there. **4** Why did you two bring Yahweh's people here to die in this wilderness, along with our livestock? **5** Why did you bring us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to bring us to this miserable place? There's no grain or figs, and no grapes or pomegranates. There's not even water to drink!" **6** Then Mosheh and Aharon went from there in front of the people to the entrance to the sacred tent, where they fell to their knees with their faces to the ground, and Yahweh's brilliance appeared to them.

7 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **8** "Take Aharon's staff, then the two of you must command that rock to pour out water. Then water will come out of it, and both the people and the animals will have plenty to drink."

9 So Mosheh took the staff from Yahweh's residence like he was told to. **10** Then the two of them gathered the people in front of the rock and told them, "Listen now you bunch of rebels—do we have to bring water out of this rock for you?" **11** Then Mosheh raised the staff and hit the rock twice, and water gushed out, and so the people and their animals were able to drink.

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72 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

73 RV 20:1 · Parallel Exo. 17:1-7

74 RV 20:2-13 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:1-7.

75 LV 20:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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12 Then Yahweh scolded Mosheh and Aharon, "Because you two publicly demonstrated that you didn't believe that what I say is absolute truth, therefore you two won't lead this community into the land that I've given them."
13 That spring was named 'Merivah' (meaning 'Quarrelling') because that was where the Israelis argued with Yahweh, and where he demonstrated his absolute truthfulness to them.

Edom's king refuses the Israelis' passage

14 Then from there in Kadesh, Mosheh (Moses) sent messengers to Edom's king to ask him, "This message is from your Israeli relatives. You are already aware of all the hardship that we've been through— **15** how our ancestors went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) and lived there for many years, but then the Mitsrim (Egyptians) mistreated them. **16** However, when we cried out to Yahweh and he heard us and sent a messenger and brought us out of Mitsrayim, and now we're in Kadesh town at the southern border of your territory. **17** Now please let us pass through your country. We won't go through the countryside or the vineyards, and we won't drink water from any well. We'll stay on the king's highway without turning to the right or the left, until after we've exited at your northern border."
18 But Edom's king replied, "You can't pass through my country. If you do try to enter, I'll send my swordsmen out against you."
19 The Israelis reiterated, "We'll stay on the highway, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, then we'll pay what it's worth so that's no big deal. Just let us walk through."
20 Again the king responded, "You may not pass through."
Then Edom sent a large, heavily-armed contingent to intimidate them, **21** and because they'd been refused passage through their territory, the Israelis turned around and went via a longer, less direct route.

Aharon's death

22 So the Israelis left Kadesh and went to Mt. Hor. **23** There near the Edom border, Yahweh told Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses), **24** "Aharon will be taken to join his ancestors because he won't not enter the land that I have given to the Israelis, because you two rebelled against what I said at the Merivah rock that gave water. **25** Take Aharon and his son Eleazar and climb up Mt. Hor together, **26** then remove his high priest's uniform and put it on his son Eleazar. After that, Aharon will die there and go to join his ancestors."
27 So Mosheh followed Yahweh's instructions and the three of them climbed Mt. Hor as the people watched. **28** Then Mosheh removed Aharon's uniform and put it on his son Eleazar. Aharon died there at the top of the mountain,[77] and then Mosheh and Eleazar went back down. **29** When the assembled people realised that Aharon had died, all the Israelis mourned for thirty days for

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Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron because not you(pl)_believed (in)_me to_treat_me_as_holy to_the_eyes_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_so/thus/hence not you(pl)_will_bring ~~ĐOM~~ the_assembly the_this into the_earth/land which I_have_given to/for_them. **13** They were_the_waters_of Mərīv̄āh where the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_quarrelled with **YHWH** and_ _he_showed_himself_holy among_them.

14 And_ Mosheh _he_sent messengers from_Qādēsh to the_ _king_of 'Edōm thus your(ms)_brother/kindred Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says you you_know ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_hardship which it_has_ _come_upon_us. **15** And_ ancestors_of_our _they_went_down to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_we_dwelt in_Mitsrayim days many and_they_did_harm to/for_us Mitsrayim and_to_ancestors_of_ _our. **16** And_we_cried_out to **YHWH** and_he/it_listened voice_ _of_our and_he_sent an_messenger and_he_brought_us_out from_Mitsrayim and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we are_in_Qādēsh (the)_ _city_of the_outskirt[s]_of your_territory_of_your. **17** Let_us_ _pass please in_land_of_your not we_will_pass in_a_field and_ _in_a_vineyard and_not we_will_drink water_of a_well the_ _way_of the_king we_will_go not we_will_turn_aside right_ _hand and_left_hand until that we_will_pass_through territory_ _of_your. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Edōm not you_will_pass in_me lest with_sword I_should_come_out to_meet_you. **19** And_they_said to_him/it the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[76] on_ _highway we_will_go_up and_if waters_of_your I and_livestock_ _of_my we_will_drink and_I_will_give price_of_their only there_is_not a_thing on_feet_of_my let_me_pass_through. **20** And_he/it_said not you_will_pass_through and_ 'Edōm _ _he/it_went_out to_meet_him with_a_people massive and_ _with_a_hand strong. **21** And_it_refused 'Edōm to_permit ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_pass in_territory_of_its and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_turned_aside from_on_it.

22 And_they_set_out from_Qādēsh and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_congregation _they_came Hor the_ _mountain. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_to 'Ah$_a$ron at_Hor the_mountain on the_border_of the_land_of 'Edōm to_say. **24** 'Ah$_a$ron he_will_be_gathered to people(s)_of_ _his if/because not he_will_go into the_earth/land which I_ _have_given to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on that you(pl)_ _rebelled_against ~~ĐOM~~ mouth_of_my to_the_waters_of Mərīv̄āh. **25** Take ~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_~~ĐOM~~ 'El'āzār his/its_son and_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~_them Hor the_mountain. **26** And_strip_off ~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his and_you_will_clothe_with_them ~~ĐOM~~ 'El'āzār his/its_son and_'Ah$_a$ron he_will_be_gathered and_he_ _will_die there. **27** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded and_they_went_up to Hor the_mountain to_the_eyes_of all_of the_congregation. **28** And_ Mosheh _he_ _stripped_off ~~ĐOM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron ~~ĐOM~~ garments_of_his and_he_clothed ~~ĐOM~~_them ~~ĐOM~~ 'El'āzār his/its_son and_ 'Ah$_a$ron _he/it_died

76 LV 20:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

77 RV 20:28 · Cross-ref. Exo 29:29; Num 33:38; Deu 10:6.

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there at_the_top_of the_mountain and_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār _ _he/it_descended from the_mountain. **29** And_ all_of the_ _congregation _they_saw if/because_that 'Ah$_a$ron he_had_died and_they_wept_for ĐOM 'Ah$_a$ron thirty day[s] all_of the_house_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

21:1 And_ the_Kəna'$_a$nī the_king_of 'Arād who_dwelt_of the_ _Negev _he/it_listened if/because_that Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_had_ _come the_way_of the_'Atārīm and_he_engaged_in_battle against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_took_captive from_him/it captive[s]. **2** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_vowed a_vow to/for_ _**YHWH** and_it_said if really_(give) you_will_give ĐOM the_ _people the_this in_hand_of_my and_I_will_totally_destroy ĐOM cities_of_their. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_the_voice_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave ĐOM the_ _Kəna'$_a$nī/(Canaanite)[s] and_it_totally_destroyed them and_ _ĐOM cities_of_their and_he/it_called the_name_of the_place Ḥormāh. **4** And_they_set_out from_Hor the_mountain the_ _direction_of the_sea_of reed[s] to_go_around ĐOM the_land_of 'Edōm and_ the_self_of the_people _it_became_short on_way. **5** And_ the_people _he/it_spoke against_god and_against_ _Mosheh why have_you(pl)_brought_us_up from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_die in_wilderness if/because there_is_ _not food and_there_is_not water and_self_of_our it_loathes (in)_food (the)_worthless. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent among_ _people ĐOM the_snakes the_saraphs and_they_bit ĐOM the_ _people and_ a_people numerous _he/it_died from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_ the_people _it_came to Mosheh and_ _they_said we_have_sinned if/because we_have_spoken against_**YHWH** and_against_you pray to **YHWH** so_that_he_ _may_remove from_on_us ĐOM the_snake and_ Mosheh _he_ _prayed for the_people. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh make to/for_yourself(m) a_saraph and_put ĐOM_him/it on a_ _standard and_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_is_bitten and_ _he_will_see ĐOM_him/it and_he_will_live. **9** And_ Mosheh _ _he/it_made a_snake_of bronze and_he_put_it on the_standard and_it_was if the_snake it_had_bitten ĐOM anyone and_he_ _looked to the_snake_of (the)_bronze and_he_lived.

10 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out and_they_ _encamped in_'Ovot. **11** And_they_set_out from_'Ovot and_ _they_encamped at_'Iyyiy-/(Iye-) hā'$_a$vārīm/(abarim) in_ _wilderness which is_on the_face_of Mō'āv from_the_rising_of the_sun. **12** From_there they_set_out and_they_encamped in_ _the_wadi_of Zered. **13** From_there they_set_out and_they_ _encamped from_the_other_side_of 'Arnōn which is_in_ _wilderness which_goes_out from_the_border_of[82] the_'Amorī if/because 'Arnōn is_the_border_of Mō'āv between Mō'āv and_ _between the_'Amorī. **14** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_is_ _said in_the_book_of the_wars_of **YHWH** ĐOM Vāhēv in_Ṣūfāh and_ĐOM the_wadis 'Arnōn. **15** And_the_slope_of the_wadis which it_extends to_the_dwelling of_'Ār and_it_leans to_the_

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him.

The defeat of Kena'anim

21:1 When Kena'ani (Canaanite) king of Arad who lived by the wilderness, heard that Yisrael (Israel) was coming on the Atarim road, he attacked them and captured some prisoners.[78] **2** Then the Israelis promised Yahweh, "If you help us defeat them, then we'll completely destroy their towns (instead of looting them) as a way of offering them to you." **3** Yahweh listened to what they said and enabled them to defeat those Kena'anim (Canaanites), then they dedicated the towns to Yahweh and destroyed them, and they named that area 'Hormah' (which means 'Destruction').

4 Then they all left Mt. Hor by the road going towards the Red Sea to go around Edom,[79] but the people became impatient on the way **5** and they started to grumble against God and against Mosheh (Moses), "Why did you two bring us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) just to die in the wilderness, because there's no bread and no water, and our insides detest that tasteless 'stuff'?"[80] **6** So Yahweh sent poisonous snakes into the people, and many Israelis were bitten and died.

7 The people came to Mosheh and begged, "We've done wrong by speaking out against Yahweh and against you. Pray to Yahweh for us to get him to take the snakes away." So Mosheh prayed on the peoples' behalf, **8** and Yahweh told him, "Make a model of a snake and put it up on a pole, and so that anyone who gets bitten, can see it and live." **9** So Mosheh made a snake out of bronze and attached it to the top of a pole,[81] and anyone who was bitten by a snake would recover when they looked towards the bronze snake.

Going around Edom via Moav

10 Then the Israelis set off and camped at Ovot. **11** When they left Ovot, they camped at Iyey-Ha'avarim in the wilderness near Moav's (Moab's) eastern border. **12** From there they set off and camped by the Zered riverbed, **13** before moving on and camping at the north side of the Arnon river, in the wilderness that extends from the Amori border. (The Arnon is the border between Moav and the Amorim. **14** That's why it says in the book about Yahweh's battles:

"Vahev in Sufah, and the riverbeds there, and the Arnon River
15 and the sloping valleys there,

78 RV 21:1 · Cross-ref. Num 33:40.

79 RV 21:4 · Cross-ref. Deu 2:1.

80 RV 21:5-6 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 10:9.

81 RV 21:9 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 18:4; Yhn 3:14.

82 LV 21:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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that extend to Ar village along Moav's border.")
16 From there they went to the well at Be'er (which means 'Well'), where Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Gather the people, and I'll give them water." **17** That's where the Israelis sang this song:
"Come on, well,
sing for this well.
18 the well dug by the leaders,
the top citizens dug it out.
with their sceptres and their staffs."
From that wilderness, the people went on to Matanah, **19** then through Nahaliel and on to Bamot **20** and from there to the valley in the Moav (Moab) countryside where Mt. Pisgah rises above the desert.

Kings Sihon and Og defeated[83]

21 Then Yisrael (Israel) sent messengers to the Amori King Sihon, **22** "Let us pass through your country. We won't turn off into any field or vineyard. We won't take water from any well. We'll stay on the king's highway until we've exited at your northern border." **23** However King Sihon refused them permission, then he took his whole army into the wilderness to meet Yisrael, and they attacked them at Yahats village. **24** Nevertheless, Yisrael defeated them in battle and took possession of his land from the Arnon river up as far as Yabok where the Amonim' border was well fortified. **25** So Yisrael took those Amori cities including Heshbon and the surrounding villages, and started living in them. **26** (Heshbon was where the Amori King Sihon lived, as he'd previously fought against the former king of Moav (Moab) and captured all his land down as far as the Arnon river. **27** That was why the poets say,
"Come to Heshbon—let it be rebuilt.
Let King Sihon's city be established
28 because fire went out from Heshbon,
flame from Sihon's city.
It consumed Ar in Moav,
and the citizens on Arnon's hilltops.[84]
29 Moav, you won't end well.
Kemosh's people have perished.
He's made his sons into fugitives,
and given his daughters over to captivity
by the Amori King Sihon.
30 We've overpowered them.
Heshbon has perished as far as Divon
and shattered Nofah as far as Meydeva.)
31 So the Israelis lived in the Amori region **32** and Mosheh (Moses) sent some men to spy out Yazer, and they captured its

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_border_of Mō'āv. **16** And_from_there to_Bə'ēr that is_the_well which **YHWH** he_said to_Mosheh gather ᴅᴏᴍ the_people so_ _that_I_may_give to/for_them water. **17** Then Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_sang ᴅᴏᴍ the_song (the)_this spring_up Oh_well sing to/for_ _her/it. **18** A_well which_they_dug_it the_leaders which_they_ _dug_it the_noble_people_of the_people with_a_ruler's_staff with_staffs_of_their and_from_the_wilderness Mattānāh. **19** And_from_Mattānāh Naḥ$_a$lī'ēl and_from_Naḥ$_a$lī'ēl Bāmōt. **20** And_from_Bāmōt the_valley which is_in_the_region_of Mō'āv the_top_of (the)_Piṣgāh and_it_looked_down over the_ _face_of (the)_Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon).

21 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_sent messengers to Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of the_'Amorī to_say. **22** Let_me_pass in_land_of_your not we_ _will_turn_aside in_a_field and_in_a_vineyard not we_will_ _drink water_of a_well on_the_way_of the_king we_will_go until that we_will_pass_through territory_of_your. **23** And_not Ṣīḥōn he_permitted ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_pass in_territory_ _of_his and_ Ṣīḥōn _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of people_of_his and_ _he/it_went_out to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_wilderness and_he_came to_Yahats/(Jahaz) and_he_engaged_in_battle against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** And_it_defeated_him Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_it_took_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_his from_'Arnōn to Yaboq/(Jabbok) to the_descendants_of ʿAmmōn if/because was_strong the_ _border_of the_descendants_of ʿAmmōn. **25** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_cities the_these and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_all the_ _cities_of the_'Amorī in_Ḫeshbōn and_on/over_all daughters_ _of_its. **26** If/because Ḫeshbōn was_the_city_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of the_'Amorī it and_he he_had_waged_war against_the_king_ _of Mō'āv (the)_former and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ all_of land_of_his from_hand_of_his to 'Arnōn. **27** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so those_who_speak_proverbs they_say come Ḫeshbōn let_it_be_ _rebuilt and_let_it_be_established the_city_of Ṣīḥōn.
28 If/because fire it_went_out from_Ḫeshbōn flame from_the_ _town_of Ṣīḥōn it_consumed ʿĀr of_Mō'āv the_citizens_of the_ _high_places_of 'Arnōn. **29** Woe to/for_yourself(m) Oh_Mō'āv you_have_perished Oh_people_of Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) he_has_ _made sons_of_his fugitives and_daughters_of_his in_captivity of_the_king_of the_'Amorī[s] Ṣīḥōn. **30** And_we_shot_at_them Ḫeshbōn it_has_perished to Diyvōn and_we_have_devastated to Nofaḥ which[85] is_to Mēydəvā'. **31** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_land the_'Amorī.
32 And_ Mosheh _he_sent to_spy_out ᴅᴏᴍ Yaʿzēr/(Jazer) and_ _they_captured daughters_of_its and[86] ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Amorī who was_there. **33** And_they_turned and_they_went_up the_way_of (the)_Bāshān and_ ʿŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān _he/it_went_

83 **RV 21:21 · Parallel** Deu. 2:26–3:11

84 **RV 21:28-29 · Cross-ref.** Jer 48:45-46.

85 **LV 21:30 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

86 **LV 21:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: שריו/ו: (x-qere) שְׂרָיְו/ו: lemma_c/3423 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_044RU שְׂרָיְו/ו

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_out to_meet_them he and_all people_of_his for_battle 'Edre'ī.
34 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh do_not fear ĐOM_him/it if/because in_hand_of_your I_have_given ĐOM_him/it and_ĐOM all_of people_of_his and_ĐOM land_of_his and_you_will_do for_ _him/it just_as you_did to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī who was_dwelling in_Ḥeshbōn. **35** And_they_defeated ĐOM_him/it and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_ĐOM all_of people_of_his until not left to_him/it a_survivor and_they_took_possession_of ĐOM land_ _of_his.

22:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out and_ _they_encamped in_the_plains_of Mō'āv from_the_other_side of_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **2** And_ Bālāq the_ _son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) _he/it_saw ĐOM all_of that Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_had_done to_'Amorī[s]. **3** And_ Mō'āv _it_ _was_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_people exceedingly if/because was_numerous it and_ Mō'āv _it_felt_dread from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_ Mō'āv _ _he/it_said to the_elders_of Midyān now the_company they_ _will_lick_up ĐOM all_of around_of_us as_ the_ox _licks_up ĐOM the_greenery_of the_field and_Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) was_king of_Mō'āv at_time the_that. **5** And_ _he_sent messengers to Bil'ām the_son_of Bə'ōr to_Pətōr which was_at the_river the_land_of the_sons_of his_people_of_his to_ _call to_him/it to_say HERE a_people it_has_come_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) HERE it_has_covered ĐOM the_eye_of the_ _earth/land and_he is_dwelling from_in_front_of_me. **6** And_ _now come please curse to/for_me ĐOM the_people the_this if/because is_too_mighty it for_me perhaps I_will_be_able to_ _defeat in/on/over_him/it and_I_will_drive_it_out from the_ _earth/land if/because I_know ĐOM the_one_whom you_bless is_blessed and_which you_curse he_is_cursed. **7** And_ the_ _elders_of Mō'āv and_the_elders_of Midyān _they_went and_ _divinations were_in_hand_of_their and_they_came to Bil'ām and_they_spoke to_him/it the_words/messages_of Bālāq. **8** And_he/it_said to_them lodge here the_night and_I_will_ _bring_back you(pl) message just_as **YHWH** he_will_speak to_ _me and_ the_leaders_of Mō'āv _they_lived with Bil'ām. **9** And_ god _he_came to Bil'ām and_he/it_said who are_the_men the_ _these with_you. **10** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to the_'Elohīm Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) the_king_of Mō'āv he_sent to_me. **11** HERE the_people which_has_come_out from_ _Mitsrayim and_it_has_covered ĐOM the_eye_of the_earth/land now come curse to/for_me ĐOM_him/it perhaps I_will_be_able to_engage_in_battle in/on/over_him/it and_I_will_drive_it_out. **12** And_ god _he/it_said to Bil'ām not you_will_go with_them not you_will_curse ĐOM the_people if/because it is_blessed. **13** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_rose_up in_morning and_he/it_said to the_leaders_of Bālāq go to land_of_your(pl) if/because **YHWH** he_has_refused to_permit_me to_go with_you(pl). **14** And_ the_ _leaders_of Mō'āv _they_arose and_they_came to Bālāq and_ _they_said Bil'ām he_has_refused to_come with_us. **15** And_he_ _repeated again Bālāq to_send leaders many and_honoured from_these. **16** And_they_came to Bil'ām and_they_said to_ _him/it thus Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) he_says do_not please let_yourself_be_restrained from_coming to_me.

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villages and drove the Amorim out from there.

33 Then they turned and went up the road towards Bashan, but Bashan's King Og came out with his army to meet them, and attacked them at Edre'i. **34** Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Don't be afraid of him because I've given him and all his people and his land to you, and you'll be able to do to him what you did to the Amori King Sihon who lived at Heshbon." **35** So they overcame King Og and his sons and all his people until there were no remaining survivors, then they took possession of their land.

King Balak sends for Bil'am

22:1 Then the Israelis set off for the Moav (Moab) plains, and they camped there across the river from Yeriho (Jericho). **2** The Moavi King Balak (Tsipor's son), saw everything that Yisrael (Israel) had done to the Amorim, **3** and when he realised that the Israelis were very numerous, the Moavi people became sick with fear. **4** and they told the elders at Midyan, "Now all that lot will devour everything that's around us, just like a cow completely cleans out a green field."

Now Tsipor's son Balak was Moav's king at that time, **5** and he sent messengers to Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam)[87] at Petor (which was their tribal land near the Perat (Euphrates) river). He requested help, saying, "Listen, there's a population here that came out from Mitsrayim (Egypt). Wow, they've covered the entire surface in this region and they're living opposite me. **6** So now please come and curse this people group for me because they are more numerous than us, then perhaps I'll be able to attack them and drive them out of the area, because I know that anyone you bless will be blessed, and those who you curse will be cursed."

7 So the elders from Moav and from Midyan departed carrying the fees for divination with them, and they went to Bil'am and passed Balak's words on to him. **8** Bil'am told them, "Stay here tonight, and in the morning, I'll bring you back answer, depending on what Yahweh tells me," and so the Moav leaders stayed there with Bil'am.

9 That night, God came to Bil'am and asked, "Who are those men with you?"

10 "Tsipor's son, King Balak from Moav sent me a message," Bil'am replied. **11** "He said that shockingly a people group has come out of Mitsrayim and has covered his region. He wants me to go and curse them for him, so that he'll be able to attack them and drive them out of that area."

12 Then God told Bil'am, "Don't go with them—you mustn't curse those people, because they're blessed." **13** The next morning, Bil'am went over and told Balak's messengers, "Go back to your place, because Yahweh has refused to let me go with you." **14** So the Moav leaders stood up and went back to King Balak, and told him, "Bil'am refused to come with us."

15 However, Balak sent back a larger group of leaders who were even more senior than the first ones, **16** and they went and told

87 RV 22:5 · Cross-ref. Num 31:8; 2Pe 2:15-16; Jude 11.

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Bil'am, "Tsipor's son King Balak says, 'Please don't refuse to come here, **17** because I'll honour you highly and do anything that you tell me to. Just please come and curse this population for me.' "

18 "Even if Balak gave me a houseful of gold and sliver," Bil'am told Balak's servant, "I still couldn't go against Yahweh's instructions, even if it was just to do something small. **19** However, please do stay here tonight, and I'll find out if Yahweh might have anything else to say to me."

20 That night, God came to Bil'am and told him, "If those men have come to summon you, get ready and go with them, except that you must only give the message that I'll tell you." **21** So in the morning, Bil'am got ready and saddled his donkey, and went with the Moav (Moab) leaders.

22 However, God got angry because he'd **The donkey talks** gone, and Yahweh's messenger stood in the middle of the road to block them. As Bil'am (Balaam) rode on his donkey, accompanied by his two servants, **23** the donkey saw Yahweh's messenger standing there holding a sword in the middle of the road and turned off the road and went into a field. So Bil'am whacked the donkey and forced it back onto the road. **24** Then Yahweh's messenger moved to a place where the road was very narrow, with vineyard walls on each side of the road. **25** When the donkey saw Yahweh's messenger, it squeezed close by the wall, and in doing so, squashed Bil'am's foot against the wall, so he whacked it again. **26** Then Yahweh's messenger went past again and stood in a narrow place on the road where there was no room to get past on either side. **27** This time, when the donkey saw the messenger, it lay down on the ground with Bil'am sitting on top of it. Bil'am got very angry and whacked the donkey again with his staff. **28** Then Yahweh enabled the donkey to speak, and it asked Bil'am, "What did I do to you that you beat me these three times?"

29 "Because you've been messing me around!" Bil'am shouted. "If only I'd been carrying a sword, then I would have killed you!"

30 "Aren't I your donkey that you've ridden all your life?" the donkey asked Bil'am. "Have I ever done anything like that to you before?"

And he said, "No."

31 Then Yahweh uncovered Bil'am's eyes and he saw Yahweh's messenger standing in the middle of the road with his sword in his hand, and Bil'am fell to his knees and kept bowing his face to the ground. **32** Yahweh's angel asked him, "Why did you strike you donkey those three times? Listen, I came personally to oppose you because you're choosing a very dangerous path as far as I'm concerned. **33** Your donkey saw me and avoided me those three times—if it hadn't I certainly would have killed you already, but I would have let the donkey live."

34 "Yes, I've done wrong," Bil'am said to Yahweh's messenger, "because I didn't know that you were waiting for me there on the road. But now, if you don't want me to continue, I'll return home again."

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17 If/because surely_(honour) I_will_honour_you exceedingly and_all/each/any/every that you_will_say to_me I_will_do and_come please curse to/for_me ÐOM the_people (the)_this. **18** And_ Bil'ām _he_answered and_he/it_said to the_servants_of Bālāq if he_will_give to_me Bālāq the_fullness_of his_house_of_ _his silver and_gold not I_will_be_able to_transgress ÐOM the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** god_of_my for_doing a_small_thing or a_ _large_thing. **19** And_now remain please in_this_place also you(pl) the_night so_that_I_may_know what **YHWH** will_he_ _increase to_speak with_me. **20** And_ god _he_came to Bil'ām night and_he/it_said to_him/it if to_call to/for_yourself(m) the_men they_have_come arise go with_them and_only ÐOM the_message which I_will_speak to_you ÐOM_him/it you_will_ _do. **21** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_rose_up in_morning and_he_saddled ÐOM donkey_of_his and_he/it_went with the_leaders_of Mō'āv. **22** And_ the_anger god _it_glowed/burnt if/because he was_ _going and_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_stood in_road to_an_ _adversary to_him/it and_he was_riding on donkey_of_his and_ _two_of his_servants_of_his with_him/it. **23** And_ the_donkey _ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** standing in_road and_sword_of_his was_drawn in_his/its_hand and_ the_donkey _it_turned_aside from the_road and_it_went in_the_field and_ Bil'ām _he_struck ÐOM the_donkey to_turn_it the_road. **24** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_stood in_the_narrow_way_of the_vineyards a_wall was_from_this and_a_wall was_from_this. **25** And_ the_donkey _she/it_saw ÐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_it_squeezed_itself to the_wall and_it_squeezed ÐOM the_ _foot_of Bil'ām to the_wall and_he_repeated to_strike_it. **26** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_increased to_pass_on and_he_stood in_a_place narrow where there_was_not a_way to_turn_aside right_hand and_left_hand. **27** And_ the_donkey _ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_it_lay_down under Bil'ām and_ the_anger of_Bil'ām _it_glowed/burnt and_ _he_struck ÐOM the_donkey with_stick. **28** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _opened ÐOM the_mouth_of the_donkey and_she/it_said to_ _Bil'ām what have_I_done to/for_yourself(m) that/for/because/then/when you_have_struck_me this three feet. **29** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to_donkey if/because you_ _have_dealt_wantonly with_me if there_was a_sword in_hand_ _of_my if/because now I_killed_you. **30** And_ the_donkey _ _she/it_said to Bil'ām am_not am_I donkey_of_your which you_ _have_ridden on_me from_your_duration until the_day the_this ever_(have_the_habit) have_I_had_the_habit for_doing to/for_ _yourself(m) thus and_he/it_said no. **31** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _uncovered ÐOM the_eyes_of Bil'ām and_he/it_saw ÐOM the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** standing in_road and_sword_of_his was_ _drawn in_his/its_hand and_he_bowed_low and_he_bowed_ _down to_face_of_his. **32** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** concerning what did_you_strike ÐOM donkey_of_your_female this three feet HERE I I_came_out to_ _an_adversary if/because the_way it_is_precipitate to_before_ _me. **33** And_it_saw_me the_donkey and_it_turned_aside to/for_my_face/front this three feet perhaps it_had_turned_ _aside from_before_of_me if/because now also you I_killed and_ _it I_preserved_alive. **34** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** I_have_sinned if/because not I_knew if/because_that you were_standing to_meet_me in_road and_ _now if it_is_displeasing in_eyes_of_your I_will_turn_back

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to/for_me. **35** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_said to Bil'ām go with the_men and_only ~~DOM~~ the_message which I_ _will_speak to_you ~~DOM~~_him/it you_will_speak and_ Bil'ām _ _he/it_went with the_leaders_of Bālāq.

36 And_ Bālāq _he/it_listened if/because_that Bil'ām he_had_ _come and_he/it_went_out to_meet_him to the_city_of Mō'āv which is_on the_border_of 'Arnōn which is_at_the_end_of the_ _border. **37** And_ Bālāq _he/it_said to Bil'ām not urgently_ _(send) did_I_send to_you to_call to/for_you(fs) to/for_what not did_you_come to_me really not am_I_able to_honour_you. **38** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to Bālāq HERE I_have_come to_you now really_(able) am_I_able to_speak anything the_message which god he_will_put in_mouth_of_my ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_ _speak. **39** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_went with Bālāq and_they_came Qiryat- ḥuqqoq. **40** And_ Bālāq _he/it_sacrificed cattle and_ _sheep and_he_sent to_Bil'ām and_to_leaders who with_him/it. **41** And_he/it_was in_morning and_ Bālāq _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ Bil'ām and_he_brought_him_up Bāmōt Ba'al and_he/it_saw from_there the_outskirt[s]_of the_people.

23:1 And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to Bālāq build to_me in_this_place seven altars and_prepare to_me in_this_place seven young_ _bulls and_seven rams. **2** And_ Bālāq _he/it_made just_as Bil'ām he_had_spoken and_ Bālāq and_Bil'ām _he/it_ascended a_ _young_bull and_a_ram on_altar. **3** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to_ _Bālāq take_your_stand with offering_of_your_burnt and_I_ _will_go perhaps **YHWH** he_will_meet to_meet_me and_the_ _message_of whatever he_will_show_me and_I_will_tell to/for_ _you(fs) and_he/it_went a_bare_height. **4** And_ god _he_met (to) Bil'ām and_he/it_said to_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_seven_of the_ _altars I_have_arranged and_I_have_offered_up a_young_bull and_a_ram on_altar. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned a_message in_the_mouth_of Bil'ām and_he/it_said return to Bālāq and_ _thus you_will_speak. **6** And_he_returned to_him/it and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_standing with offering_of_his_burnt he and_all the_leaders_of Mō'āv. **7** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said from 'Arām he_led_me Bālāq the_king_of Mō'āv from_the_mountains_of the_east come curse to/for_me Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_come denounce Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** What will_I_curse one_whom_not he_has_cursed_him god and_what will_I_denounce one_whom_not **YHWH** he_has_denounced. **9** If/because from_the_top_of the_rocks I_see_him and_from_ _the_hills I_observe_him THERE a_people which_alone it_dwells and_among_nations not it_reckons_itself. **10** Who has_he_ _counted the_dust_of Ya'ₐqov and_a_number ~~DOM~~ the_fourth_ _part_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) self_of_my let_it_die the_death_of upright_people and_let_it_be end_of_my like_his. **11** And_ Bālāq _he/it_said to Bil'ām what have_you_done to_me to_curse enemies_of_my I_took_you and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you_have_ _blessed actually_(bless). **12** And_he_answered and_he_said not ~~DOM~~ that_which **YHWH** he_will_put in_mouth_of_my ~~DOM~~_ _him/it will_I_take_care to_speak.

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35 "Continue on with those men," Yahweh's angel told Bil'am, "but make sure that you only pass on the message that I give you." So Bil'am carried on with Balak's leaders.

Balak welcomes Bil'am

36 When King Balak heard that Bil'am (Balaam) was coming, he went out to meeting him at a city in Moav (Moab) that was on his border beside the Arnon river. **37** He asked Bil'am, "Didn't I send an urgent message to summon you? Why didn't you come then? Did you think I couldn't pay you enough?"

38 "Look, I've come now," Bil'am answered Balak, "but can I say whatever I want? No, I have to deliver whatever message God gives me." **39** So then Bil'am went to Kiryat-Hutsot with Balak, **40** where Balak sacrificed sheep and cattle, and gave some of the meat to Bil'am and to the leaders who were with them. **41** The next morning, Balak took Bil'am uphill to Bamot-Ba'al, and from there they could see the outskirts of the Israeli camp.

Bil'am blesses Yisrael

23:1 Then Bil'am (Balaam) said to King Balak, "Get them to build seven altars for me here, and prepare me seven bulls and seven rams."

2 So Balak did what Bil'am had instructed, then the two of them offered up a bull and a ram on each altar. **3** Then Bil'am told Balak, "You stand here beside your burnt offering, and I'll move away. Perhaps Yahweh will want to meet me, and then I'll tell you whatever he shows me." Then he went to a bare hilltop **4** where God met him, and Bil'am told him, "I organised seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

5 Then Yahweh gave Bil'am a message and told him, "Go back to Balak and tell him that." **6** So he went back to Balak who was still standing by his burnt offering along with all of Moav's (Moab's) officials.

7 So Bil'am gave his pronouncement,
"It's Balak has brought me here from Aram (Syria).
Moav's king summoned me from the eastern mountains.
'Go curse Ya'akov (Jacob) for me,
and go denounce Yisrael (Israel).'
8 How can I curse those who God hasn't cursed?
How can I denounce those who Yahweh hasn't denounced?
9 Yes, I can see them from the top of those rocks.
I look at them from the hills.
Look, a population that lives by itself.
It doesn't count itself among the other nations.
10 Who can count the dust that Ya'akov (Jacob) leaves behind?
Who can even count a quarter of the Israelis?
Let me die like those honourable people,
and let my end be like theirs."

11 But Balak demanded from Bil'am (Balaam), "What have you done to me? I brought you here to curse my enemies, and blast it all—you've actually blessed them!"

12 "Shouldn't I be careful to only say what Yahweh tells me?" Bil'am answered back.

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13 Then King Balak told Bil'am (Balaam), "Please come with me to another place that you'll be able to see them from. You won't be able to see all of them, only the edge of that large group, but you'll will curse Yisrael (Israel) for me from there." **14** So he took Bil'am to a field at the top of Mt. Pisgah, and he built seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Bil'am's second blessing

15 Bil'am said to the king, "You stand here beside your burnt offering, while I go over there so Yahweh can meet me."

16 Then Yahweh met with Bil'am and gave him a message and told him, "Go back to Balak, and give him that message." **17** So he returned to him where he was standing with the leaders from Moav (Moab) beside the altar, and Balak asked him, "What did Yahweh say?"

18 Then Bil'am gave his speech,
"Look here, Balak, and listen.
Pay attention to me, son of Tsipor.
19 God doesn't lie because he's not a human being,
and he's not a mortal who might change his mind.
Whatever he's said, he'll do it.
Anything he promised, he'll make it happen.
20 Listen, I've received a command to bless.
Yes, he's decided to bless and I can't reverse it.
21 Yahweh hasn't considered hardship for Ya'akov (Jacob),
and he hasn't seen trouble for Yisrael (Israel).
His god Yahweh is with that people group,
and the king's shout is over him.
22 God brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
→giving them strength like a wild bull's horns.
23 No, there's no spell against Ya'akov,
and no divination against Yisrael.
People will talk about Ya'akov/Yisrael,
→saying look what God has done.
24 That population stands up like a lioness,
and like a lion, it lifts itself up.
It won't lie down until it's devoured its prey
and drunk the blood of those it killed."

25 Then King Balak scolded Bil'am (Balaam), "Even if you won't curse them, definitely don't *bless* them!"

26 "Didn't I already tell you," Bil'am answered Balak, "that I can only pronounce what Yahweh tells me to."

Bil'am's third prophecy

27 Then King Balak told Bil'am (Balaam), "Come with me. I'll take you to another place. Perhaps it will pleased God if you curse them for me from there." **28** So Balak took him to the top of Mt. Pe'or that faces down to the wilderness, **29** and again Bil'am told him, "Build seven altars and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here." **30** So Balak followed those instructions and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

24:1 By now, Bil'am had realised that Yahweh wanted to bless

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13 And_he/it_said to_him/it Bālāq wwww[88] please with_me to a_place another where you_will_see_it from_there only outskirt[s]_of_its you_will_see and_all_of_of_it not you_will_see and_curse_it to_me from_there. **14** And_he_took_him the_field_ _of watchmen to the_top_of (the)_Pişgāh and_he/it_built seven altars and_he/it_ascended a_young_bull and_a_ram on_altar. **15** And_he/it_said to Bālāq take_your_stand thus with offering_ _of_your_burnt and_I I_will_meet thus. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he_met (to) Bil'ām and_he/it_assigned a_message in_mouth_of_his and_he/it_said return to Bālāq and_thus you_will_speak. **17** And_he_went to_him/it and_THERE_he was_standing with offering_of_his_burnt and_the_leaders_of Mō'āv with_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it Bālāq what **YHWH** has_he_spoken. **18** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said arise Oh_Bālāq and_hear give_ear to_me his/its_son of_Tsipōr/(Zippor). **19** Not is_a_human god and_he_will_lie and_a_son_of humankind and_ _he_will_change_his_mind (the)_that has_he_said and_not will_ _he_act and_has_he_spoken and_not will_he_fulfill_it. **20** HERE to_bless I_have_received and_he_has_blessed and_not I_will_ _turn_it_back. **21** Not he_has_looked_at disaster in_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_not he_has_seen trouble in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it and_a_shout_ _of a_king in/on/over_him/it. **22** god is_bringing_of_them_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) like_the_horns_of a_wild_ox to_ _him/it. **23** If/because not enchantment is_in_Ya'ₐqov and_not divination is_in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) about_time it_will_be_said of_ _Ya'ₐqov and_of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) what god has_he_done. **24** THERE a_people like_a_lion it_rises and_like_a_lion it_lifts_ _itself_up not it_will_lie_down until it_will_devour prey and_ _the_blood_of those_slain it_will_drink. **25** And_ Bālāq _he/it_ _said to Bil'ām neither at_all_(curse) not you_will_curse_it nor at_all_(bless) not you_will_bless_it. **26** And_ Bil'ām _he_ _answered and_he/it_said to Bālāq not did_I_speak to_you to_ _say all that **YHWH** he_will_speak ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_do.

27 And_ Bālāq _he/it_said to Bil'ām come please let_me_take_ _you to a_place another perhaps it_will_be_pleasing in/on_ _both_eyes_of the_'Elohīm and_you_will_curse_it to_me from_ _there. **28** And_ Bālāq _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ Bil'ām the_top_of (the)_ _Pə'ōr which_looks_down over the_face_of (the)_ _Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon). **29** And_ Bil'ām _he/it_said to Bālāq build to_me in_this_place seven altars and_prepare to_me in_ _this_place seven young_bulls and_seven rams. **30** And_ Bālāq _ _he/it_made just_as Bil'ām he_had_said and_he/it_ascended a_ _young_bull and_a_ram on_altar.

88 LV 23:13 · Note OSHB variant note: דל: (x-qere) ה֫כֹּל': lemma_1980 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_04TcW ה֫כֹּל

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24:1 And_ Bil'ām _he/it_saw if/because_that was_good in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_bless ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_ _went as_time on_time to_meet omens and_he_set to the_ _wilderness his/its_faces/face. **2** And_ Bil'ām _he_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) dwelling to_ _tribes_of_its and_it_became on/upon/above_him/it the_ _spirit_of god. **3** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said the_utterance_of Bil'ām his/its_son of_Bə'ōr and_the_ _utterance_of the_man (the)_opened_of the_eye. **4** The_ _utterance_of one_who_hears the_words/messages_of god who (the)_vision_of the_almighty he_sees who_falls_down and_ _who_is_uncovered_of eyes. **5** How tents_of_your they_are_ _good Oh_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) places_of_your_dwelling Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Like_wadis which_they_are_stretched_out like_gardens at a_river like_aloes **YHWH** which_he_has_planted like_cedars at waters. **7** Water it_will_flow from_buckets_of_its and_offspring_of_its will_be_in_waters many and_he_will_be_ _high more_than_'Agag king_of_its and_ kingdom_of_its _it_ _will_be_exalted. **8** god is_bringing_of_it_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) like_the_horns_of a_wild_ox to_him/it it_ _will_consume nations foes_of_its and_bones_of_their it_will_ _break and_arrows_of_its it_will_wound_them. **9** It_crouched it_ _lay_down like_a_lion and_like_a_lion who will_he_rouse_it those_of_who_bless_you be_blessed and_those_of_who_curse_ _you be_cursed. **10** And_ the_anger of_Bālāq _it_glowed/burnt on Bil'ām and_he_clapped ᴅᴏᴍ palms_of_his and_ Bālāq _he/it_ _said to Bil'ām to_curse enemies_of_my I_summoned_you and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE you_have_blessed actually_(bless) this three times. **11** And_now flee to/for_yourself(m) to place_of_your I_ _said surely_(honour) I_will_honour_you and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_has_withheld_you **YHWH** from_honour. **12** And_ Bil'ām _ _he/it_said to Bālāq not also to messengers_of_your whom you_ _sent to_me did_I_speak to_say. **13** If he_will_give to_me Bālāq the_fullness_of his_house_of_his silver and_gold not I_will_be_ _able to_transgress ᴅᴏᴍ the_mouth_of **YHWH** for_doing a_ _good_thing or a_bad_thing from_my_own_of_heart that_which **YHWH** he_will_speak ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it I_will_speak. **14** And_now HERE_I am_about_to_go to_people_of_my come I_will_advise_ _you that_which the_people the_this it_will_do to_people_of_ _your in_end/latter the_days. **15** And_he_lifted_up oracle_of_ _his and_he_said the_utterance_of Bil'ām his/its_son of_Bə'ōr and_the_utterance_of the_man (the)_opened_of the_eye. **16** The_utterance_of one_who_hears the_words/messages_of god and_one_who_knows the_knowledge_of the_Most_High one_who_(the)_vision_of the_almighty he_sees who_falls_down and_who_is_uncovered_of eyes. **17** I_see_him and_not now I_ _observe_him and_not near a_star it_will_march_forth from_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_ a_scepter _it_will_arise from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_smash the_corners_of Mō'āv and_ _it_will_destroy all_of the_descendants_of Sheth. **18** And_it_was 'Edōm a_possession and_it_was a_possession Sē'īr enemies_of_ _its and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) will_be_doing strength. **19** And_ from_ _Ya'ₐqov _he_will_rule and_he_will_destroy the_survivor[s] of_ _a_city. **20** And_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ 'Amālēq and_he_lifted_up oracle_ _of_his and_he_said was_the_first_of the_nations 'Amālēq and_

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the Israelis, so he didn't use his usual divinations but instead, he just looked towards the wilderness. **2** He looked up and saw Yisrael (Israel) in their tents laid out by tribe. Then God's spirit came onto him, **3** and he made his pronouncement,

"This is the declaration of Bil'am, son of Be'or—
the utterance of a man whose eyes are open.
4 The declaration of someone who heard God's message,
someone who sees the all-powerful one's vision,
who bows to the ground with his eyes wide open.
5 Yes Ya'akov (Jacob), your tents look good.
Yes Yisrael (Israel), the places where you're living:
6 They stretch out like a riverbed.
Like gardens beside a river.
Like palms that Yahweh has planted,
Like cedar trees beside the waters.
7 Water will spill over the top of his buckets,
and his descendants will flow out like water.
Yisrael's king will be greater than King Agag,
and his kingdom will become honoured.
8 God is bringing him here from Mitsrayim (Egypt)
with power like the horns of a wild bull.
He'll devastate those nations that oppose him.
He'll break their bones, and his arrows will pierce them.
9 He crouched—lying down like a lion or a lioness.
Who will rouse him?[89]
Those who bless, you will be blessed,
^but those who curse you, will be cursed.[90]

10 Then King Balak got very angry with Bil'am (Balaam), and he banged his hands together and said angrily, "I called you to *curse* my enemies, and blast you, you've actually blessed them three times now! **11** Now get back to where you came from! I said that I'd honour you very well, but man, Yahweh has kept you from any honour!"

12 But Bil'am replied, "Didn't I also tell the messengers that you sent to me that **13** even if you gave me a house full of gold and silver, I wouldn't be able to say anything other than what Yahweh tells me—whether good or evil? Whatever Yahweh tells me, that's what I have to say. **14** So yes, I'll go back home now, but first, allow me to tell you what that people group will do to your people in the future."

15 Then Bil'am gave this pronouncement to Balak,

"This is the declaration of Bil'am, son of Be'or—
the utterance of a man whose eyes are open.
16 The statement from someone who hears God's messages,
and the one who receives knowledge from the highest one,
who sees visions from the powerful one.
The one who falls to his knees with his eyes opened.
17 I see him, but not now.
I'll look at him, but he's not close.

89 RV 24:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 49:9.

90 RV 24:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3.

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A star has marched out from Ya'akov (Jacob),
and a staff has risen from Yisrael (Israel).
He will crush Moav's (Moab's) corners,
and destroy all of Shet's (Seth's) descendants.
18 Edom will become their possession,
as will his enemy, Se'ir.
Yisrael will project strength.
19 A ruler will come from Ya'akov,
→and destroy the city's survivors."
20 Then Bil'am (Balaam) looked towards Amalek and made this pronouncement,
"Amalek is the first of the nations,
^but its end will be destruction."
21 Then he looked towards the Keynim and made this pronouncement,
"Your dwelling is permanent,
and your nest is set in the cliffs.
22 but you Keynim will be destroyed
when Ashur (Assyria) (the Assyrians) take you captive."
23 Then finally, Bil'am (Balaam) made this pronouncement,
"Oh dear, who can survive when God does all that?
24 Ships will come from the Kitim coast,
and they'll damage Ashur and Ever,
but they themselves will be destroyed as well."
25 Then Bil'am packed up and went home, and King Balak also went on his way.

Yisrael worships Ba'al at Pe'or

25:1 Meanwhile, the Israelis settled down at Shitim, and their men started sleeping with women from Moav (Moab) 2 who then invited them to sacrifices to their idols. So the Israelis bowed down to the idols and ate at the feasts, 3 and when Yisrael (Israel) consecrated themselves to Ba'al-Pe'or, Yahweh's anger burnt towards them.
4 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Execute all the people's leaders and display their bodies in broad daylight, and then Yahweh's anger might turn back away from Yisrael."
5 So Mosheh to Yisrael's judges, "Each of you must execute your men who have joined others to serve Ba'al-Pe'or."
6 Just then, unbelievably, an Israeli man came past Mosheh and all the people who were there outside the sacred tent weeping, and he was bringing a Midyanite woman with him. 7 When Pinhas (son of Eleazar, son of Aharon (Aaron)) saw that, he came out from among the gathered people, grabbed a spear, 8 and followed the Israeli man into his tent. He plunged the spear through the two of them—right through the man and the woman's belly, and thus, stopped the deadly disease that had started against the Israelis. 9 However, twenty-four thousand people had already died from that plague.
10 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, 11 "Aharon's grandson Pinhas has deflected my anger from the Israelis by demonstrating

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_end_of_its will_be_to destruction. 21 And_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Qēynī[s] and_he_lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said is_ _enduring dwelling_of_your and_is_set in_rock nest_of_your. 22 If/because (if) it_will_become (into)_consuming the_Qēynī[s] until when 'Ashshūr will_it_take_you_captive. 23 And_he_ _lifted_up oracle_of_his and_he_said woe who will_he_live from_when_ordains_it god. 24 And_ships will_be_from_the_ _side_of Kittim and_they_will_afflict 'Ashshūr and_they_will_ _afflict ʿĒvēr and_also he will_be_to destruction. 25 And_ Bil'ām _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went and_he_returned to_place_of_ _his and_also Bālāq he_went to_way_of_his.

25:1 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Shiṭṭīm and_ the_people _it_began to_commit_fornication into the_daughters_of Mō'āv. 2 And_they_invited (to)_people to_the_sacrifices_of their_gods_of_their and_ the_people _it_ate and_they_bowed_down[91] to_gods_of_their. 3 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_joined_itself to_Baʿal_of Paʿōr and_ the_ _anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 4 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh take ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_chiefs_of the_ _people and_impale them to/for_**YHWH** before the_sun so_ the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** _that_it_may_turn_away from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 5 And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_ _judges_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) kill everyone men_of_his who_have_ _joined_themselves to_Baʿal_of Paʿōr. 6 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _man from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_coming and_he_ _brought_near to brothers_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ the_Midyānite_woman to_the_eyes_of Mosheh and_to_the_eyes_of all_of the_ _congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they were_ _weeping the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting. 7 And_ Pinḥās the_son_of 'Elʿāzār the_son_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer _ _he/it_saw and_he/it_rose_up from_among_of the_ _congregation and_he/it_took a_spear in_his/its_hand. 8 And_ _he_went after the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) into the_tent and_ _he_pierced_through ᴅᴏᴍ both_of_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_woman into belly_of_her and_ the_plague _it_was_restrained from_under the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 9 And_ those_who_died by_plague _they_were

91 **LV 25:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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four and_twenty thousand. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **11** Piṇḥāṣ the_son_of ʾEl′āzār the_son_of ʾAhₐron the_priest/officer he_has_turned_back ᴅᴏᴍ rage_of_my from_under the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) because_he_was_ _zealous ᴅᴏᴍ zeal_of_my among_them and_not I_made_an_ _end_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_zeal_of_my. **12** For_so/thus/hence say HERE_I am_about_to_give to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my peace. **13** And_it_will_belong for_him/it and_to_offspring_of_his after_him a_covenant_of priesthood_of perpetuity because that he_was_zealous for_god_of_his and_ _he_made_atonement on the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **14** And_name_of the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who_was_struck_ _down who he_was_struck_down with the_Midyānite_woman was_Zimrī the_son_of Ṣallū a_leader_of a_house_of a_father of_ _Shim′ōnite[s]. **15** And_name_of the_woman who_was_struck_ _down the_Midyānite_woman was_Kāzəbī/(Cozbi) the_ _daughter_of Tsūr/(Zur) was_a_chief_of tribes of_a_house_of a_ _father in_Midyān he. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **17** Treat_as_foes ᴅᴏᴍ the_Midyānites and_you(pl)_ _will_defeat them. **18** If/because they are_treating_as_foes to/for_you(pl) by_deceitfulness(es)_of_their which they_have_ _dealt_deceptively to/for_you(pl) on the_matter_of Pa′ōr and_ _on the_matter_of Kāzəbī/(Cozbi) the_daughter_of the_leader_ _of Midyān sister_of_their who_was_struck_down on_the_day_ _of the_plague on the_matter_of Pə′ōr.
19 **93** And_he/it_was after the_plague**94**
26:1 and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh and_near/to ʾEl′āzār the_son_of ʾAhₐron the_priest/officer to_say. **2** Lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _head_of all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_ _upwards to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their every_of one_who_goes_forth warfare in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_ Mosheh and_ʾEl′āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ_them in_the_plains_of Mōʾāv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_say. **4** From_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards just_as **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh and_the_sons of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who_came_out from_the_land_ _of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

5 Rəʾūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_descendants_of Rəʾūvēn Ḥₐnōk/(Enoch) the_clan_of the_Ḥₐnōkite[s] of_Pallū' the_clan_of the_Pallū'ite[s]. **6** Of_Ḥetsrōn the_clan_of the_ _Ḥetsrōnite[s] of_Karmī/(Carmi) the_clan_of the_Carmite[s]. **7** These were_the_clans_of the_Rəʾūvēnite[s]**96** and_ their_ _enrolled_of_men _they_were three and_forty thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) and_thirty. **8** And_the_sons of_Pallū' were_ _ʾElīʾāv. **9** And_the_sons of_ʾElīʾāv were_Nəmūʾēl and_Dātān and_ʾAvīrām that was_the_Dātān and_ʾAvīrām the_people_

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my seriousness about their behaviour, so now in my zeal, I won't eliminate the Israelis. **12** So tell him that I'm making a peace agreement with him. **13** It's an agreement that gives him and his descendants the rights to be priests because he was zealous on his god's behalf and he worked towards removing the guilt of the people."

14 The Israeli man who was killed with the Midyanite woman was Salu's son Zimri, a clan leader from the Shim'on (Simeon) tribe. **15** The Midyanite woman who was killed was Kozbi, the daughter of Tsur, a Midyanite clan leader.

16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, **17** "Attack the Midyanites and destroy them **18** because they were treacherously deceiving you all over the matter of Pe'or and Kozbi, the daughter of one of their leaders who was killed on the day of the deadly disease at Mt. Pe'or."

The second census

26:1 After the incident of the deadly disease, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon's (Aaron's) son Eleazar the priest, **2** "Count all the Israeli people again listing all those by their clans who are twenty and over,**92** and capable of going out to battle for Yisrael (Israel)." **3** So there in the Moav (Moab) plains, across the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho), Mosheh and the priest Eleazar gave these instructions to the people, **4** "Yahweh has ordered us to list the names of the men who came out from Mitsrayim (Egypt) who are twenty years old or older.

Re'uven's descendants

5 Re'uven was Yisrael's (Israel's) eldest son, and his descendants came via his sons Hanok, Palu, **6** Hetsron, and Karmi. **7** Those clans added up to 43,730 men. **8** Palu's son was Eliav, **9** and Eliav's son were Nemuel, Datan, and Aviram. (That was the Datan and Aviram who were the leaders that rebelled against Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) when they joined Korah's rebellion against Yahweh.**95** **10** Then the earth split open and swallowed them and Korah.

92 **RV 26:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 1:1-46.

93 **LV 25:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.26.1

94 **LV 25:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

95 **RV 26:9 · Cross-ref.** 16:1-33.

96 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yahweh had also sent a fire that consumed 250 men, and they became a warning sign. **11** However, Korah's descendants hadn't died then.)

Shim'on's descendants

12 Shim'on's (Simeon's) descendants came via his sons Nemuel, Yamin, Yakin, **13** Zerah, and Shaul. **14** Those clans added up to 22,200 men.

Gad's descendants

15 Gad's descendants came via his sons Tsefon, Hagit, Shuni, **16** Ozni, Eir, **17** Arod, and Areli. **18** Those clans added up to 40,500 men.

Yehudah's descendants

19 Yehudah (Judah) had two sons Er and Onan who died childless in Kena'an (Canaan). **20** His descendants came via his other sons Shela, Perets, and Zerah. **21** Perets's descendants came via his sons Hetsron and Hamul. **22** Those clans added up to 76,500 men.

Yisakar's descendants

23 Yisakar's (Issachar's) descendants came via his sons Tola, Puah, **24** Yashuv, and Shimron. **25** Those clans added up to 64,300 men.

Zevulun's descendants

26 Zevulun's descendants came via his sons Sered, Eylon, and Yahle'el. **27** Those clans added up to 60,500 men.

Menasheh's descendants

28 Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants came via his sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim). **29** Menasheh's descendants came from his son Makir and then his son Gilead. **30** Gilead's descendants came via his sons I'ezer, Helek, **31** Asriel, Shekem, **32** Shemida, and Hefer. **33** Hefer's son Tselofehad had no sons—only daughters named Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirtsah. **34** Those clans added up to 52,700 men.

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_called_of[97] of_the_congregation who they_struggled on Mosheh and_on 'Ah$_a$ron in_the_company_of Qoraḥ when_ _struggled_they on **YHWH**. **10** And_ the_earth/land _it_opened ĐOM her/its_mouth and_it_swallowed ĐOM_them and_ĐOM Qoraḥ when_died_of the_company when_ the_fire _consumed ĐOM fifty and_two_hundreds man and_they_were (into)_a_ _warning_sign. **11** And_the_sons of_Qoraḥ not they_died.

12 The_descendants_of Shim'ōn to_their_clans of_Nəmū'^{ēl} the_ _clan_of the_Nəmū'^{ēl}ite[s] of_Yāmīn/(Jamin) the_clan_of the_ _Yāmīnite[s] of_Yākīn/(Jakin) the_clan_of the_Yākīnite[s]. **13** Of_Zeraḥ the_clan_of the_Zerahite[s] of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_ _clan_of the_Shā'ūlite[s]. **14** These were_the_clans_of the_ _Shim'ōnite[s] two and_twenty thousand and_two_hundred.

15 The_descendants_of Gād to_their_clans of_Tsəfōn/(Zephon) the_clan_of the_Tsəfōn/(Zephon)ite[s] of_Ḥaggit the_clan_of the_Ḥaggitte[s] of_Shūnī the_clan_of the_Shunite[s]. **16** Of_ _'Oznī the_clan_of the_'Oznīte[s] of_'Ērī the_clan_of the_ _Erite[s]. **17** Of_'Arōd the_clan_of the_'Arōdite[s] of_'Ar'^{ēl}ī the_ _clan_of the_'Ar'^{ēl}īte[s]. **18** These were_the_clans_of the_ _descendants_of Gād to_their_enrolled_of_men forty thousand and_five hundred(s).

19 The_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_'Ēr and_'Ōnān and_ 'Ēr and_'Ōnān _he/it_died in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **20** And_ the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh _they_were to_their_clans of_ _Shēlāh the_clan_of the_Shēlāhite[s] of_Perets the_clan_of the_ _Peretsite[s] of_Zeraḥ the_clan_of the_Zerahite[s]. **21** And_ the_ _descendants_of Perets _they_were of_Ḥetsrōn the_clan_of the_ _Ḥetsrōnite[s] of_Ḥāmūl the_clan_of the_Ḥāmūlite[s]. **22** These were_the_clans_of Yəhūdāh to_their_enrolled_of_men six and_ _seventy thousand and_five hundred(s).

23 The_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) to_their_clans Tōlā' the_clan_of the_Tōlā'ite[s] of_Pū'āh the_clan_of the_ _Punite[s]. **24** Of_Yāshūv/(Jashub) the_clan_of the_Jashubite[s] of_Shimrōn the_clan_of the_Shimrōnite[s]. **25** These were_the_ _clans_of Yissāskār to_their_enrolled_of_men four and_sixty thousand and_three hundred(s).

26 The_descendants_of Zəvūlūn to_their_clans of_Ṣered the_ _clan_of the_Sardite[s] of_'Ēylōn the_clan_of the_'Ēylōnite[s] of_Yaḥlə'^{ēl}/(Jahleel) the_clan_of the_Yaḥlə'^{ēl}/(Jahleel)ite[s]. **27** These were_the_clans_of the_Zəvūlūnite[s] to_their_ _enrolled_of_men sixty thousand and_five hundred(s).

28 The_sons_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) to_their_clans Mənashsheh and_ _'Efrayim. **29** The_descendants_of Mənashsheh of_Mākīr the_ _clan_of the_Mākīrite[s] and_Mākīr he_fathered ĐOM Gil'ād of_ _Gil'ād the_clan_of the_Gil'ādite[s]. **30** These were_the_ _descendants_of Gil'ād 'Ī'ezēr the_clan_of the_Iezerite[s] of_ _Ḥēleq the_clan_of the_Helekite[s]. **31** And_'Asrī'^{ēl} the_clan_of the_'Asrī'^{ēl}ite[s] and_Shəkem the_clan_of the_Shəkemite[s]. **32** And_Shəmīdā' the_clan_of the_Shəmīdā'ite[s] and_Ḥēfer the_ _clan_of the_Ḥēferite[s]. **33** And_Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) the_ _son_of Ḥēfer not they_belonged to_him/it sons if/because (if)

97 **LV 26:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: יאורק: (x-qere) יְאֵירֵ֑ק: lemma_7148 morph_HAampc id_04aXz יְאֵירֵ֑ק

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daughters and_name_of the_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād was_
_Maḥlāh and_No῾āh Ḥoglāh Milkāh and_Tirtsāh. **34** These were_
_the_clans_of Mənashsheh and_their_enrolled_of_men were_
_two and_fifty thousand and_seven hundred(s).

35 These were_the_descendants_of ’Efrayim to_their_clans of_
_Shūtelaḥ the_clan_of the_Shūtelaḥite[s] of_Beker the_clan_of
the_Bakrite[s] of_Taḥan the_clan_of the_Taḥanite[s]. **36** And_
_these were_the_descendants_of Shūtelaḥ of_῾Ērān the_clan_of
the_Eranite[s]. **37** These were_the_clans_of the_descendants_of
’Efrayim to_their_enrolled_of_men two and_thirty thousand
and_five hundred(s) these were_the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph) to_their_clans.

38 The_descendants_of Binyāmīn to_their_clans of_Bela῾ the_
_clan_of the_Belaite[s] of_’Ashbēl the_clan_of the_’Ashbēlite[s]
of_’Aḥīra῾m the_clan_of the_’Aḥīra῾mite[s]. **39** Of_Shupham the_
_clan_of the_Shuphamite[s] of_Ḥūfām the_clan_of the_
Huphamite[s]. **40** And the_descendants_of Bela῾ _they_were
’Ardə and_Na῾$_{a}$mān the_clan_of the_Ardite[s] of_Na῾$_{a}$mān the_
_clan_of the_Naamanite[s]. **41** These were_the_descendants_of
Binyāmīn to_their_clans and_their_enrolled_of_men were_five
and_forty thousand and_six hundred(s).

42 These were_the_descendants_of Dān to_their_clans of_
_Shūḥām the_clan_of the_Shuhamite[s] these were_the_clans_
_of Dān to_their_clans. **43** All_of the_clans_of the_Shuhamite[s]
to_their_enrolled_of_men were_four and_sixty thousand and_
_four hundred(s).

44 The_descendants_of ’Āshēr to_their_clans of_
_Yimnāh/(Imnah) the_clan_of the_Yimnāhite[s] of_
_Yishvī/(Ishvi) the_clan_of the_Yishvīte[s] of_Bərī῾āh the_clan_
_of the_Bərī῾āhite[s]. **45** Of_the_descendants_of Bərī῾āh of_
_Ḥevʿer the_clan_of the_Ḥevʿerite[s] of_Malkiel the_clan_of the_
_Malkī’^{ēl}ite[s]. **46** And_name_of the_daughter_of ’Āshēr was_
_Seraḥ. **47** These were_the_clans_of the_descendants_of ’Āshēr
to_their_enrolled_of_men three and_fifty thousand and_four
hundred(s).

48 The_descendants_of Naftālī to_their_clans of_
_Yaḥtsə’^{ēl}/(Jahzeel) the_clan_of the_Jahzeelite[s] of_Gūnī the_
_clan_of the_Gūnīte[s]. **49** Of_Yētser/(Jezer) the_clan_of the_
_Yētserite[s] of_Shillēm the_clan_of the_Shillemite[s]. **50** These
were_the_clans_of Naftālī to_their_clans and_their_enrolled_of_
_men were_five and_forty thousand and_four hundred(s).

51 These were_the_enrolled_men_of the_people_of
Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) six hundred(s) thousand and_one_thousand
seven hundred(s) and_thirty. **52** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to
Mosheh to_saying. **53** To_these the_earth/land it_will_be_
_divided (in)_an_inheritance by_the_number_of names. **54** For_
_many you_will_make_great inheritance_of_its and_for_few
you_will_make_small inheritance_of_its each to_the_mouth_of
his_enrolled_men it_will_be_given inheritance_of_its. **55** Only
by_lot ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land it_will_be_divided to_the_names_of

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Efrayim’s descendants

35 Efrayim’s (Ephraim’s) descendants came via his sons Shutelah, Beker, and Tahan, **36** Shutelah’s descendants came via his son Eran. **37** Those clans added up to 32,500 men. These last two totals were all Yosef’s (Joseph’s) descendants.

Benyamin’s descendants

38 Benyamin’s descendants came via his sons Bela, Ashbel, Ahiram, **39** Shefufam, and Hufam. **40** Bela’s descendants came via his sons Ard and Na’aman. **41** Those clans added up to 45,600 men.

Dan’s descendants

42 Dan’s descendants came via his son Shuham. **43** That clan had 64,400 men.

Asher’s descendants

44 Asher’s descendants belonged to Yimnah’s clan, Yishvi’s clan, and Beriah’s clan. **45** Beriah’s descendants came via his sons Hever and Malkiel. **46** Asher’s daughter was named Serah. **47** Those clans added up to 53,400 men.

Naftali’s descendants

48 Naftali’s (Naphtali’s) descendants came via his sons Yahtse’el, Guni, **49** Yetser, and Shilem. **50** Those clans added up to 45,400 men.

The census total and the division of land

51 The total of all those tribes counted came to 601,730 men.[98]

52 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **53** “The land should be allocated to those clans according to the number of their names, to become their inheritance. **54** Those with larger numbers should receive more, and the smaller groups receive less, i.e., each inheritance depends on the number of family members. **55** You must throw lots to determine which clan gets which piece

98 RV 26:51 · Note Slightly smaller than the total of 603,550 from the first census, see 1:46.

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of land.[99] The lands of the clans must be within their tribal lands. **56** Then the size of the area that will become their inheritance must be apportioned according to the census numbers.

Levi's descendants

57 The listed Levites included the clans from Levi's sons Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari, **58** which were the Livnim, the Hevronim, the Mahlim, the Mushim, and the Korhim. Also, Korah fathered Amram **59** whose wife was Levi's daughter Yokeved who'd been born in Mitsrayim (Egypt). They had two sons Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses), and their older sister Miryam (Miriam). **60** Aharon's sons were Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar,[100] **61** but Nadav and Avihu had died when they'd offered Yahweh fire in a disobedient manner.[101] **62** The male Levites who were a month old or older came to 23,000, but they weren't included in the above nation-wide count because they didn't inherit land in the same way as other tribes.

Census summary

63 Those were the census results from when Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar counted the Israelis on the Moav (Moab) plains on the east side of the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho). **64** None of the men on those lists were on the previous lists done by Mosheh and the priest Aharon (Aaron) when they'd counted the Israelis in the Sinay wilderness, **65** because Yahweh had told them that they'd certainly die there in the wilderness until none of those alive were left other than Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb) and Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua).

Inheritances without sons

27:1 Then the daughters of Tselofehad (son of Hefer, son of Gilead, son of Makir, son of Menasheh (Manasseh)) approached. Their names were Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirtsah. **2** They stood in front of Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar and all the leaders and the people there at the entrance to the sacred tent, and asked, **3** "Our father died in the wilderness, although he wasn't part of the group who joined Korah to rebel against Yahweh—it was for his own personal disobedience that he died. He didn't have any sons **4** but why should his family name disappear from our clan just because he had no sons? So give us some land like our father's relatives will be getting."

5 So Mosheh took their case to Yahweh **6** and he responded, **7** "It's right what Tselofehad's daughters are saying. You must give them some land like their father's relatives will be getting. Give them whatever would have been given to their father as his

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the_tribes_of their_ancestors_of_their they_will_inherit. **56** On the_mouth_of the_lot inheritance_of_its it_will_be_divided between the_many and_the_few.

57 And_these were_the_enrolled_men_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_ _their_clans of_Gērəshōn the_clan_of the_Gērəshōnite[s] of_ _Qəhāt the_clan_of the_Qəhātite[s] of_Mərārī the_clan_of the_ _Mərārīte[s]. **58** These were_the_clans_of Lēvī the_clan_of the_ _Livnīte[s] the_clan_of the_Ḥevrōnite[s] the_clan_of the_ _Maḥlīte[s] the_clan_of the_Mūshiyte[s] the_clan_of the_ _Qoraḥite[s] and_Qəhāt he_fathered ĐOM ʹAmrām. **59** And_ _name_of the_wife_of ʹAmrām was_Yōkevəd/(Jochebed) the_ _daughter_of Lēvī whom someone_bore ĐOM_her/it to_Lēvī in_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_she/it_gave_birth to_ʹAmrām ĐOM ʾAh$_a$ron and_ĐOM Mosheh and_ĐOM Miryām sister_of_their. **60** And_he/it_was_born to_ʾAh$_a$ron ĐOM Nādāv and_ĐOM ʾAvīhū ĐOM ʾElʹāzār and_ĐOM ʾĪtāmār. **61** And_ Nādāv and_ʾAvīhū _ _he/it_died when_they_brought_near fire strange to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **62** And_they_were their_ _enrolled_of_men three and_twenty thousand every_of male from_a_son_of a_month and_upward_upwards if/because not they_were_enrolled in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because not it_was_given to/for_them an_ _inheritance in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **63** These were_the_enrolled_men_of Mosheh and_ʾElʹāzār the_ _priest/officer who they_enrolled ĐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_plains_of Mōʾāv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **64** And_among_these not he_was anyone of_the_enrolled_men_of of_Mosheh and_ʾAh$_a$ron the_ _priest/officer who they_had_enrolled ĐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_wilderness_of Ṣīnay. **65** If/because **YHWH** he_had_said to/for_them surely_(die) they_will_die in_ _wilderness and_not he_was_left from_them anyone if/because (if) Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) and_ _Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn.

27:1 And_ the_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) the_son_of Ḥēfer the_son_of Gilʹād the_son_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh of_the_clans_of Mənashsheh the_son_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _they_drew_near and_these were_the_names_of his_daughters_of_his Maḥlāh Noʹāh and_Ḥoglāh and_Milkāh and_Tirtsāh. **2** And_they_took_their_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Mosheh and_before_of ʾElʹāzār the_ _priest/officer and_before_of the_leaders and_all the_ _congregation the_entrance_of the_tent_of meeting to_say. **3** father_of_our he_died in_wilderness and_he not he_was in_ _the_middle the_company which_gathered on **YHWH** in_the_ _company_of Qoraḥ if/because in_his_own_of_sin he_died and_ _sons not they_belonged to_him/it. **4** To/for_what the_name_of our_father_of_our will_it_be_withdrawn from_among_of clan_ _of_his if/because there_belonged_not to_him/it a_son give to/for_ourselves a_possession in_the_middle the_brothers_of our_father_of_our. **5** And_ Mosheh _he_brought_near ĐOM case_ _of[102] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **6** And_

99 RV 26:55 · Cross-ref. Num 34:13; Josh 14:1-2.

100 RV 26:60 · Cross-ref. Num 3:2.

101 RV 26:61 · Cross-ref. Lev 10:1-2; Num 3:4.

102 LV 27:5 · Note OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

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YHWH _he/it_said to Mosheh to_saying. **7** Right the_
_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād are_speaking indeed_(give) you_will_
_give to/for_them possession_of an_inheritance in_the_middle
the_brothers_of their_father_of_their and_you_will_make_pass_
_over ÐOM the_inheritance_of their_father_of_their to_them.
8 And_near/to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_speak
to_say a_man if/because he_will_die and_a_son there_will_
_belong_not to_him/it and_you(pl)_will_make_pass_over ÐOM
inheritance_of_his to_daughter_of_his. **9** And_if there_will_
_belong_not to_him/it a_daughter and_you(pl)_will_give ÐOM
inheritance_of_his to_brothers_of_his.[103] **10** And_if there_will_
_belong_not to_him/it brothers and_you(pl)_will_give ÐOM
inheritance_of_his to_the_brothers_of his/its_father. **11** And_if
there_will_belong_not brothers to_father_of_his and_you(pl)_
_will_give ÐOM inheritance_of_his to_relative_of_his (the)_near
to_him/it from_his_own_of_clan and_he_will_take_possession_
_of ÐOM_her/it and_it_will_become for_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_regulation_of judgement just_as
YHWH he_has_commanded ÐOM Mosheh.

12 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh go_up to the_mountain_
_of the_ʹAvārīm the_this and_see ÐOM the_earth/land which I_
_have_given to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_you_will_
_see ÐOM_her/it and_you_will_be_gathered to people(s)_of_your
also you just_as ʾAhₐron your(ms)_brother/kindred he_was_
_gathered. **14** Just_as you(pl)_rebelled_against mouth_of_my in_
_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) in_the_strife_of the_
_congregation to_treat_me_as_holy at_waters to_eyes_of_their
they were_the_waters_of Mərīvāh Qādēsh the_wilderness_of
Tsin/(Zin). **15** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to **YHWH** to_say.
16 **YHWH** the_god_of the_spirits to/from_all/each/any/every
flesh let_him_appoint a_man over the_congregation. **17** Who
he_will_go_out before_them and_which he_will_come before_
_them and_which he_will_lead_them_out and_which he_will_
_bring_them and_not it_will_be the_congregation_of **YHWH**
like_sheep which there_belongs_not to/for_them a_shepherd.
18 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh take to/for_yourself(m)
ÐOM Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn a_man whom a_spirit
in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_lay ÐOM hand_of_your
on/upon/above_him/it. **19** And_you_will_make_stand ÐOM_
him/it to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ʾElʹāzār the_
_priest/officer and_before_of all_of the_congregation and_you_
_will_commission ÐOM_him/it to_eyes_of_their. **20** And_
_you(ms)_will_give some_of_your_majesty on/upon/above_
_him/it so_that all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_may_hear. **21** And_before_of ʾElʹāzār the_
_priest/officer he_will_stand and_he_will_enquire to_him/it
by_the_judgement_of the_Urim to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** on mouth_of_his they_will_go_out and_on

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inheritance. **8** Also, tell the people that if a man dies without sons, then his inheritance should go to his daughter(s). **9** If he had no children, then it should go to his brothers, **10** and if he has no brothers, then it should go to his father's brothers. **11** However, if his father had no brothers, then the inheritance should go to his nearest blood-relative to become his possession. That will become a permanent regulation for Yisrael (Israel), just as Yahweh has commanded."

Yehoshua succeeds Mosheh[104]

12 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Go up Mt. Avarim and look at the land that I've given to the Israelis,[105] **13** and then you'll die and join your ancestors just like your brother Aharon (Aaron) did. **14** That's because back in the Tsin (Zin) wilderness when the people complained about water, you two rebelled against my command and failed to respect my holiness in front of them. That was when you struck the rock at Merivah near Kadesh in the Tsin wilderness."

15 Then Mosheh requested Yahweh, **16** "Yahweh, you are the god who directs the spirits of all humankind, so please appoint a new leader for the Israeli people **17** who will stand in front of them and lead them out and bring them in so they won't be like sheep without a shepherd.[106]

18 Then Yahweh told Mosheh, "Get Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua),[107] a man who has my spirit in him, and place your hands on him to indicate the transfer of leadership. **19** Stand him in front of the priest Eleazar and all the assembly, and commission him as they watch. **20** Give him some of your authority so that all the Israeli people can hear it. **21** When he needs guidance, he must stand in front of the priest Eleazar and ask for Yahweh's decision to be given via the Urim.[108] Then Yehoshua and all the people will go in or come out as per Yahweh's instructions." **22** So Mosheh did what Yahweh had ordered him to, and he presented Yehoshua to the priest Eleazar and to the entire community. **23** Mosheh placed his hands on Yehoshua and

103 **LV 27:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

104 **RV 27:12 · Parallel** Deu. 31:1-8

105 **RV 27:12-14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 3:23-27; 32:48-52.

106 **RV 27:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 22:17; Eze 34:5; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

107 **RV 27:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:13.

108 **RV 27:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:30; 1Sam 14:41; 28:6.

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commissioned him, just has Yahweh had said he should.

28:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Give the Israelis these instructions: Ensure that you present to me the offerings and food for offerings to be burnt at the proper time. **3** For the daily burnt offering, present two one-year-old, male lambs that have no defects. **4** One of those lambs must be offered in the morning, and the other in late afternoon, **5** each offered along with a kilogram of fine flour mixed with a litre of olive oil. **6** That's the regular burnt offering done like the first one at Mt. Sinay—the soothing aroma from the fire will be pleasing to Yahweh. **7** The drink offering must also be one litre for each lamb. That strong drink must be poured out in the sacred area as an offering to Yahweh. **8** At the end of the afternoon, offer the second lamb with the same-sized offerings of flour and wine as in the morning. When they're burnt, the aroma will be pleasing to Yahweh.

The daily offerings[109]

9 "On the Rest Day, it must be two one-year-old, male lambs with no defects, along with 2 kilograms of fine flour mixed with oil, as well as the drink offering. **10** That will be burnt every Rest Day, in addition to the regular daily burnt offering and its drink offering.

The Rest Day offerings

11 "On the first day of each month, you all must bring Yahweh a burnt offering of two young bulls, one ram, and seven one-year-old, male lambs with no defects. **12** Each bull must be offered with three kilograms of fine flour mixed with oil, each ram with two kilograms, **13** and each lamb with one kilogram. All of that will be a burnt offering with an aroma that will be pleasing to Yahweh. **14** Their respective drink offerings will be two litres of wine with the bull, 1.3 litres with the ram, and one litre with each lamb. That will be the burnt offering for the start of each new month throughout the year. **15** In addition to those burnt offerings and drink offerings, a male goat must also be presented to Yahweh as a sin offering.

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mouth_of_his he and_all the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_ _him/it and_all the_congregation they_will_come. **22** And_ Mosheh _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~_ _him/it and_he/it_took ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa and_he_made_him_ _stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_before_of all_of the_congregation. **23** And_ _he_laid ~~ĐOM~~ hands_of_his on/upon/above_him/it and_he_ _commissioned_him just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken by_the_ _hand_of Mosheh.

28:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Command ~~ĐOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_ _say to_them ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_my food_of_my for_my_fire_of_ _offerings the_odour_of my_soothing_of_my you(pl)_will_take_ _care to_bring_near to_me at_its_appointed_of_time. **3** And_ _you_will_say to/for_them this is_the_fire_offering which you(pl)_will_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** lambs sons_of a_year unblemished two to_day a_burnt_offering continually. **4** ~~ĐOM~~ the_lamb one you_will_offer in_morning and_~~ĐOM~~ the_lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings. **5** And_(the)_ _tenth_of (the)_'ēyfāh fine_flour to_a_grain_offering mixed with_oil_of pressed (the)_fourth_of (the)_hin. **6** A_burnt_ _offering_of continuity which_was_instituted at_the_ _mountain_of Ṣīnay to_an_odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **7** And_its_drink_of_offering will_be_(the)_ _fourth_of (the)_hin for_lamb the_one in_place pour_out a_ _drink_offering_of strong_drink to/for_**YHWH**. **8** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _lamb the_second you_will_offer between the_evenings like_ _the_grain_offering_of the_morning and_like_its_drink_of_ _offering you_will_offer_it a_fire_offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH**.

9 And_on_the_day_of the_sabbath two_of lambs sons_of a_year unblemished and_two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh fine_flour a_ _grain_offering mixed with_oil and_its_drink_of_offering. **10** The_burnt_offering_of the_sabbath_of on_sabbath_of_its is_ _to the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_drink_of_ _offering.

11 And_at_the_beginnings_of your(pl)_months_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** young_ _bulls young_ones_of the_herd two and_a_ram one lambs sons_ _of a_year seven unblemished. **12** And_three tenths_of_an_ _'ēyfāh fine_flour a_grain_offering mixed with_oil for_bull the_ _one and_two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh fine_flour a_grain_ _offering mixed with_oil for_ram the_one. **13** And_a_tenth_of_ _an_'ēyfāh a_tenth_of_an_'ēyfāh_of fine_flour a_grain_offering mixed with_oil for_lamb the_one a_burnt_offering an_odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **14** And_their_drink_of_ _offerings (the)_half_of (the)_hin it_will_be for_bull and_(the)_ _third_of (the)_hin for_ram and_(the)_fourth_of (the)_hin for_ _lamb wine this is_the_burnt_offering_of a_month in_month_ _of_its for_the_months_of the_year. **15** And_a_male_goat_of goats one to_a_sin_offering to/for_**YHWH** to the_burnt_ _offering_of (the)_continuity it_will_be_offered and_its_drink_ _of_offering.

109 RV 28:1 · Parallel Exo. 29:38-46

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16 And_will_in_the_month (the)_first on_the_four- teen day of_ _month a_passover to/for_**YHWH**. **17** And_will_be_on_the_fifteen day of_month the_this a_festival seven_of days unleavened_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten. **18** In_the_day (the)_first a_convocation_of holiness any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **19** And_you(pl)_will_bring_near a_fire_offering a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd two and_a_ram one and_seven lambs sons_of a_year unblemished they_will_be to_you(pl). **20** And_their_grain_of_ _offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram you(pl)_will_ _offer. **21** A_tenth a_tenth you_will_offer for_lamb the_one for_ _the_seven_of the_lambs. **22** And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one to_make_atonement on_you(pl). **23** (From)_besides_of the_ _burnt_offering_of the_morning which is_for_the_burnt_ _offering_of (the)_continuity you(pl)_will_offer ~~DOM~~ these_ _things. **24** Like_these_things you(pl)_will_offer to_day seven_of days food of_a_fire_offering_of of_an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH** to the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity it_will_be_ _offered and_its_drink_of_offering. **25** And_on_day the_seventh a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do.

26 And_on_the_day_of the_first-fruits when_you_bring_near a_ _grain_offering new to/for_**YHWH** at_weeks_of_your(pl) a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **27** And_you(pl)_will_ _bring_near a_burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_ _**YHWH** young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd two a_ram one seven lambs sons_of a_year. **28** And_their_grain_of_offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull the_one two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram the_one. **29** A_ _tenth a_tenth for_lamb the_one for_the_seven_of the_lambs. **30** A_male_goat_of goats one to_make_atonement on_you(pl). **31** (From)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_offering you(pl)_will_offer_them unblemished they_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_their_drink_of_offerings.

29:1 And_in_month the_seventh on_day_one of_month a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do a_day_of the_sound_of_ _a_loud_blast it_will_be to_you(pl). **2** And_you(pl)_will_offer a_ _burnt_offering to_an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** a_ _young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd one a_ram one lambs sons_of a_year seven unblemished. **3** And_their_grain_of_ _offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram. **4** And_a_tenth_of_ _an_'ēyfāh one for_lamb the_one for_the_seven_of the_lambs. **5** And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering to_make_ _atonement on_you(pl). **6** (From)_besides_of the_burnt_ _offering_of the_new_moon and_its_grain_of_offering and_the_ _burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_offering

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The 'pass-over' offerings[110]

16 "Yahweh's 'passover' ceremony will start on the 14th of the first month (Nisan = March/April) each year.[111] **17** The 15th will be the start of the celebration—all your bread must be made without any rising agent.[112] **18** That first day, there's to be a sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day. **19** You all must offer two young bulls, one ram, and seven one-year-old lambs with no defects to be burnt on the fire. **20** Their associated grain offerings must be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive for the bull, two kilograms for the ram, **21** and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. **22** Also, bring one male goat as a sin offering to make yourselves right with God. **23** Those offerings must be *in addition* to the regular morning offerings **24** and must be offered for each of the seven days. The aroma of those burnt offerings will be pleasing to Yahweh, along with the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. **25** On the seventh day, there's to be another sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day.

Harvest festival offerings[113]

26 "On the firstfruits day of the harvest festival, when you all present an offering of fresh grain to Yahweh, there's to be a sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day.[114] **27** You all must present a burnt offering that's a pleasing aroma for Yahweh, presenting two young bulls, one ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs. **28** Their associated grain offerings will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil for each bull, two kilograms for the ram, **29** and one kilogram for each of the lambs. **30** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God. **31** Those offerings along with their drink offerings must be offered in addition to the regular burnt offering and drink offerings. Ensure that they have no defects.

The trumpeting celebration[115]

29:1 "On the first day of the seventh month (Tishrei = September/October) each year, there's to be a sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day—it'll be a day of blowing horns. **2** You all must present a young bull, a ram, and seven one-year-old lambs, all with no defects as a burnt offering to be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **3** Their associated grain offering will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil with the bull, two kilograms with the ram, **4** and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. **5** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God. **6** Those are in addition to the monthly and regular daily burnt offerings with their associated grain offerings

110 RV 28:16 · Parallel Lev. 23:5-14

111 RV 28:16 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:1-13; Deu 16:1-2.

112 RV 28:17-25 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:14-20; 23:15; 34:18; Deu 16:3-8.

113 RV 28:26 · Parallel Lev. 23:15-22

114 RV 28:26-31 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:16; 34:22; Deu 16:9-12.

115 RV 29:1 · Parallel Lev. 23:23-25

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and drink offerings. The aroma of those burnt offerings will be pleasing to Yahweh.

The sacrifice for forgiveness[116]

7 "Each year on the 10th of this seventh month (Tishrei = September/October), there's to be a sacred assembly. Don't eat any food or do any regular work on that day.[117] 8 You all must present a young bull, a ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs as a burnt offering that will be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. Ensure that they have no defects. 9 Their associated grain offerings will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil for the bull, two kilograms for the ram, 10 and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. 11 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat, in addition to the one to make yourselves right with God and the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

Offerings during the celebration in shelters[118]

12 "On the 15th of that seventh month, there's to be another sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day which will begin seven days of celebration.[119] 13 "You all must present thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen one-year-old male lambs as a burnt offering that will be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. Ensure that they have no defects. 14 Their associated grain offerings will be three kilograms of fine flour mixed with olive oil for each bull, two kilograms for each ram, 15 and one kilogram for each of the seven lambs. 16 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

17 "On the second day, you all must offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen one-year-old male lambs without defects, 18 and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. 19 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

20 "On the third day, the sacrifice will be eleven young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, 21 and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. 22 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

23 "On the fourth day, the sacrifice will be ten young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, 24 and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. 25 Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with

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and_their_drink_of_offerings according_to_of_their_ordinance to_an_odour_of soothing a_fire_offering to/for_**YHWH**.

7 And_on_ten of_month the_seventh the_this a_convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_humble ~~DOM~~ selves_of_your(pl) any_of_work not you(pl)_will_do. 8 And_ _you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** an_ _odour_of soothing a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd one a_ram one lambs sons_of a_year seven unblemished they_will_ _be to_you(pl). 9 And_their_grain_of_offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_bull two_of tenths_of_ _an_'ēyfāh for_ram the_one. 10 A_tenth a_tenth for_lamb the_ _one for_the_seven_of the_lambs. 11 A_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_besides_of the_sin_offering_of (the)_ _atonement(s) and_the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings.

12 And_on_the_fif- teen day of_month the_seventh a_ _convocation_of holiness it_will_be to/for_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do and_you(pl)_will_ _celebrate_a_festival a_festival to/for_**YHWH** seven_of days. 13 And_you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering a_fire_ _offering_of an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd thir- teen rams two lambs sons_of a_ _year four- teen unblemished they_will_be. 14 And_their_grain_ _of_offering fine_flour mixed with_oil three tenths_of_an_ _'ēyfāh for_bull the_one for_thir- teen young_bulls two_of tenths_of_an_'ēyfāh for_ram the_one for_the_two_of the_rams. 15 And_a_tenth[120] a_tenth for_lamb the_one to_four teen lambs. 16 And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_ _besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity offering_of_ _its_grain and_its_drink_of_offering. 17 And_on_day the_second young_bulls young_ones_of the_herd two_plus ten rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. 18 And_their_ _grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_ _rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_ _ordinance. 19 And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_ _its_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings. 20 And_on_ _day the_third young_bulls one_plus_of ten rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. 21 And_their_grain_of_ _offering and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_rams and_ _for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_ordinance. 22 And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_ _offering and_its_drink_of_offering. 23 And_on_day the_fourth young_bulls ten rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. 24 Offering_of_their_grain and_their_drink_of_ _offerings for_bulls for_rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_ _their according_the_ordinance. 25 And_a_male_goat_of goats one a_sin_offering (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of

116 RV 29:7 · Parallel Lev. 23:26-32

117 RV 29:7-11 · Cross-ref. Lev 16:29-34.

118 RV 29:12 · Parallel Lev. 23:33-44

119 RV 29:12-38 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:34; Deu 16:13-15.

120 LV 29:15 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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(the)_continuity offering_of_its_grain and_its_drink_of_
_offering. **26** And_on_day (the)_fifth young_bulls nine rams two
lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished. **27** And_their_
_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_
_rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_
_ordinance. **28** And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_
_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_
_grain_of_offering and_its_drink_of_offering. **29** And_on_day
the_sixth young_bulls eight rams two lambs sons_of a_year
four- teen unblemished. **30** And_their_grain_of_offering and_
_their_drink_of_offerings for_bulls for_rams and_for_lambs by_
_number_of_their according_the_ordinance. **31** And_a_male_
_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_besides_of the_burnt_
_offering_of (the)_continuity offering_of_its_grain and_its_
_drink_of_offerings. **32** And_on_day the_seventh young_bulls
seven rams two lambs sons_of a_year four- teen unblemished.
33 And_their_grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings
for_bulls for_rams and_for_lambs by_number_of_their
according_to_of_their_ordinance. **34** And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_
_offering one (from)_besides_of the_burnt_offering_of (the)_
_continuity offering_of_its_grain and_its_drink_of_offering.
35 In_the_day (the)_eighth an_assembly it_will_be to/for_
_you(pl) any_of work_of servitude not you(pl)_will_do. **36** And_
_you(pl)_will_bring_near a_burnt_offering a_fire_offering_of
an_odour_of soothing to/for_**YHWH** a_young_bull one a_ram
one lambs sons_of a_year seven unblemished. **37** Offering_of_
_their_grain and_their_drink_of_offerings for_bull for_ram
and_for_lambs by_number_of_their according_the_ordinance.
38 And_a_male_goat_of a_sin_offering one (from)_besides_of
the_burnt_offering_of (the)_continuity and_its_grain_of_
_offering and_its_drink_of_offering. **39** These you(pl)_will_offer
to/for_**YHWH** at_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts apart_addition_
_to from_your(pl)_votive_of_offerings and_your(pl)_freewill_of_
_offerings to_your(pl)_burnt_of_offerings and_to_your(pl)_
_grain_of_offerings and_to_your(pl)_drink_of_offerings and_to_
_your(pl)_peace_of_offerings.
30:1 [121] And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_
_commanded DOM Mosheh.

2 [123] And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_chiefs_of the_tribes of_
_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this is_the_message
which **YHWH** he_has_commanded. **3** [124] A_man if/because he_
_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** or he_will_swear an_oath to_
_bind an_obligation on self_of_his not he_will_violate message_
_of_his according_to_every_of (the)_thing_which_has_gone_out
from_mouth_of_his he_will_do. **4** [125] And_a_woman if/because
she_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** and_she_will_bind an_
_obligation in_house_of her_father_of_her in_youth(s)_of_her.
5 [126] And_ father_of_her _he_will_hear DOM vow_of_her and_

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their associated grain and drink offerings.

26 "On the fifth day, the sacrifice will be nine young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, **27** and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. **28** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

29 "On the sixth day, the sacrifice will be eight young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, **30** and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. **31** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

32 "On the seventh day, the sacrifice will be seven young bulls, two rams, fourteen year-old male lambs without defects, **33** and their associated grain and drink offerings as already stipulated. **34** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

35 "On the eighth and final day, there's to be another sacred assembly. No regular work may be done that day. **36** You all must present a young bull, a ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs, all unblemished, as a burnt offering that will be a pleasing aroma for Yahweh. **37** Their associated grain and drink offerings must be as already stipulated. **38** Also for your sins, sacrifice one male goat to make yourselves right with God, in addition to the regular burnt offerings with their associated grain and drink offerings.

39 "The above are the regulations for what you all must do for Yahweh at the appointed times, in addition to your vows and voluntary offerings, burnt offerings, grain and drink offerings, and your peace offerings."

40 So Mosheh (Moses) passed on to the Israelis everything that Yahweh had instructed him.

Instructions about vows

30:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) gave the Israeli leaders these further instructions from Yahweh, **2** "If a man makes a solemn promise to Yahweh, or makes a binding vow on his own life, he mustn't dishonour what he said—he must follow whatever came out of his mouth.[122]

3 If a young woman who is still living with her parents solemnly promises to Yahweh to do something, **4** and if her father hears her make the binding vow on her life and he remains silent, then her vow and all her obligations will stand. **5** How-

121 **LV 30:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.29.40

122 **RV 30:2 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:21-23; Mat 5:33.

123 **LV 30:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.1

124 **LV 30:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.2

125 **LV 30:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.3

126 **LV 30:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.4

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ever, if her father forbids her when he hears her, then that vow and its obligations won't stand, and Yahweh will forgive her, because her father stepped in.

6 If she gets engaged or married while a vow or thoughtless promise still holds, **7** and her (future) husband hears about it and remains silent that day, then her vow and or thoughtless promise will stand. **8** However, if her (future) husband forbids her when he hears her, then that vow and its obligations won't stand, and Yahweh will forgive her.

9 If a widow or a woman who has been divorced makes a promise, she must do what she promised.

10 If a married woman makes a solemn promise, or makes a binding vow on her own life, **11** and her husband hears about it but says nothing and doesn't forbid her, then her vow and all her obligations will stand. **12** However, if he actually nullifies it when he hears about it, any promise that she pronounced or binding vow on her life, won't stand. Her husband has nullified them and Yahweh will forgive her, **13** so every vow and its obligations can either be nullified or confirmed by her husband. **14** If her husband has stayed silent for several days, that will confirm all her vows and/or obligations because he said nothing. **15** However, if he cancels them sometime after he'd heard about them, then he will bear her guilt.

16 Those are the instructions that Yahweh gave Mosheh (Moses) about promises between a man and his wife, and between a father and his unmarried daughter living at home.

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_obligation_of_her which she_has_bound on self_of_her and_ _he_will_keep_silent to/for_her/it father_of_her and_ all_of vows_of_her _they_will_stand and_all obligation which she_ _has_bound on self_of_her it_will_stand. **6** [127] And_if father_of_ _her he_forbade ~~DOM~~_her/it in/on_day heard_he all_of vows_ _of_her and_obligations_of_her which she_has_bound on self_ _of_her not it_will_stand and_**YHWH** he_will_forgive to/for_ _her/it if/because father_of_her he_forbade ~~DOM~~_her/it. **7** [128] And_if indeed_(belong) she_will_belong to_a_husband and_ _vows_of_her on/upon_it(f) or the_rash_utterance_of her/its_ _lips which she_has_bound on self_of_her. **8** [129] And_ her/its_ _husband/man _he_will_hear in/on_day hears_he and_he_will_ _keep_silent to/for_her/it and_ vows_of_her _they_will_stand and_obligations_of_her which she_has_bound on self_of_her they_will_stand. **9** [130] And_if in/on_day her/its_husband/man hears he_will_forbid her and_he_will_break ~~DOM~~ vow_of_her which on/upon_it(f) and_~~DOM~~ the_rash_utterance_of her/its_ _lips which she_has_bound on self_of_her and_**YHWH** he_will_ _forgive to/for_her/it. **10** [131] And_the_vow_of a_widow and_a_ _divorced_woman all that she_has_bound on self_of_her it_will_ _stand on_her. **11** [132] And_if the_house_of her/its_ _husband/man she_has_vowed or she_bound an_obligation on self_of_her by_an_oath. **12** [133] And_ her/its_husband/man _he_ _will_hear and_he_will_keep_silent to/for_her/it not he_ _forbade ~~DOM~~_her/it and_ all_of vows_of_her _they_will_stand and_all obligation which she_has_bound on self_of_her it_will_ _stand. **13** [134] And_if actually_(break) he_will_break ~~DOM~~_them her/its_husband/man in/on_day hears_he any_of (the)_ _utterance_of her/its_lips to_vows_of_her and_to_the_ _obligation_of her_self_of_her not it_will_stand her/its_ _husband/man he_has_broken_them and_**YHWH** he_will_ _forgive to/for_her/it. **14** [135] Every_of vow and_all oath_of obligation to_humble self her/its_husband/man he_will_ _confirm_it and_husband_of_her he_will_break_it. **15** [136] And_if totally_(be_silent) he_will_keep_silent to/for_her/it her/its_ _husband/man from_day to day and_he_will_confirm ~~DOM~~ all_ _of vows_of_her or ~~DOM~~ all_of obligations_of_her which on/upon_it(f) he_has_confirmed ~~DOM~~_them if/because he_ _kept_silent to/for_her/it in/on_day heard_he. **16** [137] And_if actually_(break) he_will_break ~~DOM~~_them after he_has_heard and_he_will_bear ~~DOM~~ guilt_of_her. **17** [138] These are_the_ _regulations which **YHWH** he_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh between a_man and_wife_of_his between a_father and_ _daughter_of_his in_youth(s)_of_her the_house_of her_father_

127 **LV 30:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.5
128 **LV 30:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.6
129 **LV 30:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.7
130 **LV 30:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.8
131 **LV 30:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.9
132 **LV 30:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.10
133 **LV 30:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.11
134 **LV 30:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.12
135 **LV 30:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.13
136 **LV 30:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.14
137 **LV 30:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.15
138 **LV 30:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Num.30.16

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_of_her.

31:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **2** Avenge the_vengeance_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_with the_Midyānites after you_will_be_gathered to people(s)_of_ _your. **3** And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke to the_people to_say be_ _equipped from_with_you(pl) men for_war so_that_they_may_ _be on Midyān to_give the_vengeance_of **YHWH** on_Midyān. **4** one_thousand to_tribe one_thousand to_tribe to_ _all/each/any/every the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl)_will_ _send_out to_war. **5** And_they_were_selected from_the_ _families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) one_thousand to_tribe two_plus ten thousand men_equipped_of war. **6** And_ Mosheh _he_sent ĐOM_them one_thousand to_tribe to_war ĐOM_them and_ĐOM Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer to_war and_the_ _vessels_of the_holy_place and_the_trumpets_of the_alarm in_ _his/its_hand. **7** And_they_went_to_war on Midyān just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM Mosheh and_they_killed every_of male. **8** And_ĐOM the_kings_of Midyān they_killed with their_slain_of_ones ĐOM Evi and_ĐOM Reqem and_ĐOM Tsūr/(Zur) and_ĐOM Ḥūr and_ĐOM Reba the_five_of the_kings_ _of Midyān and_ĐOM Bil'ām the_son_of Bə'ōr they_killed with_ _sword. **9** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_took_ _captive ĐOM the_women_of Midyān and_ĐOM one[s]_of_their_ _little and_ĐOM all_of cattle_of_their and_ĐOM all_of livestock_ _of_their and_ĐOM all_of wealth_of_their they_plundered. **10** And_ĐOM all_of cities_of_their in_their_dwelling_of_places and_ĐOM all_of encampments_of_their they_burnt with_fire. **11** And_they_took ĐOM all_of the_plunder and_ĐOM all_of the_ _booty among_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock. **12** And_they_brought to Mosheh and_near/to 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_near/to the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_captive[s] and_ĐOM the_booty and_ĐOM the_plunder to the_camp to the_plains_of Mō'āv which were_at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho).

13 And_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_all the_ _leaders_of the_congregation _they_went_out to_meet_them to from_the_outside of_camp. **14** And_ Mosheh _he_was_angry towards the_officers_of the_army the_commanders_of the_ _thousands and_the_commanders_of the_hundreds the_(ones_ _who)_went from_the_war_of the_battle. **15** And_he/it_said to_ _them Mosheh have_you(pl)_let_live every_of_female. **16** THERE they they_were to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_the_ _message_of Bil'ām to_offer unfaithfulness in_**YHWH** on the_ _matter_of Pə'ōr and_ the_plague _it_became among_the_ _congregation_of **YHWH**. **17** And_now kill every_of male among_one[s] and_all woman who_has_known a_man to_the_ _lying_of a_male kill. **18** And_all/each/any/every the_little_ _one[s] among_women who not they_have_known lying_of a_ _male preserve_alive for_yourselves. **19** And_you(pl) encamp from_the_outside of_camp seven_of days any one_who_has_ _killed anyone and_all/each/any/every one_who_has_touched (in)_the_slain you_will_purify_yourselves in_the_day the_third and_on_day the_seventh you(pl) and_captive[s]_of_your(pl). **20** And_all garment and_all article_of hide and_all product_of

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Avenging the Midyanites

31:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **2** "Avenge the Midyanites for what they did to you Israelis. After that, you'll go to join your ancestors."

3 So Mosheh told the people, "Equip some of your men to battle against Midyan to execute Yahweh's vengeance on them— **4** one thousand men from each tribe to go to war."

5 So a thousand men were conscripted from each tribe—twelve thousand equipped for battle **6** and Mosheh sent them off to war. The priest Pinhas (Eleazar's son) went with them, taking some sacred objects as well as the signal trumpets. **7** Then they fought Midyan just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh, and they killed every male. **8** Among them, they killed five Midyan kings: Evi, Rekem, Tsur, Hur, and Reva, in addition to Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam).

9 The Israelis took the Midyan women and children captive, and took all their cattle, sheep and goats, and all their possessions as plunder, **10** then they burnt down all their cities and houses and camps. **11** They took all the spoil and plunder including the people and animals back, **12** and brought it to Mosheh and the priest Eleazar, and to the assembled Israelis who were all still camped on the Moav (Moab) plains beside the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho).

Purifying the returning warriors

13 Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar and all the Israeli leaders left the camp to meet them, **14** but Mosheh was angry at the top army leaders who were coming back from the battle. **15** "Why did you allow all the women to live?" he asked them. **16** "They're the very ones who did what Bil'am (Balaam) suggested to urge the people to be unfaithful to Yahweh at Pe'or, leading to the deadly disease that struck Yahweh's people.[139] **17** So now, kill all the boys plus every woman who's slept with a man— **18** spare only the young, unmarried girls for yourselves.

19 "Then everyone who's killed someone or touched a dead body must stay outside the camp for seven days. On the third day, you all must purify yourselves, and again on the seventh day but this time including your captives. **20** Also, you all must purify all your clothes, plus anything else made of leather or goats' hair or wood."

21 Then the priest Eleazar told the warriors who'd gone to battle, "This is what Yahweh has instructed Mosheh: **22** Only the

139 RV 31:16 · Cross-ref. Num 25:1-9.

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gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, and lead, 23 must pass through fire to make it 'clean'. Nevertheless, it must still be purified with the special purifying water, along with anything that wouldn't handle the fire. 24 On the seventh day, you all must wash your clothes and then you'll be 'clean' and be allowed to reenter the camp.

25 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **Dividing the plunder**
26 "You and the priest Eleazar and the tribal leaders must list all the plunder including both human and animals that were taken captive. 27 Then you must divide it all out equally between the two groups: those who went out to battle, and all the rest of the community. 28 Set aside a tribute for Yahweh from the plunder of the warriors who fought in the battle: one from every five-hundred captive people, and the same from the cattle and donkeys, and from the sheep and goats. 29 Half of that must be given to the priest Eleazar as the contribution to Yahweh.
30 Then from the half of the plunder given to the community, take one from every fifty captive people, and the same from the cattle and donkeys, and from the sheep and goats and other animals. That's to be given to the Levites because they're the ones who look after Yahweh's residence." 31 So Mosheh and the priest Eleazar did what Yahweh had told them to do.

32 The remaining plunder after the slaughter of the boys and the married women from what the warriors had brought back was: 675,00 sheep, 33 72,000 cattle, 34 61,000 donkeys, 35 and 32,000 girls who hadn't been married. 36 The warriors who'd fought got: 337,500 sheep, 37 less 675 that were given to Yahweh as his tribute. 38 The cattle were 36,000 less 72 for Yahweh. 39 There were 30,500 donkeys less Yahweh's tribute of sixty-one. 40 The girls and young women were 16,000 less 32 for Yahweh. 41 So Mosheh gave Yahweh's contribution to the priest Eleazar as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

42 The half for the community that Mosheh (Moses) had divided off from the warriors 43 was: 337,500 sheep, 44 36,000 cattle, 45 30,500 donkeys, 46 and 16,000 girls who hadn't been married. 47 From that half for the community, Mosheh took one from every fifty people and animals, and gave it to the Levites who serve in Yahweh's tent, just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh.

48 Then the top army officers (the commanders over thousands, and the commanders over hundreds), went to Mosheh 49 and informed him, "We, your servants have counted the soldiers who were under us, and none of our men are missing, 50 so we've brought an offering to Yahweh: every man who found something gold like an armlet or bracelets, signet ring or earring, or necklaces has donated it to make us right with Yahweh."

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goat_hair(s) and_all article_of wood you_will_purify_ _yourselves. 21 And_ 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_said to the_men_of the_army the_(ones_who)_went to_battle this is_ _the_regulation_of the_law which **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh. 22 Only ᴅᴏᴍ the_gold and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_silver ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _bronze ᴅᴏᴍ the_iron ᴅᴏᴍ the_tin and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lead. 23 Every_ _of thing which it_will_go in_fire you(pl)_will_make_pass in_ _fire and_it_will_be_pure nevertheless by_the_water_of impurity it_will_purify_itself and_all/each/any/every that not it_will_go in_fire you(pl)_will_make_pass in_water. 24 And_ _you(pl)_will_wash clothes_of_your(pl) in_the_day the_seventh and_you(pl)_will_be_pure and_after you(pl)_will_come to the_ _camp.

25 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh to_saying. 26 You and_ _'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_congregation lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_of the_booty_of (the)_ _captivity among_humankind and_on/over_cattle/livestock. 27 And_you_will_divide ᴅᴏᴍ the_booty between those_skilled_ _of the_battle who_went_out to_war and_between all_of the_ _congregation. 28 And_you_will_raise a_tribute to/for_**YHWH** from_with the_men_of (the)_war who_went_out to_war one person from_(the)_five (the)_hundred(s) from the_humankind and_from the_cattle and_from the_donkeys and_from the_ _sheep. 29 From_half_of_their you(pl)_will_take_it and_ _you(ms)_will_give to_'El'āzār the_priest/officer the_ _contribution_of **YHWH**. 30 And_from_the_half_of the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_take one person_drawn from the_ _fifty from the_humankind from the_cattle from the_donkeys and_from the_sheep from_all the_cattle/livestock and_ _you(ms)_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_Lēviyyiy who_keep_of (of)_ _the_service_of the_tabernacle_of **YHWH**. 31 And_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_made just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh. 32 And_he/it_was the_booty the_remainder_of the_plunder which the_people_of the_army they_had_plundered sheep six hundred(s) thousand and_ _seventy thousand and_five_of thousand(s). 33 And_cattle two and_seventy thousand. 34 And_donkeys one and_sixty thousand. 35 And_the_person[s]_of humankind from the_ _women who not they_had_known lying_of a_male every_of person two and_thirty thousand. 36 And_it_became the_half the_portion_of those_who_had_gone_out in_army the_number_ _of the_sheep was_three hundred(s) thousand and_thirty thousand and_seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s). 37 And_he/it_was the_tribute to/for_**YHWH** from the_sheep six hundred(s) five and_seventy. 38 And_the_cattle were_six and_ _thirty thousand and_tribute_of_their to/for_**YHWH** was_two and_seventy. 39 And_donkeys were_thirty thousand and_five hundred(s) and_tribute_of_their to/for_**YHWH** was_one and_ _sixty. 40 And_the_person[s]_of humankind were_six- teen thousand and_tribute_of_their to/for_**YHWH** was_two and_ _thirty person[s]. 41 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_tribute of_the_contribution_of of_**YHWH** to_'El'āzār the_priest/officer just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh. 42 And_from_ _the_half_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which Mosheh he_ _had_divided from the_men who_had_gone_to_war. 43 And_it_ _became the_half_of the_congregation from the_sheep three hundred(s) thousand and_thirty thousand seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s). 44 And_cattle six and_thirty

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thousand. **45** And_donkeys thirty thousand and_five hundred(s). **46** And_person[s]_of humankind six- teen thousand. **47** And_ Mosheh _he/it_took from_the_half_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM person_drawn one from the_ _fifty from the_humankind and_from the_cattle/livestock and_ _he/it_gave ĐOM_them to_Lēviyyiy who_keep_of (of)_the_ _service_of the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh. **48** And_they_drew_near to Mosheh the_officers who were_of_the_thousands_of the_army the_ _commanders_of the_thousands and_the_commanders_of the_ _hundreds. **49** And_they_said to Mosheh your_servants they_ _have_lifted_up ĐOM the_head_of the_men_of (the)_war who were_in_hand_of_our and_not he_is_missing from_him/it anyone. **50** And_we_have_brought_near ĐOM the_offering_of **YHWH** everyone that_which he_found an_article_of gold an_ _armlet and_a_bracelet a_signet-ring an_earring and_an_ _ornament to_make_atonement on selves_of_our to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **51** And_ Mosheh and_'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_took ĐOM the_gold from_with_them every_of article_of work. **52** And_he/it_was all_of the_gold_of the_contribution which they_raised to/for_**YHWH** six- teen thousand seven hundred(s) and_fifty shekel[s] from_with the_ _commanders_of the_thousands and_from_with the_ _commanders_of the_hundreds. **53** The_men_of the_army they_ _had_taken_plunder everyone to_him/it. **54** And_ Mosheh and_ _'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_took ĐOM the_gold from_with the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_ _they_brought ĐOM_him/it into the_tent_of meeting a_ _memorial for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**.

32:1 And_livestock much it_belonged to_the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_to_the_descendants_of Gād numerous very and_ _they_saw ĐOM the_land_of Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ĐOM the_land_of Gil'ād and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_place was_a_place_of livestock. **2** And_ the_descendants_of Gād and_the_sons of_Rə'ūvēn _ _they_came and_they_said to Mosheh and_near/to 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_near/to the_leaders_of the_congregation to_say. **3** 'Aṭārōt and_Diyvvōn and_Ya'zēr and_Nimrāh and_ _Ḥeshbōn and_'El'ālēh and_Ṣəvā'm and_Nəvō and_Bə'on. **4** The_earth/land which **YHWH** he_defeated to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_ _a_land_of livestock it and_belongs_to_servants_of_your livestock. **5** And_they_said if we_have_found favour in_eyes_of_ _your ĐOM the_earth/land (the)_this let_it_be_given to_ _servants_of_your to_a_possession do_not make_us_pass_over ĐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **6** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_the_ _descendants_of Gād and_to_the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn brothers_of_your(pl) will_they_go to_battle and_you(pl) will_ _you(pl)_remain here. **7** And_for_what you_discourage[143] ĐOM the_heart_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_passing_over into the_earth/land which he_has_given to/for_them **YHWH**. **8** Thus fathers_of_your(pl) they_did when_sent_I ĐOM_them from_Qādēsh- barnē'a to_see ĐOM the_earth/land. **9** And_they_

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51 So Mosheh and the priest Eleazar took those crafted gold items from them, **52** and the total contribution of gold offered to Yahweh by the commanders of thousands and of hundreds weighed around 190 kilograms. **53** Each of the warriors had taken their own plunder, **54** and Mosheh and the priest Eleazar took the gold from the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it to the sacred tent as a memorial for the Israelis in front of Yahweh.

The tribes who stayed east of Yarden[140]

32:1 The people from the Re'uven and Gad tribes had amassed a lot of livestock, and they noticed that the Yazer and Gilead regions were very suitable for livestock. **2** So their leaders went to Mosheh (Moses) and the priest Eleazar and the community leaders to say, **3** The regions of Atarot, Divon, Yazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, El'aleh, Sevam, Nevo, and Be'on **4** are in the land here that Yahweh has handed over to us Israelis. It's ideal for livestock, and we, your servants, raise livestock. **5** If we've earnt your favour, let this land be given to your servants for us to own, rather than forcing us to cross over the Yarden (Jordan) river with all the other tribes."

6 "It wouldn't be right for your fellow Israelis to go to war while you all just stay here," Mosheh told them. **7** "So why do you discourage Israeli enthusiasm for crossing over into the land that Yahweh has given them? **8** Your parents did that at Kadesh-Barnea when I sent them in to survey the land.[141] **9** They went as far as the Eshkol valley and they saw the land, yet they discouraged the people from entering the land that Yahweh had given them. **10** Yahweh got very angry that day, and promised,

140 RV 32:1 · Parallel Deu. 3:12-22

141 RV 32:8-9 · Cross-ref. Num 13:17-33.

143 LV 32:7 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/ואונת: (x-qere) וְ/ואינת': lemma_5106 n_1.1 morph_HVhi2mp/Sn id_046rm וְ/ואינת

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11 'From the men who came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), no man
who's twenty or older will see the land which I promised to
Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), because they're
not fully with me. 12 Only Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb) and Nun's
son Yehoshua (Joshua) will enter because they have believed
me.' 13 So Yahweh got angry with Yisrael (Israel), and made us
wander in the wilderness for forty years until that generation
was eliminated who had been evil as per Yahweh's judgement.
14 Now look here! You're standing in front of me just like your
parents—a brood of disobedient people who'll make Yahweh
more angry with you than he was with your parents! 15 If you all
turn away from following him, he'll abandon you all in the
wilderness again, and you will have destroyed this nation."

16 However, they stepped closer to him and said, "First we'll
build pens for our animals, and build cities for our families here.
17 Then we'll equip ourselves for war, to go ahead of the rest of
Yisrael until we've brought them into their place. Meanwhile
our families will live in those fortified cities because there'll still
be threats from those who live in this region. 18 We won't return
to our homes until every Israeli is in possession of his inheri-
tance. 19 We won't take any land there on the other side of the
Yarden (Jordan) river or beyond because this will be our inheri-
tance here on the eastern side."

20 "If you're going to do that," Mosheh (Moses) responded,
"then you all must equip yourselves to fight battles for Yahweh,
21 and all of your armed warriors must cross the Yarden to serve
Yahweh until he's driven his enemies out ahead of him. 22 Once
the land is subdued before Yahweh, then you all can return.
You'll be free of obligation from Yahweh and from Yisrael, and
this land here will be your possession from Yahweh. 23 However,
if you all don't help the rest of us, you will be disobeying Yah-
weh, and your disobedience will catch up with you. 24 So go
ahead and build your cities for your families, and pens for your
flocks, and do what you've committed to."

25 "Your servants will do what you've said," confirmed the
leaders of the Re'uven and Gad tribes. 26 "Our wives and chil-
dren, and our livestock and all our animals will remain in cities
here in the Gilead region, 27 but we'll equip ourselves for battle
and to cross the river to battle for Yahweh just as my master has
spoken."

28 So Mosheh (Moses) gave instructions about them to the
priest Eleazar, Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), and the Israeli
tribal leaders, 29 telling them, "If the men from Gad and Re'uven
tribes cross over the Yarden (Jordan) with you and equipped
ready to fight for Yahweh and that land is conquered, then you
must give them the Gilead region for them to own.[142] 30 How-
ever, if they don't cross over with the rest of you, then they'll
have to accept land to own there in Kena'an (Canaan)."

31 "What Yahweh has told you, his servants, that's what we'll
do," the leaders of the Gad and Re'uven tribes responded.

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_went_up to the_wadi_of 'Eshkol and_they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_
_earth/land and_they_discouraged ~~ĐOM~~ the_heart_of the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_not to_go into the_earth/land
which he_had_given to/for_them **YHWH**. 10 And_ the_anger of_
_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt in_the_day (the)_that and_he_swore_
_an_oath to_say. 11 If the_men who_came_up from_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_
_upwards they_will_see ~~ĐOM~~ the_soil which I_swore to_
_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob)
if/because not they_have_filled after_me. 12 Except
Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) the_Kenizzite
and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn if/because they_have_
filled after **YHWH**. 13 And the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_
_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_made_them_wander
in_wilderness forty year[s] until all_of the_generation which_
_had_done the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** was_finished.
14 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you(pl)_have_risen_up in_place_of
fathers_of_your(pl) a_brood_of people sinful to_add again to
the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** against Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
15 If/because you(pl)_will_turn_back from_after_him and_he_
_will_repeat again to_leave_it in_wilderness and_you(pl)_will_
_destroy to/from_all/each/any/every the_people (the)_this.
16 And_they_drew_near to_him/it and_they_said folds_of sheep
we_will_build for_livestock_of_our here and_cities for_our_
_little_of_one[s]. 17 And_we we_will_equip_ourselves hurried
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until that (if) we_have_brought_them to place_
_of_their and_ one[s]_of_our_little _it_will_remain in_the_
_cities_of (the)_fortification from_face/in_front_of the_
_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. 18 Not we_will_return to
houses_of_our until the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) have_
_inherited everyone inheritance_of_his. 19 If/because not we_
_will_inherit with_them from_the_other_side of_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_beyond if/because inheritance_of_our
it_has_come to_us from_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn
eastward_to. 20 And_he/it_said to_them Mosheh if you(pl)_
_will_do ~~ĐOM~~ the_thing the_this if you_will_equip_yourselves
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_battle. 21 And_
to/for_you(pl) every_of equipped_man _he_will_pass_over ~~ĐOM~~
the_Yardēn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** until
he_has_dispossessed ~~ĐOM~~ enemies_of_his from_before_of_him.
22 And_ the_earth/land _it_will_be_subdued to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_after you(pl)_will_return
and_you(pl)_will_be free from_**YHWH** and_from_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_belong the_earth/land (the)_this
to/for_you(pl) to_a_possession to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH**. 23 And_if not you(pl)_will_do thus THERE
you(pl)_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_know sin_of_your(pl)
which/who it_will_find you(pl). 24 Build to/for_you(pl) cities
for_your_little_of_one[s] and_folds for_sheep_of_your(pl) and_
_the_thing_which_has_gone_out from_mouth_of_your(pl)
you(pl)_will_do. 25 And_ the_descendants_of Gād and_the_sons
of_Rə'ūvēn _he/it_said to Mosheh to_say your_servants they_
_will_do just_as my_master is_commanding. 26 one[s]_of_our_
_little wives_of_our livestock_of_our and_all cattle_of_our they_

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Literal Version

_will_be there in_the_cities_of (the)_Gil'ād. **27** And_servants_of_ _your they_will_pass_over every_of man_equipped_of war to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_battle just_as my_ _master is_saying. **28** And_he/it_commanded to/for_them Mosheh ĐOM 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_ĐOM Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_ĐOM the_heads_of the_ _fathers_of the_tribes of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **29** And_ Mosheh _he/it_said to_them if the_descendants_of Gād and_the_sons of_Rə'ūvēn they_will_pass_over with_you(pl) ĐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) every_of man_equipped for_battle to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ the_earth/land _ _it_will_be_subdued before_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_give to/for_them ĐOM the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād to_a_possession. **30** And_if not they_will_pass_over equipped with_you(pl) and_ _they_will_have_possessions among_you(pl)[144] in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan). **31** And_ the_descendants_of Gād and_the_ _sons of_Rə'ūvēn _they_answered to_say ĐOM that_which **YHWH** he_has_spoken to your_servants thus we_will_do. **32** We we_will_pass_over equipped to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_will_be_ _with_us the_possession_of our_inheritance_of_our from_the_ _other_side of_Yardēn. **33** And_he/it_gave to/for_them Mosheh to_the_descendants_of Gād and_to_the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh the_son_ _of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) ĐOM the_kingdom_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ _'Amorī and_ĐOM the_kingdom_of 'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān the_earth/land to_cities_of_its with_territories_of the_cities_of the_earth/land all_around. **34** And_ the_descendants_of Gād _ _they_built ĐOM Diyvōn and_ĐOM 'Aṭārōt and_ĐOM 'Arō'ēr. **35** And_ĐOM 'Aṭrōt Shōfān and_ĐOM Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ _Yogbəhāh/(Jogbehah). **36** And_ĐOM Bēyt Nimrāh and_ĐOM Bēyt Nimrāh cities_of fortification and_folds_of sheep. **37** And_the_ _sons of_Rə'ūvēn they_built ĐOM Ḥeshbōn and_ĐOM 'El'ālēh and_ĐOM Qiryātayim. **38** And_ĐOM Nəvō and_ĐOM Ba'al Mə'ōn name changed_of and_ĐOM Səvām and_they_called by_names ĐOM the_names_of the_cities which they_had_built. **39** And_ the_descendants_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh _they_went to_Gil'ād and_they_captured_it and_he_dispossessed ĐOM the_ _'Amorī who was_in_it. **40** And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave ĐOM (the)_ _Gil'ād to_Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_it. **41** And_Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Mənashsheh he_went and_he_captured ĐOM villages_of_their and_he/it_called them the_villages_of Yā'īr. **42** And_Novaḥ he_ _went and_he_captured ĐOM Qənāt and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_he/it_called (to)_it Novaḥ by_his_own_of_name.

33:1 These are_the_journeyings_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_their_military_of_groups by_the_hand_of Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron. **2** And_ Mosheh _he_wrote_down ĐOM of_ _departure_of_their_points to_journeyings_of_their on the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** and_these journeyings_of_are_their to_ _their_points_of_of_departure. **3** And_they_set_out from_ _Ra'məṣēṣ in_month (the)_first on_the_fif- teen day of_month (the)_first from_the_next_day_of the_passover the_people_of

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32 We'll send armed men across to Kena'an, equipped to fight for Yahweh. However, our inheritance to own will be here on this side of the Yarden river."

33 So Mosheh gave that region to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, the half-tribe of Yosef's (Joseph's) son Menasheh (Manasseh), encompassing the kingdoms of the Amori King Sihon and the Bashan's King Og, plus the surrounding territories. **34** The Gadim rebuilt Divon, Atarot, Aroer, **35** Atrot-Shofan, Yazer, Yagebehah, **36** Beyt-Nimrah, and Beyt-Haran—all fortified cities with pens for their flocks. **37** The Re'uvenim rebuilt Heshbon, El'aleh, Kiryatayim, **38** Nevo, Ba'al-Me'on, and Sivmah, but they renamed some of the cities.

39 The descendants of Menasheh's son Makir went to Gilead and captured it—driving out the Amorim who lived there. **40** So Mosheh gave Gilead to Menasheh's son Makir, and his clan lived there. **41** Menasheh's other son Yair went and captured the Amori villages and named them 'Yair's Towns' (or 'Havot-Ya'ir'). **42** A man named Novah went and captured Kenat and its villages, and renamed it to 'Novah' after himself.

The journey legs from Mitsrayim to Sinay

33:1 The following are the details of the stages of Yisrael's (Israel's) journeys starting from when they exited Mitsrayim (Egypt) tribe-by-tribe under Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon's (Aaron's) leadership. **2** Mosheh, acting on Yahweh's instructions, had written down their departure points, so these were the legs of their journeys:

3 The day after they celebrated the 'pass-over' (around the end

144 LV 32:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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of March), they left Ra'meses city, raising one fist in full view of all Mitsrayim. 4 Meanwhile, the Mitsrim (Egyptians) were burying all their oldest sons who'd been struck down by Yahweh who had also totally humiliated their gods.

5 After leaving Ra'meses, the Israelis went to Sukot and camped there. 6 Then they left Sukot and camped at Eytam at the edge of the wilderness. 7 After Eytam, they turned back to Pi-Hahirot (opposite Ba'al-Tsefon) and camped facing Migdal. 8 Then they left Pi-Hahirot and walked through the middle of the sea into the Eytam wilderness and camped at Marah. 9 From Marah, they went to Eylim which had twelve springs with seventy palm trees around them, and they camped there. 10 After Eylam, they camped beside the Red Sea 11 before leaving the sea and camping in the Sin wilderness.[145] 12 Travelling from there, they camped at Dofkah, 13 and then from there, at Alush. 14 After leaving Alush, they camped at Refidim but they didn't have water there to drink. 15 When they left Refidim, they camped in the Sinay wilderness.

The journey legs in the wilderness

16 From the Sinay wilderness, they went to Kivrot-Hata'avah and camped there. 17 When they left Kivrot-Hata'avah, they camped at Hatserot, 18 and then from there, at Ritmah. 19 From Ritmah, they went to Rimon-Perets to camp, 20 and after that, on to Livnah. 21 Then they left Livnah and camped at Risah, 22 before moving on from there to camp at Kehelatah. 23 From Kehelatah, they camped at Mt. Shefer, 24 then they left the mountain and camped at Haradah. 25 When they left Haradah, they camped at Makhelot, 26 and after that, on to Tahat. 27 From Tahat, they camped at Terah, 28 and then from Terah, they went to Mitkah to camp. 29 After Mitkah, they camped at Hashmonah, 30 and next after that, they camped at Moserot. 31 Then they left Moserot and camped at Beney-Ya'akan. 32 From Beney-Ya'akan, they went to Hor-Hagidgad and camped there, 33 then they left and camped at Yotvatah. 34 Then they left Yotvatah and camped at Avronah. 35 From Avronah, they went to Etsyon-Gever and camped there, 36 then they left and camped in the Tsin (Zin) wilderness, i.e., at Kadesh. 37 Then they left Kadesh and camped at Mt. Hor by the border with Edom.

38 Aharon (Aaron) the priest climbed Mt. Hor following Yahweh's instructions, and then died there on the 5th of the first month, forty years after the Israelis had left Mitsrayim (Egypt).[146] 39 He was 123 years old when he died there on Mt.

Literal Version

Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_went_out with_a_hand raised to_the_eyes_ _of all_of Mitsrayim. 4 And_Mitsrayim were_burying ~~DOM~~ those_ _whom **YHWH** he_had_struck_down (is)_in_them every_of firstborn and_on_gods_of_their **YHWH** he_had_done acts_of_ _judgement. 5 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_ _out from_Ra'məşēş and_they_encamped at_Şukkōt. 6 And_ _they_set_out from_Şukkōt and_they_encamped at_'Ētām which is_on_the_edge_of the_wilderness. 7 And_they_set_out from_'Ētām and_he_turned_back to Pi- haḥirot which is_on the_face_of Ba'al- Tsəfōn and_they_encamped to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Migdōl. 8 And_they_set_out from_ _face/in_front_of Haḥirot and_they_passed in_the_middle_of the_sea to_the_wilderness and_they_went a_journey_of three_ _of days in_the_wilderness_of 'Ētām and_they_encamped at_ _Mārāh. 9 And_they_set_out from_Mārāh and_they_came to_ _'Ēylim and_were_at_'Ēylim two_plus ten springs_of water and_ _seventy palm_trees and_they_encamped there. 10 And_they_ _set_out from_'Ēylim and_they_encamped at the_sea_of reed[s]. 11 And_they_set_out from_the_sea_of reed[s] and_they_ _encamped in_the_wilderness_of Şīn. 12 And_they_set_out from_the_wilderness_of Şīn and_they_encamped at_Dophka. 13 And_they_set_out from_Dophka and_they_encamped at_ _'Ālūsh. 14 And_they_set_out from_'Ālūsh and_they_encamped at_Rəfīdīm and_not it_belonged there water to_people to_ _drink. 15 And_they_set_out from_Rəfīdīm and_they_encamped in_the_wilderness_of Şīnay.

16 And_they_set_out from_the_wilderness_of Şīnay and_they_ _encamped at_Qivrōt- hatta'$_a$vāh. 17 And_they_set_out from_ _Qivrōt- hatta'$_a$vāh and_they_encamped at_ Ḥ$_a$tsērōt. 18 And_ _they_set_out from_ Ḥ$_a$tsērōt and_they_encamped at_Ritmāh. 19 And_they_set_out from_Ritmāh and_they_encamped at_ _Rimmon- perets. 20 And_they_set_out from_Rimmon- perets and_they_encamped at_Livnāh. 21 And_they_set_out from_ _Livnāh and_they_encamped at_Riṣṣāh. 22 And_they_set_out from_Riṣṣāh and_they_encamped at_Qəhēlātāh. 23 And_they_ _set_out from_Qəhēlātāh and_they_encamped at_the_ _mountain_of Shefer. 24 And_they_set_out from_hill of_Shefer and_they_encamped at_Ḥ$_a$rādāh. 25 And_they_set_out from_ _Ḥ$_a$rādāh and_they_encamped at_Maqhēlot. 26 And_they_set_ _out from_Maqhēlot and_they_encamped at_Taḥat. 27 And_ _they_set_out from_Taḥat and_they_encamped at_Tarah. 28 And_they_set_out from_Tarah and_they_encamped at_ _Mitqāh. 29 And_they_set_out from_Mitqāh and_they_ _encamped at_Hashmoneh. 30 And_they_set_out from_ _Hashmoneh and_they_encamped at_Moşērvōt. 31 And_they_ _set_out from_Moşērvōt and_they_encamped at_Bənēy-ya'$_a$qān. 32 And_they_set_out from_(the)_sons ya'$_a$qān and_ _they_encamped at_Ḥor- haggidgād. 33 And_they_set_out from_Ḥor- haggidgād and_they_encamped at_ _Yoṭvātāh/(Jotbathah). 34 And_they_set_out from_ _Yoṭvātāh/(Jotbathah) and_they_encamped at_'Avronāh. 35 And_they_set_out from_'Avronāh and_they_encamped at_ _'Etsyon- gever. 36 And_they_set_out from_'Etsyon- gever and_

145 RV 33:11 · Note Note that this is located in the southwestern Sinay Peninsula (between Eylim and Mt. Sinai), and different from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness (which is located in the northern Negev desert, near Kadesh-Barnea).

146 RV 33:38 · Cross-ref. Num 20:22-28; Deu 10:6; 32:50.

Literal Version

_they_encamped in_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) that is_
_Qādēsh. **37** And_they_set_out from_Qādēsh and_they_
_encamped at_Hor the_mountain on_the_border_of the_land_of
'Edōm. **38** And_ 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer _he/it_ascended to
Hor the_mountain on the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_he/it_died
there in_year (the)_forty of_ of_the_people_of of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _the_coming_out from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_month (the)_fifth on_day_one of_month.
39 And_'Ah$_a$ron was_a_son_of three and_twenty and_one_
_hundred year[s] when_died_of_he on_Hor the_mountain.
40 And_ the_Kəna'$_a$nī/(Canaanite) the_king_of 'Arād _he/it_
_listened and_he was_dwelling in_Negev in_land of_
Kəna'an/(Canaan) when the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _came.
41 And_they_set_out from_Hor the_mountain and_they_
_encamped at_Tsalmonāh/(Zalmonah). **42** And_they_set_out
from_Tsalmonāh/(Zalmonah) and_they_encamped at_Punan.
43 And_they_set_out from_Punan and_they_encamped at_
_'Ovot. **44** And_they_set_out from_'Ovot and_they_encamped
at_'Iyyiy-/(Iye-) hā'$_a$vārīm/(abarim) on_the_border_of Mō'āv.
45 And_they_set_out from_'Iyyim and_they_encamped at_
_Diyvōn- gād. **46** And_they_set_out from_Diyvōn- gād and_
_they_encamped at_'Almon- divlātāyəmāh. **47** And_they_set_
out from'Almon- divlātāyəmāh and_they_encamped in_the_
_mountains_of the_'Avārīm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before Nəvō. **48** And_they_set_out from_the_mountains_of
the_'Avārīm and_they_encamped in_the_plains_of Mō'āv at
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **49** And_they_
_encamped at the_Yardēn from_Bēyt- hayshimōt/(jeshimoth)
to Abel- shittim in_the_plains_of Mō'āv. **50** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_spoke to Mosheh in_the_plains_of Mō'āv at the_Yardēn of_
_Yərīḥō to_say. **51** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_you_will_say to_them if/because you(pl) are_about_to_pass_
_over ÐOM the_Yardēn into the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan).
52 And_you(pl)_will_dispossess ÐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of
the_earth/land from_before_of_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_
_destroy ÐOM all_of images_of_their_carved and_ÐOM all_of the_
_images_of their_molten_metal_of_their you(pl)_will_destroy
and_ÐOM all_of places_of_their_high you(pl)_will_demolish.
53 And_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ÐOM the_earth/land
and_you(pl)_will_dwell in_it if/because to/for_you(pl) I_have_
_given ÐOM the_earth/land to_take_possession_of ÐOM_her/it.
54 And_you(pl)_will_inherit ÐOM the_earth/land by_lot to_
_clans_of_your(pl) for_many you(pl)_will_make_great ÐOM
inheritance_of_its and_for_few you_will_make_small ÐOM
inheritance_of_its (to) where it_will_come_out to_him/it there_
_(to) the_lot to_him/it it_will_belong to_the_tribes_of your(pl)_
_fathers_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_inherit. **55** And_if not you(pl)_
_will_dispossess ÐOM the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land from_
_before_of_you(pl) and_ those_whom you(pl)_will_leave from_
_them _it_was (into)_thorns in_eyes_of_your(pl) and_(into)_
_pricks in_sides_of_your(pl) and_they_will_trouble you(pl) on
the_earth/land which you(pl) will_be_dwelling in_it. **56** And_it_
_was just_as I_intended for_doing to/for_them I_will_do to_
_you(pl).

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Hor.

40 Meanwhile, the Kena'ani (Canaanite) king of Arad who lived in the Negev in Kena'an (Canaan), heard that the Israelis were coming.

41 The Israelis left Mt. Hor and camped at Tsalmonah. **42** When they left Tsalmonah, they camped at Punon, **43** and after that, on to Ovot. **44** From Ovot, they went on to Iyey-Ha'avarim at the Moav (Moab) border. **45** Then they left there and camped at Divon-Gad, **46** before going on to camp at Almon-Divlatayim. **47** From there, they went into the Avarim mountains and camped facing Nevo. **48** After leaving the Avarim mountains, they reached the Moav plains by the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho). **49** They camped beside the river from Beyt-Hayeshimot to Avel-Hashitim there on the Moav plains.

50 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh (Moses) there on the Moav plains beside the Yarden opposite Yeriho, **51** "Tell the Israelis that you're all about to cross the Yahweh to enter Kena'an (Canaan). **52** Then you all must drive all the land's inhabitants out ahead of you, and destroy all their carved images and cast metal images, and all their hilltop shrines. **53** Take the land from there and start to live there, because I've given it to all of you to own. **54** Use lots to divide the land up for your clans. The larger groups must get more than the smaller groups, then whatever the lot gives, that will be the area to be given within the land for that ancestral tribe.[147]

55 If you don't drive out the current inhabitants, then they'll become like barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they'll harass you all when you live there. **56** If that happens, then I'll give you all the punishment that I intended for them."

147 RV 33:54 · Cross-ref. Num 26:54-56.

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The boundaries within Kena'an

34:1 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
2 "Tell the people that you're all about to enter Kena'an (Canaan)—the land that will become your inheritance. The boundaries will be:
3 "The **southern** border will extend from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness along the Edom border across to the Salt (Dead) Sea on the east, **4** cross south of the Scorpion Pass, continue to Tsin, and go south of Kadesh-Barnea. Then it will go on to Hatsar-Adar and proceed to Atsmon, **5** From Atsmon it will extend west to the riverbed at the border with Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then across to the Mediterranean Sea.
6 "The **western** border will be the Mediterranean sea.
7 "The **northern** border will start at the Mediterranean sea and extend west to Mt. Hor, **8** and then on to Levo-Hamat and onward to Tsedad. **9** From there the border will extend to Zifron, and it will end at Hatsar-Eynan, completing the northern border.
10 "The **eastern** border will begin at Hatsar-Eynan and extend south to Shefam, **11** then go downhill to Rivlah east of Ayin, then along the hills to the east of Lake Kineret. **12** Then the border will extend south along the Yarden (Jordan) River and end at the Salt (Dead) Sea.
"Those will be your country's borders."
13 Then Mosheh (Moses) continued, "That will be the land that must be distributed by lot. It'll be given by Yahweh as an inheritance for the nine tribes and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe[148] **14** as the Re'uven and Gad tribes and the Menasheh half-tribe have already received their inheritance. **15** Yes, the other two and a half tribes have taken up their inheritance on the eastern side of the Yarden river across from Yeriho (Jericho).

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16 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses),
17 "These are the men who will distribute the land: the priest Eleazar and Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), **18** as well as one leader from each tribe to allocate the land that will be their inheritance. **19** Those tribe leaders are:
From Yehudah (Judah), Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb),

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34:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying.
2 Command ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_ _say to_them if/because you(pl) are_about_to_go into the_ _earth/land Kəna'an/(Canaan) this the_earth/land which it_ _will_fall to/for_you(pl) (in)_an_inheritance the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_borders_of_its. **3** And_it_was to/for_ _you(pl) the_side_of the_south from_the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) on the_hands_of 'Edōm and_it_was to/for_you(pl) border_of the_southward from_the_end_of the_Sea_of (the)_ _Salt eastward_on. **4** And_it_will_turn to/for_you(pl) the_ _border from_the_south to_the_ascent_of scorpions and_it_ _will_pass_on to_Tsin/(Zin) and[149] extremities_of_its from_the_ _south of_Qādēsh- barnē'a and_it_will_go_out Ḥatsar 'Addār and_it_will_pass_on to_'Atsmōn. **5** And_ the_border _it_will_ _turn from_'Atsmōn the_wadi_of_to of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _they_will_be extremities_of_its to_the_sea. **6** And_the_border_ _of the_west and_it_was to/for_you(pl) the_sea (the)_great and_ _a_border this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_west. **7** And_this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_north from the_sea the_big/great(sg) you(pl)_will_mark_out to/for_you(pl) Hor the_mountain. **8** From_Hor the_mountain you(pl)_will_ _mark_out Ləvō' Ḥamāt and_they_will_be the_extremities_of the_border to_Tsədād/(Zedad). **9** And_ the_border _it_will_go_ _out to_Zifron and_they_will_be extremities_of_its Ḥatsar 'Ēynān this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_north. **10** And_you(pl)_will_crave to/for_you(pl) for_the_border of_ _eastward from_ Ḥatsar- 'ēynān to_Shəfām. **11** And_ the_border _it_will_go_down from_Shəfām (the)_Rivlāh from_east of_'Ayin and_ the_border _it_will_go_down and_it_will_reach to the_ _slope_of the_sea_of Kinneret eastward_on. **12** And_ the_border _it_will_go_down to_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_will_be extremities_of_its the_Sea_of (the)_Salt this it_will_be to/for_ _you(pl) the_earth/land to_borders_of_its all_around. **13** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say this the_earth/land which you(pl)_will_inherit ᴅᴏᴍ_ _her/it by_lot which **YHWH** he_has_commanded to_give to_ _the_nine_of the_tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe.
14 If/because the_tribe_of the_descendants_of the_ _Rə'ūvēnite[s] they_have_taken to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their and_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of the_ _Gadite[s] to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their and_the_ _half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh they_have_taken inheritance_of_their. **15** The_two_of the_tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe they_have_taken inheritance_of_their from_the_ _other_side of_the_Yardēn of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) eastward_on eastward_toward.

16 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **17** These are_the_names_of the_men who they_will_give_as_inheritance to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn. **18** And_a_leader one a_leader one from_a_tribe you(pl)_will_take to_give_as_ _inheritance ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land. **19** And_these are_the_names_ _of the_men of_the_tribe_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh). **20** And_of_the_tribe_of the_

148 RV 34:13 · Cross-ref. Num 26:52-56.

149 LV 34:4 · Note OSHB variant note: וְהָיָה/ו: (x-qere) וְיָהָ/ו: lemma_c/1961 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_04t1e וְיָהָ/ו

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_descendants_of Shim´ōn Shəmū'ēl the_son_of ´Ammihūd. **21** Of_
_the_tribe_of Binyāmīn 'Elīdād the_son_of Kişlōn/(Chislon).
22 And_of_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Dān a_leader
Buqqiy the_son_of Yoglī/(Jogli). **23** Of_the_sons_of
Yōşēf/(Joseph) of_the_tribe_of of_the_descendants_of of_
_Mənashsheh a_leader Ḥanniy'ēl the_son_of 'Ēfod. **24** And_of_
_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim a_leader Qəmū'ēl
the_son_of Shifţān. **25** And_of_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of
Zəvūlūn a_leader 'Elītsāfān the_son_of Parnak. **26** And_of_the_
_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) a_leader
Palţī'ēl/(Paltiel) the_son_of ´Azzān. **27** And_of_the_tribe_of the_
_descendants_of 'Āshēr a_leader 'Aḥīhūd the_son_of Shəlomī.
28 And_of_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Naftālī a_leader
Pədah'ēl the_son_of ´Ammihūd. **29** These are_those_whom
YHWH he_commanded to_apportion_as_an_inheritance_to ĐOM
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan).

35:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh in_the_plains_of
Mō'āv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_say.
2 Command ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_give to_Lēviyyiy some_of_the_inheritance_of their_
_possession_of their cities to_dwell_in and_pasture_land for_
_cities around_of_them you(pl)_will_give to_Lēviyyiy. **3** And_
_they_will_be the_cities to/for_them to_dwell_in and_their_
_pasture_of_lands they_will_be for_cattle_of_their and_for_
_property_of_their and_to/for_all animal_of_their. **4** And_the_
_pasture_lands_of the_cities which you(pl)_will_give to_
_Lēviyyiy will_be_from_the_wall_of the_city and_to_the_
_outside one_thousand cubit[s] all_around. **5** And_you(pl)_will_
_measure from_the_outside of_city ĐOM the_side_of eastward
two_thousand by_cubit and_ĐOM the_side_of the_south two_
_thousand by_cubit and_ĐOM the_side_of the_west two_
_thousand by_cubit and_ĐOM the_side_of the_north two_
_thousand by_cubit and_the_city will_in_the_middle this it_
_will_belong to/for_them the_pasture_lands_of the_cities.
6 And_ĐOM the_cities which you(pl)_will_give to_Lēviyyiy will_
_be_ĐOM the_six the_cities_of (the)_refuge which you(pl)_will_
_give to_flee to_(to) the_killer and_to_them you(pl)_will_give
forty and_two citi[es]. **7** All_of the_cities which you(pl)_will_
_give to_Lēviyyiy will_be_forty and_eight citi[es] them and_ĐOM
lands_of_their_pasture. **8** And_the_cities which you(pl)_will_
_give from_the_possession_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
from_with the_many you(pl)_will_increase and_from_with the_
_few you(pl)_will_decrease each_one according_to_the_mouth_
_of its_inheritance_of_his which they_will_inherit it_will_give
some_of_its_cities to_Lēviyyiy.

9 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh to_saying. **10** Speak to
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them
if/because you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ĐOM the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) towards_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan). **11** And_
_you(pl)_will_make_happen to/for_you(pl) cities cities_of

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20 From Shim'on (Simeon), Amihud's son Shmuel (Samuel),
21 From Benyamin, Kislon's son Elidad,
22 From Dan, Yogli's son Buki,
23 From Menasheh (Manasseh), Efod's son Haniyel,
24 From Efrayim (Ephraim), Shiftan's son Kemuel,
25 From Zevulun, Parnak's son Elitsafan,
26 From Yisakar (Issachar), Azan's son Paltiel,
27 From Asher, Shelomi's son Ahihud,
28 From Naftali (Naphtali), Amihud's son Pedahel."
29 The above are the men that Yahweh put in charge of dividing up Kena'an (Canaan) as the inheritance for the Israelis.

Cities for the Levites

35:1 While they were there on the Moav (Moab) plains beside the Yarden (Jordan) river, Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses). **2** "Tell the Israelis that out of the land that they'll own, they must give the Levites cities for them to live in,[150] as well as some pastureland around those cities. **3** The cities will be for them to live in, and that pastureland will be for their herds and their flocks, and for their other animals. **4** The pastureland must extend out half a kilometre around the walls of the Levites cities. **5** Then going out a kilometre in each compass direction, that will also be their land.[151] **6** The Levites must be given forty-two cities to live in, plus you all must designate six refuge cities so that if someone accidentally kills another, they can flee to the refuge city. **7** That would make a total of forty-eight cities, plus their pasturelands, to be given to the Levites. **8** The larger tribes must give more cities than the smaller tribes, according to the area that they inherit."

The refuge cities[152]

9 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), **10** "Tell the Israelis that when you cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to enter Kena'an (Canaan), **11** you all must choose some cities to become 'refuge cities'[153] so that if someone accidentally

150 **RV 35:2 · Cross-ref.** Josh 21:1-42.

151 **RV 35:5 · Note** It's not exactly clear what different activities would occur in these two rings of land, but remember that as much food as possible and animals would have to be brought into the city as soon as the residents received news of an approaching army.

152 **RV 35:9 · Parallel** Deu. 19:1-13; Josh. 20:1-9

153 **RV 35:11 · Cross-ref.** Deu 19:2-4; Josh 20:1-9.

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kills another person, they can flee there. 12 The cities will be
places to stay safe from being avenged by the relatives until the
killer can be formally tried. 13 You all must allocate six refuge
cities— 14 three on the eastern side of the Yarden, and there on
the western side in Kena'an. 15 Both Israelis and foreigners liv-
ing in the country can flee to any of those six cities—anyone
who kills another person by accident.

16 "However, if someone strikes another person with a metal
object and they die, then that person is a murderer, and murder-
ers must be executed. 17 Similarly, anyone who strikes another
person when holding a rock or stone, then that person is a mur-
derer, and murderers must be executed. 18 Again, if someone
strikes another person with a piece of wood, then that person is
a murderer, and murderers must be executed. 19 The relative
who is avenging the spilt blood must execute the murderer as
soon as he finds them.

20 "If someone pushes another person in hatred, or lies in wait
and then throws something at them, 21 or angrily strikes them
with their hand, and then they die, it must be regarded as mur-
der, and when the avenger of their blood finds the murderer, he
must execute them.

22 "But if someone pushes another person without any hateful
intent, or throws something at them without lying in wait, 23 or
drops a rock without noticing someone, and they die but they
weren't that person's enemy and no harm was intended, 24 then
the community must judge between the one who killed and the
avenger of the dead person, in accordance with these regula-
tions. 25 If the one who killed is declared innocent, then the
community must rescue them from the avenger and return
them to the refuge city that they'd fled to, and that accidental
killer must live there until after the death of the high priest
(who had been anointed with sacred oil). 26 However, if they
then ever left the refuge city that they'd fled to, 27 and the
avenger found them outside the city boundary, then that rela-
tive of the dead person is permitted to kill that person and won't
be accountable for their blood. 28 That's because the one who
killed must remain in that city until the death of the high
priest—they can only return to their family home after the high
priest's death. 29 You all must follow these regulations through
the generations no matter where you live.

30 "If someone murders another person, they're to be executed
if there's evidence from witnesses (plural, not just one witness).
31 That sentence can't be changed to a fine and/or a payment to
the deceased's family—the murderer *must* be executed. 32 Simi-
larly for the accidental killer who fled to a refuge city, they can't
elect to pay a fine and/or pay compensation in order to be able
to return home before the high priest's death. 33 You mustn't
profane the land that you're all going to by tolerating murder,
because human blood pollutes the ground, and you all can't re-
store the land with any sacrifice—only by the blood of the one
who shed someone else's blood. 34 You mustn't profane the land
that you'll all be living in because I'll also be living in it, as I will

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refuge they_will_be to/for_you(pl) and_he_will_flee to_(to) a_
_killer who_has_struck_down_of (of)_a_person by_
_inadvertence. 12 And_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) the_cities
(into)_a_refuge from_an_avenger and_not the_killer he_will_die
until stands_he to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_congregation for_judgement. 13 And_the_cities which you(pl)_
_will_give six cities_of refuge they_will_be for_you(pl). 14 ĐOM
(the)_three (the)_cities you(pl)_will_give from_the_other_side
of_Yardēn and_ĐOM (the)_three (the)_cities you(pl)_will_give
in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) cities_of refuge they_will_be.
15 For_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_sojourner and_
_for_alien among_them they_will_become the_six the_cities
the_these (into)_a_refuge to_flee to_(to) any_of one_who_has_
_struck_down_of (of)_a_person by_inadvertence. 16 And_if
with_an_instrument_of iron he_struck_him_down and_he/it_
_died is_a_killer he surely_(die) the_killer he_will_be_put_to_
_death. 17 And_if with_a_stone_of hand which someone_will_
_die by_it he_struck_him_down and_he/it_died is_a_killer he
surely_(die) the_killer he_will_be_put_to_death. 18 Or with_an_
_instrument_of wood hand which someone_will_die
in/on/over_him/it he_struck_him_down and_he/it_died is_a_
killer he surely(die) the_killer he_will_be_put_to_death.
19 The_avenger_of (the)_blood he he_will_put_to_death ĐOM
the_killer when_meets_he in_him/it he he_will_put_him_to_
_death. 20 And_if in_hatred he_will_push_him or he_threw
on/upon/above_him/it with_lying_in_wait and_he/it_died.
21 Or in_enmity he_struck_him_down with_hand_of_his and_
_he/it_died surely_(die) the_one_who_struck_down he_will_be_
_put_to_death is_a_killer he the_avenger_of (the)_blood he_
_will_put_to_death ĐOM the_killer when_meets_he in_him/it.
22 And_if with_suddenness with_not enmity he_pushed_him or
he_threw on/upon/above_him/it any_of weapon with_not
lying_in_wait. 23 Or with_any_of stone which someone_will_die
by_it with_not seeing_him and_he/it_made_fall/lie_down
on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_died and_he not was_an_
_enemy to_him/it and_not he_was_seeking harm_of_his.
24 And_ the_congregation _they_will_judge between the_one_
_who_struck_down and_between the_avenger_of (the)_blood
on the_judgements the_these. 25 And_ the_congregation _they_
_will_deliver ĐOM the_killer from_the_hand_of the_avenger_of
(the)_blood and_ the_congregation _they_will_return ĐOM_
_him/it to the_city_of his_refuge_of_his where he_had_fled to_
_(to) and_he_will_dwell in_it until the_death_of the_
_priest/officer the_big/great(sg) whom someone_had_anointed
ĐOM_him/it with_the_oil_of (the)_holiness. 26 And_if ever_(go_
_out) the_killer he_will_go_out ĐOM the_border_of the_city_of
his_refuge_of_his where he_will_flee to_(to). 27 And_ the_
_avenger_of (the)_blood _he_will_find ĐOM_him/it from_the_
_outside of_the_border_of of_the_city_of his_refuge_of_his and_
the_avenger_of (the)_blood _he_will_kill ĐOM the_killer there_
_will_not_be to_him/it blood. 28 If/because in_the_city_of his_
_refuge_of_his he_will_remain until the_death_of the_
_priest/officer the_big/great(sg) and_after the_death_of the_
_priest/officer the_big/great(sg) the_killer he_will_return to
the_land_of his_possession_of_his. 29 And_they_will_be these_
_things to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_regulation_of judgement to_
_generations_of_your(pl) in_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling.
30 Any_of one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person to_the_

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_mouth_of witnesses someone_will_kill ~~DOM~~ the_killer and_a_
_witness one not he_will_testify against_anyone to_die. **31** And_
_not you(pl)_will_take a_ransom to_living_creature a_killer
who he is_guilty to_die if/because surely_(die) he_will_be_put_
_to_death. **32** And_not you(pl)_will_take a_ransom to_flee to
the_city_of his_refuge_of_his to_return to_dwell on_the_earth
until the_death_of the_priest/officer. **33** And_not you(pl)_will_
_pollute ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which you(pl) are_in_it if/because
(the)_blood it it_pollutes ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_for_land not
it_will_be_atoned to_blood which it_was_shed in_it if/because
(if) by_the_blood_of the_one_who_shed_it. **34** And_not you_
_will_make_unclean ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which you(pl) are_
_dwelling in_it which I am_dwelling in_the_midst_of_of_it
if/because I **YHWH** am_dwelling in_the_middle the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

36:1 And_ the_heads_of the_fathers of_the_clan_of the_
_descendants_of Gil'ād the_son_of Mākīr the_son_of
Mənashsheh from_the_clans_of the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _they_drew_near and_they_spoke to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before Mosheh and_before_of the_leaders
heads_of fathers of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_
_they_said ~~DOM~~ my_master **YHWH** he_commanded to_give ~~DOM~~
the_earth/land (in)_an_inheritance by_lot to_the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_master_of_my he_was_commanded by_
_**YHWH** to_give ~~DOM~~ the_inheritance_of
Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) brother_of_our to_daughters_of_his.
3 And_they_will_be to_one from_(the)_sons of_the_tribes_of of_
_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_wives and_ inheritance_
_of_their _it_will_be_withdrawn from_the_inheritance_of our_
_ancestors_of_our and_it_will_be_added to the_inheritance_of
the_tribe which they_will_belong to/for_them and_from_the_
_lot_of our_inheritance_of_our it_will_be_withdrawn. **4** And_if
the_jubilee it_will_come of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_ inheritance_of_their _it_will_be_added to the_
_inheritance_of the_tribe which they_will_belong to/for_them
and_from_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of our_ancestors_of_
_our inheritance_of_their it_will_be_withdrawn. **5** And_
Mosheh _he/it_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
on the_mouth_of **YHWH** to_say right the_tribe_of the_
_descendants_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) is_speaking. **6** This is_the_
_message which **YHWH** he_has_commanded of_the_daughters_
_of of_Tsəlofḥād to_say to_good in_their_own_of_eyes they_
_will_belong to_wives only to_the_clan_of the_tribe_of their_
_ancestor_of_their they_will_belong to_wives. **7** And_not an_
_inheritance of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_go_
_about from_tribe to tribe if/because everyone on_the_
_inheritance_of the_tribe_of his_ancestors_of_his the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_hold. **8** And_all daughter who_
_possesses an_inheritance from_the_tribes_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_one of_the_clan_of of_the_tribe_of her_
_father_of_her she_will_belong to/for_(a)_woman so_that the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_may_possess everyone the_
_inheritance_of his_ancestors_of_his. **9** And_not an_inheritance
it_will_go_about from_tribe to_tribe another if/because

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live among you Israelis."

Women inheriting property

36:1 Now the leaders of the Gilead clans (Gilead was the son of Makir, son of Menasheh (Manasseh), one of Yosef's (Joseph's) sons) approached Mosheh (Moses) and the Israeli leaders **2** and said, "Yahweh commanded my master to distribute the land by lot as an inheritance for the people, and my master was also commanded by Yahweh to give our brother Tselofehad's inheritance to his daughters.[154] **3** However, if they ended up being married by men from other tribes, then their inheritance would pass from our tribe to their husbands' tribes, so we'd end up with less land as our tribal inheritance. **4** Then when Yisrael (Israel) celebrates the Jubilee Year, then that inheritance will be added to the inheritance of their husbands' tribes, and be deducted from the inheritance of our ancestral tribe."

5 Then Mosheh gave a ruling to the Israelis in accordance with what Yahweh had told him, "These Yosefi men are correct. **6** Yahweh's command to Tselofehad's daughters is that each of you may marry whoever you want as long as it's someone from your own tribe. **7** That way, land in Yisrael won't move from tribe to tribe, because it will always stay as part of the inheritance given to that tribe. **8** Any woman who inherits land can only marry someone from her own tribe, so that the people will always retain ownership of their tribal inheritance. **9** That inheritance mustn't pass from tribe to tribe, but each Israeli tribe must keep hold of its inheritance."

10 So Tselofehad's daughters obeyed what Yahweh had told Mosheh, **11** and the five daughters (Mahlah, Tirtsah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Noa) married their cousins on their father's side. **12** The men they married were from the Menasheh (Manasseh) tribe (Yosef's (Joseph's) son), so their land continued to belong to their father's family and tribe.

13 All the above were the commands and regulations that Yahweh ordered Mosheh to tell the Israelis, while they were camped on the Moav (Moab) plains beside the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Yeriho (Jericho).

154 RV 36:2 · Cross-ref. Num 27:7.

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everyone on_its_own_of_inheritance the_tribes_of the_people_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_hold. **10** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_
_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh so the_daughters_of
Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) they_did. **11** And_ Maḥlāh Tirtsāh and_
_Ḥoglāh and_Milkāh and_No'āh the_daughters_of Tsəlofḥād _
_they_belonged to_the_sons_of their_uncles_of_their to_wives.
12 From_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mənashsheh the_
_son_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) they_became (into)_wives and_
inheritance_of_their _it_became with the_tribe_of the_clan_of
their_father_of_their. **13** These are_the_commands and_the_
_judgements which **YHWH** he_commanded by_the_hand_of
Mosheh to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_plains_of
Mō'āv at the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho).

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Deuteronomy

Introduction

The Greek word 'Deuteronomy' means 'Second law', because some aspects of God's instructions in the previous accounts are repeated again in this one, noticeably the Ten Commandments. Hebrew readers call this document 'Devārim' which is the second word in the Hebrew text and means 'Words' or 'Things'. Some European and other translations call it 'The fifth book of Mosheh/Moses'.
This document contains a series of addresses that Mosheh (commonly known in English as Moses) made to the descendants of Yisrael/Israel while they were in the Moav region on the eastern side of the Yarden/Jordan river. They had stopped there for quite a long time after their travelling through the wilderness, and it would soon be time for them to cross the river and enter the 'promised land' of Kena'an/Canaan.
Some of the more important points made in this document include: 1. Mosheh's summary of the history of the Israelis over the previous forty year, and how he requested them to remain loyal and obedient to Yahweh. 2. Mosheh's retelling of the 'Ten commands' and his explanation of the first commands, ensuring that Yisrael's descendants knew that it was vital to continue serving Yahweh. This also includes the various rules to be obey in Kena'an. 3. Mosheh's interpretation of the peoples agreement with Yahweh is retold here, and his encouragement to the people to continue to obey that agreement. 4. The selection of Yehoshua/Joshua as the new leader for God's chosen people group, Mosheh's song about the joy of serving Yahweh and the blessings for those who obey. Mosheh's death in Moav is also retold here.
The best known segment of this document is Yahweh's blessing and cursing of his chosen people depending on the path that they decide to take. If the Israelis would choose to follow Yahweh's instructions, there was a large blessing to be received, but equally a terrifying curse should they fail to acknowledge what God had done for them.
The most important verses here are 6:4-6, quoted by Yeshua as being the greatest of all commands: You should love your god Yahweh with your whole mind, your entire being, and all your strength.

Main components of this account

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Instructions before entering Kena'an/Canaan *27:1–28:68*
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Mosheh's first set of instructions

1:1 These are the messages that Mosheh (Moses) spoke to Yisrael (Israel) back when they were in the wilderness on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) river, in the desert plain opposite Suf between Paran and Tofel, Lavan (Laban), Hatserot, and Di-Zahav. **2** (It takes eleven days to walk from Horev to Kadesh-Barnea via Mt. Se'ir.) **3** Forty years after the Israelis had left Mitsrayim (Egypt) Mosheh passed on to them everything that Yahweh had instructed him **4** after he'd defeated the Amori King Sihon who lived at Heshbon, and Bashan King Og who lived at Ashtarot in Edre'i.[1] **5** On the eastern side of the Yarden river in the Moav (Moab) region, Mosheh began explaining those instructions, saying,

The removal of Yisrael's descendants from Sinay

6 "Our God Yahweh spoke to us at Horev, saying: You've camped here long enough at this mountain. **7** Now, pack up and travel to the Amori hill country and the surrounding areas and the river plain, the lowlands and the southern wilderness, the coastal plain, all of Kena'an (Canaan), and Levanon as far north-east as the Perat (Euphrates) river. **8** Listen, that area of land ahead of you, I've given to you. Go ahead and take possession that land that Yahweh promised to your ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). He promised to give it to them and to their descendants."

Mosheh appoints leaders[2]

9 Then Mosheh (Moses) said, "I told you at that time that I wasn't able to govern all of you by myself **10** because your god Yahweh has multiplied you, and wow, now you're as numerous as the stars in the sky. **11** May your ancestors' god Yahweh increase you all a thousand times more and bless you all as he's promised **12** but how could I possibly bear all your loads and burdens and disputes by myself? **13** So nominate some men from your tribes who I can appoint as your leaders—men who are sensible and wise, and respected by the people, **14** and your parents agreed with that suggestion. **15** So I took those wise, respected men and appointed them to be your leaders—leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. I also appointed some as your tribal officials. **16** Then I instructed your new leaders telling them to listen carefully to both sides of disputes and make fair and honest judgements in conflicts involving either Israelis or foreigners. **17** Don't show partiality when you're making a judgement—treat important people just the same as the others. Don't worry about what people will think because fair judgement is a godly activity. And if any matter is too difficult, bring it to me for a decision. **18** I also gave you all other instructions at that time.

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1:1 These are_the_words/messages which Mosheh he_spoke to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) in_wilderness in_plain opposite_to Ṣūf between Pā'rān and_between Tofel and_Lāvān and_ Ḥatsērōt and_Diy zāhāv. **2** Is_one_plus ten day[s] from_Ḥorēv the_way_ _of the_mountain_of Sē'īr to Qādēsh Barnē'a. **3** And_he/it_was in_forty year in_the_one_plus_of ten month on_day_one of_ _month Mosheh he_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_them. **4** After he_had_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ _'Amorī who was_dwelling in_Ḥeshbōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ōg the_king_ _of (the)_Bāshān who was_dwelling in_'Ashtārōt in_'Edre'ī. **5** On_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn in_land of_Mō'āv Mosheh he_undertook he_made_clear ᴅᴏᴍ the_law (the)_this to_say.

6 **YHWH** god_of_our he_spoke to_us at_Ḥorēv to_say is_ _enough_of to/for_you(pl) remaining at_mountain (the)_this. **7** Turn and_set_out to/for_you(pl) and_go the_hill_country_of the_'Amorī and_near/to all_of neighbours_of_its in_plain in_ _country and_in_Shephelah and_in_Negev and_on_the_coast_ _of the_sea the_land_of the_Kəna'anī/(Canaanite)[s] and_(the)_ _Ləvānōn to the_river the_big/great(sg) the_river_of Pərāt. **8** See I_set before_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land go and_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_swore to_ _ancestors_of_your(pl) to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_ _Ya'aqov/(Jacob) to_give to/for_them and_to_offspring_of_ _their after_them.

9 And_I_said to_you(pl) at_time the_that to_say not I_am_able I_alone to_bear you(pl). **10** **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_ _increased you(pl) and_HERE_you(pl) the_day are_like_the_ _stars_of the_heavens to_increase_in_number. **11** **YHWH** the_ _god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) may_he_add to_you(pl) like_you(pl) a_thousand times and_may_he_bless you(pl) just_ _as he_spoke to_you(pl). **12** How will_I_bear I_alone burden_of_ _your(pl) and_burden_of_your(pl) and_dispute[s]_of_your(pl). **13** Provide to/for_you(pl) men wise and_understanding and_ _known to_tribes_of_your(pl) so_that_I_may_appoint_them (in)_chiefs_of_your(pl). **14** And_you(pl)_answered ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_ _you(pl)_said is_good the_message which you_have_spoken for_ _doing. **15** And_I_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_chiefs_of your(pl)_tribes_of_ _your(pl) men wise and_known and_I_appointed ᴅᴏᴍ_them chiefs over_you(pl) leaders_of thousands and_leaders_of hundreds and_leaders_of fifties and_leaders_of tens and_ _officials for_tribes_of_your(pl). **16** And_I_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ judges_of_your(pl) at_time the_that to_say hear between countrymen_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_judge righteousness between anyone and_between his/its_brother and_between sojourner_of_his. **17** Not you(pl)_will_pay_regard_to faces in_ _judgement as_small as_great you(pl)_will_listen not you(pl)_ _will_be_afraid from_face/in_front_of anyone if/because the_ _judgement belongs_to_god it and_the_matter which it_will_ _be_too_hard for_you(pl) you(pl)_will_bring_near to_me and_I_ _will_hear_it. **18** And_I_commanded you(pl) at_time the_that ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_things which you(pl)_will_do.

1 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

2 **RV 1:9 · Parallel** Exo. 18:13-27

Literal Version

19 And_we_set_out from_Ḥorēv and_we_walked ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _wilderness (the)_great and_(the)_awesome (the)_that which you(pl)_saw the_way_of the_hill_country_of the_'Amorī just_as **YHWH** god_of_our he_had_commanded us and_we_came to Qādēsh Barnē'a. **20** And_I_said to_you(pl) you(pl)_have_come to the_hill_country_of the_'Amorī which **YHWH** god_of_our is_ _about_to_give to/for_us. **21** See **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_set to_your_face ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land go_up take_possession_of_it just_as **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_spoke to/for_you(fs) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed. **22** And_you(pl)_drew_near to_me of_you_of_all and_you(pl)_ _said let_us_send_out men before_us so_that_they_may_spy_ _out to/for_us ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_so_that_they_may_ _bring_back us message ᴅᴏᴍ the_way which we_will_go_up on_ _it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_cities which we_will_go into_them. **23** And_it_ _was_good in_eyes_of_my the_thing and_I_took from_you(pl) two_plus ten men a_man one to_tribe. **24** And_they_turned and_they_went_up to_the_hill_country and_they_came to the_ _wadi_of 'Eshkol and_they_spied_out ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it. **25** And_they_ _took in_hand_of_their from_the_fruit the_earth/land and_ _they_brought_it_down to_us and_they_brought_back us message and_they_said is_good the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_our is_about_to_give to/for_us. **26** And_not you(pl)_ _were_willing to_go_up and_you(pl)_rebelled_against ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **27** And_you(pl)_murmured in_tents_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_said in_the_hatred_of **YHWH** us he_brought_us_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_ _give us in_the_hand_of the_'Amorī to_destroy_us. **28** Where are_we going_up countrymen_of_our they_have_made_melt ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_our to_say the_people is_great and_lofty from_ _him/it the_cities are_large and_fortified in_heavens and_also the_descendants_of the_ʿAnāqī we_saw there. **29** And_I_said to_ _you(pl) not you(pl)_must_be_terrified and_not you(pl)_must_ _be_afraid from_them. **30** **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who_goes before_you(pl) he he_will_fight to/for_you(pl) according_to_all that he_did with_you(pl) in_Mitsrayim to_eyes_of_your(pl). **31** And_in_wilderness where you_saw which/who he_carried_ _you **YHWH** god_of_your just_as anyone he_carries[8] ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_son in_all the_journey which you(pl)_walked until came_you(pl) to the_place (the)_this. **32** And_in_thing the_this not_you(pl) were_trusting in_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **33** Who_ _went before_you(pl) on_journey to_seek_out to/for_you(pl) a_ _place you_to_camp in_fire night to_show_you(pl) (in)_way which you(pl)_will_go on_it and_in_cloud by_day.

34 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of your(pl)_ _words/messages_of_your(pl) and_he_was_angry and_he_ _swore_an_oath to_say. **35** If anyone among_men the_these the_ _generation (the)_evil the_this he_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land

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The spies[3]

19 "Then we left Horev and went through that wide and dangerous wilderness that you saw on the way to the Amori hill country as our god Yahweh had instructed us, eventually arriving at Kadesh-Barnea. **20** Then I told you all, 'You've all come to the Amori hill country, which our god Yahweh is giving us. **21** Look, your god Yahweh has given you[4] the land that's in front of you, so go ahead and take possession of it as Yahweh, your ancestors' god has told you. Don't be afraid and don't be discouraged.' **22** Then you all approached me and suggested, 'We should send some men ahead of us to scout out the place, and they can return and tell us the best way to get inside those cities.' **23** That sounded good to me, so I took one man from each of the twelve tribes **24** and they went up into the hill country as far as the Eshkol valley, and the scouted it out. **25** They picked some fruit from there and brought it back to us, and reported that the land that our god Yahweh is giving us was very good.

26 "But your parents were unwilling to proceed and rebelled against your god Yahweh's command.[5] **27** So you all grumbled in your tents, saying that it was because Yahweh hated us that he brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to hand us over to the Amorim to be destroyed. **28** You said that you all didn't want to enter because the people were so tall and strong and their cities were fortified and powerful with very high walls around them.

29 "Then I told your parents, 'Don't be terrified or afraid of them. **30** Your god Yahweh who goes ahead of you, he'll fight for you just like everything you saw him do in Mitsrayim **31** and in the wilderness, where you saw how your god Yahweh carried you like a father carries his son—getting you through that difficult region until you all eventually arrived here.'[6] **32** However, you all didn't believe your god Yahweh[7] **33** who had gone ahead of you to find a good place for you all to make your camp—using fire at night to show you all the way, and cloud in the daytime.

Yisrael's punishment[9]

34 "Yahweh heard those complaints and got angry and made this promise,[10] **35** 'None of the men of this evil generation will get to enter the

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3 **RV 1:19 · Parallel** Num. 13:1-33

4 **RV 1:21 · Note** The you**(pl)** in the previous verse has switched to you**(sg)** here.

5 **RV 1:26 · Cross-ref.** Deu 9:23; Heb 3:16.

6 **RV 1:31 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:18.

7 **RV 1:32 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:19.

8 **LV 1:31 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

9 **RV 1:34 · Parallel** Num. 14:20-45

10 **RV 1:34-35 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:18.

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good land that I promised to give to your ancestors **36** apart from Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb)—he can enter it and I'll give him and his sons the land that he scouted out because he followed Yahweh whole-heartedly.' **37** Yahweh was also angry at me because of you all, and told me that I also wouldn't be able to enter, **38** but that Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) who was standing there in front of me, would be the one to lead Yisrael (Israel) to possess the land.

39 "Your children that you thought would be taken captive, and your young sons who don't yet know right from wrong, they'll be the ones to enter the land, and I'll give it to them, and it'll become theirs. **40** But you yourselves need to turn around and go back into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea.

41 "but they all answered and admitted, 'Yes, we've sinned against Yahweh, but now we'll fix that by going in to fight and do everything that our god Yahweh has commanded us.' So every man strapped on his weapons—now thinking it would be easy to take over the hill country.

42 "But Yahweh told me to warn them not to go ahead and fight because he wouldn't help them, and so they'd end up being defeated by their enemies if they proceeded. **43** So I told your parents that, but they wouldn't listen—they rebelled against Yahweh and arrogantly marched up into the hill country **44** where the Amorim who lived there came out against them, and chased them like bees and made the warriors scatter in Se'ir as far as Hormah. **45** So your parents returned and wept in front of Yahweh, but he didn't pay any attention to them. **46** So that's why we stayed at Kadesh-Barnea for as long as we all did.

Yisrael's wanderings in the wilderness

2:1 "Then we turned and went back into the wilderness towards the Red Sea as Yahweh had told us to do,[17] and we spent a long time wandering around Mt. Se'ir.

2 "Then Yahweh told me, **3** 'You've all been wandering around this hilly area for long enough—now turn and go towards the north **4** and tell the people, "You'll all be crossing the border into Se'ir where your relatives, Esav's (Esau's) descendants, live.[18] They'll be afraid of you but you'll all need to stay very alert. **5** Don't attack them because I won't give you any of their

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(the)_good which I_swore to_give to_ancestors_of_your(pl). **36** Except Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) he he_will_see_it and_to/for_him/it I_will_give ÐOM the_ _earth/land which he_has_trodden on_it and_to_sons_of_his because that he_filled after **YHWH**. **37** Also with_me **YHWH** he_ _was_angry on_account_of_of_you(pl) to_say also you not you_ _will_go there. **38** Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of[111213] of_Nūn who_stands to_your_face he he_will_go to_(to) ÐOM_him/it encourage if/because he he_will_give_it_as_an_inheritance ÐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **39** And_your_little_of_one[s] who you(pl)_said (into)_plunder he_will_become and_children_of_your(pl) who not they_know the_day good and_bad/evil they they_will_go to_(to) and_to_them I_will_give_it and_they they_will_take_ _possession_of_it.[141516] **40** And_you(pl) turn to/for_you(pl) and_ _set_out to_the_wilderness the_way_of the_sea_of reed[s]. **41** And_you(pl)_answered and_you(pl)_said to_me we_have_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** we we_will_go_up and_we_will_fight according_to_all that he_has_commanded_us **YHWH** god_of_ _our and_you(pl)_girded_on everyone ÐOM the_weapons_of his_ _war_of_his and_you(pl)_regarded_as_easy to_go_up to_the_ _hill_country. **42** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me say to/for_ _them not you(pl)_must_go_up and_not you(pl)_must_fight if/because not_I will_be_of_in_your(pl)_midst and_not you(pl)_ _will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your(pl). **43** And_I_spoke to_you(pl) and_not you(pl)_listened and_you(pl)_rebelled_against ÐOM the_mouth_ _of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_acted_presumptuously and_you(pl)_ _went_up to_the_hill_country. **44** And_ the_'Amorī who_was_ _dwelling in_country (the)_that _he/it_went_out to_meet_ _you(pl) and_they_pursued you(pl) just_as (the)_bees they_do and_they_scattered you(pl) in_Sēʿīr to Ḥormāh. **45** And_you(pl)_ _returned and_you(pl)_wept to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_not **YHWH** he_listened to_voice_of_ _your(pl) and_not he_gave_ear to_you(pl). **46** And_you(pl)_ _remained at_Qādēsh days many like_days which you(pl)_ _remained.

2:1 And_we_turned and_we_set_out to_the_wilderness the_way_ _of the_sea_of reed[s] just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_me and_we_went_around ÐOM the_hill_country_of Sēʿīr days many. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me to_say. **3** Is_enough_of to/for_ _you(pl) going_round ÐOM the_hill_country the_this turn to/for_you(pl) northward_to. **4** And_ÐOM the_people command to_say you(pl) are_about_to_pass in_the_territory_of your(pl)_ _relatives_of_your(pl) the_descendants_of ʿĒsāv who_are_ _dwelling in_Sēʿīr and_they_will_be_afraid from_you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_take_heed exceedingly. **5** Do_not engage_in_strife with_them if/because not I_will_give to/for_you(pl) any_of_ _their_land up_to a_treading_place_of the_sole_of a_foot

11 LV 1:38 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

12 LV 1:38 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

13 LV 1:38 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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16 LV 1:39 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

17 RV 2:1 · Cross-ref. Num 21:4.

18 RV 2:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 36:8.

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if/because a_possession to_ʹĒsāv I_have_given ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill_ _country_of Sēʹīr. **6** Food you(pl)_will_buy from_with_them for_ _silver and_you(pl)_will_eat and_also water you(pl)_will_buy from_with_them for_silver and_you(pl)_will_drink. **7** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_blessed_you in_all_of the_work_of your_hand_of_your he_has_known walking_your ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _wilderness the_big/great(sg) the_this this forty year[s] **YHWH** god_of_your has_been_with_you not you_have_lacked anything. **8** And_we_passed_away from_with relatives_of_our the_ _descendants_of ʹĒsāv who_were_dwelling in_Sēʹīr from_the_ _way_of the_wilderness_plain from_ʾĒylōt and_from_ʹEtsyon-gevʿer and_we_turned and_we_passed_along the_way_of the_ _wilderness_of Mōʾāvʿ. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me to you_ _will_treat_as_a_foe[20] ᴅᴏᴍ Mōʾāvʿ and_do_not engage_in_strife with_them battle if/because not I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) any_of_his_land a_possession if/because to_the_descendants_of Lōṭ I_have_given ᴅᴏᴍ ʹĀr a_possession.

10 The_ʾĒymīm formerly_before they_dwelt in_it a_people great and_numerous and_lofty like_ʹAnāqī. **11** Rəfāʾīm also they they_ _were_regarded like_ʹAnāqī and_the_Mōʾāvʿites they_called to/for_them ʾĒymīm. **12** And_in_Sēʹīr the_Ḥorī they_dwelt formerly_before and_the_sons of_ʹĒsāv they_dispossessed_ _them and_they_destroyed_them from_their_face/front and_ _they_lived in_place_of_them just_as Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_did to_ _the_land_of its_possession_of_his which **YHWH** he_gave to/for_them. **13** Now arise and_pass_over to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of Zered and_we_passed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of Zered. **14** And_the_days which we_walked from_Qādēsh- barnēʿa until that we_passed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of Zered were_thirty and_ _eight year[s] until all_of the_generation the_men_of (the)_war was_finished from_the_midst_of the_camp just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_sworn to/for_them. **15** And_also the_hand_of **YHWH** it_ _was on_them to_disturb_them from_the_midst_of the_camp until they_were_finished. **16** And_he/it_was when all_of the_ _men_of (the)_war they_had_finished to_die from_the_midst_of the_people. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_me to_say. **18** You are_about_to_pass_over the_day ᴅᴏᴍ the_border_of Mōʾāvʿ ᴅᴏᴍ ʹĀr. **19** And_you_will_draw_near in_front_of the_people_of ʹAmmōn do_not treat_them_as_a_foe and_do_not engage_in_ _strife with_them if/because not I_will_give any_of_the_land_of the_people_of ʹAmmōn to/for_yourself(m) a_possession if/because to_the_descendants_of Lōṭ I_have_given_it a_ _possession. **20** The_land_of the_Rəfāʾīm also it it_was_regarded the_Rəfāʾīm they_dwelt in_it formerly_before and_the_ _ʹAmmōnī they_called to/for_them Zamzom. **21** A_people great and_numerous and_lofty like_ʹAnāqī and_he_destroyed_them **YHWH** from_their_face/front and_they_dispossessed_them and_they_lived in_place_of_them. **22** Just_as he_had_done for_ _the_descendants_of ʹĒsāv who_were_dwelling in_Sēʹīr whom he_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ the_Horite[s] from_their_face/front and_ _they_dispossessed_them and_they_lived in_place_of_them

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land—not even a footprint size piece because I've given Mt. Se'ir to Esav as their inheritance. **6** Any food or drink you get from them must be paid for with cash **7** because your god Yahweh has blessed all of your labour—he's always been aware of your travel through that vast wilderness. Your god Yahweh has helped you for those forty years so you've all had everything you need." '

8 "So we passed by our relatives, Esav's descendants who live in Se'ir. We travelled along the Yarden (Jordan) valley plain from Eylot and Etsyon-Gever, then north through the Moav (Moab) wilderness. **9** Then Yahweh told me, 'Don't aggravate Moav, and don't attack them, because I won't give you any of their land because I've given Ar to the sons of Lot, as a possession.' "[19]

The tribes near Kena'an

10 (The Emim had lived their previously—there were many of them, and they were tall and strong like the Anakim. **11** People also call both the Emim and the Anakim, Refaim but the people of Moav (Moab) call them Emim. **12** The Horim had previously lived in Se'ir, but Esav's (Esau's) descendants had killed them and taken over their land, just like the Israelis did later in the land that Yahweh had given them to possess.)

13 "Then we crossed the Zered brook as Yahweh had told us to do. **14** It had been thirty-eight years since we first left Kadesh-Barnea until we cross the Zered brook, once that generation of warriors had died off, just as Yahweh had told them.[21] **15** What's more, Yahweh had opposed them, so he'd caused them to die.

16 "After all the enlistment-aged men had died, **17** Yahweh told me, **18** 'Today you must travel through the Moav region, near Ar, **19** and when you approach the Amoni region, don't irritate or fight them because I won't give you any of their land because I've given it to Lot's descendants as a possession.' "[22]

20 (Also, it's regarded as the land of the Refaim, who the Amonim call the Zamzumim, who lived there in the past. **21** They were as numerous, and as tall and strong as the Anakim, but Yahweh destroyed them in advance of the Anakim who then dispossessed them and lived in their place. **22** He had done the same thing for Esav's (Esau's) descendants who live in Se'ir, when he destroyed the Horim ahead of them, and they took over their land and still live there to this day. **23** Also the Avim who lived in villages as far south as Azah (Gaza) were destroyed by the Kaftorim who came from Kraitai (Crete), and then lived in their place.)

19 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:37.

20 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

21 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:28-35.

22 **RV 2:19 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:38.

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24 "Yahweh had told us, 'Get ready now and go through the Arnon river valley. I'll help you defeat the Amori King Sihon from Heshbon. Attack him and begin to take over his land. 25 Beginning today, I'll make everyone, everywhere afraid of you. Everyone who hears about you will be terrified and keep their distance from you.'

Defeat of King Sihon[23]

26 "Then from the Kedemot wilderness, I sent messengers to King Sihon at Heshbon with an offer of peace, 27 'Please let us travel through your country. We'll stay on the road 28 if you'd be able to just sell us some food and water, then we could just walk right through 29 until we cross the Yarden (Jordan) river into the land that our god Yahweh is giving us. Esav's (Esau's) descendants at Se'ir allowed us through, as did the Moavim at Ar.'

30 "However, Heshbon's King Sihon wouldn't let us go through his country because your god Yahweh had hardened his spirit and made him stubborn so that you could take his land, which we still have to this day.

31 "Yahweh told me, 'Listen, I've begun to give Sihon and his land to you, so enter it and take it. 32 Then King Sihon and all his warriors came out against us at Yahats, 33 but our god Yahweh helped us to defeat him, and we killed Sihon and his son, and all his people. 34 We captured all his cities at that time, and completely destroyed men, women and children in every city, leaving no survivors. 35 Only the cattle were taken as plunder for ourselves, along with the goods in the cities we captured. 36 Our god Yahweh helped us to capture all their towns from Aroer in the south at the edge of the Arnon River valley, to the Gilead region in the north—none of their city walls were too high for us. 37 However, you didn't go near the Amoni region, the Yabok river area, the hill country towns, or any other place where our god Yahweh told us not to go.

The defeat of Bashan's King Og[25]

3:1 "Then we turned and went towards the Bashan region but King Og came out with all his warriors to battle against us at Edre'i, 2 but Yahweh told me, 'Don't be afraid of him, because I've given him and all

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until the_day (the)_this. 23 And_the_ʼAvvim who_were_dwelling in_villages to ʼAzzāh the_Kaftorī/(Kaftor/(Caphtor)ites) who_ _came_forth from_Kaftorī/(Kaftor/(Caphtor)) they_destroyed_ _them and_they_lived in_place_of_them. 24 Arise set_out and_ _pass_over ÐOM the_wadi_of ʼArnōn see I_have_given in_hand_ _of_your ÐOM Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn the_ʼAmorī and_ÐOM land_of_his begin take_possession_of_it and_engage_in_strife in/on/over_him/it battle. 25 The_day the_this I_will_begin to_ _put dread_of_your and_fear_of_your on the_face_of the_ _peoples under all_of the_heavens who they_will_hear report_ _of_your and_they_will_tremble and_they_will_be_in_anguish because_of_you.

26 And_I_sent messengers from_the_wilderness_of Qədēmōt to Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn words/messages_of peace to_say. 27 Let_me_pass in_land_of_your on_road on_road I_will_go not I_will_turn_aside right_hand and_left_hand. 28 Food for_silver you_will_sell_me and_I_will_eat and_water for_silver you_will_ _give to_me and_I_will_drink only let_me_pass_through on_ _feet_of_my. 29 Just_as they_did to_me the_descendants_of ʼĒsāv who_are_dwelling in_Sēʼīr and_the_Mōʼāvites who_are_ _dwelling in_ʼĀr until that I_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_ _our is_about_to_give to/for_us. 30 And_not Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn he_was_willing to_let_us_pass in/on/over_him/it if/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_had_made_stubborn ÐOM his/its_breath/wind/spirit and_he_had_made_obstinate ÐOM heart_of_his so_as to_give_him in_hand_of_your as_day (the)_ _this. 31 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me see I_have_begun to_ _deliver_up to_your_face ÐOM Ṣīḥōn and_ÐOM land_of_his begin take_possession to_take_possession_of ÐOM land_of_his. 32 And_ _he/it_went_out Ṣīḥōn to_meet_us he and_all people_of_his for_battle to_Yahats/(Jahaz). 33 And_he_delivered_him_up **YHWH** god_of_our before_us and_we_defeated ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM his[24] and_ÐOM all_of people_of_his. 34 And_we_ _captured ÐOM all_of cities_of_his at_time the_that and_we_ _totally_destroyed ÐOM every_of city men and_the_women and_ _the_little_one[s] not we_spared a_survivor. 35 Only the_ _cattle/livestock we_plundered to/for_us and_the_booty_of the_cities which we_had_captured. 36 From_ʼArōʼēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_city which is_in_wadi and_unto (the)_Gilʼād not it_was a_town which it_was_too_high from_him/it ÐOM (the)_every_one **YHWH** god_of_our he_ _delivered_up before_us. 37 Only to the_land_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn not you_drew_near all_of the_side_of the_wadi_of Yaboq/(Jabbok) and_the_cities_of the_hill_country and_ _all/each/any/every that **YHWH** god_of_our he_had_ _commanded.

3:1 And_we_turned and_we_went_up the_way_of (the)_Bāshān and_ ʼŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān _he/it_went_out to_meet_us he and_all people_of_his for_battle ʼEdreʼī. 2 And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to_me do_not fear ÐOM_him/it if/because in_hand_ _of_your I_have_given ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM all_of people_of_his

23 **RV 2:26 · Parallel** Num. 21:21-30

24 **LV 2:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: **נב/ו**: (x-qere) **ו/יָנָּבּ**ו: lemma_1121 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_05WBd **ו/יָנָּבּ**

25 **RV 3:1 · Parallel** Num. 21:31-35

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and_ĐØM land_of_his and_you_will_do for_him/it just_as you_ _did to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī who was_dwelling in_ _Ḥeshbōn. 3 And_ **YHWH** god_of_our _he/it_gave in_hand_of_ _our also ĐØM ʻŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_ĐØM all_of people_of_his and_we_defeated_him until not left to_him/it a_ _survivor. 4 And_we_captured ĐØM all_of cities_of_his at_time the_that not it_was a_town which not we_took from_with_them sixty citi[es] all_of the_region_of 'Argoⱱ the_kingdom_of ʻŌg in_Bāshān. 5 All_of these were_cities fortified wall high gates and_bar[s] apart_apart from_the_cities_of the_ _hamlet-dweller[s] many very. 6 And_we_totally_destroyed them just_as we_had_done to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn we_ _totally_destroyed every_of city men the_women and_the_ _little_one[s]. 7 And_all the_cattle/livestock and_the_booty_of the_cities we_plundered to/for_us. 8 And_we_took at_time the_ _that ĐØM the_earth/land from_the_hand_of the_two_of the_ _kings_of the_'Amorī who were_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) from_the_wadi_of 'Arnōn to the_mountain_of Ḥermōn. 9 The_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) they_call (to)_Ḥermōn Shiryōn and_the_'Amorī[s] they_call to_him/it Sənīr. 10 All_of the_cities_of the_plain and_all (the)_Gil'ād and_all (the)_Bāshān to Ṣalkāh and_'Edre'ī the_cities_of the_kingdom_of ʻŌg in_ _Bāshān. 11 If/because only ʻŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān he_ _survived from_the_remnant_of the_Rəfā'īm THERE sarcophagus_of_his was_a_sarcophagus_of iron not is_it in_ _Rabāh of_the_people_of of_ʻAmmōn was_nine cubits length_ _of_its and_four cubits breadth_of_its by_a_cubit_of a_human.

12 And_ĐØM the_earth/land (the)_this we_took_possession_of at_time the_that from_ʻArōʻēr which was_at the_wadi_of 'Arnōn and_(the)_half_of the_hill_country_of (the)_Gil'ād and_cities_ _of_its I_gave to_Rə'ūⱱēnite[s][28] and_to_Gādī[s]. 13 And_the_ _remainder_of (the)_Gil'ād and_all (the)_Bāshān the_kingdom_ _of ʻŌg I_gave to_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh all_of the_region_of (the)_'Argoⱱ to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_Bāshān (the)_that it_was_called the_land_of the_Rəfā'īm. 14 Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Mənashsheh he_took ĐØM all_of the_ _region_of 'Argoⱱ to the_border_of the_Geshurite[s] and_the_ _Maʻₐkātī[s] and_he/it_called ĐØM_them on his/its_name ĐØM (the)_Bāshān the_villages_of Yā'īr until the_day (the)_this. 15 And_to_Mākīr I_gave ĐØM (the)_Gil'ād. 16 And_to_ _Rə'ūⱱēnite[s][29] and_to_Gādī[s] I_gave from (the)_Gil'ād and_ _unto the_wadi_of 'Arnōn the_middle_of the_wadi and_a_ _border and_unto Yaboq/(Jabbok) the_wadi the_border_of the_ _people_of ʻAmmōn. 17 And_the_ʻArāⱱāh and_the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_a_border from_Kinneret and_unto the_ _sea_of the_ʻArāⱱāh the_Sea_of (the)_Salt under the_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh eastward_on. 18 And_I_commanded you(pl) at_ _time the_that to_say **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ĐØM the_earth/land (the)_this to_take_ _possession_of_it equipped you(pl)_will_pass_over to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before countrymen_of_your(pl) the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Oh_all_of the_sons_of strength.

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his people and his land over to you, and you'll do the same to him that you did to the Amori King Sihon who lived at Heshbon.'

3 "So our god Yahweh also helped us defeat Bashan's King Og and all his people, and we killed them all leaving no survivors. 4 We captured all sixty of King Og's cities in the Argov region of Bashan, 5 even though they were all fortified with high walls and gates with bars. In addition, there were many rural villages. 6 We completely destroyed them like we'd done to Heshbon's King Sihon—men, women, and children, 7 but we plundered all the cattle and the spoil from the cities for ourselves.

8 So at that time, we took the land from two of the Amori kings across on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan), from the Arnon River in the south, up to Mt. Hermon in the north 9 (called Mt. Siryon by the Tsidonim (Sidonians), and Mt. Senir by the Amorim). 10 We captured all the cities on the plain and all of the Gilead region, as well as Bashan as far east as Salkah and Edre'i cities, which also belonged to Og's kingdom." 11 (Bashan's King Og was the last king who was a descendant of the Refaim. His bed (in Rabah in the Amoni region) was made out of iron and was four metres long and two metres wide.)

Land division on the eastern side[26]

12 "So we captured that land at that time—from Aroer by the Arnon river, and half of the hill country of Gilead including its cities. I allocated those areas to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad. 13 Then the rest of Gilead and all of Bashan which had been Og's kingdom, I allocated to half of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh)."

(That whole area is called the land of the Refaim.
14 Menasheh's son Yair had captured the Argov region as far as the borders with the Geshurim and Ma'akatim, renaming Bashan to Havot-Ya'ir as it's still called to this day.)

15 "Then I allocated Gilead to Makir (a clan descended from Menasheh), 16 and I gave the southern part of Gilead to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, extending from the Arnon river (with the middle of it being the boundary) to the Yabok river which borders against the Amonim. 17 The border extends from the plain along the east side of the Yarden (Jordan) valley, from Lake Kineret in the north to the Aravah lake (the Salt Sea or Dead Sea) in the south and to the slopes of Mt. Pisgah on the east.

18 "Then at that time, I commanded you saying, 'Your god Yahweh has given this land to you to possess it, however your brave warriors must cross over with the other Israeli tribes to help them conquer the western lands.[27] 19 Leave your wives and chil-

26 **RV 3:12 · Parallel** Num. 32:1-42

27 **RV 3:18-20 · Cross-ref.** Josh 1:12-15.

28 **LV 3:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

29 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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dren and cattle (yes, I know you have many cattle) back here in the cities that I've given you **20** until Yahweh gives peace to your brother tribes like you have here. Once they've taken possession of the land that your god Yahweh is given them across the river, then you'll all be able to return her to your own inheritance that I've allocated to you.'

21 "I also instructed Yehoshua (Joshua) at that time, saying, 'You've seen everything that your god Yahweh has done to those two kings. Yahweh will do similar things to all the kingdoms that you'll be passing through over there. **22** Don't be afraid of them, because your god Yahweh will be the one fighting for you all.

Mosheh is not permitted to enter Kena'an

23 "At that time, I pleaded with Yahweh, **24** 'My master Yahweh, you've begun to show your servant your greatness and your power. What other god in heaven or on earth is there that does works as great and powerful as what you've done? **25** Please let me cross the Yarden (Jordan) river and see the good land that's on the other side—that good hill country, and the Levanon region.'

26 "But Yahweh was angry at me because of what your parents had done, and he wouldn't listen to me. Instead, Yahweh told me, 'Enough from you—don't talk to me about that again! **27** Go up to the top of Mt. Pisgah and look out towards the west and the north and the south and the east. Yes, look with your eyes, because you won't be crossing this river. **28** Instruct Yehoshua (Joshua) and encourage him and strengthen him, because he's the one who'll lead the people across, and he'll lead them to inherit the land that you'll see.' **29** So we remained in the Yarden river valley opposite Beyt-Pe'or.

Mosheh encourages Yisrael to obey

4:1 "Now Yisrael (Israel), listen to the instructions and regulations that I'll teach you so that you'll all go and possess the land that Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, is giving you, and live there. **2** Don't add or subtract from what I tell you,[33] because you all need to follow the instructions from your god Yahweh that I'm telling you. **3** You've all seen for yourselves what your god Yahweh did at Beyt-Pe'or, when he destroyed all the men who worshipped Ba'al there.[34] **4** However, all of you who faithfully continued to follow your god Yahweh are alive here today.

5 "Listen, I've taught you all the instructions and regulations that my god Yahweh commanded me to, for you all to follow in

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19 Only wives_of_your(pl) and_your_little_of_one[s] and_ _livestock_of_your(pl) I_know if/because_that livestock much to/for_you(pl) they_will_remain in_cities_of_your(pl) which I_ _have_given to_you(pl). **20** Until that **YHWH** he_will_give_rest to_countrymen_of_your(pl) like_you(pl) and_ also they _they_ _will_take_possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_about_to_give to/for_them on_the_other_ _side_of the_Yardēn and_you(pl)_will_return everyone to_ _possession_of_his which I_have_given to_you(pl). **21** And_~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) I_commanded at_time the_that to_say eyes_of_your_own are_the_ones_which_saw ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_did to_the_two_of the_kings the_ _these thus **YHWH** he_will_do to/from_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms where you are_about_to_pass_over there_(to). **22** Not you(pl)_must_fear_them[303132] if/because **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) he is_the_one_who_will_fight for_you(pl).

23 And_I_sought_favour to **YHWH** at_time the_that to_say. **24** My_master **YHWH** you you_have_begun to_show ~~ĐOM~~ servant_of_your ~~ĐOM~~ greatness_of_your and_~~ĐOM~~ hand_of_your (the)_strong that who is_a_god in_heavens and_on_earth who he_will_do like_works_of_your and_like_your(pl)_mighty_of_ _deeds. **25** Let_me_pass_over please so_that_I_may_see ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _earth/land (the)_good which is_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) the_hill_country (the)_good the_this and_ _(the)_Ləvʻānōn. **26** And_ **YHWH** _he_was_furious with_me on_ _account_of_you(pl) and_not he_listened to_me and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to_me enough_of to/for_you(fs) do_not repeat to_ _speak to_me again in_matter (the)_this. **27** Go_up the_top_of (the)_Pişgāh and_lift_up eyes_of_your westward_to and_ _northward_to and_southward_to and_eastward_to and_see with_your_two's_own_of_eyes if/because not you_will_pass_ _over ~~ĐOM~~ the_Yardēn (the)_this. **28** And_commission ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_encourage_him and_strengthen_him if/because he he_will_pass_over to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_people the_this and_he he_will_give_as_an_ _inheritance them ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land which you_will_see. **29** And_we_remained in_valley opposite_to Bēyt Pəʻōr.

4:1 And_now Oh_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) listen to the_regulations and_ _near/to the_judgements which I am_about_to_teach you(pl) for_doing so_that you(pl)_may_live and_you(pl)_will_go and_ _you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) is_about_to_ _give to_you(pl). **2** Not you(pl)_must_add to the_message which I am_about_to_command you(pl) and_not you(pl)_must_ _diminish from_him/it to_guard/protect ~~ĐOM~~ the_commands_ _of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which I am_about_to_command you(pl). **3** Your(pl)_eyes are_the_ones_which_saw ~~ĐOM~~ that_ _which **YHWH** he_did at_Baʻal- pəʻōr if/because_that every_of the_man who he_walked after Baʻal Pəʻōr he_destroyed_him **YHWH** god_of_your from_midst_of_your. **4** And_you(pl) who_ _were_clinging on_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) are_alive of_you_of_

30 **LV 3:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

31 **LV 3:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

32 **LV 3:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

33 **RV 4:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 22:18-19.

34 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:1-9.

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_all the_day. **5** See I_have_taught you(pl) regulations and_
_judgements just_as he_commanded_me **YHWH** god_of_my
for_doing thus in_the_midst_of the_earth/land where you(pl)
are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **6** And_
_you(pl)_will_take_care and_you(pl)_will_observe_them
if/because it be_your_wisdom_of_will and_understanding_of_
_your(pl) to_the_eyes_of the_peoples which they_will_hear ~~DOM~~
all_of the_regulations the_these and_they_will_say certainly is_
_a_people wise and_understanding the_nation (the)_great
(the)_this. **7** If/because who is_a_nation great which to_him/it
a_god near to_him/it like_**YHWH** god_of_our in_all_of calling_
_our[383940] to_him/it. **8** And_who is_a_nation great which to_
_him/it regulations and_judgements righteous like_all_of the_
_law (the)_this which I am_setting before_you(pl) the_day.
9 Only take_heed to/for_yourself(m) and_guard self_of_your
exceedingly lest you_should_forget ~~DOM~~ the_things which eyes_
_of_your_own they_have_seen and_lest they_should_depart
from_heart_of_your(pl) all_of the_days_of your(pl)_life_of_your
and_you_will_make_them_known to_children_of_your and_to_
_the_children_of your(pl)_children_of_your. **10** The_day when
you_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_
_your at_Ḥorēv when_ **YHWH** _said to_me assemble to_me ~~DOM~~
the_people so_that_I_may_make_them_hear ~~DOM~~
words/messages_of_my that they_will_learn to_fear ~~DOM~~_me
all_of the_days which they will_be_alive on the_soil and_~~DOM~~
children_of_their they_will_teach. **11** And_you(pl)_drew_near
and_you(pl)_stood under the_mountain and_the_mountain
was_burning with_fire to the_heart_of the_heavens darkness
cloud and_thick_darkness. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to_
_you(pl) from_the_middle_of the_fire a_sound_of
words/messages you(pl) were_hearing and_a_form not_you(pl)
were_seeing except a_voice. **13** And_he_declared to/for_you(pl)
~~DOM~~ covenant_of_his which he_commanded you(pl) for_doing
the_ten_of the_words/messages and_he_wrote_them on two_of
tablets_of stone(s). **14** And_me **YHWH** he_commanded at_time
the_that to_teach you(pl) regulations and_judgements you_to_
_observe ~~DOM~~_them on_the_earth where you(pl) are_about_to_
_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it.

15 And_you(pl)_will_take_heed exceedingly to_selves_of_
_your(pl) if/because not you(pl)_saw any_of form in/on_day
YHWH when_he_spoke to_you(pl) at_Ḥorēv from_the_middle_
_of the_fire. **16** Lest you(pl)_should_act_corruptly and_you(pl)_
_will_make to/for_you(pl) an_idol a_form_of any_of image a_
_likeness_of a_male or a_female. **17** A_likeness_of any_of animal
which on_the_earth a_likeness_of any_of bird_of wing which it_
_flies in_heavens. **18** A_likeness_of any_of creeping_thing on_
_ground a_likeness_of any_of fish which is_in_waters from_

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the land that you're about to enter and occupy. **6** Follow them faithfully because that will lead to wisdom such that people in other countries will notice that this great nation has wisdom and understanding. **7** What other great nation is there that has a god near to it like our god Yahweh is whenever we call out to him for help? **8** Also, what other nation has rules and regulations that are as sensible and fair as these instructions that I'm giving to you all today?

9 "But each of you must take care to guard yourself and your values in case you forget that you've seen and those past miracles slip from your minds over the years to come. Yes, make sure that you teach them to your children and your grand-children, **10** including the day when you stood in our god Yahweh's presence at Mt. Sinay (Horev) when he told me, 'Assemble the people for me, and I'll make it so they can hear my words, so they'll learn to honour and respect for their entire lifetimes, and then teach it to their children.'

11 "So you all approached the mountain and stood at its base while it blazed with fire that went up into the atmosphere even though the mountain was covered with dark, gloomy clouds.[35] **12** Then Yahweh spoke to you from the middle of the flames—you heard the voice even though you couldn't see anyone, **13** and he revealed to you the agreement that he demands you keep: the ten commands that he wrote onto two stone tablets.[36] **14** At that time, Yahweh told me to teach you all the instructions and regulations[37] so you'd be able to put them into practice in the land that you're about to enter and occupy.

Warnings about false gods

15 Now remembering that you didn't see any form at Mt. Sinay (Horev) when Yahweh spoke to you all from the middle of the fire, **16** so don't corrupt yourselves by making an idol to be your god—don't make anything in the likeness of a man or a woman,[41] **17** or of any animal that's on the earth or bird that flies in the sky,[42] **18** or any reptile that creeps along the ground or any fish from the deep oceans. **19** Don't look up to the sky and be tempted to bow down

35 **RV 4:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:16-18; Heb 12:18-19.

36 **RV 4:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 31:18; 34:28; Deu 9:10.

37 **RV 4:14 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:1.

38 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

39 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

40 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

41 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; Lev 26:1; Deu 5:8; 27:15.

42 **RV 4:17-18a · Cross-ref.** Rom 1:23.

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to the sun or the moon or the stars and serve them—your god Yahweh made them to serve every people group in the world. **20** Yahweh has brought you all out of the iron-smelting furnace of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to be a people that would belong to him (as you are today),[43] **21** but then Yahweh got angry at me because of your parents and determined that I would never enter the land that he's giving to all of you.[44] **22** Instead, I'll die here in this place. I won't cross the Yarden (Jordan) river, but you will, and then you'll all take possession of that good land. **23** Take great care that you all don't forget the agreement with your god Yahweh. Don't make any idols for yourselves in the form of anything that your god Yahweh has ordered you all not to, **24** because your god Yahweh is a consuming fire[45]—he's a god who gets jealous.

25 Even after you've had children and grandchildren and then grown old in the land, don't make an idol in the form of anything, and don't be corrupt or do evil things that your god Yahweh dislikes and so which will make him angry. **26** If you do, I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you all today, that you'd die over there in the land that you're crossing the river to possess. You wouldn't live there very long, but instead would end up getting destroyed. **27** Then Yahweh would scatter the remainder among the nations where you'd remain as a small minority.[46] **28** There you would be forced to worship gods that humans have made out of wood or stone and which can't see, hear, smell, or eat. **29** From there you'll search for your god Yahweh, and you'll find him when you search for him with determination and total sincerity.[47] **30** It's in the future when you end up in distress there that you'll return to your god Yahweh and listen to what he tells you, **31** because your god Yahweh is a merciful god. He won't abandon you or destroy you, and he won't forget what he promised to your ancestors.

32 Now, please, consider past times before you were alive, i.e., from when God first created people here on the earth. You could search all through human history and you wouldn't find anything else as incredible as what Yahweh has done for your ancestors. **33** Has any other people group heard God talking from the middle of a fire like you have, and then lived to tell about it? **34** Or is their any other nation that God has attempted to take out from the middle of another nation, using miracles and war, and power and terrifying actions, like your god Yahweh did for you all when you were in Mitsrayim (Egypt)? **35** You were shown all that so you'd know that Yahweh is the one and only god.[48] **36** He allowed you to hear his voice from the skies to instruct

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_under to_earth. **19** And_lest you_should_lift_up eyes_of_your to_the_heavens and_you_will_see ÐOM the_sun and_ÐOM the_ _moon and_ÐOM the_stars all_of the_soldier/messenger_of the_ _heavens and_you_will_be_drawn_aside and_you_will_bow_ _down to/for_them and_you_will_serve_them which **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_assigned ÐOM_them to_all/each/any/every the_peoples under all_of the_heavens. **20** And_you(pl) **YHWH** he_took and_he_brought_out you(pl) from_the_furnace_of (the)_iron from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_be to_him/it (into)_a_ _people_of inheritance as_day (the)_this. **21** And_**YHWH** he_ _was_angry with_me[49] on words/messages_of_your(pl) and_he_ _swore to_not I_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_to_ _not to_go into the_earth/land (the)_good which **YHWH** god_ _of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance. **22** If/because I am_about_to_die on_the_earth (the)_this not_I am_about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn and_you(pl) are_ _about_to_pass_over and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_good (the)_this. **23** Take_heed to/for_ _you(pl) lest you(pl)_should_forget ÐOM the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which he_has_made with_you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_make to/for_you(pl) an_image a_form_of anything which he_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your. **24** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_a_fire consuming he a_god jealous. **25** If/because you_will_father children and_the_sons children and_you(pl)_will_grow_old on_the_earth and_you(pl)_ _will_act_corruptly and_you(pl)_will_make an_image a_form_of anything and_you(pl)_will_do the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_provoke_him_to_anger. **26** I_call_as_ _witnesses against_you(pl) the_day ÐOM the_heavens and_ÐOM the_earth/land if/because_that certainly_(perish) you(pl)_will_ _perish quickly from_under the_earth/land where you(pl) are_ _about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn to_(to) to_take_ _possession_of_it not you(pl)_will_prolong days on/upon_it(f) if/because utterly_(destroyed) you(pl)_will_be_destroyed. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_scatter you(pl) among_peoples and_ _you(pl)_will_be_left men_of number among_nations where **YHWH** he_will_drive_away you(pl) to_(to). **28** And_you(pl)_will_ _serve there gods the_work_of the_hands_of humankind wood and_stone which not they_see and_not they_hear and_not they_eat and_not they_smell. **29** And_you(pl)_will_seek from_ _there ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_find_him if/because you_will_seek_him in_all heart_of_your and_ _on/over_all being_of_your. **30** In_distress to/for_yourself(m) and_they_will_come_upon_you all_of the_things the_these in_ _end/latter the_days and_you_will_return to **YHWH** god_of_ _your and_you_will_listen to_voice_of_his. **31** If/because is_a_ _god compassionate **YHWH** god_of_your not he_will_abandon_ _you and_not he_will_destroy_you and_not he_will_forget ÐOM the_covenant_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your which he_swore

43 **RV 4:20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 7:6; 14:2; 26:18; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

44 **RV 4:21 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:12.

45 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:29.

46 **RV 4:27-28 · Cross-ref.** Deu 28:36.

47 **RV 4:29 · Cross-ref.** Jer 29:13.

48 **RV 4:35 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 12:32.

49 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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to/for_them. **32** If/because ask please to_days former which they_were to_your_face (to)_from the_day when god he_ _created humankind on the_earth/land and_(to)_from_the_ _end_of the_heavens and_unto the_end_of the_heavens has_it_ _happened like_thing (the)_great the_this or has_it_been_heard like_it. **33** Has_ a_people _it_heard the_voice_of a_god speaking from_the_middle_of the_fire just_as you you_have_heard and_ _has_it_lived. **34** Or has_ a_god _it_attempted to_come to_ _take/accept/receive to_him/it a_nation from_the_midst_of a_ _nation by_trials by_signs and_by_wonders and_by_battle and_ _by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_by_ _terrors great like_all that he_did to/for_you(pl) **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_eyes_of_your. **35** You you_ _were_shown to_know if/because_that **YHWH** he the_'Elohīm there_is_not still_more (from)_besides_alone_of_him.[50] **36** From the_heavens he_caused_you_to_hear ĐǪM voice_of_his to_ _discipline_you and_on the_earth/land he_showed_you ĐǪM fire_of_his (the)_great and_words/messages_of_his you_heard from_the_middle_of the_fire. **37** And_because if/because he_ _loved ĐǪM ancestors_of_your and_he_chose (in)_offspring_of_ _his after_him and_he_brought_you_out by_his_own_of_ _presence by_power_of_his the_big/great(sg) from_Mitsrayim. **38** To_dispossess nations great and_mighty more_than_you from_before_of_you to_bring_you_in to_give to/for_yourself(m) ĐǪM land_of_their an_inheritance as_day (the)_this. **39** And_ _you_will_know the_day and_you_will_bring_back to heart_of_ _your if/because_that **YHWH** he the_'Elohīm in_heavens (from)_above and_on the_earth/land (from)_beneath there_is_ _not still_more. **40** And_you_will_keep ĐǪM regulations_of_his and_ĐǪM commands_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you the_day that it_will_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_for_ _children_of_your after_you and_so_that you_may_prolong days on the_land[515253] which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_yourself(m) all_of the_days.

41 Then Mosheh he_set_apart three cities on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) rising_of_towards_the the_sun. **42** To_flee to_(to) a_killer who he_will_kill ĐǪM his/its_neighbour with_ _not_of knowledge and_he not was_hating to_him/it from_ _yesterday the_third_day and_he_will_flee to one of the_cities (the)_these and_he_will_live. **43** ĐǪM Betser in_wilderness in_ _land of_the_plain for_Rə'ūvēnite[s][55] and_ĐǪM Rā'mōt in_ _Gil'ād for_Gādī[s] and_ĐǪM Gōlān in_Bāshān for_Manassite[s].

44 And_this is_the_law which Mosheh he_set to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **45** These are_the_testimonies and_the_regulations and_the_judgements which Mosheh he_spoke to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **46** On_the_ _other_side_of the_Yardēn in_valley opposite_to Bēyt Pə'ōr in_ _land of_Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī who was_dwelling in_

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you, and on earth you heard his words from the incredible fire that he showed you. **37** Because he loved your ancestors, he chose their descendants as his people and used his power and strength to lead you out of Mitsrayim **38** and then to drive out nations ahead of you that were greater and more powerful than you—bringing you here today so that you could occupy their land as your inheritance. **39** So today you should acknowledge that Yahweh is god of the heavens above and the earth below, and there's no other god. **40** Follow his instructions and obey his regulations that I'm giving you today so that everything will go well for you and your descendants, and so that you'll live a long time in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you as a permanent possession."

The refuge cities

41 Then Mosheh (Moses) selected three cities on that eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan)[54] **42** so that anyone who accidentally killed another person could flee to one of those cities and be safe: **43** Betser in the wilderness for the tribe of Re'uven, Ramot in Gilead for the tribe of Gad, and Golan in the Bashan region for the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).

Giving the instructions

44 These are the instructions that Mosheh (Moses) gave to the Israelis, **45** including all the instructions, rules, and regulations that Mosheh had told them when they left Mitsrayim (Egypt), **46** when they were in the valley east of the Yarden (Jordan) River. They were across from the town of Beyt-Pe'or, in the land that the Amori

50 **LV 4:35 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

51 **LV 4:40 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

52 **LV 4:40 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

53 **LV 4:40 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

54 **RV 4:41-43 · Cross-ref.** Josh 20:8-9.

55 **LV 4:43 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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King Sihon (who lived in Heshbon city) had ruled. (Mosheh and the other Israelis had defeated them when they came out of Mitsrayim.) **47** They had taken possession of his land, as well as the land of Bashan's King Og—the two Amori kings from the eastern side of the Yarden— **48** from Aroer city in the south along the edge of the Arnon valley, and as far north as Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) (normally called Mt. Hermon) **49** and the entire plain east of the Yarden River, extending to the Sea of the Aravah (the Dead/Salt sea) and east to the slopes of Mt. Pisgah.

5:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) summoned all **The ten rules**[56]
Yisrael (Israel) and told them, "Yisrael, listen to the instructions and the regulations that I will speak in your ears today, and then you must learn them and be careful to follow them. **2** Our god Yahweh made an agreement with us at Horev. **3** He didn't make that agreement with our ancestors, but with us ourselves—those of us here today, i.e., with *living* people. **4** Yahweh spoke to you from the middle of the fire—face to face with you all on that mountain. **5** Well, it was me who stood between all of you and Yahweh at that time, to reveal Yahweh's message to you, because you were afraid to approach the fire, and you all didn't go up the mountain. Yahweh said:

6 'I am your god Yahweh who brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)—from the slave-house there.

7 Don't have any other god, other than me.

8 Don't carve any figure for yourself that looks like anything in the sky or on the ground, or in the water below the ground.[57]
9 Don't bow down to them or serve them, because I, your god

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_Ḥeshbōn whom Mosheh and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_
_defeated when_they_came_out from_Mitsrayim. **47** And_they_
_took_possession_of ðøm land_of_his and_ðøm the_land_of ʿŌg
the_king_of (the)_Bāshān the_two_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī
who were_on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn the_rising_of the_
_sun. **48** From_ʿArōʿēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of
'Arnōn and_unto the_mountain_of Siy'on that is_Ḥermōn.
49 And_all the_ʿArāvʿāh the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan)
eastwards_on and_unto the_sea_of the_ʿArāvʿāh under the_
_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh.

5:1 And_ Mosheh _he/it_called (to) all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_he/it_said to_them hear Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ðøm the_
_regulations and_ðøm the_judgements which I am_speaking in_
_ears_of_your(pl) the_day and_you(pl)_will_learn ðøm_them
and_you(pl)_will_take_care to_observe_them. **2** **YHWH** god_of_
_our he_made with_us a_covenant at_Ḥorēvʿ. **3** Not with
ancestors_of_our **YHWH** he_made ðøm the_covenant (the)_this
if/because with_us we these here the_day of_us_of_all alive.
4 Face on_face **YHWH** he_spoke with_you(pl) at_mountain
from_the_middle_of the_fire. **5** I was_standing between **YHWH**
and_between_you(pl) at_time the_that to_announce to/for_
_you(pl) ðøm the_message_of **YHWH** if/because you(pl)_were_
_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_fire and_not you(pl)_went_
_up on_mountain to_say. **6** I am_**YHWH** god_of_your who I_
_brought_you_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_
_house_of[64] slaves[65]. **7** Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m)[66]
gods[67] other[68] on face_of_my[69]. **8** Not you_must_make to/for_
_yourself(m)[70] an_image_of[71] any_of form[72] which[73] is_in_
_heavens[74] (from)_above[75] and_which[76] on_the_earth[77] (from)_
_beneath[78] and_which is_in_waters[79] from_under[80] to_earth[81].

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56 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** Exo. 20:1-17

57 **RV 5:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:1; Deu 4:15-18; 27:15.

64 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֵּיבֵ/מ: (x-accent)תֵּיבֵ/מ

65 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סֵּידָבֵע: (x-accent)סֵּידָבֵע

66 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/לְ הֶיְהִי־אַלׇ׃ךָ/לְ־הֶיְהִי־אַלׇ(x-accent)

67 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סִּיהֳלֵּא: (x-accent)סִּיהֳלֵּא

68 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סִּירֵחֲא: (x-accent)סִּירֵחֲא

69 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יֻּנָּפ׃ (x-accent)יֻּנָּפ

70 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/לְ הֶשֲׂעַת־אַלׇ׃ךָ/לְ־הֶשֲׂעַת אַלׇ(x-accent)

71 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לֶּסֶּפ: (x-accent)לֶּסֶּפ

72 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָּנוּמְּת: (x-accent)הָּנוּמְּת

73 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֶּשֲׁא: (x-accent)רֶּשֲׁא

74 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סַּיַמָּשַׁ/ב: (x-accent)סַּיַמָּשַׁ/ב

75 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לַּעַמ/מ: (x-accent)לַּעַמ/מ

76 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֶּשֲׁא/ו: (x-accent)רֶּשֲׁא/ו

77 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ץֶּרָאָ/ב: (x-accent)ץֶּרָאָ/ב

78 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַּחָּת/מ: (x-accent)תַּחָּת/מ

79 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סַּיַמ/ב: (x-accent)סַּיַמ/ב

80 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַּחַת/מ: (x-accent)תַּחַת/מ

81 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ץֶּרָאָ/ל: (x-accent)ץֶּרָאָ/ל

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9 Not you_must_bow_down[82] to/for_them[83] and_not you_must_
_be_enticed_to_serve_them[84] if/because I **YHWH** god_of_your
am_a_god jealous who_visits the_iniquity_of fathers on
children and_on a_third_generation and_on a_fourth_
_generation of_those_of_who_hate_me[85]. **10** And_who_does[86]
covenant_loyalty[87] to_thousands[88] of_those_of_who_love_me
and_of_those_who_keep_of mmm[89]. **11** Not you_must_take ~~DOM~~
the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_your for_emptiness if/because not
YHWH he_will_leave_unpunished ~~DOM~~ one_who he_will_take
~~DOM~~ his/its_name for_emptiness. **12** Keep[90] ~~DOM~~ the_day_of[91]
of_the_sabbath[92939495] to_set_it_apart_as_holy[96] just_as he_
_commanded_you[97] **YHWH**[98] god_of_your[99].[100] **13** Six_of[101]
days[102] you_will_labour[103] and_you_will_do[104] all_of[105] work_
_of_your[106]. **14** And_the_day_of the_seventh[107] is_a_sabbath[108]
to/for_**YHWH**[109] god_of_your[110] not you_must_do any_of work
you and_son_of_your and_daughter_of_your and_your_male_
_of_servant and_your_female_of_servant and_ox_of_your and_
_donkey_of_your and_all livestock_of_your and_sojourner_of_
_your who is_in_gates_of_your so_that servant_of_your_male
and_your_female_of_servant he_may_rest like_you[111]. **15** And_

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Yahweh, am a jealous god. I'll punish the descendants of those who hate me, even for three or four generations,[58] **10** but showing loyal commitment to thousands of generations of those who love me and obey my instructions.

11 Don't use the name of your god Yahweh idly, because I won't fail to punish people who do that.

12 Observe the Rest Day on Saturday to sanctify it, as your god Yahweh commanded you.[59] **13** There's six days for labouring and doing all your work, **14** but the seventh day is a rest day dedicated to your god Yahweh. Don't do any work on that day: not you or your children or your slaves, or using any of your cattle, nor any foreigner living with you—your slaves can rest like you. **15** Remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and that your god Yahweh took action and used my power to take you out of there. Therefore your god Yahweh commands you to keep the Rest Day.

16 Honour your father and mother as your god Yahweh has commanded you,[60] so that you'll have a long life and so that ev-

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58 **RV 5:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:6-7; Num 14:18; Deu 7:9-10.

59 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:23-30; 31:12-14.

60 **RV 5:16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:16; Mat 15:4; 19:19; Mrk 7:10; 10:19; Luk 18:20; Eph 6:2.

82 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֲוַחַתְּשֶׁת: (x-accent)הֲוַחַתְּשֶׁת

83 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֶּם/הָל: (x-accent)הֶּם/הָל

84 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ם/דְבָעַת: (x-accent)ם/דְבָעַת

85 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB alternative note: י/אְנֹשׂ/ל: (x-accent)י/אְנֹשׂ/ל

86 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הֲשָׂע/ו: (x-accent)הֲשָׂע/ו

87 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: דֶּסֶח: (x-accent)דֶּסֶח

88 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ם/יִפְלָא/ל: (x-accent)ם/יִפְלָא/ל

89 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תוצמ: (x-qere) י/תֹוצְמ: lemma_4687 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp1cs id_05rMa י/תֹוצְמ

90 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: רֹמָשׁ: (x-accent)רֹמָשׁ

91 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: סוי: (x-accent)סוי

92 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ה/תָּבַשׁ: (x-accent)ה/תָּבַשׁ

93 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

94 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

95 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

96 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ו/שְׁדַק/ל: (x-accent)ו/שְׁדַק/ל

97 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/וִצ: (x-accent)ךָ/וִצ

98 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָוהְי: (x-accent)הָוהְי

99 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/יהֱלֹא: (x-accent)ךָ/יהֱלֹא

100 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

101 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תֵּשֵׁשׁ: (x-accent)תֵּשֵׁשׁ

102 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יִמְי: (x-accent)יִמְי

103 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַּבְעַת: (x-accent)תַּבְעַת

104 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: תַשָׂע/ו: (x-accent)תַשָׂע/ו

105 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לָכּ: (x-accent)לָכּ

106 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/תְכאַלְמ: (x-accent)ךָ/תְכאַלְמ

107 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: יִעיבְשׁ/ה: (x-accent)יִעיבְשׁ/ה

108 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: וְתָּבַשׁ: (x-accent)וְתָּבַשׁ

109 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָוהי/ל: (x-accent)הָוהי/ל

110 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/יהֱלֹא: (x-accent)ךָ/יהֱלֹא

111 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB alternative note: ךָ/וֹמָכ: (x-accent)ךָ/וֹמָכ

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erything will go well in the country that your god Yahweh is giving you.[61]

17 Don't murder anyone.

18 Don't commit adultery.

19 Don't steal anything.

20 Don't tell lies in court about anyone.

21 Don't covet your neighbour's spouse, or their house or land, or their slaves or livestock, or anything else that they own.'[62]

22 Yahweh spoke those words in a booming voice from the middle of the fire, the cloud, and the gloom, to all your assembly on the mountain.[63] That was all he said, and he wrote those instructions on two stone tablets and gave them to me.

23 Then when you heard the voice coming out from the darkness and the mountain was blazing with fire, then all the heads of your tribes and the elders approached me **24** and said, "Listen, our god Yahweh demonstrated his greatness and power when we heard him speak from the fire. Today, we've realised that God talks to people, and that they can stay

The people's fear[132]

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_you_will_remember[112] if/because_that a_slave[113] you_were[114] in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt)[115] and_he_brought_you_out[116] **YHWH**[117] god_of_your[118] from_there[119] by_a_hand[120] strong[121] and_by_an_arm outstretched[122] therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of the_sabbath.[123][124][125] **16** Honour ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ mother_of_your just_as he_has_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your so_that they_may_be_long days_of_your and_so_that it_may_go_well to/for_you(fs) on the_soil which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **17** Not[126] you_must_murder[127]. **18** And_not[128] you_must_commit_ _adultery[129]. **19** And_not[130] you_must_steal[131]. **20** And_not you_ _must_testify against_neighbour_of_your transcript_of worthlessness. **21** And_not you_must_covet the_wife_of your_ _neighbour_of_your and_not you_must_desire the_house_of your_neighbour_of_your field_of_his and_his_male_of_servant and_his_female_of_servant ox_of_his and_donkey_of_his and_ _all/each/any/every that belongs_to_neighbour_of_your. **22** ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these **YHWH** he_spoke to all_ _of assembly_of_your(pl) at_mountain from_the_middle_of the_ _fire the_cloud and_the_thick_darkness a_voice great and_not he_added and_he_wrote_them on two_of tablets_of stone(s) and_he_gave_them to_me.

23 And_he/it_was just_as_you(pl)_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_voice from_ _the_middle_of the_darkness and_the_mountain was_burning with_fire and_you(pl)_drew_near to_me all_of the_chiefs_of your(pl)_tribes_of_your(pl) and_your_of_elders. **24** And_ _you(pl)_said HERE he_has_shown_us **YHWH** god_of_our ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ greatness_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ voice_of_his we_have_heard from_the_middle_of the_fire the_day the_this

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61 RV 5:16 · Cross-ref. Eph 6:3.

62 RV 5:21 · Cross-ref. Rom 7:7; 13:9.

63 RV 5:22-27 · Cross-ref. Heb 12:18-19.

112 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: תִּרְצָ֫ו֥/תִּרְצָ֫ו֥(x-accent)

113 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: עֶ֫בֶד(x-accent)

114 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: הָיִ֫יתָ(x-accent)

115 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִצְרַ֫יִם(x-accent)

116 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: הוֹצִיאֲ֫ךָ/הוֹצִיאֲ֫ךָ(x-accent)

117 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: יְהוָ֫ה(x-accent)

118 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֱלֹהֶ֫יךָ/אֱלֹהֶ֫יךָ(x-accent)

119 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: מִשָּׁ֫ם/מִשָּׁ֫ם(x-accent)

120 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: בְּיָ֫ד/בְּיָ֫ד(x-accent)

121 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: חֲזָקָ֫ה(x-accent)

122 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB alternative note: נְטוּיָ֫ה(x-accent)

123 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

124 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

125 LV 5:15 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

126 LV 5:17 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֹ֫ל(x-accent)

127 LV 5:17 · Note OSHB alternative note: חָצְרֹ֫ת(x-accent)

128 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֹ֫ל/אֹ֫ל(x-accent)

129 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB alternative note: תְּאַוֶּ֫ה(x-accent)

130 LV 5:19 · Note OSHB alternative note: אֹ֫ל/אֹ֫ל(x-accent)

131 LV 5:19 · Note OSHB alternative note: בִּנְגֹ֫ת(x-accent)

132 RV 5:23 · Parallel Exo. 20:18-21

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we_have_seen if/because_that god he_speaks with the_
_humankind and_he_will_live. **25** And_now to/for_what will_
_we_die if/because it_will_consume_us the_fire the_
_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this if are_repeating we to_hear ĐOM
the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our again and_we_will_die.
26 If/because who is_all_of flesh who he_has_heard the_voice_
_of god living speaking from_the_middle_of the_fire like_us
and_he_has_lived. **27** You draw_near and_hear ĐOM all_of that
YHWH god_of_our he_will_say and_you you_will_speak to_us
ĐOM all_of that **YHWH** god_of_our he_will_speak to_you and_
_we_will_listen and_we_will_do_it. **28** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_listened ĐOM the_sound_of your(pl)_words/messages_of_
_your(pl) when_spoke_you(pl) to_me and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
to_me I_have_heard ĐOM the_sound_of the_words/messages_of
the_people the_this which they_spoke to_you they_have_done_
_well all_of that they_have_spoken. **29** Who will_he_give and_
heart_of_their this _it_was to/for_them to_fear ĐOM_me and_
_to_keep ĐOM all_of commands_of_my all_of the_days so_that
it_may_go_well to/for_them and_for_children_of_their to_
_vanishing_point. **30** Go say to/for_them return to/for_you(pl)
to_tents_of_your(pl). **31** And_you(ms) here stand with_me so_
_that_I_may_speak to_you ĐOM all_of the_command and_the_
_regulations and_the_judgements which you_will_teach_them
and_they_will_observe_them in/on_the_earth which I am_
_about_to_give to/for_them to_take_possession_of_it. **32** And_
_you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing just_as **YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl) he_has_commanded you(pl) not you(pl)_must_turn_
_aside right_hand and_left_hand. **33** In_all the_way which
YHWH god_of_your(pl) he_has_commanded you(pl) you(pl)_
_will_walk so_that you(pl)_may_live and_good to/for_you(pl)
and_you(pl)_will_prolong days on_the_earth which you(pl)_
_will_take_possession_of.

6:1 And_this is_the_command the_regulations and_the_
_judgements which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_
_commanded to_teach you(pl) for_doing on_the_earth where
you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_
_it. **2** So_that you_may_fear ĐOM **YHWH** god_of_your to_
_guard/protect ĐOM all_of regulations_of_his and_commands_
_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you you and_child_of_your
and_the_child_of your_child_of_your all_of the_days_of
your(pl)_life_of_your and_so_that they_may_grow_long days_
_of_your. **3** And_you_will_hear Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_
_will_take_care for_doing that it_will_go_well to/for_
_yourself(m) and_which you(pl)_will_increase exceedingly just_
_as **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_spoke
to/for_you(fs) a_land flowing_of milk and_honey. **4** Wwww[136]
Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** god_of_our **YHWH** wwww.[137] **5** And_
_you_will_love ĐOM **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_of_your
and_on/over_all being_of_your and_on/over_all strength_of_
_your. **6** And_they_will_be the_words/messages the_these

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alive. **25** However, we're still afraid that we'll die—getting burnt up in that intense fire if we continue hearing our god Yahweh's voice, **26** because when has anybody else ever heard the voice of the living god speak to them from the middle of a blazing fire and they still lived? **27** You Mosheh (Moses), go and listen to everything that our god Yahweh says, and tell us everything that he tells you, and we'll listen to that and obey it."

28 Yahweh heard you all say that to me, and told me, 'I've heard what they said to you and it's a good idea. **29** If only they were sincere in saying that they'd honour me and always follow all my instructions so that everything would go well for them and their descendants forever. **30** Go and tell them to return to their tents, **31** but then come back up here and I'll give you all the instructions and rules and regulations for you to teach them, so they can follow them in the land that I'm giving them to take possession of.'

32 Make sure that you do everything that your god Yahweh has commanded—don't deviate from any of them. **33** Follow all the instructions from your god Yahweh, and then you'll all live and things will go well and you'll all be able to occupy that land for a long time.

Always honour Yahweh

6:1 These are the instructions and rules and regulations that your god Yahweh ordered me to teach you all, to do in the land that you're about to enter and occupy. **2** He wants you all to honour him, to follow all his instructions, and to keep his rules that I'm teaching you and your descendants so that your time on the land will be prolonged. **3** So, listen Yisrael (Israel) and follow carefully so that it will go well for you and that you'll increase in population in that very fertile land as your ancestors' god, Yahweh, promised.

4 Listen Yisrael: Yahweh alone is our god[133] **5** and you should love your god Yahweh with your whole mind, your entire being, and all your strength.[134] **6** Always be considering these instructions that I'm giving you today,[135] **7** and diligently teach them to your children, and talk about them when you're sitting at home and when you're out walking, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Your hands should always be applying them and your

133 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 12:29.

134 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:37; Mrk 12:30; Luk 10:27.

135 **RV 6:6-9 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:18-20.

136 **LV 6:4 · Note** OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

137 **LV 6:4 · Note** OSHB note: Large letter(s). Shown as large letters without a superscript note number.

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minds should always be evaluating them. **9** Carve them onto your doorposts at home, and on your city gates.

Warnings against disobeying

10 Your god Yahweh promised your ancestors Avraham,[138] Yitshak (Isaac),[139] and Ya'akov (Jacob),[140] that he'd give you large, prosperous cities that you didn't have to build, **11** houses full of every good thing that you didn't have to collect, wells that you didn't have to dig, and vineyards and olive groves that you didn't have to plant. You'll be able to eat and be satisfied, **12** but be sure to never forget that it was Yahweh who rescued you from slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **13** You must honour your god Yahweh and only serve him[141] and only make promises using his name. **14** Don't go trying to follow other gods—the gods of the surrounding countries— **15** because your god Yahweh who lives among you is a jealous god. You wouldn't want him to get angry with you and totally destroy you.

16 Don't test the patience of your god Yahweh[142] again like you all did over water at Masah.[143] **17** Be sure to follow all his instructions and rules and regulations that he's given you. **18** Do what Yahweh says is right and good so that things will go well for you and you'll be able to enter the good land that he promised to your ancestors and take possession of it— **19** driving out all your enemies from that land just as Yahweh has said.

20 In the future when your children ask you, 'Why did our god Yahweh our god command us to obey all these rules and decrees?' **21** then you can tell them, 'We were Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) slaves in Mitsrayim (Egypt), but Yahweh used his incredible power to get us out of there. **22** He did many kinds of miracles that devastated that Mitsri (Egyptian) king and his whole household, **23** then he took us out of there, so he could bring us here to give us the land that he'd promised to our ancestors. **24** Yahweh ordered us to follow all these instructions to demonstrate that we honour him so that things will go well for us and he'll protect our nation as he's doing now. **25** Our god Yahweh will declare us to be innocent of wrong if we obey everything that he's instructed us.'

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which I am_commanding_of_you the_day on heart_of_your.
7 And_you_will_repeat_them to_children_of_your and_you_
_will_speak in_them when_sit_you in_house_of_your and_
_when_walk_you on_road and_when_you_lie_down and_when_
_you_rise_up. **8** And_you_will_tie_them for_a_sign on hand_of_
_your and_they_will_be for_marks between eyes_of_your.
9 And_you_will_write_them on the_doorposts_of your_house_
_of_your and_on_gates_of_your.

10 And_it_was if/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_
_your into the_earth/land which he_swore to_ancestors_of_
your to'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob)
to_give to/for_you(fs) cities large and_good which not you_
_built. **11** And_houses full every_of good_thing which not you_
_filled and_wells dug_out which not you_dug vineyards and_
_olive_trees which not you_planted and_you(ms)_will_eat and_
_you_will_be_satisfied. **12** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest
you_should_forget ÐOM **YHWH** who he_brought_you_out from_
_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_of slaves. **13** ÐOM
YHWH god_of_your you_will_fear and_him you_will_serve and_
_in_name_of_his you_will_swear_oaths. **14** Not you(pl)_will_
_walk after gods other any_of_the_gods_of the_peoples which
are_around_of_you(pl). **15** If/because is_a_god jealous **YHWH**
god_of_your in_midst_of_your lest the_anger of_**YHWH** god_of_
_your it_should_burn on/over_you(fs) and_he_will_destroy_you
from_under the_surface_of the_soil. **16** Not you(pl)_will_put_to_
_the_test ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) just_as you(pl)_put_him_
_to_the_test at_Maṣṣāh. **17** Carefully_(keep) you(pl)_will_keep
ÐOM the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_
_testimonies_of_his and_regulations_of_his which he_has_
_commanded_you. **18** And_you_will_do the_right and_the_good
in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** so_that it_may_go_well to/for_
_you(fs) and_you_will_go and_you_will_take_possession_of ÐOM
the_earth/land (the)_good which **YHWH** he_swore to_
_ancestors_of_your. **19** To_drive_out ÐOM all_of enemies_of_your
from_before_of_you just_as **YHWH** he_has_spoken.
20 If/because he_will_ask_you child_of_your tomorrow to_say
what are_the_testimonies and_the_regulations and_the_
_judgements which **YHWH** god_of_our he_commanded you(pl).
21 And_you_will_say to_child_of_your slaves we_were of_Par'oh
in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_brought_us_out **YHWH** from_
_Mitsrayim by_a_hand strong. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave signs
and_wonders great and_bad on_Mitsrayim on_Par'oh and_
_on/over_all household_of_his to_eyes_of_our. **23** And_us he_
_brought_out from_there so_as to_bring us to_give to/for_us
ÐOM the_earth/land which he_swore to_ancestors_of_our.
24 And_he_commanded_us **YHWH** for_doing ÐOM all_of the_
_regulations the_these to_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_our for_good
to/for_us all_of the_days to_preserve_us_alive as_the_day
(the)_this. **25** And_righteousness it_will_belong to/for_
_ourselves if/because we_will_take_care for_doing ÐOM all_of

138 **RV 6:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.
139 **RV 6:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.
140 **RV 6:10 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.
141 **RV 6:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:10; Luk 4:8.
142 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:7; Luk 4:12.
143 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:1-7.

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the_command (the)_this to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_our just_as he_commanded_us.

7:1 If/because he_will_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_your into the_ _earth/land where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_ _possession_of_it and_he_will_clear_away nations many from_ _before_of_you the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Girgāshiy[s] and_the_ _'Amorī[s] and_the_Kəna῾ₐnīte and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_ _Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvˇūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] seven nations great and_ _mighty more_than_you. **2** And_he_will_deliver_them_up **YHWH** god_of_your to_your_face and_you_will_defeat_them certainly_(totally_destroy) you_will_totally_destroy ~~ḌǪM~~_them not you_will_make to/for_them a_covenant and_not you_will_ _show_favour_to_them. **3** And_not you_will_intermarry with_ _them daughter_of_your not you_will_give to_son_of_his and_ _daughter_of_his not you_will_take for_son_of_your. **4** If/because he_will_turn_aside ~~ḌǪM~~ son_of_your from_after_ _me and_they_will_serve gods other and_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_will_burn on_you(pl) and_he_will_destroy_you quickly. **5** If/because (if) thus you(pl)_will_do to/for_them altars_of_ _their you(pl)_will_pull_down and_their_sacred_of_pillars you(pl)_will_break_down and_their_'Ashērāh_poles you(pl)_ _will_cut_down and_images_of_their you(pl)_will_burn with_ _fire. **6** If/because are_a_people holy you to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your (in)_you he_has_chosen **YHWH** god_of_your to_be to_ _him/it (into)_a_people_of possession from_all the_peoples which are_on the_surface_of the_soil. **7** Not because_you_were_ _numerous from_all the_peoples **YHWH** he_loved (in)_you(pl) and_he_chose (in)_you(pl) if/because you(pl) were_the_few from_all the_peoples. **8** If/because from_the_love of_**YHWH** you(pl) and_because_kept_he[149][150][151] ~~ḌǪM~~ the_oath which he_ _swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_brought_out you(pl) by_a_hand strong and_he_redeemed_you from_a_ _house_of slaves from_the_hand_of Par῾oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_you_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** god_of_your he the_'Elohīm the_god (the)_faithful who_ _keeps the_covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty to_those_of_ _who_love_him and_to_those_who_keep_of (of)_his[152] to_a_ _thousand generation[s]. **10** And_who_repays to_those_of_who_ _hate_him to his/its_faces/face by_destroying_him not he_ _delays to_the_one_of_who_hates_him to his/its_faces/face he_ _repays to_him/it. **11** And_you_will_keep ~~ḌǪM~~ the_command and_~~ḌǪM~~ the_regulations and_~~ḌǪM~~ the_judgements which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day to_observe_them.

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Warning Yisrael's descendants[144]

7:1 When your god Yahweh brings you into the land which you're going to possess, he'll drive out many people groups ahead of you: the Hitim, Girgashim, Amorim, Kena'anim (Canaanites), Perizim, Hivim, and the Yevusim—seven societies that are more powerful than yourselves.[145] **2** When your god Yahweh enables you to defeat them, you must kill them all. You must make no agreement with them, and you must not act mercifully toward them. **3** Don't intermarry with them: don't allow your daughters to marry their sons, or your sons to marry any of their daughters **4** because they'd turn your sons away from me, and they'd end up serving other gods. Then Yahweh would become very angry with you all and would quickly destroy you. **5** What you all should do to those people is to break down their altars and smash their stone pillars, cut their Asherah poles to pieces, and burn up their idols.[146] **6** You must do that because you're a group of people who belong only to your god Yahweh. He's chosen you from all the people groups in the world to be his own special people.[147]

7 Yahweh loved you and chose you all, not because you were the most populous nation (in fact, you were the smallest of all the nations), **8** but because Yahweh loves you all and because he kept the promise that he'd made to your ancestors. Yahweh used his power to rescue you all from the slavery imposed by Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Par'oh (Pharaoh). **9** So remember that your god Yahweh is God—the faithful god who keeps agreements and displays loyal commitment toward a thousand generations of those who love him and obey what he's commanded.[148] **10** However, to those who hate him, he won't hesitate to pay them back with punishment and destruction. **11** So be sure to obey all the instructions, rules, and regulations that I'm giving you today.

144 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** Exo. 34:11-16

145 **RV 7:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:19.

146 **RV 7:5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:3.

147 **RV 7:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 4:20; 14:2; 26:18; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

148 **RV 7:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:5-6; 34:6-7; Num 14:18; Deu 5:9-10.

149 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

150 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

151 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

152 **LV 7:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוצמ/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יִתֻּוצַּמ': lemma_4687 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_05JW8 ו/יִתֻּוצַּמ

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Blessings for obedience[153]

12 If you pay attention to these instructions and always obey them, then your god Yahweh will keep the agreement that he promised to your ancestors and continue to display his loyal commitment to you,[154] **13** and he will love you and bless you. He'll grant you many children and make your farming productive, producing grain and grapes for wine, and olive oil. Your cattle and sheep and goats will multiply on the land that he promised your ancestors that he'd give you. **14** You'll be blessed more than any other people group. All of you will be able to have children, and all of your livestock will produce offspring. **15** Yahweh will keep sickness away from you. All those horrible diseases that your ancestors saw in Mitsrayim (Egypt) won't affect you, but instead he'll give them to those who hate you. **16** You must destroy all the peoples that your god Yahweh gives you victory over—don't allow yourselves to pity them, and don't serve their gods because that would end up trapping you.

17 Don't tell yourselves that because those groups have many more people than you, that you won't be able to drive them out. **18** You mustn't be afraid of them, but rather you should think back to what your god Yahweh did to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and to all Mitsrayim. **19** Remember the terrible deadly diseases that you saw, and the powerful miracles that your god Yahweh used to bring you out. That's what he'll do to the people groups that you're still afraid of now. **20** What's more, after that your god Yahweh will send hornets against any who are left or in hiding, until they're all destroyed. **21** Don't be afraid of those people, because your god Yahweh will be with you. He's a powerful god that people are in awe of. **22** He'll drive those people groups out bit by bit—don't try to destroy them all at once or else the wild animals would multiply up and cause problems. **23** Your god Yahweh will enable you to defeat those people groups and cause them to panic until they are destroyed. **24** He'll enable you to defeat their kings and their names will be forgotten from history. No one will be able to stand against you until you finally destroy them. **25** You must burn their idols in a fire—don't be tempted to take any gold or silver decorations off them in case you get trapped by it, because your god Yahweh hates every part of those idols. **26** Don't take any of those disgusting idols into your homes or you too might become a target for destruction. You should hate and detest them because they're destined for destruction.

Literal Version

12 And_it_was consequence_of you(pl)_will_hear ~~DOM~~ the_ _judgements the_these and_you(pl)_will_take_care and_ _you(pl)_will_observe ~~DOM~~_them and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_ _will_keep to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ the_covenant and_~~DOM~~ (the)_covenant_loyalty which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your. **13** And_he_will_love_you and_he_will_bless_you and_he_will_ _increase_you and_he_will_bless the_fruit_of your_womb_of_ _your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your grain_of_your and_your_new_of_wine and_your_fresh_of_oil the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_ _your on the_soil which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_give to/for_you(fs). **14** Blessed you_will_be from_all the_peoples not he_will_be in_you(ms) a_sterile_male and_a_barren_female and_among_livestock_of_your. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_remove from_you every_of sickness and_all the_diseases_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) (the)_harmful which you_experienced not he_will_put_them on/over_you(fs) and_he_will_set_them in_all those_of_who_hate_you. **16** And_you(ms)_will_eat ~~DOM~~ all_of the_peoples which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_deliver_up to/for_you(fs) not eye_of_your it_will_look_with_pity on_them and_not you_will_serve ~~DOM~~ gods_of_their if/because will_be_a_ _snare it to/for_you(fs). **17** If/because you_will_say in_heart_of_ _your are_great the_nations the_these more_than_I how will_I_ _be_able to_dispossess_them. **18** Not you_must_be_afraid from_ _them carefully_(remember) you_will_remember ~~DOM~~ that_ _which **YHWH** god_of_your he_did to_Par'oh and_to/for_all Mitsrayim. **19** The_trials (the)_great which eyes_of_your_own they_saw and_the_signs and_the_wonders and_the_hand (the)_ _strong and_the_arm (the)_outstretched which he_brought_ _you_out **YHWH** god_of_your thus **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_ _do to/from_all/each/any/every the_peoples which you are_ _afraid of_them. **20** And_also ~~DOM~~ the_hornet **YHWH** god_of_ _your he_will_send among_them until those_who_remain and_ _those_who_hide_themselves from_before_of_you perish. **21** Not you_must_be_terrified from_their_face/front if/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_in_midst_of_your a_god great and_ _awesome. **22** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_will_clear_away ~~DOM~~ the_nations (the)_these from_before_of_you little little not you_will_be_able to_make_an_end_of_them quickly lest it_ _should_increase with_you the_animal[s]_of the_field. **23** And_ _he_will_deliver_them_up **YHWH** god_of_your to_your_face and_he_will_confuse_them confusion great until they_are_ _destroyed. **24** And_he/it_gave kings_of_their in_hand_of_your and_you_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ their_name from_under the_heavens not anyone he_will_stand in_face_of_your until you_have_ _destroyed ~~DOM~~_them. **25** The_images_of their_gods_of_their you(pl)_will_burn with_fire not you_will_covet silver and_gold on_them and_you_will_take_it to/for_you(fs) lest you_should_ _be_ensnared in/on/over_him/it if/because is_(the)_ _abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your it. **26** And_not you_will_ _bring an_abomination into house_of_your and_you_will_be an_object_for_destruction like_it utterly_(detest) you_will_ _detest_it and_utterly_(abhor) you_will_abhor_it if/because is_ _an_object_for_destruction it.

153 **RV 7:12 · Parallel** Deu. 28:1-14

154 **RV 7:12-16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:13-17.

Literal Version

8:1 All_of the_command which I am_commanding_of_you the_ _day you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing so_that you(pl)_may_live and_you(pl)_will_increase and_you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_ _will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_ _swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl). **2** And_you_will_remember ~~DOM~~ all_of the_way which he_led_you **YHWH** god_of_your this forty year[s] in_wilderness so_as to_humble_you to_put_you_ _to_the_test to_know ~~DOM~~ that_which was_in_heart_of_your will_you_keep his[156] or not. **3** And_he_humbled_you and_he_ _allowed_you_to_hunger and_he_caused_you_to_eat ~~DOM~~[157][158][159] the_manna which not you_had_known and_not they_had_known ancestors_of_your so_as to_make_you_know if/because_that not on the_bread for_him/it_being_alone the_ _humankind he_lives if/because on every_of (the)_utterance_of the_mouth_of **YHWH** the_humankind he_lives. **4** Clothing_of_ _your not it_wore_out from_on_you and_foot_of_your not it_ _swelled this forty year[s]. **5** And_you_will_know with heart_of_ _your if/because_that just_as everyone he_disciplines ~~DOM~~ his/its_son **YHWH** god_of_your is_disciplining_of_you. **6** And_ _you_will_keep ~~DOM~~ the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_ _go in_ways_of_his and_by_fearing ~~DOM~~_him/it. **7** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_of_to_bring_you into a_land good a_land_of torrents_of water springs and_deeps which_go_forth in_valley and_on_mountain. **8** A_land_of wheat and_barley and_ _vine and_fig_tree and_pomegranate a_land_of olive_tree_of oil and_honey. **9** A_land which not in_scarcity you_will_eat in_it food not you_will_lack anything in_it a_land which stones_of_ _its are_iron and_from_hills_of_its you_will_dig copper. **10** And_ _you(ms)_will_eat and_you_will_be_satisfied and_you_will_bless ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your on the_earth/land (the)_good which he_has_given to/for_you(fs).

11 Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_forget ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your to_not to_keep commands_of_his and_ _judgements_of_his and_regulations_of_his which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day. **12** Lest you_should_eat and_ _you_will_be_satisfied and_houses good you_will_build and_ _you_will_dwell. **13** And_herd_of_your and_flock_of_your they_ _will_increase and_silver and_gold it_will_increase to_you and_ _all/each/any/every that to/for_yourself(m) it_will_increase. **14** And_ heart_of_your _it_will_be_lifted_up and_you_will_ _forget ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your who_brought_out_of_you from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_of slaves. **15** Who_led_of_you in_wilderness the_big/great(sg) and_(the)_ _awesome snake fiery and_scorpion and_thirsty_ground where there_was_not water who_brought_forth to/for_yourself(m) water from_the_rock_of (the)_flint. **16** Who_caused_you_of_to_ _eat manna in_wilderness which not they_had_known ancestors_of_your so_as to_humble_you and_so_as to_put_you_ _to_the_test to_do_good_to_you in_end_of_your. **17** And_you_ _will_say in_heart_of_your strength_of_my and_the_might_of

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The productive land to be possessed

8:1 You must consistently follow the instructions that I'm giving you today, so that you all can enter and occupy the land that Yahweh promised to your ancestors, and live there and multiply. **2** Remember the way that your god Yahweh led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you—to test you to know whether or not you were sincere about obeying his instructions. **3** He humbled you by making you hungry and feeding you some stuff that neither you nor your ancestors had heard of, in order to teach you that people don't just need food, but can only properly live by following what Yahweh says.[155] **4** For the entire forty years, your clothes didn't wear out and your feet didn't swell up from walking in the desert. **5** Don't forget that your god Yahweh disciplines you, just like a human father disciplines his children. **6** So follow your god Yahweh's instructions. Live how he's told you, and always honour him **7** because he's bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and fountains, and springs both in the valleys and in the hills. **8** It's a land with wheat and barley, grapevines and fig trees, pomegranates and olive trees, and honey— **9** a land with plenty of food where you won't lack anything. There's iron in the rocks, and copper in the hills. **10** You'll eat and be full, and you'll thank your god Yahweh for the good land that he's given you.

Warnings against forgetting Yahweh

11 Be careful not to forget your god Yahweh[160] by failing to follow his instructions and rules and regulations that I'm telling you today. **12** Watch out when you eat and feel satisfied, and you've built good houses and are living in them, **13** and your herds and flocks have increased, and you've accumulated gold and silver, and everything you have has multiplied. **14** That's when it would be easy to become proud and forget your god Yahweh who brought you out of slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **15** He led you through that vast, treacherous wilderness—the home of poisonous snakes and scorpions, and desert land without water, then he made water flow out of solid rock. **16** He fed you stuff in the wilderness that your ancestors had never heard of, so that he could humble you yet eventually cause you to prosper **17** without thinking to yourselves that your wealth came from your own strength and ability. **18** Remember that it's your god Yahweh who gives you the strength to prosper, so that he can fulfill his agreement that he

155 **RV 8:3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:4; Luk 4:4.

156 **LV 8:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוצמ/ו: (x-qere) יְתֹוְצִמ/ו': lemma_4687 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_05Hxg יְתֹוְצִמ/ו

157 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

158 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

159 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

160 **RV 8:11-16 · Cross-ref.** Hos 13:5-6.

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promised to your ancestors, as he has until now. **19** However, if you end up forgetting about your god Yahweh and start following other gods and serving them and bowing down to them, I can assure you that you'll most definitely be destroyed. **20** If you don't listen to what your god Yahweh says, then you'll be destroyed just like the other people groups that he's destroyed ahead of you all.

The reason for destruction of the land's inhabitants

9:1 Listen Yisrael (Israel): Today you'll cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to drive out peoples that are larger and more powerful than yourselves and who are protected in large, fortified cities with high walls. **2** The people themselves are tall and strong. (Some of these are descendants of the Anakim, and you've heard people say that no one can defeat the Anakim.) **3** You need to be confident that your god Yahweh will go ahead of you like a raging fire—he'll destroy them and subdue them ahead of you, then you can drive them out and quickly eliminate them as Yahweh has told you to do.

4 After your god Yahweh has driven them out ahead of you, don't go saying that it was thanks to your own goodness and innocence, because it's because of the wickedness of those peoples that Yahweh is doing that. **5** Again, it's not because of your obedience or goodness that you're going in to occupy their land, but it's because of the wickedness of those peoples that your god Yahweh will drive them out in front of you, and so that he can fulfill what he promised to your ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). **6** Actually, you're a very stubborn people, so be very clear: it's not because of your goodness and obedience that your god Yahweh is giving you this good land.

The gold calf idol

7 Never forget how you provoked your god Yahweh to get angry in the wilderness—you've been rebellious towards him the whole time from when you left Mitsrayim (Egypt) until your arrival here. **8** Even at Horev you made Yahweh angry, in fact he was angry enough to destroy you. **9** When I went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets containing Yahweh's agreement with you, I stayed up on the mountain for forty days and nights without eating or drinking.[162] **10** Then Yahweh gave me the two stone tablets that had been written by God's finger. They had the words spoken to you by Yahweh out

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my_hand_of_my it_has_acquired to_me ~~DOM~~ the_wealth (the)_ _this. **18** And_you_will_remember ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your if/because_that he is_the_one_who_gives to/for_yourself(m) strength for_doing wealth so_as to_carry_out ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_ _his which he_swore to_ancestors_of_your as_day (the)_this. **19** And_it_was if ever_(forget) you_will_forget ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_ _of_your and_you_will_walk after gods other and_you_will_ _serve_them and_you_will_bow_down to/for_them I_testify against_you(pl) the_day if/because_that certainly_(perish) you(pl)_will_perish. **20** Like_nations which **YHWH** is_about_to_ _destroy from_before_of_you(pl) so you(pl)_will_perish consequence_of not you(pl)_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

9:1 Hear Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) you are_about_to_pass_over the_ _day ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_go to_dispossess nations great and_mighty more_than_you cities large and_fortified in_ _heavens. **2** A_people great and_lofty the_descendants_of the_ _ʿAnāqī whom you you_know and_you(ms) you_have_heard who will_he_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _descendants_of ʿĀnāq. **3** And_you_will_know the_day if/because_that **YHWH** god_of_your he is_the_one_who_will_ _pass_over to_your_face a_fire consuming he he_will_destroy_ _them and_he he_will_subdue_them to_your_face and_you_ _will_dispossess_them and_you_will_destroy_them[161] quickly just_as **YHWH** he_spoke to/for_you(fs). **4** Do_not say in_heart_ _of_your when_ **YHWH** god_of_your _drives_out ~~DOM~~_them from_before_face_of_you to_say in_righteousness_of_my he_ _has_brought_me **YHWH** to_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_ _earth/land (the)_this and_in_the_wickedness_of the_nations the_these **YHWH** is_dispossessing_of_them from_before_of_ _you. **5** Not in_righteousness_of_your and_in_the_uprightness_ _of your_heart_of_your you are_about_to_go to_take_ _possession_of ~~DOM~~ land_of_their if/because in_the_ _wickedness_of the_nations the_these **YHWH** god_of_your is_ _dispossessing_of_them from_before_of_you and_so_as to_ _carry_out ~~DOM~~ the_message which **YHWH** he_swore to_ _ancestors_of_your to_ʾAvrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_ _Yaʿaqov/(Jacob). **6** And_you_will_know if/because_that not in_ _righteousness_of_your **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land (the)_good (the)_this to_take_possession_of_it if/because are_a_people stiff_of neck you.

7 Remember do_not forget ~~DOM~~ how you_provoked_to_anger ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your in_wilderness (to)_from the_day when you_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until came_ _you(pl) to the_place the_this rebellious you(pl)_have_been with **YHWH**. **8** And_at_Ḥorēv you(pl)_provoked_to_anger ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_was_angry with_you(pl) to_destroy you(pl). **9** When_I_went_up to_the_mountain to_ _take/accept/receive the_tablets_of (the)_stone(s) the_tablets_ _of the_covenant which **YHWH** he_had_made with_you(pl) and_I_remained on_mountain forty day[s] and_forty night[s] food not I_ate and_water not I_drank. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave to_me ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_tablets_of (the)_stone(s)

161 LV 9:3 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

162 RV 9:9 · Cross-ref. Exo 24:18.

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written by_the_finger_of god and_were_on_them like_all_of the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_had_spoken with_ _you(pl) on_mountain from_the_middle_of the_fire in/on_day of_the_assembly. **11** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity forty day[s] and_forty night[s] **YHWH** he_gave to_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _two_of the_tablets_of (the)_stone(s) the_tablets_of the_ _covenant. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me arise go_down quickly from_here if/because people_of_your which you_ _brought_out from_Mitsrayim it_has_acted_corruptly they_ _have_turned_aside quickly from the_way which I_ _commanded_them they_have_made to/for_them a_molten_ _image. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me to_say I_have_seen ᴅᴏᴍ the_people the_this and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE is_a_people stiff_ _of neck it. **14** Refrain from_me so_that_I_may_destroy_them and_so_that_I_may_wipe_out ᴅᴏᴍ their_name from_under the_ _heavens and_I_will_make you to_(a)_nation mighty and_great more_than_it. **15** And_I_turned and_I_went_down from the_ _mountain and_the_mountain was_burning with_fire and_the_ _two_of the_tablets_of the_covenant were_on the_two_of hands_of_my. **16** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you(pl)_had_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_had_made to/for_you(pl) a_calf_of molten_metal you(pl)_had_turned_ _aside quickly from the_way which **YHWH** he_had_commanded you(pl). **17** And_I_seized (on)_the_two_of the_tablets and_I_ _threw_them from_under the_two_of hands_of_my and_I_ _broke_them to_eyes_of_your(pl). **18** And_I_prostrated_myself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** like_time forty day[s] and_forty night[s] food not I_ate and_water not I_drank on all_of sin_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_had_sinned for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger. **19** If/because I_was_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_anger and_the_rage which **YHWH** he_was_angry towards_you(pl) to_ _destroy you(pl) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_me also at_ _time the_that. **20** And_with_'Ah$_a$ron **YHWH** he_was_angry exceedingly to_destroy_him and_I_prayed also for 'Ah$_a$ron at_ _time the_that[170][171][172] **21** and_ᴅᴏᴍ sin_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_had_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_calf I_took and_I_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it with_fire and_I_crushed ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it I_ground_it thoroughly_ _(do_well) until that it_was_fine into_dust and_I_threw ᴅᴏᴍ dust_of_its into the_wadi which_was_coming_down from the_ _mountain. **22** And_at_Tav˝ērāh and_at_Maṣṣāh and_at_Qiv˘rōt-hatta'$_a$vāh provoking_to_anger you(pl)_were ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **23** And_when_ **YHWH** _sent you(pl) from_Qādēsh- barnē˝a to_ _say go_up and_take_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which I_have_given to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_rebelled_against ᴅᴏᴍ

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from the fire on the mountain on the day of that assembly. **11** Then finally at the end of those forty days and nights, Yahweh gave me those two stone tablets with the agreement written on them.

12 Then he told me, 'Now hurry and go down quickly from here, because your people who you brought out from Mitsrayim, have become corrupted. They didn't take at all long to turn away from following my instructions—they've already made a metal idol for themselves.'

13 Additionally, Yahweh said to me, 'I've noticed that this group of people is very stubborn. **14** Move away and I'll destroy them so they'll never be remembered again, and I'll make your descendants into a more powerful and more prestigious nation than they ever were.'

15 So I turned and headed back down the mountain that was still burning with fire, carrying the two tablets with the agreement written on them. **16** Then I looked, and wow, you certainly had disobeyed your god Yahweh. You'd cast a metal calf. You'd turned so quickly from the instructions that Yahweh had given you. **17** I grabbed those two stone tablets and threw them to the ground—shattering them right in front of your eyes. **18** Then I lay on the ground in front of Yahweh for forty days and nights without eating or drinking because of how you'd disobeyed Yahweh—doing evil things that provoked him into being angry. **19** Yes, I was afraid that in his terrible anger, Yahweh might destroy you,[163] but he listened to me at that time. **20** Yahweh was angry enough to want to destroy Aharon (Aaron), but I also interceded for him at that time. **21** I took that symbol of your disobedience—that calf idol that you all had made—and threw it into the fire, then I crushed it and ground it into dust, and threw the dust into the mountain stream.

22 You all also provoked Yahweh to get angry at Tav'erah,[164] at Masah,[165] and at Kivrot-Hata'avah.[166] **23** Also when Yahweh sent you all from Kadesh-Barnea,[167] saying, 'Go in and take possession of the land that I've given to you,'[168] but you rebelled against your god Yahweh's words, and you didn't believe him and didn't do what he said.[169] **24** You've all been rebellious against Yahweh since the day I knew you back in Mitsrayim (Egypt).

25 So I lay on the ground in Yahweh's presence for forty days and nights, because he said he'd destroy you all, **26** and I prayed,

163 **RV 9:19 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:21.

164 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 11:3.

165 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:7.

166 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 11:34.

167 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Num 13:17.

168 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Deu 1:21.

169 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Num 13:31; Deu 1:26; Heb 3:16.

170 **LV 9:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

171 **LV 9:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

172 **LV 9:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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'My master Yahweh, these people belong to you. Don't destroy them—they are people who you rescued and brought out of Mitsrayim by using your strength and power. **27** Don't forget what you promised your servants Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). Overlook the stubbornness, wickedness, and disobedience of these people **28** so that the people of Mitsrayim where we were brought out from don't say that you weren't able to bring them to the land that you'd promised to give to them. They'll say that you took them into the desert to kill them there because you hated them. **29** But they are your people and your inheritance, who you brought out of Mitsrayim using your strength and power.'

The replacement stone tablets[173]

10:1 After that, Yahweh told me, "Carve out two stone tablets like the first ones, and make a wooden chest to put them in, then come up to me on the mountain. **2** I'll write the words onto the tablets that were on the first tablets that you broke, then you can put them into the box."

3 So I made a box from acacia wood, and I carved out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I went up the mountain carrying the two tablets **4** and he wrote the ten instructions on the tablets like the first time—the same words that Yahweh had spoken to you from the fire on the mountain on the day of the assembly. Then he gave me the tablets **5** and I turned and went down the mountain. I put the tablets into the box that I'd made, just like Yahweh had told me to.

6 Then the Israelis travelled from Be'erot-Beney-Ya'akan[174] to Moserah[175] where Aharon (Aaron) died. He was buried there, and his son Eleazar replaced him as chief priest.[176] **7** From there they moved on to Gudgodah, then from there onto Yotvatah—an

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the_mouth_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_believed to_him/it and_not you(pl)_listened to_voice_of_his. **24** Rebellious you(pl)_have_been with **YHWH** from_the_day_of knew_I you(pl). **25** And_I_prostrated_myself to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_forty the_day and_~~DOM~~ the_forty the_night which I_prostrated_myself if/because **YHWH** he_had_said to_destroy you(pl). **26** And_I_prayed to **YHWH** and_I_said my_master **YHWH** do_not destroy people_ _of_your and_inheritance_of_your which you_redeemed by_ _greatness_of_your which you_brought_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) by_a_hand strong. **27** Remember (to)_ _servants_of_your (to)_'Avrāhām (to)_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_(to)_ _Ya'aqov/(Jacob) do_not turn to the_stubbornness_of the_ _people the_this and_near/to wickedness_of_its and_near/to sin_of_its. **28** Lest the_earth/land where you_brought_us_out from_there they_should_say because_not_of **YHWH** was_able to_bring_them into the_earth/land which he_spoke to/for_ _them and_from_hatred_of_his them he_led_them_out to_put_ _them_to_death in_wilderness. **29** And_they people_of_are_your and_inheritance_of_your which you_brought_out by_strength_ _of_your the_big/great(sg) and_by_arm_of_your (the)_ _outstretched.

10:1 At_time the_that **YHWH** he_said to_me cut_out to/for_ _yourself(m) two_of tablets_of[179180181182] stone(s) like_tablets and_come_up to_me to_the_mountain and_you_will_make for_ _yourself an_box_of wood. **2** And_I_will_write on the_tablets ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages which they_were on the_tablets (the)_former which you_broke and_you_will_put_them in_box. **3** And_I_made an_box_of wood(s)_of acacia and_I_cut_out two_ _of tablets_of stone(s) like_tablets and_I_went_up to_the_ _mountain and_the_two_of the_tablets were_in_hand_of_my. **4** And_he_wrote on the_tablets like_writing (the)_former ~~DOM~~ the_ten_of the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_you(pl) on_mountain from_the_middle_of the_fire in/on_ _day of_the_assembly and_he_gave_them **YHWH** to_me. **5** And_ _I_turned and_I_came_down from the_mountain and_I_put ~~DOM~~ the_tablets in_box which I_had_made and_they_were there just_as he_commanded_me **YHWH**. **6** And_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_set_out from_Bə'ērot_Bənēy- sons_of Bə'ērot_Bənēy- Mōṣērāh there 'Aha_ron he_died and_he_was_ _buried there and_ 'El'āzār his/its_son _he_served_as_priest in_ _place_of_him. **7** From_there they_set_out to_(the)_Gudgo-dāh

173 **RV 10:1 · Parallel** Exo. 34:1-10

174 **RV 10:6 · Note** Rather than just transliterating this name as we've done, it would also be possible to translate it as 'the wells of the sons of Yaakan'.

175 **RV 10:6 · Note** The document known as 'Numbers' tells us that Aharon died on Mt. Hor, so presumably Moserah is in that same region.

176 **RV 10:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:28; 33:38.

179 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

180 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

181 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

182 **LV 10:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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and_from to_(the)_Gudgo-dāh Yoṭvātāh/(Jotbathah) a_land_of torrents_of[183184185] water. **8** At_time the_that **YHWH** he_set_ _apart ÐOM the_tribe_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_carry ÐOM the_box_ _of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** to_serve_him and_to_bless in_name_of_his until the_day (the)_this. **9** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not it_belongs to_Lēvī a_portion and_an_inheritance with brothers_of_his **YHWH** he inheritance_of_is_his just_as **YHWH** god_of_your he_spoke to_him/it. **10** And_I I_remained on_ _mountain like_days (the)_former forty day[s] and_forty night[s] and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_me also at_time the_ _that not **YHWH** he_was_willing to_destroy_you. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me arise go to_journeying to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_people so_that_they_may_go and_ _so_that_they_may_take_possession_of ÐOM the_earth/land which I_swore to_ancestors_of_their to_give to/for_them.

12 And_now Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) what is_**YHWH** god_of_your asking from_with_you if/because (if) to_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_ _of_your to_go in_all ways_of_his and_to_love ÐOM_him/it and_ _to_serve ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_of_your and_ _on/over_all being_of_your. **13** To_guard/protect ÐOM the_ _commands_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM regulations_of_his which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day for_good to/for_you(fs). **14** THERE to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your the_heavens and_the_ _heavens_of the_heavens the_earth/land and_all that is_in_it. **15** Only (in)_ancestors_of_your **YHWH** he_loved to_love them and_he_chose (in)_offspring_of_their after_them (in)_you(pl) from_all the_peoples as_day the_this.[189] **16** And_you(pl)_will_ _circumcise ÐOM the_foreskin_of your_heart_of_your(pl) and_ _neck_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_will_stiffen again. **17** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he is_the_god_of the_'Elohīm and_the_ _master(s)_of the_masters the_god the_big/great(sg) (the)_ _mighty and_(the)_awesome who not he_lifts_up face and_not he_takes a_bribe. **18** He_is_bringing_about judgement_of a_ _fatherless_one and_a_widow and_he_is_loving a_sojourner to_ _give to_him/it food and_clothing. **19** And_you(pl)_will_love ÐOM the_sojourner if/because sojourners you(pl)_were in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **20** ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_fear ÐOM_him/it you_will_serve and_to_him you_will_cleave and_in_ _name_of_his you_will_swear_oaths. **21** He praise_of_is_your and_he god_of_is_your who he_has_done with_you ÐOM the_ _great_things and_ÐOM the_awesome_deeds the_these which eyes_of_your_own they_have_seen. **22** (In)_seventy person[s]

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area with many streams. **8** At that time, Yahweh chose the tribe of Levi to carry the box containing Yahweh's agreement, and to stand in Yahweh's presence to serve and worship him, until this day.[177] **9** That's why the Levites didn't receive land in the same way as the other tribes as Yahweh told them that he is their inheritance. **10** I myself stayed up on the mountain for forty days and nights just like the first time.[178] Yahweh listened to me that time as well, and said that he wouldn't destroy you. **11** Then Yahweh told me, "Continue your journey leading the people to enter and occupy the land that I promised their ancestors that I'd give them.

The call to obedience

12 Now Yisrael (Israel), your god Yahweh expects you honour him and to follow his instructions and to love him, and to serve him with sincerity and with energy— **13** obeying his rules and regulations that I'm giving you today for the benefit of the country. **14** Listen, the highest heavens belong to your god Yahweh, as well as the earth and everything on it, **15** yet he decided to show love to your ancestors, and as their descendants, he chose you all out from all the peoples as you know to this day. **16** You all must eradicate your rebelliousness and stop being stubborn, **17** because your god Yahweh is god of gods and master of masters—the very powerful and awesome one who doesn't judge by looks and doesn't accept bribes.[186] **18** He delivers fair judgements for the fatherless and for widows, and shows love towards foreigners—giving them food and clothing, **19** so you all must show love to foreigners too because you all were foreigners when you were in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **20** You must honour your god Yahweh and serve him. Rely on him and only make promises with his authority. **21** He's the one you should praise. He's your god who's done powerful miracles on your behalf which you saw with your own eyes. **22** When your ancestors went down to Mitsrayim, there was only seventy of them,[187] but now your god Yahweh has increased your population like the stars in number.[188]

177 **RV 10:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 3:5-8.

178 **RV 10:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:28.

183 **LV 10:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

184 **LV 10:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

185 **LV 10:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

186 **RV 10:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Tim 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16; Acts 10:34; Rom 2:11; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9.

187 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:27.

188 **RV 10:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:5; 22:17.

189 **LV 10:15 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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Remembering the miracles

11:1 You must love your god Yahweh and follow his instructions, rules, regulations, and commands from now on. **2** Of course that was you all and your parents who experienced your god Yahweh's discipline and who saw his power and strength and the amazing miracles done on your behalf—not your children. **3** They didn't see his actions and the miracles done to King Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his people right there in Mitsrayim (Egypt),[193] **4** or what he did to the Mitsri (Egyptian) army with its horses and chariots when he caused the Red Sea to flow over the top of them as they chased you, and how Yahweh destroyed them and they've never recovered to this day,[194] **5** or how he helped you all in the wilderness until you reached this place. **6** Your children didn't see what Yahweh did to Eliav's sons Datan and Aviram (from the tribe of Re'uven) when the ground opened up and swallowed them, along with their houses and tents and all their families and animals right in the middle of the encampment[195] **7** because you all are the ones who actually saw the amazing miracles that Yahweh did.

The promises and warnings

8 So then, follow all the instructions that I'm giving you all today so that you'll all be strong to enter and take possession of the land once you cross the river **9** and so that you all might live for a long time in that land which Yahweh promised to give them and their descendants—a land flowing with milk and honey **10** because it's not like Mitsrayim (Egypt) where your ancestors came out from, where you planted seed and had to water the fields by hand. **11** But the land that you're all about to enter over the river has a terrain of hills and valleys, i.e., it drinks in the rain water. **12** It's a land that your god Yahweh cares about—watching over it from the beginning of each year to the end.

13 If you all listen to the instructions that I'm giving you today, loving your god Yahweh and serving him with sincerity and with energy,[196] **14** then he says that he'll give the land the seasonal early and late rains so that you'll be able to produce grain, and new wine, and olive oil. **15** He'll provide grass in the countryside for your livestock, and you'll eat and be satisfied. **16** Guard yourselves to make sure that you're not deceived and end up turning around to serve other 'gods' and bow down to

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ancestors_of_your they_went_down to_Mitsrayim[190][191][192] and_ _now he_has_made_you **YHWH** god_of_your like_the_stars_of the_heavens to_increase_in_number.

11:1 And_you_will_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_ _keep command_of_his and_regulations_of_his and_ _judgements_of_his and_commands_of_his all_of the_days. **2** And_you(pl)_will_know the_day if/because not ~~DOM~~ children_ _of_your(pl) who not they_have_known and_which not they_ _have_seen ~~DOM~~ the_training_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) ~~DOM~~ greatness_of_his ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand (the)_strong and_arm_of_his (the)_outstretched. **3** And_~~DOM~~ signs_of_his and_~~DOM~~ deeds_of_ _his which he_did in_the_middle of_Mitsrayim to_Par'oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim and_to/for_all land_of_his. **4** And_which he_ _did to_the_army_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_horses_of_its and_ _to_chariotry_of_its whom he_caused_to_flow ~~DOM~~ the_water_ _of the_sea_of reed[s] over faces_of_their when_pursued_they after_you(pl) and_he_destroyed_them **YHWH** until the_day (the)_this. **5** And_which he_did to/for_you(pl) in_wilderness until came_you(pl) to the_place (the)_this. **6** And_which he_did to_Dātān and_to_'Avīrām the_sons_of 'Elī'āv the_son_of Rə'ūvēn when the_earth/land it_opened ~~DOM~~ her/its_mouth and_it_swallowed_them and_~~DOM~~ households_of_their and_~~DOM~~ tents_of_their and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_existence which was_at_feet_ _of_their in_the_midst_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** If/because your(pl)_eyes are_the_ones_which_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_work_of **YHWH** the_big/great(sg) which he_did.

8 And_you(pl)_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of the_command which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day so_that you(pl)_may_be_strong and_you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land where you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **9** And_so_that you(pl)_may_prolong days on the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) to_give to/for_them and_to_offspring_of_their a_land flowing_of milk and_honey. **10** If/because the_earth/land where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it not is_like_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it where you(pl)_came_ _out from_there where you_sowed ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit and_you_watered_it with_foot_of_your like_(the)_garden_of (the)_vegetable[s]. **11** And_the_earth where you(pl) are_about_ _to_pass_over to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it is_a_land_of mountains and_valleys to_the_rain_of the_heavens it_drinks water. **12** A_land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_caring_for ~~DOM~~_ _her/it continually the_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your are_on_it from_the_beginning_of the_year and_unto the_end_of a_year. **13** And_it_was if really_(obey) you(pl)_will_obey (to) commands_of_my which I am_commanding you(pl) the_day to_ _love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_to_serve_him in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_your(pl). **14** And_I_ _will_give the_rain_of your_land_of_your(pl) at_its_

190 LV 10:22 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

191 LV 10:22 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

192 LV 10:22 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

193 RV 11:3 · Cross-ref. Exo 7:8–12:13.

194 RV 11:4 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:28.

195 RV 11:6 · Cross-ref. Num 16:31-32.

196 RV 11:13-17 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:3-5; Deu 7:12-16; 28:1-14.

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_appropriate_of_time autumn_rain and_spring_rain and_you_
_will_gather grain_of_your and_your_new_of_wine and_your_
_fresh_of_oil. **15** And_I_will_give grass in_field[s]_of_your for_
_cattle_of_your and_you(ms)_will_eat and_you_will_be_
_satisfied. **16** Take_heed to/for_you(pl) lest heart_of_your(pl) it_
_should_be_deceived and_you(pl)_will_turn_aside and_you(pl)_
_will_serve gods other and_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_
them. **17** And the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_will_burn on_you(pl)
and_he_will_shut_up ðom the_heavens and_not rain it_will_
_come and_the_ground not it_will_yield ðom produce_of_its
and_you(pl)_will_perish quickly from_under the_earth/land
(the)_good which **YHWH** is_about_to_give to_you(pl). **18** And_
_you(pl)_will_put ðom words/messages_of_my these on heart_
_of_your(pl) and_on being_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_tie
ðom_them for_a_sign on hand_of_your(pl) and_they_will_be
for_marks between eyes_of_your(pl). **19** And_you(pl)_will_teach
ðom_them ðom children_of_your(pl) by_speaking in_them
when_sit_you in_house_of_your and_when_walk_you on_road
and_when_you_lie_down and_when_you_rise_up. **20** And_you_
_will_write_them on the_doorposts_of your_house_of_your
and_on_gates_of_your. **21** So_that days_of_your(pl) and_the_
_days_of your(pl)_children_of_your(pl) they_may_increase on
the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) to_
_give to/for_them like_the_days_of the_heavens above the_
earth/land. **22** If/because if really(keep) you(pl)_will_keep
ðom all_of the_command (the)_this which I am_commanding
you(pl) to_do_it to_love ðom **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) to_go in_
_all ways_of_his and_to_cleave in_him/it. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_
_will_dispossess ðom all_of the_nations the_these from_before_
_face_of_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_dispossess nations great and_
_mighty more_than_you(pl). **24** Every_of (the)_place which the_
_sole_of your_foot_of_your(pl) it_will_tread in/on/over_him/it
to/for_you(pl) it_will_belong from the_wilderness and_(the)_
_Ləvānōn from the_river the_river_of Pərāt and_unto the_sea
(the)_western territory_of_your(pl) it_will_be. **25** Not anyone
he_will_stand in_faces_of_your(pl) dread_of_your(pl) and_fear_
_of_your(pl) he_will_put **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) over the_face_
_of all_of the_earth/land which you(pl)_will_tread on_it just_as
he_spoke to_you(pl). **26** See I am_setting before_you(pl) the_day
a_blessing and_a_curse. **27** ðom the_blessing that you(pl)_will_
_obey (to) the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which I
am_commanding you(pl) the_day. **28** And_the_curse if not
you(pl)_will_obey (to) the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_turn_aside from the_way which I
am_commanding you(pl) the_day to_go after gods other which
not you(pl)_have_known. **29** And_it_was if/because he_will_
_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_your into the_earth/land where you
are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it and_you(ms)_
_will_give ðom the_blessing on the_mountain_of Gərizīm and_
_ðom the_curse on the_mountain_of ʹĒyvāl. **30** Not are_they on_
_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) behind the_direction_
_of the_setting_of the_sun in_land of_the_
_Kəna ʹaʰnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_is_dwelling in_ʹArāvāh opposite_

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them, **17** because then Yahweh would become angry at you and close the skies so that there'd be no rain, and the land would stop producing, and you'd all soon die from off the good land that he's about to give you.

18 Memorise these words of mine and constantly think about them. Your hands should always be applying them and your minds should always be evaluating them.[197] **19** Teach them repeatedly to your children: when you're sitting at home, when you're walking down the road, when you go to lie down, and when you get up. **20** Carve them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates, **21** so that your own lifetimes, and the lifetimes of your children will be extended in the land that Yahweh promised to give to your ancestors to have as long as the sky remains over the earth.

22 If you all follow these instructions that I'm telling you to do, to love your god Yahweh and live how he wants you to, and stay faithful to him, **23** then he'll drive all those peoples out ahead of you all, and you'll dispossess groups that are larger and more powerful than yourselves. **24** Every place that your feet step on will become yours: from the southern desert to Levanon in the north, and from the Perat (Euphrates) in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.[198] **25** No one will be able to resist you all. Your god Yahweh will make those peoples in that land terrified of you, just as he promised he would.

26 Now listen, today I'm giving you all the option of a blessing or a curse: **27** the blessing is if you all decide to obey your god Yahweh's instructions that I'm giving you today, **28** but the curse is if you all don't take any notice of his instructions, or if you turn away from what I'm commanding you all today to go after other gods that you previously had nothing to do with. **29** Whenever your god Yahweh brings you into the land that you're entering to take possession of, you must pronounce the blessing from Mt. Gerizim, and the curse from Mt. Eyval.[199] **30** (Those two mountains are across the Yarden (Jordan) river, west of the river plain where the Kena'anim (Canaanites) live, near the Oak of Moreh opposite Gilgal.) **31** You'll all soon be crossing the Yarden to go in and occupy the land that your god Yahweh is giving you. As you all take it over and start to live there, **32** make sure that you follow all the instructions and rules that I'm giving to you all today.

197 RV 11:18-20 · Cross-ref. Deu 6:6-9.

198 RV 11:24-25 · Cross-ref. Josh 1:3-5.

199 RV 11:29 · Cross-ref. Deu 27:11-14; Josh 8:33-35.

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One place for future worship

12:1 In the land that your god Yahweh has given you to own, these are the rules and regulations that you must keep obeying as long as you're alive. **2** When you drive those peoples out, you all must completely destroy all the places on the mountains and hills, and under the large trees where they served their gods. **3** You all must tear down their altars, shatter their stone pillars, and set fire to their Asherah poles. You must chop down their carved idols so they won't be remembered in that place any more.[200]

4 Don't worship your god Yahweh the same way they worship their gods, **5** because you all must go to the single place that Yahweh's going to choose out of all your tribes, that he'll attach his name to, so if you want find his residence, you'll have to go there. **6** That will also be where you'll all have to take your animal sacrifices and offerings, as well as the tenth of your produce and animals, special contributions, sacrifices for promises, free-will sacrifices, and the firstborn animals from your herds and flocks. **7** You'll all be able to take your families there in front of your god Yahweh to cheerfully eat what you've produced as a result of his blessing.

8 We won't be able to continue like we are at present, with each person worshipping however they feel is right **9** because until now, you haven't reached the inheritance and the peaceful life that your god Yahweh is giving to you. **10** After you all cross the Yarden (Jordan) and live in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you as an inheritance, it's then that he'll give you peace from all your surrounding enemies, and so you'll all live safely. **11** Then your god Yahweh will choose one place to attach his name to, and that's where you'll all bring everything that I tell you to: your animal sacrifices and offerings, as well as the tenth of your produce and animals, special contributions, and sacrifices for promises made to Yahweh. **12** You'll all celebrate there in front of Yahweh: you and your children and your servants, along with any Levites who live in your towns (because they don't personally inherit any land of their own). **13** Make sure that you don't offer burnt sacrifices at any place that you just decide is good— **14** only at the place that Yahweh will choose from one of your tribes. That's where you'll offer your sacrifices, and do everything else that I tell you.

15 However, you may kill and eat your animals wherever you

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_to (the)_Gilgāl beside the_great_trees_of Mōreh. **31** If/because you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_Yardēn to_go to_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) is_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _take_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it and_you(pl)_will_dwell in_it. **32** And_you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_judgements which I am_setting before_you(pl) the_day.

12:1 These are_the_regulations and_the_judgements which you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing on_the_earth which **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_has_given to/for_ _yourself(m) to_take_possession_of_it all_of the_days which you(pl) are_alive on the_soil. **2** Certainly_(destroy) you(pl)_will_ _destroy ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_places where they_have_served there the_nations whom you(pl) are_about_to_dispossess ᴅᴏᴍ_them ᴅᴏᴍ gods_of_their on the_mountains (the)_high and_on the_ _hills and_under every_of tree luxuriant.[203] **3** And_you(pl)_will_ _pull_down ᴅᴏᴍ altars_of_their[204] and_you(pl)_will_shatter ᴅᴏᴍ pillars_of_their_sacred and_their_'Ashērāh_poles you(pl)_will_ _burn with_fire and_the_images_of their_gods_of_their you(pl)_ _will_cut_down and_you(pl)_will_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ their_name from the_place (the)_that. **4** Not you(pl)_will_do thus to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **5** If/because (if) to the_place where **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_will_choose from_all tribes_of_your(pl) to_ _put ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name there to_dwelling_his you(pl)_will_ _resort and_you_will_go to_(to). **6** And_you(pl)_will_bring to_ _(to) offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_sacrifices_of_your(pl) and_ᴅᴏᴍ tithes_of_your(pl) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_contribution_of your_ _hand_of_your(pl) and_your(pl)_votive_of_offerings and_ _your(pl)_freewill_of_offerings and_the_firstborn(s)_of your_ _herd[s]_of_your(pl) and_flock[s]_of_your(pl). **7** And_you(pl)_ _will_eat there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_rejoice in_every_of (the)_ _undertaking_of your_hand_of_your(pl) you(pl) and_ _households_of_your(pl) which he_has_blessed_you **YHWH** god_of_your. **8** Not you(pl)_must_do according_to_all that we are_doing here the_day everyone all_of the_right in_his_own_ _of_eyes. **9** If/because not you(pl)_have_come until now to the_ _resting_place and_near/to the_inheritance which **YHWH** god_ _of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **10** And_you(pl)_will_ _pass_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_you(pl)_will_dwell on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_giving_as_an_ _inheritance you(pl) and_he_will_give_rest to/for_you(pl) from_all enemies_of_your(pl) from_round_about and_you(pl)_ _will_dwell security. **11** And_it_was the_place which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_will_choose in/on/over_him/it to_cause_ _to_dwell his/its_name there to_(to) you(pl)_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of that I am_commanding you(pl) offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_sacrifices_of_your(pl) tithes_of_your(pl) and_the_ _contribution_of your_hand_of_your(pl) and_ _all/each/any/every the_choicest_of your(pl)_votive_offerings_ _of_your(pl) which you(pl)_will_vow to/for_**YHWH**. **12** And_ _you(pl)_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before

200 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Deu 7:5.

203 **LV 12:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

204 **LV 12:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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YHWH god_of_your(pl) you(pl) and_sons_of_your(pl) and_ _daughters_of_your(pl) and_your(pl)_male_of_servants and_ _your(pl)_female_of_servants and_the_Lēviyyiy who is_in_ _gates_of_your(pl) if/because there_belongs_not to_him/it a_ _portion and_an_inheritance with_you(pl). **13** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_offer_up offerings_of_your_ _burnt in_all place which you_will_see. **14** If/because (if) in_ _place which **YHWH** he_will_choose in_one_of your(pl)_tribes_ _of_your there you_will_offer_up offerings_of_your_burnt and_ _there you_will_do all that I am_commanding_of_you. **15** Only in_all the_desire_of your_self_of_your you_will_slaughter and_ _you(ms)_will_eat meat according_to_the_blessing_of **YHWH** god_of_your which he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) in_all gates_of_your the_unclean and_the_clean he_will_eat_it like_ _gazelle and_like_deer. **16** Only the_blood not you(pl)_must_eat on the_earth/land you_will_pour_it_out like_water. **17** Not you_ _will_be_able to_eat in_gates_of_your the_tithe_of your_grain_ _of_your and_your_new_of_wine and_your_fresh_of_oil and_ _the_firstborn(s)_of your_herd_of_your and_flock_of_your and_ _all offerings_of_your_votive which you_will_vow and_your(pl)_ _freewill_of_offerings and_the_contribution_of your_hand_of_ _your. **18** If/because (if) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_eat_it in_place which **YHWH** god_ _of_your he_will_choose in/on/over_him/it you and_son_of_ _your and_daughter_of_your and_your_male_of_servant and_ _your_female_of_servant and_the_Lēviyyiy who is_in_gates_of_ _your and_you_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your in_every_of (the)_undertaking_of your_ _hand_of_your. **19** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_ _should_neglect ~~DOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy all_of days_of_your on land_ _of_your. **20** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_enlarge ~~DOM~~ territory_of_your just_as he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_you_ _will_say I_want_to_eat meat if/because appetite_of_your it_ _will_desire to_eat meat in_all the_desire_of your_self_of_your you_will_eat meat. **21** If/because it_will_be_too_far for_you the_ _place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_put his/its_name there and_you_will_slaughter some_of_your_herd and_some_of_your_flock which **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_ _yourself(m) just_as I_commanded_you and_you(ms)_will_eat in_gates_of_your in_all_of the_desire_of your_self_of_your. **22** Surely just_as ~~DOM~~ the_gazelle and_~~DOM~~ the_deer it_is_eaten so you_will_eat_it the_unclean and_the_clean alike he_will_eat_ _it. **23** Only be_strong to_not to_eat the_blood if/because the_ _blood it is_the_life and_not you_must_eat the_living_creatures with the_meat. **24** Not you_must_eat_it on the_earth/land you_ _will_pour_it_out like_water. **25** Not you_must_eat_it so_that it_ _may_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_for_children_of_your after_you if/because you_will_do the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **26** Only things_of_your_holy which they_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) and_your(pl)_votive_of_offerings you_will_ _take and_you_will_go to the_place which **YHWH** he_will_ _choose. **27** And_you_will_make offerings_of_your_burnt the_ _flesh and_the_blood on the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_ _the_blood_of your(pl)_sacrifices_of_your it_will_be_poured_

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live as much as you want. Those animals are blessings from your god Yahweh. You can eat that meat whether or not you're ceremonially 'clean', just like you'd eat a wild gazelle or deer. **16** However, don't eat the blood[201]—it must be poured out on the ground like water. **17** In your towns, don't eat the tenth of your produce or the firstborns from your herd or flock, or at the celebration of a vow, or any free-will offering or contribution that you've made. **18** You can only eat those in Yahweh's presence in the place that he'll choose. The same applies to your children, your servants, and any Levites who live in your towns. The celebration for what you've produced must be done in front of your god Yahweh. **19** Make sure that you don't neglect the Levites as long as you live in your land.

20 In the future, when your god Yahweh widens your territory like he's said he would, if you want to eat meat there, then go ahead and do it. **21** If the place that he chooses to attach his name to is too far away, then it's permissible to sacrifice like I've instructed you from your herd or flock, and you can eat it where you live whenever you want. **22** You can eat it whether or not you're ceremonially 'clean', just like you'd eat a wild gazelle or deer. **23** However, don't eat the blood of any animal, because the blood is the life and you mustn't eat the life with the meat.[202] **24** Don't eat the blood—it must be poured out on the ground like water. **25** Don't eat it so that things will go well for you and your children after you, when you do what Yahweh says is right. **26** However, you still must take your sacred things and offerings for vows to the place that Yahweh will choose. **27** The meat and blood from burnt offerings must only be placed on your god Yahweh's future altar, and the blood of your other sacrifices must be poured on the altar, but you can eat the meat. **28** Make sure to follow all these instructions that I'm giving you so that everything will go well for you and for your descendants into the future, when you do what your god Yahweh has said is good and right.

201 RV 12:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 15:23.

202 RV 12:23-24 · Cross-ref. Lev 17:10-14.

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_out on the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_the_flesh you_
_will_eat. **28** Take_care and_you_will_hear ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_
_words/messages the_these which I am_commanding_of_you
so_that it_may_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_for_children_
_of_your after_you until perpetuity if/because you_will_do the_
_good_thing and_the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_
_your.

Warnings about false gods

29 When you enter the land that you will occupy, your god Yahweh will destroy the people groups that live there as you advance. **30** Watch out after they've been destroyed, that you don't get trapped by curiosity about how they served their gods, and then you end up doing the same. **31** Don't do that to your god Yahweh, because he hates the disgusting things they've done for their gods—even burning their own sons and daughters on altars for their gods.

32 Make sure that you obey all those instructions—don't add anything to them, or remove anything from them.[205]

29 If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_cut_off ~~ĐOM~~ the_
_nations where you are_about_to_go to_(to) by_dispossessing
them from_before_of_you and_you_will_dispossess ~~ĐOM~~_them
and_you_will_dwell in_land_of_their. **30** Take_heed to/for_
_yourself(m) lest you_should_be_ensnared after_them after
they_have_been_destroyed from_before_of_you and_lest you_
_should_enquire of_gods_of_their to_say how the_nations the_
_these do_they_serve ~~ĐOM~~ gods_of_their and_I_will_do thus also
I. **31** Not you_will_do thus to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your
if/because every_of (the)_abomination_of **YHWH** which he_
_hates they_have_done to_gods_of_their if/because also ~~ĐOM~~
sons_of_their and_~~ĐOM~~ daughters_of_their they_burn with_fire
to_gods_of_their.

Warnings about false prophets

13:1 If someone among you claims to be a prophet or interpreter of dreams, or able to do miracles, **2** and it seems true, but they use those things to convince you to go after other 'new' gods and worship them, **3** then don't listen to that person, because your god Yahweh is testing you to know whether you love him with sincerity and with your energy. **4** You must conduct your lives as your god Yahweh wants you to. Honour him, and listen to his voice and follow his instructions, and serve him and remain loyal to him. **5** But that prophet or interpreter of dreams must be executed because they've incited rebellion against your god Yahweh who brought you all out from slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Those kinds of people want to drive you away from @Yahweh's instructions, hence why you must remove that evil from among you.

6 Your brother, son, daughter, beloved wife, or some close friend might privately urge you to worship other gods that you and your ancestors hadn't heard about before. **7** That might be the gods of the surrounding peoples, either nearby or right across the world. **8** Don't give in to them, or take notice of them.

13:1 [206] ~~ĐOM~~ every_of (the)_message which I am_commanding
you(pl) ~~ĐOM~~_him/it you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing not you_
_must_add on/upon/above_him/it and_not you_must_diminish
from_it.

2 [207] If/because he_will_arise in_midst_of_your a_prophet or a_
_dreamer_of a_dream and_he/it_gave to_you a_sign or a_
wonder. **3** [208] And the_sign and_the_wonder which he_spoke
to_you to_say let_us_walk after gods other which not you_
_have_known_them and_let_us_be_enticed_to_serve_them _it_
_will_come. **4** [209] Not you_will_listen to the_words/messages_of
the_prophet (the)_that or to the_dreamer_of the_dream (the)_
_that if/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_putting_to_the_test
you(pl) to_know are_(there)_you(pl) loving ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl) in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_
_your(pl). **5** [210] After **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_walk
and_him you(pl)_will_fear and_~~ĐOM~~ commands_of_his you(pl)_
_will_keep and_to_voice_of_his you(pl)_will_listen and_him
you(pl)_will_serve and_to_him you(pl)_will_cleave. **6** [211] And_
_the_prophet (the)_that or the_dreamer_of the_dream (the)_
_that he_will_be_put_to_death if/because he_has_spoken
rebellion on **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who_brought_out you(pl)
from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_who_redeemed_of_
_you from_a_house_of slaves to_thrust_you_aside from the_way
which he_has_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your to_go in_it
and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_your. **7** [212]
If/because he_will_entice_you your(ms)_brother/kindred the_
_son_of your_mother_of_your or son_of_your or daughter_of_

205 **RV 12:32 · Cross-ref.** Deu 4:2; Rev 22:18-19.
206 **LV 13:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.12.32
207 **LV 13:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.1
208 **LV 13:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.2
209 **LV 13:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.3
210 **LV 13:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.4
211 **LV 13:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.5
212 **LV 13:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.6

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_your or the_wife_of your_bosom_of_your or friend_of_your who is_like_self_of_your in_secrecy to_say let_us_go and_let_ _us_serve gods other which not you and_ancestors_of_your you_have_known. **8** [213] Any_of_the_gods_of the_peoples which are_around_of_you(pl) (the)_near to_you or (the)_distant from_ _you from_the_end_of the_earth/land and_unto the_end_of the_earth/land. **9** [214] Not you_will_yield to_him/it and_not you_will_listen to_him/it and_not eye_of_your it_will_look_ _with_pity on/upon/above_him/it and_not you_will_spare_him and_not you_will_cover on/upon/above_him/it. **10** [215] If/because certainly_(kill) you_will_kill_him hand_of_your it_ _will_be in/on/over_him/it at_first to_put_him_to_death and_ _the_hand_of all_of the_people at_last. **11** [216] And_you_will_ _stone_him with_stones and_he_will_die if/because he_sought to_thrust_you_aside from_under **YHWH** god_of_your who_ _brought_out_of_you from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_a_house_of slaves. **12** [217] And_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_ _will_hear and_they_will_fear and_not they_will_repeat for_ _doing like_thing (the)_evil the_this in_midst_of_your. **13** [218] If/because you_will_hear in_one_of your(pl)_cities_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) to_dwell there to_say. **14** [219] Men sons_of worthlessness they_ _have_gone_out from_midst_of_your and_they_have_thrust_ _aside ÐOM the_inhabitants_of their_city_of_their to_say let_us_ _go and_let_us_serve gods other which not you(pl)_have_ _known. **15** [220] And_you_will_investigate and_you_will_ _search[221] and_you_will_enquire thoroughly_(do_well) and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE truth the_matter is_certain the_abomination (the)_this it_has_been_done in_midst_of_your. **16** [222] Certainly_ _(strike) you_will_strike_down ÐOM the_inhabitants_of the_city the[223] to_the_mouth_of the_sword totally_destroy ÐOM_her/it and_ÐOM all_of who are_in_it and_ÐOM livestock_of_its to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword. **17** [224] And_ÐOM all_of plunder_of_its you_ _will_gather into the_middle_of its_open_place_of_her and_ _you_will_burn with_fire ÐOM the_city and_ÐOM all_of plunder_ _of_its a_whole_offering to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your and_it_ _will_be a_mound_of perpetuity not it_will_be_built again. **18** [225] And_not it_will_cling to_hand_of_your anything of the_ _object[s]_for_destruction so_that **YHWH** he_may_turn from_ _the_burning_of his_anger_of_his and_he/it_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) compassion(s) and_he_will_have_compassion_on_ _you and_he_will_increase_you just_as he_swore to_ancestors_

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Don't even feel sympathy for them or cover up for them, **9** because you'll definitely need to execute them. You yourself must be the first to take action, followed by the rest of the community. **10** You must execute people like that by throwing rocks at them, because they try to drive you away from your god Yahweh who brought you out of slavery in Mitsrayim. **11** After that, all Yisrael (Israel) will hear and become afraid of doing such wicked things in the future.

12 If in the future, you hear that in one of the cities that your god Yahweh will give you to live in, **13** some wicked people have enticed those in the city to go and serve other 'new' gods, **14** then you must thoroughly investigate the matter. If it's actually true that that disgusting thing had been done among you, **15** then all the people in that place must be executed by the sword, along with all their livestock. **16** Gather all the people's possessions and pile them up in the city plaza, then burn the place and everything in it like a 'burnt offering' to Yahweh. Leave the place as an abandoned heap—it should never be rebuilt again. **17** Don't be tempted to pick anything valuable out from the pile headed for destruction, but obey carefully so that Yahweh's anger will subside. Then he'll show compassion to you and mercy, and make you increase like he promised to your ancestors **18** when you listen to what he says—following all his instructions and doing what he says is the right thing to do.

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213 LV 13:8 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.7

214 LV 13:9 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.8

215 LV 13:10 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.9

216 LV 13:11 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.10

217 LV 13:12 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.11

218 LV 13:13 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.12

219 LV 13:14 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.13

220 LV 13:15 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.14

221 LV 13:15 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

222 LV 13:16 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.15

223 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB variant note: אוה/ה: (x-qere) אֵיהָ/ה: lemma_d/1931 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Pp3fs id_05oxJ אֵיהָ/ה

224 LV 13:17 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.16

225 LV 13:18 · Note Note: KJB: Deut.13.17

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Prohibitions during mourning

14:1 You're all children of your god Yahweh so don't cut yourselves or shave the front of your heads for the sake of the dead,[227] **2** because you're a nation that's set apart for your god Yahweh, and he's chosen you out of all the other peoples in the world to be his own people.[228]

'Clean' and 'unclean' foods[229]

3 Don't eat anything that Yahweh detests. **4** These are the animals that you all can eat: cattle, sheep, goats, **5** all kinds of deer, gazelles, wild goats, and mountain sheep, **6** i.e., you can eat any of the animals that have split hooves and that also chew the cud. **7** But there are other animals that chew the cud that you mustn't eat: camels, rabbits and hares, and rock badgers. They chew the cud, but don't have split hooves so they are unacceptable for you to eat. **8** Don't eat pigs—they're unacceptable for you to eat. They have split hooves, but they don't chew the cud. Don't eat the meat of those animals and don't even touch their dead bodies.

9 You all can eat anything that lives in water that has both fins and scales, **10** but anything in the water that doesn't have both is unacceptable for you to eat.

11 You all can eat any clean bird, **12** but not these: eagles, vultures, ospreys, **13** buzzards, kites, falcons, **14** any kind of ravens or crows, **15** ostriches, owls, seagulls, any kind of hawk, **16** any kinds of owls, **17** pelicans, carrion vultures, cormorants, **18** storks, any kind of heron, hoopoes, or bats. **19** You mustn't eat any insect with wings and which swarm—they're unacceptable to Yahweh for you to eat, **20** but other insects with wings are acceptable to eat.

21 Don't eat any creature that's died naturally. You may allow foreigners who live among you to eat those things. You may also sell them to other foreigners. But you are a people group that belongs to your god Yahweh.

You mustn't cook a young sheep or goat in its mother's milk.[230]

22 Make sure you set aside a tenth of all the crops that you harvest from your fields.[231] **23** You must eat it in the presence of your god Yahweh, in the place that he'll choose and attach his name to. That's where you must eat the tenth of your grain, wine, olive oil, and the firstborn male animals from your herd and your flock, so that you'll learn to always honour your god

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_of_your. **19** [226] If/because you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_guard/protect ~~DOM~~ all_of commands_of_ _his which I am_commanding_of_you the_day for_doing the_ _right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your.

14:1 Are_children you(pl) to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) not you_will_cut_yourselves and_not you(pl)_will_make baldness between your(pl)_eyes for_a_dead_person. **2** If/because are_a_ _people holy you to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your and_(in)_you **YHWH** he_has_chosen to_be to_him/it (into)_a_people_of possession from_all the_peoples which are_on the_surface_of the_soil.

3 Not you_will_eat any_of disgusting_thing. **4** This the_ _cattle/livestock which you(pl)_will_eat an_ox an_animal_of young_rams and_an_animal_of goats. **5** A_deer and_a_gazelle and_a_roe-deer and_a_wild_goat and_an_ibex and_an_antelope and_a_mountain_sheep. **6** And_all animal which_divides_in_ _two_of a_hoof and_which_cleaves_of a_cleft of_two_of hooves which_brings_up_of (of)_cud among_animal[s] ~~DOM~~_her/it you(pl)_will_eat. **7** Nevertheless ~~DOM~~ this not you(pl)_will_eat of_those_which_bring_up_of (of)_the_cud and_of_those_which_ _divide_in_two_of (of)_the_hoof (the)_cloven ~~DOM~~ the_camel and_~~DOM~~ the_hare and_~~DOM~~ the_rock_badger if/because is_ _bringing_up_of (of)_cud they and_a_hoof not they_divide_in_ _two are_unclean they to_you(pl). **8** And_~~DOM~~ the_pig if/because is_dividing_in_two_of a_hoof it and_not cud is_ _unclean it to/for_you(pl) any_of_their_meat not you(pl)_will_ _eat and_(in)_carcass_of_their not you(pl)_will_touch. **9** ~~DOM~~ this you(pl)_will_eat from_all that is_in_waters all that to_ _him/it fin and_scale you(pl)_will_eat. **10** And_ _all/each/any/every that there_belong_not to_him/it fin and_ _scale not you(pl)_will_eat is_unclean it to_you(pl). **11** Any_of bird clean you(pl)_will_eat. **12** And_this is_that_which not you(pl)_will_eat from_them the_eagle and_the_bearded_ _vulture and_the_black_vulture. **13** And_the_kite and_~~DOM~~ the_ _black_kite and_the_red_kite to_its_kind. **14** And_~~DOM~~ every_of raven to/for_his/its_kind. **15** And_~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of the_ _ostrich and_~~DOM~~ the_screech_owl and_~~DOM~~ the_gull and_~~DOM~~ the_falcon to_his/its_kind. **16** ~~DOM~~ the_little_owl and_~~DOM~~ the_ _great_owl and_the_barn_owl. **17** And_the_wilderness_owl and_ _~~DOM~~ the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt))_vulture and_ _~~DOM~~ the_cormorant. **18** And_the_stork and_the_heron to_its_ _kind and_the_hoopoe and_the_bat. **19** And_ _all/each/any/every (the)_swarming_thing_of the_insect is_ _unclean it to/for_you(pl) not they_will_be_eaten. **20** Any_of insect clean you(pl)_will_eat. **21** Not you(pl)_will_eat any_of carcass to_sojourner who is_in_gates_of_your you_will_give_it and_he_will_eat_it or you_will_sell_it to_a_foreigner if/because are_a_people holy you to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_

226 **LV 13:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.13.18

227 **RV 14:1 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:28; 21:5.

228 **RV 14:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5-6; Deu 4:20; 7:6; 26:18; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

229 **RV 14:3 · Parallel** Lev. 11:1-47

230 **RV 14:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:19; 34:26.

231 **RV 14:22-29 · Cross-ref.** Lev 27:30-33; Num 18:21.

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_boil a_kid in_the_milk_of his/its_mother. **22** Fully_(tithe) you_
_will_tithe ~~DOM~~ all_of the_produce_of your_seed_of_your
which_comes_out the_field a_year a_year. **23** And_you(ms)_will_
eat to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your
in_place where he_will_choose to_cause_to_dwell his/its_name
there the_tithe_of your_grain_of_your wine_of_your_new and_
_your_fresh_of_oil and_the_firstborn(s)_of your_herd_of_your
and_flock_of_your so_that you_may_learn to_fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**
god_of_your all_of the_days. **24** And_because/when it_will_be_
_too_great for_you the_journey if/because not you_will_be_
_able[232] to_carry_it if/because it_will_be_too_far for_you the_
_place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_put
his/its_name there if/because he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_
_of_your. **25** And_you(ms)_will_give for_money and_you_will_
_secure the_money in_hand_of_your and_you_will_go to the_
_place which **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose in/on/over_
_him/it. **26** And_you(ms)_will_give the_money for_all that
appetite_of_your it_will_desire for_cattle and_for_sheep and_
_for_wine and_for_(the)_drink and_for_all_of that it_will_ask_
_you appetite_of_your and_you(ms)_will_eat there to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your and_ you and_
_household_of_your _you_will_rejoice. **27** And_the_Lēviyyiy
who is_in_gates_of_your not you_will_neglect_him if/because
there_belongs_not to_him/it a_portion and_an_inheritance
with_you. **28** From_the_end_of three years you_will_bring_out
~~DOM~~ all_of the_tithe_of your_produce_of_your in_year the_that
and_you_will_deposit_it in_gates_of_your. **29** And_ the_Lēviyyiy
_he_will_come if/because there_belongs_not to_him/it a_
_portion and_an_inheritance with_you and_the_sojourner and_
_the_fatherless_one and_the_widow who are_in_gates_of_your
and_they_will_eat and_they_will_be_satisfied so_that he_may_
_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_all the_work_of your_hand_
_of_your which you_will_do.

15:1 From_the_end/extremity seven years you_will_observe a_
_remission. **2** And_this is_the_manner_of the_remission every_
_of owner he_will_let_drop the_loan_of his/its_hand which he_
_will_lend to_neighbour_of_his not he_will_press ~~DOM~~ his/its_
neighbour and~~DOM~~ his/its_brother if/because someone_has_
_proclaimed a_remission to/for_**YHWH**. **3** ~~DOM~~ the_foreigner
you_will_press and_which it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m)
with your(ms)_brother/kindred hand_of_your you_shall_let_
_release. **4** Nevertheless if/because not he_will_be among_you
a_needy_person if/because surely_(bless) he_will_bless_you
YHWH on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_
_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance to_take_possession_of_
it. **5** Only if carefully(listen) you_will_listen to_the_voice_of
YHWH god_of_your to_guard/protect for_doing ~~DOM~~ all_of the_
_command (the)_this which I am_commanding_of_you the_day.
6 If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_blessed_you just_as
he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_lend_to nations many
and_you(ms) not you_will_borrow and_you_will_rule over_
_nations many and_over_you not they_will_rule. **7** If/because
he_will_be in_you(ms) a_needy_person any_one_of your(pl)_

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Yahweh. **24** When he blesses you with produce, if the place he chooses to attach his name to is too far for you to be able to carry it to, **25** then you can give the equivalent in cash, and carefully take the cash with you all the way to the place that he chooses. **26** When you get there, use the money to purchase any kinds of meat or drink that you want, and consume it there in front of your god Yahweh, and celebrate along with your household.

27 Be sure not to neglect any Levites that live in your town, because they weren't given ancestral land for agriculture like you were. **28** At the end of every third year, bring the tenth of all your produce for that year and store it in your town **29** for the Levites (because they didn't get land), and for any foreigners, orphans, and widows who live in your towns. They can come and get what they need so that your god Yahweh can bless you in everything that you do.

The 7-year economic reset[233]

15:1 At the end of every seven years, you must cancel all debts. **2** Handle it like this: Everyone who's loaned money to their Israeli neighbour must cancel that debt, i.e., they must not insist that it's paid back, because Yahweh has announced a cancellation. **3** You can pressure a foreigner to repay, but you must cancel any debt from a fellow Israeli.

4 However, there shouldn't be any poor among you, because your god Yahweh will bless you in the land that he's giving you to own as an inheritance, **5** as long as you listen to what he says and keep following these instructions that I'm telling you today. **6** Because your god Yahweh will bless you (like he promised he would), you'll lend to many nations rather than borrowing from them, and you'll rule over many nations rather than them ruling you.

7 In the towns that your god Yahweh is giving you, if it so happens that any of your fellow Israelis are poor, then don't just ignore them and refuse to help them,[234] **8** but instead, open your

232 **LV 14:24 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

233 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** Lev. 25:1-7

234 **RV 15:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:35.

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wallet and lend them however much they need. **9** Be careful not to quietly think to yourself that the seventh-year reset is close so they won't have to pay it back. It would be wrong not to help a fellow Israeli, and if you did and he called out to Yahweh for help, then it would be counted against you as disobedience. **10** Give generously to the poor without getting resentful inside, because then your god Yahweh can bless you in all your work and all your investments. **11** There'll always be poor people in your country,[235] so I command you to give generously to the poor and needy and your fellow Israelis.

12 If a fellow Israeli is sold to you[237] and **Freeing slaves**[236] serves you for six years, then you must free them in the seventh year.[238] **13** But when you free them, don't send them off empty-handed **14** but instead, give to them generously from your flock and from your barn and from your wine. In whatever ways your god Yahweh has blessed you, you should give to them. **15** Always remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and your god Yahweh redeemed you out of there, so that's why I'm commanding you to do that.

16 However, if any slave says that they don't want to leave you, because they appreciate you and your household, and so they're better off to stay with you, **17** then get an awl and stand them against the doorpost and pierce one of their earlobes with the awl, then that person (male or female) will be your slave forever. **18** Don't complain when you have to release your slaves, because they've served you up to six years and been double the value of a regular hired worker, plus your god Yahweh will bless you in whatever you do.

19 You must set apart for your god Yah- **The firstborn animals** weh, all the firstborn male animals from your herds and your flocks.[239] You mustn't use the cattle for

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_countrymen_of_your in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your in_ _land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) not you_will_harden ~~DOM~~ heart_of_your and_not you_will_shut ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your from_countryman_of_your (the)_needy. **8** If/because generously_(open) you_will_open ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your to_him/it and_generously_(lend) you_will_lend_ _to_him sufficiency_of his_lack_of_his which it_will_be_lacking to_him/it. **9** Take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest a_message it_ _should_be with heart_of_your worthlessness to_say the_year_ _of the_seven the_year_of the_remission it_has_drawn_near and_ eye_of_your _it_will_be_evil on_countryman_of_your (the)_needy and_not you_will_give to_him/it and_he_will_call_ _out on_you to **YHWH** and_it_was in_you(ms) sin.
10 Generously_(give) you_will_give to_him/it and_not heart_of_ _your it_will_be_sad when_give_you to_him/it if/because on_ _account_of the_thing the_this he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_ _of_your in_all work_of_your and_in_every_of (the)_ _undertaking_of your_hand_of_your. **11** If/because not the_ _needy he_will_cease from_the_midst_of the_earth/land therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you to_ _say generously_(open) you_will_open ~~DOM~~ hand_of_your to_ _countryman_of_your to_your_poor_of_person and_to_your_ _needy_of_person in_land_of_your.

12 If/because he_will_sell_himself to/for_yourself(m) your(ms)_brother/kindred (the)_Hebrew_masc or (the)_ _Hebrew_fem and_he_will_serve_you six years and_in_year (the)_seventh you_will_let_him_go a_free_person from_with_ _you. **13** And_because/when you_will_let_him_go a_free_person from_with_you not you_will_let_him_go empty. **14** Generously_ _(provide) you_will_provide to_him/it from_flock_of_your and_ _from_your_threshing_of_floor and_from_winepress_of_your that_which he_has_blessed_you **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_ _give to_him/it. **15** And_you_will_remember if/because_that a_ _slave you_were in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _redeemed_you **YHWH** god_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you ~~DOM~~ the_matter the_this the_day. **16** And_it_was if/because he_will_say to_you not I_will_go_out from_with_you if/because he_loves_you and_ _~~DOM~~ household_of_your if/because it_has_been_good to_ _him/it with_you. **17** And_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_awl and_ _you(ms)_will_give in_ear_of_his and_in_door and_it_was to/for_yourself(m) a_slave_of perpetuity and_also to/for_ _your(ms)_female_slave you_will_do thus. **18** Not it_will_be_ _hard in_eyes_of_your when_you_let_go ~~DOM~~_him/it a_free_ _person from_with_you if/because double the_hire_of a_hired_ _labourer he_has_served_you six years and_he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_all that you_will_do.

19 Every_of (the)_firstborn which it_will_be_born in_herd_of_ _your and_in_flock_of_your the_male you_will_consecrate to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_labour by_the_ _firstborn_of your_ox[en]_of_your and_not you_will_shear the_

235 **RV 15:11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:11; Mrk 14:7; Yhn 12:8.

236 **RV 15:12 · Parallel** Exo. 21:1-11

237 **RV 15:12 · Note** Often to pay off their debt.

238 **RV 15:12-18 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:39-46.

239 **RV 15:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 13:12.

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_firstborn_of your_sheep_of_your. **20** To_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your you_will_eat_it a_year in_year
in_place which **YHWH** he_will_choose you and_household_of_
_your. **21** And_because/when it_will_be in_him/it a_blemish
lame or blind any_of blemish bad not you_will_sacrifice_it
to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your. **22** In_gates_of_your you_will_eat_it
the_unclean and_the_clean alike like_gazelle and_like_deer.
23 Only ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_its not you_must_eat on the_earth/land
you_will_pour_it_out like_water.

16:1 Keep ᴅᴏᴍ the_month_of (the)_ʾĀvīv and_you_will_observe
a_passover to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your if/because in_the_
_month_of (the)_ʾĀvīv he_brought_you_out **YHWH** god_of_
_your from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) night. **2** And_you_will_sacrifice
a_passover to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your flock and_herd in_place
where **YHWH** he_will_choose to_cause_to_dwell his/its_name
there. **3** Not you_will_eat on/upon/above_him/it leaven seven_
_of days you_will_eat on/upon/above_him/it unleavened_
_bread(s) bread_of affliction if/because in_haste you_came_out
from_the_land_of Mitsrayim so_that you_may_
_remember[243][244][245] ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of your_coming_out from_
_the_land_of Mitsrayim all_of the_days_of your(ms)_life. **4** And_
_not it_will_be_seen to/for_yourself(m) leaven in_all territory_
_of_your seven_of days and_not any_of the_meat which you_
_will_sacrifice in_evening in_the_day (the)_first it_will_remain_
_overnight to_morning. **5** Not you_will_be_able to_sacrifice ᴅᴏᴍ
the_passover in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your which **YHWH**
god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **6** If/because (if) to
the_place which **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_cause_
_to_dwell his/its_name there you_will_sacrifice ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_passover in_evening just_ the_sun _as_goes the_time of_your_
_coming_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **7** And_you_will_cook_it
and_you(ms)_will_eat in_place which **YHWH** god_of_your he_
_will_choose in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_turn in_morning
and_you_will_go to_tents_of_your. **8** Six_of days you_will_eat
unleavened_bread(s) and_will_on_the_day the_seventh an_
assembly to/for**YHWH** god_of_your not you_will_do work.

9 Seven weeks you_will_count to/for_you(fs) from_ a_sickle _
_when_begins in_grain you_will_begin to_count seven weeks.
10 And_you_will_observe a_festival_of weeks to/for_**YHWH**
god_of_your a_sufficiency_of a_freewill_offering_of your_hand_
_of_your which you_will_give just_as he_will_bless_you **YHWH**
god_of_your. **11** And_you_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your you and_son_of_your
and_daughter_of_your and_your_male_of_servant and_your_
_female_of_servant and_the_Lēviyyiy who is_in_gates_of_your

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working, and mustn't shear the sheep or goats. **20** Each year, you and your household must take them to the place that Yahweh will choose, and eat them there in front of him. **21** However, any animals that have defects (e.g., lame or blind, or with a severe blemish) mustn't be sacrificed to your god Yahweh. **22** Instead, you can eat those at home whether or not you're ceremonially 'clean', just like you'd eat a wild gazelle or deer. **23** However, don't eat the blood—it must be poured out on the ground like water.[240]

The messenger's 'pass-over' celebration[241]

16:1 Each year, honour your god Yahweh in the early spring by celebrating the 'pass-over', because it was one night in the early spring that he brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[242] **2** In order to celebrate, go to the place that your god Yahweh will choose to attach his name to, and there sacrifice to him one young animal from your flock or herd. **3** Don't eat any leavened bread with it. For seven days, you must eat flat bread (the bread of suffering) because you came out of Mitsrayim in a rush. That's how you should remember the day of your exit from Mitsrayim for the rest of your life. **4** In fact, for seven days you shouldn't even have any rising agent within your borders, and none of the meat from the sacrifice on that first evening is allowed to be left until the morning.

5 You mustn't sacrifice the 'pass-over' animal within any of your towns that your god Yahweh is giving to you— **6** only at the place that your god Yahweh will choose to attach his name to. That's where you must sacrifice the 'pass-over' animal at sunset, which was the time when your ancestors started leaving Mitsrayim. **7** You must cook the meat and eat it at the place that Yahweh will choose, then in the morning you can start returning to your homes. **8** Then for six days you must only eat flat bread, and the seventh day is a special celebration for your god Yahweh—don't do any work on that day.

The harvest celebration[246]

9 You must count off seven weeks starting from when the very first harvesting of grain begins.[247] **10** Then celebrate the 'Festival of Weeks'[248] to honour your god Yahweh by contributing a freewill offering acknowledging however much he has blessed you. **11** You should celebrate in Yahweh's presence, along with your children and your servants, and any Levites living in your town, and the foreigners, orphans, and widows living among you. Take your offer-

240 **RV 15:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16-23.

241 **RV 16:1 · Parallel** Exo. 12:1-20

242 **RV 16:1-8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-20; Lev 23:5-8; Num 28:16-25.

243 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

244 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

245 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

246 **RV 16:9 · Parallel** Exo. 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21

247 **RV 16:9-12 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:15-21; Num 28:26-31.

248 **RV 16:10 · Note** Also known as the 'Harvest Festival' or 'Pentecost' (relating to the fifty days = seven weeks plus one day).

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ings to the place that your god Yahweh will choose to attach his name to. **12** Always remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt), so carefully follow those instructions.

The celebration in temporary huts[249]

13 After you've brought in the grain harvest and pressed out the grape juice, you must celebrate the 'Festival of Shelters' for seven days.[250] **14** You should celebrate along with your children and your servants, as well as any Levites and foreigners and orphans and widows who live in your town. **15** Honour your god Yahweh at the place he'll choose, by celebrating for seven days because he's blessed your harvest and all your other work.

16 In summary, all your men must travel three times each year to the place that your god Yahweh will choose: at the Flat Bread Celebration, at the Festival of Weeks, and at the Festival of Shelters. No man should come empty-handed, **17** but rather, each man must give in proportion to the blessings that your god Yahweh has given you during that year.

Strive for justice

18 You must appoint judges and other officials throughout your tribes, in all the towns that your god Yahweh is giving to you. They must judge the people fairly and correctly. **19** You mustn't pervert justice or give favours. Don't accept bribes because a bribe causes an otherwise wise person to ignore evil and misrepresents what innocent people say.[251] **20** True justice is what you should aim for, so that you'll occupy and live in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you.

Prohibitions in worship and justice

21 Never put an Asherah pole near the altar to your god Yahweh that you'll build for yourself,[252] **22** and don't erect any stone pillars that your god Yahweh hates.[253]

17:1 Don't sacrifice any animal to your god Yahweh that has any blemish or defect, because he detests that.

2 In any of the towns that your god Yahweh is giving you, if you discover any man or woman who does evil by disobeying the agreement that he's made with you **3** and worshipped other gods, or the sun, moon, or stars—all of which I've prohibited you from doing,[254] **4** and it's reported to you, and you listen and in-

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and_the_sojourner and_the_fatherless_one and_the_widow who are_in_midst_of_your in_place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_cause_to_dwell his/its_name there. **12** And_ _you_will_remember if/because_that a_slave you_were in_ _Mitsrayim and_you_will_take_care and_you_will_observe ~~DOM~~ the_regulations the_these.

13 The_festival_of the_booths you_will_observe to/for_ _yourself(m) seven_of days when_you_have_gathered from_ _your_threshing_of_floor and_from_winepress_of_your. **14** And_ _you_will_rejoice at_festival_of_your you and_son_of_your and_ _daughter_of_your and_your_male_of_servant and_your_ _female_of_servant and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_sojourner and_ _the_fatherless_one and_the_widow who are_in_gates_of_your. **15** Seven_of days you_will_celebrate_a_festival to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your in_place which **YHWH** he_will_choose if/because he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_all_of produce_of_ _your and_in_all_of the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your and_you_will_be surely joyful. **16** Three times in_year every_of male_of_your he_will_present_himself with the_presence_of **YHWH** god_of_your in_place which he_will_choose at_the_ _festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_at_the_festival_of (the)_weeks and_at_the_festival_of the_booths and_not he_will_ _present_himself with the_presence_of **YHWH** empty.
17 Anyone according_to_the_gift_of his/its_hand according_to_ _the_blessing_of **YHWH** god_of_your which he_has_given to/for_you(fs).
18 Judges and_officials you_will_appoint to/for_yourself(m) in_ _all gates_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) for_tribes_of_your and_they_will_judge ~~DOM~~ the_people judgement_of righteousness. **19** Not you_will_turn_ _aside justice not you_will_pay_regard_to faces and_not you_ _will_take a_bribe if/because the_bribe it_makes_blind the_ _eyes_of wise_people and_it_perverts the_words/messages_of righteous_people. **20** righteousness righteousness you_will_ _pursue so_that you_may_live and_you_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_you(fs).
21 Not you_will_plant to/for_yourself(m) an_'Ashērāh_pole any_of tree beside the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your which you_ _will_make for_yourself. **22** And_not you_will_set_up to/for_ _yourself(m) a_sacred_pillar which **YHWH** god_of_your he_ _hates.
17:1 Not you_will_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your an_ox and_a_sheep which it_will_be in_him/it a_blemish any_of thing bad if/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your it.
2 If/because he_will_be_found in_midst_of_your in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_you(fs) a_man or a_woman who he_will_do ~~DOM~~ the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_your by_ _transgressing covenant_of_his. **3** And_he/it_went and_he_has_

249 **RV 16:13 · Parallel** Lev. 23:33-43

250 **RV 16:13-15 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:33-36,39-43; Num 29:12-38.

251 **RV 16:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:6-8; Lev 19:15.

252 **RV 16:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:13.

253 **RV 16:22 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:1.

254 **RV 17:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:20.

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_served gods other and_he_has_bowed_down to/for_them and_
_to_sun or to_moon or to/from_all/each/any/every the_
_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens which not I_have_
_commanded. **4** And_it_will_be_told to/for_yourself(m) and_
_you_will_hear and_you_will_investigate thoroughly_(do_well)
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE truth the_matter is_certain the_
_abomination (the)_this it_has_been_done in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
5 And_you_will_bring_out ~~DOM~~ the_man (the)_that or ~~DOM~~ the_
_woman the_that who they_have_done ~~DOM~~ the_thing (the)_
_evil the_this to gates_of_your ~~DOM~~ the_man or ~~DOM~~ the_woman
and_you_will_stone_them with_stones and_they_will_die. **6** On
the_mouth_of two witnesses or three witnesses the_one_about_
_to_die he_will_be_put_to_death not he_will_be_put_to_death
on the_mouth_of a_witness one. **7** The_hand_of the_witnesses
it_will_be in/on/over_him/it at_first to_put_him_to_death and_
_the_hand_of all_of the_people at_last and_you_will_remove
the_evil from_midst_of_your. **8** If/because it_will_be_too_
_difficult for_you[257][258] a_matter for_judgement between blood
and_blood between dispute and_dispute and_between wound
and_wound matters_of cases_at_law in_gates_of_your and_you_
_will_arise and_you_will_go_up to the_place which **YHWH** god_
_of_your he_will_choose in/on/over_him/it. **9** And_you_will_go
to the_priests the_Lēviyyiy and_near/to the_judge who he_
_will_be in_the_days the_those and_you_will_enquire and_
_they_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_
_verdict. **10** And_you_will_do on the_mouth_of the_message
which they_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) from the_place (the)_
_that which **YHWH** he_will_choose and_you_will_take_care for_
_doing according_to_all that they_will_instruct_you. **11** On the_
_mouth_of the_instruction which they_will_instruct_you and_
_on the_verdict which they_will_say to/for_yourself(m) you_
_will_do not you_will_turn_aside from the_message which
they_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) right_hand and_left_hand.
12 And_the_person who he_will_act with_presumption to_not
to_listen to the_priest/officer who_stands to_serve there ~~DOM~~
YHWH god_of_your or to the_judge and_ the_man (the)_that _
_he_will_die and_you_will_remove the_evil from_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_all the_people they_will_hear and_
_they_will_fear and_not they_will_act_presumptuously again.
14 If/because you_will_go into the_earth/land which **YHWH**
god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_take_
_possession_of_it and_you_will_dwell in_it and_you_will_say
let_me_appoint over_myself a_king like_all_of the_nations
which are_around_of_me. **15** Indeed_(appoint) you_will_
_appoint over_yourself a_king whom **YHWH** god_of_your he_
_will_choose in/on/over_him/it from_the_midst_of your(pl)_
_countrymen_of_your you_will_appoint over_yourself a_king
not you_will_be_able to_set over_yourself a_man foreign who
not your(ms)_brother/kindred he. **16** Only not he_will_increase

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vestigate it thoroughly, and it's true that this detestable thing was done in Yisrael (Israel), **5** you must bring that man or woman out to the town gates, and execute them by throwing rocks at them. **6** Note that that person can only be executed if there's at least two witnesses as evidence—no one can be put to death on the testimony of just one witness.[255] **7** The witnesses must be the ones to throw the first rocks then all the other people after that, and that's how you'll remove evil from your society.[256]

8 If a case is too difficult for you yourselves to judge (e.g., two parties claiming bloodshed, or lawsuits, or assaults, or other disputes within your towns), you must leave town and go to the place that your god Yahweh is going to choose. **9** You should go to the Levitical priests and to the judge on duty there and they will produce a judgement. **10** Whatever the decision is that's made at the place Yahweh will choose, that's the verdict that must be applied to the case— **11** accept their judgement and do what they say without making any adjustments to their decision. **12** Anyone who shows contempt for the decision of the judge or the priest who's standing there serving your god Yahweh, then that person must be executed to remove that evil from Yisrael (Israel), **13** then all the people will hear about it and be afraid, and it'll stamp out such arrogance.

Expectations for a king

14 When you enter the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you, then occupy and live in it, and you say that you need a king over you like all the surrounding countries have,[259] **15** you can appoint the king over you that Yahweh chooses. Your king must be an Israeli—never allow a foreigner to become your king. **16** However, he mustn't acquire a large number of horses for himself, and he should never send people to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to buy horses,[260] because Yahweh has told you all to never go back that way

255 **RV 17:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:30; Deu 19:15; Mat 18:16; 2Cor 13:1; 1Tim 5:19; Heb 10:28.

256 **RV 17:7 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 5:13.

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259 **RV 17:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 8:5.

260 **RV 17:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:28; 2Ch 1:16; 9:28.

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again. **17** He mustn't take a lot of wives for himself or else he might stop worshipping Yahweh.[261] Nor should he accumulate too much gold and silver.[262]

18 Once he's sitting on his royal throne, he must copy for himself the instructions on the scroll that's in the custody of the Levitical priests, **19** then he must keep it with him and read some of it every day so that he learns to honour his god Yahweh—being careful to follow all the instructions and regulations written in it **20** so that he won't think he's more valued than his fellow citizens, and so that he doesn't ignore those instructions even slightly. As a result, him and his descendants will rule as kings in Yisrael (Israel) for many years.

Portions for Levites

18:1 None of the Levites (including the priests) will receive any land as an inheritance like the other Israelis. Instead, the people's offerings to Yahweh will be their inheritance to sustain them. **2** Yes, unlike fellow Israelis, they won't have any inherited land—Yahweh is their inheritance like he told them.[263]

3 This is the requirement that the people do for the priests: whenever they bring a bull or a sheep as a sacrifice, they must give the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach to the priest. **4** Also you must give the Levites the firstfruits of your grain, your grape juice, your olive oil, and the wool shorn from your sheep, **5** because your god Yahweh chose them out of all your tribes for them and their descendants permanently to serve him.

6 If a Levite chooses to move his family from their town in any part of Yisrael (Israel) and sincerely wants to go to the place that Yahweh will choose, **7** then he can join the other Levites there to serve his god Yahweh **8** and must be given a portion like all the others. (He can keep anything he got from the sale of their family home.)

Warnings against divination and magic

9 When you enter the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you, don't imitate the disgusting habits of those peoples. **10** There mustn't be anyone among you who passes their son or daughter through fire, or who uses divination or omens to try to tell the future,[264] or who practices sorcery,[265] **11** or who puts spells on people, or who tries to talk to spirits of deceased people, **12** because anyone who does those things is abhorrent to Yahweh. It's because of those kinds of things that your god Yahweh will drive those other peo-

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for_him/it horses and_not he_will_make_return ~~DOM~~ the_ _people to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) so_as to_increase horse[s] and_ _**YHWH** he_has_said to/for_you(pl) not you(pl)_will_repeat to_ _return on_way the_this again. **17** And_not he_will_increase for_him/it wives and_not heart_of_his it_will_turn_aside and_ _silver and_gold not he_will_increase for_him/it exceedingly. **18** And_it_was just_as_he_sits on the_throne_of his/its_ _kingdom and_he_will_write to_him/it ~~DOM~~ (the)_copy_of the_ _law (the)_this on a_scroll from_to/for_face/front/presence the_priests the_Lēviyyiy. **19** And_it_will_be with_him/it and_ _he_will_read in_him/it all_of the_days_of his/its_life so_that he_may_learn to_fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** his/its_god to_guard/protect ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this and_~~DOM~~ the_regulations the_these to_do_them. **20** To_not heart_of_his to_be_lifted_up more_than_of_his_countrymen and_to_not to_ _turn_aside from the_command right_hand and_left_hand so_ _that he and_descendants_of_his he_may_prolong days over his/its_kingdom in_the_midst_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

18:1 Not it_will_belong to_priests the_Lēviyyiy all_of the_tribe_ _of Lēvī a_portion and_an_inheritance with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_fire_offerings_of **YHWH** and_inheritance_of_his they_will_ _eat. **2** And_an_inheritance not it_will_belong for_him/it in_ _the_midst_of countrymen_of_his **YHWH** he inheritance_of_is_ _his just_as he_spoke to_him/it. **3** And_this it_will_be the_right_ _of the_priests from_with the_people from_with those_who_ _sacrifice_of (of)_the_sacrifice whether ox or sheep and_he/it_ _gave to_priest the_arm and_the_two_cheeks and_the_stomach. **4** The_first_of your_grain_of_your wine_of_your_new and_your_ _fresh_of_oil and_the_first_of the_fleece_of your_sheep_of_your you_will_give for_him/it. **5** If/because in_him/it **YHWH** god_of_ _your he_has_chosen from_all tribes_of_your to_stand to_serve in/on_name_of **YHWH** he and_descendants_of_his all_of the_ _days. **6** And_because/when (the)_Lēviyyiy he_will_come from_ _one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) where he was_sojourning there and_he_will_come in_all the_desire_of his_self_of_his to the_place which **YHWH** he_will_choose. **7** And_he_will_serve in/on_name_of **YHWH** his/its_god like_all_ _of relatives_of_his the_Lēviyyiy who_stand there to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **8** A_portion like_a_portion they_will_eat besides_even_though sales_of_his on the_fathers.

9 If/because you will_have_gone into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) not you_ _will_learn for_doing according_to_the_abominations_of the_ _nations the_those. **10** Not he_will_be_found in_you(ms) one_ _who_makes_pass his/its_son and_daughter_of_his in_fire one_ _who_divines divinations a_soothsayer and_one_who_ _practices_divination and_a_sorcerer. **11** And_one_who_throws a_spell and_one_who_consults a_necromancer and_a_ _soothsayer and_one_who_consults (to) the_dead. **12** If/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** every_of one_who_does_of

261 RV 17:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 11:1-8.

262 RV 17:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 10:14-22,27; 2Ch 1:15; 9:27.

263 RV 18:2 · Cross-ref. Num 18:20.

264 RV 18:10 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:26.

265 RV 18:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 22:18.

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(of)_these_things and_on_account_of the_abominations the_
_these **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_dispossess them from_
_before_of_you. **13** Blameless you_will_be with **YHWH** god_of_
_your. **14** If/because the_nations the_these which you are_
_about_to_dispossess them to soothsayers and_near/to
diviners they_listen and_you(ms) not thus he_has_
_permitted[267][268][269] to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_your.

15 A_prophet from_midst_of_your one_of_your_countrymen
like_me he_will_raise_up to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_
_your to_him/it you(pl)_will_listen. **16** According_to_all that
you_asked from_with **YHWH** god_of_your at_Ḥorēv in/on_day
of_the_assembly to_say not let_me_repeat to_hear ~~DOM~~ the_
_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_my and_~~DOM~~ the_fire the_
_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this not let_me_see again and_not I_
_will_die. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me they_have_done_
_well that_which they_have_spoken. **18** A_prophet I_will_raise_
_up to/for_them from_the_midst_of their_countrymen_of_their
like_you and_I_will_put words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_
_his and_he_will_speak to_them ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_will_
_command_him. **19** And_it_was the_man who not he_will_listen
to words/messages_of_my which he_will_speak in_name_of_my
I I_will_require from_with_him. **20** Nevertheless the_prophet
who he_will_act_presumptuously by_speaking a_message in_
_name_of_my ~~DOM~~ that_which not I_commanded_him to_speak
and_which he_will_speak in/on_name_of gods other and_ the_
_prophet (the)_that _he_will_die. **21** And_because/when you_
_will_say in_heart_of_your how will_we_know ~~DOM~~ the_message
which not he_has_spoken_it **YHWH**. **22** That_which the_
_prophet he_will_speak in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_not the_
_thing it_will_happen and_not it_will_come it is_the_message
which not he_has_spoken_it **YHWH** with_presumption he_has_
_spoken_it the_prophet not you_will_be_afraid from_him.

19:1 If/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ the_
_nations which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_
_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ land_of_their and_you_will_dispossess_them
and_you_will_dwell in_cities_of_their and_in_houses_of_their.
2 Three cities you_will_set_apart to/for_you(fs) in_the_middle
your_land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give
to/for_yourself(m) to_take_possession_of_it. **3** You_will_
_establish to/for_yourself(m) the_journey and_you_will_divide_
_into_three ~~DOM~~ the_territory_of your_land_of_your which he_
_will_give_you_as_an_inheritance **YHWH** god_of_your and_it_
_was to_flee to_(to) every_of killer. **4** And_this will_be_the_case_
_of the_killer who he_will_flee to_(to) and_he_will_live one_
_who he_will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour with_not_of
knowledge and_he not was_hating to_him/it from_yesterday
the_third_day. **5** And_which he_will_go with his/its_neighbour

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ples away ahead of you. **13** You must be a blameless nation in the eyes of your god Yahweh,[266] **14** because the groups that you'll expel from the land rely on fortune-tellers and diviners, but your god Yahweh won't allow you to do that.

Yahweh promises to send prophets

15 Your god Yahweh will select a man from among you and send him as a prophet like me. You must take notice of him,[270] **16** since you begged your god Yahweh from the bottom of Mt. Horev when you said, "We can't handle directly hearing the voice of our god Yahweh and looking at this terrible fire. Let us go home so we won't die here." **17** Then Yahweh told me, "They're right in what they're saying. **18** I'll choose a prophet from among them and see him. I'll tell him what to say, and he can pass it on to them, **19** and if anyone doesn't listen to what he says with my authority, I'll punish that person as if they ignored me.[271] **20** However, if the prophet says things that I didn't tell him to say but claims they came from me, or if he speaks in the name of other gods, then that prophet must die."

21 Now if you ask yourselves, "How can we recognise a message that didn't come from Yahweh?" **22** then when the prophet speaks in Yahweh's name but that thing doesn't happen, then you'll know that it didn't come from Yahweh. The prophet spoke it assuming that I'd want that, but you don't need to be afraid of him.

The refuge cities[272]

19:1 When your god Yahweh destroys those peoples where he's giving you the land, and you occupy the land and live in their cities and houses, **2** you must select three cities[273] spread across the land that Yahweh is giving you. **3** You must define three borders and build roads in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you to inherit. Anyone who kills another person can then flee to one of those cities. **4** This is the rule for someone who's killed another person and flees to live there: if they've accidentally killed another person and had no hate for that person from past events, **5** (for example, if two men went into the forest to chop wood and an axe head flew off its handle and killed the other man) then that accidental killer can flee to one of those cities and live there. **6** Otherwise a friend or

266 **RV 18:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:48.

267 **LV 18:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

268 **LV 18:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

269 **LV 18:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

270 **RV 18:15 · Cross-ref.** Acts 3:22; 7:37.

271 **RV 18:19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 3:23.

272 **RV 19:1 · Parallel** Num. 35:9-28; Josh. 20:1-9

273 **RV 19:1-13 · Cross-ref.** Josh 20:1-9.

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relative of the dead person might chase the killer in a sudden rage and overtake and kill the accidental killer if the city was too far away. However, the killer doesn't deserve death if they hadn't hated that person from past events— **7** that's why I'm ordering you to select three cities for this.

8 Then in the future, if your god Yahweh extends your territory as he promised your ancestors that he would do, and gives you all the land that he told them about, **9** and if you're still following all these instructions that I'm giving you today (loving your god Yahweh and always obeying what he's said), then you'll need to add three more refuge cities for your country. **10** That's so innocent people won't be killed in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you, and so that you won't be found guilty of the murder of that accidental killer.

11 However, if someone hates another person and then ambushes them and kills them, and then flees to one of those cities, **12** then the elders from their home town should go and get that person from the refuge city and hand that killer over to the relatives handling the case, and the murderer must be executed. **13** You must show no mercy to murderers but they must be executed so that the country isn't responsible for the blood of innocent people, and then things will go well for you.

Respecting boundaries

14 Once you're in the land that your god Yahweh is giving you to occupy, you mustn't move the boundary markers which were set between you and your neighbour.[276]

Concerning witnesses in court

15 A single witness must not be used to condemn anyone—a matter must only be considered proven if there's at least two or three witnesses.[277] **16** Suppose that a 'witness' brought a false allegation against a man, **17** then both parties must go and stand in front of Yahweh—in front of the priests and judges on duty at that time. **18** The judges must investigate the case thoroughly, and if the witness is proved to be lying (and so falsely accusing a fellow citizen), **19** you must give the false witness the punishment that was planned for the person falsely accused, and that's how you

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in_forest to_cut wood(s) and_ his/its_hand _it_will_be_impelled by_axe to_cut_down the_tree and_ the_iron _it_will_slip_off from the_tree and_it_will_find ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_he_ _will_die he he_will_flee to one of_the_cities the_these and_he_ _will_live. **6** Lest the_avenger_of (the)_blood he_should_pursue after the_killer if/because heart_of_his it_will_be_hot and_he_ _will_overtake_him if/because the_journey it_will_be_great and_he_will_strike_him life and_to/for_him/it there_belonged_ _not a_sentence_of death if/because not he was_hating to_ _him/it from_yesterday the_third_day. **7** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you to_say three cities you_will_set_apart to/for_you(fs). **8** And_if **YHWH** god_ _of_your he_will_enlarge ~~DOM~~ territory_of_your just_as he_ _swore to_ancestors_of_your and_he/it_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land which he_spoke to_give to_ancestors_of_your. **9** If/because you_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of the_command (the)_this to_do_it which I am_commanding_of_ _you the_day to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your and_to_walk in_ _ways_of_his all_of the_days and_you_will_add[274][275] to/for_ _yourself(m) again three cities to the_three_cities the_these. **10** And_not blood innocent it_will_be_shed in_the_midst_of your_land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance and_it_was on_you blood(s). **11** And_because/when anyone he_will_be hating (to)_ _neighbour_of_his and_he_will_lie_in_wait to_him/it and_he_ _will_rise_up on/upon/above_him/it and_he_will_strike_him life and_he_will_die and_he_will_flee to one of_the_cities (the)_ _these. **12** And_ the_elders_of his_city_of_his _they_will_send and_they_will_take ~~DOM~~_him/it from_there and_they_will_give ~~DOM~~_him/it in_the_hand_of the_avenger_of (the)_blood and_ _he_will_die. **13** Not eye_of_your it_will_look_with_pity on/upon/above_him/it and_you_will_remove the_blood_of the_innocent_person from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_good to/for_ _you(fs).

14 Not you_will_displace the_boundary_of your_neighbour_of_ _your which the_forefathers they_set_bounds in_inheritance_ _of_your which you_will_inherit on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) to_take_ _possession_of_it.

15 Not a_witness one he_will_stand in_anyone to/from_ _all/each/any/every iniquity and_to/for_all sin in_all sin which he_will_sin on the_mouth_of two_of witnesses or on the_ _mouth_of three witnesses a_matter it_will_stand. **16** If/because a_witness_of injustice he_will_stand in_anyone to_testify in/on/over_him/it rebellion. **17** And_ the_two_of the_ _people whom to/for_them the_dispute _they_will_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_priests and_the_judges who they_will_be in_the_days the_those. **18** And_ the_judges _they_will_ _investigate thoroughly_(do_well) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE is_a_ _witness_of falsehood the_witness falsehood he_has_testified

274 LV 19:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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276 RV 19:14 · Cross-ref. Deu 27:17.

277 RV 19:15 · Cross-ref. Num 35:30; Deu 17:6; Mat 18:16; Yhn 8:17; 2Cor 13:1; 1Tim 5:19; Heb 10:28.

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against_countryman_of_his. **19** And_you(pl)_will_do to_him/it just_as he_planned for_doing to_countryman_of_his and_you_ _will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_your. **20** And_the_ _remainder they_will_hear and_they_will_fear and_not they_ _will_repeat for_doing again like_thing (the)_evil the_this in_ _midst_of_your. **21** And_not eye_of_your it_will_look_with_pity life for_life eye for_eye tooth for_tooth hand for_hand foot for_ _foot.

20:1 If/because you_will_go_out to_war on enemies_of_your and_you_will_see horse and_chariot a_people great more_than_ _you not you_must_be_afraid from_them if/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_with_you who_brought_up_of_you from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **2** And_it_was just_as_you(pl)_ _draw_near to the_battle and_ the_priest/officer _he_will_ _come_near and_he_will_speak to the_people. **3** And_ _saying(ms) to_them hear Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) are_ _approaching the_day to_battle on enemies_of_your(pl) not heart_of_your(pl) let_it_be_timid do_not be_afraid and_do_not make_haste and_do_not be_terrified of_them. **4** If/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_the_one_who_goes with_you(pl) to_ _fight to/for_you(pl) with enemies_of_your(pl) to_give_victory you(pl). **5** And_ the_officials _they_will_say to the_people to_ _say who the_man who he_has_built a_house new and_not he_ _has_dedicated_it let_him_go and_let_him_return to_house_of_ _his lest he_should_die in_battle and_a_man another he_will_ _dedicate_it. **6** And_who the_man who he_has_planted a_ _vineyard and_not he_has_put_it_to_use let_him_go and_let_ _him_return to_house_of_his lest he_should_die in_battle and_ _a_man another he_will_put_it_to_use. **7** And_who the_man who he_has_betrothed a_woman and_not he_has_taken_her let_him_go and_let_him_return to_house_of_his lest he_should_ _die in_battle and_a_man another he_will_take_her. **8** And_ the_ _officials _they_will_repeat to_speak to the_people and_they_ _will_say who the_man (the)_fearful and_(the)_weak_of (the)_ _heart let_him_go and_let_him_return to_house_of_his and_not ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of his_countrymen_of_his it_will_be_melted like_heart_of_his. **9** And_it_was just_ the_officials _as_finish to_ _speak to the_people and_they_will_appoint commanders_of armies at_the_head_of the_people. **10** If/because you_will_ _draw_near to_a_city to_fight on/upon_it(f) and_you_will_ _proclaim to_her/it to_peace. **11** And_it_was if peace it_will_ _answer_you and_it_will_open to/for_you(fs) and_it_was all_of the_people which_is_found in_it they_will_become to/for_ _yourself(m) (into)_forced_labour and_they_will_serve_you. **12** And_if not it_will_make_peace with_you and_it_will_make with_you war and_you_will_lay_siege on_it.[279][280][281] **13** And_he_ _will_give_it **YHWH** god_of_your in_hand_of_your and_you_ _will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ every_of male_of_its to_the_mouth_of the_sword. **14** Only the_women and_the_little_one[s] and_the_ _livestock and_all/each/any/every that it_will_be in_city all_of booty_of_its you_will_plunder to/for_you(fs) and_you(ms)_will_ _eat ~~DOM~~ the_booty_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your which **YHWH**

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can remove the evil from among your nation. **20** Then the rest of the people will hear about that and be afraid to do that kind of evil thing in your country. **21** Don't pity violent people: it's a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, and a foot for a foot.[278]

Rules of battle

20:1 When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see many horses and chariots and a bigger army than yours, don't be afraid of them, because your god Yahweh who helped you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) is with you. **2** As you approach the place of battle, the high priest must go and stand in front of the warriors, **3** and tell them, "Listen, Yisrael (Israel), you're about to battle against your enemies. Don't be nervous or afraid, and don't tremble or be terrified of them, **4** because your god Yahweh will go with you to fight for you against your enemies. He'll give you victory."

5 Then the officers must ask the people, "Is there anyone here who's just built a new house and hasn't dedicated it yet? If so, he can go home in case he dies in battle and someone else gets to dedicate his house. **6** Is there anyone who's planted a vineyard and not benefitted from it yet? If so, he can go home in case he dies in battle and someone else enjoys the grape harvest. **7** Is there anyone who's gotten engaged, but not yet married? If so, he can go home in case he died in battle and someone else marries her."

8 Then those officers should also ask, "Is there anyone who's scared or fearful? If so, he should go home so his fear doesn't spread to others." **9** Once they've finished speaking with the fighting men, they must appoint commanders over them.

10 When you approach a city ready to attack it, first call out to offer peace for surrender, **11** and if they agree to surrender and open the city gates, then they'll all be forced to work for you. **12** But if they refuse your terms and decide to fight against you, then you should besiege that city. **13** Then when your god Yahweh helps you to capture it, you must kill every male in that city. **14** However, you can take the women and children and cattle and everything else in the city as plunder for yourself. You can enjoy your enemies' possessions that Yahweh has given to you.

15 That's how you should treat the cities located far from you—it doesn't apply to the cities of nearby peoples.

16 In contrast, the cities of those peoples that your god Yahweh is giving you as an inheritance, you mustn't leave a single living thing alive **17** because you must complete eliminate the Hitim, the Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. Do that just as your god Yahweh com-

278 **RV 19:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:23-25; Lev 24:19-20; Mat 5:38.

279 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

280 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

281 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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manded you **18** so that they don't teach you to sin against Yahweh by doing any of their abhorrent activities that they do for their gods.

19 When you besiege a city for a lengthy period, battling against it to capture it, you mustn't use your axes to destroy its trees, because you can eat their fruit. Don't cut them down because the trees in the countryside aren't likely to turn around and attack you. **20** However, the trees that aren't fruit trees can be cut down and make ladders and towers to enable you to go over the walls and capture the city that is resisting you.

Handling an unseen murder

21:1 If a dead body is found in the land that your god Yahweh is about to give you, and it appears that that person had been killed out in the countryside by some unknown person, **2** then your elders and your judges must go out and work out the distance to each of the towns close to that victim. **3** Then the elders from that closest town must select a heifer from their herd that's never been yoked or had to pull anything, **4** and take it down into a valley that has a stream but the ground has never been ploughed or planted. They must break its neck there **5** and the Levitical priests must approach it because your god Yahweh has chosen them to serve him and pronounce blessings on Yahweh's behalf, and to give rulings on disputes and assaults. **6** Then all the elders from that closest town must wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley, **7** and say, "We didn't murder this person, nor did we see who did it. **8** Yahweh, forgive your Israeli people who you rescued from Mitsrayim (Egypt). Don't count us as guilty for murdering an innocent person." When they do that, Yisrael (Israel) will be forgiven for that murder. **9** That's how your country will remove from yourselves the guilt of shedding innocent blood, when you do what's right in Yahweh's eyes.

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god_of_your he_has_given to/for_you(fs). **15** Thus you_will_do to/from_all/each/any/every the_cities (the)_distant from_you very which not are_any_of_the_cities_of the_nations the_these they. **16** Only from_the_cities_of the_peoples the_these which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_ _inheritance not you_will_let_live any_of breathing_thing. **17** If/because certainly_(totally_destroy) you_will_totally_ _destroy_them the_Ḫittiy[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] the_Kəna'ₐnī and_the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḫiūī and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] just_ _as he_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_your. **18** So_that that not they_may_teach you(pl) for_doing according_to_all_of abominations_of_their which they_have_done for_gods_of_ _their and_you(pl)_will_sin to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **19** If/because you_will_lay_siege to a_city days many to_fight on/upon_it(f) to_capture_it not you_will_destroy ~~ĐOM~~ tree[s]_ _of_its by_wielding on/upon/above_him/it an_axe if/because from_him/it you_will_eat and_it not you_will_cut_down if/because the_humankind is_the_tree_of the_field to_go from_ _before_of_you in_(the)_siege. **20** Only a_tree which you_will_ _know if/because_that is_not a_tree_of food it ~~ĐOM~~_him/it you_ _will_destroy and_you_will_cut_down and_you_will_build siege_work[s] on the_city which it is_making with_you war until falls_it.

21:1 If/because one_slain it_will_be_found in_land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) to_ _take_possession_of_it lying in_the_field not it_is_known who did_he_strike_him_down. **2** And_ your_of_elders and_judges_of_ _your _they_will_go_out and_they_will_measure to the_cities which are_around_of the_one_slain. **3** And_it_was the_city (the)_near to the_one_slain and_ the_elders_of the_city the_ _that _they_will_take a_heifer_of the_herd which not it_has_ _been_worked by_it which not it_has_dragged by_a_yoke. **4** And_ the_elders_of the_city the_that _they_will_bring_down ~~ĐOM~~ the_heifer to a_wadi ever-flowing which not it_is_tilled in/on/over_him/it and_not it_is_sown and_they_will_break_ _the_neck_of there ~~ĐOM~~ the_heifer in_wadi. **5** And_ the_priests the_sons_of Lēvī _they_will_draw_near if/because (in)_them **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_chosen to_serve_him and_to_bless in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_on mouth_of_their every_of dispute and_all wound it_will_be. **6** And_all/each/any/every the_elders_of the_city the_that (the)_near to the_one_slain they_will_wash ~~ĐOM~~ hands_of_their over the_heifer (the)_ _broken_necked in_wadi. **7** And_they_will_answer and_they_ _will_say our_both_hands not they_shed[282] ~~ĐOM~~ the_blood the_ _this and_eyes_of_our not they_saw. **8** Make_atonement for_ _people_of_your[283][284] Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which you_ransomed Oh_ _**YHWH** and_do_not put blood innocent in_the_midst_of your_ _people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be_atoned_for to/for_them the_blood. **9** And_you(ms) you_will_remove the_ _blood (the)_innocent from_midst_of_your if/because you_will_ _do the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**.

282 LV 21:7 · Note OSHB variant note: הכפש: (x-qere) וְכָפְּשׁ֣וּ: lemma_8210 n_0.1.0 morph_HVqp3cp id_05aaD וְכָפְּשׁ֣וּ

283 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

284 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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10 If/because you_will_go_out to_war on enemies_of_your and_
_he_will_give_him **YHWH** god_of_your in_hand_of_your and_
_you_will_take_captive captive[s]_of_his. **11** And_you_will_see
among_captive[s] a_woman_of beautiful_of form and_you_will_
_love (in)_her and_you_will_take_her to/for_yourself(m)
to/for_(a)_woman. **12** And_you_will_bring_her into the_middle_
_of your_house_of_your and_she_will_shave ᴅᴏᴍ head_of_her
and_she_will_attend_to ᴅᴏᴍ nails_of_her. **13** And_she_will_
_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_clothing_of her_captivity_of_her from_on_
_her and_she_will_dwell in_house_of_your and_she_will_weep_
_for ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_her and_ᴅᴏᴍ mother_of_her a_month_of
days and_after thus you_will_go to_her/it and_you_will_be_
_her_husband and_she_will_become to/for_yourself(m) to/for_
_(a)_woman. **14** And_it_was if not you_delight in_her and_you_
_will_let_her_go for_self_of_her and_certainly_(sell) not you_
_will_sell_her for_money not you_will_treat_as_a_slave (in)_her
because that you_have_humiliated_her.

15 If/because they_will_belong to_a_man two_of wives the_
_one(f) is_loved and_the_one is_hated and_they_gave_birth to_
_him/it sons the_loved_wife and_the_hated_wife and_ the_son
the_firstborn _it_was to_wife. **16** And_it_was in/on_day he_
_causes_to_inherit ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ that_which it_will_
_belong to_him/it not he_will_be_able to_treat_as_firstborn
ᴅᴏᴍ the_son_of the_loved_wife on the_face_of the_son_of the_
_hated_wife the_firstborn. **17** If/because ᴅᴏᴍ the_firstborn the_
_son_of the_hated_wife he_will_acknowledge by_giving to_
_him/it a_mouth_of two in_all that it_will_be_found to_him/it
if/because he is_the_beginning_of his_generative_power_of_his
to_him/it the_claim_of the_birthright.

18 If/because he_will_belong to_anyone a_son stubborn and_
_rebellious not_he is_listening to_the_voice_of his/its_father
and_to_the_voice_of his/its_mother and_they_will_
_discipline[285][286][287] ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_not he_will_listen to_them.
19 And_they_will_seize in_him/it his/its_father and_mother_
_of_his and_they_will_bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_elders_of
his_city_of_his and_near/to the_gate_of his_place_of_his.
20 And_they_will_say to the_elders_of his_city_of_his son_of_
_our this is_stubborn and_rebellious not_he is_listening to_
_voice_of_our he_is_a_glutton and_a_drunkard. **21** And_they_
_will_stone_him all_of the_men_of his_city_of_his with_stones
and_he_will_die and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_
_your and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_will_hear and_they_will_
_fear.

22 And_because/when it_will_be in_anyone a_sin_of a_
_sentence_of death and_he_will_be_put_to_death and_you_will_
_hang ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it on a_tree. **23** Not corpse_of_his it_will_
_remain_overnight on the_tree if/because certainly_(bury)
you_will_bury_him in_the_day (the)_that if/because is_a_curse_
_of god one_who_is_hanged and_not you_will_make_unclean
ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give
to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance.

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Handling captured women

10 When you go out to battle against your enemies and your god Yahweh helps you defeat them, and you capture some of their people **11** and you notice an attractive woman that you'd like to take as a wife, **12** then you must publicly take her to your house. There you must shave off her hair and trim her nails, **13** and discard the clothes she was wearing when she was captured. She must stay in that house, and be allowed an entire month to mourn for her parents before she's taken to be your wife. **14** If you're not happy with her, then you can't sell her—you must release her to go wherever she wants because you've already humiliated her.

The oldest son's inheritance

15 If a man has two wives and loves one more than the other, but they've both given birth to sons for him but the oldest son is from the wife he dislikes, **16** then when he assigns his inheritance to his sons, he mustn't favour the son of the favourite wife over that eldest son. **17** Instead, he must acknowledge the son of the wife he dislikes, and given him double of everything, because that son is the beginning of his strength, and the largest share belongs to him.

The rebellious child

18 If a person has a stubborn, rebellious son who won't listen to the voice of his parents, and they tell him off, but he still won't listen to them, **19** then his parents must physically bring him to the elders at the gate of his hometown. **20** Then they must tell those elders, "Our son is stubborn and rebellious and pays no attention to what we say—he's a glutton and a drunkard." **21** Then all the men from that place must execute him by throwing rocks at him, thus removing that evil from among you. Then everyone in Yisrael (Israel) will hear about it and be afraid to imitate him.

Miscellaneous rules

22 If someone has committed a crime worthy of death, and that person is executed and you hang their body on a tree, **23** then the corpse mustn't remain overnight on the tree—it must be buried that same day, because anyone who's hanged is cursed by God[288] and you mustn't defile your country that your god Yahweh is about to give you as an inheritance.

22:1 If you see someone else's cow or sheep that has strayed

285 LV 21:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

286 LV 21:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

287 LV 21:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

288 RV 21:23 · Cross-ref. Gal 3:13.

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away, don't act as though you didn't see it. Take it back to its owner.[289] **2** However, if the owner doesn't live near you, or if you don't know who it is, then take the animal to your house. It can stay with you until the owner comes looking for it, then you must give it to them. **3** Similarly if it's a donkey or clothing or anything else that someone's lost, don't pretend that you never saw it.

4 If you see someone else's donkey or cow that's fallen beside the road, don't act as though you didn't see it. You must try to help the owner to get the animal up.

5 Women mustn't wear men's clothes, and men mustn't wear women's clothes. Your god Yahweh hates people who do things like that.

6 If you happen to find a bird's nest in a tree or on the ground, and the mother bird is sitting in the nest on its eggs or with the baby birds, don't take both the mother bird and the babies. **7** You may take the eggs or the baby birds, but you must allow the mother bird to fly away. Do that so that things will go well for you and so that you'll live in the land for a long time.

8 When you build a new house, be sure to include a railing around your flat roof, so you won't be guilty of having caused someone's death if a person falls off it and dies.

9 Don't plant a crop in your vineyard, because then the harvest of the crop and the fruit from the vineyard will both be defiled.[290][291]

10 Don't plough with a cow and a donkey harnessed together.

11 Don't wear clothes with a mix of wool and linen.

12 Twist threads together to make tassels and sew them onto the four corners of your cloak.[292]

Rules about marriage and rape

13 If a man takes a wife and sleeps with her, then hates her **14** and accuses her of shameful things, destroying her reputation and claiming that she hadn't been a virgin, **15** then the young woman's parents must show the evidence of her virginity[293] to the elders at the city gate. **16** The young woman's father must tell the elders how he gave his daughter to the man as a wife, but now he's rejected

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22:1 Not you_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_ox_of your(ms)_brother/kindred or ~~DOM~~ sheep_of_his going_astray and_you_will_hide_yourself from_them certainly_(return) you_will_return_them to_ _countryman_of_your. **2** And_if not is_near your(ms)_ _brother/kindred to_you and_not you_know_him and_you_ _will_gather_it into the_middle_of your_house_of_your and_it_ _was with_you until your(ms)_brother/kindred seeks ~~DOM~~_ _him/it and_you_will_return_it to_him/it. **3** And_thus/so/as_ _follows you_will_do for_donkey_of_his and_thus/so/as_follows you_will_do for_clothing_of_his and_thus/so/as_follows you_ _will_do to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_thing_lost_of your(ms)_brother/kindred which it_will_be_lost from_him/it and_you_will_find_it not you_will_be_able to_hide_yourself. **4** Not you_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_donkey_of your(ms)_ _brother/kindred or ox_of_his falling by_way and_you_will_ _hide_yourself from_them certainly_(raise) you_will_raise_it_ _up with_him/it. **5** Not it_will_be the_garment[s]_of a_man on a_woman and_not a_man he_will_wear the_clothing_of a_ _woman if/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your every_of one_who_does_of (of)_these_things. **6** If/because a_nest_of a_bird it_will_be_met to_your_face by_ _way in_all tree or on the_earth/land young_ones or eggs and_ _the_mother is_lying on the_young_ones or on the_eggs not you_will_take the_mother with the_young_ones. **7** Certainly_ _(let_go) you_will_let_go ~~DOM~~ the_mother and_~~DOM~~ the_young_ _ones you_will_take to/for_you(fs) so_that it_may_go_well to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_prolong days. **8** If/because you_ _will_build a_house new and_you_will_make a_parapet for_ _roof_your and_not you_will_put blood(s) on_house_of_your if/because the_one_who_falls he_will_fall from_it. **9** Not you_ _will_sow vineyard_of_your two_kinds lest the_full_produce the_seed which you_will_sow and_the_produce_of the_vineyard it_should_be_set_apart. **10** Not you_will_plow with_an_ox and_ _with_a_donkey together. **11** Not you_will_wear mixed_stuff wool and_linen(s) together. **12** Tassels you_will_make for_ _yourself on the_four the_corners_of your_covering_of_your which you_will_cover with_it.

13 If/because a_man he_will_take a_wife and_he_will_go to_ _her/it and_he_will_hate_her. **14** And_he_will_make to/for_ _her/it deeds_of words/messages and_he_will_send_forth on/upon_it(f) a_name bad and_saying(ms) ~~DOM~~ the_woman (the)_this I_took and_I_drew_near to_her/it and_not I_found to/for_her/it virginiti(es). **15** And_he/it_will_take the_father_of the[296] and_mother_of_her and_they_will_bring_forth ~~DOM~~ the_ _virginiti(es)_of the[297] to the_elders_of the_city the_gate.

289 **RV 22:1-4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:4-5.

290 **RV 22:9 · Note** Or possibly, become sacred.

291 **RV 22:9-11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:19.

292 **RV 22:12 · Cross-ref.** Num 15:37-41.

293 **RV 22:15 · Note** Presumably, the blood-stained sheet.

296 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנְּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05jCu הָרֵעַנְּ/ה

297 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנְּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05U11 הָרֵעַנְּ/ה

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16 And_saying(ms) the_father_of the[298299300301] to the_elders ÐOM daughter_of_my I_gave to_man the_this to/for_(a)_woman and_he_hated_her. 17 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he he_has_made deeds_of words/messages to_say not I_found to_daughter_of_ _your virginiti(es) and_these are_the_virginiti(es)_of my_ _daughter_of_my and_they_will_spread_out the_garment to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_elders_of the_city. 18 And_ the_elders_of the_city the_that _they_will_take ÐOM the_man and_they_will_punish ÐOM_him/it. 19 And_they_will_ _impose_a_fine_on ÐOM_him/it a_hundred silver and_they_will_ _give_them to_the_father_of the_young_woman if/because he_ _has_sent_forth a_name bad on (the)_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to/for_him/it she_will_belong to/for_(a)_woman not he_ _will_be_able to_send_her_away[302303304] all_of his/its_days. 20 And_if truth the_message the_this it_was not virginiti(es) they_were_found mmm[305]. 21 And_they_will_bring_out ÐOM the[306] to the_entrance_of the_house_of her_father_of_her and_ _they_will_stone_her the_men_of her_city_of_her with_stones and_she_will_die if/because she_has_done a_disgraceful_folly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_acting_as_a_prostitute the_house_of her_ _father_of_her and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_of_ _your. 22 If/because a_man he_will_be_found lying with a_ _woman married_of a_husband and_ also both_of_them the_ _man who_lay with the_woman and_the_woman _they_will_die and_you_will_remove the_evil from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 23 If/because he_will_be a_young_woman[307] a_virgin betrothed to_a_man and_he_will_find_her a_man in_city and_he_will_lie with_her/it. 24 And_you(pl)_will_bring_out ÐOM both_of_them to the_gate_of the_city the_that and_you(pl)_will_stone ÐOM_ _them with_stones and_they_will_die ÐOM the[308] on the_thing_ _of (of)_that not she_cried_for_help in_city and_ÐOM the_man on the_thing_of (of)_that he_has_humiliated ÐOM the_wife_of his/its_neighbour and_you_will_remove the_evil from_midst_ _of_your. 25 And_if in_the_field the_man he_will_find ÐOM the[309] betrothed and_he_will_take_hold on_her the_man and_ _he_will_lie with_her/it and_ the_man who he_lay with_her/it _he_will_die for_him/it_being_alone. 26 And[310311312] not you_

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her 17 and made shameful accusations about her not being a virgin. Then the parents must spread out that cloth and show it to the city elders. 18 Then the city elders must punish that man 19 and fine him a hundred silver coins to be paid to the young woman's father for defaming an Israeli virgin. Then she'll remain as his wife and he'll be prohibited from ever divorcing her.

20 However, if the accusation was true and the young woman hadn't been a virgin, 21 then they must take her to the doorway of her father's house. Then the men from that city must execute her by throwing rocks at her, because she's done a disgraceful thing in Yisrael (Israel)—committing fornication while she still lived in her father's house. That's how you'll remove evil from your country.

22 If a man is discovered sleeping with another man's wife, then both of them must be executed. That's how you'll remove evil from Yisrael.

23 If a young woman is engaged to a man, and another man sleeps with her, 24 then you must execute both of them at the city gate by throwing rocks at them—the young woman because she didn't scream, and the man for defiling another man's fiancée.

25 If the man found the young woman out in the countryside and overpowers her and rapes her, then the man must be executed 26 but don't do anything to that woman because she's not worthy of death. (This is similar to the case of a man murdering another man out in the countryside.) 27 When that man found her out in the countryside, then she would have cried out for help, but no one was there to save her.

28 If a man overpowers a young woman who's not engaged, and rapes her, and it's discovered,[294] 29 that man must pay her father fifty silver coins, and she'll become his wife because he's violated her. He'll then be prohibited from ever divorcing her.

30 A man must never sleep with any of his father's wives be-

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294 **RV 22:28-29 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:16-17.

298 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05DcB הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

299 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

300 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

301 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

302 **LV 22:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

303 **LV 22:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

304 **LV 22:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

305 **LV 22:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ל: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֣ל': lemma_l/5291 n_0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_05nD3 הָֽרַעֲנִ֣ל

306 **LV 22:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.2.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05BCo הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

307 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנ': lemma_5291 morph_HNcfsa id_05138 הָֽרַעֲנ

308 **LV 22:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.2.1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05P19 הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

309 **LV 22:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05oHD הָֽרַעֲנִ֔ה

310 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'הָֽרַעֲנִ֣לוּ': lemma_c/l/5291 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Rd/Ncfsa id_05KPR הָֽרַעֲנִ֣לוּ

311 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

312 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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cause that would expose his father's nakedness.[295]

23:1 No man with crushed testicles or a severed penis is allowed to enter into Yahweh's assembly.

Excluded people

2 No illegitimate child[321] is allowed to enter into Yahweh's assembly, even down to the tenth generation.

3 No Amoni or Moavi is allowed to enter into Yahweh's assembly, even down past the tenth generation[322] **4** since they wouldn't even sell you bread and water when the people were travelling from Mitsrayim (Egypt) to Kena'an (Canaan). What's more, they hired Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam) (from Petor in Aram-Naharayim) to curse you **5** However, your god Yahweh took no notice of Bil'am and turned the curse into a blessing because he loves you,[323] **6** so you must never strive for peace or prosperity for the Amonim or the Moavim.

7 In contrast, don't despise the Edomim because they're your cousins (descendants of your ancestor Yitshak (Isaac)). And don't despise the Mitsrim (Egyptians), because you lived there as foreigners. **8** The third generation (grandchildren) of any of

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_will_do anything there_belongs_not mmm[313] sin_of death if/because just_as someone he_will_arise on his/its_neighbour and_he_will_kill_him life is_so the_matter (the)_this. **27** If/because in_country he_found_her she_cried_for_help the[314] betrothed and_there_was_not a_deliverer to/for_her/it. **28** If/because a_man he_will_find a_young_woman[315] a_virgin who not she_is_betrothed and_he_will_seize_her and_he_will_ _lie with_her/it and_they_will_be_found. **29** And_he/it_gave the_man lay with_her/it to_the_father_of the[316] fifty silver and_to/for_him/it she_will_belong to/for_(a)_woman because that he_has_humiliated_her not he_will_be_able to_send_her_ _away[317][318][319] all_of his/its_days.

23:1 [320] Not a_man he_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_father and_not he_will_uncover the_skirt_of his/its_father.

2 [324] Not one_who_is_wounded_of crushing and_one_who_is_ _cut_off_of penis he_will_go in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **3** [325] Not a_bastard he_will_go in_the_assembly_of **YHWH** also a_ _generation tenth not it_will_go to_him/it in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **4** [326] Not an_ʹAmmōnī and_a_Mō'āvite he_will_go in_ _the_assembly_of **YHWH** also a_generation tenth not it_will_go to/for_them in_the_assembly_of **YHWH** until perpetuity. **5** [327] On the_thing_of (of)_that not they_met you(pl) with_food and_ _with_water on_way when_you_came_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_which he_hired on_you ~~DOM~~ Bil'ām the_son_of Bəʹōr from_Pethor 'Arām Nah$_a$rayim to_curse_you. **6** [328] And_not **YHWH** god_of_your he_was_willing to_listen to Bil'ām and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_turned for_you ~~DOM~~ the_ _curse into_blessing if/because he_loved_you **YHWH** god_of_ _your. **7** [329] Not you_will_seek peace_of_their and_good_of_their all_of days_of_your forever_perpetuity. **8** [330] Not you_will_ _abhor an_'Edōmite if/because your(ms)_brother/kindred he not you_will_abhor an_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) if/because a_sojourner you_were in_land_of_his. **9** [331] Children who they_

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295 **RV 22:30 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:8; 20:11; Deu 27:20.

313 **LV 22:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ל: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנִּ/ל': lemma_l/5291 n_1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_051j8 הָרֵעַנִּ/ל

314 **LV 22:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנִּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_053Hq הָרֵעַנִּ/ה

315 **LV 22:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַ': lemma_5291 morph_HNcfsa id_05tB6 הָרֵעַ

316 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: רענ/ה: (x-qere) 'הָרֵעַנִּ/ה': lemma_d/5291 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_05FRd הָרֵעַנִּ/ה

317 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

318 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

319 **LV 22:29 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

320 **LV 23:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.22.30

321 **RV 23:2 · Note** Or possibly, child from mixed parentage.

322 **RV 23:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Neh 13:1-2.

323 **RV 23:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 23:7–24:9.

324 **LV 23:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.1

325 **LV 23:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.2

326 **LV 23:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.3

327 **LV 23:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.4

328 **LV 23:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.5

329 **LV 23:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.6

330 **LV 23:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.7

331 **LV 23:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.8

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_will_be_born to/for_them a_generation third it_will_go to/for_them in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**.
10 [332] If/because you_will_go_out a_camp on enemies_of_your and_you_will_keep_yourself from_all thing evil. **11** [333] If/because he_will_be in_you(ms) a_man who not he_will_be clean from_a_happening_of night and_he_will_go_out to from_ _the_outside of_camp not he_will_come into the_middle_of the_camp. **12** [334] And_it_was to_the_ evening _turning he_will_ _wash with_water and_just_ the_sun _as_goes he_will_come into the_middle_of the_camp.[335] **13** [336] And_a_hand it_will_ _belong to/for_yourself(m) from_the_outside of_camp and_ _you_will_go_out to_(to) outside. **14** [337] And_a_spade it_will_ _belong to/for_yourself(m) with equipment_of_your and_it_ _was when_you_sit_down outside and_you_will_dig with_it and_you_will_turn and_you_will_cover ~~DOM~~ excrement_of_your. **15** [338] If/because **YHWH** god_of_your is_walking_about in_the_ _midst_of your_camp_of_your to_deliver_you and_to_deliver_ _up enemies_of_your to_your_face and_it_was camps_of_your holy and_not he_will_see in_you(ms) the_nakedness_of a_thing and_he_will_turn_back from_after_you.

16 [342] Not you_will_deliver_up a_slave to master(s)_of_his who he_will_deliver_himself to_you from_with master(s)_of_his. **17** [343] With_you let_him_remain in_midst_of_your in_place which he_will_choose in_one_of your(pl)_gates_of_your in_ _place to_him/it not you_will_maltreat_him. **18** [344] Not she_ _will_be a_female_cult_prostitute any_of_the_daughters_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_will_be a_male_cult_prostitute from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).[345] **19** [346] Not you_will_bring the_hire_of a_prostitute and_the_price_of a_dog the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_your to/from_all/each/any/every vow if/because are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your also both_of_of_them. **20** [347] Not you_will_charge_interest to_ _countryman_of_your interest_of money interest_of food interest_of any_of thing which someone_will_pay_interest. **21** [348] To_foreigner you_will_charge_interest and_to_ _countryman_of_your not you_will_charge_interest so_that he_ _may_bless_you **YHWH** god_of_your in_every_of (the)_

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Edomim or Mitsrim that live among you, may enter Yahweh's assembly.

Purity when at war

9 When your warriors are out besieging your enemies, they you must avoid ceremonial impurity. **10** If something happens at night to make a man 'unclean', then he must stay outside the camp the next day and not join the others. **11** That evening, he must wash himself in water, then once the sun has set, he may reenter the camp.

12 You must have a place outside your camp where you can go to relieve yourself. **13** You must have a spade among your equipment so that when you go to relieve yourself, you can dig a hole and then cover it up afterwards, **14** because your god Yahweh walks in your camp to give you victory to defeat your enemies, so your camp must be sacred so he won't see anything 'unclean' and turn away from you.

Various regulations

15 You mustn't return any slaves to their master if they escaped and got to you. **16** Allow them to stay in your town and don't mistreat them.

17 Don't allow any Israeli man or woman to become a religious[339] prostitute.[340] **18** Don't allow anyone woman or man to bring any part of their wages as a secular prostitute into your god Yahweh's temple, because both female and male prostitution is abhorrent to him.

19 You mustn't charge interest to your fellow Israeli, whether it's money or food or anything else that's borrowed.[341] **20** You can charge foreigners interest, but not fellow Israelis so that your god Yahweh will bless your society in everything you do in the land that you're about to occupy.

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332 **LV 23:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.9
333 **LV 23:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.10
334 **LV 23:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.11
335 **LV 23:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
336 **LV 23:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.12
337 **LV 23:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.13
338 **LV 23:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.14
339 **RV 23:17 · Note** Or, cultic.
340 **RV 23:17 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:29.
341 **RV 23:19-20 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:25; Lev 25:36-37; Deu 15:7-11.
342 **LV 23:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.15
343 **LV 23:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.16
344 **LV 23:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.17
345 **LV 23:18 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
346 **LV 23:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.18
347 **LV 23:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.19
348 **LV 23:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.20

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Making promises to God

21 When you make a vow to your god Yahweh, don't put off fulfilling it, because he will hold you accountable and not doing it would count as disobeying him. 22 However of course, if you don't make any vows, then you won't be guilty, 23 but if you've spoken your promise out loud to your god Yahweh, then you're obligated to keep it.

24 If you're walking through someone else's vineyard, you can eat as many grapes as you like, but you mustn't pick any to take away in a container. 25 Similarly, if you're going through someone else's field of grain, you can crunch a few kernels, but you mustn't cut off any of the stalks.

Divorce and remarriage

24:1 When a man marries a woman, then further on he decides he doesn't want her because of something he found out about her, then he must write a divorce notice and give it to her, and send her out of his house.[354] 2 After she leaves that marriage, another man is allowed to marry her. 3 If that second husband also decides to divorce her by sending her away with a divorce notice, or if he were to die, 4 then the first husband isn't allow to take her back as his wife. That's because she's been defiled and it would be abhorrent to Yahweh, and you mustn't defile the land that your god Yahweh is giving you.

5 When a man is newly married, he mustn't be called for the army or be given any other responsibilities. He must be free for one year to establish his house and to satisfy his new wife.

6 If someone borrows money, the lender mustn't take their millstone for grinding grain as a pledge, because they need it to stay alive.

Abduction

7 If someone is found to have abducted a fellow Israeli to make them into a slave or to sell them, then that abductor must be executed in order to purge such evils from

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_undertaking_of your_hand_of_your on the_earth/land where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it.

22 [349] If/because you_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your not you_will_delay to_pay_it if/because certainly_ _(require) he_will_require_it **YHWH** god_of_your from_with_ _you and_it_was in_you(ms) sin. 23 [350] And_because/when you_ _will_refrain to_make_a_vow not it_will_be in_you(ms) sin. 24 [351] The_utterance_of your_two's_lips_of_your you_will_take_ _care and_you_will_do just_as you_have_vowed to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your voluntariness that_which you_have_spoken with_ _mouth_of_your. 25 [352] If/because you_will_go in_the_vineyard_ _of your_neighbour_of_your and_you(ms)_will_eat grapes according_to_of_your_appetite satiety_of_your and_into vessel_ _of_your not you_will_put_them. 26 [353] If/because you_will_go in_the_standing_grain_of your_neighbour_of_your and_you_ _will_pluck_off ears_of_corn with_hand_of_your and_a_sickle not you_will_wield on the_standing_grain_of your_neighbour_ _of_your.

24:1 If/because a_man he_will_take a_woman and_he_will_ _marry_her and_it_was if not she_will_find favour in_eyes_of_ _his if/because he_has_found in_her the_nakedness_of a_thing and_he_will_write to/for_her/it a_document_of divorce and_ _he/it_gave in_hand_of_her and_he_will_send_her_away from_ _house_of_his. 2 And_she_will_go_out from_house_of_his and_ _she_will_go and_she_will_belong to_a_man another. 3 And_he_ _will_hate_her the_man (the)_latter and_he_will_write to/for_ _her/it a_document_of divorce and_he/it_gave in_hand_of_her and_he_will_send_her_away from_house_of_his or if/because the_man (the)_latter who he_has_taken_her to_him/it to/for_ _(a)_woman he_will_die. 4 Not husband_of_her (the)_former who he_sent_her_away he_will_be_able to_return to_take_her to_be to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman after that she_has_been_ _declared_unclean if/because is_an_abomination it to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_not you_will_cause_to_ _sin ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_ _to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance. 5 If/because man he_will_take a_wife new not he_will_go_out with_army and_not it_will_pass on/upon/above_him/it to/from_ _all/each/any/every thing free he_will_be to_house_of_his a_ _year one and_he_will_make_rejoice ~~DOM~~ his/its_wife/woman whom he_has_taken. 6 Not anyone_will_take_as_pledge a_ _hand-mill and_an_upper_grinding_stone if/because a_life it is_ _taking_as_pledge.

7 If/because anyone he_will_be_found stealing a_person of_ _countrymen_of_his from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he_will_treat_as_a_slave in/on/over_him/it and_he_will_sell_ _him and_ the_thief (the)_that _he_will_die and_you_will_

349 **LV 23:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.21

350 **LV 23:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.22

351 **LV 23:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.23

352 **LV 23:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.24

353 **LV 23:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.23.25

354 **RV 24:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:31; 19:7; Mrk 10:4.

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_remove the_evil from_midst_of_your.

8 Take_heed to_(the)_plague_of (the)_serious_skin_disease to_ _guard/protect exceedingly and_to_do according_to_all that the_priests the_Lēviyyiy they_will_instruct you(pl) just_as I_ _commanded_them you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing. **9** Remember ᴅᴏᴍ that_which **YHWH** god_of_your he_did to_ _Miriam on_way when_you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **10** If/because you_will_lend to_neighbour_of_your[362] a_loan_of anything not you_will_go into house_of_his to_take_as_pledge pledge_of_his. **11** On_outside you_will_stand and_the_person whom you are_lending in_him/it he_will_bring_out to_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_pledge to_the_outside. **12** And_if is_a_person poor he not you_will_lie_down in_pledge_of_his. **13** Certainly_(return) you_ _will_return to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_pledge just_ the_sun _as_goes and_he_will_lie_down in_garment_of_his and_he_will_bless_ _you and_to_you it_will_belong righteousness to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your. **14** Not you_must_ _oppress a_hired_labourer poor and_needy one_of_your_ _countrymen or one_of_your_sojourner[s] who is_in_land_of_ _your in_gates_of_your. **15** In_its_day you_will_pay wage[s]_of_ _his and_not it_will_go on/upon/above_him/it the_sun if/because is_poor he and_to_it he is_lifting_up ᴅᴏᴍ desire_of_ _his and_not he_will_call_out on_you to **YHWH** and_it_was in_ _you(ms) sin. **16** Not parents they_will_be_put_to_death on children and_children not they_will_be_put_to_death on parents each[363][364][365] for_his_own_of_sin they_will_be_put_to_ _death. **17** Not you_will_turn_aside the_justice_of a_sojourner a_fatherless_one and_not you_will_take_as_pledge the_ _garment_of a_widow. **18** And_you_will_remember if/because_ _that a_slave you_were in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _redeemed_you **YHWH** god_of_your from_there therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_of_you for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing (the)_this. **19** If/because you_will_harvest harvest_of_ _your in_field_of_your and_you_will_forget a_sheaf in_the_field not you_will_return to_fetch_it to_sojourner to_one and_to_ _widow it_will_belong so_that he_may_bless_you **YHWH** god_ _of_your in_all_of the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your. **20** If/because you_will_beat tree_of_your_olive not you_will_go_ _over_the_branches behind_you to_sojourner to_one and_to_ _widow it_will_belong. **21** If/because you_will_gather_grapes vineyard_of_your not you_will_glean behind_you to_sojourner to_one and_to_widow it_will_belong. **22** And_you_will_ _remember if/because_that a_slave you_were in_land of_ _Mitsrayim therefore yes/correct/thus/so I am_commanding_

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your country.[355]

Skin diseases

8 Stay on guard against a deadly skin disease. Always follow what the priests and Levites tell you all to do, as I've instructed them.[356] **9** Remember what your god Yahweh did to Miryam (Miriam) on the way out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[357]

10 If you've lent anything to a neighbour, don't go into their house to collect their pledge. **11** Just wait outside, then the person you've lent something to will bring the item out to you. **12** However, if that person is poor and gives clothing or a blanket as security, don't keep it overnight. **13** Take it back to them when the sun goes down so they'll be warm when they sleep. Then they'll bless you and your god Yahweh will be pleased with you.

14 Don't oppress any poor or needy hired workers, whether they're fellow Israelis or foreigners who live in your towns.[358] **15** At the end of each day, pay them before sunset, because they need it to live on. Then they won't cry out to Yahweh against you and have him hold you accountable.

16 Parents mustn't be executed for what their children have done, and children mustn't be executed for what their parents have done. Any person must only be executed for what they themselves have done.[359]

17 Don't pervert justice if it involves foreigners or orphans, and don't take a widow's cloak as security for a loan.[360] **18** Remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and your god Yahweh rescued you from there. That's why I'm commanding you to do those things—to be considerate about helping other people who are in need.

19 When you harvest your crops, if you forget a tied bundle in your field, don't go back to get it—it'll be for a resident foreigner or an orphan or widow to pick up,[361] so that your god Yahweh can bless everything that you do. **20** When you beat your olive tree to make the fruit fall, don't go back over it to pick the ones still on the tree. Those will be for the foreigner, or the orphan or widow. **21** Similarly, when you pick your grapes in the vineyard, don't go back over the vines a second time. Those will be for the foreigner, or the orphan or widow. **22** Don't forget that you were a slave in Mitsrayim—that's why I'm instructing you to do those things.

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355 **RV 24:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:16.

356 **RV 24:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 13:1–14:54.

357 **RV 24:9 · Cross-ref.** Num 12:9-10.

358 **RV 24:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:13.

359 **RV 24:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 14:6; 2Ch 25:4; Eze 18:20.

360 **RV 24:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 27:19.

361 **RV 24:19-21 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:9-10; 23:22.

362 **LV 24:10 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

363 **LV 24:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

364 **LV 24:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

365 **LV 24:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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Whipping for criminals

25:1 If two parties have a dispute, they can request a judgement and the judges will decide who's right and wrong. **2** If the guilty person is deserving of punishment, the judge will order him to lie on the ground where he'll be whipped in front of the judge as the crime deserves. **3** He may not receive more than forty lashes because that would be too degrading.

4 Don't cover your cow's mouth when it's pulling the grain threshing sledge.[366]

Continuing the family name

5 If some brothers live on the same property and one of them dies without leaving a son, then the widow mustn't marry outside of the family. Her brother-in-law must take her as a wife for himself and perform the duty of a brother-in-law.[367] **6** If she gives birth to a son in due course, he'll be considered as the son of the brother who died, so that his family name won't disappear from Yisrael (Israel). **7** But if the dead man's brother doesn't want to marry the widow, she must go to the elders at the city gate and explain that her brother-in-law is refusing to do his duty to preserve the dead brother's family name in Yisrael. **8** Then those elders must summon the brother and talk to him. However, if he really doesn't want to marry her, **9** then his late brother's wife must go up to him in front of those elders, and take his sandal off his foot[368] and spit in his face. Then she must say, 'That's what happens to a man who won't strengthen his brother's family.' **10** After that, the brother will be known in Yisrael as the man who had his sandal taken off.

Being fair and honest

11 If two men are fighting each other, and one man's wife comes to help her husband, and reaches out and grabs the other man's private parts, **12** then you must cut her hand off. Don't pity her.

Don't all cheat

13 Don't keep two stone weights in your bag—a lighter one and a heavier one for when you're buying and

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_of_you for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_thing (the)_this.

25:1 If/because a_dispute it_will_happen between people and_ _they_will_draw_near to the_place_judgement and_they_will_ _judge_them and_they_will_declare_righteous ~~DOM~~ the_ _righteous_one and_they_will_condemn_as_guilty ~~DOM~~ the_ _guilty_one. **2** And_it_was if is_a_son_of striking the_guilty_one and_he_will_make_him_lie_down the_judge and_someone_will_ _strike_him before_him according_to_the_sufficiency_of his_ _wickedness_of_his by_number. **3** Forty_times he_will_strike_ _him not he_will_increase lest he_should_increase to_strike_ _him to these a_blow much and_ your(ms)_brother/kindred _ _he_will_be_dishonoured to_eyes_of_your. **4** Not you_will_ _muzzle an_ox when_threshes_it.

5 If/because brothers they_will_dwell together and_ one from_ _them _he_will_die and_a_son there_belongs_not to_him/it not the_wife_of the_dead_man she_will_belong to_the_outside to_ _a_man strange brother_of_her_husband's he_will_go on/upon_it(f) and_he_will_take_her to_him/it to/for_(a)_ _woman and_he_will_act_as_a_husband's_brother_for_her. **6** And_it_was the_firstborn whom she_will_bear he_will_stand on the_name_of his/its_brother (the)_dead and_not his/its_ _name it_will_be_wiped_out from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_if not the_man he_will_desire to_take/accept/receive ~~DOM~~ wife_of_ _his_brother's and_ wife_of_his_brother's _she_will_go_up to_ _the_gate to the_elders and_she_will_say brother_of_my_ _husband's he_has_refused to_establish for_brother_of_his a_ _name in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_was_willing to_act_as_a_ _husband's_brother_for_me. **8** And_they_will_summon to_ _him/it the_elders_of his_city_of_his and_they_will_speak to_ _him/it and_he_will_stand_firm and_saying(ms) not I_desire to_take_her. **9** And_ wife_of_his_brother's _she_will_draw_near to_him/it to_the_eyes_of the_elders and_she_will_draw_off sandal_of_his from_under foot_of_his and_she_will_spit in_ _face_of_his and_she_will_answer and_she_will_say thus let_it_ _be_done to_man who not he_will_build ~~DOM~~ the_house_of his/its_brother[369][370][371] **10** and_ his/its_name _it_will_be_called in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_house_of the_one_drawn_off_of the_ _sandal.

11 If/because they_will_be_struggling_together men together anyone and_countryman_of_his and_ the_wife_of the_one _she_ _will_draw_near to_rescue ~~DOM~~ her/its_husband/man from_ _the_hand_of the_one_who_is_striking_him and_she_will_ _stretch_out hand_of_her and_she_will_take_hold on_genitals_ _of_his. **12** And_you_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ palm_of_her not eye_of_ _your it_will_look_with_pity.

13 Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) in_bag_of_your a_ _weight and_a_weight large and_small. **14** Not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) in_house_of_your a_measure and_a_

366 **RV 25:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 9:9; 1Tim 5:18.

367 **RV 25:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:24; Mrk 12:19; Luk 20:28.

368 **RV 25:9 · Cross-ref.** Rut 4:7-8.

369 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

370 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

371 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_measure large and_small. **15** A_weight full and_righteousness it_will_belong to_you a_measure full and_righteousness it_will_ _belong to_you so_that days_of_your they_may_be_long on the_ _soil which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). **16** If/because is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** god_of_your every_of one_who_does_of (of)_these_things every_of one_ _who_does_of (of)_injustice.
17 Remember ᴅᴏᴍ that_which it_did to/for_yourself(m) ʼAmālēq on_way when_you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **18** Which/who it_met_you on_way and_it_attacked_in_the_rear among_you all_of those_who_were_straggling behind_you[374] and_you(ms) were_exhausted and_weary and_not it_feared god. **19** And_it_was when_ **YHWH** god_of_your _gives_rest to/for_yourself(m) from_all enemies_of_your from_round_ _about on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_ _give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance to_take_possession_of_ _it you_will_wipe_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_remembrance_of ʼAmālēq from_ _under the_heavens not you_will_forget.
26:1 And_it_was if/because you_will_go into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) an_inheritance and_you_will_take_possession_of_it and_you_ _will_dwell in_it. **2** And_you_will_take some_of_the_first_of all_ _of the_fruit_of the_soil which you_will_bring_in from_ _your(ms)_land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_put_it in_basket and_you_will_go to the_place where **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_choose to_ _cause_to_dwell his/its_name there. **3** And_you_will_go to the_ _priest/officer who he_will_be in_the_days the_those and_you_ _will_say to_him/it I_declare the_day to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your if/because_that I_have_come into the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_our to_give to/for_us. **4** And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take the_basket from_hand_of_ _your and_he_will_set_it_down to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your. **5** And_you_will_ _answer and_you_will_say to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your was_an_ʼArammiy wandering ancestor_of_ _my and_he/it_descended to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _sojourned there (in)_men_of fewness and_he/it_was there to_ _(a)_nation great mighty and_numerous. **6** And_ the_ _Mitsrayimians _they_did_harm_to us and_they_afflicted_us and_they_put on_us labour hard. **7** And_we_cried_out to **YHWH** the_god_of our_ancestors_of_our and_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ voice_of_our and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ affliction_of_our and_ᴅᴏᴍ toil_of_our and_ᴅᴏᴍ oppression_of_our. **8** And_he_brought_us_ _out **YHWH** from_Mitsrayim by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_by_terror great and_by_signs and_by_ _wonders. **9** And_he_brought_us to the_place the_this and_he_ _gave to/for_us ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land (the)_this a_land flowing_ _of milk and_honey. **10** And_now HERE I_have_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_first_of the_fruit_of the_soil which you_have_given to/for_ _me Oh_**YHWH** and_you_will_set_it_down to_(the)_face_of/in_

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selling.[372] **14** Don't keep two measuring containers in your house—a smaller one and a larger one. **15** You must use exact stone weights and measuring containers so that your god Yahweh will prolong your time in the country that he's giving you— **16** he can't stand people who cheat others.

Eliminating the Amalekim

17 Don't forget what the Amalekim did to you people when you came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[373] **18** They met you on the road, then attacked you from behind—getting the stragglers who were weak and exhausted. They had no fear of God. **19** At some point in the future when your god Yahweh has given you the land to occupy as an inheritance, and you're no longer being attacked by your enemies, you must eliminate the Amalekim so they won't be remembered anymore. Don't forget to do that.

Offerings for the beginning of the harvest

26:1 After you've entered the land that your god Yahweh is giving you as an inheritance, and you occupy it and live there, **2** each of you should take the first part of your harvest in that place and put it in a basket. Then take it to the place that your god Yahweh is going to choose to attach his name to.[375] **3** Go to the high priest in office at that time, and tell him, "I declare today to your god Yahweh that I've entered the land that he promised to our ancestors to give us."

4 The priest will take that basket of food and place it in front of your god Yahweh's altar. **5** Then in Yahweh's presence you should respond, "My ancestor was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) with his smallish family, and lived there and eventually became a large and powerful people. **6** But the Mitsrim (Egyptians) treated us badly and oppressed us—forcing us into hard labour. **7** We cried out to our ancestors' god Yahweh to help us, and he heard our cry and saw our suffering and oppression and the hard labour. **8** Then using your great power and doing many miracles and other terrifying things, you brought us out from Mitsrayim **9** and brought us to this very fertile land **10** So now, Yahweh, I've brought the first part of the harvest from that land that you've given me."

Then as the basket is placed in front of Yahweh, you must bow down in front of him. **11** Then you can celebrate by eating all the good things that your god Yahweh has given to you and your household, and it's also for the Levites and the foreigners who live among you.

12 Every third year, take a tenth of your harvest to the Levites, the foreigners, and the orphans and widows in your town for

372 **RV 25:13-16 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:35-36.

373 **RV 25:17-19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:8-14; 1Sam 15:2-9.

374 **LV 25:18 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

375 **RV 26:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:19.

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them to eat and be content.[376] 13 Then you must explain in front of your god Yahweh, "I've taken the sacred tenth from my house and given it to the Levites, the foreigners, the orphans and widows, thus following all of your instructions. I've not disobeyed or forgotten your regulations. 14 I never used any of it at a funeral, or took it in disobedience, or offered it to the dead. I've listen to the voice of my god Yahweh and followed all your instructions, 15 so look down from your sacred home in the heavens and bless your people Yisrael (Israel) and the land that you've given us that's so fertile, as you had promised our ancestors.

16 Today your god Yahweh is commanding you to follow all these instructions and regulations, so follow them sincerely and enthusiastically. 17 You have declared today that Yahweh is your god, and that you'll follow all his instructions and keep his regulations and commands and rules, and listen to his voice. 18 Also today, Yahweh has declared that you are his people, like a prized possession, like he told you that you would be.[377] You must follow all his instructions 19 and then he'll make your country greater than all the others that he's established. You'll be praised for your reputation and beauty, and you'll be different from the others—being a sacred people for your god Yahweh, just like he's said.

The warnings of not still entering of Kena'an

27:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) and the Israeli elders commanded the people, "Follow all the instructions that I'm giving you today. 2 When you cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to enter the land that your god Yahweh is giving you, then you must stand up some tall pieces of rock and cover them with plaster.[378] 3 Then write all these instructions onto them as soon as you've crossed the river, so that you can enter the very fertile land that your god Yahweh is giving you, as he had promised your ancestors. 4 Then after you've gone further in, stand some tall pieces of rock up on end on Mt. Eyval like I've told you, and cover them with plaster, 5 and build a stone altar there to offer sacrifices to your god Yahweh. Don't use any iron tools to shape the

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_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_bow_down to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your. 11 And_you_will_rejoice in_all_of the_good which he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_your and_to_household_of_ _your you and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_sojourner who is_in_ _midst_of_your. 12 If/because you_will_finish to_tithe ÐOM all_ _of the_tithe_of your_produce_of_your in_year (the)_third the_ _year_of the_tithe and_you(ms)_will_give to_Lēviyyiy to_ _sojourner to_one and_to_widow and_they_will_eat in_gates_ _of_your and_they_will_be_satisfied. 13 And_you_will_say to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your I_have_ _removed the_holy_thing from the_house and_also I_have_ _given_it to_Lēviyyiy and_to_sojourner to_one and_to_widow according_to_all_of command_of_your which you_have_ _commanded_me not I_have_transgressed any_of_your_ _commands and_not I_have_forgotten_them. 14 Not I_have_ _eaten in_mourning from_him/it and_not I_have_removed from_him/it (in)_unclean and_not I_have_given from_him/it to_the_dead I_have_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_my I_have_done according_to_all that you_have_commanded_me. 15 Look_down from_the_habitation_of your_holiness_of_your from the_heavens and_bless ÐOM people_of_your ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ÐOM the_soil which you_have_given to/for_ _us just_as you_swore to_ancestors_of_our a_land flowing_of milk and_honey. 16 The_day the_this **YHWH** god_of_your is_ _commanding_of_you for_doing ÐOM the_regulations the_these and_ÐOM the_judgements and_you_will_take_care and_you_ _will_observe them in_all heart_of_your and_on/over_all being_ _of_your. 17 ÐOM **YHWH** you_have_declared the_day to_be to/for_yourself(m) (into)_god and_to_walk in_ways_of_his and_ _to_keep regulations_of_his and_commands_of_his and_ _judgements_of_his and_to_listen to_voice_of_his. 18 And_ _**YHWH** he_has_declared_you the_day to_be to_him/it (into)_a_ _people_of possession just_as he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_to_ _keep all_of commands_of_his. 19 And_to_set_you most_high above all_of the_nations which he_has_made for_praise and_ _for_a_name and_for_honour and_you_to_be a_people holy to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your just_as he_spoke.

27:1 And_ Mosheh and_the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ _commanded ÐOM the_people to_say keep ÐOM all_of the_ _command which I am_commanding you(pl) the_day. 2 And_it_ _was in_the_day when you(pl)_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_set_up to/for_ _yourself(m) stones large and_you_will_whitewash ÐOM_them with_lime. 3 And_you_will_write on_them ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_law (the)_this when_you_have_ _passed_over so_that that you_may_go into the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_yourself(m) a_land flowing_of milk and_honey just_as **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your he_spoke to/for_you(fs). 4 And_it_ _was when_you_have_passed_over ÐOM the_Yardēn you(pl)_ _will_set_up ÐOM the_stones the_these which I am_

376 **RV 26:12 · Cross-ref.** Deu 14:28-29.

377 **RV 26:18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:5; Deu 4:20; 7:6; 14:2; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9.

378 **RV 27:2-8 · Cross-ref.** Josh 8:30-32.

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_commanding you(pl) the_day on_the_mountain_of ʹĒyvāl and_
_you_will_whitewash them with_lime. **5** And_you_will_build
there an_altar to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your an_altar_of stones
not you_will_wield on_them iron. **6** Stones complete you_will_
_build ᵭᵯᵯ the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_
_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings to/for_
_**YHWH** god_of_your. **7** And_you_will_sacrifice peace_offerings
and_you(ms)_will_eat there and_you_will_rejoice to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your. **8** And_you_will_
_write on the_stones ᵭᵯᵯ all_of the_words/messages_of the_
_law (the)_this clearly well_(do_well). **9** And_ Mosheh and_the_
_priests the_Lēviyyiy _he/it_spoke to all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_
_say keep_silent and_listen Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_day the_this
you_have_become (into)_a_people to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your.
10 And_you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your
and_you_will_do ᵭᵯᵯ commands_of_his[380][381] and_ᵭᵯᵯ
regulations_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you the_day.
11 And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded ᵭᵯᵯ the_people in_the_
_day (the)_that to_say. **12** These_tribes they_will_stand to_bless
ᵭᵯᵯ the_people on the_mountain_of Gərizīm when_you_have_
_passed_over ᵭᵯᵯ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) Shimʹōn and_Lēvī and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_
_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn. **13** And_these they_will_stand
on the_curse on_the_mountain_of ʹĒyvāl Rə'ūvēn Gād and_
_'Āshēr and_Zəvūlūn Dān and_Naftali. **14** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _
_they_will_answer and_they_will_say to every_of person_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_voice high. **15** The_man who he_will_make
an_image and_a_molten_image (the)_abomination_of **YHWH**
the_work_of the_hands_of a_craftsman and_he_will_set_it_up
in_secrecy is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _they_will_answer
and_they_will_say amen. **16** one_who_dishonours his/its_father
and_mother_of_his is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _
_saying(ms) amen. **17** one_who_displaces the_boundary_of
his/its_neighbour is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms)
amen. **18** one_who_leads_astray a_blind_person on_way is_
cursed and all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen. **19** one_who_
_turns_aside the_justice_of a_sojourner a_fatherless_one and_
_a_widow is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen.
20 one_who_lies with the_wife_of his/its_father is_cursed
if/because he_has_uncovered the_skirt_of his/its_father and_
all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen. **21** one_who_lies with any_
_of animal is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen.
22 one_who_lies with sister_of_his the_daughter_of his/its_
_father or the_daughter_of his/its_mother is_cursed and_ all_of
the_people _saying(ms) amen. **23** one_who_lies with
mother-in-law_of_his is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _
_saying(ms) amen. **24** The_one_who_strikes_down_of his/its_
_neighbour in_secrecy is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _
_saying(ms) amen. **25** one_who_takes a_bribe to_strike_down a_
_person_of blood innocent is_cursed and_ all_of the_people _

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stones.[379] **6** You must built Yahweh's altar with uncut stones.
Then you can offer burnt sacrifices to your god Yahweh on it.
7 Also, you can sacrifice peace offerings and cheerfully eat them
there in front of your god Yahweh. **8** When you write these in-
structions on those stones, you must write them very clearly.

9 Then Mosheh (Moses) along with the priests and the Levites,
spoke to all Yisrael (Israel), "Be silent and listen, Yisrael. Today
you have become the people of your god Yahweh. **10** So from
now on, you must listen to what he says and follow all the in-
structions and rules that I'm giving you today."

Curses for disobedience

11 That same day, Mosheh (Moses) told
the people, **12** "After you've all crossed the
Yarden (Jordan) river, the tribes of Shim'on (Simeon), Levi,
Yehudah (Judah), Yisakar (Issachar), Yosef (Joseph), and
Benyamin must stand on Mt. Gerizim and bless the people.[382]
13 Meanwhile, the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, Asher, Zevulun, Dan,
and Naftali (Naphtali) must stand on Mt. Eyval to hear the curse.

14 Then the Levites will call out loudly to tell every Israeli:

15 'Anyone who makes a figure, whether carved from wood or
cast from metal, and secretly sets it up to worship will be cursed
because Yahweh abhors it.'[383]

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

16 'Anyone who dishonours their father or mother will be
cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

17 'Anyone who moves their boundary marker back into their
neighbour's property will be cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

18 'Anyone who leads a blind person down the wrong path will
be cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

19 'Anyone who perverts justice for a foreigner or orphan or
widow will be cursed.'[384]

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

20 'Any man who sleeps with a wife of his father will be cursed
because he's exposed his father's nakedness.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

21 'Anyone who has sex with an animal will be cursed.'

Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

379 **RV 27:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:25.

380 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

381 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

382 **RV 27:12 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:29; Josh 8:33-35.

383 **RV 27:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:4; 34:17; Lev 19:4; 26:1; Deu 4:15-18; 5:8.

384 **RV 27:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:21; 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; Deu 24:17-18.

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22 'Any male who sleeps with his sister or his half sister will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
23 'Anyone who sleeps with his mother-in-law will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
24 'Anyone who secretly murders his neighbour will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
25 'Anyone who takes payment to murder an innocent person will be cursed.'
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'
26 'Anyone who doesn't follow all these instructions will be cursed.'[385]
Then the people must reply, 'Let it be so.'

Blessings for obedience[386]

28:1 If you, Yisrael (Israel), listen to what god Yahweh says and follow all his instructions that I'm giving you today, then he will make you the greatest of all the nations in the world,[387] 2 and all these blessings will come to you if you listen to his voice:
3 You'll be blessed in the city, and blessed in the countryside.
4 Your children, your harvests, and your calves, and lambs and kids will all be blessed.
5 Your basket and your kneading bowl will be blessed.
6 You'll be blessed when you're coming in and when you're going out.
7 Yahweh will enable you to defeat your enemies who come to attack you—they'll march in all orderly, but will flee from you in all directions.
8 Yahweh will decree a blessing on your barns and on all the work you do, and he'll bless you in the land that he's giving to you.
9 If you follow your God Yahweh's instructions and do what he wants, he will establish you as his sacred people just like he promised. 10 Then all the peoples around the world will realise that Yahweh's name is attached to you, and they'll be afraid of you. 11 Yahweh will help you to really prosper through your children, your animals, and your harvests in the land that he promised to your ancestors that he'd give to you. 12 Yahweh will open his treasure house in the sky and send good rain when it's needed and bless everything you do, so that you'll lend money to many nations instead of needing to borrow it. 13 Yahweh will make you the head, not the tail. You'll be above, not beneath, if you listen to your god Yahweh's instructions that I'm giving you today, and follow them 14 Make sure you don't turn away from those instructions, and never worship other gods.

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_saying(ms) amen. 26 The_one_who not he_will_carry_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this for_doing them is_ _cursed and_ all_of the_people _saying(ms) amen.

28:1 And_it_was if carefully_(listen) you_will_listen to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_guard/protect for_doing ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of commands_of_his which I am_commanding_of_you the_ _day and_he_will_set_you **YHWH** god_of_your most_high above all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land. 2 And_they_will_come on_you all_of the_blessings the_these and_they_will_overtake_ _you if/because you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your. 3 You will_be_blessed in_city and_ you _will_be_blessed in_country. 4 The_fruit_of your_womb_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_livestock_of_your the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_your will_be_blessed. 5 Basket_of_your and_your_ _kneading_of_trough will_be_blessed. 6 You will_be_blessed when_come_you and_ you _will_be_blessed when_you_go_out. 7 **YHWH** he_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ enemies_of_your who_arise on_you defeated to_your_face in_a_direction one they_will_come_out against_you and_in_seven directions they_will_flee before_you. 8 **YHWH** he_will_command with_you ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_blessing in_ _barns_of_your and_in_every_of (the)_undertaking_of your_ _hand_of_your and_he_will_bless_you on_the_earth which **YHWH** god_of_your is_about_to_give to/for_you(fs). 9 He_will_ _establish_you[388][389] **YHWH** to_him/it to_a_people holy just_as he_swore to/for_you(fs) if/because you_will_keep ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_walk in_ _ways_of_his. 10 And_ all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land _ _they_will_see if/because_that the_name_of **YHWH** it_is_called on_you and_they_will_be_afraid from_you. 11 And_he_will_ _make_you_abound **YHWH** to_good in_the_fruit_of your_ _womb_of_your and_in_the_fruit_of your_livestock_of_your and_in_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your on the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_give to/for_you(fs). 12 **YHWH** he_will_open to/for_yourself(m) ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ storehouse_of_ _his (the)_good ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_heavens to_give the_rain_of your_ _land_of_your at_its_appropriate_of_time and_to_bless ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_ _of the_work_of your_hand_of_your and_you_will_lend_to nations many and_you(ms) not you_will_borrow. 13 And_he_ _will_make_you **YHWH** into_the_head and_not into_the_tail

385 **RV 27:26 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:10.
386 **RV 28:1 · Parallel** Lev. 26:3-13; Deu. 7:12-24
387 **RV 28:1-14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:13-17.
388 **LV 28:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
389 **LV 28:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and_you_will_be only (to)_upwards and_not you_will_be (to)_ _downwards if/because you_will_listen to the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your which I am_commanding_of_you the_day to_guard/protect and_to_do. **14** And_not you_will_turn_aside from_all the_words/messages which I am_commanding you(pl) the_day right_hand and_left_hand to_go after gods other to_ _serve_them.

15 And_it_was if not you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_guard/protect for_doing ~~ḎǪM~~ all_of commands_ _of_his and_regulations_of_his which I am_commanding_of_ _you the_day and_they_will_come on_you all_of the_curses the_ _these and_they_will_overtake_you. **16** You will_be_cursed in_ _city and_ you _will_be_cursed in_country. **17** Basket_of_your and_your_kneading_of_trough will_be_cursed. **18** The_fruit_of your_womb_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_your will_be_cursed. **19** You will_be_cursed when_come_you and_ you _will_be_cursed when_you_go_out. **20** **YHWH** he_will_send on_you ~~ḎǪM~~ the_curse ~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_ _confusion and_~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_rebuke in_all (the)_undertaking_of your_hand_of_your which you_will_do until you_are_destroyed and_unto perish_you quickly from_face/in_front_of the_ _wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your which you_have_ _abandoned_me. **21** **YHWH** he_will_make_cling to_you ~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_pestilence until he_has_destroyed you from_under the_ _soil where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_take_possession_of_ _it. **22** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_consumption and_with_ _fever and_with_inflammation and_with_(the)_heat and_with_ _sword and_with_blight and_with_mildew and_they_will_ _pursue_you until perish_you. **23** And_they_will_be heavens_of_ _your which are_over head_of_your bronze and_the_earth which is_under_you iron. **24** **YHWH** he_will_make ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _rain_of your_land_of_your dust and_dust from the_heavens it_ _will_come_down on_you until you_are_destroyed. **25** He_will_ _make_you[392] **YHWH** defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before enemies_of_your in_a_direction one you_will_go_out to_him/it and_in_seven directions you_will_flee before_him and_you_will_become (into)_a_terror to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land. **26** And_it_will_become corpse_of_your for_food to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_ _bird_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. **27** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_the_boil[s]_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _in/on/at/with[393] and_rash and_with_scabies which not you_ _will_be_able to_be_healed. **28** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_ _madness and_with_blindness and_with_bewilderment_of heart. **29** And_you_will_be groping in_noontide(s) just_as (the)_ _blind_person he_gropes in_darkness and_not you_will_make_ _successful ~~ḎǪM~~ ways_of_your and_you_will_be only oppressed and_robbed all_of the_days and_there_will_not_be a_deliverer. **30** A_woman you_will_betroth and_a_man another mmm[394] a_ _house you_will_build and_not you_will_dwell in/on/over_

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Curses for disobedience[390]

15 On the other hand, if you don't listen to your god Yahweh's voice and keep following his instructions and obeying his rules that I'm giving you today, then all these curses will catch up to you and hit you:

16 You'll be cursed in the city and cursed in the countryside.

17 Your basket and your kneading bowl will be cursed.

18 Your children, your harvests, and your calves, and lambs and kids will all be cursed.

19 You'll be cursed when you're coming in and when you're going out.

The curses of repentance from God

20 Yahweh will send curses against you, and confusion and opposition in everything your country does until you're destroyed and quickly eliminated because of your evil activities that demonstrate that you've abandoned me. **21** Yahweh will make the deadly disease cling to you until he's finished you from off the land that you're about to enter and take ownership of. **22** Yahweh will send cancer and fever and inflammation. There'll be fiery heat and drought, and blight and mildew, and will chase you until you die. **23** The overhead sky will be locked up like bronze, and the dryness will make the land like iron. **24** Instead of rain on your land, Yahweh will send powdered dust that will cover you until your country is destroyed.

25 Yahweh will allow your enemies to destroy you—your army will march in all orderly, but will flee from you in all directions, and all the other countries in the world will be horrified at what happens to you. **26** Your corpses will become food for birds and wild animals, and there'll be no one left to scare them away. **27** Yahweh will afflict you with boils like he sent to the Mitsri (Egyptian) people, along with ulcers, rashes, and itching which there's no cure for. **28** Yahweh will strike you with madness and blindness, and with confused minds. **29** Even in the middle of the day, you'll be groping around like blind people, and your projects won't be successful. You'll be oppressed and robbed continually, and there'll be no one to rescue you.

30 A man will be engaged to a young woman, but someone else will rape her. You'll build a house, but never get to live in it, and you'll plant a vineyard, but not get to produce any wine. **31** Your cow will be slaughtered right in front of your eyes, but you won't get to eat any of it. You donkey will be stolen right in

390 **RV 28:15 · Parallel** Lev. 26:14-46

392 **LV 28:25 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

393 **LV 28:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם/לפע/ב/ו**: (x-qere) **סִ֥ירֹחַ֛ט/ב/ו**: lemma_c/b/2914 n_1.1 morph_HC/Rd/Ncmpa id_056qu **סִ֥ירֹחַ֛ט/ב/ו**

394 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הנ/לגשי**: (x-qere) **הָנֵ֖גֶּ֑שִׁי**: lemma_7901 n_1.1 morph_HVqi3ms/Sp3fs id_0578q **הָנֵ֖גֶּ֑שִׁי**

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front of you, but will never be returned. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, but no one will help you rescue them. **32** Your sons and daughters will be handed over to another country, and you'll strain your eyes all day looking for them, but you won't be able to do anything about it. **33** People from a country you've never heard of will harvest your crops and enjoy the results of your work, but you'll just be oppressed and crushed. **34** All the things you witness will drive you to insanity. **35** Yahweh will strike your people with bad boils on your knees and legs that will never heal up—from the bottom of your soles right up to the tops of your heads.

36 Yahweh will lead you and the king that you'll place over you, to a country that you and your ancestors have never been to, and you'll end up serving other gods there made of wood or stone. **37** Those people in the countries that Yahweh will push you into will be horrified about you, and create sayings and jokes about you.

38 You'll plant a lot of seed in your fields, but only gather a small harvest because locusts will eat the crops. **39** You'll plant vineyards and cultivate them, but you won't harvest the grapes or drink the wine, because worms will eat them. **40** You'll have olive trees across your territory, but you won't have any oil to rub on your skin, because the unripe olives will drop off the trees. **41** You'll have sons and daughters, but you won't be able to keep them because they'll be taken away as captives. **42** Swarms of crickets will take over your trees and plants.

43 The foreigners who live among you will become more and more powerful and you'll become less and less powerful. **44** They'll lend to you, not you lending to them. The foreigner will be the head and you'll be the tail.

45 All those curses will come on you and chase and overtake you until you're destroyed because your country didn't listen to the voice of your god Yahweh, or follow his instructions, or obey the rules that he gave you. **46** Those curses will afflict you and your descendants forever as signs **47** because you didn't serve your god Yahweh with cheerfulness resulting from the abundance that you took for granted. **48** So then, Yahweh will send enemies against you and you'll serve them in hunger and thirst, and in nakedness and lacking everything. Yahweh will put an iron yoke on your neck used for pulling heavy loads with, until he destroys you. **49** Yahweh will send a very distant nation against you. They'll swoop in like an eagle—speaking a language that you won't understand. **50** They'll be fierce looking and with no mercy for either the elderly or the young. **51** They'll eat the meat of your animals and the harvests from your crops until you're destroyed. They won't leave any grain or new wine, or calves, lambs, or kids—you'll all die of hunger. **52** They'll surround all your cities until your high, fortified walls that you

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_him/it a_vineyard you_will_plant and_not you_will_put_it_to_
_use.[395][396][397] **31** Ox_of_your will_be_slaughtered to_eyes_of_
_your and_not you_will_eat from_him/it donkey_of_your will_
_be_seized from_before_face_of_you and_not anyone_will_
_return_it to/for_you(fs) flock_of_your will_be_given to_
_enemies_of_your and_there_will_not_be to/for_yourself(m) a_
_deliverer. **32** Sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your will_be_
_given to_a_people another and_eyes_of_your will_be_looking
and_longing to_them all_of the_day and_there_will_not_be to_
_the_power_of your_hand_of_your. **33** The_fruit_of your_
_ground_of_your and_all of_your_toil_of_the_result a_people
which not you_have_known it_will_eat and_you_will_be only
oppressed and_crushed all_of the_days. **34** And_you_will_be
driven_mad from_the_sight[s]_of your_two's_eyes_of_your
which you_will_see. **35** He_will_strike_you **YHWH** with_boil[s]
bad on the_knees and_on the_legs which not you_will_be_able
to_be_healed from_the_sole_of your_foot_of_your and_unto of_
_your_head_of_the_crown. **36** **YHWH** he_will_lead you and_~~DOM~~
king_of_your whom you_will_raise_up over_you to a_nation
which not you and_ancestors_of_your you_have_known and_
_you_will_serve there gods other wood and_stone. **37** And_you_
_will_become (into)_a_horror (into)_a_byword and_(into)_a_
_taunt among_all_of the_peoples where he_will_drive_you_
away **YHWH** to(to). **38** Seed much you_will_take_out the_field
and_little you_will_gather if/because it_will_consume_it the_
_locust[s]. **39** Vineyards you_will_plant and_you_will_labour
and_wine not you_will_drink and_not you_will_gather
if/because it_will_eat_it the_worm[s]. **40** Olive_trees they_will_
_belong to/for_yourself(m) in_all territory_of_your and_oil not
you_will_anoint_yourself if/because olive[s]_of_your it_will_
_drop_off. **41** Sons and_daughters you_will_father and_not
they_will_belong to/for_you(fs) if/because they_will_go in_
_captivity. **42** Every_of tree_of_your and_the_fruit_of your_
_ground_of_your the_locust[s] it_will_take_possession_of.
43 The_sojourner who is_in_midst_of_your he_will_go_up
above_you upwards_to upwards_to and_you(ms) you_will_go_
_down downwards downwards. **44** He he_will_lend_to_you and_
_you(ms) not you_will_lend_to_him he he_will_become (into)_
_the_head and_you(ms) you_will_become into_the_tail. **45** And_
_they_will_come on_you all_of the_curses the_these and_they_
_will_pursue_you and_they_will_overtake_you until you_are_
_destroyed if/because not you_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH**
god_of_your to_guard/protect commands_of_his and_
_regulations_of_his which he_has_commanded_you. **46** And_
_they_will_be in_you(ms) (into)_a_sign and_(into)_a_wonder
and_among_offspring_of_your until perpetuity. **47** Because that
not you_have_served ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your with_joy and_
_with_goodness_of heart from_the_abundance_of everything.
48 And_you_will_serve ~~DOM~~ enemies_of_your whom he_will_
_send_him_forth **YHWH** on/over_you(fs) in_hunger and_in_
_thirst and_in_nakedness and_in_lack_of everything and_he/it_
_gave a_yoke_of iron on neck_of_your until he_has_destroyed
you. **49** **YHWH** he_will_raise_up on_you a_nation from_a_

395 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

396 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

397 **LV 28:30 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_distance from_the_end_of the_earth/land just_as (the)_eagle it_swoops_down a_nation which not you_will_understand language_of_its. **50** A_nation fierce_of face which not it_will_ _lift_up face for_an_old_person and_a_youth not it_will_show_ _favour_to. **51** And_he/it_will_eat the_fruit_of your_livestock_ _of_your and_the_fruit_of your_ground_of_your until you_are_ _destroyed which not it_will_leave to/for_yourself(m) grain new_wine and_fresh_oil the_young_of your(pl)_cattle(s)_of_ _your and_the_young_ones your_flock_of_your until destroys_it you. **52** And_it_will_lay_siege to/for_yourself(m) in_all gates_ _of_your until walls_of_your (the)_high and_(the)_fortified which you are_trusting in_them in_all land_of_your come_ _down and_it_will_lay_siege to/for_yourself(m) in_all gates_of_ _your in_all land_of_your which **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_ _given to/for_you(fs). **53** And_you(ms)_will_eat the_fruit_of your_womb_of_your the_flesh_of your(pl)_sons_of_your and_ _daughters_of_your whom he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** god_of_your in_the_siege and_in_the_distress which he_ _will_bring_distress to/for_yourself(m) enemy_of_your. **54** The_ _man (the)_gentle among_you and_(the)_delicate very eye_of_ _his it_will_be_evil on_brother_of_his and_on_the_wife_of his_ _bosom_of_his and_on_the_remainder_of his_children_of_his which it_will_remain. **55** From_giving to_one from_them any_ _of_the_flesh_of his_children_of_his whom he_will_eat from_ _not_of left to_him/it anything in_the_siege and_in_the_ _distress which he_will_bring_distress to/for_yourself(m) enemy_of_your in_all gates_of_your. **56** The_gentle_woman in_ _you(ms) and_the_delicate_woman who not she_has_attempted the_sole_of her_foot_of_her to_place on the_earth/land because_was_delicate and_from_gentleness eye_of_her it_will_ _be_evil on_the_husband_of her_bosom_of_her and_on_son_of_ _her and_on_daughter_of_her. **57** And_on_afterbirth_of_her which_goes_forth from_between feet_of_her and_on_children_ _of_her whom she_will_bear if/because she_will_eat_them in_ _lack_of everything in_secrecy in_the_siege and_in_the_distress which he_will_bring_distress to/for_yourself(m) enemy_of_ _your in_gates_of_your. **58** If not you_will_take_care for_doing ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this which_ _are_written in_book the_this to_fear ~~DOM~~ the_name (the)_ _glorious and_(the)_awesome the_this ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your. **59** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_make_extraordinary ~~DOM~~ plagues_of_ _your and_~~DOM~~ the_plagues_of your_offspring_of_your plagues great and_lasting and_sicknesses harmful and_lasting. **60** And_ _he_will_bring_back on_you ~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_disease_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which you_were_afraid from_their_ _face/front and_they_will_cling on/over_you(fs). **61** Also every_ _of_sickness and_all plague which not is_written in_the_book_of the_law (the)_this he_will_bring_them_up **YHWH** on_you until you_are_destroyed. **62** And_you(pl)_will_be_left (in)_men_of fewness in_place_of that you(pl)_were like_the_stars_of the_ _heavens to_increase_in_number if/because not you_have_ _listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your. **63** And_it_was just_as **YHWH** he_rejoiced on_you(pl) to_do_good_to you(pl) and_to_increase you(pl) so **YHWH** he_will_rejoice on_you(pl) to_destroy you(pl) and_to_destroy you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_ _torn_away from_under the_soil where you are_about_to_go to_

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trusted in come down all over your country. Yes, you'll be contained inside your cities throughout the land the your god Yahweh has given you.

53 Due to that siege and the distress that you experience from the oppression of your enemies, you'll end up eating the flesh of the sons and daughters that your god Yahweh has given you. **54** Even the most sensitive, kind-hearted man among you will be selfish towards his brother, towards the wife that he loves, and towards his own remaining children— **55** withholding from them, the flesh of his children that he'll eat, in his distress as he has nothing else left due to that siege and the oppression from your enemies that have surrounded your cities. **56** Even the most delicate, tender woman among you who never once stepped outside the house in her bare feet, will be selfish towards the husband that she loves and to her own son and her own daughter— **57** eating both her new baby and the placenta,[391] in her distress as she has nothing else left due to that siege and the oppression from your enemies that have surrounded your cities.

58 If you don't keep following all the instructions that are written in this book, i.e., not honouring and showing respect to your incredible god Yahweh, **59** then he'll punish you by sending terrible deadly diseases to you and your descendants, along with long-lasting illnesses. **60** All the terrible problems and diseases that he sent onto the Mitsrim (Egyptians) and which terrified you, he'll send them onto you now and they'll cling to you. **61** Every kind of sickness and disease that isn't even written in this book, Yahweh will send them all onto you until you're destroyed. **62** Even though you all had been as numerous as the stars in the sky, your country will be left underpopulated because you didn't listen to your god Yahweh's voice. **63** Just as Yahweh was happy to do good things for you and multiply you all, he would then be happy to bring you all to ruin and destruction. Then you'll be torn away from the land that you're going in to take ownership of.

64 Yahweh will scatter you among all the peoples right around the world where you'll serve gods made out of wood or stone that neither you nor your ancestors had heard of. **65** You won't have any peace among those nations, and you'll never be able to relax, but rather Yahweh will give you trembling hearts, sore eyes, and minds full of despair. **66** Time will go very slowly for you, and you'll be scared both night and day, without any certainty in your life. **67** In the morning you'll say, 'If only it was evening,' and in the evening you'll say, 'If only it was morning,' because of the continual tightness in your stomach and because of the sights you'll have to witness. **68** Yahweh will send some of you back to Mitsrayim (Egypt) by ship, even though I'd told you that you'll never see that country again. Then you'll be offered there for sale as slaves, but no one will want to buy you.

29:1 Those are the words of the agreement that Yahweh commanded Mosheh (Moses) to make with the Israelis there in Moav

391 RV 28:57 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 6:28-29; Lam 4:10.

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(Moab), on top of the agreement that he'd made with them at Horev.

Overview of the agreement

2 Then Mosheh (Moses) called all Yisrael (Israel) together and told them, "You've all seen everything that Yahweh did to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his servants in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and what he did to all his country right in front of your eyes— **3** the sufferings of the people there that you saw for yourselves, along with the incredible miracles, **4** yet up until now, Yahweh hasn't enabled you all to understand the meaning of everything that you saw and heard. **5** For forty years, Yahweh led you all in the wilderness, but your clothes didn't wear through, and the sandals on your feet never wore out. **6** You all survived without bread to eat or any wine or alcohol to drink so that you'd realise that I am your god Yahweh. **7** Then when we arrived here, King Sihon from Heshbon[400] and King Og from Bashan[401] came out to battle against us, but we defeated them. **8** We took their land and gave it to the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, and the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) to

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_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **64** And_he_will_scatter_you **YHWH** in_all the_peoples from_the_end_of the_earth/land and_unto the_end_of the_earth/land and_you_will_serve there gods other which not you and_ancestors_of_your you_have_ _known wood and_stone. **65** And_among_nations the_those not you_will_rest and_not it_will_belong a_resting_place to_the_ _sole_of your_foot_of_your and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) there a_heart trembling and_failing_of eyes and_ _despair_of being. **66** And_ life_of_your _they_will_be hung_up to/for_yourself(m) from_in_front and_you_will_be_in_dread night and_by_day and_not you_will_trust in_life_of_your. **67** In_ _morning you_will_say who will_he_give evening and_in_ _evening you_will_say who will_he_give morning from_the_ _dread_of your_heart_of_your which you_will_dread and_from_ _the_sight[s]_of your_two's_eyes_of_your which you_will_see. **68** And_bring_back_will_make_you_return[398] **YHWH** Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_ships by_way which I_said to/for_ _yourself(m) not you_will_repeat again to_see_it and_you_will_ _sell_yourselves there to_enemies_of_your to_male_slaves and_ _to_female_slaves and_there_will_not_be a_buyer. **69** [399] These are_the_words/messages_of the_covenant which **YHWH** he_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh to_make with the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_land of_Mō'āv (from)_besides_of the_ _covenant which he_had_made with_them at_Ḥorēv.

29:1 [405] And_ Mosheh _he/it_called (to) all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that **YHWH** he_did to_eyes_of_your(pl) in_land of_Mitsrayim to_Par'oh and_to/for_all servants_of_his and_to/for_all land_ _of_his. **2** [406] The_trials (the)_great which eyes_of_your they_ _saw the_signs and_the_wonders the_big(pl) the_those. **3** [407] And_not **YHWH** he_has_given[408] to/for_you(pl) a_heart to_ _know and_eyes to_see and_ears to_hear until the_day (the)_ _this. **4** [409] And_I_led you(pl) forty year[s] in_wilderness not clothes_of_your(pl) they_wore_out from_on_you(pl) and_ _sandal_of_your not it_wore_out from_under foot_of_your. **5** [410] bread not you(pl)_ate and_wine and_strong_drink not you(pl)_ _drank so_that you(pl)_may_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **6** [411] And_you(pl)_came to the_place the_this and_ Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn and_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_ _Bāshān _he/it_went_out to_meet_us for_battle and_we_ _defeated_them. **7** [412] And_we_took ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_their and_we_ _gave_it for_an_inheritance to_Rə'ūvēnite[s] and_to_Gādī[s]

398 **LV 28:68 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
399 **LV 28:69 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.1
400 **RV 29:7 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-30.
401 **RV 29:7 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:31-35.
405 **LV 29:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.2
406 **LV 29:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.3
407 **LV 29:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.4
408 **LV 29:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
409 **LV 29:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.5
410 **LV 29:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.6
411 **LV 29:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.7
412 **LV 29:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.8

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and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_Manassite[s]. **8** [413] And_
_you(pl)_will_keep ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_words/messages_of the_covenant
(the)_this and_you(pl)_will_do ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them so_that you(pl)_may_
_cause_to_prosper ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of that you(pl)_will_do. **9** [414] You(pl)
are_standing the_day of_you_of_all to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) chiefs_of_your(pl) tribes_of_
_your(pl) your_of_elders and_officials_of_your(pl) every_of
(the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** [415] one[s]_of_your(pl)_little
wives_of_your(pl) and_sojourner_of_your who is_in_the_midst_
_of your(pl)_camps_of_your from_the_cutter_of your(pl)_
_wood(s)_of_your unto the_drawer_of your(pl)_water_of_your.
11 [416] You_to_pass_on in_the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your
and_in_oath_of_his which **YHWH** god_of_your is_making with_
_you the_day. **12** [417] So_as to_establish you the_day to_him/it
to_a_people and_he he_will_become for_you (into)_god just_as
he_spoke to/for_you(fs) and_as_which he_swore to_ancestors_
_of_your to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_
_Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **13** [418] And_not with_you(pl) you_alone I am_
_making ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_covenant (the)_this and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_oath (the)_
_this. **14** [419] If/because with the_one_who (there)_he here with_
_us is_standing the_day to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH god_of_our and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_one_who not_he is_here with_
_us the_day. **15** [420] If/because you(pl) you(pl)_know ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ how
we_dwelt in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ how we_
_passed in_the_midst_of the_nations which you(pl)_passed_
_through. **16** [421] And_you(pl)_saw ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ things_of_their_
detestable and~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ idols_of_their wood and_stone silver and_
_gold which were_with_them. **17** [422] Lest there_be among_
_you(pl) a_man or a_woman or a_clan or a_tribe who heart_of_
_his is_turning_away the_day from_with **YHWH** god_of_our to_
_go to_serve ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_gods_of the_nations the_those lest there_
_be among_you(pl) a_root bearing_fruit poison and_
_wormwood. **18** [423] And_it_was when_hears_he ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_words/messages_of the_oath (the)_this and_he_will_bless_
_himself in_heart_of_his to_say peace it_will_belong to/for_me
if/because in_the_stubbornness_of my_own_heart_of_my I_
_walk so_as to_sweep_away the_watered_ground with the_
_thirsty_ground. **19** [424] Not **YHWH** he_will_be_willing to_
_forgive to_him/it if/because then the_anger of_**YHWH** and_
_jealousy_of_his it_will_smoke on_man (the)_that and_it_will_
_lie_down in/on/over_him/it every_of (the)_oath which_is_

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become their inheritance.[402] **9** So follow all the instructions in this agreement and obey the rules so that you'll all prosper in everything you do.

10 All of you stand here today in front of your god Yahweh: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the Israeli men **11** along with your wives and children, and the foreigners living among you (who cut wood and fetch water for you), **12** to enter into an agreement with your god Yahweh, and to accept the promise that he's made to you today. **13** That will establish your country as his people, and he will be your god as he told you he would, having promised it to your ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob). **14** This agreement isn't just with all of you here today, **15** the ones standing here, but also with those who aren't here with you today.

16 You all know how we lived in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then travelled through other kingdoms on our way here, **17** and you've all seen their disgusting practices and the idols that they had, made of wood and stone, gold and silver. **18** If there happens to be a man or woman, or clan or tribe, whose loyalty is turning away today from your god Yahweh and to go and serve those gods in those other nations, i.e., if there's a bitter or poisonous root among you all,[403] **19** and if they hear the words of this curse, then they'll think to themselves, 'We'll have peace, even though our minds are fixed on where we're going,' so that the good and the bad are carried along together, **20** Yahweh won't be willing to forgive them. No, his jealousy and anger will rage against them, and all the curses written in this book will land on them, and Yahweh will wipe out their name never to be remembered again. **21** Then Yahweh will single out that person or group from all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribe, to be marked out for disaster as per all the curses that are written in this book of instructions.

22 Then a future generation (your descendants who'll be born in the future, plus the foreigner who comes from a distant land), when they see the terrible problems that hit that land and the diseases that Yahweh sent to make it sick, will say, **23** 'All that land is sulfur and burning salt. No one plants anything and nothing sprouts, and not even grass grows in it, like the over-

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402 **RV 29:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 32:33.

403 **RV 29:18 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:15.

413 **LV 29:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.9

414 **LV 29:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.10

415 **LV 29:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.11

416 **LV 29:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.12

417 **LV 29:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.13

418 **LV 29:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.14

419 **LV 29:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.15

420 **LV 29:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.16

421 **LV 29:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.17

422 **LV 29:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.18

423 **LV 29:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.19

424 **LV 29:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.20

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throw of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah), Admah and Tsevoim, which Yahweh destroyed in his rage and anger,'[404] **24** and all the nations will ask, 'Why did Yahweh do that to that country? What's he so angry about?' **25** Then others will reply, 'Because they neglected their agreement with Yahweh, the god of their ancestors, that he made with them when he brought them out from Mitsrayim (Egypt), **26** and they went and served other gods and bowed down to them—gods that they hadn't heard of before or had anything to do with. **27** That's why Yahweh was angry at that country and brought all the curses written in this scroll onto it— **28** tearing them away from their land in his raging anger, and threw them into another land as we can see today.'

29 Our god Yahweh has his secrets, but what he's revealed is for us and our children forever, so that we can follow all his instructions.

Opportunity for restoration

30:1 If you've experienced the blessings, and then the curses that I've told you about, but then you have a change of heart there among all the nations that your god Yahweh has scattered you across, **2** and you and your children decide to return to your god Yahweh and listen to his voice, and sincerely and diligently follow everything

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_written in_book the_this and_ **YHWH** _he_will_wipe_out ÐØM his/its_name from_under the_heavens. **20** [425] And_he_will_ _separate_him **YHWH** for_harm from_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) according_to_all_of the_oaths_of the_covenant which_is_written in_the_book_of the_law (the)_this. **21** [426] And_ the_generation (the)_later children_of_your(pl) who they_will_ _arise from_after_you(pl) and_the_foreigner who he_will_come from_a_land distant _saying(ms) and_they_will_see ÐØM the_ _plagues_of the_earth/land the_that and_ÐØM diseases_of_its which **YHWH** he_has_made_sick (in)_it. **22** [427] Is_sulfur and_salt a_burning all_of land_of_its not it_is_sown and_not it_causes_ _to_grow and_not it_comes_up in_it any_of vegetation like_the_ _overthrow_of Ṣədom and_Amorah ʾAdmāh and[428] which **YHWH** he_overthrew in_anger_of_his in_rage_of_his. **23** [429] And_ all_of the_nations _they_will_say concerning what **YHWH** has_he_done thus to_land (the)_this why is_the_heat_of the_ _anger (the)_great (the)_this. **24** [430] And_people_will_say on that they_abandoned ÐØM the_covenant_of **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their which he_made with_them when_he_ _brought_out ÐØM_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** [431] And_they_went and_they_served gods other and_they_ _bowed_down[432] to/for_them gods which not they_had_ _known_them and_not he_had_assigned to/for_them. **26** [433] And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_the_earth the_ _that to_bring on/upon_it(f) ÐØM every_of (the)_curse which_ _is_written in_book (the)_this. **27** [434] And_he_plucked_them_up **YHWH** from_under land_of_their in_anger and_in_rage and_in_ _severe_anger great and_he_threw_them_out to a_land another as_day (the)_this. **28** [435] The_hidden_things to/for_**YHWH** god_ _of_our and_the_revealed_things belong_to_us[436] and_to_ _descendants_of_our[437] until perpetuity for_doing ÐØM all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this.

30:1 And_it_was if/because they_will_come on_you all_of the_ _things the_these the_blessing and_the_curse which I_have_set to_your_face and_you_will_bring_them_back to heart_of_your in_all the_nations where he_has_banished_you **YHWH** god_of_ _your to_(to). **2** And_you_will_turn_back to **YHWH** god_of_your and_you_will_listen to_voice_of_his according_to_all that I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day you and_children_of_your in_all

404 **RV 29:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24-25.

425 **LV 29:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.21

426 **LV 29:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.22

427 **LV 29:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.23

428 **LV 29:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיבצ/ו**: (x-qere) **מִיּוֹבְצ/וּ**: lemma_c/6636 n_0.2 morph_HC/Np id_05A35 **מִיּוֹבְצ/וּ**

429 **LV 29:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.24

430 **LV 29:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.25

431 **LV 29:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.26

432 **LV 29:25 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

433 **LV 29:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.27

434 **LV 29:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.28

435 **LV 29:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Deut.29.29

436 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

437 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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heart_of_your and_on/over_all being_of_your. **3** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_will_turn_back ~~DOM~~ captivity_of_your and_he_ _will_have_compassion_on_you and_he_will_return and_he_ _will_gather_you from_all the_peoples where he_has_ _scattered_you **YHWH** god_of_your to_(to). **4** If your_banished_ _of_one he_will_be at_the_end_of the_heavens from_there he_ _will_gather_you **YHWH** god_of_your and_from_there he_will_ _bring_you. **5** And_he_will_bring_you **YHWH** god_of_your to the_earth/land which ancestors_of_your they_took_ _possession_of and_you_will_take_possession_of_it and_he_ _will_do_good_to_you and_he_will_make_you_great more_than_ _of_your_ancestors. **6** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he_will_ _circumcise ~~DOM~~ heart_of_your and_~~DOM~~ the_heart_of your_ _offspring_of_your to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_of_your and_on/over_all being_of_your for_the_sake_of your(ms)_life. **7** And_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ all_ _of the_oaths the_these on enemies_of_your and_on those_of_ _who_hate_you who they_have_persecuted_you. **8** And_you(ms) you_will_turn and_you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_ _you_will_do ~~DOM~~ all_of commands_of_his which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day. **9** And_he_will_make_you_ _abound **YHWH** god_of_your in_all_of the_work_of your_hand_ _of_your in_the_fruit_of your_womb_of_your and_in_the_fruit_ _of your_livestock_of_your and_in_the_fruit_of your_ground_ _of_your to_good if/because **YHWH** he_will_turn to_rejoice on_ _you for_good just_as he_rejoiced on ancestors_of_your. **10** If/because you_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your to_guard/protect commands_of_his and_regulations_of_ _his which_is_written in_the_book_of the_law the_this if/because you_will_return to **YHWH** god_of_your in_all heart_ _of_your and_on/over_all being_of_your.

11 If/because the_command (the)_this which I am_ _commanding_of_you the_day not is_too_difficult it for_you and_not is_far_away it. **12** Not in_the_heavens it to_say who will_he_go_up to/for_ourselves to_the_heavens so_that_he_ _may_fetch_it to/for_ourselves and_so_that_he_may_make_us_ _hear ~~DOM~~_her/it and_so_that_we_may_do_it. **13** And_not is_ _from_the_other_side of_sea it to_say who will_he_pass_over to/for_us to the_other_side_of the_sea so_that_he_may_fetch_it to/for_ourselves and_so_that_he_may_make_us_hear ~~DOM~~_ _her/it and_so_that_we_may_do_it. **14** If/because is_near to_ _you the_message very in_mouth_of_your and_in_heart_of_ _your to_do_it.

15 See I_set to_your_face the_day ~~DOM~~ the_life and_~~DOM~~ (the)_ _good and_~~DOM~~ (the)_death and_~~DOM~~ (the)_evil. **16** That_which I am_commanding_of_you the_day is_to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_ _of_your to_go in_ways_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his and_regulations_of_his and_judgements_of_his and_you_will_ _live and_you_will_increase and_he_will_bless_you **YHWH** god_ _of_your on_the_earth where you are_about_to_go to_(to) to_ _take_possession_of_it. **17** And_if heart_of_your it_will_turn_ _away and_not you_will_listen and_you_will_be_drawn_aside and_you_will_bow_down to_gods other and_you_will_serve_

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that I'm commanding you today, **3** then your god Yahweh will show compassion towards you and reverse your captivity, and he'll gather you from all the peoples where he's scattered you, and return you. **4** Even if your scattered people are at the ends of the earth, your god Yahweh would gather you from there and bring you back to your country. **5** Your god Yahweh would then bring you back into the country of your fathers, and you'd retake possession of it, and then he'd cause you to become more prosperous and more numerous than you are now. **6** He will 'circumcise the heart of' (remove the evil motives from) you and your children[438] to release you to love your god Yahweh with total sincerity and diligently, so that you can live. **7** Then he will put all those curses on your enemies and those who hate you and who oppressed you. **8** After that, you'll turn and listen to Yahweh's voice and follow all his instructions that I'm giving you today. **9** Your god Yahweh will give you prosperity in everything you work on, and in producing children, and expanding your herds and harvesting your crops. He'll happily cause you to prosper just like he'd done for your fathers, **10** if you listen to his voice, following his instructions and obeying his rules written in this book, i.e., if you return to your god Yahweh your God with total sincerity and with all your energy.

Yahweh's instructions aren't a distant dream

11 These instructions that I'm giving you today aren't too difficult or impractical for you— **12** it's not like you have to send someone up to heaven to get them so you can hear them and follow them.[439] **13** Nor are they on the opposite side of the ocean such that you have to find someone to cross over to get them so you can hear them and follow them. **14** On the contrary, these instructions are very close to you—you should discuss them and think about them so that you can follow them.

The selection of life

15 Listen, I've placed the choice between life and good, and death and evil, in front of you today. **16** What I'm commanding you today is to love your god Yahweh, to walk in his ways and to follow his instructions and obey his rules and regulations, and then you'll live and multiply, and your god Yahweh will bless you in the land that you're about to take possession of. **17** But if your loyalty shifts away and you don't listen but instead you're drawn away and bow down to other gods and serve them, **18** then I'm warning you all today that you'll all most

438 RV 30:6 · Cross-ref. Rom 2:29.

439 RV 30:12-14 · Cross-ref. Rom 10:6-8.

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certainly die, i.e., you won't live for a long time in the land which you're about to cross the Yarden (Jordan) river to take possession of. **19** I call on the heavens and the earth to witness against you today: I've placed in front of you the choice between life and death, and between blessings and the curses, so that you'll be forced to choose life so that you and your descendants will live. **20** Decide today to love your god Yahweh, to listen to his voice, and to cling to him, because he'll give you life and lengthen your lives so you can live in the land that Yahweh promised to give to your fathers, Avraham,[440] Yitshak (Isaac),[441] and Ya'akov (Jacob).[442]

Yehoshua (Joshua) installed as the new leader · Promised land

31:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) also told the Israelis, **2** "I'm already a hundred and twenty and no longer able to walk around easily, plus Yahweh has told me that I won't be able to cross the Yarden (Jordan) river.[444] **3** Your god Yahweh will go ahead of you and destroy those peoples right in front of your eyes, then you'll be able to take over that land. Yahweh has said that it's Yehoshua (Joshua) who will lead you in there. **4** Then Yahweh will do the same to those peoples as he did to the Amori kings Sihon and Og, when he destroyed them and their people.[445] **5** Yahweh will enable you to conquer those peoples, but you must do exactly what I've instructed you, to them. **6** Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or scared of those people, because it's your god Yahweh who'll go with you—he won't leave you or abandon you.

7 Then Mosheh called Yehoshua and told him in front of all Yisrael (Israel), "Be strong and courageous, because you'll go with these people into the land that Yahweh had promised to their ancestors to give to them, and you'll enable them to take it as their inheritance. **8** Yahweh will go ahead of you and he'll be with you. He won't fail or abandon you[446]—you mustn't be afraid or concerned.

Listening to these instructions every seven years

9 Then Mosheh (Moses) wrote these instructions down and gave the scroll to the Israeli elders and to the priests (Levi's descendants) who carry the box containing Yahweh's agreement. **10** Then Mosheh instructed them: Every seven years at the time

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_them. **18** I_tell to/for_you(pl) the_day if/because_that certainly_(perish) you(pl)_will_perish not you(pl)_will_prolong days on the_soil where you are_about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to_go[443] to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. **19** I_call_as_witnesses against_you(pl) the_day ÐOM the_heavens and_ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_life and_(the)_death I_have_set to_your_face (the)_blessing and_(the)_curse and_you_will_ _choose (in)_life so_that you and_offspring_of_your you_may_ _live. **20** By_loving ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your by_listening to_ _voice_of_his and_by_cleaving in_him/it if/because he life_of_ _is_your and_the_length_of your(pl)_days_of_your to_dwell on the_soil which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_your to_ _'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) to_give to/for_them.

31:1 And_ Mosheh _he/it_went and_he/it_spoke ÐOM the_ _words/messages the_these to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ _he/it_said to_them am_a_son of one_hundred and_twenty year[s] I the_day not I_am_able still to_go_out and_to_come and_**YHWH** he_has_said to_me not you_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn (the)_this. **3** **YHWH** god_of_your he is_about_to_pass_ _over to_your_face he he_will_destroy ÐOM the_nations the_ _these from_before_face_of_you and_you_will_dispossess_them Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) he is_about_to_pass_over to_your_face just_as **YHWH** he_spoke. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_do to/for_ _them just_as he_did to_Ṣīḥōn and_to_'Ōg the_kings_of the_ _'Amorī and_to_land_of_their whom he_destroyed ÐOM_them. **5** And_he_will_deliver_them_up **YHWH** before_you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_do to/for_them according_to_all_of the_ _command which I_have_commanded you(pl). **6** Be_strong and_ _be_bold do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_terrified from_their_ _face/front if/because **YHWH** god_of_your he is_the_one_who_ _goes with_you not he_will_abandon_you and_not he_will_ _abandon_you. **7** And_ Mosheh _he/it_called (to)_Yəhōshū'a and_he/it_said to_him/it to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[447] be_strong and_be_bold if/because you you_ _will_go with the_people the_this into the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_swore to_ancestors_of_their to_give to/for_them and_you(ms) you_will_give_it_as_an_inheritance them. **8** And_ _**YHWH** he is_the_one_who_goes to_your_face he he_will_be with_you not he_will_abandon_you and_not he_will_abandon_ _you not you_must_be_afraid and_not you_must_be_dismayed.

9 And_ Mosheh _he_wrote_down ÐOM the_law (the)_this and_ _he_gave_it to the_priests the_sons_of Lēvī who_carry ÐOM the_ _box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_near/to all_of the_elders_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded them to_say from_the_end/extremity seven years at_the_appointed_ _time_of the_year_of the_remission at_the_festival_of the_

440 **RV 30:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.

441 **RV 30:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.

442 **RV 30:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.

443 **LV 30:18 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

444 **RV 31:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:12.

445 **RV 31:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

446 **RV 31:8 · Cross-ref.** Josh 1:5; Heb 13:5.

447 **LV 31:7 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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booths. **11** When all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _comes to_present_ _itself with the_presence_of **YHWH** god_of_your in_place which he_will_choose you_will_read_aloud ÐOM the_law (the)_this before all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ears_of_their. **12** Assemble ÐOM the_people the_men and_the_women and_the_little_one[s] and_sojourner_of_your who is_in_gates_of_your so_that they_ _may_hear and_so_that they_may_learn and_they_will_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_they_will_take_care for_doing ÐOM all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this. **13** And_ _children_of_their who not they_have_known they_will_hear and_they_will_learn to_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) all_of the_days which you(pl) will_be_alive on the_soil where you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_(to) to_ _take_possession_of_it.
14 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE days_of_your they_ _have_drawn_near to_die summon ÐOM Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_present_yourselves at_the_tent_of meeting so_that_I_may_ _commission_him and_ Mosheh and_Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_went and_they_presented_themselves at_the_tent_of meeting.
15 And_ **YHWH** _he_appeared at_tent in_a_pillar_of cloud and_ the_pillar_of (the)_cloud _it_stood over the_entrance_of the_ _tent. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mosheh HERE_you are_ _about_to_lie_down with ancestors_of_your and_ the_people the_this _it_will_arise and_it_will_act_as_a_prostitute after the_ _gods_of (the)_foreignness_of the_earth/land where it is_ _about_to_go to_(to) in_midst_of_its and_it_will_abandon_me and_it_will_break ÐOM covenant_of_my which I_made with_ _him/it. **17** And_ anger_of_my _it_will_burn in_him/it on_day (the)_that and_I_will_abandon_them and_I_will_hide face_of_ _my from_them and_it_was for_devouring and_they_will_ _come_upon_it calamities many and_troubles and_saying(ms) in_the_day (the)_that not on if/because not god_of_my is_in_ _midst_of_my have_they_come_upon_me the_calamities the_ _these. **18** And_I certainly_(hide) I_will_hide face_of_my in_the_ _day (the)_that on all_of the_evil which it_has_done if/because it_has_turned to gods other. **19** And_now write_down to/for_ _you(pl) ÐOM the_song (the)_this and_teach_it ÐOM the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) put_it in_mouth_of_their so_that it_may_ _become to/for_me the_song (the)_this (into)_a_witness on_ _the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** If/because I_will_bring_it into the_soil which I_swore to_ancestors_of_its flowing_of milk and_honey and_he/it_will_eat and_it_will_be_satisfied and_it_ _will_grow_fat and_it_will_turn to gods other and_they_will_ _serve_them and_they_will_spurn_me and_it_will_break ÐOM covenant_of_my. **21** And_it_was if/because calamities many and_troubles they_will_come_upon ÐOM_him/it and_ the_song (the)_this _it_will_testify before_it to_a_witness if/because not it_will_be_forgotten from_the_mouth_of his/its_seed if/because I_know ÐOM inclination_of_its which it is_making the_day before_before I_will_bring_it into the_earth/land which I_swore. **22** And_ Mosheh _he_wrote_down ÐOM the_song (the)_this in_the_day (the)_that and_he_taught_it ÐOM the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_he/it_commanded ÐOM

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for cancelling all debts[448] during the Celebration in Huts,[449] **11** when all Yisrael (Israel) must go and stand in front of your god Yahweh in the place that he will choose, you must read these instructions aloud to all Yisrael. **12** Assemble the people (men, women, children, and any foreigners that live in your country) so that they can listen and learn, and honour and respect your god Yahweh, and keep following all these instructions. **13** Then their descendants who won't have heard this yet, can hear them and learn to honour and respect your god Yahweh during all the years that you all live in the land that you are crossing the Yarden (Jordan) river in order to take possession of it.

The final command to Mosheh

14 Then Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses), "Listen, you'll soon die. Call Yehoshua (Joshua) present yourselves in the sacred tent, then I'll give him his instructions."

So Mosheh and Yehoshua went to the sacred tent. **15** Yahweh appeared to them there in a pillar of cloud that stood over the tent door.

16 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Listen, you'll soon go to join your ancestors, and these people will turn and prostitute themselves to the strange gods of the land that they'll be going to. This nation will abandon me and break the agreement that I've made with it. **17** When that happens, my rage will burn against them, and I'll abandon them and distance myself from them. They'll be devoured by other kingdoms, and many disasters and troubles will hit them. Then they'll say at that time, 'Didn't these disasters come to us because our God is no longer here amongst us?' **18** Yes, I'll definitely stay away on that day because of all the evil that they will have done when they turned to other gods. **19** So now, write down this song and teach it to the Israelis. Make them memorise it so that it can become a witness for me against them. **20** When I bring them to the land that I promised to their ancestors, flowing with milk and honey, and they eat well and become satisfied and fat, then they'll turn to other gods and they'll serve them, and they'll despise me and break our agreement. **21** Then in the future when many evils and troubles hit the country, this song will testify to it as a witness (because it won't be forgotten by their descendants). Because I know their intent today, even before I've taken them into the land that I promised."

22 So Mosheh wrote down the song that day and taught it to the Israelis.

23 Then he instructed Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), "Be strong and courageous; because you'll be the one to take the Israelis into the land that I promised them, and I'll be with you."[450]

24 After Mosheh had finished writing all these instructions

448 RV 31:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 15:1-2.

449 RV 31:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 16:13-15.

450 RV 31:23 · Cross-ref. Num 27:23; Josh 1:6.

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from beginning to end onto a scroll, **25** he told the Levites who carry the box containing Yahweh's agreement, **26** "Take this scroll with these instructions on it and place it beside the box containing your god Yahweh's agreement, and then it'll be there as a witness against your nation **27** because I know your rebellion and stubbornness. Listen while I'm still alive with you today: you've all been rebellious against Yahweh, and it'll surely be worse after my death. **28** Bring all the elders and officials of your tribes here to me, so that I can speak these words in their ears and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them, **29** because I know that after my death, you'll certainly corrupt yourselves and turn away from the ways that I have instructed you, and disaster will come to you in the future, because you'll all do evil in Yahweh's eyes, provoking him to anger by what you all do."

Mosheh's song

30 Then Mosheh (Moses) recited this entire song aloud to all the gathered Israelis:

32:1 "Listen you heavens, and let me speak,
and let the earth listen to what I have to say.
2 Let my teaching drop like rain,
my speech drip like dew,
like sprinkling on the grass,
and like showers on the plants,
3 because I declare Yahweh's name.
Tell God how great he is.
4 The Rock, his work is perfect,
because all his ways are fair and honest—
a faithful God who never does wrong.
He's always honest and always correct.
5 Yisrael (Israel) acted corruptly towards him—
they're not his children, that's their flaw.
They're a perverse and crooked generation.
6 Is that how you reward Yahweh,
you foolish people and without wisdom?
Isn't he your father, your creator?
He made you and established you.
7 Remember the days of old.
Consider generation after generation over the years.
Ask your father and he'll inform you.
Question your elders and they'll tell you.

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Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_he/it_said be_strong and_be_bold if/because you you_will_bring ĐOM the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) into the_earth/land which I_swore to/for_them and_I I_will_be with_you. **24** And_he/it_was just_ Mosheh _as_ _finished to_write_down ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this on a_book until they_were_complete. **25** And_ Mosheh _he/it_commanded ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy who_carry_ _of[451452] (of)_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to_say. **26** Take ĐOM the_book_of the_law the_this and_you(pl)_will_put ĐOM_him/it from_the_side_of the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_it_was there on_you (into)_a_ _witness. **27** If/because I I_know ĐOM rebellion_of_your and_ _ĐOM neck_of_your (the)_stiff HERE when_still_I am_alive with_ _you(pl) the_day rebellious you(pl)_have_been with **YHWH** and_indeed if/because after death_of_my. **28** Assemble to_me ĐOM all_of the_elders_of your(pl)_tribes_of_your(pl) and_ _officials_of_your(pl) so_that_I_may_speak in_ears_of_their ĐOM the_words/messages the_these and_so_that_I_may_call_as_ _witnesses against_them ĐOM the_heavens and_ĐOM the_ _earth/land. **29** If/because I_know after death_of_my if/because_that certainly_(act_corruptly) you(pl)_will_act_ _corruptly and_you(pl)_will_turn_aside from the_way which I_ _have_commanded you(pl) and_ (the)_evil _it_will_happen_to you(pl) in_end/latter the_days if/because you(pl)_will_do ĐOM the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger by_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl).

30 And_ Mosheh _he/it_spoke in_the_ears_of all_of the_ _assembly_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_ _song (the)_this until they_were_complete.
32:1 Give_ear the_heavens and_let_me_speak and_ the_ _earth/land _let_it_hear the_words/messages_of my_mouth_ _of_my. **2** May_it_drop like_rain teaching_of_my may_it_flow like_dew my_speech/discourse like_showers_of_rain on fresh_ _grass and_like_showers on vegetation. **3** If/because the_name_ _of **YHWH** I_will_proclaim ascribe greatness to_god_of_our. **4** The_rock is_perfect work_of_his if/because all_of ways_of_his are_justice a_god_of faithfulness and_there_is_not injustice is_ _righteous and_upright he. **5** It_has_acted_corruptly to_him/it not children_of_his blemish_of_their a_generation perverse and_crooked. **6** Wwww to_**YHWH** do_you(pl)_repay this Oh_ _people foolish and_not wise am_not is_he father_of_your who_ _he_created_you he he_made_you and_he_established_you. **7** Remember the_days_of antiquity consider the_years_of a_ _generation and_a_generation ask father_of_your and_he_will_ _tell_you your_old_of_people and_they_will_say to/for_you(fs). **8** When_ the_Most_High _gave_inheritances_to nations when_ _separated_he the_children_of humankind he_fixed borders_of peoples to_the_number_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **9** If/because the_portion_of **YHWH** people_of_is_his Yaʻaqovʼ/(Jacob) is_the_measured_portion_of his_inheritance_ _of_his. **10** He_found_it in_land wilderness and_in_a_wasteland a_howling a_desolate_place he_surrounded_it he_took_care_of_ _it he_guarded_it like_the_pupil_of his_eye_of_his. **11** Like_an_ _eagle which_it_stirs_up nest_of_its over ones_of_its_young it_

451 LV 31:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

452 LV 31:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_hovers it_spreads_out wings_of_its it_takes_it it_carries_it on pinion_of_its. **12** **YHWH** alone he_guided_it and_there_was_not with_him/it a_god_of foreignness. **13** He_caused_it_to_ride on the_high_places_of[458][459] the_land and_it_ate fruits_of the_field and_he_made_it_suck honey from_a_rock and_oil from_flint_of rock. **14** Curd[s]_of the_herd and_milk_of the_flock with fat_of lambs and_rams the_sons_of Bāshān and_goats with the_fat_of the_kidneys_of wheat and_blood_of grape[s] you_drank wine. **15** And_ Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) _he_became_fat and_he_kicked you_have_become_fat you_have_become_bloated you_have_ _become_gorged and_he_abandoned god who_he_made_him and_he_treated_with_contempt the_rock_of his_salvation_of_ _his. **16** They_made_him_jealous by_strange_gods by_ _abominations they_provoked_him_to_anger. **17** They_ _sacrificed to_demons which_not are_god gods which_not they_had_known_them new_gods which_from_near they_had_ _come which_not they_had_known_about_them ancestors_of_ _your(pl). **18** The_rock which_he_fathered_you you_forgot and_ _you_forgot god who_brought_of_you_forth. **19** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_saw and_he_spurned from_the_provocation_of his_sons_ _of_his and_daughters_of_his. **20** And_he/it_said I_will_hide face_of_my from_them I_will_see what be_their_end_of_will if/because are_a_generation_of perversiti(es) they children whom_not faithfulness is_in_them. **21** They they_have_made_ _me_jealous by_not a_god they_have_provoked_me_to_anger by_vanities_of_their and_I I_will_make_them_jealous by_not a_ _people by_a_nation foolish I_will_provoke_them_to_anger. **22** If/because a_fire it_has_been_kindled by_anger_of_my and_ _it_has_burnt to Shə'ōl lowest and_she/it_ate the_earth and_ _produce_of_its and_it_has_set_ablaze the_foundations_of the_ _mountains. **23** I_will_catch_up on_them calamities arrows_of_ _my I_will_use_up on_them. **24** They_will_be_weakened_of famine and_eaten_of plague and_destruction bitter and_tooth_ _of animals I_will_send on_them with the_venom_of things_ _which_crawl_of the_dust. **25** From_outside a_sword it_will_ _make_childless and_will_be_from_inner_rooms terror both young_man as_well_as young_woman a_sucking_child with a_ _person_of grey_hair. **26** I_said I_will_cut_them_in_pieces I_will_ _make_cease from_humankind remembrance_of_their. **27** If_not the_provocation_of an_enemy I_was_afraid lest foes_of_their they_should_misconstrue lest they_should_say our_both_hands it_was_raised and_not **YHWH** he_did all_of this. **28** If/because are_a_nation perishing_of counsel(s) they and_there_is_not (is)_in_them understanding. **29** If they_were_wise they_will_ _comprehend this they_will_understand (to)_end_of_their. **30** How one_person will_he_pursue a_thousand and_two_ _people will_they_put_to_flight ten_thousand if not that/for/because/then/when rock_of_their he_had_sold_them and_**YHWH** he_had_delivered_them_up. **31** If/because not is_ _like_rock_of_our rock_of_their and_enemies_of_our assessments. **32** If/because is_from_the_vine_of Ṣədom vine_of_

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8 When the highest one gave the nations an inheritance,
when he spread all humans out,
he defined the boundaries for the peoples,[453]
according to the number of Israelis,
9 because Yahweh's allocation is his people.
Ya'akov (Jacob) is the portion of his inheritance.
10 He found him in a land that was just wilderness,
and in the barren, howling desert.
He surrounded him and looked after him—
watched over him like a precious possession.
11 Like an eagle stirs up its nest,
hovering over its young.
He spread his wings, then took him—
sitting him on top of his feathers.
12 Yahweh alone led Yisrael (Israel),
^and there wasn't any foreign god helping them.
13 He helped Yisrael reach the hilltops,
and fed them the fruits of the countryside.
He nourished them with honey from the cliffs,
oil from the hardest rocks,
14 yogurt from the cattle and milk from the flocks,
with fat of lambs, and rams from Bashan, and goats,
with plump wheat kernels,
and the juice of grapes that you drank as wine.
15 So the good fellow got fat and kicked—
you were fat, getting bloated, you gorged.
Then he abandoned the God who created him,
and he rejected the rock that had saved him.
16 Yisrael (Israel) provoked him with strange gods.
They anger him with their abominations.
17 They sacrificed to demons, not God—
gods they hadn't known.
New ones that had come recently,
that your ancestor had never served.
18 You neglected the rock who carried you,
and you forgot God who gave birth to you.
19 Yahweh noticed that and he rejected you,
due to that provocation by his sons and daughters.
20 He said, 'Let me hide myself from them,
I'll just watch how they end up
because they're a perverse generation—
children who totally lack faithfulness.
21 They provoked me with a non-god—
angered me by their worthless idols,[454]
so I'll provoke them with a 'non-people'.
I'll anger them by means of a foolish nation,[455]

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453 **RV 32:8 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:26.

454 **RV 32:21 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 10:22.

455 **RV 32:21 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:19.

458 **LV 32:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתומב: (x-qere) יְתֻמֶֽנּוּ: lemma_1116 morph_HNcfpc id_05Ajm יְתֻמֶֽנּוּ

459 **LV 32:13 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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22 because my anger flames like a fire.
It burns down to the lowest grave,
and devours the land and its harvests,
and scorches the foundations of the mountains.
23 I'll send them even more disasters.
I'll use my arrows up on them.
24 They'll be wasted by hunger
and weakened by terrible contagious and deadly diseases.
I'll send those diseases on the teeth of wild animals,
along with the poison from various creatures that crawl in the dust.
25 Outside the sword will leave people dead,
and inside, in the bedrooms, there'll be terror,
whether it's for a young man or young woman,
or the baby or the grey-haired man.
26 I said I'd wipe them out—
I would remove their memory from humankind
27 if it wasn't for the fact that I expect that their enemies would boast.
I don't want their adversaries to misjudge,
saying, "It's us who's powerful,
and Yahweh didn't carry all this out." '
28 because they're a nation short of good advice,
and lacking in understanding.
29 If they were wise, they'd comprehend this.
They'd understand what was ahead of them.
30 How could one warrior chase a thousand Israelis,
or two put ten thousands to flight,
unless their 'rock' sold them,
and Yahweh gave them up?
31 Even our enemies know
that their protector/'rock' is not like ours,
32 because their vine has its roots in Sedom,
and comes from the vineyards of Amorah (Gomorrah).
Their grapes are full of poison—
their clusters of grapes taste bitter.
33 Their wine is snake venom,
and the deadly poison of vipers.
34 'Aren't these future events my secret—
sealed up in my treasure-houses?
35 Vengeance and recompense belong to me[456]
at the time when their foot slips,
because the day of their disaster is close,
and the things prepared for them hurry along.'
36 Yes, Yahweh vindicates his people,
and has compassion on his servants,[457]
because he'll see that their power is gone,
and no one remains, either free or enslaved.
37 Then he'll ask, 'Where are their gods—
the rock who they went to to be safe,

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_their and_from_the_terraced_fields_of ´Amorāh/(Gomorrah) grapes_of_their are_grapes_of poison clusters_of bitter belong_ _to_them. 33 Is_the_venom_of serpents wine_of_their and_the_ _poison_of cobras cruel. 34 Not is_it stored_up with_me sealed_ _up in_storehouses_of_my. 35 To_me vengeance and_ _retribution to_a_time_of foot_of_their when_it_will_slip if/because is_near the_day_of their_disaster_of_their and_ impending_things _it_will_make_haste to_them. 36 If/because **YHWH** he_will_judge people_of_his and_on servants_of_his he_ _will_have_compassion if/because he_will_see if/because_that hand it_has_been_used_up and_there_not is_one_who_is_shut_ _up and_one_who_is_freed. 37 And_saying(ms) where gods_of_ _are_their the_rock which_they_sought_refuge in_him/it. 38 Which the_fat_of their_sacrifices_of_their they_ate they_ _drank the_wine_of drink-offering_of_their let_them_arise and_let_them_help_you(pl) let_it_be over_you(pl) a_shelter. 39 See now if/because_that I I am_he and_there_is_not a_god with_me I I_put_to_death and_I_restore_to_life I_wound and_I I_heal and_there_is_not from_hand_of_my a_deliverer. 40 If/because I_lift_up to heaven hand_of_my and_I_will_say by_the_life of_me to_vanishing_point. 41 If I_sharpen the_ _lightning_of my_sword_of_my and_it_will_take_hold on_ _judgement hand_of_my I_will_return vengeance to_foes_of_ _my and_to_those_of_who_hate_me I_will_repay. 42 I_will_ _make_drunk arrows_of_my from_blood and_sword_of_my it_ _will_devour flesh from_the_blood_of the_slain and_the_ _captive[s] from_the_chief_of the_leaders_of the_enemy. 43 Make_shout_for_joy Oh_nations people_of_his if/because the_blood_of his_servants_of_his he_will_avenge and_ _vengeance he_will_return to_foes_of_his and_he_will_make_ _atonement_for land_of_his people_of_his. 44 And_ Mosheh _ _he_came and_he/it_spoke ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of the_song (the)_this in_the_ears_of the_people he and_Hōshē´a the_son_of Nūn.

456 **RV 32:35 · Cross-ref.** Rom 12:19; Heb 10:30.

457 **RV 32:36a · Cross-ref.** Psa 135:14.

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45 And_ Mosheh _they_were_ended/finished to_speak ĐOM all_ _of the_words/messages the_these to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 46 And_he/it_said to_them set heart_of_your(pl) to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_words/messages which I am_warning (in)_you(pl) the_day that you(pl)_will_command_them ĐOM children_of_your(pl) to_guard/protect for_doing ĐOM all_of the_words/messages_of the_law (the)_this. 47 If/because not is_a_message too_empty it for_you(pl) if/because it lives_of_is_ _your(pl) and_by_message the_this you(pl)_will_prolong days on the_soil where you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ĐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to_(to) to_take_possession_of_it. 48 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mosheh on_the_substance_of the_day the_this to_say. 49 Go_up to the_mountain_of the_'Avārīm the_ _this the_mountain_of Nəvō which in_land of_Mō'āv which is_ _on the_face_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_see ĐOM the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) which I am_about_to_give to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_a_possession. 50 And_die on_mountain where you are_about_to_go_up to_(to) and_be_gathered to people(s)_of_your just_as 'Aha_ron your(ms)_brother/kindred he_died on_Hor the_mountain and_he_was_gathered to people(s)_of_his. 51 On that you(pl)_acted_unfaithfully against_ _me in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_the_ _waters_of Mərīvāh_of Qādēsh the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) on that not you(pl)_honoured_as_holy me in_the_middle the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 52 If/because from_before you_will_ _see ĐOM the_earth/land and_to_(to) not you_will_go into the_ _earth/land which I am_about_to_give to_the_people_of

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38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices,
and drank the wine that they'd offered?
Let those gods take action and help you.
Let them be a shelter over you.
39 Now you'll realise that I'm God,
and that there's no god other than me.
I put to death and give life.
I wound, and I heal,
and no one can challenge my power,
40 because I lift my hand up to heaven
and promise, "As I live forever,
41 when I sharpen my glittering sword,
and prepare to apply justice,
I will return vengeance on my enemies,
and I'll pay back those who hate me.
42 I'll make my arrows drunk with blood,
and my sword will devour flesh,
with the blood of those slaughtered and the captives—
from the heads of the enemy's leaders." '
43 You nations, need to appreciate his people,
because he'll avenge the blood of his servants,
and he'll return vengeance onto his enemies,
and then he'll forgive his country—his people."

44 Then Mosheh (Moses), accompanied by Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua), went and recited all the words of that song for the people to hear.

Mosheh's final instructions

45 When Mosheh (Moses) had finished telling all that to all Yisrael (Israel), 46 he told them, "Never forget all those instructions that I've been giving you today. Teach them to your children so that they'll be able to keep following them, 47 because it's no light matter for you all. Yes, it's your lives, and by doing that you can prolong your time in the land which you are crossing over the Yarden (Jordan) river to take possession of."

48 That same day, Yahweh told Mosheh, 49 "Go to Mt. Nevo (a mountain in the Avarim range in Moav (Moab), across from Yeriho (Jericho)). Climb up and you will see the land of Kena'an (Canaan), which I'm giving to the Israelis to take possession of. 50 Then you'll die on that mountain that you are going up on, and you'll join your ancestors (just like your brother Aharon (Aaron) died on Mt. Hor and joined his ancestors). 51 That's because you were unfaithful to me among the Israelis at the Merivah springs in Kadesh, in the wilderness of Tsin (Zin), because you didn't regard me as holy in front of the Israelis. 52 So you'll see the land in front of you, but you won't enter that land that I'm giving to the Israelis.[460]

460 **RV 32:48-52 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:12-14; Deu 3:23-27.

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Mosheh's final blessing for Yisrael

33:1 This is the blessing with which the man of God, Mosheh (Moses), blessed Israelis just before his death:

2 "Yahweh came from Mt. Sinay came
and appeared to them from Mt. Se'ir—
shining out from Mt. Paran.
He came with ten thousands of holy ones,
holding lightning for them in his right hand.
3 Yes, he loves the peoples.
All his holy ones are in your hand.
They sat down at your feet.
They listen to your instructions:
4 Mosheh (Moses) gave us those instructions
that would become a valuable possession for Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
5 Yahweh became king over Yeshurun,[461]
when the leaders of the people had gathered—
Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes all together.
6 Let Re'uven live and not die,
but let his men be few."
7 Then he said this is for Yehudah (Judah),
"Yahweh, listen to Yehudah's voice,
and take him to his people.
He defended himself,
plus you help him against his enemies."
8 Then for Levi, he said,
"Your Tumim and your Urim[462]
belong to your godly man,
who you tested at Masah.[463]
You strove against him at the Merivah springs.[464]
9 He said that he hadn't seen his father and his mother,
and he didn't acknowledge his brothers or spend time with his sons.
because he guarded your message
and kept your agreement.
10 He teaches your rules to Ya'akov (Jacob),
and your instructions to Yisrael (Israel).
He'll burn fragrant incense for you,
and whole burnt offerings on your altar.
11 Yahweh, bless Yisrael's possessions,
and accept the work that he does.
Crush those who take action up against him,

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

33:1 And_this is_the_blessing which Mosheh the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm he_blessed ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before death_of_his. **2** And_he_said **YHWH** from_Ṣīnay he_came and_he_dawned from_Sē'īr to_ _them he_shone_forth from_hill of_Pā'rān and_he_came from_ _ten_thousands_of holy_one[s] was_from_his_right_of_hand fire_of[465] for_them. **3** Also he_is_loving peoples all_of his_holy_ _of_ones are_in_hand_of_your and_they they_were_led to_foot_ _of_your he_will_take from_words/messages_of_your. **4** A_law he_commanded to/for_us Mosheh a_possession the_assembly_ _of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **5** And_he/it_was in_Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) king when_ the_chiefs_of the_people _gathered_themselves together the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Rə'ūvēn let_him_live and_not let_him_die and_let_it_be men_of_his number. **7** And_ _this of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_said hear Oh_**YHWH** the_ _voice_of Yəhūdāh and_near/to people_of_his you_will_bring_ _him hands_of_his_own he_contended to_him/it and_a_help from_foes_of_his you_will_be. **8** And_of_Lēvī he_said Thummim_of_your and_Urim_of_your belong_to_a_man_of your_faithful_of_one whom you_put_him_to_the_test at_ _Maṣṣāh you_contended_with_him at the_waters_of Mərīvāh. **9** Who_said of_father_of_his and_of_mother_of_his not I_saw_ _him and_~~DOM~~ brothers_of_his not he_recognized and_~~DOM~~ mmm[466] not he_acknowledged if/because they_kept message_ _of_your and_covenant_of_your they_observed. **10** They_will_ _teach judgements_of_your to_Ya'aqov and_law_of_your to_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_put incense in_nose_of_your and_ _the_whole_offering on altar_of_your. **11** Bless Oh_**YHWH** wealth_of_his and_the_work of_his_hands_of_his you_will_be_ _pleased_with smash loins those_of_who_rise_against_him and_ _those_of_who_hate_him from they_will_rise. **12** Of_Binyāmīn he_said the_beloved_one_of **YHWH** he_dwells to_security on/upon/above_him/it he_is_covering on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_day and_between shoulders_of_his he_dwells. **13** And_of_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_said be_blessed_of **YHWH** land_ _of_his from_the_excellent_gift_of heaven from_the_dew and_ _from_the_deep which_lies beneath. **14** And_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_produce(s)_of the_sun and_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_yield_of the_months. **15** And_from_the_ _top_of the_mountains_of ancient_time and_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_hills_of antiquity. **16** And_from_the_ _excellent_gift_of the_earth and_what_of_fills_it and_the_ _favour_of the_one_who_dwelt_of (of)_the_bush may_it_come to_the_head_of Yōṣēf and_to_the_crown_of_the_head_of the_ _consecrated_one_of his_brothers_of_his. **17** The_firstborn_of his_ox_of_his splendour to_him/it and_are_the_horns_of a_ _wild_ox horns_of_his (is)_in_them peoples he_will_gore

461 RV 33:5 · Note Yeshurun means 'the upright one', a term of endearment for Yisrael, also in verse 26.

462 RV 33:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 28:30.

463 RV 33:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:7.

464 RV 33:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:7; Num 20:13.

465 LV 33:2 · Note OSHB variant note: תדשא: (x-qere) 'שֵׁא': lemma_784 morph_HNcbsc id_059bG שֵׁא 'תָּד': lemma_1881 n_0.0 morph_HNcfsa id_05UNy תָּד

466 LV 33:9 · Note OSHB variant note: נב/ו: (x-qere) 'יְנָבּ/ו': lemma_1121 a n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_05HDg יְנָבּ/ו

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together the_ends_of the_earth and_they are_the_ten_
_thousands_of 'Efrayim and_they are_the_thousands_of
Mənashsheh. **18** And_of_Zəvūlūn he_said rejoice Oh_Zəvūlūn
when_you_go_forth and_Yissāskār/(Issachar) in_tents_of_your.
19 Peoples a_mountain they_will_summon there they_will_
_sacrifice sacrifices_of righteousness if/because the_
_abundance_of the_seas they_will_suck and_hidden_things_of
hidden_things_of sand. **20** And_of_Gād he_said the_one_who_
_enlarges_of Gād be_blessed like_a_lion he_dwells and_he_tears
an_arm also a_crown_of_a_head. **21** And_he/it_saw the_choicest
to_him/it if/because there the_portion_of a_commander was_
_reserved and_he_came the_chiefs_of the_people the_
_righteousness_of **YHWH** he_executed and_judgements_of_his
with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** And_of_Dān he_said Dān is_a_cub_of a_
_lion he_leaps_forth from (the)_Bāshān. **23** And_of_Naftālī he_
_said Naftālī is_satisfied_of favour and_full the_blessing_of
YHWH the_west and_the_south take_possession_of. **24** And_of_
_'Āshēr he_said be_blessed more_than_the_sons 'Āshēr may_
_he_be the_favoured_one_of his_brothers_of_his and_one_who_
_dips in_oil foot_of_his. **25** Will_be_iron and_bronze bolts_of_
_your and_will_be_of_like_your_days strength_of_your.
26 There_is_not like_god Oh_Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) who_rides
heaven for_help_of_your and_in_majesty_of_his clouds. **27** Is_a_
_hiding_place the_god_of ancient_time and_are_(from)_
_beneath arms_of antiquity and_he/it_drove_out from_before_
_of_you the_enemy and_he/it_said destroy. **28** And_
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_has_dwelt security alone the_spring_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) to a_land_of grain and_new_wine also
heavens_of_his they_drop[467][468] dew. **29** How_of_blessed_are_
_you Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who is_like_you a_people which_it_
_has_been_saved by_**YHWH** the_shield_of your_help_of_your
and_which is_the_sword_of your_eminence_of_your and_
enemies_of_your _they_will_cringe to/for_you(fs) and_you(ms)
on places_of_their_high you_will_tread.

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and those who hate, in case they attack."
12 To Benyamin, he said,
"Yahweh's special one lives in security beside him.
He protects him all day long,
and Yahweh places him on his chest."
13 To Yosef (Joseph), he said,
"Yahweh will bless his land,
with the rain from the sky,
from the dew and from the springs lying beneath,
14 with a plentiful harvest from the good sunshine,
and from the bounty of the produce of the seasons,
15 and water from the tops of ancient mountains,
and from the bounty of age-old hills,
16 and from the bounty of the soil and from its fullness,
and the favour of the bush-dweller.
Let them come on Yosef's (Joseph's) head,
and on the top of the head of the leader of his brothers.
17 His majesty is like his firstborn bull,
and his horns are like the horns of a wild bull.
He'll ram the peoples with them,
together to the ends of the earth.
And they are the ten thousands of Efrayim (Ephraim),
and they are the thousands of Menasheh (Manasseh)."
18 To Zevulun, he said,
"Zevulun, be happy when you go out,
and Yisakar (Issachar) too, in your tents.
19 They will call peoples to the mountain.
There they will offer sacrifices of righteousness.
because they feed on the abundance of the oceans,
and on treasures hidden in the sand."
20 To Gad, he said,
"Blessed be the one who enlarges Gad.
He'll live like a lioness,
and tear off an arm, perhaps also a head.
21 He picked out the best for himself,
because there the decreed portion is reserved.
He came with the people's leaders.
He administered Yahweh's justice,
and his judgements for Yisrael (Israel)."
22 To Dan, he said,
"Dan is a lion cub
leaping out from Bashan."
23 To Naftali (Naphtali), he said,
"Naftali, overflowing with favour,
and full of Yahweh's blessings,
you'll possess the west and the south."
24 To Asher, he said,
"Asher is blessed among the sons.
Let him be favoured among his brothers,
and enjoy having lots of olive oil.

467 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

468 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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25 Your gates will have iron and bronze bars,
and you'll be strong all your life.
26 There's no one else like Yeshurun's God,
riding the heavens to your help,
and in his majesty on the clouds.
27 The everlasting God is a place of safety,
and it's his eternal arms that are underneath you.
He drove the enemy away from in front of you,
and he said, 'Destroy them.'
28 Yisrael (Israel) will live in safety—
secure as Ya'akov's (Jacob's) fountain,
in a land of grain and new wine
where the skies above them drop dew.
29 Your happiness, Yisrael.
Who else is like you—a people saved by Yahweh,
the shield that protects you,
and who is the sword that makes you powerful?
Your enemies will cringe back from you,
and you'll trample all over their hills."

Yahweh shows the land to Mosheh

34:1 Then Mosheh (Moses) went from the plains of Moav (Moab) up to Mt. Nevo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Yeriho (Jericho), and Yahweh showed him all the Gilead region as far as Dan, 2 all Naftali (Naphtali), the land of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh), all the land of Yehudah (Judah), to the Mediterranean sea, 3 the Negev, and the plain of the Valley of Yeriho (Yeriho, the Palm City) as far as Tsoar. 4 Then Yahweh told him, "That's the land that I promised to Avraham,[469] to Yitshak (Isaac),[470] and to Ya'akov (Jacob),[471] saying, 'I'll give it to your descendants.' I've showed it to you for you to look at, but you won't go over there into it."

Mosheh's death

5 So Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) died there in Moav (Moab) just as Yahweh had said would happen 6 and he buried him there in the valley opposite Beyt-Pe'or, but to this day, no one knows where his grave is. 7 Mosheh was one hundred and twenty when he died, but he still had excellent eyesight and strength in his body. 8 The Israelis mourned thirty days for him there in the Moav plain.

9 Meanwhile, Nun's son Yehoshua (Joshua) was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Mosheh had placed his hands on him and prayed over him, so the Israelis listened to him and did what Yahweh had commanded Mosheh.

10 No prophet like Mosheh who Yahweh knew face to face,[472] has ever emerged in Yisrael (Israel) since then, 11 or performed all the miracles and amazing things that Yahweh sent him to do in Mitsrayim (Egypt), to Par'oh (Pharaoh), and to all his servants, and to all his land. 12 No other prophet has been able to

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34:1 And_ Mosheh _he/it_ascended from_the_wilderness_
_plains_of Mō'āv to the_mountain_of Nəvō the_top_of (the)_
_Piṣgāh which is_on the_face_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_he_
_showed_him **YHWH** ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_earth/land ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_
Gil'ād to Dān. 2 And~~ĐOM~~ all_of Naftālī and_~~ĐOM~~ the_land_of
'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_land_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to the_sea (the)_western. 3 And_~~ĐOM~~ the_
Negev and~~ĐOM~~ the_district in_the_valley_of Yərīḥō the_city_
_of the_palm_trees to Tso'ar/(Zoar). 4 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
to_him/it this the_earth/land which I_swore to_'Avrāhām to_
_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'$_a$qov to_say to_offspring_of_your I_
_will_give_it I_have_let_you_see_it with_your_two's_own_of_
_eyes and_to_(to) not you_will_pass_over.

5 And_he/it_died there Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** in_land
of_Mō'āv on the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 6 And_he_buried ~~ĐOM~~_
_him/it in_valley in_land of_Mō'āv opposite_to Bēyt Pa'ōr and_
_not anyone he_knows ~~ĐOM~~ grave_of_his until the_day (the)_
_this. 7 And_Mosheh was_a_son_of one_hundred and_twenty
year[s] when_died_of_he not eye_of_his it_had_grown_dim and_
_not vigor_of_his it_had_fled. 8 And_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_wept_for ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh in_the_wilderness_
_plains_of Mō'āv thirty day[s] and_ the_days_of the_weeping_
_of the_mourning_of Mosheh _they_were_completed. 9 And_
_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn he_was_full a_spirit_of
wisdom if/because Mosheh he_had_laid ~~ĐOM~~ hands_of_his
on/upon/above_him/it and_they_listened to_him/it the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_did just_as **YHWH** he_
_had_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh. 10 And_not a_prophet he_has_
_arisen again in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_Mosheh whom he_knew_
_him **YHWH** face to face. 11 To/from_all/each/any/every the_
_signs and_the_wonders which he_sent_him **YHWH** for_doing

469 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:7.
470 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 26:3.
471 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:13.
472 **RV 34:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 33:11.

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in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_Par'oh and_to/for_all servants_of_his and_to/for_all land_of_his. **12** And_to/for_all the_hand (the)_strong and_to/for_all the_terror (the)_great which Mosheh he_did to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

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do all the incredible but terrifying things that Mosheh did while all Yisrael watched.

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Iyov

(Job)

Introduction

The account of Iyov (but commonly as known as 'Iyov' which is the English evolution of the Germanic adaptation of the Greek adaptation Ἰώβ (Iōb) of his actual Hebrew name 'אִיּוֹב') is an account about a godly man who was struck by a series of tragedies: all his children and their families were killed, all his extensive wealth was lost, and then he was struck with a terrible disease. By means of this seven-part account, the reader is informed about how Iyov and his friends react concerning those tragedies. Then finally, God reveals himself to Iyov and the others.

Near the beginning of this document, God is told by Satan that it's not good governing of his people if he always rewards those who obey him. What if people only obey God because they're after the material blessings that would always follow. This would mean that their obedience no longer comes from their hearts. Yes, that's what Satan said about Iyov, so God allowed Satan to test Iyov's heart to see if he'd continue to trust God in times of suffering and misery.

Iyov's traditional friends assumed that he must be suffering because he sinned. Surely he wouldn't suffer all that if he'd been honest and righteous. None of them could understand why God might allow sickness or disease to strike someone if he was truly a righteous person, but this is too simplistic for Iyov to accept. Therefore he challenges God to present his case. In all of that, Iyov's faith in God isn't lost, but he desires to regain his honour as an honest and godly person.

God doesn't answer Iyov's questions but he responds by displaying his own power and wisdom and knowledge. So then Iyov acknowledges God as the wise creator and requests forgiveness for his angry words.

The final segment of this account explains how Iyov was restored to health, peace, and prosperity (all the elements of 'shalom'/'שָׁלוֹם'), and how he actually prospered even more than before. It also shows how God was angry at Iyov's friends, because they had so much to say when none of them actually knew why Iyov had suffered—only Iyov had really sensed that God and his eventual (but eternal) justice is greater than simplistic proverbs and trite beliefs.

Main components of this account

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1:1 A_man he_was in_the_land_of ʼŪṯs was_ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) his/its_ _name and_it_was the_man (the)_that blameless and_upright and_fearing_of (of)_god and_turning_aside from_evil. **2** And_ _they_were_born to_him/it seven sons and_three daughters. **3** And_ livestock_of_his _he/it_was seven_of thousand(s)_of sheep and_three_of thousand(s)_of camels and_five hundred(s) pair[s]_of ox[en] and_five hundred(s) female_donkeys and_ _service much very and_he/it_was the_man (the)_that great from_all the_people_of the_east. **4** And_ sons_of_his _they_went and_they_made a_feast the_house_of each_one day_of_his and_ _they_sent and_they_invited (to)_the_three_of mmm[3] to_eat and_to_drink with. **5** And_he/it_was if/because the_days_of the_feast they_had_gone_round and_ ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) _he_sent and_he_sanctified_them and_he_rose_early in_morning and_ _he_offered_up burnt_offerings the_number_of all_of_them_of_ _their if/because ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) he_said perhaps children_of_my they_have_sinned and_they_have_blessed god in_heart_of_ _their thus ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) he_did all_of the_days.

6 And_he/it_was the_day and_ the_sons_of the_ʼElohīm _they_ _came to_present_themselves on **YHWH** and_ also the_ _adversary _he_came among_them. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary from_where are_you_coming and_ the_ _adversary _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_he_said from_going_ _about on_the_earth and_from_going_about on_it. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary have_you_set heart_of_ _your on servant_of_my ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) if/because there_is_not like_him on_the_earth a_man blameless and_upright fearing_of (of)_god and_who_turns_aside from_evil. **9** And_ the_adversary _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_he_said in_vain ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) has_he_feared god. **10** Not you[6] have_you_put_a_hedge behind_ _him and_behind house_of_his and_behind all_of that to_ _him/it from_round_about the_work_of his_hands_of_his you_ _have_blessed and_livestock_of_his it_has_spread_out on_the_ _earth. **11** And_but stretch_out please hand_of_your and_touch in_all that to_him/it if not on face_of_your he_will_bless_you. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary THERE all_of that to_him/it is_in_hand_of_your only to_him/it do_not stretch_ _out hand_of_your and_ the_adversary _he/it_went_out from_ _with the_presence_of **YHWH**.

13 And_he/it_was the_day and_sons_of_his and_daughters_of_ _his were_eating and_drinking wine in_house_of their_brother_ _of_their the_firstborn. **14** And_a_messenger he_came to ʼIyyōvʼ/(Job) and_he_said the_ox[en] they_were plowing and_ _the_female_donkeys were_grazing on hands_of_their. **15** And_ Sabean[s] _it_fell and_it_took_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_servants they_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_I_have_

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SECTION ONE: The introduction[1] · Iyov's prosperous life

1:1 There was once a man called Iyov (Job) who lived in the Uts (Uz) region. He was blameless and righteous—both obeying God and avoiding evil. **2** He had seven sons and three daughters, **3** and he owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 1,000 cattle, and 500 donkeys, as well as many slaves. Iyov was richer than anyone else who lived in the area east of the Yarden (Jordan) River. **4** Iyov's sons regularly held feasts in their homes, and whenever any of them held a feast, he would invite all his brothers and sisters to share the meal with him. **5** Then once a feast was over, Iyov would send for his children and consecrate them—he got up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings for each of them, because Iyov said, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed[2] God in their hearts." It was Iyov's regular habit to intercede for his children.

Satan's first attack on Iyov

6 It was the day that God's sons[4] came to present themselves to Yahweh,[5] and the adversary (Satan) was also there among them. **7** Yahweh asked him, "Where have you just come from?"

"I have come from the earth, where I was travelling around to see what was going on." Satan replied.

8 "Have you noticed my servant Iyov (Job)?" Yahweh asked. "There's no one else like him on the whole earth—a blameless and righteous man who obeys me God and avoids anything evil."

9 "Does Iyov get nothing back for respecting God?" Satan answered Yahweh. **10** "Don't you constantly protect him and his household and everything that's his? You've blessed what he works on, and his livestock have multiplied prolifically. **11** However, just stretch out your hand and ruin everything he has, then we'll see that he'll curse you to your face."

12 "Listen, I'll cede you control over everything he has," Yahweh replied. "Only just don't do anything against Iyov himself." So the adversary went away from Yahweh's presence.

Satan destroys Iyov's wealth and children

13 So one day when Iyov's (Job's) sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, **14** a messenger came to Iyov and reported, "While the oxen were ploughing and the donkeys were feeding nearby, **15** raiders from Sheva attacked with their swords and stole them all. They killed

1 RV 1:1 · Parallel 1:1–2:13

2 RV 1:15 · Note Literally 'blessed' but it's possible that the original reading was 'cursed' and that scribes changed it to 'blessed' in order to avoid the uncomfortable concept of a person cursing God. Traditional manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible don't have a marginal notation about this (as they do in the case of 7:20), but LXX uses 'ἐνενοήθησαν κακά' which can be rendered as 'have thought evil things' and the Peshitta (Syriac) uses 'reviled'. Many other translations also use 'cursed' since this is the kind of change that scribes are known to have made in similar cases.

3 LV 1:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **מה/יתיחא**: (x-qere) **ʼיתוֹיְחָא**ʼ: lemma_269 n_0.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3mp id_18wM5 **יתוֹיְחָא/מָּה**

4 RV 1:6 · Note It's not clear from the text who these are.

5 RV 1:6 · Cross-ref. Gen 6:2.

6 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **תא**: (x-qere) **ʼהָתָּאָ**ʼ: lemma_859 c n_1.0.0.0 morph_HPp2ms id_18J9J **הָתָּאָ**

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all your slaves except that I managed to escape to tell you."

16 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burnt up the sheep and the shepherds. Only ashes are left, except that I alone escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, another one came and explained, "The Kasdim (Chaldeans) formed into three bands and raided the camels and took them, and they attacked the slaves with their swords, and I'm the only one who escaped to come and tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother **19** when suddenly a freak wind came from across the desert and struck the house. It collapsed on the young people and killed them, and only I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Iyov (Job) stood up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he knelt with his face to the ground and worshipped God, **21** saying, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will leave this life naked. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken. May Yahweh's reputation be blessed."

22 Through all of that, Iyov didn't disobey God or accuse him of being evil.

Satan's second attack on Iyov

2:1 It was the day that God's sons came to present themselves to Yahweh and the adversary (Satan) was also there among them. **2** "Where have you come from?" Yahweh asked the adversary.

"From wandering on the earth and going back and forth on it," he answered.

3 "Have you noticed my servant Iyov (Job)?" Yahweh asked Satan, "because there's no one like him on the earth—a blameless and righteous man, striving to obey God and turning from evil. And he's still holding firmly to his integrity, even though you incited me against him, to ruin him for nothing."

4 "Skin for skin," replied the adversary, "actually, a person will give everything they have to save their life. **5** However, just reach out and touch his flesh and bones, and see if he doesn't curse you to your face."

6 "Listen," Yahweh said to him, "I'll give you power over him, but you must preserve his life."

7 So the adversary went away from Yahweh's presence, and he infected Iyov with bad boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. **8** Iyov picked up a piece of broken pottery to scratch himself with as he sat down in the middle of a pile of ashes.

9 "Are you still holding tightly onto your integrity?" his wife asked him. "Just curse God and die."

10 "You're talking like a foolish person," Iyov replied. "Should

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_escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **16** Still this_one was_speaking and_this he_came and_he_said the_fire_ _of god it_fell from the_heavens and_it_burnt (on)_sheep and_ _(on)_servants and_it_consumed_them and_I_have_escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **17** Still this_one was_ _speaking and_this he_came and_he_said the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy they_formed three companies and_they_made_a_raid on the_camels and_they_took_them and_ĐOM the_servants they_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_I_have_ _escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **18** Until this_one was_speaking and_this he_came and_he_said sons_of_ _your and_daughters_of_your were_eating and_drinking wine in_house_of their_brother_of_their the_firstborn. **19** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wind great it_came from_the_other_side_of the_wilderness and_it_touched (in)_the_four the_corners_of the_house and_it_fell on the_youths and_they_died and_I_have_ _escaped only I I_alone to_announce to/for_you(fs). **20** And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he/it_rose_up and_he_tore ĐOM robe_of_his and_ _he_shaved ĐOM his/its_head and_he_fell towards_land and_he_ _bowed_down. **21** And_he/it_said naked I_came_out[7] from_the_ _womb_of my_mother_of_my and_naked I_will_return to_(to)[8] **YHWH** he_gave and_**YHWH** he_has_taken may_it_be the_name_ _of **YHWH** blessed. **22** In_all this not 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_sinned and_not he_ascribed offensiveness to_god.

2:1 And_he/it_was the_day and_ the_sons_of the_'Elohīm _they_ _came to_present_themselves on **YHWH** and_ also the_ _adversary _he_came among_them to_present_himself on **YHWH**. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary where from_this are_you_coming and_ the_adversary _he_answered ĐOM **YHWH** and_he_said from_going_about on_the_earth and_ _from_going_about on_it. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_ _adversary have_you_set heart_of_your to servant_of_my 'Iyyōv/(Job) if/because there_is_not like_him on_the_earth a_ _man blameless and_upright fearing_of (of)_god and_who_ _turns_aside from_evil and_still_he is_keeping_hold on_ _integrity_of_his and_you_incited_me in_him/it to_ruin_him without_cause. **4** And_ the_adversary _he_answered ĐOM **YHWH** and_he_said skin for skin and_all/each/any/every that belongs_to_man he_will_give for life_of_his. **5** But stretch_out please hand_of_your and_touch (to) bone_of_his and_near/to flesh_of_his if not to face_of_your he_will_bless_you. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_adversary THERE_he is_in_hand_of_ _your nevertheless ĐOM life_of_his preserve. **7** And_ the_ _adversary _he/it_went_out from_with the_presence_of **YHWH** and_he_struck ĐOM 'Iyyōv/(Job) with_boil[s] bad from_the_ _sole_of his_foot_of_his and_to[9] of_his_head_of_the_crown. **8** And_he/it_took to_him/it a_potsherd to_scrape_himself in/on/over_him/it and_he was_sitting in_the_middle the_ _ash[es]. **9** And_she/it_said to_him/it his/its_wife/woman are_ _you_still keeping_hold on_integrity_of_your bless god and_die. **10** And_he/it_said to_her/it as_ one of_the_foolish_women _

7 LV 1:21 · Note OSHB variant note: יתצי: (x-qere) יִתְאָצֵי: lemma_3318 n_1.2.1.0 morph_HVqp1cs id_182tS יִתְאָצֵי

8 LV 1:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

9 LV 2:7 · Note OSHB variant note: דע: (x-qere) דֵּעִוֽ: lemma_c/5704 morph_HC/R id_18vCn דֵּעִוֽ

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_speaks you_are_speaking also ~~DOM~~ the_good will_we_accept from_with the_'Elohīm and_~~DOM~~ the_evil not will_we_accept in_ _all this not 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_sinned with_lips_of_his.
11 And_they_heard the_three_of the_friends_of 'Iyyōv/(Job) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_evil (the)_this which_it_had_come on/upon/above_him/it and_they_came each_one from_his_ _own_of_place 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī and_Bildad the_Shuhite and_Zophar the_Naamathite and_they_met_by_appointment together to_come to_show_sympathy to_him/it and_to_ _comfort_him. **12** And_they_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_their from_ _a_distance and_not they_recognized_him and_they_lifted_up voice_of_their and_they_wept and_they_tore each_one robe_of_ _his and_they_sprinkled dust on heads_of_their towards_the_ _heavens. **13** And_they_lived with_him/it to_ground seven_of days and_seven_of nights and_there_was_not one_who_spoke to_him/it a_message if/because they_saw if/because_that the_ _pain it_was_great exceedingly.

3:1 After thus 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_opened ~~DOM~~ mouth_of_his and_ _he_cursed ~~DOM~~ day_of_his. **2** And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **3** Let_it_perish the_day[13] which_I_was_born in/on/over_him/it and_the_night which_it_said a_man he_has_ _been_conceived. **4** The_day (the)_that let_it_be darkness not let_him_care_for_it god (from)_above and_not let_it_shine_ _forth on/upon/above_him/it daylight. **5** Let_them_reclaim_it darkness and_deep_darkness let_it_settle_down on/upon/above_him/it cloud let_them_terrify_it the_ _darkness(es)_of day. **6** The_night (the)_that let_it_take_it gloom not let_it_rejoice among_the_days_of the_year in_the_ _number_of the_months not let_it_come. **7** THERE the_night (the)_that let_it_be barren not a_cry_of_joy let_it_come in_ _him/it. **8** Let_them_curse_it those_who_curse_of (of)_a_day the_ones_ready to_rouse Livyātān. **9** The_stars_of its_twilight_ _of_his let_them_grow_dark let_it_wait for_light and_there_ _was_not and_not let_it_look on_the_eyelids_of dawn.
10 If/because not it_shut the_doors_of my_womb_of_my and_ _it_hid trouble from_eyes_of_my. **11** To/for_what not from_the_ _womb did_I_die from_the_belly I_came_forth and_did_I_ _expire. **12** Why did_they_receive_me knees and_why two_ _breasts that/for/because/then/when I_will_suck.
13 If/because now I_lay_down and_I_am_at_peace I_slept then it_is_at_rest to_me. **14** With kings and_counsellors_of the_earth those_who_rebuilt ruins for_themselves. **15** Or with princes whom_gold to/for_them those_who_filled houses_of_their silver. **16** Or[14] like_a_miscarriage hidden not was_I like_children who_not they_have_seen light. **17** There wicked_people they_ _cease turmoil and_there those_weary_of strength they_rest.
18 Together prisoners they_are_at_ease not they_hear the_ _voice_of a_taskmaster. **19** Small and_great is_there he and_a_ _slave is_free from_master(s)_of_his. **20** To/for_what does_ _someone_give to_a_sufferer light and_life to_people_bitter_of soul. **21** Those_who_wait for_death and_not_existing_he and_ _they_dug_for_it more_than_hidden_treasures. **22** The_joyful_

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we only accept good from God and not receive the bad?" In all of that, Iyov didn't sin in what he said.

Iyov's three friends come

11 When Iyov's (Job's) three friends heard about all the troubles that had happened to him, they each came from his place: Elifaz from Teyman, Bildad from Shuah, and Tsofar from Na'amah. They gathered together to come to console and comfort him. **12** but when they saw him from a distance, they barely recognised him. They wailed loudly, and they ripped their own clothes, and they threw dust into the air so that it would fall on their heads. (All three of those were traditional signs of mourning.) **13** Then they sat with him there on the ground for seven days and seven nights without saying a single word to Iyov because they had seen that his suffering was extreme.

SECTION TWO: Iyov talking with his friends[10] · Iyov's complaint

3:1 After that, Iyov (Job) spoke up and cursed the day of his conception.[11]
2 He said:
Iyov
3 May the day on which I was born perish,
and the night that said, 'A boy has been conceived.'
4 May that day be dark.
May God not search for it from above
and may no light shine on it.
5 May darkness and a dark shadow claim it.
May a cloud remain over it.
May the blacknesses of the day terrify it.
6 May gloom take that night.
May it not be happy among the days of the year.
May it not enter into the number of months.
7 Listen, may that night be barren.
May a happy shout never enter it.
8 May those who curse days, curse that one—
yes, those people who are skillful enough to wake up the large sea monster.
9 May the stars of its twilight be dark.
May it stay waiting for the light that never arrives.
May it not see the dawn breaking.
10 Because it didn't close the doors of my mother's womb,
to hide the sorrow from my eyes.
11 Why didn't I die at birth?
Just come out then stop breathing?
12 Why was I accepted onto her lap?
And onto those breasts to suckle?
13 Yes, I'd be peacefully lying down now.
I would have slept and been at rest,

10 **RV 3:1 · Parallel** 3:1–27:33

11 **RV 3:1-19 · Cross-ref.** Jer 20:14-18.

13 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

14 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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14 along with kings and counsellors of the earth—
yes, those who built monuments for themselves.
15 Or been asleep with princes and their gold—
those who filled their houses with silver.
16 I might never have been—like a stillborn child.
Like some infants who never see the light.
17 Wicked people don't cause any more trouble there.
Those who've run out of strength rest there.
18 Prisoners are able to relax together.
They no longer hear the voice of their taskmaster.
19 Ordinary and famous people are all alike there.
And slaves there no longer have to obey their masters.
20 Why is light given to those who are miserable?
And why's life given to those who are bitter inside?
21 They wish for death but it won't come.[12]
They dig for it more than for hidden treasure.
22 Those who are happy for happiness sake,
will celebrate when they find the grave.
23 Why search for a path that's hidden
when God has hedged them in?
24 Sighing has become more important than eating.
My groans just pour out like water.
25 I had my fears and they've come to pass.
What I dreaded has come to me.
26 I'm not relaxed or peaceful.
I can't rest because only trouble comes.

Elifaz's first response to Iyov[15]

4:1 Then Elifaz (from Teyman) replied:
Elifaz
2 If someone tries to talk with you, will it wear you out?
But who can resist answering?
3 Listen, you've instructed many other people.
And you've encouraged those who were weak.
4 Your words have encouraged those who were stumbling.
You've strengthened those whose knees were buckling.
5 But now it's you in trouble and you're depressed.
Troubles touch you and you're discouraged.
6 Doesn't your faith give you confidence?
What about your hope and your integrity?
7 Remember: Who has ever perished when they were innocent?[16]
Or when were godly people ever destroyed?
8 Just like I've seen those who plant evil and sow mischief harvest it back again,
9 God's breath causes them to perish,
and with a snort of his nose they come to an end.
10 The lion roars and the UNKNOWN-lion sounds his voice,

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_people to rejoicing who_they_exult if/because they_find the_
_grave. 23 To_a_man whom its_road/course it_is_hidden and_
god _he_has_made_inaccessible behind_him. 24 If/because to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before food_of_my groaning_of_my
it_comes and_they_poured_forth like_water of_distress_of_my_
_cries. 25 If/because a_fear I_feared and_it_came_to_me and_
_which I_was_afraid_of it_came to_me. 26 Not I_am_at_ease
and_not I_am_at_peace and_not I_am_at_rest and_ turmoil _it_
_has_come.

4:1 And_ 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī _he_answered and_he_said. 2 Did_
_someone_attempt a_message to_you will_you_be_impatient
and_to_restrain (in)_words/messages who is_he_able. 3 THERE
you_have_instructed many_people and_hands slack you_
_strengthened. 4 one_who_stumbled[20] they_raised
words/messages_of_your and_knees bending you_
_strengthened. 5 If/because now it_comes to_you and_you_
_have_become_impatient it_reaches to_you and_you_have_
_become_dismayed. 6 Not fear_of_is_your confidence_of_your
hope_of_your and_the_integrity_of your(pl)_ways_of_your.
7 Remember please who that innocent did_he_perish and_
_where upright_people were_they_destroyed. 8 Just_as I_have_
_seen those_who_plow_of (of)_wickedness and_those_who_
_sow_of (of)_mischief they_harvest_it. 9 From_the_breath_of
god they_perish and_from_the_breath_of his_anger_of_his
they_come_to_an_end. 10 The_roaring_of a_lion and_the_
_sound_of a_lion and_the_teeth_of young_lions they_are_
_broken_out. 11 A_lion is_perishing from_not_of prey and_the_
_sons a_lion they_are_scattered. 12 And_to_me a_message it_
_was_brought_secretly and_ ear_of_my _she/it_took a_whisper
of_it. 13 In_disquieting_thoughts from_visions_of the_night
when_ deep_sleep _falls on people. 14 Fear it_happened_to_me
and_trembling and_the_multitude_of my_bones_of_my it_

12 **RV 3:21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 9:6.

15 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** 4:1–14:22

16 **RV 4:7 · Note** Don't forget that this is Elifaz giving his opinions and advice, and not necessarily endorsed as theologically sound. See God's disapproval of the words of Elifaz and his companions in Job 42:7-8.

20 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_caused_to_tremble. **15** And_spirit over face_of_my it_passed_
_over the_hair_of my_flesh_of_my it_made_bristle_up. **16** It_
_stood_still and_not I_recognized appearance_of_its a_form
was_to_before eyes_of_my a_whisper and_a_voice I_heard.
17 A_person from_god will_he_be_righteous or from_maker_of_
_his a_man will_he_be_pure. **18** THERE in_servants_of_his not
he_trusts and_against_messengers_of_his he_charges error.
19 Also those_who_dwell_of houses_of clay who is_in_dust
foundation_of_their people_crush_them to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before a_moth. **20** From_morning to_evening they_
_are_crushed_to_pieces from_not_of one_who_sets to_
_perpetuity they_perish. **21** Not tent-cord_of_their has_it_been_
_pulled_up in_them will_they_die and_not with_wisdom.
5:1 Call please is_there one_of_who_answers_you and_near/to
whom of_the_holy_ones will_you_turn. **2** If/because (to)_a_fool
vexation it_slays and_a_simple_person jealousy it_kills. **3** I I_
_have_seen a_fool taking_root and_I_cursed habitation_of_his
suddenly. **4** Children_of_his they_are_distant from_safety and_
_they_are_crushed in_gate and_there_is_not a_deliverer. **5** Who
harvest_of_his the_hungry he_eats and_to from_thorns he_
_takes_it and_ a_snare _it_pants_for wealth_of_their.
6 If/because not it_comes_forth from_the_dust hardship and_
_from_the_ground not trouble it_springs_up. **7** If/because
everyone to_trouble he_is_born and_the_sons flame they_
_make_high to_fly. **8** But I I_will_seek (to) god and_near/to god
I_will_set plea_of_my. **9** Who_does great_things and_there_is_
_not searching wonders until there_is_not number. **10** (The)_
_who_gives rain on the_surface_of the_earth and_who_sends
water on the_surface_of the_open_places. **11** To_set lowly_
_people to_a_high_place and_mourners they_are_high safety.
12 Who_frustrates the_plans_of crafty_people and_not hands_
_of_their they_will_bring_about success. **13** Who_catches wise_
_people when_they_are_crafty and_the_counsel_of tortuous_
_ones it_is_hasty. **14** By_day they_meet darkness and_like_night
they_grope at_noon(s). **15** And_he_saved from_the_sword from_
_mouth_of_their and_from_the_hand_of the_strong the_needy.
16 And_it_became to_(the)_person hope and_injustice it_shuts
her/its_mouth. **17** THERE how_blessed is_the_person whom_
_he_reproves_him god and_the_discipline_of the_almighty do_
_not reject. **18** If/because he he_causes_pain he_binds_up he_
_smashes his[21] they_heal. **19** In_six troubles he_will_deliver_
_you and_in_seven not it_will_touch (in)_you harm. **20** In_
_famine he_will_ransom_you from_death and_in_battle from_
_the_hands_of the_sword. **21** In_the_whip_of the_tongue you_
_will_be_hidden and_not you_will_be_afraid from_destruction
if/because it_will_come. **22** To_destruction and_to_famine you_
_will_laugh and_from_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land do_not
be_afraid. **23** If/because will_be_with the_stones_of the_field
covenant_of_your and_the_animal[s]_of the_field it_will_be_at_
_peace to/for_you(fs). **24** And_you_will_know if/because_that

Readers' Version

AND the teeth of the young lions are broken.
11 The UNKNOWN-lion starves to death because of a lack of prey,
and the lionesses cubs are scattered.
12 Now a message was brought secretly to me,
and my ears caught a whisper of it.
13 When troubled by thoughts from dreams in the night,
when people have fallen into deep sleep,
14 I was hit by fear and trembling—
my bones were shaking with fright.
15 A spirit passed over my face,
and the hairs on my body stood on end.
16 It stood still, but I didn't recognise what it was.
There was an image in front of my eyes.
It was silent and then I heard a voice:
17 'Can a mortal human be innocent before God?
Can a person be more pure than the creator of people?'[17]
18 Listen, he doesn't even trust his own servants,
and he accuses his own messengers of making mistakes.
19 How much less for those whose bodies were made from the clay,
whose foundations were made from the dust.
They're crushed even easier than a moth is.
20 They're destroyed from morning to evening.
They're always dying even without anyone doing anything.
21 Their tent cords are pulled out on them.
They die and don't even know why.
5:1 Call out to God now. Does anyone answer?
Which of the holy ones will you turn to?
2 Resentment kills foolish people.
Jealousy kills those who are simple-minded.
3 I've seen foolish people taking root,
then I've immediately cursed their homes.
4 Their children are far from safety,
and they[18] are crushed in the gate,[19]
and no one saves them.
5 Those who are hungry consume his harvest
even getting it from among the thorns.
Greedy people long for his wealth.
6 Hardship doesn't just grow up from the dust,
and trouble doesn't just spring up from the ground.
7 Everyone is born into trouble—
sparks tend to fly up high.
8 But for myself, I'll search for God
and I'll approach him with my case.

17 RV 4:17 · Note All speech marks in Bible translations are added by the translators. It's not certain from the text whether or not this was what 'the voice' said, and if it is (as we assumed), it's not clear where 'the voice' stopped speaking and Elifaz resumes. (Many translations put it at the end of the chapter, but remember that chapter breaks are also rather arbitrary and not in the original manuscripts.)

18 RV 5:4 · Note This could refer to either the foolish people (v3) OR their children.

19 RV 5:4 · Note This could refer to any gate, or possibly to the hearings/court of the elders conducted at the village/city gate.

21 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דיו: (x-qere) ו/יָדָיו: lemma_c/3027 morph_HC/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_18TMW ו/יָדָיו

Readers' Version

9 He does incredible things,
and performs wonders without number that are beyond our understanding.
10 He's the one giving rain all over the earth,
and sending water onto the fields.
11 God helps the humble to prosper,
and he lifts those who are mourning to a safe place.
12 He frustrates the schemes of the crafty,
so their actions cannot succeed.
13 He catches smart people in their craftiness,
and he hurries along the plans of those who are deceptive.
14 Even in the daytime, they remain in darkness.
Even at midday, they feel their way around as if it's nighttime.
15 He saves the poor from the plans of those smart people,
and from the actions of powerful people.
16 So the poor have hope,
and injustice is silenced.
17 Listen, the person who's corrected by God is blessed.
Don't despise chastening from God the provider.
18 He wounds and he also bandages up.
He strikes but his hands also heal.
19 If you get in trouble six times, he'll rescue you.
Even seven times, he'll prevent you from being harmed.
20 During famines, he'll rescue you from death,
and in war, he'll save you from slaughter.
21 He'll hide you away from hurting words,
and when destruction comes, you won't be afraid.
22 You'll laugh at destruction and at famine,
and you won't be afraid of wild animals,
23 because you have an agreement with the stones in the fields for walls,
and the wild animals will be at peace with you.
24 You'll know that your home is secure,
and you'll inspect your animal shelters and nothing will be missing.
25 You'll know that your descendants will be numerous,
and your offspring like the grass on the land.
26 You'll reach an old age before you get to the grave,
like grain that's harvested at the right time.
27 Listen to this: we've investigated and it's true.
Listen to it so you'll know for yourself.

Iyov's first response to Elifaz

6:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded:
Iyov
2 If only my anguish could be truly weighed,
and my calamity could be put together with it on the scales.
3 Because now it would be heavier than the sand on the beaches
so that's why my words have been so rash.
4 Because the arrows of God the provider are in me.
My spirit is drinking in their poison.

Literal Version

is_safety tent_of_your and_you_will_visit estate_of_your and_ _not you_will_miss. **25** And_you_will_know if/because_that will_be_many offspring_of_your and_descendants_of_your will_ _be_like_the_vegetation_of the_earth/land. **26** You_will_go in_ _full_strength to the_grave as_ a_stack_of_sheaves _goes_up at_ _its_appropriate_of_time. **27** HERE this we_have_examined_it is_so it hear_it and_you(ms) know to/for_you(fs).

6:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** If actually_ _(weigh) grief_of_my it_will_be_weighed my[22] in_the_balances people_will_raise together. **3** If/because now more_than_the_ _sand_of the_seas it_will_be_heavy therefore yes/correct/thus/so words/messages_of_my they_have_been_ _rash. **4** If/because the_arrows_of the_almighty with_me which poison_of_their my_breath/wind/spirit is_drinking the_ _terrors_of god they_are_arranged_against_me. **5** Does_ a_wild_ _donkey _it_bray on fresh_grass or an_ox does_it_low on fodder_of_its. **6** Is_ tasteless_food _it_eaten from_not_of salt or

22 LV 6:2 · Note OSHB variant note: יִתְּוֹהֲלוּ/תיה: (x-qere) יִתְוַּהֲלוּ/': lemma_c/1942 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncfsc/Sp1cs id_18jJf יִתְוַּהֲלוּ/י

Literal Version

is_there taste in_the_slime_of purslane. **7** It_refuses to_touch_ _them self_of_my they are_like_the_illness_of my_food_of_my. **8** Who will_he_give petition_of_my it_will_come and_hope_of_ _my god he_will_give. **9** And_ god _may_he_be_willing and_ _may_he_crush_me may_he_loosen his/its_hand and_may_he_ _cut_me_off. **10** And_may_it_be still comfort_of_my and_may_I_ _jump in_anguish which_not it_relents if/because not I_have_ _hidden the_words/messages_of the_holy_one. **11** What strength_of_is_my that I_will_wait and_what end_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when I_will_prolong life_of_my. **12** (If) the_strength_of stones strength_of_is_my or flesh_of_is_my bronze. **13** If not help_of_is_my in_myself and_success it_has_ _been_banished from_me. **14** Belongs_to_(the)_person friend_ _of_his_close loyalty and_the_fear_of the_almighty he_will_ _abandon. **15** Brothers_of_my they_have_acted_treacherously like a_wadi like_a_stream-bed_of wadis which_they_pass_away. **16** (The)_which_are_dark from ice over_them snow it_hides_ _itself. **17** At_the_time when_they_flow they_are_silenced when_it_is_hot they_are_dried_up from_place_of_their. **18** The_ _paths_of their_way_of_their they_twist they_go_up in_ _wasteland and_they_perish. **19** The_caravans_of Tēymā' they_ _look the_caravans_of Shəvā' they_wait_eagerly for_them. **20** They_are_disappointed if/because he_had_been_confident they_come[23] to_it and_they_were_disappointed. **21** If/because now you(pl)_have_become (into)_it[24] you(pl)_have_seen a_ _terror and_you(pl)_were_afraid. **22** If/because have_I_said give to_me and_from_wealth_of_your(pl) give_a_reward for_me. **23** And_rescue_me from_the_hand_of a_foe and_from_the_ _hand_of ruthless_people you(pl)_will_ransom_me. **24** Teach_ _me and_I I_will_keep_silent and_what have_I_erred explain to_ _me. **25** How words/messages_of uprightness they_are_painful and_what does_it_prove a_proof from_you(pl). **26** To_reprove words/messages do_you(pl)_plan and_to_wind the_ _words/messages_of one_who_despairs. **27** Even on a_ _fatherless_one you(pl)_will_make_fall and_you(pl)_will_barter on friend_of_your(pl). **28** And_now be_willing turn on_me and_ _on your(pl)_faces if I_will_lie. **29** Turn_back please not let_it_be injustice and[252627] still righteousness_of_my is_in_it. **30** Is_there on_tongue_of_my injustice or palate_of_my not does_it_discern destruction(s).

7:1 Not does_service belong_to_humankind on[28] earth and_like_ _the_days_of a_hired_labourer his/its_days. **2** Like_a_slave who_ _he_pants_for shade and_like_a_hired_labourer who_he_waits_ _eagerly_for wage[s]_of_his. **3** So I_have_been_allotted to_me months_of worthlessness and_nights_of trouble people_have_ _allotted to_me. **4** If I_lay_down and_I_will_say when will_I_ _arise and_ evening _it_will_continue and_I_will_be_surfeited restlessness(es) until twilight. **5** Flesh_of_my it_is_clothed

Readers' Version

God's terrors are set out against me.
5 Does a wild donkey bray when it has fresh grass to eat,
or a ox bellow when it has its fodder?
6 Do people eat tasteless food without adding salt,
or enjoy the taste of purslane leaves by itself?
7 My soul refuses to touch them—
they are like detestable food to me.
8 Who will give me my request?
May God give me what I hope for.
9 If only God would be willing to crush me.
May he play his hand and cut me off.
10 It still comforts me and gives me inner joy through never-ending pain,
that I haven't denied the words of the holy one.
11 I don't have the strength to keep waiting.
What future do I have, that I should want to go on living?
12 Am I strong like rock?
Is my body made of bronze?
13 Am I in a position to help myself?
It seems that success has been driven away from me.
14 When a man's in despair, surely his friend should be kind
even if the man stops honouring God the provider.
15 My 'brothers' have been as treacherous as a river that dries up in the summer.
They disappear again like dry river beds.
16 They go dark from the ice over them,
and they hide themselves when covered with snow.
17 At the time when they should be flowing, they're silenced.
When it's hot, they dry up from their channels.
18 Their paths twist in their courses,
they go out into the wasteland and end there.
19 The camel caravans from Teyma look for water.
The caravans from Sheva keep looking forward to them.
20 They were distressed because they had been confident.
They've come to the dry stream bed and were stunned.
21 Now you have become of no help.
You see the terror and you're afraid.
22 Have I ever asked you to give me something?
Or to give me a reward from your wealth?
23 Or to save me from my enemy in battle?
Or to pay a ransom to ruthless people in order to free me?
24 Teach me and then I'll be quiet.
Explain to me where I've gone wrong.

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23 LV 6:20 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

24 LV 6:21 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) 'וֹלְ': lemma_l n_1 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18Env וֹלְ

25 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB variant note: יבש/ו: (x-qere) 'וּבוּשְׁו': lemma_c/7725 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_18zd1 וּבוּשְׁו

26 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

27 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

28 LV 7:1 · Note OSHB variant note: לע: (x-qere) 'יֵלָע': lemma_5921 a morph_HR id_18oRq יֵלָע

Readers' Version

25 Truthful words are so painful.
But what does your proof prove to anyone?
26 Do you plan to correct my words?
Do you consider the words of someone in despair to be like wind?
27 You would even draw straws for a fatherless child.
You would make money out of your friend.
28 So now, look at me willingly.
Would I lie to your face?
29 Please turn back—don't let there be injustice.
Turn now—my cause is righteous.
30 Am I being unfair?
Am I incapable of discerning evil?
7:1 Aren't people expected to work on earth?
Aren't a person's days like the days of a hired labourer?
2 He longs for the shade just like a slave does.
He's just like a hired man who waits eagerly for his wages.
3 So months of worthlessness have been allotted to me,
and they've appointed me to have many nights of trouble.
4 When I lie down I ask myself, 'When can I get up?'
Thus evening drags on followed by restlessness until dawn.
5 My body is clothed with maggots and encrusted with dust.
My skin has become brittle and breaks apart.
6 In the past the days flew by faster than a weaver's shuttle,
but now they've come to an end without any hope.
7 Remember that my life is just a puff of air.
My eyes will never see happiness again.
8 Your eyes won't see me any more.
They'll be on me but I'll be gone.
9 Clouds just pop out of existence again and vanish.
Similarly, the person who goes down to Sheol doesn't come back up again.
10 That person won't return to their house again,
and before long their place won't even know them again.
11 So I won't restrain my mouth—
I'll speak in the distress of my spirit.
I will complain with the bitterness of my soul.
12 Do you think that I'm the sea or the sea monster
that you will station a guard to watch me?
13 I thought that my bed would comfort me,
and that my couch would take away my complaints.
14 But then you frighten me with dreams,
and you terrify me with visions.
15 My inner self chooses strangling—
death over life in this body.
16 I REJECT—I won't live to a VANISHING POINT.
Leave me alone because my days are just a puff of air.
17 What are humans that you make so much of them,
and that your mind thinks about them?
18 You visit them in the mornings,
and test them at various times.

Literal Version

maggot[s] and[29] dust skin_of_my it_has_become_hard and_it_
_has_oozed. **6** Days_of_my they_have_been_swift more_than a_
_weaver's_shuttle and_they_have_come_to_an_end with_not_of
hope. **7** Remember if/because_that is_a_breath life_of_my not
eye_of_my it_will_return to_see good. **8** Not it_will_observe_me
an_eye_of_sight eyes_of_your will_be_on_me and_I_will_not_be.
9 A_cloud it_vanishes and_it_has_gone thus one_who_goes_
_down Shə'ōl not he_comes_up. **10** Not he_will_return again to_
_house_of_his and_not it_will_acknowledge_him again place_
_of_his. **11** Also I not I_will_restrain mouth_of_my I_will_speak
in_the_distress_of my_breath/wind/spirit I_will_complain in_
_the_bitterness_of my_soul_of_my. **12** The_sea am_I or the_sea_
_monster that/for/because/then/when you_will_set over_me
a_guard. **13** If/because I_said it_will_comfort_me couch_of_my
it_will_carry in_complaint_of_my bed_of_my. **14** And_you_will_
_dismay_me by_dreams and_from_visions you_will_terrify_me.
15 And_ self_of_my _it_chose strangling death more_than_of_
_my_bones. **16** I_reject not to_vanishing_point I_will_live cease
from_me if/because are_a_breath days_of_my. **17** What is_
_humankind that/for/because/then/when you_will_make_
_him_great and_because/when you_will_set to_him/it heart_
_of_your. **18** And_you_have_visited_him to_mornings to_
_moments you_test_him. **19** How_long not will_you_look_away
from_me not will_you_let_me_alone until swallow_I spittle_of_
_my. **20** I_have_sinned what do_I_do to/for_you(fs) Oh_watcher_
_of the_humankind why have_you_set_me to_a_target to/for_
_you(fs) and_have_I_become on_myself (into)_a_burden.
21 And_why not will_you_forgive transgression_of_my and_
_will_you_take_away ~~DOM~~ my_
_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment if/because now to_dust I_
_will_lie_down and_you_will_seek_me_diligently and_I_will_
_not_be.

29 **LV 7:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: שיג/ו: (x-qere) שְׂחַג/וֹ': lemma_c/1487 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_18Nvj שְׂחַג/וֹ

Literal Version

8:1 And_ Bildad the_Shuhite _he_answered and_he_said.[30]
2 Until when will_you_say these_things and_spirit mighty will_
_the_words/messages_of your_mouth_of_your. **3** god does_he_
_pervert justice and_if the_almighty does_he_pervert
righteousness. **4** If children_of_your they_sinned to_him/it
and_he_sent_them in_the_hand_of their_transgression_of_
_their. **5** If you you_will_seek_earnestly (to) god and_near/to
the_almighty you_will_seek_favour. **6** If are_pure and_upright
you if/because now he_will_awake on_you and_he_will_restore
the_abode_of your_righteousness_of_your. **7** And_it_was
beginning_of_your a_small_thing and_future_of_your it_will_
_grow exceedingly. **8** If/because ask please of_a_generation
former and_give_attention to_the_searching_of their_
_ancestors_of_their. **9** If/because are_yesterday we and_not we_
_know if/because are_a_shadow days_of_our on earth. **10** Not
they will_they_instruct_you will_they_say to/for_you(fs) and_
_from_heart_of_their will_they_bring_forth words/messages.
11 Will_ papyrus _it_grow_tall with_not swamp reed[s] will_it_
_grow not water. **12** Still_it is_in_greenness_of_its not it_is_
_plucked_off and_before_of any_of herbage it_is_dried_up.
13 Are_thus the_paths_of all_of those_who_forget_of (of)_god
and_the_hope_of the_godless it_will_be_lost. **14** Who
confidence_of_his it_snaps and_is_the_house_of a_spider of_
_confidence_of_his_object. **15** He_supports_himself on house_
_of_his and_not it_stands he_takes_hold in/on/over_him/it
and_not it_endures. **16** Is_a_fresh_plant he[31] to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_sun and_over garden_of_its
shoot[s]_of_its_young[32] it_goes_out. **17** Over a_heap roots_of_its
they_are_entangled between_of stones it_sees. **18** If someone_
_will_swallow_it from_place_of_its and_it_will_deny
in/on/over_him/it not I_have_seen_you. **19** THERE it is_the_
_joy_of its_road/course and_from_the_dust another they_will_
_spring_up. **20** THERE god not he_rejects a_blameless_person
and_not he_takes_hold on_the_hand_of evil-doers. **21** Until he_
_will_fill laughter mouth_of_your and_lips_of_your a_shout_of_
_joy. **22** Those_of_who_hate_you they_will_be_clothed shame
and_the_tent_of wicked_people it_will_not_be.

Readers' Version

19 Will you never look away from me?
Won't you leave me alone long enough to swallow?
20 If I've sinned, what did I do to you, the watcher of people?
Why have you made me your target—
me who feels like I myself am now a burden?
21 Why won't you forgive my fault
and take away my guilt?
For now I'll lie down in the dust.
You'll search for me but I'll no longer exist.

Bildad's first response to Iyov

8:1 Then Bildad (from Shuah) answered:
Bildad
2 For how much longer will you keep saying that stuff?
The words coming out of your mouth are like a strong wind.
3 Does God pervert justice?
Does the provider pervert what is right?
4 If your children sinned against him,
then he let their disobedience take them on.
5 If you genuinely search for God,
and you request a favour from the provider,
6 and if you're pure and honourable,
he'll rouse himself to help you
and restore your rightful home.
7 Your beginning started off small,
but your ending will see a large increase.
8 Why don't you ask previous generations,
and consider what their ancestors had learnt,
9 because *we* were born just 'yesterday'
and don't know anything.
Our days on the earth are just a shadow in comparison.
10 Won't they speak to you and teach you?
They'll advise from their understanding.
11 Can papyrus grow tall where there's no swamp?
Can reeds grow where there's no water?
12 They're not harvested when they're still flowering,
but they wither before any other plants.
13 The paths of people who forget God are like them.
The hope of godless people will just disappear.
14 Their confidence snaps,
and their trust is broken like a spider's web.
15 He leans against his house but it collapses.
He takes hold of it, but it doesn't stand again.
16 It's a fresh plant in the sunshine,
and its shoots spread out over the garden.
17 Its roots are twisted around over a heap.
They find the cracks between stones.
18 If it's destroyed from its place,
it'll deny that it even saw you.
19 That's the happiness of its path.

30 LV 8:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

31 LV 8:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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Readers' Version

Another one will spring up from the dust.
20 God doesn't reject people who are blameless.
And he doesn't join in with those who do evil.
21 He'll still fill your mouth with laughter,
and your lips with a happy shout.
22 Those who hate you will be exposed and shamed,
and the homes of wicked people will cease to exist.

Iyov's first response to Bildad

9:1 Then Iyov (Job) answered saying:
Iyov
2 Yes, I certainly know that.
But how can a person be declared innocent before God?[33]
3 If someone wanted to argue with him,
he wouldn't answer them once out of a thousand times.
4 He's wise in his thinking and very powerful.
Who has ever challenged him and succeeded?
5 He takes down mountains and they don't even know who is overturning them with his anger.
6 The one who shakes the earth from its place
and makes its pillars shudder.
7 The one who can tell the sun not to shine,
and seals off the stars.
8 The one who stretches out space all by himself,
and treads on the tops of the waves in the sea.
9 The one who made the Bear, Orion, Pleiades,
as well as the southern constellations.
10 The one who does more incredible things than we can find,
and does more marvellous things than we can count.
11 It he went past me, I couldn't see him,
and if he moved off, I wouldn't be able to perceive it.
12 When he takes things away, who can stop him,
and who will ask him what he's doing?
13 God won't suppress his anger.
Those who help Rahav lie beneath him.
14 I will certainly answer him.
I will choose my words against him.
15 If I was innocent, I wouldn't answer.
I would ask my judge for mercy.
16 If I called and he answered me,
I wouldn't believe that he'd listened to my voice.
17 He crushes me with storms,
and wounds me over and over without cause.
18 He doesn't let me catch my breath.
He fills me with bitterness.
19 Concerning strength, he's powerful.
Concerning justice, he'll ask, 'Who will summon me?'
20 If I was innocent, my mouth would condemn me.
If I was blameless, it would declare me guilty.

Literal Version

9:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. 2 Truly I_ _know if/because_that thus and_what a_person will_he_be_ _justified with god. 3 If someone_desires to_conduct_a_case with_him/it not he_will_answer_him one_time from a_ _thousand. 4 Wise_of heart and_strong_of power who has_he_ _shown_stubbornness to_him/it and_he_has_remained_ _unharmed. 5 The_one_who_removes mountains and_not they_ _know the_one_who he_overturns_them in_anger_of_his. 6 The_one_who_shakes the_earth from_place_of_its and_ _pillars_of_its they_tremble.[34] 7 The_one_who_speaks to_sun and_not it_shines and_behind the_stars he_puts_a_seal. 8 one_ _who_stretches_out the_heavens for_him/it_being_alone and_ _one_who_treads on the_high_places_of the_sea. 9 one_who_ _makes the_Bear Orion and_Pleiades and_the_chambers_of the_ _south. 10 one_who_does great_things until there_is_not searching and_wonders until there_is_not number. 11 THERE he_will_pass_by at_me and_not I_will_see_him and_he_will_ _pass_on and_not I_will_perceive to_him/it. 12 THERE he_will_ _snatch_away who will_he_turn_him_back who will_he_say to_ _him/it what are_you_doing. 13 god not he_will_turn_back anger_of_his him[35] those_who_help_of (of)_Rahav they_lay_ _prostrate. 14 Indeed if/because I I_will_answer_him I_will_ _choose words/messages_of_my with_him/it. 15 Who though I_ _am_righteous not I_will_answer to_judge_of_my I_will_seek_ _favour. 16 If I_called and_he_answered_me not I_believe if/because_that he_gave_ear_to my_sound/voice. 17 Who with_ _a_storm he_crushes_me and_he_increases bruises_of_my without_cause. 18 Not he_permits_me to_bring_back my_ _breath/wind/spirit if/because he_surfeits_me bitter_things. 19 If to_power a_strong_one THERE and_if to_justice who will_ _he_summon_me. 20 Though I_am_righteous mouth_of_my_ _own it_will_condemn_me_as_guilty am_blameless I and_it_ _declared_me_crooked. 21 Am_blameless I not I_know self_of_ _my I_reject life_of_my. 22 Is_one it therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_say the_blameless and_the_wicked he is_ _bringing_to_an_end. 23 If a_scourge it_kills suddenly (to)_the_ _despair_of innocent_ones he_mocks. 24 A_land it_has_been_ _given in_the_hand_of a_wicked_person the_faces_of its_judges he_covers if not then who is_it. 25 And_days_of_my they_have_ _been_swift more_than a_runner they_have_fled not they_ _have_seen good. 26 They_have_passed_on with ships reed like_ _an_eagle which_it_rushes on food. 27 If my_saying_is I_will_ _forget complaint_of_my I_will_let_untie/release face_of_my and_I_will_be_cheerful. 28 I_am_afraid_of all_of pains_of_my I_ _know if/because_that not you_will_acquit_me. 29 I I_will_be_

33 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Yob 4:17.

34 **LV 9:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

35 **LV 9:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: תחת/ו: (x-qere) יְתְחַתּ/ו: lemma_8478 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18BqY יְתְחַתּ/ו

Literal Version

_guilty to/for_what this vanity will_I_labour. **30** If I_washed_
_myself in_water_of[36] snow and_I_cleansed with_potash palms_
_of_my. **31** Then in_pit you_will_dip_me and_they_will_abhor_
_me clothes_of_my_own. **32** If/because not he_is_a_human like_
_me I_will_answer_him we_will_come together in_judgement.
33 Not there_is between_us an_arbiter who_he_will_put his/its_
_hand on the_two_of_of_us. **34** Let_him_remove from_on_me
rod_of_his and_dread_of_his not let_it_terrify_me. **35** I_will_
_speak and_not I_will_fear_him if/because not am_thus I with_
_me.
10:1 Self_of_my it_feels_loathing at_life_of_my I_will_let_
_untie/release on_myself complaint_of_my I_will_speak in_the_
_bitterness_of my_being_of_my. **2** I_will_say to god do_not
condemn_me_as_guilty make_known_to_me concerning what
do_you_contend_with_me. **3** Is_it_good to/for_yourself(m)
that/for/because/then/when you_will_oppress
that/for/because/then/when you_will_reject the_toil_of your_
_two's_hands_of_your and_on the_plan_of wicked_people you_
_have_shone_forth. **4** Do_eyes_of flesh to/for_you(fs) or as_ a_
_person _sees do_you_see. **5** Like_the_days_of a_person days_of_
_are_your or years_of_are_your like_the_days_of a_man.
6 That/for/because/then/when you_will_seek for_iniquity_of_
_my and_for_sin_of_my you_will_search. **7** On knowledge_of_
_your if/because_that not I_am_guilty and_there_is_not from_
_hand_of_your a_deliverer. **8** Hands_of_your they_formed_me
and_they_made_me together all_around and_you_have_
_swallowed_me. **9** Remember please if/because_that like_clay
you_made_me and_near/to dust will_you_turn_me_back. **10** Not
like_milk did_you_pour_me_out and_like_cheese did_you_
_curdle_me. **11** Skin and_flesh/body did_you_clothe_me and_
_with_bones and_tendons did_you_weave_me_together. **12** Life
and_loyalty you_have_done with_me and_care_of_your it_has_
_kept my_breath/wind/spirit. **13** And_these you_hid in_heart_
_of_your I_know if/because_that this was_with_you. **14** If I_
_sinned and_you_will_watch_me and_from_iniquity_of_my not
you_will_acquit_me. **15** If I_am_guilty woe to_me and_I_have_
_been_righteous not I_will_lift_up my_head surfeited_of shame
and_see affliction_of_my. **16** And_it_rises_up like_lion you_
_hunt_me and_you_return you_show_yourself_wonderful on_
_me. **17** You_renew witnesses_of_your before_me and_you_
_increase vexation_of_your with_me changes and_an_army are_
_with_me. **18** And_for_what from_the_womb did_you_bring_
_me_out I_expired and_an_eye not it_saw_me. **19** Just_as not I_
_had_been I_was from_the_womb to_grave I_was_brought.
20 Not few days_of_are_my and_cease[37] and_put[38] from_me
that_I_may_be_cheerful a_little. **21** Before_before I_will_go and_
_not I_will_return to the_land_of darkness and_deep_darkness.
22 The_land_of darkness_of like gloom_of deep_darkness and_
_not order(s) and_where_it_shone_forth like gloom.

Readers' Version

21 I'm innocent—I don't know myself.
I despise my life.
22 It's the same thing, therefore I said,
'He's bringing both the blameless and the wicked to their end.'
23 When a disaster brings sudden death, he mocks the despair of innocent people.
24 The world has been given over to someone wicked.
He covers the judges eyes—so who did it?
25 My days go by faster than a sprinter.
They've fled by without seeing any good.
26 They pass like boats made with reeds—
like an eagle swooping down on its food.
27 If I said that I would forget my complaint,
and soften my expression and smile,
28 I'd be afraid of all my sufferings.
I know that you wouldn't consider me innocent.
29 I'd be guilty,
so why would I work hard for such vanity?
30 If I washed myself from a clear mountain stream
and cleaned my hands with strong soap,
31 then you'd plunge me into a pit
and my own clothes would abhor me.
32 He's not a human like me,
so we wouldn't be going into court together.
33 There's no mediator between us,
who would have authority over both of us.
34 Let him remove his rod from me,
so his terror won't frighten me.
35 I would speak and not fear him,
but it's not like that with me.
10:1 Inside, I loathe my life.
I'll release my complaints.
I'll express my inner bitterness.
2 I'll tell God not to condemn me.
Help me to know why you're against me.
3 Does it seem good to you to oppress me?
Have you rejected this creation of yours,
and delighted in wicked people's plans instead?
4 Do you have actual eyes?
Do you see like people do?
5 Are your days like a person's days
or your years like a person's years
6 that you look for my guilt
and search for my sin.
7 Knowing that I'm not guilty,
won't anyone save me from you?
8 Your hands shaped and moulded me.
Will the same hands now destroy me?
9 Please remember that you made me like the clay.

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36 **LV 9:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ומב**: (x-qere) 'יִמְּ/ב': lemma_b/4325 morph_HR/Ncmpc id_181ME יִמְּ/ב

37 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לדחי**: (x-qere) 'לָדֶחַ/ו': lemma_c/2308 n_1 morph_HC/Vqv2ms id_18otL לָדֶחַ/ו

38 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תישי**: (x-qere) 'תֵּישֵׁ/ו': lemma_c/7896 morph_HC/Vqv2ms id_18KjJ תֵּישֵׁ/ו

Readers' Version

Will you now turn me to dust?
10 Haven't you poured me out like milk
and curdled me like cheese?
11 You clothed me with flesh and skin,
and you knit me together with bones and tendons inside.
12 You have made life and genuine love for me,
and your care has kept my spirit alive.
13 But you hid these things in your heart,
and I know that this is with you.
14 If I sin you'll be watching me,
and you wouldn't acquit me of my crime.
15 If I'm guilty, may my end be bad.
If I'm innocent, I won't raise my head.
I'm full of shame and you've seen my suffering.
16 If I get up, the lion will hunt me.
Again, you show me how wonderful you are.
17 You find new witnesses against me.
And you get more angry with me and send changed forces against me.
18 So why did you allow me to come out from the womb?
Better if I'd expired and no one had seen me.
19 If only I'd never existed—
just went straight from the womb to the grave.
20 Aren't my days few?
So leave me and let me enjoy a little comfort
21 before I go and don't return to the land of darkness and deep shadow—
22 the land of gloom and deep darkness,
disorderly and with gloomy light.

Tsofar's first response to Iyov

11:1 Then Tsofar (from Na'amah) answered:
Tsofar
2 Shouldn't these many words be answered?
Or is a man to be acquitted just by what comes from his lips.
3 Will your boasting make people silent?
Or will you mock and no one puts you to shame?
4 You've said, 'My teaching is pure,
and I'm clean in your sight.'
5 But who will allow God to speak
and to open his lips against you
6 and to tell you the secrets of wisdom?
True wisdom has DOUBLE
God will forget some of your offenses for you.
7 Will you find the deep things of God?
Will you discover the limits of the provider?
8 What can you do to the height of the sky?
What do you know that's deeper than the grave?

Literal Version

11:1 And_ Zophar the_Naamathite _he_answered and_he_said. **2** A_multitude_of words/messages not will_it_be_answered and_if a_man lips will_he_be_acquitted. **3** Boasts_of_your_ _empty men will_they_silence[39] and_have_you_mocked and_ _there_is_not one_who_puts_to_shame. **4** And_she/it_said is_ _pure teaching_of_my and_clean I_am in_eyes_of_your. **5** And_ _but who will_he_give god to_speak and_he_will_open lips_of_ _his with_you. **6** And_may_he_tell to/for_yourself(m) the_ _secrets_of wisdom if/because double belongs_to_sound_ _wisdom and_know if/because_that he_will_cause_to_forget to/for_yourself(m) god some_of_your_iniquity. **7** The_ _searching_of god will_you_find or to the_end_of the_almighty will_you_find. **8** The_heights_of the_heavens what will_you_do deep more_than_Shə'ōl what will_you_know. **9** Is_long more_ _than_the_earth measure_of_its and_broad more_than the_sea. **10** If he_will_pass_by and_he_will_shut_up and_he_will_ _summon_an_assembly and_who will_he_turn_him_back. **11** If/because he he_knows men_of falsehood and_he/it_saw wickedness and_not he_shows_himself_attentive. **12** And_a_ _person hollow he_will_get_understanding and_a_male_

39 LV 11:3 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_donkey_of a_wild_donkey a_human_being it_will_be_born.
13 If you[40] you_have_directed heart_of_your and_you_will_
_spread_out to_him/it palms_of_your. **14** If wickedness is_in_
_hand_of_your put_it_far_away and_do_not cause_to_dwell in_
_tents_of_your injustice. **15** If/because then you_will_lift_up
face_of_your from_blemish and_you_will_be firmly_established
and_not you_will_fear. **16** If/because you trouble you_will_
_forget like_waters which_they_have_passed_away you_will_
_remember_it. **17** And_more_than_noon(s) lifespan it_will_rise
it_will_be_dark like_morning it_will_become. **18** And_you_will_
_be_secure if/because there_is hope and_you_will_be_well_
_protected to_security you_will_lie_down. **19** And_you_will_lie_
_down and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies and_ many_
_people _they_will_entreat face_of_your. **20** And_the_eyes_of
wicked_people they_will_fail and_a_place_of_escape it_will_be_
_lost from_them and_hope_of_their will_be_a_gasp_of life.

12:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Truly
if/because you(pl) are_the_people and_with_you(pl) wisdom it_
_will_die. **3** Also to_me a_heart like_you(pl) not I am_falling
more_than_you(pl) and_~~DOM~~ whom are_there_not like these_
_things. **4** A_laughing-stock to_friend_of_his I_am I_was_calling
to_god and_he_answered_him is_a_laughing-stock a_righteous_
_person a_blameless_person. **5** Belongs_to_disaster contempt
to_the_thought_of one_at_ease a_push belongs_to_those_who_
_are_slipping_of foot. **6** They_are_at_ease the_tents of_
_destroyers and_securiti(es) belong_to_provokers_of god to_
_those_whom he_has_brought god in_his/its_hand. **7** And_but
ask please the_animals so_that_it_may_teach_you and_bird the_
_heavens so_that_it_may_tell to/for_you(fs). **8** Or complain to_
_earth so_that_it_may_teach_you and_let_them_recount to/for_
_yourself(m) the_fish(es)_of the_sea. **9** Who not does_it_know
in_all these if/because_that the_hand_of **YHWH** it_has_done
this. **10** He_whom in_his/its_hand the_life_of every_of living_
_thing and_spirit of_all_of flesh_of humankind. **11** Not an_ear
words/messages does_it_test and_a_palate food it_tastes to_
_him/it. **12** Is_with_aged_people wisdom and_is_with_length_of
days understanding. **13** With_him/it wisdom and_might to_
_him/it counsel and_understanding. **14** THERE he_tears_down
and_not it_will_be_rebuilt he_shuts on a_person and_not it_
_will_be_opened. **15** THERE he_holds_back (in)_waters and_
_they_are_dry and_he_lets_them_untie/release and_they_
_devastate the_earth. **16** With_him/it strength and_sound_

Readers' Version

9 It measures longer than the land,
and wider than the ocean.
10 If he comes past and imprisons you and convenes a hearing,
who can prevent him?
11 He recognises people who are deceitful.
He sees wickedness but doesn't reveal that he's paying attention.
12 Even a hollow person will gain understanding.
A wild donkey's colt will give birth to a man.
13 If you've directed your heart
and stretched your arms out to him,
14 and put wickedness far away from yourself
and didn't let injustice live in your home,
15 then you can raise your head without shame
and be firmly establishing without fear.
16 You will forget trouble—
remembering it only like water that's flowed past.
17 Your life will rise brighter than the midday sun.
Darkness will become like morning.
18 You'll be confident that there's hope.
You'll look around then safely lie down.
19 You'll lie down without being terrified.
Many people will be after your favour.
20 But the eyes of the wicked will fail
and the way of escape will be invisible to them.
Their hope will be limited to their last gasp of life.

Iyov's first response to Tsofar

12:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Tsofar:
Iyov
2 Ah, you're certainly 'the people'
and wisdom will die with you.
3 But I too have a mind as well as you.
I'm not getting bowled over by you.
Is there anyone who doesn't know those things?
4 I'm laughed at by my friends.
I was calling on God and he answered,
but an innocent man becomes someone to laugh at.
5 People who are comfortable have contempt for misfortune—
for those whose feet seem to be slipping away.
6 Robbers relax in their tents,
and those who provoke God seem secure—
those who carry their gods in their hands.
7 But please ask the animals and they'll teach you.
Ask the birds in the sky and they'll tell you.
8 Or complain to the ground and it'll teach you,
and the fish in the sea will declare it to you.
9 Which of them doesn't know that Yahweh has done all this?
10 The life of everything that lives is in his hands,
as is the spirit in the body of every person.
11 Doesn't the ear have to test the words it hears?

40 LV 11:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

And the palate has to taste the food that's eaten?
12 Wisdom comes with age,
and understanding comes from a long life.
13 Wisdom and power belong to him.
Counsel and understanding belong to him.
14 What he tears down won't be rebuilt.
What he closes on a person won't be opened.
15 When he holds back the waters they dry up,
and when he sends them out they overwhelm the earth.
16 Strength and sound wisdom belong to him.
The deceived and the deceiver are both his.
17 He leads counsellors away barefoot,
and makes judges look foolish.
18 He undoes the chains of the king's prisoners,
and wraps a cloth around their naked loins.
19 He leads priests away barefoot,
and overthrows powerful people.
20 He deprives trusted advisors of the opportunity to speak,
and he takes discernment away from the elders.
21 He pours contempt on successful people,
and unties the belt that powerful people put onto others.
22 He reveals the deep things of darkness,
and he brings deep darkness into the light.
23 He makes nations great and he also destroys nations.
He enlarges nations and he has them led away as slaves.
24 He removes the heart from the leaders of the people of the land,
and makes them wander in wasteland where there's no paths.
25 They grope in the darkness without any light,
and he makes them stagger around as if they're drunk.

Iyov argues that he hasn't sinned

Iyov
13:1 Look here, my eyes have seen all that,
my ears have heard it and understood.
2 I also know everything that you know,
I'm not way behind you.
3 But I would like to talk to the provider,
and I desire to plead with God.
4 But you're all smearers of lies,
all of you are worthless healers.
5 If only you all would remain silent,
then you all might be considered wise.
6 Please listen to my argument,
and pay attention to the pleading of my lips.
7 Will you all speak faithlessly on God's behalf,
and will you talk deceitfully for him?
8 Will you show partiality to him,
or argue the case for God?

Literal Version

_wisdom[41] to_him/it one_who_goes_astray and_one_who_
_leads_astray. **17** He_is_leading_away counsellors barefoot and_
_judges he_makes_look_foolish. **18** The_correction_of kings he_
_loosens and_he_bound a_loincloth on_loins_of_their. **19** He_is_
_leading_away priests barefoot and_people_long_established
he_subverts. **20** He_is_removing a_lip of_trusted_ones and_the_
_discernment_of elders he_takes_away. **21** He_is_pouring
contempt on noble_people and_the_belt_of strong_people he_
_loosens. **22** He_is_revealing unfathomable_things from
darkness and_he_brought_out to_the_light deep_darkness.
23 He_is_making_great (to)_nations and_he_destroyed_them
he_is_spreading_out (to)_nations and_he_led_them. **24** He_is_
_removing the_heart_of the_leaders_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land and_he_made_them_wander in_a_wasteland not a_
_path. **25** They_grope darkness and_not light and_he_made_
_them_wander like_drunkard.

13:1 THERE all eye_of_my it_has_seen ear_of_my it_has_heard
and_it_has_understood to/for_her/it. **2** Like_knowledge_of_
_your(pl) also I I_know not I am_falling more_than_you(pl).
3 But I to the_almighty I_will_speak and_to_argue to god I_
_desire. **4** And_but you(pl) are_those_who_smear_of falsehood
are_healers_of worthlessness of_you_of_all. **5** Who will_he_give
totally_(be_silent) you(pl)_will_be_silent and_it_will_become
to/for_you(pl) (into)_wisdom. **6** Listen_to please argument_of_
_my and_the_contentions_of my_lips_of_my pay_attention_to.
7 For_god will_you(pl)_speak unrighteousness and_to/for_
_him/it will_you(pl)_speak deceit. **8** Face_of_his will_you_lift_
_up or for_god will_you_argue_a_case. **9** Will_it_be_good
if/because he_will_examine you(pl) or as_deceives (in)_a_
_person will_you(pl)_deceive in_him/it. **10** Surely_(rebuke) he_
_will_rebuke you(pl) if in_secrecy faces you(pl)_will_lift_up.
11 Not majesty_of_his will_it_terrify you(pl) and_dread_of_his
will_it_fall on_you(pl). **12** Memorials_of_your(pl) are_proverbs_
of ash[es] are(to)_defenses_of clay defenses_of_your(pl).
13 Be_silent from_me so_ I _that_I_may_speak and_let_it_pass
on_me whatever. **14** Concerning what will_I_take flesh_of_my

41 LV 12:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

in_teeth_of_my and_life_of_my will_I_put in_palm_of_my.
15 THERE he_will_kill_me for_him[43] I_will_wait nevertheless ways_of_my to his/its_faces/face I_will_argue. **16** Also that to_ _me will_be_for_deliverance that/for/because/then/when not before_him a_godless_person he_will_come. **17** Listen_to carefully_(listen) speech_of_my and_declaration_of_my be_in_ _ears_of_your(pl). **18** HERE please I_have_arranged a_case I_ _know if/because_that I I_am_in_the_right. **19** Who that will_ _he_conduct_a_case with_me if/because now I_will_keep_silent and_I_will_expire. **20** Only two_things do_not do with_me then from_before_of_you not I_will_hide_myself. **21** Palm_of_your from_on_me put_far_away and_dread_of_your not let_it_ _terrify_me. **22** And_call and_I I_will_answer or let_me_speak and_respond_to_me. **23** How_many to_me are_iniquities and_ _sins transgression_of_my and_sin_of_my make_known_to_me. **24** To/for_what face_of_your do_you_hide and_do_you_ _consider_me to_an_enemy to/for_you(fs). **25** A_leaf driven_ _about will_you_terrify and_~~DOM~~ chaff dry will_you_pursue. **26** If/because you_write on_me bitter_things and_you_cause_ _me_to_inherit the_iniquities_of my_youth(s)_of_my. **27** And_ _you_put in_stock[s] feet_of_my and_you_watch all_of paths_of_ _my on the_roots_of my_feet_of_my you_make_a_mark. **28** And_ _he like_rottenness he_wears_out like_a_garment which_it_ _eats_it a_moth.
14:1 A_human_being born_of a_woman is_short_of days and_ _surfeited_of turmoil. **2** Like_blossom he_comes_forth and_he_ _withered and_he_fled like_shadow and_not he_remains. **3** Indeed on this do_you_open eyes_of_your and_me do_you_ _bring in_judgement with_yourself. **4** Who will_he_make a_ _clean_thing from_an_unclean_thing not one_person. **5** If are_ _determined his/its_days the_number_of his_months_of_his is_ _with_you mmm[44] you_have_appointed and_not he_will_pass. **6** Look_away from_on_him so_that_he_may_cease until he_ _takes_pleasure_in like_a_hired_labourer day_of_his. **7** If/because there_is for_tree hope if it_will_be_cut_down and_ _again it_will_sprout_afresh and_its_young_of_shoot[s] not it_ _will_fail. **8** Though it_will_grow_old on_the_earth root_of_its and_in_dust stump_of_its it_will_die. **9** From_the_scent_of water it_will_show_buds and_it_will_produce branch[es] like a_ _plant. **10** And_a_man he_dies and_he_was_weak and_ a_person _he_expired and_where_is_he. **11** Waters they_disappear from the_sea and_a_river it_dries_up and_it_is_dry. **12** And_a_person he_lies_down and_not he_will_arise until is_not heaven not they_will_awake and_not they_will_be_roused from_sleep_of_ _their. **13** Who will_he_give in_Shə'ōl you_will_hide_me you_ _will_conceal_me until anger_of_your turns_back you_will_ _set[45] to_me a_limit and_you_will_remember_me. **14** If a_man he_will_die will_he_live all_of the_days_of my_service_of_my I_ _will_wait until relief_of_my comes. **15** You_will_call and_I I_ _will_answer_you for_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your you_will_long. **16** If/because now steps_of_my you_will_count not you_will_watch over sin_of_my. **17** Will_be_sealed_up in_a_ _bag transgression_of_my and_you_have_smeared over my_

Readers' Version

9 Is it good that he'll examine you all,
or will you deceive him like deceiving a person?
10 He would certainly rebuke you all,
if you were secretly showing partiality.
11 Shouldn't his majesty make you all afraid,
and his dread fall on you all?
12 Your traditional sayings are proverbs of ashes.
Your defenses might as well be made of clay.
13 Be silent in my presence and let me speak,
and let come to me what may.
14 Why should I bite my flesh with my own teeth,
and take my life in my own hands?
15 Even if he kills me, my hope will still be in him.
I will certainly defend my behaviour to him in person.
16 Even that would result in my salvation.
A godless person wouldn't enter his presence.
17 Listen carefully to my words,
and may my declaration be in the ears of you all.
18 I've now arranged my case.
I know that I'm in the right.
19 Who will conduct my case?
I'll keep silent now and die.
20 Just don't do these two things to me,
then I won't hide myself from your presence:
21 Don't take your hand far away from me,
and don't terrify me with your dread.
22 Then call me and I'll answer,
or let me speak and answer me.
23 How many errors and sins do I have?
Let me know how I disobeyed and sinned.
24 Why are you keeping away from me,
and treating me like an enemy?
25 Would you terrify a leaf blown by the wind?
Would you chase a dry stalk to punish it?
26 You write bitter things against me,
and even recall the errors of my youth.
27 You lock my feet in stocks.
You watch all my paths and mark the soles of my feet.[42]
28 He decays like something rotten.
He's like a garment that's eaten by moths.
14:1 Humans, born from women,
live relatively short lives with lots of turmoil.
2 People appear and then wither, just like the flowers.
They don't stay around, but rush away like shadows.
3 Do you watch over even creatures like this?
Do you bring me in to be judged?
4 Who can make something innocent out of something im-

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42 RV 13:27 · Cross-ref. Yob 33:11.

43 LV 13:15 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וֹ/לֹ': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18Vvg וֹ/ל

44 LV 14:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/קח: (x-qere) וֹ/יָקֵּח': lemma_2706 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18Vg9 וֹ/יָקֵּח

45 LV 14:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

pure?
No one.
5 Since a person's lifespan is already determined,
then you already know the number of months.
You've set the limit and we won't live past that.
6 Stop watching us.
Give us relief so we can take some pleasure in our daily work.
7 There's even hope for a tree that gets cut down.
It will sprout again and its new shoots won't fail.
8 Even when its roots in the ground get old,
and its base is rotting in the soil,
9 when it detects water it'll send up branches like a young plant.
10 But a person dies and is laid out—
a person breathes their last and now where are they?
11 The water disappears from a lake,
and the river level goes down then dries up.
12 So too people lie down and don't get up again.
They won't wake up until the sky no longer exists.
For now they can't be roused out of their sleep.
13 If only you'd allow me to be hidden in the grave,
that you'd conceal me until your anger is passed.
but set a limit and then remember me.
14 If a person dies, will they ever live again?
I'll keep doing my work here until I'm released from it.
15 You'll call me and I'll answer you.
You'll desire the creature you've made.
16 Now you'll count my steps.
You won't keep watch on my sins.
17 My disobedience would be sealed up in a bag,
and you'd plaster over my wickedness.
18 But mountains fall and crumble,
and rocks move out of their places.
19 Flowing water wears down stones,
and its torrents wash away the soil.
You destroy humankind's hope.
20 You're forever overpowering us and we depart.
You are changing the expression on our faces and sending us away.
21 If our children achieved some honour, we wouldn't even know it.
Or if they're put to shame, we wouldn't be there to see it.
22 Only our own bodies feel the pain.
Only our inner selves mourn.

Elifaz's second response to Iyov[46]

15:1 Then Elifaz (from Teyman) replied:
Elifaz
2 Do wise people just answer with knowledge full of wind?
Do they just fill themselves with the east wind?
3 Should a person argue against useless talk,
or against words that have no value?

Literal Version

_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment. 18 And_but a_mountain falling it_crumbles_away and_a_rock it_moves from_place_of_ _its. 19 Stones waters they_rub_away overflowings_of_its it_ _washes_off the_dust_of the_earth and_the_hope_of humankind you_destroy. 20 You_overpower_him to_perpetuity and_he_went you_are_changing face_of_his and_you_sent_him_ _away. 21 Sons_of_his they_are_honoured and_not he_knows and_they_are_insignificant and_not he_perceives (to)_it. 22 Only flesh_of_his_own on/upon/above_him/it it_is_in_pain and_self_of_his on/upon/above_him/it it_mourns.

15:1 And_ 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī _he_answered and_he_said. 2 A_ _wise_person does_he_answer knowledge_of wind and_does_ _he_fill east_wind belly_of_his. 3 Does_he_argue with_a_ _message which_not it_is_of_use and_words/messages which_ _not anyone_profits by_them. 4 Also you you_annul fear and_ _you_diminish meditation to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god. 5 If/because iniquity_of_your it_teaches mouth_of_your

46 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** 15:1–21:34

Literal Version

and_you_choose the_tongue_of crafty_people. **6** It_condemns_
_you_as_guilty mouth_of_your_own and_not I and_your_two's_
_own_of_lips they_testify against_you. **7** First human_being
were_you_born and_before_of the_hills were_you_brought_
_forth. **8** In_the_council_of god do_you_listen and_do_you_
_restrain to_yourself wisdom. **9** What do_you_know and_not
we_know do_you_understand and_not is_with_us it. **10** Both
the_grey_haired as_well_as the_aged are_among_us one_old
more_than_of_your_father days. **11** Too_little for_you are_the_
_consolations_of god and_a_message to_gentleness with_you.
12 Why does_it_carry_you_away heart_of_your and_why do_
_they_flash eyes_of_your. **13** That/for/because/then/when
you_will_turn against god spirit_of_your and_you_will_bring_
_out from_mouth_of_your words/messages. **14** What is_a_
_person that/for/because/then/when he_will_be_pure and_
_because/when one_born_of a_woman he_will_be_righteous.
15 THERE in/on/at/with[48] not he_trusts and_the_heavens not
they_are_pure in_eyes_of_his. **16** Indeed if/because one_who_
_is_abhorrent and_one_who_is_corrupt a_person who_drinks
like_water unrighteousness. **17** I_will_inform_you listen to_me
and_what I_have_seen and_I_will_recount. **18** That_which wise_
_people they_have_told and_not they_have_hidden from_
_ancestors_of_their. **19** To/for_them them_alone the_
_earth/land it_was_given and_not a_stranger he_passed in_
_midst_of_their. **20** All_of the_days_of a_wicked_person he is_
_writhing_in_pain and_the_number_of years which_they_have_
_been_stored_up for_(the)_person. **21** The_sound_of dread(s) is_
_in_ears_of_his in_peace a_destroyer he_will_come_to_him.
22 Not he_believes to_return from darkness and[49] he to the_
_sword. **23** He is_wandering for_food where he_knows
if/because_that has_been_prepared in_his/its_hand a_day_of
darkness. **24** They_terrify_him distress and_trouble it_
_overpowers_him like_a_king ready for_battle. **25** If/because
he_has_stretched_out against god his/its_hand and_near/to
the_almighty he_behaves_proudly. **26** He_runs to_him/it with_
_a_neck with_the_thickness_of the_bosses_of his_shields_of_his.
27 If/because he_has_covered face_of_his with_fat_of_his and_
_he/it_made fat on loin[s]. **28** And_he_dwelt cities destroyed
houses which_not people_will_dwell (for)_themselves which
they_are_destined for_heaps_of_stones. **29** Not he_will_be_rich
and_not wealth_of_his it_will_endure and_not it_will_stretch_
_out to_land property_of_their. **30** Not he_will_depart from
darkness shoot[s]_of_his_young a_flame it_will_dry_up and_he_
_will_depart by_the_breath_of his_mouth_of_his. **31** Not let_
_him_trust in/on/at/with[50] he_has_been_led_astray if/because
worthlessness it_will_be exchange_of_his. **32** On_not day_of_his
it_will_be_completed and_his_palm_of_branch not it_will_
_grow_luxuriant. **33** He_will_treat_violently like_vine grape[s]_
_of_his_unripe and_he_will_shed like_(the)_tree blossom_of_
_his. **34** If/because a_company_of the_godless is_barren and_
_fire it_consumes the_tents_of a_bribe. **35** They_conceive

Readers' Version

4 You turn people from the fear of God,
and discourage them from godly meditation.
5 Thus your wickedness drives your words,
and you choose the language of crafty people.
6 It's not me who condemns you, but it's your own mouth.
Your own lips testify against you.
7 Were you the first person ever born?
Were you created before the hills were made?
8 Do you listen to God's advice,
or limit wisdom to your own experience?
9 What do you know that we don't?
What do you understand that's not clear to us?
10 Both the grey-haired and the elderly are on our side,
People who've lived longer than your father.
11 Isn't it enough when God comforts you?
Aren't his gentle words enough for you?
12 Why do your emotions get carried away?
Why do your eyes flash with anger?
13 Are you turning your spirit against God
as your words pour out of your mouth?
14 What person could ever be pure,
and how could someone born from a woman be righteous?[47]
15 He doesn't even trust his holy ones,
and the heavens aren't pure from his viewpoint.
16 Certainly not someone who's corrupt and abhorrent,
or a person who drinks wickedness like water.
17 I'll show you—listen to me—
what I've seen and will tell everyone.
18 What's been told by wise people—
that hasn't been hidden from their ancestors.
19 The land was given to them alone,
and no stranger had come in among them.
20 Wicked people squirm in pain for their entire lifetime.
Those who oppress others have a number of years of pain stored up for them.
21 Sounds of terrors are in their ears.
The destroyer comes while they're enjoying prosperity.
22 They don't believe that the darkness will ever end.
They're destined for the sword.
23 They wander around searching for food that must be there.
They know that dark days are ahead—already prepared.
24 They're terrified by distress and anguish.
That dread overwhelms them like a king who's ready for a battle.
25 These things happen to wicked people because they oppose God.

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47 **RV 15:14-16 · Cross-ref.** Yob 25:4-6.

48 **LV 15:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/שדק/ב**: (x-qere) **ו/יְשֻׁדְקָ/ב'**: lemma_b/6918 n_1.0 morph_HR/Aampc/Sp3ms id_18Vdb **ו/יְשֻׁדְקָ/ב**

49 **LV 15:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ופצ/ו**: (x-qere) **יוְפָצֵ/ו'**: lemma_c/6822 morph_HC/Vqsmsa id_18Ade **יוְפָצֵ/ו**

50 **LV 15:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וש/ב**: (x-qere) **וְיָשֵׁ/ב'**: lemma_b/7723 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_18e1m **וְיָשֵׁ/ב**

Readers' Version

They've behaved arrogantly to the provider.
26 They rush against him in defiance,
trusting the thick reinforcing of their shields.
27 Though their faces are round and fat,
and their bodies have rolls on their hips,
28 they'll live in broken-down houses
which people normally wouldn't live in because they're marked for demolition.
29 They won't be rich and their wealth won't endure,
and their herds and flocks won't spread across the land.
30 Wicked people will never escape the darkness.
A flame will wither their branches,
and with one breath of their mouths, they'll be gone.
31 Don't let them trust in emptiness or they'll be led astray,
and worthlessness will be their only reward.
32 They'll be finished before their time,
and their branches won't flourish and produce leaves.
33 They'll be like grapevines that drop their grapes when they're still unripe,
and like olive trees that shed their blossoms.
34 Yes, the company of godless people is worthless,
and anything gained from bribery will be burnt up in the fire.
35 They dream about trouble and encourage wickedness,
and they give birth to deceitful plots.

Iyov's second response to Elifaz

16:1 Then Iyov (Job) answered Elifaz:
Iyov
2 I've heard many things like that before.
You come to comfort, but bring trouble instead.
3 You need to limit your words full of wind.
What makes you keep responding?
4 I could also speak like you all if you were in my place.
I could string words together against you all and shake my head at you.
5 Alternatively, I could use my mouth to encourage you all.
My lips could be used instead to bring relief.
6 Even when I speak, it doesn't take away my pain.
But if I hold back, how will it go away?
7 However, he's now worn me out.
My entire household has been devastated.
8 You've made me lose so much weight that everyone can't help notice it.
My being so thin is used against me so people think from my face that I must be guilty.
9 His anger has ripped my body open
and in his hate he's gnashed at me with his teeth.
Even my enemy locks his eyes on me.
10 People stare at me with their mouths wide open.
They slap my cheek in contempt as they join together against me.

Literal Version

trouble and_they_give_birth_to[51] wickedness and_belly_of_
_their it_prepares deceit.

16:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** I_have_
_heard like_these_things many are_comforters_of trouble of_
_you_of_all. **3** Does_an_end belong_to_words/messages_of wind
or what is_it_making_you_sick that/for/because/then/when
you_will_answer. **4** Also I like_you(pl) I_will_speak if (there)
self_of_your(pl) were_in_place_of self_of_my I_will_make_join
on_you(pl) (in)_words/messages and_I_will_shake on_you(pl)
with my_head. **5** I_will_strengthen_you(pl) with mouth_of_my
and_the_condolence_of my_lips_of_my it_will_restrain. **6** If I_
_will_speak not pain_of_my it_will_be_restrained and_I_will_
_cease what from_me will_it_go. **7** Nevertheless now he_has_
_made_me_weary you_have_devastated all_of company_of_my.
8 And_you_have_seized_me (into)_a_witness it_has_become
and_he/it_rose_up on_me leanness_of_my in_face_of_my it_
_testifies. **9** Anger_of_his it_has_torn_me and_it_has_been_
_hostile_towards_me he_has_gnashed towards_me with_teeth_
_of_his foe_of_my he_sharpens eyes_of_his to_me. **10** People_
_have_opened_wide on_me (in)_mouth_of_their in_scorn they_
_have_struck cheeks_of_my together on_me they_mass_
_themselves. **11** He_delivers_me_up god to a_young_boy and_on
the_hands_of wicked_people he_throws_me. **12** At_ease I_was
and_he_smashed_me and_he_took_hold on_neck_of_my and_
_he_shattered_me and_he_set_me_up to_him/it to_a_target.
13 They_surround (on)_me archers_of_his he_pierces kidneys_
_of_my and_not he_has_compassion he_pours_out to_ground
gall_of_my. **14** He_breaks_through_me a_breach on the_face_of
a_breach he_runs on_me like_a_warrior. **15** Sackcloth I_have_
_sewed over skin_of_my and_I_have_inserted in_dust horn_of_

51 LV 15:35 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_my. **16** Face_of_my they_are_reddened[53] from weeping and_is_
_on eyelids_of_my deep_darkness. **17** On not violence is_in_
_palms_of_my and_prayer_of_my is_pure. **18** Oh_earth do_not
cover blood_of_my and_not a_place let_it_belong to_outcry_of_
_my. **19** Also now THERE in_the_heavens witness_of_my and_
_witness_of_my is_in_(the)_places. **20** Are_mocking_of_me
companions_of_my to god eye_of_my it_has_wept. **21** And_he_
_will_argue for_a_man with god and_a_child_of humankind for_
_companion_of_his. **22** If/because years_of number they_will_
_come and_a_way which_not I_will_return I_will_go.
17:1 My_breath/wind/spirit it_is_broken days_of_my they_are_
_extinguished grave(s) to_me. **2** (If) not mockeri(es) with_me
and_on_rebelling_their eye_of_my it_dwells. **3** Make please
stand_surety_for_me with_yourself who that to_hand_of_my
will_he_strike_himself. **4** If/because heart_of_their you_have_
_kept from_understanding[54] therefore yes/correct/thus/so not
you_will_exalt_them. **5** For_a_share he_tells friends and_the_
_eyes_of his_children_of_his they_will_fail. **6** And_he_has_set_
_me to_use_a_proverb peoples and_a_spitting to_the_face I_am.
7 And_it_has_grown_dim from_grief eye_of_my and_members_
_of_my are_like_shadow of_them_of_all. **8** Upright_people they_
_are_appalled on this and_the_innocent on the_godless he_will_
_rouse_himself. **9** And_ the_righteous _he_will_hold its_
_road/course and_the_clean_of hands he_will_increase
strength. **10** And_but of_them_of_all you(pl)_will_return and_
_come please and_not I_will_find among_you(pl) a_wise_
_person. **11** Days_of_my they_have_passed plans_of_my they_
_have_been_torn_apart the_wishes_of my_heart_of_my.
12 Night into_day they_make light is_near from_face/in_front_
_of darkness. **13** If I_will_wait_for Shə'ōl home_of_my in_
_darkness I_have_spread_out beds_of_my. **14** To_pit I_have_
_called_out father_of_are_my you my_mother_of_my and_
_sister_of_my to_maggot. **15** And_where then hope_of_is_my
and_hope_of_my who will_he_observe_it. **16** The_poles_of
Shə'ōl will_they_go_down or together to the_dust will_we_go_
_down.

Readers' Version

11 God has handed me over to a YOUNG BOY
and he throws me into the hands of wicked people.
12 I was just living my life and he shattered me.
He grabbed me by the neck and dashed me to pieces.
He set me up as a his target.
13 Soldiers with bows and arrows surround me.
He pierces my kidneys but doesn't care.
He splits my gallbladder and pours my bile out on the ground.
14 He keeps breaking through my protective walls.
He charges against me like a warrior.
15 I've dressed in sackcloth to show I'm mourning.
I've tossed my horn into the dust to show I'm defeated.
16 My face is red from so much crying.
My eyelids are surrounded by dark shadows.
17 I haven't committed any violence.
My prayer is pure.
18 Earth, don't just cover over my blood.
Don't just become a hiding place for my cries.
19 Even now, my witness is there in the heavens,
and my advocate is up on high.[52]
20 My friends scorn me.
The tears of my eyes are directed to God.
21 May someone plead with God for a man,
and a son of humanity plead for his friend.
22 When a certain number of years have passed,
I'll go on a path that I won't return from.
17:1 My spirit is broken,
my days are extinguished,
only the grave is left.
2 Surely there's mockers with me.
My eye is held by their provocations.
3 Please give yourself to cover my bail.
Who else would put up security for me?
4 You've closed their minds from being able to understand,
so therefore you won't elevate them over me.
5 People who'd denounce their friends for some gain,
should expect their children to be selfish also.
6 He's made me into a local gossip point.
Someone to spit at in the face.
7 My eyes have become dark from my grief.
Every one of my body parts is just like a shadow.
8 Godly people are appalled by this,
and innocent people are stirred up against those who are godless.
9 But those who obey will be able to stay on the correct road,
and those who haven't done anything wrong will become stronger.
10 But all of them and you all may return now and come,
and I wouldn't find a wise person among you all.

52 RV 16:19 · Cross-ref. Yob 19:25.

53 LV 16:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הרמרמח: (x-qere) 'וּרְמֻרַמָּח': lemma_2560 c n_1.0 morph_HVjp3cp id_18byd וּרְמֻרַמָּח

54 LV 17:4 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

11 My good days have passed.
My plans are shattered,
even my secret desires.
12 They change night into day in their minds—
making light seem near while staring into the darkness.
13 If I wait for the grave to become my home,
if I've spread out my blankets ready to sleep in the darkness,
14 if I've called out and told the pit that it's my father,
and to the worm that it's my mother and my sister,
15 then where would my hope be placed?
Who would know that I had any hope?
16 Will they go down to the gates of the grave?
Will we go down together into the ground?

Bildad's second response to Iyov

18:1 Then Bildad (from Shuah) responded again:
Bildad
2 How long until you stop all those words?
Think first, and then afterwards we can speak.
3 Why are we regarded as cattle,
as if we're considered by you all as being stupid?
4 People who tear themselves apart in anger,
will the ground be abandoned for your sakes,
or the rock removed out of its place?
5 Indeed, the light of wicked people[55] is extinguished.
the flame of their fire won't shine.
6 The light in their tents will go dark.
and the lamps that hang over their heads will go out.
7 Their strong steps will get shorter,
and their own schemes make them depressed.
8 Yes, they'll get their feet caught in a net,
and they'll wander around in a maze.
9 They'll get their heels caught in traps,
the sprung jaws will keep hold of them.
10 A rope is hidden in the ground,
and a noose lies there on their paths.
11 Sudden noises around them will terrify them,
and follow their steps as they run away.
12 Their strength dissolves into hunger,
and disaster has been prepared for them to stumble into.
13 It devours parts of their skin,
death begins by devouring their body parts.
14 They're pulled from their tents where they felt secure,
and taken away to the king of terrors.
15 Other people will live in their tents.
Sulfur is scattered over their homes.
16 Their roots dry up underneath them,
and their branches above them all wither.
17 No one on the earth will remember them any more,

Literal Version

18:1 And_ Bildad the_Shuhite _he_answered and_he_said.
2 Until when will_you_make ends_of words/messages you(pl)_
_will_consider and_after we_will_speak. **3** Why are_we_
_regarded like_cattle are_we_considered_stupid in_eyes_of_
_your(pl). **4** one_who_tears self_of_his in_anger_of_his for_
_your_sake the_earth will_it_be_abandoned and_ a_rock _will_
_it_move from_place_of_its. **5** Also the_light_of wicked_people
it_is_extinguished and_not the_flame_of his_fire_of_his it_
_shines. **6** The_light[57] it_grows_dark in_tent_of_his and_lamp_
_of_his on/upon/above_him/it it_is_extinguished. **7** The_steps_
_of his_strength_of_his they_are_restricted and_it_throws_him_
_down plan[s]_of_his_own. **8** If/because he_is_caught in_a_net
by_feet_of_his and_on a_network he_walks_about. **9** It_takes_
_hold on_a_heel a_trap it_takes_hold on/upon/above_him/it a_
_snare. **10** Is_hidden on_the_earth rope_of_his and_trap_of_his
on the_path. **11** All_around they_terrify_him sudden_terror(s)
and_they_scatter_him to_feet_of_his. **12** It_is hungry strength_
_of_his and_disaster is_prepared for_stumbling_of_his. **13** It_
_consumes the_parts_of his_skin_of_his the_firstborn_of death
it_consumes parts_of_his. **14** He_is_torn_away from_tent_of_his
of_confidence_of_his_object and_it_makes_him_march to_the_
_king_of sudden_terror(s). **15** It_dwells in_tent_of_his some_of_
_not_of to_him/it it_is_scattered over estate_of_his sulfur.
16 From_under roots_of_his they_are_dried_up and_(from)_
_above branch[es]_of_his it_withers. **17** Remembrance_of_his it_
_perishes from the_earth and_not a_name to_him/it on the_
_surface_of the_street. **18** People_drive_him from_light into
darkness and_from_the_world they_chase_him_away. **19** Not
posterity to_him/it and_not progeny is_among_people_of_his
and_there_is_not a_survivor in_sojourning-places_of_his. **20** On
day_of_his the_western they_are_appalled and_the_eastern
they_take_hold_of a_shudder. **21** Surely these are_the_dwelling_
_places_of an_unjust_person and_this is_the_place_of one_who_
_not he_knows god.

55 RV 18:5 · Note This segment is about 'the wicked man' (somewhat general, but also obviously referring to Iyov), but we've generalised it into 'wicked people' as being more relevant to the average reader (of both sexes).

57 LV 18:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

19:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Until when will_you_grieve self_of_my and_will_you_crush_me with_ _words/messages. **3** This ten times you(pl)_have_insulted_me not you(pl)_have_been_ashamed you(pl)_have_ill-treated to_ _me. **4** And_even truly I_have_erred with_me error_of_my it_ _lodges. **5** If truly above_me you_will_magnify_yourselves and_ _you(pl)_will_argue on_me disgrace_of_my.[58] **6** Know then if/because_that god he_has_subverted_me and_net_of_his over_ _me he_has_closed. **7** THERE I_cry_out violence and_not I_am_ _answered I_cry_for_help and_there_is_not justice. **8** way_of_ _my he_has_walled_up and_not I_will_pass and_on paths_of_my darkness he_puts. **9** Honour_of_my from_on_me he_has_ _stripped_off and_he_has_removed the_crown_of my_head. **10** He_has_torn_me_down all_around and_I_have_gone and_he_ _has_uprooted like_tree hope_of_my. **11** And_he_has_kindled towards_me anger_of_his and_he_has_considered_me to_him/it like_foes_of_his. **12** Together troops_of_his they_have_come and_they_have_throw_up on_me way_of_their and_they_have_ _encamped all_around (to)_tent_of_my. **13** Brothers_of_my from_with_me he_has_put_far_away and_acquaintances_of_my surely they_have_become_estranged from_me. **14** My_of_ _kindred they_have_ceased and_acquaintances_of_my they_ _have_forgotten_me. **15** Those_who_sojourn_of my_house_of_ _my and_my_female_of_servants to_a_stranger they_consider_ _me a_foreigner I_have_become in_eyes_of_their. **16** To_ _servant_of_my I_call and_not he_answers with mouth_of_my I_seek_favour to_him/it. **17** My_breath/wind/spirit it_is_ _loathsome to_wife_of_my and_I_am_repulsive to_the_sons_of my_womb_of_my. **18** Also young_boys they_reject (in)_me I_ _arise and_they_spoke against_me. **19** They_abhor_me all_of the_men_of my_council_of_my and_whom I_love they_have_ _turned against_me. **20** On_skin_of_my and_on_flesh_of_my bone_of_my it_clings and_I_have_escaped with_the_skin_of my_ _teeth_of_my. **21** Show_favour_to_me show_favour_to_me Oh_ _you(pl) friends_of_my if/because the_hand_of god it_has_ _touched (in)_me. **22** To/for_what are_you_persecuting_me like god and_from_flesh_of_my not are_you(pl)_satisfied. **23** Who will_he_give then and_they_will_be_written_down words/messages_of_my who will_he_give on_scroll and_they_ _will_be_inscribed. **24** With_a_stylus_of iron and_lead forever_ _forever in_rock they_will_be_engraved. **25** And_I I_know vindicator_of_my he_lives and_last on dust he_will_stand.

Readers' Version

and no streets will be named after them.[56]
18 They'll be driven from the light out into the darkness,
and they'll be chased out of this world.
19 You won't find any of their children or grandchildren in their town.
nor find any survivor where they previously lived.
20 Those in the west are appalled at their fate,
and those in the east are getting the shudders.
21 That's certainly how the homes of wicked people end up,
and that's the place for people who don't know God.

Iyov's second response to Bildad

19:1 Iyov (Job) responded to Bildad and companions again:
Iyov
2 How much longer will I be tormented
and crushed with words?
3 You people have scolded me ten times now.
You should be ashamed for how you've ill-treated me.
4 And even if I had truly done something wrong,
my error would remain with *me*.
5 If you truly think that you're better people than me,
and use my disgrace to argue against me,
6 then you need to know that God has wronged me,
and he's closed his net around me.
7 There, I cry out that I'm being attacked, and get no answer.
I call for help, but there's no justice.
8 He's blocked my road so I can't get past,
and he places darkness over my paths.
9 He's taken away all my honour,
and removed the crown from on my head.
10 He's battered me from every direction and I'm gone.
He's removed my hope like a tree that's been uprooted.
11 He's directed his anger against me,
and treats me as one of his enemies.
12 His troops advance in formation.
They build up a siege ramp against me,
and set themselves up around my tent.
13 He's moved my brothers far away from me,
and my acquaintances have certainly kept out of my way.
14 My relatives have deserted me,
and my close friends have forgotten me.
15 Those who've stayed in my home, and even the female servants regard me as a stranger.
I've become a foreigner in their eyes.
16 When I call my servant, he doesn't answer.
I try to persuade him with my words.
17 My breath is repugnant to my wife,
and abhorrent to my siblings.

56 RV 18:17 · Note That was a paraphrase (and probably an anachronism) that we couldn't resist (and will probably delete again). It's really something more like 'no one will mention their names on the streets'.

58 LV 19:5 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

18 Even young boys reject me.
When I stand they speak against me.
19 All my closest friends abhor me,
and those I love have turned on me.
20 My skin and flesh cling to my bones.
I've escaped by the skin of my teeth.
21 Pity me, pity me, you my friends,
because God's hand has touched me.
22 Why do you chase me as if you're God?
Won't you be satisfied with destroying my body?
23 Who will permit that my words be written down?
Who will allow them to be inscribed onto a scroll
24 with a pen made of iron and lead,
or engraved onto stone with a chisel?
25 I do know that my redeemer lives,
and that he will stand on the dust at the end.
26 After my skin has been struck off,
then in my flesh, I'll see God,
27 yes, I'll see him for myself.
My eyes will see, and not a stranger.
My heart will feel faint within my chest.
28 You people will say, 'How will we persecute him?
After all, the root of the matter is found in him.'
29 You should be afraid of the sword,
because anger brings punishment by the sword,
so that you will know that there is judgement.

Tsofar's second response to Iyov

20:1 Then Tsofar (from Na'amah) responded to Iyov (Job):
Tsofar
2 My anxious thoughts force me to answer,
because of the turmoil that's within me.
3 I've heard your correction and it insults me,
and a spirit beyond my understanding answers me.
4 Do you know this from long ago,
from back when humankind was placed on the earth:
5 that the excited shout of wicked people is brief,
and the happiness of godless people only lasts a moment?
6 Although their arrogance rises up to the sky,
and their heads reach into the clouds,
7 they will vanish forever like their own dung—
those who had seen them will ask, 'Where are they now?'
8 They'll fly away like a dream that can't be found again,
and be chased away like a vision in the night.
9 Anyone who saw them won't see them again,
and even the place where they lived won't see them again.
10 Their children will be seeking the favour of poor people,
because their own hands must return their wealth.
11 Although their bones were full of youthful vigour,

Literal Version

26 And_after skin_of_my people_have_struck_off this and_
_from_flesh_of_my I_will_see god. **27** Whom I I_will_see to/for_
_me and_my_own_of_eyes they_will_see and_not a_stranger
kidneys_of_my they_are_faint in_bosom_of_my. **28** If/because
you(pl)_will_say[59] what will_we_persecute to_him/it and_the_
_root_of the_matter it_has_been_found in_me. **29** Be_afraid
to/for_you(pl) from_face/in_front_of the_sword if/because
rage is_iniquities_of the_sword so_that you(pl)_may_know
mmm[60].

20:1 And_ Zophar the_Naamathite _he_answered and_he_said.
2 For_so/thus/hence thoughts_of_my_disquieting they_make_
_me_respond and_because_of agitation_my in_me. **3** The_
_correction_of my_insult_of_my I_have_heard and_spirit from_
_understanding_of_my it_answers_me. **4** This do_you_know
from antiquity from_when put humankind on earth.
5 If/because_that the_cry_of_joy_of wicked_people is_from_
_near and_the_gladness_of the_godless is_until a_moment.
6 Though it_will_go_up to_heavens loftiness_of_his and_his/its_
_head/top to_cloud[s] it_will_reach. **7** Like_his_own_of_dung
to_perpetuity he_will_perish those_of_who_saw_him they_will_
_say where_is_he. **8** Like_a_dream he_will_fly_away and_not
people_will_find_him and_he_will_be_chased_away like_a_
_vision_of the_night. **9** An_eye it_caught_sight_of_him and_not
it_will_repeat and_not again it_will_observe_him place_of_his.
10 Children_of_his they_will_seek_the_favour_of poor_people
and_his_own_of_hands they_will_return wealth_of_his.
11 Bones_of_his they_were_full mmm[61] and_with_him on the_
_dust it_will_lie_down. **12** Though it_tastes_sweet in_mouth_of_
_his evil he_hides_it under tongue_of_his. **13** He_spares
on/upon_it(f) and_not he_lets_it_untie/release and_he_
_withholds_it in_the_middle his_mouth_of_his. **14** Food_of_his
in_his_inward_of_parts it_is_changed venom_of cobras is_in_
_his_inward_of_part[s]. **15** Wealth he_swallows and_he_has_
_vomited_it_up from_belly_of_his he_drives_it_out god. **16** The_

59 LV 19:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
60 LV 19:29 · Note OSHB variant note: וְיֵד/שׁ: (x-qere) 'וְוֹוד/שׁ': lemma_s/1779 n_0 morph_HTr/Ncmsa id_18Exz וְוֹוד/שׁ
61 LV 20:11 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מולע: (x-qere) 'ו/יָמוּלֵע': lemma_5934 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18R1Q ו/יָמוּלֵע

Literal Version

_poison_of cobras he_sucks it_slays_him the_tongue_of a_viper.
17 Not may_he_look on_streams rivers_of torrents_of honey
and_curd[s]. **18** He_is_restoring the_gain and_not he_swallows_
_it according_to_the_wealth_of his_exchange_of_his and_not
he_will_rejoice. **19** If/because he_has_crushed he_has_
_neglected poor_people a_house he_has_seized and_not he_
_had_built_it. **20** If/because not he_knows ease in_belly_of_his
among_his_desired_of_things not he_delivers. **21** There_is_not
a_survivor he_to_devour therefore yes/correct/thus/so not
prosperity_of_his it_will_endure. **22** When_ sufficiency_of_his _
_is_full it_will_be_distress to_him/it every_of hand_of a_
_sufferer it_will_come_to_him. **23** May_he_be about_to_fill
belly_of_his he_will_send in/on/over_him/it[62] the_burning_of
his_anger_of_his and_he_will_send_rain on_him in_bowel[s]_of_
_his. **24** He_will_flee from_a_weapon_of iron it_will_pierce_him
a_bow_of bronze. **25** He_will_draw_it_out and_he/it_went_out
from_the_back and_lightning from_gall-bladder_of_his it_will_
_come on/upon/above_him/it terrors. **26** All_of darkness is_
_hidden for_his_treasured_of_things it_will_consume_him fire
which_not it_has_been_blown it_will_be_evil a_survivor in_
_tent_of_his. **27** The_heavens they_will_reveal iniquity_of_his
and_the_earth will_rise_up to_him/it. **28** The_produce_of his_
_house_of_his it_will_depart torrents in/on_day his_anger_of_
_his. **29** This is_the_portion a_person wicked from_god and_
_the_inheritance_of his_decree_of_his from_god.

21:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Listen_to
carefully_(listen) speech_of_my and_let_it_be this consolations_
_of_your(pl). **3** Bear_with_me and_I I_will_speak and_after I_
_have_spoken you_will_mock. **4** I to/for_'Ādām/humankind
complaint_of_is_my and_if why not my_breath/wind/spirit
will_it_be_short. **5** Turn to_me and_be_appalled and_put a_
_hand over a_mouth. **6** And_if I_remember and_I_am_disturbed
and_ shuddering _it_takes_hold_of flesh_of_my. **7** Why wicked_
_people do_they_live do_they_grow_old also do_they_become_
_strong strength. **8** Offspring_of_their is_established before_

Readers' Version

that same strength will lie down with them in the dust.
12 Although their evil tastes sweet in their mouths,
they hide it under their tongues.
13 They would miss it too much to let it go,
and they keep it there in the middle of their mouths.
14 But that food changes in their stomachs.
It becomes like snake venom inside them.
15 They swallow up wealth but then vomit it up.
God forces it out of their stomachs.
16 They'll suck on cobra poison.
The viper's fangs will kill them.
17 Those wicked people won't enjoy the streams,
or the fast-flowing rivers of honey and yoghurt.
18 They will return what they've gained and not swallow it down.
They won't get any enjoyment from the profits of their trading.
19 They've oppressed others and ignored the poor.
They've seized homes that they didn't build.
20 Their bellies are never at ease.
They never deliver what they desire.
21 There's nothing left over from their eating,
so their prosperity won't endure.
22 They'll be so full but it'll only bring distress.
Every troublemaker will come to them.
23 Maybe when they've filled their bellies,
God will send his anger against them,
raining down on them and their meal.
24 They flee from weapons made of iron.
A bow made of brass sends its arrows right through them.
25 They pull them through and out their backs.
The tips have shiny liver on them—terrors come over them.
26 Total darkness is reserved for their treasures.
A fire which no one started will devour them.
Only sorry remnants will survive in their tents.
27 The heavens will reveal their evils,
and the earth will rise up against them.
28 The contents of their houses will be removed—
washed away in his severe anger.
29 That's what God serves up to wicked people,
and the heritage that God has decreed for them.

Iyov's second response to Tsofar

21:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Tsofar and the others:
Iyov
2 Listen carefully to my words,
and let this be a consolation for you all.
3 Bear with me while I speak,
and after I've finished, you can continue mocking then.
4 As for me, is my complaint against any person?
If it was, then you might expect me to be impatient.

62 LV 20:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

5 Turn and look at me and be appalled.
Yes, put your hands over your mouths in shock.
6 When I remember what happened, I'm horrified,
and my body starts shuddering.
7 Why do wicked people live?
Why do they grow old and become more powerful?
8 Their children become established around them,
and their offspring become settled in front of them.
9 Their homes are safe and free from fear.
God isn't punishing them.
10 Their bulls mate productively,
and their cows calve without miscarrying.
11 They send out their little ones like a flock,
and their children dance all around.
12 They pick up their tambourines and harps,
and they're happy to hear the sound of the flutes.
13 They spend their days in prosperity,
and they go peacefully down to the grave.
14 They tell God, "Leave us alone.
We're not interested in knowing about your ways.
15 Who is 'the provider' and why should we serve him.
What would we gain if we made requests to him?"
16 However, their prosperity isn't in *their* hands.
I keep far away from the advice of wicked people.
17 How often is the lamp of wicked people extinguished and calamity hits them?
In his anger, does he dole out pain to them?
18 Are they just like straw blown by the wind,
and like chaff that's carried away by a gale.
19 God saves up their evil for their children.
Let God repay them so they'll know.
20 Let them watch their own destruction,
and let them drink the severe anger of the provider.
21 After they're gone, why would they care about their families?
Why would they count the months after they've already been cut off?
22 Can any person teach knowledge to God
since he judges the high and mighty?
23 Some people die in full strength,
completely secure and at ease.
24 Their buckets are full of milk,
and their bone marrow is nicely moistened.
25 But others die full of bitterness,
and they haven't tasted prosperity.
26 Both kinds of people lie together in the dust,
and worms cover them both.
27 Yes, I know what you're all thinking,
and the schemes that you'd all use against me.
28 You all say, 'Which is the house of that respected person?

Literal Version

_them with_them and_descendants_of_their to_eyes_of_their. **9** Houses_of_their are_safety from_fear and_not the_rod_of god is_on_them. **10** Bull_of_his it_impregnates and_not it_fails cow_ _of_his it_calves and_not it_miscarries. **11** They_send_forth like_flock boys_of_their_young and_children_of_their they_ _leap_about. **12** They_lift according_to_tambourine and_harp and_they_rejoice to_sound/voice a_flute. **13** They_complete[63] in_good days_of_their and_in_a_moment Shə'ōl they_go_down. **14** And_they_said to_god depart from_him/it and_the_ _knowledge_of your(pl)_ways_of_your not we_desire. **15** What is_the_almighty that/for/because/then/when we_will_serve_ _him and_what will_we_gain that/for/because/then/when we_ _will_entreat in/on/over_him/it. **16** THERE not is_in_their_ _own_of_hand prosperity_of_their the_counsel_of wicked_ _people it_is_far from_me. **17** How_often the_lamp_of wicked_ _people is_it_extinguished and_does_it_come on_them calamity_of_their pain(s) does_he_apportion in_anger_of_his. **18** Are_they like_straw to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_ _wind and_like_chaff which_it_has_stolen_it a_storm-wind. **19** god he_stores_up for_children_of_his wickedness_of_his let_ _him_repay to_him/it so_that_he_may_know. **20** Let_them_see his_own[64] destruction_of_his and_from_the_rage_of the_ _almighty let_him_drink. **21** If/because what pleasure_of_is_his in_household_of_his after_him and_the_number_of his_ _months_of_his they_have_been_cut_off. **22** To_god will_ _anyone_teach knowledge and_he exalted_ones he_judges. **23** This_one he_will_die in_the_substance_of his_completeness_ _of_his of_him_of_all is_at_ease and_at_ease. **24** Pails_of_his they_are_full milk and_the_marrow_of his_bones_of_his it_is_ _watered. **25** And_this he_will_die with_a_soul bitter and_not he_has_eaten in_good_of. **26** Together on dust they_will_lie and_a_maggot it_will_cover over_them. **27** HERE I_know thoughts_of_your(pl) and_the_schemes which_on_me you(pl)_ _do_violence. **28** If/because you(pl)_say where is_the_house_of a_noble_person and_where is_the_tent_of the_dwelling_places_ _of wicked_people. **29** Not have_you(pl)_asked those_who_pass_ _by_of the_road and_signs_of_their not do_you(pl)_recognize. **30** If/because_that to_a_day_of calamity an_evil_person he_is_ _spared to_a_day_of furi(es) they_are_brought_forth. **31** Who will_he_tell on his/its_faces/face its_road/course and_he he_ _has_done who will_he_repay to_him/it. **32** And_he to_the_ _grave(s) he_will_be_borne and_over a_tomb someone_will_ _keep_watch. **33** They_will_be_sweet to_him/it the_clods_of the_wadi and_after_him every_of person he_will_follow and_ _before_face_of_him there_is_not number. **34** And_how will_ _you_comfort_me vanity and_answers_of_your(pl) unfaithfulness it_remains.

63 LV 21:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ולבי**: (x-qere) '**וְלִבְּי**': lemma_3615 morph_HVpi3mp id_18Kmu **וְלִבְּי**

64 LV 21:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/ניע**: (x-qere) '**וְנֵיעַ**': lemma_5869 a morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_18Pf6 **ו/נֵיעַ**

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22:1 And_ ʾElīfaz the_Tēymānī _he_answered and_he_said. **2** To_ _god a_man will_he_be_of_use if/because will_he_be_of_use on_ _him a_wise_one. **3** Does_pleasure belong_to_the_almighty that/for/because/then/when you_are_righteous and_if profit that/for/because/then/when you_make_blameless ways_of_ _your. **4** From_fear_of_your does_he_reprove_you does_he_go with_you in_judgement. **5** Not evil_of_is_your great and_there_ _is_not an_end to_iniquities_of_your. **6** If/because you_have_ _held_in_pledge brothers_of_your without_cause and_the_ _garments_of naked_people you_have_stripped_off. **7** Not water the_weary you_have_given_to_drink and_from_the_hungry you_have_withheld bread. **8** And_a_person_of arm to_him/it the_earth/land and_one_uplifted_of face he_dwells in_it. **9** Widows you_have_sent_away empty and_the_arms_of fatherless_ones it_has_been_crushed. **10** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so are_around_of_you snares and_it_ _terrifies_you dread suddenly. **11** Or darkness not you_will_see and_an_abundance_of water it_will_cover_you. **12** Not is_god the_height_of heaven and_look_at the_top_of[67] the_stars if/because_that they_are_high. **13** And_you_say what god does_ _he_know through thick_darkness will_he_judge. **14** Clouds are_ _a_hiding_place to_him/it[68] and_not he_will_see and_the_ _circle_of heaven he_walks_about. **15** A_path_of antiquity will_ _you_keep which men_of wickedness they_have_trodden. **16** Who they_were_seized and_not an_appropriate_time a_river foundation_of_their it_was_poured_out. **17** Who_were_saying to_god depart from_him/it and_what the_almighty will_he_do to_them. **18** And_he he_filled houses_of_their good_thing[s] and_the_counsel_of wicked_people it_is_far from_me. **19** righteous_people they_see_it and_they_rejoice and_the_ _innocent he_mocks (to)_them. **20** If not adversary_of_our he_ _has_been_destroyed and_abundance_of_their fire it_has_ _consumed. **21** Be_reconciled please with_him/it and_be_at_ _peace[69] (is)_in_them it_will_come_to_you good. **22** Accept

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And which are the tents that the wicked people live in?'
29 Haven't you all asked those travelling on the roads?
Don't you all accept their reports
30 that evil people are spared from the day of calamity—
that they are led away from that day of anger?
31 Who will denounce their actions to their faces?
Who will repay them for the evil they've done?
32 They'll be carried off to the cemetery,
and someone will keep watch over their tombs.
33 The clods of the riverbed will be sweet to them.
Everyone will follow along behind them,
and no one can count those who go in front of them.
34 So how can vanity be of comfort to me?
It's only faithlessness that remains from the replies that you all have given.

Elifaz's third response to Iyov[65]

22:1 Then Elifaz (from Teyman) responded to Iyov (Job):
Elifaz
2 Can a human be of use to God?
Might a wise person be of any use to him?[66]
3 Does it give pleasure to the provider if you're innocent?
Will he benefit if you're blameless in your actions?
4 Does he scold you for your religiosity?
Does he go with you into judgement?
5 Your wickedness is really bad,
and there's no end to your evil actions.
6 You've forced your brothers into unnecessary debt to you.
You've demanded clothes in payment and left people naked.
7 You never gave exhausted people anything to drink,
and you refused to give food to those who were hungry.
8 The land belongs to a powerful man.
A man who was honoured lives on it.
9 You sent widows away empty-handed,
and the strength of orphans has been crushed.
10 Because of that there's traps set all around you,
and sudden fear terrifies you,
11 or darkness so you can't see,
and a flood of water covers you.
12 Isn't God as high as the sky,
and look at how high the tops of those stars are!
13 You might ask, 'What does God know?
Will he judge through thick darkness?
14 Clouds block things off from him so he can't see.
He walks around way up there on top of the heavens.'
15 Will you stay on the ancient paths,

65 RV 22:1 · Parallel 22:1–27:23

66 RV 22:2-3 · Cross-ref. Yob 35:6-8.

67 LV 22:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

68 LV 22:14 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

69 LV 22:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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on which wicked people regularly tread?
16 They were captured at an inappropriate time—
a torrent of water poured over their foundations.
17 They had told God, 'Leave us alone,'
and 'What can the provider do for us?'
18 But he had filled their houses with good things,
and I keep far away from the advice of wicked people.
19 Godly people are happy when they see that, WHAT?
and innocent people mock them. WHO?
20 If he didn't destroy our enemies, MEANING?
and fire has destroyed what was left. MEANING?
21 Now be reconciled with him and at peace.
Doing that will bring good to you.
22 Just accept his advice,
and keep thinking about his words.
23 If you return to the provider, you'll be encouraged.
He'll remove injustice from your living situation.
24 Throw your gold onto the dust on the ground,
and fine gold onto the stones in the riverbed.
25 Then the provider will be your gold,
and be heaps of silver to you.
26 Then you'll enjoy your relationship with the provider,
and you'll raise your head towards God.
27 You'll pray to him and he'll listen to you,
and you'll fulfil your promises to him.
28 Once you decide on something, it'll be done for you,
and light will shine on all your paths.
29 People are humbled and then honoured again,
and he will save those who humble themselves.
30 He will set free those who aren't innocent,
and they'll be rescued with the cleanness of your hands.

Iyov's third response to Elifaz

23:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Elifaz and the others:
Iyov
2 Even today my complaint is bitter.
I'm groaning because my situation is so difficult.
3 If only I knew where to find him
I would have gone to his place.
4 I would present my case to him,
and I would expound all my arguments,
5 I want to know how he'd answer,
and to understand what he'll say to me.
6 Would he use his incredible power to dispute my case?
No, surely he'd pay attention to me.
7 An honest person could reason with him there,
and I would be set free forever by the one judging me.
8 Look, I go to the east but he isn't there,

Literal Version

please from_mouth_of_his instruction and_put
words/messages_of_his in_heart_of_your. **23** If you_will_return
to the_almighty you_will_be_built_up you_will_remove
injustice from_tent_of_your. **24** And_put on the_dust gold and_
_among_the_rock[s]_of wadis gold_of_'Ōfir. **25** And_it_was the_
_almighty gold(s)_of_your and_silver_of heaps to/for_you(fs).
26 If/because then on the_almighty you_will_take_delight and_
_you_will_lift_up to god face_of_your. **27** You_will_pray to_
_him/it and_he_will_hear_you and_vows_of_your you_will_pay.
28 And_you_will_decide a_matter[70] and_it_will_be_fulfilled
to/for_you(fs) and_on ways_of_your light it_will_shine.
29 If/because people_brought_low and_she/it_said up and_the_
_lowly_of eyes he_will_save. **30** He_will_deliver[71] not an_
_innocent_person and_he_will_be_delivered by_the_cleanness_
_of your_two's_palms_of_your.

23:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Also the_
_day the_rebellion my_complaint_of_my hand_of_my it_is_
_heavy on groaning_of_my. **3** Who will_he_give I_knew and_I_
_will_find_him I_will_come to place_of_his. **4** Let_me_set_in_
_order before_him a_case and_mouth_of_my let_me_fill
arguments. **5** I_want_to_know the_words/messages which_he_
_will_answer_me and_I_want_to_understand what will_he_say
to_me. **6** With_greatness_of power[72] will_he_conduct_a_case
with_me no surely he he_will_put on_me. **7** There an_upright_
_person will_be_reasoning with_him/it and_I_will_deliver to_
_perpetuity from_judge_of_my. **8** HERE forward I_go and_not_
_existing_he and_backwards and_not I_perceive to_him/it.
9 The_left_side when_acts_he and_not I_see_him he_turns the_
_right_side and_not I_see_him. **10** If/because he_knows the_way
with_me he_has_tested_me like_gold I_will_come_forth. **11** On_
_step_of_his foot_of_my it_has_taken_hold its_road/course I_
_have_kept and_not I_have_turned_aside. **12** The_command_of
his_lips_of_his and_not I_have_ceased more_than_of_my_

70 LV 22:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
71 LV 22:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
72 LV 23:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_portion I_have_treasured_up the_words/messages_of his_
_mouth_of_his. **13** And_he is_(in)_one and_who will_he_turn_
_him_back and_self_of_his it_has_desired and_he_has_done.
14 If/because he_performs decree_of_my and_like_them many
with_him/it. **15** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so of_him I_am_
_terrified I_consider and_I_am_in_dread from_him. **16** And_god
he_has_made_timid heart_of_my and_the_almighty he_has_
_terrified_me. **17** If/because not I_have_been_silenced from_
_face/in_front_of darkness and_from_before_of_me gloom it_
_covers.

24:1 Why from_the_almighty not times have_they_been_stored_
_up who_know_him[73] not have_they_seen his/its_days.
2 Borders people_reach flock[s] they_seize and_they_have_
_pastured_them. **3** The_donkey_of fatherless_ones they_drive_
_away they_take_as_pledge the_ox_of a_widow. **4** They_thrust_
_aside needy_people from_the_path together the_poor_people_
_of the_earth they_are_made_to_hide_themselves. **5** THERE
wild_donkeys in_wilderness they_go_forth in_work_of_their
seeking_eagerly_of for_food a_wilderness_plain to_him/it food
for_children. **6** In_the_field fodder_of_his they_harvest[74] and_
_the_vineyard the_wicked they_glean. **7** Naked they_spend_
_the_night from_not_of clothing and_there_is_not covering in_
_coldness. **8** From_the_rainstorm_of the_mountains they_are_
_wet and_from_not shelter they_embrace the_rock. **9** People_
_tear_away from_the_breast a_fatherless_one and_on the_poor
they_take_pledges. **10** Naked they_go_about not clothing and_
_hungry they_carry a_sheaf. **11** Between rows_of_their they_
_press_out_oil winepresses they_tread and_they_were_thirsty.
12 From_the_city men they_groan and_the_throat_of those_
_fatally_wounded it_cries_for_help and_god not he_puts
offensiveness. **13** They they_are among_those_who_rebel_
_against_of (of)_the_light not they_pay_regard_to ways_of_its
and_not they_dwell in_paths_of_its. **14** To_the_light a_murderer
he_rises he_kills the_poor and_the_needy and_in_the_night he_
_is like_thief. **15** And_the_eye_of an_adulterer it_watches_for
twilight to_say not it_will_observe_me an_eye and_covering_of
face he_puts. **16** He_digs_into in_darkness houses by_day they_
_seal_up for_themselves not they_know light. **17** If/because
together is_morning for_them deep_darkness if/because he_is_
_acquainted_with the_sudden_terror(s)_of deep_darkness.
18 Is_swift he on the_surface_of the_waters portion_of_their it_
_is_cursed on_the_earth not anyone_turns the_direction_of
vineyards. **19** Drought also heat they_snatch_away the_waters_
_of snow Shə'ōl those_who_they_have_sinned. **20** It_forgets_

Readers' Version

and to the west but I can't detect him there.
9 He works in the north, but I can't see him,
and when he turned south, I didn't spot him.
10 Nevertheless, he knows the path that I've taken.
He's tested me and I've come out like refined gold.
11 My feet have followed in his tracks.
I've kept to the path without wavering.
12 I've always obeyed what he commanded,
and I've valued his words more than my daily food.
13 But he's independent so who could dissuade him?
He does whatever he wants to do.
14 He carries out what's been decided for me,
and he knows so much about me.
15 That's why I'm terrified in his presence,
I'm afraid of him when I consider all that.
16 God has caused me to be faint-hearted.
The provider has terrified me.
17 I haven't been silenced when facing the darkness,
or by the fog that covers my face.

Iyov complains about continued evil

24:1 Why doesn't the provider store up the times,
and those who know him never see him age?
2 People move boundaries.
They steal sheep and goats and graze them.
3 They drive away the donkey of a family who lost the husband.
They take the widow's ox as payment for a pledge.
4 They turn needy people off the road.
The poor people in the land mustn't be seen.
5 Indeed, the poor work in the desert.
The wilderness is their field where they search for something to eat.
6 They harvest whatever they can find in the countryside,
and they gather grapes left behind in the wicked peoples' vineyards.
7 They spend the night under-dressed from lack of clothing,
and have nothing to cover themselves with in the cold.
8 They get soaked by the showers in the hills,
and huddle against the rocky ledge for shelter.
9 They pull the fatherless baby from the breast,
and take the children from poor families to pay their debt.
10 Without clothing, they walk around under-dressed.
Harvesting for others, they're feeling hungry.
11 They squeeze out olive oil at the press.
They tread the juice out of the grapes while they thirst.
12 People groan in the cities,
and wounded souls cry out.
but God seems to not be offended.
13 They're in with those rebelling against the light.

73 LV 24:1 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/עדי/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יָעֲדֵי/ו': lemma_c/3045 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqrmpc/Sp3ms id_186Qq ו/יָעֲדֵי/ו

74 LV 24:6 · Note OSHB variant note: וריצקי: (x-qere) 'ורֹוָצְקִי': lemma_7114 b n_1 morph_HVqi3mp id_18Afb וּרֹוָצְקִי

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They take no notice of his ways,
and they don't stay on his paths.
14 At first light, the murderer gets up and kills the poor,
and in the night he's like a thief.
15 The adulterer watches out for the twilight,
saying that no one will see him,
and he puts a covering over his face.
16 They dig into people's houses in the dark,
but they stay hidden away during the day—
they don't know what daylight is.
17 To them, morning is like deep darkness.
They're familiar with the terrors of deep darkness.
18 They're swift on the surface of the waters.
Their portion of the land is cursed.
No one goes in the direction of their vineyards.
19 Drought as well as heat will snatch away the snow.
The grave will do the same to those who have sinned.
20 The womb will forget them—the worm will dine on them.
They won't be remembered again—injustice is like a broken tree.
21 He devours the barren woman who's never had a child.
He doesn't do anything good to the widow.
22 He uses his strength to drag powerful people away.
He rises but no one trusts in life. WHAT???
23 He gives him support and security,
and his eyes are on their ways.
24 They're promoted for a while then they're gone.
Then they're cut down and gathered up like wheat,
then they wither like the stalks of grain.
25 If that isn't true, then who will prove me a liar
and demonstrate that my words mean nothing?

Bildad's third response to Iyov

25:1 Then Bildad (from Shuah) responded to Iyov (Job):
Bildad
2 Dominion and fear belong to God.
He establishes peace in his high places.
3 Can his troops be counted?
Is there anyone who his light doesn't shine on?
4 How can a person be innocent before God?
How could a human born from a women be pure?
5 Look, even the moon isn't clear to us,
and the stars seem fuzzy in our sight.
6 Indeed, a person's just like an insect,
and human offspring are as insignificant as worms.

Iyov's response to Bildad

26:1 Then Iyov (Job) responded to Bildad:
Iyov
2 How have you helped those without power?
How have you saved those who are weak?
3 How well you have advised those without wisdom,
and displayed many good things.
4 Who did you tell all that to,
and whose spirit spoke through you?

Literal Version

_him the_womb it_sucks_on_him maggot[s] again not he_is_
_remembered and_it_was_broken like_tree injustice. **21** He_is_
_feeding_on a_barren_woman who_not she_gives_birth and_a_
_widow not he_does_good_to. **22** And_he_drags_off mighty_
_ones by_power_of_his he_rises and_not anyone_trusts in_life.
23 He_gives to_him/it to_security and_he_supports_himself
and_eyes_of_his are_on ways_of_their. **24** They_are_exalted a_
_little and_not_existing_he and_they_are_brought_low like_
_everyone they_are_contracted and_like_a_head_of ears_of_
_grain they_wither. **25** And_if not then who will_he_prove_me_
_a_liar and_will_he_make into_nothing speech_of_my.

25:1 And_ Bildad the_Shuhite _he_answered and_he_said.
2 Dominion and_dread with_him/it he_is_making peace in_
_heights_of_his. **3** Is_there number to_troops_of_his and_on
whom not light_of_his does_it_rise. **4** And_what a_person will_
_he_be_righteous with god and_what one_born_of a_woman
will_he_be_pure. **5** THERE up_to the_moon and_not it_is_clear
and_the_stars not they_are_pure in_eyes_of_his. **6** Indeed
if/because a_person a_maggot and_a_child_of humankind a_
_worm.

26:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered and_he_said. **2** How you_
_have_helped (to)_not power you_have_saved the_arm_of not
strength. **3** How you_have_counselled (to)_not wisdom and_
_sound_wisdom to_increase_in_number you_have_made_
_known. **4** With whom have_you_told words/messages and_
_the_breath_of whom has_it_gone_out from_you. **5** The_shades
they_are_made_to_tremble from_under the_waters and_those_
_of_which_dwell_in_them. **6** Is_naked Shə'ōl before_him and_
_there_is_not a_covering for_'Avaddōn. **7** He_is_stretching_out

Literal Version

the_north over emptiness he_is_hanging the_earth on not whatever. **8** He_is_binding_up waters in_clouds_of_his and_not the_cloud it_is_split_open under_them. **9** He_is_covering the_ _surface_of the_throne he_spreads on/upon/above_him/it cloud_of_his. **10** A_limit he_has_drawn_a_circle on the_surface_ _of the_waters to the_end_of light with darkness. **11** The_ _pillars_of heaven they_shake and_they_are_astonished from_ _rebuke_of_his. **12** By_power_of_his he_stirred_up the_sea and_ _in/on/at/with[75] he_smashed Rahav. **13** By_wind_of_his the_ _heavens are_clearness his/its_hand it_pierced the_snake fleeing. **14** THERE these are_the_ends_of mmm[76] and_what a_ _whisper_of a_message we_hear in/on/over_him/it and_the_ _thunder_of mmm[77][78] who will_he_understand.
27:1 And_ ʾIyyōv/(Job) _he_repeated to_take_up discourse_of_ _his and_he_said. **2** By_the_life god who_he_has_taken_away right_of_my and_the_almighty who_he_has_made_bitter self_ _of_my. **3** If/because all_of still breath_of_my is_in_me and_ _spirit god is_in_nose_of_my. **4** If lips_of_my they_will_speak injustice and_tongue_of_my if it_will_utter deceit. **5** Far_be_it to/for_me if I_will_declare_right you(pl) until I_will_expire not I_will_put_aside integrity_of_my from_me. **6** On_righteousness_ _of_my I_have_kept_hold and_not I_will_let_it_go not heart_of_ _my it_reproaches any_of_my_days. **7** May_he_be like_a_ _wicked_person enemy_of_my and_one_of_who_raises_himself_ _against_me like_an_unjust_person. **8** If/because what is_the_ _hope_of a_godless_person if/because he_will_cut_off if/because god he_will_take_away life_of_his. **9** Cry_of_his will_ _he_hear god if/because it_will_come on/upon/above_him/it distress. **10** Or on the_almighty will_he_take_delight will_he_ _call_on god in_all time. **11** I_will_instruct you(pl) in_the_hand_ _of god that_which is_with the_almighty not I_will_hide. **12** THERE you(pl) of_you_of_all you(pl)_have_seen and_for_ _what this vanity do_you(pl)_become_vain. **13** This is_the_ _portion_of a_person wicked with god and_the_inheritance_of ruthless_people which_from_the_almighty they_will_receive. **14** If children_of_his they_will_increase for the_sword and_ _descendants_of_his not they_will_be_satisfied bread. **15** His[79] by_death they_will_be_buried and_widows_of_his not they_ _will_weep. **16** If he_will_heap_up like_dust silver and_like_clay he_will_prepare clothing. **17** He_will_prepare_it and_a_ _righteous_person he_will_wear_it and_the_silver the_innocent he_will_divide_up. **18** He_has_built like_moth house_of_his and_ _like_a_shelter a_watchman which_he_has_made. **19** Rich he_ _will_lie_down and_not he_will_be_removed eyes_of_his he_ _opens and_it_is_not. **20** It_overtakes_him like_waters sudden_ _terror(s) night it_steals_him_away a_storm-wind. **21** It_will_ _lift_him_up an_east_wind and_he_will_go and_it_will_sweep_ _him_away from_place_of_his. **22** And_he_will_throw_it on/upon/above_him/it and_not he_will_show_pity from_hand_ _of_his headlong_(flee) he_will_flee. **23** Someone_will_clap on_

Readers' Version

5 The dead will be made to tremble
from beneath the water and their inhabitants. ???
6 The grave is wide open before him,
and AVADON has no covering.
7 He stretches out the north over empty space.
He hangs the earth on nothing at all.
8 He attaches the water into his clouds,
but the cloud isn't torn apart by it.
9 He covers the surface of the THRONE/MOON.
He spreads his cloud above it.
10 He's drawn a circle to mark the limit of the waters,
and to mark the boundary between light and darkness.
11 The pillars of heaven shake,
and they're astounded when he scolds them.
12 He stirs up the sea with his power,
and using his know-how he smashed RAHAV.
13 By his breath he makes the skies clear.
His hand pierced the fleeing snake.
14 Listen, those are the ends of his ways,
and how we hear just a whisper of a word.
And who can interpret the thunder of his power?
27:1 Then Iyov (Job) continued speaking:
2 Although God lives, who's taken justice away from me,
and the provider who's made my soul bitter,
3 I still have my breath in me,
and God's breath remains in my nostrils.
4 If my lips speak wickedness,
if my tongue speaks deceitfully,
5 I'll never say that you all are correct—
I won't set aside my integrity before I die.
6 I'm holding tight to my innocence and won't let it go.
There hasn't been a single day when my conscience has reproached me.
7 May my enemies get the same reward as wicked people,
and may my opponents receive the same as unjust people.
8 What hope do godless people have
when he cuts them off,
when God takes away their lives?
9 Will God hear their cries
when troubles hit them?
10 If they delight themselves in the provider,
will they call on God at all times?
11 I'll teach you all about God's power.
I won't hide anything about the provider.
12 Yes, all of you have seen this for yourselves,

75 **LV 26:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תנבות/ב/ו: (x-qere) ו/תָּנוּבָת/ב/ו: lemma_c/b/8394 n_0.0 morph_HC/R/Ncfsc/Sp3ms id_18EUu וְתָנוּבָתְ/בְ/וֹ

76 **LV 26:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/כרד: (x-qere) ו/כָּרְדוֹ: lemma_1870 n_1.1 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_18jpx וְכָרְדוֹ

77 **LV 26:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תרובנ: (x-qere) ו/תוֹרוּבָּנוֹ: lemma_1369 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_18hwb וְתוֹרוּבָּנוֹ

78 **LV 26:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

79 **LV 27:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דירש: (x-qere) ו/יְדִירֵשׁ: lemma_8300 n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18FeL וְיְדִירֵשׁ

Readers' Version

so why do you vainly speak such nonsense?
13 This is the wicked people's portion from God,
and the inheritance that ruthless people will receive from the provider:
14 If they have many children, they'll die in battle,
and their offspring won't have enough food to eat.
15 Those who remain will be buried by deadly diseases,
and their widows won't be there to weep for them.
16 If they heap up silver like the dust,
and pile up clothes like clay mounds,
17 although the wicked piled it up, the godly people will wear them,
and innocent people will divide up the silver.
18 The wicked build easily-broken houses like the moths do,
and like temporary shelters that a guard quickly makes.
19 They're wealthy when they lie down, but that's that—
when they open their eyes, it's gone.
20 Terrors overtake them like a flood.
A gale carries them away in the night.
21 The east wind carries them away then they're gone,
and it sweeps them out from their places.
22 It hurls itself against them without mercy.
They hurriedly flee from its power.
23 That wind claps its hands at them,
and hisses at them from its place.

Iyov

SECTION THREE:[80]
· Praising wisdom

28:1 Surely there's a mine where silver is extracted,
and a place where gold is refined.
2 Iron is taken from the ground,
and copper is smelted from rock.
3 People have ways to end the darkness.
They search the furthest places
for the stone of gloom and deep darkness. ???
4 They break open a shaft far from villages—
where feet have forgotten to go.
They hang down on ropes and swing around far from people.
5 Food comes from the land on the surface of the earth,
but underneath it keeps changing like fire.
6 Its rocks are a source of sapphires,
and its dust a source of gold.
7 The birds of prey don't know that path,
and the falcon's eye hasn't seen it.
8 The sons of pride haven't walked on it.
The lion hasn't passed over it.
9 The miner works the flinty rock with his hands.
He overturns mountains by their roots.
10 He splits open shafts in the rocks,

Literal Version

_him palms_of_his and_he_will_hiss on/upon/above_him/it from_place_of_his.

28:1 If/because there_is for_silver a_mine and_a_place for_gold which_people_refine. **2** Iron from_the_dust it_is_taken and_ _stone_of copper someone_pours_out. **3** An_end someone_puts to_darkness and_to/for_all end he is_searching_for the_stone_ _of gloom and_deep_darkness. **4** He_breaks_open a_shaft away_ _from_with one_who_sojourns (the)_forgotten from foot they_ _hang_down away_from_humankind they_swing. **5** The_earth from_her/it food it_comes_forth and_under_it it_is_turned_ _over like fire. **6** Are_a_place_of sapphire stones_of_its and_ _dust(s)_of gold to_him/it. **7** The_path not it_knows_it a_bird_ _of_prey and_not it_catches_sight_of_it the_eye_of a_black_kite. **8** Not they_tread_it the_sons_of pride not it_passes_by on/upon/above_him/it a_lion. **9** On_flint he_stretches_out his/its_hand he_overturns from_the_root mountains. **10** In_ _rocks shafts he_splits_open and_all precious_thing eye_of_his it_sees. **11** From_weeping rivers he_restrains and_what_is_ _hidden[81] he_brings_out light. **12** And_(the)_wisdom from_ _where will_it_be_found and_where this is_the_place_of understanding. **13** Not humankind he_knows valuation_of_its and_not it_is_found in_land of_the_living_ones. **14** The_deep it_ _says not is_in_me it and_the_sea it_says not_it with_me. **15** Not fine_gold it_will_be_given for_it and_not silver it_will_be_ _weighed_out price_of_its. **16** Not it_will_be_paid in_(the)_gold_ _of ʾŌfīr in_onyx precious and_sapphire. **17** Not it_will_be_ _comparable_to_it gold and_glass and_is_exchange_of_its a_ _vessel_of pure_gold. **18** Corals and_crystal not it_is_

80 **RV 28:1 · Parallel** 28:1-28

81 **LV 28:11 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_remembered and_Meshek wisdom is_more_than_corals. **19** Not it_will_be_comparable_to_it (the)_topaz_of Kūsh/(Cush) in_ _gold pure not it_will_be_paid.

20 And_(the)_wisdom from_where does_it_come and_where this is_the_place_of understanding. **21** And_it_has_been_ _concealed from_the_eyes_of every_of living_thing and_from_ _the_bird[s]_of the_heavens it_has_been_hidden. **22** 'Avaddōn and_death they_say with_ears_of_our we_have_heard report_ _of_its. **23** god he_understands way_of_its and_he he_knows ~~DOM~~ place_of_its. **24** If/because he[83] to_the_ends_of the_ _earth/land he_looks under all_of the_heavens he_sees. **25** For_ _doing for_wind weight and_water he_has_measured with_a_ _measure. **26** When_made_he[84] for_rain a_decree and_a_path for_the_storm_of thunder_claps. **27** Then he_saw_it and_he_ _recounted_it he_established_it and_also he_examined_it. **28** And_he/it_said to_humankind HERE the_fear_of my_master it is_wisdom and_to_turn from_evil is_understanding.

29:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_repeated to_take_up discourse_of_ _his and_he_said. **2** Who will_he_give_me like_months_of long_ _ago like_the_days_of (of)_when_god he_watched_over_me. **3** When_he_made_shine lamp_of_his over my_head to_light_of_ _his I_walked darkness. **4** Just_as I_was in_the_days_of my_ _prime_of_my in_the_intimacy_of god on tent_of_my. **5** While_ _still the_almighty with_me were_around_of_me lads_of_my. **6** When_ steps_of_my _bathed in_curd[s] and_a_rock it_poured_

Readers' Version

and his eyes notice everything that's valuable.
11 He dams up rivers upstream towards the source,
then hidden things are brought into the light.
12 But where can **wisdom** be found,
and where does understanding live?
13 People don't know their worth,
and it's not found in the land of the living.
14 The deep waters say, 'I don't have it,'
and the ocean says, 'It's not in me.'
15 Gold can't be used to obtain it,
and silver can't be weighed out to match its price.
16 Even the gold from Ofir can't be used to pay for wisdom,
nor can precious onyx stones and sapphires.
17 Neither gold nor clear glass can equal it,
and it can't be exchanged for a gold goblet.
18 It's not even worth mentioning coral and jasper.
Yes, **wisdom** is way more expensive than pearls.
19 The good topaz from Kush (Ethiopia) can't be compared with it.
It can't be paid for with gold.
20 So then, where does **wisdom** come from?

Wisdom is obeying God

Where then, does understanding live?
21 It's hidden from the eyes of every living creature.
It's even concealed from the birds in the sky.
22 Destruction and death say,
'We've heard a rumour about it with our ears.'
23 But God understands the path to wisdom,
and he knows where it lives,
24 because he can see right around the earth,
and he notices everything under the sky.
25 God determined the weight of the atmosphere,
and he dished out the ocean with his measuring cup.
26 He told the rain how to behave,
and made the paths for the lightning bolts when it thunders.
27 Then he saw wisdom and declared it,
and he established it then searched it out.
28 Then he told humankind,
'Listen, obeying the master—that's **wisdom**,
along with turning away from doing evil.'[82]

SECTION FOUR: Iyov's final speech[85] · Iyov remembers his earlier life

29:1 Then Iyov (Job) continued speaking:
Iyov
2 How I wish for my life in the months of the past,
in the days when God watched over me.
3 When his lamp shone over my head.
When I walked in the darkness by his light.

82 RV 28:28 · Cross-ref. Psa 111:10; Prv 1:7; 9:10.

83 LV 28:24 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

84 LV 28:26 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

85 RV 29:1 · Parallel 29:1–31:40

Readers' Version

4 I was still in my prime in those days,
when God's friendship could be noticed in my home.
5 When the provider was still with me.
When my children were all around me.
6 When my path was greased with butter,
and the rock poured streams of olive oil out for me.
7 When I went to the gathering of the city elders at the city gate.
When I took my seat in the public square.
8 Young men saw me and got out of the way,
and the old people got up and remained standing.
9 The leaders would stop their conversations,
and put their hands over their mouths.
10 The voices of the leading citizens were hushed,
and their tongues stayed on the roofs of their mouths.
11 Those who listened to me commended me,
and those who saw me approved of me,
12 because I rescued the poor who cried out,
and the fatherless who had no one to help them.
13 Those who were close to dying gave me their blessing,
and widows were very pleased that I'd helped them.
14 I put on obedience like a cloak.
My justice was like a robe and a turban.
15 I was the eyes for the blind,
and the feet for the lame.
16 I was a father for the needy,
and I helped strangers present their cases.
17 I broke the jaws[86] of unjust people,
so they had to drop their prey from their teeth.
18 I had thought that I would die in my own home,
having multiplied my days like the sand.
19 My roots are spread out to reach water,
and the dew will lie on my branches overnight.
20 People were always honouring me,
and the bow in my hand will always seem new.
21 They listened to me and they waited,
and they kept silent ready to hear my advice.
22 After my talk, they still didn't speak,
because my words slowly sunk into them like the dew.
23 They waited for me like a farmer waits for rain,
and they opened their mouths wide like soil expecting the wet weather.
24 I smiled at them even when they didn't believe me,
and they didn't cause the delight on my face to falter.
25 I chose their path and I sat as a chief,
and I lived like a king with his troops,
like when someone comforts those who are mourning.
30:1 But now those who are younger than me laugh at me—
those whose fathers I would have refused to have join my

Literal Version

_out with_me streams_of oil. **7** When_I_went_out the_gate on the_town in_square I_prepared seat_of_my. **8** They_saw_me young_men and_they_hid_themselves and_aged_men they_rose they_stood. **9** Chiefs they_restrained (in)_words/messages and_ _a_palm they_put to_mouth_of_their. **10** The_voice_of nobles they_were_hidden and_tongue_of_their to_palate_of_their it_ _stuck. **11** If/because an_ear it_heard and_it_called_me_blessed and_an_eye it_saw and_it_bore_witness_to_me. **12** If/because I_ _rescued the_afflicted who_cried_for_help and_the_fatherless and_not a_helper to_him/it. **13** The_blessing_of one_about_to_ _perish on_me it_came and_the_heart_of a_widow I_made_ _sing_for_joy. **14** righteousness I_put_on and_it_clothed_me was_like_a_robe and_a_turban justice_of_my. **15** Eyes I_was to_ _blind and_was_feet to_lame I. **16** Was_a_father I to_people and_ _a_case_at_law of_the_one_whom_not I_knew I_investigated_it. **17** And_I_broke the_fangs_of the_unjust_person and_from_ _teeth_of_his I_threw the_prey. **18** And_I_said with nest_of_my I_will_expire and_like_sand I_will_increase days. **19** Root_of_my is_opened to water and_dew it_will_remain_overnight on_ _branch[es]_of_my. **20** Honour_of_my is_new with_me and_ _bow_of_my in_hand_of_my it_will_show_newness. **21** To_me people_listened and_they_waited and_they_were_silent for counsel_of_my. **22** After message_of_my not they_did_it_again and_on_them speech_of_my it_dropped. **23** And_they_waited like_rain to_me and_mouth_of_their they_opened_wide for_ _spring_rain. **24** I_laughed to_them not they_believed and_the_ _light_of my_face_of_my not they_made_fall. **25** I_chose way_ _of_their and_I_sat chief and_I_dwelt like_a_king among_ _troop[s] just_as mourners someone_comforts.
30:1 And_now they_have_laughed on_me people_young more_ _than_me to_days whom I_rejected fathers_of_their to_put with the_dogs_of my_flock_of_my. **2** Also the_strength_of their_ _hands_of_their to/for_what to/for_me on_them vigor it_had_ _perished. **3** By_poverty and_by_hunger barren those_who_ _gnaw a_dry_region yesterday devastation and_desolation. **4** Those_who_pluck_off mallow on bush[es] and_the_root_of broom_plants their_food_them. **5** From the_community they_ _are_driven_away people_shout on_them like_thief. **6** On_the_ _slope_of wadis to_dwell holes_of the_ground and_rocks. **7** Between bushes they_bray under weed[s] they_are_joined_ _together. **8** Sons_of a_fool also sons_of not a_name they_have_ _been_scourged from the_earth/land. **9** And_now song_of_ _their_taunt I_have_become and_I_have_become to/for_them (into)_a_message. **10** They_abhor_me they_are_distant from_me and_from_face_of_my not they_have_withheld spittle. **11** If/because mmm[87] he_has_loosened and_he_has_afflicted_ _me and_the_halter from_before_of_me they_have_sent_away. **12** On the_right_side a_brood they_arise feet_of_my they_have_ _sent_away and_they_have_throw_up on_me the_paths_of their_disaster_of_their. **13** They_have_torn_down pathway_of_ _my to_destruction_of_my they_benefit not a_helper belongs_ _to_them. **14** Like_a_breach wide they_come under devastation they_have_rolled_themselves. **15** It_has_been_turned on_me sudden_terror(s) it_pursues like_wind dignity_of_my and_like_ _a_cloud prosperity_of_my it_has_passed_away. **16** And_now

86 RV 29:17 · Note Of course this is figurative language as you can see from the second line of the doublet.

87 LV 30:11 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/רַתִּי: (x-qere) יַ֫/רְתִּי: lemma_3499 b morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_18EEj יַ֫/רְתִּי

Literal Version

on_me life_of_my it_pours_itself_out they_seize_me days_of affliction. **17** Night bones_of_my it_has_pierced from_on_me and_my_gnawing_of_pains not they_rest. **18** With_greatness_of strength[88] clothing_of_my it_disguises_itself like_the_opening_ _of my_tunic_of_my he_girds_me_about. **19** He_has_thrown_me to_mortar and_I_have_become_like like_dust and_ash[es]. **20** I_ _cry_for_help to_you and_not you_answer_me I_have_stood and_you_have_considered_carefully (in)_me. **21** You_change_ _yourself into_one_cruel to_me with_the_might_of your_hand_ _of_your you_are_hostile_towards_me. **22** You_lift_me_up to the_wind[89] you_make_me_ride and_you_dissolve_me success[90]. **23** If/because I_know death you_will_bring_me and_a_house_of appointed_meeting to/from_all/each/any/every living_thing. **24** Surely not on_a_heap_of_ruins anyone_stretches_out a_hand or in_disaster_of_his belongs_to_them a_cry_for_help. **25** (If) not did_I_weep for_the_hard_of day self_of_my was_it_grieved for_person. **26** If/because good I_waited_for and_ evil _it_came and_I_waited for_light and_ gloom _it_came. **27** Parts_of_my_ _inward they_have_been_made_to_boil and_not they_have_ _been_still they_have_confronted_me days_of affliction. **28** Being_dark I_have_gone_about with_not sun I_have_stood in_assembly I_cry_out_for_help. **29** A_brother I_have_become of_jackals and_a_companion of_daughters_of an_ostrich. **30** Skin_of_my[91] it_has_become_black from_on_me and_bone_ _of_my it_has_burnt from heat. **31** And_he/it_was (into)_ _mourning harp_of_my and_flute_of_my to_sound/voice those_ _who_weep.

Readers' Version

sheepdogs!
2 What use was the strength of their arms to me?
Their contentment with life has gone.
3 They're useless due to poverty and hunger.
Gnawing at the dry land that's devastated and uninhabited.
4 They pick mallow leaves off the wild bushes,
and roots of broom trees have become their food.
5 They're driven away from the community,
and people shout at them as if they're thieves,
6 They live out in the river valleys—
in holes in the ground and caves in the cliffs.
7 They bray like animals out between the shrubs.
They're huddled together under the thorn bushes.
8 They're the children of fools, without any name to them.
They've been driven out of the land.
9 But now I'm mocked in their songs,
and my name has been made into a joke by them.
10 They despise me and keep their distance,
yet don't hesitate to spit in my face.
11 God has unstrung my bow and humbled me,
so they don't restrain themselves in my presence.
12 A rabble appears on one side and push my feet away.
They pile up their destructive paths against me.
13 They've torn down my path.
They benefit from my destruction—
there's no helper for them.
14 They come quickly like through a wide breach in the wall.
They have rolled themselves under the devastation.
15 Terrors have been turned against me.
They pursue my honour like the wind,
and my prosperity has disappeared like cloud.
16 Now my life pours itself out within me.
Days of suffering have taken hold of me.
17 Night pierces my bones from upon me,
and the pains that gnaw at me never rest.
18 My clothing is transformed through great strength.
My garment ties me up by the collar.
19 He throws me into the mud,
and I've become like dust and ashes.
20 I call out to you for help
but you don't answer me.
I've stood here and you just look at me.
21 You've changed yourself to become cruel to me.
You use your strength to persecute me.
22 You hold me up to the wind and let it take me.
You toss me around in the storm.
23 I know you are bringing me towards death,
and to the final appointment that everyone has.

88 LV 30:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
89 LV 30:22 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
90 LV 30:22 · Note OSHB variant note: הושת: (x-qere) תְּשׁוּשָׁתִי: lemma_8454 n_0 morph_HNcfsa id_18XBR תְּשׁוּשָׁתִי
91 LV 30:30 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

24 Doesn't someone who's collapsed into a heap stretch out their hand.
In a disaster they cry out for help.
25 Didn't I weep for those having a troubled day?
I was upset when I saw the poor.
26 I waited for good, but it was evil that came.
I waited for light, but it was gloom that came.
27 My insides feel like they're boiling—
they never feel settled,
and my suffering confronts me every day.
28 I go around being dark, but not from the sun.
I've stood in the assembly and called out for help.
29 I've become a brother to jackals,
and a companion of young ostriches.
30 My skin has turned black,
and my bones are burning with fever.
31 So my harp is used for mourning.
My flute accompanies those who are weeping.

Iyov

Iyov's claims of obedience

31:1 I've made an agreement with my eyes,
about how I'll be careful when I look at a young woman.
2 Yes, what would God serve out from above,
and what would our inheritance be from the provider on high?
3 Isn't calamity intended for the disobedient,
and disaster for those who do evil?
4 Doesn't God see my ways,
and count all my steps?
5 If I've walked the life of liars,
and my feet have rushed to be deceitful,
6 let him weigh me on his scales of justice,
and God will acknowledge my integrity.
7 If I have stepped off the path,
or my thoughts have followed my eyes,
or any stain can be seen on my hands,
8 let others eat the crops that I planted,
or let all my crops be pulled out.
9 If my heart has been enticed by a woman,
or I've watched for my chance at my neighbour's door,
10 then may my wife prepare meals for someone else,
and may others take advantage of her.
11 Yes, that would be wicked,
and would be an evil deserving judgement.
12 It's a fire that will devour Avadon, ???
and it would uproot all of my harvest. ???

Literal Version

31:1 A_covenant I_made to_eyes_of_my and_what will_I_look_
_carefully on a_virgin. **2** And_what is_the_portion_of god
(from)_above and_the_inheritance_of the_almighty from_high_
_places. **3** Not does_calamity belong_to_an_unjust_person and_
_misfortune to_those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **4** Not he[93]
does_he_see ways_of_my and_all steps_of_my does_he_count.
5 If I_have_walked with falsehood and_it_has_made_haste to
deceit foot_of_my. **6** Let_him_weigh_me in_balances_of
righteousness and_ god _let_him_acknowledge integrity_of_my.
7 If step_of_my it_turned_aside from the_way and_after eyes_
_of_my heart_of_my it_has_gone and_to_palms_of_my a_
_blemish it_has_stuck.[94] **8** Let_me_sow and_another let_him_eat
and_produce(s)_of_my let_them_be_rooted_up. **9** If heart_of_
_my it_has_been_deceived on a_woman and_at the_doorway_of
my_neighbour_of_my I_have_lain_in_wait. **10** Let_her_grind
for_another wife_of_my and_over_her let_them_bow_down
others. **11** If/because it[95] is_wickedness and[96] is_iniquity
judges. **12** If/because is_a_fire that which_to 'Avaddōn it_will_
_devour and_on/over_all produce_of_my it_will_root_up. **13** If
I_rejected the_cause_of my_male_servant_of_my and_my_
_female_of_servant in_complaint_their with_me. **14** And_what
will_I_do if/because god he_will_arise and_because/when he_
_will_visit what will_I_respond_to_him. **15** Not in_belly the_
_one_of_who_made_me did_he_make_him and_did_he_prepare_
_us in_womb one. **16** If I_restrained from_desire_of poor_people
and_the_eyes_of a_widow I_caused_to_fail. **17** And_I_ate of_
_bread_of_my_piece I_alone and_not a_fatherless_one he_ate
some_of_it. **18** If/because since_youth(s)_of_my he_grew_up_
_with_me like_a_father and_from_the_womb_of my_mother_of_
_my I_guided_her. **19** If I_saw one_who_was_perishing[97] from_

93 **LV 31:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
94 **LV 31:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
95 **LV 31:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: אוה: (x-qere) 'אִיָּה': lemma_1931 morph_HPp3fs id_18fmp אִיָּה
96 **LV 31:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: איה/ו: (x-qere) 'אִוֶּה/ו': lemma_c/1931 n_0.0 morph_HC/Pp3ms id_18NuL אִוֶּה/ו
97 **LV 31:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_not_of clothing and_there_was_not covering for_person. **20** If not they_blessed_me his[98] and_from_the_fleece_of my_lambs_ _of_my he_warmed_himself. **21** If I_brandished on a_fatherless_ _one hand_of_my if/because I_saw in_gate help_of_my. **22** Shoulder_of_my from_shoulder_of_its let_it_fall and_arm_of_ _my from_arm_of_its let_it_be_broken. **23** If/because was_a_fear to_me (the)_calamity_of god and_from_majesty_of_his not I_ _am_able. **24** If I_have_made gold confidence_of_my and_to_ _gold I_have_said of_confidence_of_my_object. **25** If I_rejoiced if/because was_great wealth_of_my and_because/when much hand_of_my it_had_found. **26** If I_saw a_light if/because it_ _shone and_the_moon splendid going. **27** And_it_was_gullible in_secrecy heart_of_my and_ hand_of_my _it_kissed (to)_ _mouth_of_my. **28** Also that[99] is_iniquity calling_for_judgement if/because I_denied (to)_god (from)_above. **29** If I_rejoiced in_ _the_disaster_of one_who_hated_me and_I_excited_myself if/because it_had_found_him calamity. **30** And_not I_have_ _permitted to_ palate_of_my _sin by_asking_for by_a_curse life_ _of_his. **31** If not the_men_of my_tent_of_my they_have_said who will_he_give from_meat_of_his not one_who_is_satisfied. **32** In_street not a_sojourner he_passed_the_night doors_of_my to_path I_opened. **33** If I_have_concealed like_humankind transgressions_of_my by_hiding in_bosom_of_my my_ _perversity/evil/guilt/punishment. **34** If/because I_was_ _terrified_of a_multitude great and_the_contempt_of clans it_ _caused_me_to_be_dismayed and_I_was_silent not I_went_ _outside the_door. **35** Who will_he_give to_me one_who_listens to_me HERE mark_of_my the_almighty let_him_answer_me and_a_document the_person_of my_case_of_my which_he_had_ _written. **36** If not on shoulder_of_my I_will_carry_it I_will_tie_ _it_on a_crown(s) to_me. **37** The_number_of my_steps_of_my I_ _will_tell_to_him like a_chief I_will_approach_him. **38** If on_me land_of_my it_cried_out and_together furrows_of_its they_ _wept. **39** If her/its_vigor/produce[100] I_have_eaten not money and_the_life_of its_owners_of_her I_have_caused_to_breathe_ _out. **40** In_place_of wheat thornbush[es] let_it_come_forth and_in_place_of barley foul_weed[s] the_words/messages_of ʾIyyōv/(Job) they_are_finished.

Readers' Version

13 If I didn't treat my male or female servants fairly,
when they bring their complaints against me,
14 then what would I do if God stood up to judge?
How would I answer when he came to me?
15 Didn't the one who made me in the uterus, also make the servants?
Didn't the same one form us in the womb?
16 If I've been stingy in meeting the needs of the poor,
or have allowed the widow's EYES TO FAIL,
17 or if I ever ate my meal myself
while the orphan there had nothing to eat,
18 because he'd grown up with me like a father to him
and I'd guided the widow since I was very small.
19 If I ever saw someone dying from the cold due to lack of clothing,
or any needy person without a blanket,
20 if the poor haven't blessed me,
or they haven't warmed themselves with wool from my sheep,
21 if I've used my strength against the fatherless,
because I'd be supported by the elders from the city gate,
22 may my upper arm fall away from my shoulder blade,
and may my arm be broken out of its socket,
23 because calamity from God worries me,
and I can't match his greatness.
24 If I've put my trust in gold,
and called fine gold my security,
25 if I've celebrated because of my great wealth,
and because I've been able to accumulate so much,
26 if I've seen the light when it shines,
and the moon advancing in its splendour,
27 and my heart was secretly enticed,
and my hand threw kisses from my mouth,
28 this would also be an evil deserving judgement,[92]
because I would have denied the god above.
29 If I've been happy at the ruin of someone who hated me,
or been glad because calamity found them,
30 I have not allowed my mouth to sin
by demanding their life in a curse.
31 Those who live in my home will declare
that no one has ever been denied food there.
32 No traveller has had to overnight outside on the street—
I've opened my doors to travellers.
33 If I've concealed my disobedience like others do,
by hiding my guilt in my chest,
34 because I feared how the big crowd would react,
and because being on the receiving end of the contempt of the clans terrified me,
then I'd remain silent and wouldn't go outside,

92 **RV 31:28a · Cross-ref.** Yob 31:11b.

98 **LV 31:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/צלח: (x-qere) וְ/יְצָלֵח: lemma_2504 n_1 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_18Bjn וְ/יְצָלֵח

99 **LV 31:28 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

100 **LV 31:39 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

35 If only I had someone to hear my case.
Look, here's my signature.
May the provider answer me
and the indictment that my accuser has written.
36 If I didn't display it up on my shoulder,
I'd tie it around my head like a crown.
37 I would have to give him an account of my every step.
Like a noble, I would go and approach him.
38 If my land cried out against me,
and the ploughed furrows wept together,
39 if I've eaten what it produces with paying fair wages,
or I've caused the death of its owners,
40 then let thornbushes grow up instead of wheat,
and let stinkweed grow up instead of barley.
(That finishes Iyov's (Job's) response.)

SECTION FIVE: Elihu's speeches[101] · Elihu's response

32:1 After that those three men stopped answering Iyov (Job), because they considered that he had just been trying to justify himself. 2 Then Elihu (son of Barak'el the Buzi, from the clan of Ram) got angry with Iyov because Iyov seemed to be claiming that he was in the right rather than God.
3 He was also angry at Iyov's three friends, because they had declared that he was wrong, yet hadn't found any reasonable justification for it. 4 Elihu had waited to speak because they were all older than him, 5 but when he had seen that they didn't really have any answer, he got angry.

Elihu's first speech to Iyov's three friends

6 So now Elihu (son of Barak'el the Buzi) spoke up:
Elihu
I'm only young and all of you are much older than me,
so I was shy and reluctant to give you all my views.
7 I told myself to let the elders speak,
and to let those with much experience share their wisdom.
8 However, each person has a spirit,
and the provider's breath gives us understanding.
9 Not so many people are wise,
and older people don't necessarily understand what's right.
10 So I say, "Listen to me.
I too will declare what I know.
11 Listen, I waited for your words.
I listened to your wise sayings
while you all searched for the right words.
12 I gave you all my full attention, but listen,
none of you could refute Iyov (Job)
or could answer his words.
13 So don't tell yourselves that you displayed wisdom.
It's God who must refute him—not any person.

Literal Version

32:1 And_ the_three_of the_men the_these _they_ceased from_ _answering ᴅᴏᴍ 'Iyyōv/(Job) if/because he was_righteous in_ _his_own_of_eyes. 2 And_it_glowed/burnt the_anger of_'Ēlīhū the_son_of Barakel the_Būzīte from_the_clan_of Rām on_ _'Iyyōv/(Job) anger_of_his it_burnt because justified_he self_ _of_his more_than_god. 3 And_on_the_three_of companions_of_ _his anger_of_his it_burnt on that not they_had_found an_ _answer and_they_had_condemned_as_guilty ᴅᴏᴍ 'Iyyōv/(Job). 4 And_'Ēlīhū he_had_waited ᴅᴏᴍ 'Iyyōv/(Job) in_ _words/messages if/because were_old they from_him/it to_ _days. 5 And_ 'Ēlīhū _he/it_saw if/because_that there_was_not an_answer in_the_mouth_of the_three_of the_men and_ anger_ _of_his _it_glowed/burnt.

6 And_he_answered 'Ēlīhū the_son_of Barakel the_Būzīte and_ _he_said am_young I to_days and_you(pl) are_aged therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_was_anxious and_I_was_afraid[102] from_ _declaring knowledge_of_my you(pl). 7 I_said days let_them_ _speak and_abundance_of years let_them_make_known wisdom. 8 Nevertheless the_spirit it in_a_person and_the_ _breath_of the_almighty it_gives_them_understanding. 9 Not many_people they_are_wise and_old_people they_understand justice. 10 For_so/thus/hence I_say listen to/for_me also I I_ _will_declare knowledge_of_my. 11 HERE I_waited for_ _words/messages_of_your(pl) I_gave_ear to understanding(s)_ _of_your(pl) until you(pl)_searched_for words/messages. 12 And_to_you(pl) I_showed_myself_attentive and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_not (to)_'Iyyōv/(Job) one_who_ _rebuked one_who_answered words/messages_of_his any_of_ _you(pl). 13 Lest you(pl)_should_say we_have_found wisdom god let_him_drive_him_about not a_human. 14 And_not he_ _has_arranged to_me words/messages and_with_ _words/messages_of_your(pl) not I_will_respond_to_him. 15 They_are_dismayed not they_have_answered again they_ _have_moved from_them words/messages. 16 And_will_I_wait if/because not they_speak if/because they_have_stood not they_have_answered again. 17 Also I I_will_answer part_of_my also I I_will_declare knowledge_of_my. 18 If/because I_am_full

101 RV 32:1 · Parallel 32:1–37:24

102 LV 32:6 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

words/messages it_has_constrained_me the_spirit_of my_
_belly_of_my. **19** HERE belly_of_my is_like_wine which_not it_is_
_opened like_wineskins new it_will_be_split_open. **20** Let_me_
_speak so_that_it_may_be_relief to_me let_me_open lips_of_my
so_that_I_may_answer. **21** Not please let_me_lift_up the_face_of
anyone and_near/to anyone not I_will_give_a_title.
22 If/because not I_know I_will_give_a_title like_a_little he_
_will_carry_me_away the_one_of_who_made_me.

33:1 And_but hear please Oh_'Iyyōv/(Job) words/messages_of_
_my and_all words/messages_of_my give_ear_to. **2** HERE please
I_open mouth_of_my tongue_of_my it_speaks on_palate_of_my.
3 Are_the_uprightness_of my_heart_of_my words/messages_of_
_my and_the_knowledge_of my_lips_of_my purified they_utter.
4 The_spirit_of god it_has_made_me and_the_breath_of the_
_almighty it_gives_me_life. **5** If you_will_be_able respond_to_
_me arrange to/for_my_face/front take_your_stand. **6** HERE I
am_like_mouth_of_your to_god from_clay also I I_was_nipped_
_off. **7** HERE of_me_of_dread not it_will_terrify_you and_
_pressure_of_my on_you not it_will_be_heavy.

8 Surely you_have_spoken in_ears_of_my and_the_sound_of
words/messages I_heard. **9** Am_pure I not transgression am_
_innocent I and_not iniquity to_me. **10** HERE occasions on_me
he_finds he_considers_me to_an_enemy to_him/it. **11** He_puts
in_stock[s] feet_of_my he_watches all_of paths_of_my. **12** HERE
this not you_are_in_the_right I_will_answer_you if/because god
he_is_great more_than_a_human. **13** Why to_him/it have_you_
_contended if/because_that all_of words/messages_of_his not
he_answers. **14** If/because on_one_occasion god he_speaks and_
_on_two_occasions not anyone_observes_it. **15** In_a_dream a_
_vision_of the_night when_ deep_sleep _falls on people in_
_slumber(s) on a_bed.

Readers' Version

14 But Iyov hasn't directed his words against me,
and I won't answer him with your answers.
15 They're dismayed and can't answer again.
Their words have run away from them.
16 Should I wait because they're not speaking?
They stand there but haven't answered again.
17 Yes, I too will answer with my share.
I'll declare my opinion as well.
18 Because I'm full of words.
Something inside me compels me.
19 My belly is like pressurised wine.
It'll split open like a new wineskin.
20 Let me speak so I can relax.
I'll open my mouth and answer.
21 I won't take anyone's side,
and I won't flatter anyone with fancy titles.
22 I don't know how to give fancy titles.
My maker would soon take me away.

Elihu asks Iyov to hear him out

33:1 So now Iyov (Job), please hear my speech,
and listen to all my words.
2 Listen, I've opened my mouth.
My tongue is ready to speak.
3 My words come from an honest heart,
and my lips utter what I truly believe.
4 The spirit of God created me,
and the provider gave me life.
5 If you can, answer me.
Get things in order then take a stand.
6 Listen, my words are just like yours in God's sight.
I too was broken off from the clay.
7 Listen, fear of me shouldn't terrify you.
I won't be putting heavy pressure on you.

Elihu responds to Iyov's speeches

8 You've certainly spoken in my hearing,
and I've heard the sound of the words:
9 'I'm blameless—I haven't disobeyed.
I'm innocent—I haven't done anything wrong.
10 Listen, he finds reasons to accuse me.
He considers me as his enemy.
11 He locks my feet in shackles.
He watches me wherever I go.'[103]
12 Listen, you're not right about this.
I'll tell you that God is greater than any person.
13 Why do you argue against him
since he doesn't answer people's questions?
14 God speaks with one person—
with two, but they don't perceive it, ???
15 in a dream or a vision in the night,
when deep sleep falls on those asleep in bed.

103 **RV 33:11 · Cross-ref.** Yob 13:27.

Readers' Version

How God warns people

16 Then he uncovers people's ears,
and seals them with warnings ???
17 to turn people aside from their activities,
and to stop them from becoming proud.
18 He spares their souls from the pit,
and their lives from perishing by the sword.
19 They're chastened on their beds
with constant pain in their bones.
20 They have no desire for bread.
nor do their souls desire food.
21 Their flesh wastes right away from sight.
Their bones, not normally visible, now stick out.
22 Their souls get near to the pit,
and their lives to the messengers of death.
23 If there's a messenger who will mediate for them,
one in a thousand to announce what's right for them,
24 who's gracious to them and says,
'Spare that person from going down to the pit,
because I've found the ransom to pay for them.'
25 Then their flesh renews like that of a child.
They regain their youthful energy.
26 They'll request God's help and he'll accept them.
They'll give happy shouts when they see his face,
and when he repays them for their obedience.
27 They'll sing to others, ??? TC ???
'I sinned and I said that what was wrong was right,
but it wasn't good for me.
28 He's paid the ransom to keep my soul out of the pit,
so I'll live to see the light.'
29 Listen, God does all those things to people several times,
30 to bring their souls back from the pit
so they can be enlightened with the light of life.
31 Pay attention, Iyov (Job), and listen to me.
Stay silent and then I'll speak.
32 If you have words, answer me then.
Speak up because I'd like to hear that you're innocent.
33 But if not, then listen to me.
Remain silent and I'll teach you wisdom.
34:1 Then Elihu continued:
2 Hear my words you wise men,
and listen to me you who are in the know.
3 Yes, our ears test words,
just like our mouth distinguishes tastes.
4 Let's choose justice for ourselves.
Let's discern among ourselves what is good.
5 Because Iyov has declared, 'I'm righteous,

Literal Version

16 Then he_will_uncover the_ear_of people and_with_
_discipline_of_their he_will_seal. **17** To_turn_aside a_person a_
_deed and_pride from_a_man he_will_cover. **18** He_will_keep_
_back life_of_his from the_pit and_life_of_his from_passing_
_away by_missile. **19** He_is_chastened with_pain on bed_of_his
and[107] his_bones_of_his is_constant. **20** And_it_loathes_it life_
_of_his bread and_self_of_his food_of desire. **21** Flesh_of_his it_
_wastes_away from_sight and[108] bones_of_his which_not they_
_were_seen. **22** And_it_drew_near to_pit self_of_his and_life_of_
_his to_who_bring_death. **23** If there_is on/upon/above_him/it
an_messenger a_mediator one of a_thousand to_announce
to/for_'Ādām/humankind uprightness_of_his. **24** And_he_
_showed_favour_to_him and_he/it_said deliver_him from_
_going_down the_pit I_have_found a_ransom. **25** Flesh_of_his it_
_grows_fresh more_than_youth he_returns to_the_days_of his_
_youthful_vigor(s)_of_his. **26** He_prays to god and_he_accepted_
_him and_he/it_saw his/its_faces/face with_a_shout_of_joy
and_he_restored to_a_person righteousness_of_his. **27** He_
_watches over people and_he/it_said I_have_sinned and_
_uprightness I_have_perverted and_not it_was_equal to_me.
28 He_has_ransomed mmm[109] from_passing_on in_pit and[110]
on_light it_will_look. **29** HERE all_of these_things god he_does
two_times three_times with a_man. **30** To_bring_back self_of_
_his from the_pit to_be_lighted_up by_the_light_of the_life.
31 Pay_attention Oh_'Iyyōv/(Job) listen to_me keep_quiet and_I
I_will_speak. **32** If there_are words/messages respond_to_me
speak if/because I_desire to_justify_you. **33** If not you listen to_
_me keep_quiet and_I_will_teach_you wisdom.
34:1 And_ 'Elīhū _he_answered and_he_said. **2** Hear Oh_wise_
_men words/messages_of_my and_you(pl)_who_know give_ear
to_me. **3** If/because the_ear words/messages it_tests and_the_
_palate it_tastes (to)_food. **4** Justice let_us_choose to/for_
_ourselves let_us_recognize between_ourselves what is_good.
5 If/because 'Iyyōv/(Job) he_has_said I_am_righteous and_god
he_has_taken_away right_of_my. **6** On right_of_my will_I_lie is_
_incurable arrow_of_my not transgression. **7** Who is_a_man
like_'Iyyōv/(Job) he_drinks mockery like_water. **8** And_he_
_travels for_company with those_who_do_of (of)_evil and_to_
_walk with people_of wickedness. **9** If/because he_has_said not
a_man it_is_of_use_to when_he_is_pleased with god. **10** For_
_so/thus/hence Oh_people_of[111] heart listen to_me far_be_it
to_god from_wickedness and_the_almighty from_
_unrighteousness. **11** If/because the_work_of a_person he_will_
_repay to_him/it and_according_to_the_way_of a_person he_
_will_make_him_find. **12** Also truly god not he_acts_wickedly
and_the_almighty not he_perverts justice. **13** Who did_he_
_assign on/upon/above_him/it earth_to_the and_who did_he_
_put the_world of_it_of_all. **14** If he_will_set to_him/it his/its_
_heart his/its_breath/wind/spirit and_breath_of_his to_him/it
he_will_gather. **15** All_of flesh it_will_expire together and_
_human/'Ādām to dust it_will_return. **16** And_if understanding
hear this give_ear to_sound/voice my_words/messages_of_my.

107 LV 33:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/ביר**: (x-qere) 'בְּוֹר/ו': lemma_c/7230 morph_HC/Ncbsc id_18BUv בְּוֹר/ו
108 LV 33:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/יפש**: (x-qere) 'וְפִשׁ/ו': lemma_c/8192 morph_HC/VPq3cp id_18koC וְפִשׁ/ו
109 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/שפנ**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/שְׁפָנ': lemma_5315 n_1.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_18J2d וֹ/שְׁפָנ
110 LV 33:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/תיח**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/תָיְחִ/ו': lemma_c/2416 c n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncfsc/Sp3ms id_18Vpi וֹ/תָיְחִ/ו
111 LV 34:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

17 Also one_who_hates_of justice will_he_govern and_if the_
_righteous_one the_mighty_one will_you_condemn_as_guilty.
18 To_say to_a_king worthless_person wicked_one to noble_
_people. **19** Who not he_lifts_up the_faces_of princes and_not
he_regards a_noble_person[112] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before a_poor_person if/because are_the_work_of his_
_hands_of_his of_them_of_all. **20** A_moment they_die and_the_
_middle_of the_night a_people they_are_shaken and_they_
_pass_away and_people_remove the_mighty not by_a_hand.
21 If/because eyes_of_his are_on the_ways_of everyone and_all
steps_of_his he_sees. **22** There_is_not darkness[113] and_there_is_
_not deep_darkness to_hide_themselves there those_who_do_of
(of)_wickedness. **23** If/because not on a_person he_will_appoint
again to_go to god in_judgement. **24** He_breaks mighty_ones
not searching and_he_appointed others in_place_of_them.
25 For_so/thus/hence he_is_acquainted_with deeds_of_their
and_he_overthrows_them night and_they_are_crushed. **26** In_
_place_of wicked_people he_slaps_them in_a_place_of those_
_who_see. **27** That therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_turned_
_aside from_after_him and_all ways_of_his not they_
_considered. **28** To_bring on/upon/above_him/it the_outcry_of
the_poor and_the_outcry_of afflicted_people he_heard. **29** And_
_he he_will_keep_quiet and_who will_he_condemn_him_as_
_guilty and_he_will_hide face and_who will_he_observe_him
and_over a_nation and_over a_person alike. **30** From_ a_person
godless _reigning from_snares_of a_people. **31** If/because to
god has_anyone_said I_have_borne not I_will_act_corruptly.
32 Apart_from that_which_I_see you instruct_me if
unrighteousness I_have_done not I_will_repeat. **33** From_with_
_you will_he_repay_it if/because you_have_rejected if/because
you you_will_choose and_not I and_what do_you_know speak.
34 People_of heart they_will_say to_me and_a_man wise who_
_listens to_me. **35** ʾIyyōv/(Job) not with_knowledge he_speaks
and_words/messages_of_his not are_with_insight. **36** Would_
_that ʾIyyōv/(Job) he_will_be_tested until perpetuity on
answers among_people_of wickedness. **37** If/because he_adds
to sin_of_his transgression between_us he_claps and_he_
_multiplies words/messages_of_his to_god.
35:1 And_ ʾElīhū _he_answered and_he_said. **2** This do_you_
_consider to_justice you_have_said righteousness_of_my is_
_more_than_god. **3** That/for/because/then/when you_say
what will_it_be_of_use to/for_you(fs) what will_I_profit from_
_sin_of_my. **4** I I_will_respond_to_you words/messages and_~~DOM~~
friends_of_your with_you. **5** Look_at the_heavens and_see and_
_observe the_clouds they_are_high more_than_you. **6** If you_
_have_sinned what do_you_do in/on/over_him/it and_
transgressions_of_your _they_have_been_many what do_you_
_do for_him/it. **7** If you_have_been_righteous what do_you_give
to_him/it or what from_hand_of_your does_he_receive. **8** Is_
_for_a_person_of like_yourself wickedness_of_your and_is_for_
_a_child_of humankind righteousness_of_your. **9** From_a_
_multitude_of oppression(s) people_cry_out they_cry_for_help

Readers' Version

but God has deprived me of justice.
6 Would I lie about my rights?
My wound is incurable despite not having disobeyed.'
7 What other person is like Iyov (Job)?
He drinks up mockery like drinking water.
8 He keeps company with those who do evil,
and walks with wicked people.
9 He's said, 'What advantage it is to anyone
when they take delight in pleasing God?'
10 So listen to me you people who understand.
God wouldn't do anything wicked,
and the provider wouldn't do anything wrong.
11 He repays each person according to their actions.[104]
and what happens to them depends on their conduct.
12 Honestly, God doesn't do wicked things,
and the provider doesn't pervert justice.
13 Who assigned him to be over the earth,
and who put the whole world under him?
14 If he set his mind on himself,
gathering his spirit and his breath to himself,
15 everybody would die simultaneously,
and humanity would return to dust.
16 If you have understanding then hear this.
Listen to the words that I say.
17 Would one who hates justice really govern?
Would you condemn the righteous one—the mighty one—as guilty?
18 The one who tells a king that he's worthless.
Yes, who tells a wealthy person that they're wicked.
19 The one who doesn't show favour to princes,
and doesn't favour the rich in front of the poor.
Yes, they're all the work of his hands.
20 They die in a moment—they do a shiver in the middle of the night then pass away.
Even powerful people are taken away without human involvement.
21 His eyes watch over everyone,
he observes all of our steps.
22 There's no darkness or gloom
that wicked people can hide in.
23 He doesn't appoint anyone again
to go to God for judgement.
24 He breaks powerful people without investigation,
and establishes others instead of them[105]
25 because he's familiar with their activities
and overthrows them in the night and they're crushed.
26 He strikes them as wicked people,

104 **RV 34:11 · Cross-ref.** Psa 62:12.

105 **RV 34:24 · Note** TN: Without rewording this last phrase, it can mislead the reader as to whose place the literal 'their place' probably refers to.

112 **LV 34:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

113 **LV 34:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

where everyone can see
27 since they turned away from following him,
and didn't consider any of his ways.
28 They cause the cry of the poor to reach him,
and he heard the cries of the afflicted.
29 If he stays silent, then who would condemn him?
and if he hides his face, then who will see him
although he's over every nation as well as every individual
30 so that godless people shouldn't reign
or ensnare the people.
31 If someone says to God,
'I've endured my punishment—now I'll stop acting corruptly.
32 Complement what I can see by teaching me,
so that if I've disobeyed, I won't repeat it.
33 Must he repay it from with you? ???
Since you despise, then you will choose, not me. ???
So speak out what you do know.
34 People of understanding tell me
along with wise people who listen to me:
35 'Iyov (Job) speaks without knowledge,
and his words lack insight.
36 If only he would be tested to the end—
his answers are like those of wicked people.
37 He adds rebellion to his sin.
He claps among us and multiplies his words against God.
35:1 Then Elihu continued again:
2 Do you consider yourself to be honest
when you've said, 'God knows that I'm innocent.'
3 You ask, 'What does it benefit you?
How am I better off than I would be if I had sinned?'
4 I'll answer you with words,
and answer your three friends as well.
5 Look up at the sky and observe,
and see that the clouds are higher than you.
6 If you disobey him, what do effect could it have on him?
And if your disobedience accumulates, what could that do to him?[106]
7 If you're innocent, what does he gain from that,
or what good thing will he receive due to that?
8 Wickedness only applies to people like us,
and innocence is only a concept for humans.
9 People cry out because there's so much oppression,
they cry for help because some people have so much power.
10 But no one asks, 'Where's God my creator,
who gives us songs in the night,
11 who has taught us more than he taught the animals,
and made us wiser than he made the birds in the sky.
12 When they cry out, he doesn't answer
because of the pride of wicked people.
13 Surely God doesn't listen to empty words.

Literal Version

from_the_arm_of great_people. **10** And_not anyone_has_said
where is_god my_of_maker(s) who_gives songs in_night.
11 Who_teaches_of_us more_than_the_animals_of the_earth
and_more_than_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens he_makes_us_wise.
12 There they_cry_out and_not he_answers from_face/in_front_
_of the_pride_of wicked_people. **13** Surely emptiness not he_
_hears god and_the_almighty not he_observes_it. **14** Indeed
if/because you_will_say[114] not you_observe_him the_case is_
_before_of_him and_you_will_wait to_him/it. **15** And_now
if/because not anger_of_his it_has_punished and_not he_knows
in_folly exceedingly. **16** And_'Iyyōv/(Job) vanity he_opens
mouth_of_his with_not_of knowledge words/messages he_
_multiplies.

106 **RV 35:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Yob 22:2-3.

114 **LV 35:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

36:1 And_ ʾElīhū _he_added and_he_said. **2** Wait to_me a_little so_that_I_may_inform_you if/because_that still are_for_god words/messages. **3** I_will_bear knowledge_of_my (to)_from_afar and_to_maker_of_my I_will_ascribe righteousness. **4** If/because truly not are_falsehood words/messages_of_my one_complete_ _of knowledge(s) is_with_you. **5** THERE god is_mighty and_not he_rejects mighty strength_of heart. **6** Not he_preserves_alive the_wicked and_the_justice_of afflicted_people he_gives. **7** Not he_withdraws from_the_righteous eyes_of_his and_~~DOM~~ kings to_throne and_he_has_made_them_sit to_perpetuity and_they_ _have_become_exalted. **8** And_if they_are_bound in_fetters they_are_caught in_cords_of affliction. **9** And_he_told to/for_ _them work_of_their and_transgressions_of_their if/because_ _that they_were_behaving_proudly. **10** And_he_uncovered ear_ _of_their for_correction and_he/it_said if/because_that they_ _will_turn_away from_wickedness. **11** If they_will_hear and_ _they_will_serve_him they_will_bring_to_an_end days_of_their in_good and_years_of_their in_(the)_things. **12** And_if not they_ _will_hear by_a_missile they_will_pass_away and_they_will_ _expire like_not knowledge.[115] **13** And_people_godless_of heart they_put anger not they_cry_for_help if/because he_has_ _bound_them. **14** It_dies in_youth self_of_their and_life_of_their among_cult_prostitutes. **15** He_rescues the_afflicted by_ _affliction_of_his and_he_uncovers by_oppression ear_of_their. **16** And_also he_has_allured_you from_the_mouth_of distress a_ _broad_space not constraint in_its_place and_the_quietness_of your_table_of_your it_was_full fatness. **17** And_judgement the_ _wicked you_are_full judgement and_justice they_take_hold_of_ _you(pl). **18** If/because rage lest it_should_entice_you in_ _mockery and_the_greatness_of the_ransom not let_it_turn_ _you_aside. **19** Will_ opulence_of_your _it_set_in_order[116] not in_distress and_all/each/any/every the_efforts_of strength. **20** Do_not pant_for the_night to_ peoples _go_up in_their_place. **21** Take_heed do_not turn to wickedness if/because (on) this you_have_chosen more_than_affliction. **22** THERE god he_is_ _exalted in_power_of_his who like_him is_a_teacher. **23** Who has_he_assigned on/upon/above_him/it its_road/course and_ _who has_he_said you_have_done unrighteousness. **24** Remember if/because_that you_will_magnify work_of_his which people they_have_sung. **25** All_of humankind they_have_ _looked in_him/it human[s] he_looks from_a_distance. **26** THERE god is_exalted and_not we_know_him the_number_of his_years_of_his and_not searching. **27** If/because he_draws_up drops_of water they_refine rain to_mist_of_his. **28** Which the_ _clouds they_flow they_drip on humankind numerous. **29** Also if anyone_understands the_spreading_out(s)_of dark_cloud

Readers' Version

Surely the provider doesn't take notice of them.
14 Indeed you'll say that you can't see him.
Your case is in front of him but you're waiting for him.
15 So now in his anger, he hasn't visited,
and he doesn't take much notice of disobedience.
16 So Iyov (Job) opens his mouth for nothing.
He says many words but doesn't know what he's talking about.
36:1 Then Elihu continued:

Elihu continues speaking

Elihu
2 Be patient with me a little longer
and I'll show you that I still have words on God's behalf.
3 I get my knowledge from a wide range of sources,
and as my foundation, I'll use the creator's justice.
4 I can assure you that I won't say anything that's false.
The person with total knowledge is right here in front of you.
5 Listen, God is very powerful but he doesn't despise people.
He's powerful and knows exactly what he wants.
6 He doesn't preserve the life of evil people,
but he gives justice to those who are suffering.
7 He never stops protecting innocent people,
but he establishes kings on their thrones
to rule forever and to be honoured.
8 If they become prisoners in chains,
tangled in the ropes of suffering,
9 then he tells them what they've done and how they disobeyed—
they were behaving proudly.
10 He makes them listen to instruction,
and tells them to stop disobeying.
11 If they would listen and serve him,
they would live out their remaining days in prosperity,
and their remaining years would be pleasant.
12 But if they don't listen,
they'll be killed in battle,
and die without knowing what's coming.
13 Those whose thoughts are godless will remain angry.
They won't cry out for help when he captures them.
14 Their soul dies in its youth,
and their life is among the male temple prostitutes.
15 He uses their suffering to rescue the person suffering,
and makes them listen as a result of their difficulties.
16 Indeed, he's enticed you out of the jaws of distress
to a wide place without constraints,
and he's set your table with rich food.
17 You are always judging wicked people.
You're addicted to judgement and justice.
18 Don't let yourself be enticed by riches,
and don't let a large bribe change your mind.

115 LV 36:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

116 LV 36:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

19 Can your wealth keep distress away from you,
or by using every effort of your strength?
20 Don't wish for the night time,
when people groups are cut off in their place.
21 Watch out that you don't choose evil,
because you've chosen that rather than suffering.
22 Listen, God is honoured because of his power.
Who's a better teacher than him?
23 Who could possibly give orders to him,
and who might accuse him of disobeying?
24 Make sure that you praise his actions,
which people have sung about.
25 All humankind has seen it.
People look at it from a distance.
26 Listen, God must be honoured, but we don't know him.
How could we determine how old he is?
27 He lifts up the droplets of water.
They form into rain from the vapour,
28 which then showers down from the clouds.
They drop down on humankind in large quantities.
29 Who can understand how the clouds spread out?
Or the thundering coming from his porch?
30 Listen, he spreads his lightning out,
and he covers the depths of the sea.
31 He uses them to judge people groups.
He supplies plenty of food.
32 He directs the lightning with his hands,
and instructs it where to strike.
33 Its thundering noise tells about him.
Even the livestock know what's coming.
37:1 My heart also pounds after that
and it jumps away from its place.
2 Listen, hear his thunderous voice,
and the low rumbling that comes from his mouth.
3 He releases the thundering under all the skies,
and his lightning to the end of the earth.
4 After that, a voice roars out.
He thunders with his majestic voice,
and he doesn't restrain the lightning bolts.
5 When God speaks, it's awesome, like thunder,
doing amazing things that we can't even comprehend.
6 He tells the snow when to fall to the earth,
and commands the shower of rain to become a downpour.
7 He puts a seal on everyone's hands,
so that everyone knows that he made them.
8 The wild animals go into their lairs,
and they stay inside their dens.

Literal Version

the_noises_of his_pavilion_of_his. **30** THERE he_spreads_out on/upon/above_him/it light_of_his and_the_roots_of the_sea he_covers. **31** If/because by_them he_judges peoples he_gives food to_abundance. **32** Over palms he_covers light and_he/it_ _commanded on/upon_it(f) (in)_an_assailant. **33** It_tells on/upon/above_him/it thunder_of_his livestock also on one_ _who_comes_up.
37:1 Also to/for_this heart_of_my it_trembles and_it_leaps from_place_of_its. **2** Listen carefully_(listen) to_the_rumbling_ _of his_voice_of_his and_the_rumbling which_from_mouth_of_ _his it_comes_out. **3** Under all_of the_heavens he_lets_it_ _untie/release and_light_of_his to the_corners_of the_ _earth/land. **4** After_it a_voice it_roars he_thunders with_the_ _voice_of his_majesty_of_his and_not he_holds_them_back if/because voice_of_his it_is_heard. **5** god he_thunders with_ _voice_of_his wonders he_is_doing great_things and_not we_ _know. **6** If/because to_snow[117] he_says fall earth and_the_ _shower_of rain and_the_shower_of the_rains_of his_strength_ _of_his. **7** On_the_hand_of every_of person he_puts_a_seal to_ all_of the_people_of his_work_of_his _know. **8** And_ an_animal _ _it_went in a_lair and_in_dens_of_its it_dwells. **9** From the_ _chamber a_storm-wind it_comes and_from_the_scattering_ _winds coldness. **10** From_the_breath_of god it_gives ice and_ _the_breadth_of the_waters is_(in)_constraint. **11** Also with_ _moisture he_burdens the_dark_cloud[s] he_scatters the_cloud_ _of his_light_of_his. **12** And_he round_about is_turning_every_ _way his[118] they_to_do all that he_commands_them over the_ _surface_of the_world earth_to_the. **13** Whether for_a_rod or for_earth_of_his or to_favour he_makes_it_find. **14** Give_ear_to this Oh_'Iyyōv/(Job) stand_still and_consider_diligently the_ _wonders_of god. **15** Do_you_know when_ god _appoints on_ _them and_he_makes_shine_forth the_light_of his_cloud_of_his. **16** Do_you_know on the_balancing(s)_of the_cloud[s] the_ _wondrous_works_of one_complete_of knowledge(s). **17** You_ _whom clothes_of_your are_hot when_ the_earth _is_still from_ _the_south. **18** Will_you_beat_out with_him/it (to)_clouds hard like_a_mirror molten. **19** Make_known_to_us[119] what will_we_ _say to_him/it not we_will_arrange from_face/in_front_of darkness. **20** Will_it_be_recounted to_him/it[120] if/because_that I_will_speak or anyone did_he_say if/because_that he_will_be_ _swallowed_up. **21** And_now not people_see a_light is_brilliant it in_clouds and_spirit it_has_passed_by and_it_has_cleansed_ _them. **22** From_the_north gold it_comes is_on god awesome_of majesty. **23** The_almighty not we_have_found_him exalted_of power and_justice and_greatness_of righteousness not he_ _violates. **24** For_so/thus/hence they_fear_him people not he_ _sees any_of people_wise_of heart.

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117 **LV 37:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

118 **LV 37:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/תלובחת/ב: (x-qere) וְ/יָתֵל֣וּ/בְּחַ֣ת/ב: lemma_b/8458 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_18w2K וְ/יָתֵל֣וּ/בְּחַ֣ת/ב

119 **LV 37:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

120 **LV 37:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

38:1 And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Iyyōv/(Job) wwww[127] the[128] and_he_said. **2** Who this is_making_dark counsel by_ _words/messages not knowledge. **3** Gird_up please like_a_man loins_of_your and_I_will_ask_you and_make_known_to_me. **4** Where were_you when_founded_I the_earth tell if you_know understanding. **5** Who did_he_appoint measurements_of_its if/because you_know or who did_he_stretch_out on/upon_it(f) a_measuring-line. **6** On what bases_of_its were_they_sunk or who did_he_lay the_stone_of its_corner_of_her. **7** When_sang together the_stars_of morning and_ all_of the_sons_of god _ _they_shouted. **8** And_he_shut_off with_doors the_sea when_it_ _burst_forth from_the_womb it_came_forth. **9** When_made_I

Readers' Version

9 A gale comes out of its room,
and the cold is brought by the north winds.
10 God's breath delivers ice,
and the wide lakes freeze over.
11 Indeed he loads the clouds with moisture.
He scatters his lightning through them.
12 They go round in circles then turning with his guidance—
following his instructions right across the earth,
13 whether it's for correction or for the land,
or because of his favour that he causes it to happen.
14 Just listen to this, Iyov (Job).
Stand still and consider how incredible God's actions are.
15 Do you understand how God makes these things happen,
and how his clouds are able to flash with lightning?
16 Do you know how the clouds balance at just that level?
Do you understand the activities of the one who has perfect knowledge?
17 You whose clothes get hot
when the south wind brings hot, still air.
18 Can you flatten out the sky like him,
as solid as a cast metal mirror.
19 Teach us what we should say to him.
We can't get organised here in the darkness.
20 Should he be informed that I want to speak,
or will anyone who talks get swallowed up?
21 You know that people can't look at the bright sunlight in the sky
when the wind has come through and cleared it.
22 Gold comes from the north. ???
Awesome majesty surrounds God.
23 We don't know how to find the provider.
He has incredible power.
and he doesn't violate justice or his integrity.
24 Because of that, people should obey him.
He doesn't pay attention to those who are wise.

SECTION SIX: Yahweh's speeches[121] · God answers Iyov

38:1 Then Yahweh answered Iyov (Job) from the storm:
Yahweh
2 Who is this giving bad advice,
with words that are lacking knowledge?
3 Get ready to battle[122] like a man,
and I'll question you and you can answer me.
4 Where were you when I laid **the world's foundations**?
Do tell me, if you understand that.
5 Who decided on its measurements, if you know?

121 RV 38:1 · Parallel 38:1–42:6

122 RV 38:3 · Note Lit. 'Gird your loins'. In a robe-wearing culture, it was normal for a man to tuck the bottom of his robe up into his belt to clear his legs to be able to move more freely—perhaps to run, but also to fight.

127 LV 38:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks a word with a final consonant that is a medial (not a final) form.

128 LV 38:1 · Note OSHB variant note: הרעס/ה נמ: (x-qere) 'ן֫מ': lemma_4480 a morph_HR id_18pe5 ן֫מ ו'הָרָעְס/ה': lemma_d/5591 b n_1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_18Gfh הָרָעְס/ה

Readers' Version

Or who stretched out a tape measure over it?
6 What were its footings attached to?
Who put its reference stone in place
7 when the morning stars sung together,
and God's children shouted happily?
8 Who was the one who confined **the ocean** with gates[123]
when it burst its way out from the womb?
9 I covered it with clouds as its clothing,
and thick darkness as its tight blanket.
10 I assigned my boundaries for the ocean,
and put a latch on its gates,
11 and I said, 'You can only come this far and no further.
Your proud waves will be stopped here.'
12 In all your life, have you ever commanded the morning to come,
or helped the dawn to know its place
13 so that it might take hold of the bottom edges of the earth
and shake the wicked out of it?[124]
14 After dawn, the earth takes shape like clay when a seal is pressed into it,
and its features stand out like folds in a cloak.
15 Their light is withheld from wicked people,
and their arm raised in violence gets broken.
16 Have you visited the springs under the sea?
Have you walked around in the trenches of the deep ocean?
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Have you seen the gates that open into deep darkness?
18 Have you taken note of the width of the earth?
Do tell me if you know all those things.
19 How do you get to where light lives,
and where is the place that darkness comes from?
20 Can you take it to its territory,
and how would you figure out the paths to its house?
21 You'd know because surely you were born before then, ☺
and you're so very, very old. ☺
22 Have you entered the warehouses where snow is stored,
and have you seen the bunker where hail is kept,
23 which I keep there ready for troubled times—
for the day of war and battle?
24 Where's the way to find where light is distributed,
or where the east wind gets scattered all over the earth?

Literal Version

cloud[s] clothing_of_its and_thick_darkness swaddling-band_
_of_its. 10 And_I_broke on/upon/above_him/it boundary_of_
_my and_I_set_in_place a_bar and_doors. 11 And_I_said to here
you_will_come and_not you_will_add and_here someone_will_
_fix in_the_pride_of your(pl)_waves_of_your. 12 From_days_of_
_your[129] have_you_commanded morning wwww wwww[130][131]
place_of_its. 13 To_take_hold on_the_corners_of the_earth/land
and_they_are_shaken wwww[132] from_it. 14 It_is_changed like_
_the_clay_of a_seal and_they_stand_forth like clothing. 15 And_
_it_is_withheld from[133] light_of_their and_an_arm_of uplifted
it_is_broken. 16 Have_you_gone to the_springs_of the_sea and_
_in_the_searching_of the_deep have_you_walked_about.
17 Have_they_been_revealed to/for_yourself(m) the_gates_of
death and_the_gates_of deep_darkness have_you_seen.
18 Have_you_shown_yourself_attentive to the_broad_spaces_of
the_earth tell if you_know of_it_of_all. 19 Where this is_the_
_way light where_it_dwells and_darkness where this place_of_
_is_its. 20 That/for/because/then/when you_will_take_it to
territory_of_its and_because/when you_will_discern the_
_paths_of its_house_of_his. 21 You_know if/because then you_
_were_born and_the_number_of your(pl)_days_of_your is_
_many. 22 Have_you_gone into the_storehouses_of snow and_
_the_storehouses_of hail have_you_seen. 23 Which I_have_kept_
_back for_the_time_of distress for_the_day_of battle and_
_warfare. 24 Where this is_the_way light where_it_is_divided
the_east_wind where_it_scatters over the_earth. 25 Who does_
_he_divide for_flood a_channel and_a_path for_the_storm_of
thunder_claps. 26 To_send_rain on a_land not anyone a_
_wilderness which_not anyone in/on/over_him/it. 27 To_
_satisfy devastation[134] and_desolation and_to_cause_to_sprout
a_going_forth_of fresh_grass. 28 Is_there for_rain a_father or
who does_he_father the_drops_of dew. 29 From_the_womb_of
whom the_ice does_it_come_forth and_the_hoar-frost_of
heaven who does_he_give_birth_to_it. 30 Like_stone waters
they_become_hard and_the_surface_of the_deep they_freeze.
31 Will_you_bind_on the_bonds_of Pleiades or the_cords_of
Orion will_you_loosen. 32 Will_you_lead_out the_constellations
at_its_appropriate_of_time and_the_Bear with her/its_
_sons/descendants will_you(pl)_guide_them. 33 Do_you_know
the_regulations_of the_heavens or do_you_appoint rule_of_its
in/on_the_earth. 34 Will_you_lift_up to_cloud[s] voice_of_your
and_an_abundance_of water it_will_cover_you. 35 Will_you_
_send_forth lightning_flashes and_they_will_go and_they_will_
_say to/for_yourself(m) here_we_are. 36 Who has_he_put in_
_parts wisdom or who has_he_given to_heart understanding.

123 RV 38:8-11 · Cross-ref. Psa 104:9; Prv 8:29; Jer 5:22.

124 RV 38:13 · Note Of course, the wicked are busy in the 'blanket of darkness', but dawn pulls that off them.

129 LV 38:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

130 LV 38:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **רחש התעדי**: (x-qere) 'הָתְעֲדִי': lemma_3045 morph_HVpp2ms id_18xRA 'רַחַשׁ/ה הָתְעֲדִי': lemma_d/7837 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_18CvE רַחַשׁ/ה

131 LV 38:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

132 LV 38:13 · Note OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.

133 LV 38:15 · Note OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.

134 LV 38:27 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

37 Who will_he_count the_clouds by_wisdom and_the_jars_of heaven who will_he_make_to_lie_down. **38** When_ the_dust _ _flows into_lump and_the_clods they_are_joined_together. **39** Will_you_hunt for_a_lion prey and_the_life_of young_lions will_you_fill. **40** If/because they_will_crouch in_dens they_will_ _remain in_thicket for lying-in-wait. **41** Who does_he_prepare for_raven food-supply_of_its if/because its_young[135] to god they_will_cry_for_help they_will_wander_about for_not food. **39:1** Do_you_know the_time_of mountain_goats_of rock of_the_ _bringing_forth does the_bringing_forth do_you_watch. **2** Will_ _you_count the_months which_they_complete and_do_you_ _know the_time_of their_bringing_forth. **3** They_kneel_down young_of_their they_cleave_open labour-pains_of_their they_ _send_forth. **4** Young_of_their they_become_strong they_grow in_open they_go_forth and_not they_return to_them. **5** Who did_he_let_untie/release the_wild_donkey free and_the_ _fetters_of the_wild_ass who did_he_loosen. **6** Which I_ _appointed the_wilderness_plain home_of_its and_ _dwelling-places_of_its the_saltiness. **7** It_laughs to_the_ _tumult_of a_town the_shouting(s)_of a_driver not it_hears. **8** It_explores mountains pasture_of_its and_after every_of green_plant it_searches. **9** Is_ a_wild_ox _it_willing[136] to_serve_ _you or will_it_pass_the_night at trough_of_your_feeding. **10** Will_you_bind the_wild_ox in_a_furrow_of rope_of_its or will_it_harrow valleys behind_you. **11** Will_you_trust in/on/over_him/it[137] if/because is_great strength_of_its and_ _will_you_leave to_him/it toil_of_your. **12** Will_you_trust in/on/over_him/it[138] if/because_that it_will_bring_back[139] seed_of_your and_your_threshing_of_floor it_will_gather. **13** The_wing_of ostriches it_flaps_joyously if a_pinion a_stork and_plumage. **14** If/because it_abandons to_ground eggs_of_its and_on the_dust it_keeps_them_warm. **15** And_it_has_forgotten if/because_that a_foot it_will_crush_it and_(the)_animal_of the_field it_will_trample_it. **16** It_treats_harshly her/its_ _sons/descendants to_not to/for_her/it is_to_emptiness labour_of_its not fear. **17** If/because he_has_made_it_forget god wisdom and_not he_gave_a_share to/for_her/it in_ _understanding. **18** About_time on_height it_flaps it_laughs to_ _horse and_to_rider_of_its. **19** Do_you_give to_horse strength do_you_clothe neck_of_its a_mane. **20** Do_you_make_it_leap like_locust the_majesty_of its_snorting_of_his is_terror. **21** They_paw in_valley and_it_rejoices in_strength it_goes_forth to_meet weaponry. **22** It_laughs to_fear and_not it_is_dismayed and_not it_turns_back from_face/in_front_of a_sword. **23** On/upon/above_him/it a_quiver the_blade_of a_spear and_ _a_javelin it_rattles. **24** With_shaking and_excitement it_ _swallows the_ground and_not it_stands_firm if/because the_ _sound_of a_horn. **25** In_the_sufficiency_of a_horn it_says aha and_from_a_distance it_smells battle the_thunder_of

Readers' Version

25 Who cuts out the channels for the downpours to flow in,
and makes the path for thunderbolts?
26 Who sends rain to regions where nobody lives,
or to a wilderness that has nobody in it,
27 to satisfy the parched wasteland
and to cause fresh grass to shoot up?
28 Does the rain have a father,
or who gave birth to the dew drops?
29 Whose womb does the ice come from,
and who gives birth to the frost that descends from the sky,
30 when the waters become hard like stone,
and the surface of the deep ocean freezes?
31 Can you tie together **the stars** of Pleiades,
or loosen Orion's belt?[125]
32 Can you lead each constellation out in its season,
and can you guide the Bear with her cubs?
33 Do you understand the physical laws of the universe,
or can you establish their rule over the earth?
34 Can you command **the clouds** with your voice,
and cause a flood of water to cover you?
35 Can you send out flashes of lightning,
so they go off then tell you, 'Here we are'?
36 Who put wisdom into people's minds,
or can give understanding to the mind?
37 Who has enough wisdom to number the clouds,
and who will tip over the water jars of the sky
38 when the dust solidifies into a lump,
and the clods of soil stick together?
39 Can you hunt for prey for the **lioness**,
and satisfy the appetite of her cubs,
40 when they crouch in their dens—
lying in wait in the thicket?
41 Who prepares prey for the **raven**
when its chicks cry out to God for help,
when they stagger around for lack of food?
39:1 Do you know when it is that **mountain goats** give birth?
Do you watch the wild does having their fawns?
2 Have you counted how many months it'll be after they conceived?
Do you know what date they'll give birth?
3 They crouch down to deliver their young,
and then their labour pains are over.
4 Their young grow up in the countryside and become strong,
then they leave their mothers and don't return to them again.

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125 **RV 38:31 · Cross-ref.** Yob 9:9; Amos 5:8.

135 **LV 38:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: יְלָדֶ֑יהָ/ו: (x-qere) יְלָדֶ֑יהָ/ו: lemma_3206 n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_18CGK יְלָדֶ֑יהָ/ו

136 **LV 39:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

137 **LV 39:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

138 **LV 39:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

139 **LV 39:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: בוּשִׁי: (x-qere) בֵּישִׁי: lemma_7725 morph_HVhi3ms id_18kyK בֵּישִׁי

Readers' Version

5 Who set the **wild donkeys** free?
Who untied the ropes of the wild mule?
6 I decided that the wilderness would be their home,
and the salt-land to be where they live.
7 They laugh at the commotion coming from the city.
They don't have any drivers shouting at them.
8 They range across the hills looking for pasture,
and search after anything that's green.
9 Will the **wild cow** consent to serve you,
or to stay the night beside your feeding trough?
10 Will you use a rope to guide the wild bull to plough straight,
or will he come along afterwards to harrow over the furrows?
11 Would you trust in his strength,
and leave your work for him to do?
12 Would you depend on the wild bull to bring in your grain,
and to pile it on your threshing floor?
13 **Ostriches** happily flap their wings,
but unlike the stork, their joints and feathers aren't made for flying.
14 The female leaves her eggs on the ground.
They're kept warm in the dust.
15 She forgets that they might be crushed by a foot,
or be trampled by wild animals.
16 She's harsh on her young as if they're not hers,
without worrying that her egg-laying might all be wasted.
17 Yes, God didn't give her much wisdom,
and he didn't fill her with much understanding,
18 but it doesn't stop her flapping her wings.
She laughs at the horse and its rider.
19 Was it you who gave **the horse** his strength?
Did you clothe his neck with that mane?
20 Did you make him so he can leap like a locust?
His powerful snorting is terrifying.
21 They paw at the ground, excited to go and display their strength.
Off they go to face the enemy's weapons.
22 It laughs at fear—not afraid at all,
and it doesn't retreat back from the sword.
23 The quiver of arrows rattles on its side.
The spear and the javelin flash.
24 Shaking with excitement, it speeds over.
It can't stand still once the horn is sounded.
25 When it hears the horn, it snorts ready to go,
and it smells the battle from far away—
the shouts of the commanders and the battle-cries.
26 Is it your wisdom that **the hawk** uses to soar,
and why it spreads its wings to migrate south?
27 Is it your command that sends the eagle flying upwards,
and tells it to build its nest up so high?
28 It lives on a cliff,

Literal Version

commanders and_the_battle-cry. 26 From_understanding_of_
_your a_falcon does_it_soar does_it_spread_out its[140] to_the_
_south. 27 Or on mouth_of_your an_eagle does_it_make_high_
_its_flight and_because/when it_sets_on_high nest_of_its. 28 A_
_rock it_dwells and_it_passes_the_night on the_tooth_of a_rock
and_a_stronghold. 29 From_there it_spies_out food (to)_from_
_afar eyes_of_its they_look. 30 Ones[141] they_drink blood and_
_at_where those_slain_are is_there it.

140 LV 39:26 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/פנכ: (x-qere) וְ/יָפֶנְכ: lemma_3671 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_18upQ וְ/יָפֶנְכ

141 LV 39:30 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/חרפא: (x-qere) ו/יְחֹרְפֶא: lemma_c/667 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_18dNA ו/יְחֹרְפֶא

Literal Version

40:1 And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Iyyōv/(Job) and_he_said. **2** Will_he_contend with the_almighty a_faultfinder one_who_ _corrects god let_him_answer_him.

3 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_said. **4** HERE I_am_insignificant what will_I_respond_to_you hand_ _of_my I_put to mouth_of_my. **5** one_time I_have_spoken and_ _not I_will_answer and_two_times and_not I_will_repeat.

6 And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Iyyōv/(Job) wwww[143] wwww[144] and_he_said. **7** Gird_up please like_a_man loins_of_ _your I_will_ask_you and_make_known_to_me. **8** Even will_you_ _annul justice_of_my will_you_condemn_me_as_guilty so_that you_may_be_justified. **9** And_if does_an_arm like_god to/for_ _you(fs) and_with_a_voice like_him will_you_thunder. **10** Adorn_yourself please majesty[145] and_dignity and_glory and_honour you_will_be_clothed. **11** Scatter the_furi(es)_of your_anger_of_your and_see every_of proud_person and_bring_ _him_low. **12** See every_of proud_person humble_him and_ _tread_down wicked_people in_their_place. **13** Hide_them in_ _dust together faces_of_their bind_up in_place. **14** And_also I I_ _will_praise_you if/because_that it_will_save to/for_ _yourself(m) hand_of_your_right. **15** THERE please Behemoth which I_made with_you grass like_ox it_eats. **16** THERE please strength_of_its is_in_loins_of_its and_strength_of_its is_in_the_ _muscles_of its_belly_of_his. **17** It_stiffens tail_of_its like a_ _cedar the_tendons_of his[146] they_are_intertwined. **18** Bones_ _of_its are_tubes_of bronze limbs_of_its are_like_a_rod_of iron. **19** It[147] is_the_first_of the_ways_of god the_one_who_of_made_ _it let_him_bring_near sword_of_his. **20** If/because produce_of the_mountains they_carry to_him/it and_all (the)_animal_of the_field they_play there. **21** Under thorny_lotus_plants it_lies in_a_hiding_place_of reed[s] and_swamp. **22** They_cover_it thorny_lotus_plants shade_of_its they_surround_it the_ _poplars_of the_wadi. **23** THERE the_river it_is_violent not it_ _makes_haste it_is_confident if/because the_Yardēn/(Jordan) it_bursts_forth to mouth_of_its. **24** By_eyes_of_its will_anyone_

Readers' Version

and spends the night in its fortress among the sharp rocks.
29 From there, it spies out food.
Its eyes watch from far away.
30 Its young ones feast on blood,
and where there's dead bodies, they'll be there.[126]

God challenges Iyov to answer

40:1 Then Yahweh continued to speak to Iyov (Job):
Yahweh
2 Will the person who's been finding faults now argue with the provider?
Let the one who tries to correct God, give an answer.

Iyov's non-answer

3 Then Iyov (Job) answered Yahweh:
Iyov
4 Indeed, I'm insignificant—what could I answer?
I'll just put my hand over my mouth.
5 I've spoken once, but I won't answer,
and twice, but I won't continue.

Yahweh's response to Iyov

6 Then Yahweh again spoke to Iyov (Job) from inside the storm:
Yahweh
7 Now tuck up your robe like a man going into battle.
I'll question you, and you must answer me.
8 Would you actually invalidate my judgement?
Would you condemn me so you can declare yourself right?
9 Is your arm as powerful as God's?
Can you thunder with a voice like his?
10 Then embellish yourself with majesty and greatness,
and dress yourself with honour and splendour.
11 Let your fierce anger loose,
and take every proud person on and bring them down.
12 Take note of every proud person and humble them.
Crush wicked people where they stand.
13 Bury them together in the dust.
Imprison them in the grave.
14 Then I'd even admit to you
that you *can* save yourself with your own strength.
15 Now look at the **sauropod** (behemoth) which I made on the same day as you.
It eats grass like a cow.
16 Notice the strength in his thighs,
and the power of his stomach muscles.
17 It bends its tail like a cedar tree.

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126 RV 39:30 · Cross-ref. Mat 24:28; Luk 17:37.

143 LV 40:6 · Note OSHB note: Marks a word with a final consonant that is a medial (not a final) form.

144 LV 40:6 · Note OSHB variant note: הרעס נמ: (x-qere) 'ֶנּ֫מ': lemma_4480 a morph_HR id_189N7 וְנָמ ו'הָ֫רָעְס': lemma_5591 b n_1 morph_HNcfsa id_18vNp הָ֫רָעְס

145 LV 40:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

146 LV 40:17 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דחפ: (x-qere) 'ו/יָ֫רַחַפּ': lemma_6344 morph_HNcmdc/Sp3ms id_18SUy ו/יָ֫רַחַפּ

147 LV 40:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

Its thigh tendons are tightly strung.
18 Its bones are like bronze pipes.
Its legs are like iron rods.
19 It's at the beginning of God's paths. ???
The creator has let him bring his sword near. ???
20 The hills provide produce for it,
and all the animals in the countryside play there.
21 It lies under the lotus trees,
hidden in the reeds in the marsh.
22 The lotus trees cover it with their shade.
The poplars in the riverbed surround it.
23 If the river gets violent, it doesn't rush out.
It remains confident even when the Yarden (Jordan) River surges to his mouth.
24 Can anyone capture it while its eyes watch?
Is there anyone who can make a snare to pierce its nose?
41:1 Can you pull **the sea dragon** (leviathan) with a hook,[142]
or tie his tongue down with a rope?
2 Can you put a leash into its nose,
or pierce its jaw with a harpoon?
3 Will it beg you over and over for mercy?
Maybe if it says tender things to you?
4 Will it make an agreement with you?
Might you take it as a slave for the rest of its life?
5 Will you play with it like with a pet,
and tie it on a leash for your girls?
6 Will your team set a price on the whole creature?
Will they divide it up among the merchants?

Literal Version

_take_it with_snares will_anyone_pierce a_nose. **25** [148] Will_
_you_draw_out Livyātān with_a_fish_hook and_with_a_cord
will_you_make_sink tongue_of_its. **26** [149] Will_you_put a_cord
in_nose_of_its and_with_a_thorn will_you_pierce jaw_of_its.
27 [150] Will_it_multiply to_you supplications or will_it_speak to_
_you soft_words/messages. **28** [151] Will_it_make a_covenant
with_you will_you_take_it to_a_slave_of perpetuity. **29** [152] Will_
_you_play in/on/over_him/it[153] like_bird and_will_you_bind_it
for_girls_of_your. **30** [154] Will_they_barter on/upon/above_
_him/it partners will_they_divide_it between merchants. **31** [155]
Will_you_fill with_harpoons hide_of_its and_with_a_spear_of
fish(es) his/its_head. **32** [156] Put on/upon/above_him/it palms_
_of_your remember the_battle do_not repeat.
41:1 [157] THERE hope_of_his it_is_proved_a_lie also because_of
appearance_of_its everyone_is_hurled_down. **2** [158] Not fierce
that/for/because/then/when he_will_rouse_it and_who that
to/for_my_face/front will_he_take_his_stand. **3** [159] Who has_
_he_confronted_me and_I_will_repay under all_of the_heavens
to_me it. **4** [160] To_it[161] I_will_keep_silent limbs_of_its and_the_
_matter_of strength(s) and_the_grace_of its_arrangement_of.
5 [162] Who has_he_uncovered the_surface_of its_clothing_of_his
in_the_doubling_of its_halter_of_his who will_he_come. **6** [163]
The_doors_of its_face_of_his who has_he_opened is_around_of
teeth_of_its terror. **7** [164] Pride is_rows_of shields it_is_shut_up
a_seal tight. **8** [165] one on_one they_draw_near and_spirit not it_
_goes between_them. **9** [166] Each on_brother_of_its they_are_
_joined_together they_grasp_one_another and_not they_are_
_separated. **10** [167] Sneezing(s)_of_its it_flashes_forth light and_
_eyes_of_its are_like_the_eyelids_of dawn. **11** [168] From_mouth_
_of_its torches they_go sparks_of fire they_escape. **12** [169] From_
_nostrils_of_its smoke it_goes_forth like_a_cooking_pot blown_

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142 **RV 41:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 74:14; 104:26; Isa 27:1.
148 **LV 40:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.1
149 **LV 40:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.2
150 **LV 40:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.3
151 **LV 40:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.4
152 **LV 40:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.5
153 **LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
154 **LV 40:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.6
155 **LV 40:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.7
156 **LV 40:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.8
157 **LV 41:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.9
158 **LV 41:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.10
159 **LV 41:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.11
160 **LV 41:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.12
161 **LV 41:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: אֵל: (x-qere) יֵ֫/לֹ֫': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_18m8G יֵ֫/לֹ֫
162 **LV 41:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.13
163 **LV 41:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.14
164 **LV 41:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.15
165 **LV 41:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.16
166 **LV 41:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.17
167 **LV 41:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.18
168 **LV 41:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.19
169 **LV 41:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.20

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_upon and_bulrush[es]. **13** [170] Breath_of_its coals it_sets_ablaze and_a_flame from_mouth_of_its it_goes_forth. **14** [171] In_neck_ _of_its strength it_lodges and_before_it_of_his dismay it_leaps. **15** [172] The_hanging_parts_of its_flesh_of_his they_cling it_is_ _hard on/upon/above_him/it not it_is_moved. **16** [173] His/its_ _heart is_hard like a_stone and_it_is_hard like_a_mill-stone lower. **17** [174] From_uprising_of_its mighty_ones they_are_afraid from_crashing(s) they_are_bewildered. **18** [175] Is_reaching_of_it a_sword not it_is_established a_spear a_dart and_a_javelin. **19** [176] It_considers to_straw iron to_wood_of rottenness bronze. **20** [177] Not it_makes_it_flee the_son_of a_bow into_chaff they_ _are_changed to_him/it stones_of a_sling. **21** [178] Like_chaff a_ _club they_are_regarded and_it_laughs to_the_shaking_of a_ _javelin. **22** [179] Are_under_it sharp_points_of potsherd[s] it_ _spreads_out a_threshing_sledge on mud. **23** [180] It_makes_boil like_pot the_deep the_sea it_makes like_(the)_ointment. **24** [181] Behind_it it_makes_shine a_path anyone_considers the_deep to_grey_hair. **25** [182] There_is_not on the_dust likeness_of_its the_one_made for_not terror. **26** [183] ~~DOM~~ every_of exalted_one it_sees it is_king over all_of the_sons_of pride.

Readers' Version

7 Can you fill its hide with harpoons,
or its head with fishing spears?
8 Put your hand on it and you'll remember the battle—
don't do it!
9 What hope would you have against it?
Aren't you put off just from looking at it?
10 No one's fierce enough to wake it up,
so how might you expect to stand up to me?
11 Who has confronted me with any claim that I should repay?
Everything under the sky belongs to me.
12 I won't keep quiet about its limbs,
or about its strength and the beauty of its form.
13 Who can remove its armour plating at the front,
or penetrate beyond its chestplate?
14 Who can open its jaws,
when there's terror all around its teeth?
15 Rows of scales are its pride,
fitting into each other with a tight seal.
16 Each one is very close to the next,
and no air can get between them.
17 The lock tightly to their next door neighbour.
They cling together and can't be separated.
18 Its snorting causes flashes of light,
and its eyes are like the early rays of dawn.
19 Flames come from its mouth.
Sparks of fire leap out.
20 Smoke pours from its nostrils,
like a boiling pot with a hollow reed poking out from under the lid.
21 Its breath sets coals on fire,
and a flame comes out of its mouth.
22 There's incredible strength in its neck,
and fear always goes ahead of it.
23 The folds of his body are joined tightly together—
so firm that they can't be moved.
24 His chest is hard like stone—
yes, as solid as the bottom mill-stone.
25 When it rises up, even mighty men are afraid.

170 **LV 41:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.21
171 **LV 41:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.22
172 **LV 41:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.23
173 **LV 41:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.24
174 **LV 41:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.25
175 **LV 41:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.26
176 **LV 41:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.27
177 **LV 41:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.28
178 **LV 41:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.29
179 **LV 41:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.30
180 **LV 41:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.31
181 **LV 41:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.32
182 **LV 41:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.33
183 **LV 41:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 'Iyyōv/(Job).41.34

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They retreat if they see it thrashing around.
26 Striking it with a sword would have no effect,
nor would a spear, arrow, or dart.
27 Iron is like straw to the sea dragon,
and bronze like rotten wood.
28 Nothing shot with a bow can make it turn away—
For it, stones from a sling are like bits of straw.
29 Heavy clubs are just like a grain stalk,
and it laughs at the rattling of a spear.
30 Its underbelly is sharp like broken pottery.
It tears up the mud like a sledge for threshing grain.
31 It makes the deep ocean boil like a pot.
It makes the sea swirl like a jar of ointment.
32 It leaves a glistening wake behind it—
you'd think that the deep water had white hair.
33 There's no equal to it on the earth—
the creature that was made to have no fear.
34 It looks down on all those who think they're powerful.
It's the king of all those who are proud.

Iyov requests God's forgiveness

42:1 Then Iyov (Job) answered Yahweh:
Iyov
2 I know that you can do everything,
and no one can stop you from doing what you want.
3 You asked,
'Who's this concealing counsel without knowledge?'[184]
That's why I spouted out things I didn't understand—
things that are too wonderful for me—that I didn't know.
4 Listen now, and I'll speak.
I'll tell you my question and you can inform me.[185]
5 I'd heard you with my ears,
but now I can see you with my eyes.
6 Therefore I despise myself for what I said,
and I show my repentance by sitting in dust and ashes.

SECTION SEVEN: Final speech and restoration[187] · Iyov's three friends humiliated by God

7 After Yahweh had said that to Iyov (Job), he told Elifaz (from Teyman), "I'm angry with you and your two friends, because what you all said about me wasn't right, like what Iyov said. **8** So now get seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Iyov and offer them as a burnt offering for yourselves. Then my servant Iyov will pray for you all. I'll do what he asks and not deal with you like your foolishness deserves, because you all didn't speak accurately about me like Iyov did."
9 So Elifaz (from Teyman) and Bildad (from Shuah) and Tsofar (from Na'amah) went and did what Yahweh had told them, and Yahweh accepted Iyov's prayer.

Literal Version

42:1 And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _he_answered ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_said. **2** I_know[186] if/because_that everything you_are_able and_not it_is_withheld from_you a_purpose. **3** Who this is_concealing_of (of)_counsel not knowledge for_so/thus/hence I_have_told and_not I_understood things_too_wonderful for_me and_not I_ _knew. **4** Listen please and_I I_will_speak I_will_ask_you and_ _make_known_to_me. **5** To_the_hearing_of the_ear I_had_ _heard_of_you and_now eye_of_my_own it_has_seen_you. **6** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_reject and_I_repent on dust and_ash[es].

7 And_he/it_was after **YHWH** he_had_spoken ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these to 'Iyyōv/(Job) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _said to 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī anger_of_my it_has_burnt in_ _you(ms) and_on_the_two_of friends_of_your if/because not you(pl)_have_spoken to_me a_reliable_thing like_servant_of_ _my 'Iyyōv/(Job). **8** And_now take to/for_you(pl) seven bulls and_seven rams and_go to servant_of_my 'Iyyōv/(Job) and_ _you(pl)_will_offer_up a_burnt_offering for_yourselves and_ _'Iyyōv/(Job) servant_of_my he_will_pray on_you(pl) if/because (if) his/its_faces/face I_will_lift_up to_not to_do with_you(pl) disgraceful_folly if/because not you(pl)_have_ _spoken to_me a_reliable_thing like_servant_of_my 'Iyyōv/(Job). **9** And_ 'Elīfaz the_Tēymānī and_Bildad the_ _Shuhite Zophar the_Naamathite _they_went and_they_did just_as he_had_spoken to_them **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_lifted_ _up ~~ĐOM~~ the_face_of 'Iyyōv/(Job).

184 **RV 42:3 · Cross-ref.** Yob 38:2.

185 **RV 42:4 · Cross-ref.** Yob 38:3.

186 **LV 42:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תערי**: (x-qere) **'יִתְּעַרֶ֣ךָּ'**: lemma_3045 n_1.0 morph_HVqp1cs id_18Mpf **יִתְּעַרֶ֣ךָּ**

187 **RV 42:7 · Parallel** 42:7-17

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10 And_**YHWH** he_turned_back ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_captivity_of[189] of_ _'Iyyōv/(Job) when_prayed_he for his/its_neighbour and_ **YHWH** _he_increased ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of that belonged_to_'Iyyōv/(Job) to_double. **11** And_they_came to_him/it all_of brothers_of_his and_all mmm[190] and_all those_of_who_knew_him formerly_ _before and_they_ate with_him/it bread in_house_of_his and_ _they_showed_sympathy to_him/it and_they_comforted ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_ _him/it on all_of the_trouble which **YHWH** he_had_brought on/upon/above_him/it and_they_gave to_him/it each_one a_ _piece_of_money one and_each_one a_ring_of gold one. **12** And_ _**YHWH** he_blessed ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_latter_part_of 'Iyyōv/(Job) more_ _than_of_his_beginning and_he/it_was to_him/it four- teen thousand sheep and_six_of thousand(s) camels and_one_ _thousand pair[s]_of ox[en] and_a_thousand female_donkeys. **13** And_he/it_was to_him/it seven sons and_three daughters. **14** And_he/it_called the_name_of the_one(f) Yəmīmāh/(Jemimah) and_name_of the_second(fs) Qətsī'āh and_name_of the_third Qeren- Happuch. **15** And_not women beautiful like_the_daughters_of 'Iyyōv/(Job) it_was_found in_ _all the_earth/land and_he/it_gave to/for_them father_of_ _their an_inheritance in_the_middle brothers_of_their. **16** And_ _he/it_lived 'Iyyōv/(Job) after this one_hundred and_forty year[s] and[191] ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ children_of_his and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_children_of his_children_of_his four generations. **17** And_ 'Iyyōv/(Job) _ _he/it_died old and_satisfied_of days.

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Iyov's doubled restoration

10 After Iyov (Job) had prayed for his friends, Yahweh changed his situation and gave him double what he had before.[188] **11** Then all of his brothers and sisters and everyone who'd known him before, came to his house and had a meal with him, and they comforted him and consoled him about all the troubles that Yahweh had brought on him. Then they each gave him a silver coin and a gold ring.

12 Then Yahweh blessed the second part of Iyov's life more than the first, and he ended up with 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 working pairs of cows, and 1,000 female donkeys. **13** He also had seven more sons and three more daughters **14** who he named Yemimah, Ketsiah, and Keren-Hapuk. **15** No one in the whole country was as beautiful as Iyov's daughters, and as well as their brothers, their father gave them each a piece of land as an inheritance. **16** Iyov lived another 140 years after all that, and was even able to see his great-grandchildren. **17** Then Iyov died in good circumstances and at a very old age.

JOB · OET-RV v0.2.6

188 **RV 42:10 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:1-3.

189 **LV 42:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) 'תָּנּוּבָשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_18gzf תָּנּוּבָשׁ

190 **LV 42:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יתיחא: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתּוֹיְחַא': lemma_269 n_1.3.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_18bU3 וְ/יִתּוֹיְחַא

191 **LV 42:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ארי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/הָאֲרִי': lemma_c/7200 n_0.1.1 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_18V52 וְ/הָאֲרִי

Yehoshua

(Joshua)

Introduction

This account about Yehoshua, traditionally 'Joshua' in English (after 'I' and then 'J' changed away from a 'Y' sound over the centuries), tells how the Israelis invaded Kena'an (Canaan) and took control of the land. Yehoshua led them forward now after replacing Mosheh (Moses) when he passed away somewhere on a mountain. Some of the main events described in this document include: their crossing the Yarden (Jordan) river, the destruction of Yeriho (Jericho) city, the war at Ay, the allocation of blocks of land to the various Israeli tribes and others, and the renewal of the agreement between Yahweh and his people.
The most well-known saying in this account is, "...choose for yourselves today who you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve Yahweh." (24:15).

Main components of this account

The defeat of the Kena'anim/Canaanites *1:1–12:24*
The division of land *13:1–21:45*
a. The land east of the River Yarden/Jordan *13:1-33*
b. The land west of the River Yarden *14:1–19:51*
c. The refuge cities *20:1-9*
d. The cities for Levites *21:1-45*
The returning home of some tribes back to the east of the Yarden *22:1-34*
Yehoshua's final instructions *23:1-16*
The renewal of the agreement there at Shekem *24:1-33*

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.
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1:1 And_he/it_was after the_death_of Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa the_son_of Nūn the_servant_of Mosheh to_say. **2** Mosheh servant_of_my he_ _has_died and_now arise pass_over ðom the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_this you and_all the_people the_this into the_earth/land which I am_about_to_give to/for_them to_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **3** Every_of place which the_sole_of your_foot_ _of_your(pl) it_will_tread in/on/over_him/it to/for_you(pl) I_ _have_given_it just_as I_spoke to Mosheh. **4** From_the_ _wilderness and_(the)_Ləvānōn the_this and_unto the_river (the)_great the_river_of Pərāt all_of the_land_of the_Ḥittiy and_ _unto the_sea (the)_great the_setting_of the_sun it_will_be territory_of_your(pl). **5** Not anyone he_will_stand to_your_face all_of the_days_of your(pl)_life_of_your just_as I_was with Mosheh I_will_be with_you not I_will_abandon_you and_not I_ _will_leave_you. **6** Be_strong and_be_bold if/because you you_ _will_cause_to_inherit ðom the_people the_this ðom the_ _earth/land which I_swore to_fathers_of_their to_give to/for_ _them. **7** Only be_strong and_be_bold exceedingly to_ _guard/protect for_doing according_to_all_of the_law which he_commanded_you Mosheh servant_of_my do_not turn_aside from_him/it right_hand and_left_hand so_that you_may_ _prosper in_every where you_will_go. **8** Not the_book_of the_ _law the_this it_will_depart from_mouth_of_your and_you_will_ _meditate in/on/over_him/it by_day and_night so_that you_ _may_take_care for_doing according_to_every_of (the)_thing_ _written in/on/over_him/it if/because then you_will_make_ _successful ðom ways_of_your and_then you_will_be_successful. **9** Am_not I_commanded_you(ms) be_strong and_be_bold do_ _not be_terrified and_do_not be_dismayed if/because is_with_ _you **YHWH** god_of_your in_every where you_will_go. **10** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he/it_commanded ðom the_ _officers_of the_people to_say. **11** Pass in_the_midst_of the_ _camp and_command ðom the_people to_say prepare to/for_ _you(pl) provision[s] if/because in_yet three_of days you(pl) are_about_to_pass_over ðom the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_this to_ _go to_take_possession_of ðom the_earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_about_to_give to/for_you(pl) to_take_ _possession_of_it. **12** And_to_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_to_Gādī[s] and_ _to_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh Yəhōshūʻa he_ _said to_say. **13** Remember ðom the_message which Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_commanded you(pl) to_say **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_giving_rest to/for_you(pl) and_he/it_gave to/for_you(pl) ðom the_earth/land (the)_this. **14** Wives_of_ _your(pl) one[s]_of_your(pl)_little and_livestock_of_your(pl) they_will_remain on_the_earth which he_gave to/for_you(pl) Mosheh on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn and_you(pl) you(pl)_ _will_pass_over arrayed_for_battle to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before brothers_of_your(pl) all_of the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength and_you(pl)_will_help them. **15** Until that **YHWH** he_will_give_rest to_brothers_of_your(pl) like_you(pl) and_ also they _they_will_take_possession_of ðom the_ _earth/land which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) is_about_to_give

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Yahweh encourages Yehoshua · Promised land

1:1 After the death of Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses), Yahweh spoke to Mosheh's servant Yehoshua (Joshua, Nun's son), saying, **2** "Now that my servant Mosheh is dead, you and all these people should pack up and cross over this River Yarden (Jordan) to go to the land that I am about to give to them—to Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants. **3** I'll give you all every place that the soles of your feet tread on, just like I told Mosheh.[1] **4** Your territory will extend from the wilderness in the south to the Levanon mountains in the north, and from the large Perat (Euphrates) River in the east, and right to the Mediterranean sea in the west, including all of the Hitim' land. **5** No man will be able to challenge your leadership as long as you live—I'll be with you just as I was with Mosheh—I won't fail you or abandon you.[2] **6** Be strong and be courageous, for you yourself will lead these people to inherit the land that I promised their ancestors that I'd give to them.[3] **7** Just be strong and very courageous—making sure that you obey everything that my servant Mosheh instructed you. Don't turn away to the right or to the left from it, so that you'll be wise in every situation that you end up in. **8** That book of the law must always be on your lips and you should meditate on it day and night, so that you'll be careful to follow everything that's written in it, because then you'll make your ways prosperous and then you'll be wise. **9** Didn't I order you to be strong and courageous? Don't tremble or be discouraged because your god Yahweh will be with you wherever you go."

Yehoshua instructs the people · Promised land

10 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) instructed the leaders of the people, **11** "Go right through the camp and tell the people: Get everything ready that you'll all need because in three days we'll be ready to cross over this river and enter the land that your god Yahweh is about to give to you, and to take control of it."

12 To the descendants of Re'uven and Gad, and to the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh),[4] Yehoshua said, **13** "Remember what Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) informed you: Your god Yahweh is about give this land to you and to enable you all to settle down. **14** Your women and children and your livestock will stay here in the land that Mosheh allocated to you on this eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) River. But your soldiers must dress for battle and cross over ahead of your brothers and help them **15** until Yahweh enables your brothers to take over the land that your god Yahweh is about to give them so they can settle like you all have. Then you'll all be able to return to this land which Yahweh's servant Mosheh gave you on this eastern side of the Yarden and take full control of it."

1 **RV 1:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:24-25.

2 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Deu 31:6,8; Heb 13:5.

3 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Deu 31:6-7,23.

4 **RV 1:12-15 · Cross-ref.** Num 32:28-32; Deu 3:18-20; Josh 22:1-6.

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16 "We'll do everything you've told us to," the people answered, "and we'll go wherever you send us. 17 We'll listen to you just like we listened to everything Mosheh said. May your god Yahweh be with you, just like he was with Mosheh. 18 We'll put anyone to death who rebels against your words or refuses to follow your instructions. Just stay strong and courageous."

Spies sent to Yeriho/Jericho · Promised land

2:1 Then from there at Acacia Grove, Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) secretly sent off two spies, saying, "Go and learn about the land over there, especially around Yeriho (Jericho) City." So they went off, and over there, they entered the house of a woman—a prostitute named Rahav—and they lay down there.[5] 2 However, someone told Yeriho's king, "Listen, some Israeli men arrived here tonight to check out our land." 3 So the king sent guards to tell Rahav, "Bring out the men who went to your place and stayed the night, because they've come here to check out our land!"

4 However, Rahav had hidden the two men so she answered, "Indeed, the men arrived here, but I didn't know where they were from. 5 But as the city gate was about to shut last night, the men went out. I don't know to where they went—if you all hurry, you might be able to catch them." 6 (But actually she had taken them up onto her flat roof and hidden them in bundles of flax that were drying there.) 7 So the guards hurried out on the road to the fords on the Yarden (Jordan) River and the city gate was kept shut after they had left.

8 Before the Israeli men lay down to sleep that night, Rahav went up them on the roof 9 and told them, "We know that Yahweh has given this land to you all and we're all terrified of you. Everyone that lives here is trembling at the thought of your coming 10 because we've heard that Yahweh dried up the water of the Red Sea ahead of you all when you left Mitsrayim (Egypt).[6] And we heard what you all did to two of the Amori kings Sihon and Og over the Yarden there—how you all completely destroyed them.[7] 11 Yes, we've heard the reports and we trembled and lost our courage to fight you all because your god Yahweh, he's God over the heavens above and the earth below. 12 So now, please promise me by Yahweh that because I've been kind to both of you, you all will act kindly towards my father's household. Give me a guarantee that you'll do what you promise 13 and spare my parents and my siblings and their families from

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to/for_them and_you(pl)_will_return to_the_land_of your_ _possession_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of it which he_gave to/for_you(pl) Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_rising_of the_ _sun. 16 And_they_answered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) to_say all that you_have_commanded_us we_will_do and_to every_of where you_will_send_us we_will_go. 17 According_to_all that we_listened to Mosheh so we_will_listen to_you only may_he_ _be **YHWH** god_of_your with_you just_as he_was with Mosheh. 18 Every_of person who he_will_rebel_against ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ mouth_of_ _your and_not he_will_obey ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ words/messages_of_your to_ _all/each/any/every that you_will_command_him he_will_be_ _put_to_death only be_strong and_be_bold.

2:1 And_ Yəhōshūʻa the_son_of Nūn _he_sent from (the)_ _Shiṭṭīm two men spies secretly to_say go see ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _earth/land and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_they_went and_ _they_came the_house_of a_woman a_prostitute and_name_of_ _her was_Rāḥāv and_they_lay_down there_(to). 2 And_it_was_ _told to_the_king_of Yərīḥō to_say HERE men they_have_come hither the_night from_(the)_sons of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_spy_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_earth/land. 3 And_ the_king_of Yərīḥō _he_sent to Rāḥāv to_say bring_out the_men the_(ones_who)_went to_you who they_came to_house_of_your if/because to_spy_out ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of the_earth/land they_have_come. 4 And_ the_woman _ _she/it_took ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_two_of the_men and_she_hid_him and_ _she/it_said right they_came to_me the_men and_not I_knew from_where were_they. 5 And_he/it_was the_gate was_about_ _to_shut at_darkness and_the_men they_went_out not I_know where the_men did_they_go pursue quickly after_them if/because you(pl)_will_overtake_them. 6 And_she she_had_ _taken_them_up to_the_roof and_she_had_hidden_them among_the_flax(es)_of the_tree which_had_been_arranged to/for_her/it on the_roof. 7 And_the_men they_pursued after_ _them the_road_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to the_fords and_the_ _gate people_closed after just_as the_pursuers after_them they_had_gone_out. 8 And_they not_yet they_had_lain_down and_she she_went_up to_them on the_roof. 9 And_she/it_said to the_men I_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_earth/land and_because/when dread_ _of_your(pl) it_has_fallen on_us and_because/when all_of the_ _inhabitants_of the_earth/land they_have_melted_away from_ _before_of_you(pl). 10 If/because we_have_heard ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ how **YHWH** he_dried_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_waters_of the_sea_of reed[s] from_ _before_of_you(pl) when_you_came_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_which you(pl)_did to_the_two_of the_ _kings_of the_ʼAmorī who were_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn to_Ṣīḥōn and_to_ʻŌg whom you(pl)_totally_destroyed them. 11 And_we_heard and_ heart_of_our _it_melted and_not it_arose again spirit in_anyone because_of_you(pl) if/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he is_god in_heavens (from)_above and_on the_earth/land (from)_beneath. 12 And_now swear please to_me by_**YHWH** if/because I_have_done with_you(pl)

5 **RV 2:1 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:31; Jam 2:25.

6 **RV 2:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.

7 **RV 2:10 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

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loyalty and_ also you(pl) _you(pl)_will_do with the_household_ _of my_father_of_my loyalty and_you(pl)_will_give to_me a_ _sign_of faithfulness. **13** And_you(pl)_will_let_live ĐOM father_ _of_my and_ĐOM mother_of_my and_ĐOM brothers_of_my and_ _ĐOM mmm[8] and_ĐOM all_of who to/for_them and_you(pl)_will_ _deliver ĐOM lives_of_our from_death. **14** And_they_said to/for_ _her/it the_men life_of_our is_for_you(pl) to_die if not you(pl)_ _will_tell ĐOM business_of_our this and_it_was when_ **YHWH** _ _gives to/for_us ĐOM the_earth/land and_we_will_do with_you loyalty and_faithfulness. **15** And_she_let_them_down with_rope through the_window if/because house_of_her was_in_the_wall_ _of the_city_wall and_in_wall she was_dwelling. **16** And_she/it_ _said to/for_them to_the_hill_country go lest they_should_ _meet (in)_you(pl) the_pursuers and_you_will_hide_yourselves there_(to) three_of days until the_pursuers return and_after you(pl)_will_go to_way_of_your(pl). **17** And_they_said to_her/it the_men will_be_free we from_oath_of_your the_this which you_made_us_swear. **18** HERE we are_about_to_come on_the_ _earth ĐOM the_cord_of the_thread_of the_scarlet the_this you_ _will_bind in_window which you_let_us_down in_him/it and_ _ĐOM father_of_your and_ĐOM mother_of_your and_ĐOM brothers_of_your and_ĐOM all_of the_household_of your_ _father_of_your you_will_gather to_yourself to_the_house. **19** And_it_was every one_who he_will_go_out from_the_doors_ _of your_house_of_your to_the_outside blood_of_his will_be_of_ _on_his_own_head and_we will_be_free and_ _all/each/any/every one_who he_will_be with_you in_house blood_of_his will_be_of_on_our_head if a_hand it_will_be in/on/over_him/it. **20** And_if you_will_tell ĐOM business_of_our this and_we_will_be free from_oath_of_your which you_made_ _us_swear. **21** And_she/it_said according_to_of_your(pl)_ _words/messages be_so it and_she_sent_them_off and_they_ _went and_she_bound ĐOM the_cord_of the_scarlet in_window. **22** And_they_went and_they_came to_the_hill_country and_ _they_lived there three_of days until the_pursuers they_ _returned and_ the_pursuers _they_searched in_all the_way and_not they_found_them. **23** And_ the_two_of the_men _they_ _returned and_they_went_down from_the_hill_country and_ _they_passed_over and_they_came to Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_ _son_of Nūn and_they_recounted to_him/it ĐOM all_of the_ _things_which_had_found them. **24** And_they_said to Yəhōshūʿa if/because **YHWH** he_has_given in_hand_of_our ĐOM all_of the_ _earth/land and_also all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land they_have_melted_away from_before_of_us.

3:1 And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_rose_early in_morning and_they_set_ _out from_(the)_Shiṭṭīm and_they_came to the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) he and_all the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ _they_stayed there before they_passed_over. **2** And_he/it_was from_the_end_of three_of days and_ the_officers _they_passed in_the_midst_of the_camp. **3** And_they_commanded ĐOM the_ _people to_say just_as_you(pl)_see ĐOM the_box_of the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_the_priests the_ _Lēviyyiy carrying ĐOM_him/it and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_set_ _out from_place_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_go behind_it.

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death."

14 "Our lives for your lives," the two men agreed. "If you don't tell anyone about our agreement, then when Yahweh gives us this land, we'll show kindness and faithfulness to you."

15 Then she put a rope out through the window to let them down to escape from the city, because her house where she lived was actually built into the side of the wall. **16** "Go to the hill country," she told them, "so those searching for you won't find you, and hide up there for three days. Then once the searchers have returned, you'll be able to safely return to your camp."

17 "This promise that you made us make," the men told her, "won't apply unless you do this: **18** Take this red cord and when we invade the land, tie it in this window in the wall. Make sure that your parents and your siblings and their households are all here in your house. **19** If any of them leaves the house, their life will then be in their own hands and we'll be innocent if they're killed. But if anyone with you in this house gets injured, we'll be responsible for that. **20** Also, if you tell anyone else about this agreement, then we'll be released from this promise that you made us make." **21** "Sure, let it be as you say," Rahav responded. Then she sent them off, and after they'd gone, she tied the red cord in her window.

22 The two men went up into the hills and stayed there for three days until the search party returned to the city after searching all the roads and not finding them. **23** So the two men went down to the river and crossed over and returned to Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son), and they told him everything that had happened. **24** "Yahweh has certainly given this land to us," they told Yehoshua. "The people there won't be able to resist us because they're so terrified."

The Israelis cross the Yarden · Promised land

3:1 Early the next morning, Yehoshua (Joshua) and the people got up early and set off from Acacia Grove and went as far as the Yarden (Jordan) River and camped there without crossing over. **2** After three days, the leaders went throughout the camp **3** and instructed the people, "As soon as you all see the box containing the agreement with your god Yahweh, and see the Levitical priests carrying it, then you yourselves should move out from your places and follow after it. **4** But keep about nine hun-

8 LV 2:13 · Note OSHB variant note: יְתוּחָא/: (x-qere) יְתוֹיְחָא': lemma_269 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp1cs id_06FYV יְתוֹיְחָא/

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dred metres back from it. Don't go any closer than that so that you all can see the way to go, because we haven't been this way before."

5 Then Yehoshua told the people, "Make sure you all do the ritual washing to make yourselves pure, because tomorrow Yahweh will do miracles among us." **6** And he told the priests, "Lift up the box with the agreement, and walk across here in front of the people." So they lifted up the sacred chest and went and stood in front of all the people.

7 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Today I'll begin to make you powerful in the eyes of all Yisrael (Israel) so they'll know that I'm with you just like I was with Mosheh (Moses). **8** Tell the priests who are carrying the sacred chest that as soon as they come to the edge of the river, they should go in just a little and then stop there."

9 Then Yehoshua told the Israelis, "Gather around here and listen to your god Yahweh's message." **10** He told them, "This is how you'll all know that God, who can do anything, is among you. With your own eyes, you'll all see how he'll take away the land from the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Hivim, the Perizim, the Girgashim, the Amorim, and the Yevusim. **11** Listen, the sacred chest containing the slabs that belongs to the master who owns the whole world, is about to be taken across the Yarden (Jordan) in front of you. **12** So now, select one man from each of your twelve tribes, **13** and as soon as the priests carrying the sacred chest go into the Yarden, as soon as their feet touch the water, the river water on the upstream side will pile up in a heap."

14 So once the people had packed up their tents ready to cross the river, the priests carrying the sacred box walked ahead in front of them. **15** Then as soon as those priests steeped into the edge of the fast-flowing river (because it overflowed its banks at harvest time in the spring), **16** then the water coming from upstream suddenly stopped flowing. The water far upstream piled up near a town called Adam (near Tseretan), and the water that normally flowed down towards the Sea of Aravah (also called the Dead Sea or the Salt Sea) stopped flowing, so the people were able to cross what was the Yarden River opposite Yeriho (Jericho). **17** The priests carrying the sacred chest with Yahweh's agreement in it, stood on firm, dry ground in what had been the middle of the river. All the Israelis crossed over on dry ground until everyone was across.

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4 Nevertheless a_distance it_will_be between_you(pl) it[9] about_ _two_thousand cubit[s] by_measurement do_not draw_near to_ _him/it so_that that you(pl)_may_know ÐOM the_way which you(pl)_will_go in_it if/because not you(pl)_have_passed in_ _way from_yesterday three_days_ago. **5** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he/it_said to the_people consecrate_ _yourselves if/because tomorrow **YHWH** he_will_do in_midst_ _of_your(pl) wonders. **6** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said to the_ _priests to_say lift_up ÐOM the_box_of the_covenant and_pass_ _over to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people and_ _they_lifted_up ÐOM the_box_of the_covenant and_they_went to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa the_day the_this I_will_begin to_ _make_you_great in/on_both_eyes_of all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) that they_will_know if/because_that just_as I_was with Mosheh I_ _will_be with_you. **8** And_you(ms) you_will_command ÐOM the_ _priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_covenant to_say just_as_you(pl)_come to the_edge_of the_waters_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) in_Yardēn you(pl)_will_stand_still. **9** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) draw_ _near hither and_hear ÐOM the_words/messages_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **10** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said by_this you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that god living is_in_midst_of_your(pl) and_completely_(dispossess) he_will_dispossess from_before_ _of_you(pl) ÐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī and_ÐOM the_Ḥittiy[s] and_ÐOM the_Ḥiūī and_ÐOM the_Pərizzī[s] and_ÐOM the_Girgāshiy and_ _the_'Amorī[s] and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **11** HERE the_box_ _of the_covenant the_master_of all_of the_earth/land is_about_ _to_pass_on before_you(pl) in_Yardēn. **12** And_now take to/for_ _you(pl) two_plus_of ten man from_the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_man one a_man one to_tribe. **13** And_it_was just_ the_soles_of the_feet_of the_priests who_carry_of (of)_ _the_box_of **YHWH** the_master_of all_of the_earth/land _as_ _rest in_the_waters_of the_Yardēn the_waters_of the_Yardēn they_will_be_cut_off the_waters which_are_coming_down from_to_above and_they_will_stand a_heap one. **14** And_he/it_ _was when_ the_people _set_out from_tents_of_their to_pass_ _over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box the_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people. **15** And_just_ those_who_carry_of (of)_the_box _as_ _came to the_Yardēn and_the_feet_of the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box they_were_dipped in_the_edge_of the_waters and_ _the_Yardēn it_is_full over all_of banks_of_its all_of the_days_of harvest. **16** And_ the_waters which_came_down from_to_above _they_stood they_rose a_heap one far_away very in/on/at/with[10] the_city which is_from_the_side_of Tsₑrətān/(Zarethan) and_those_which_went_down to the_sea_ _of the_ʻArāvāh the_Sea_of (the)_Salt they_were_complete they_were_cut_off and_the_people they_passed_over before Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **17** And_ the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_ _box the_covenant_of **YHWH** _they_stood on_ground in_the_ _middle of_the_Yardēn firmly and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) were_ _passing_over on_ground until that all_of the_nation they_had_ _finished to_pass_over ÐOM the_Yardēn.

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9 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/ניב/ו**: (x-qere) 'ו/נֶיְבִ/ו': lemma_c/996 n_1.1 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_06k23 ו/נֶיְבִ/ו

10 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב/מדא**: (x-qere) 'מ/דָאֶיָמ': lemma_m/121 morph_HR/Np id_06rKT מ/דָאֶיָמ

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4:1 And_he/it_was just_as all_of the_nation they_had_finished to_pass_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) to_say. **2** Take to/for_you(pl) from the_ _people two_plus ten men a_man one a_man one from_a_tribe. **3** And_command them to_say take_up to/for_you(pl) from_here from_the_middle_of the_Yardēn from_the_standing-place_of the_feet_of the_priests to_make_firm two_plus ten stones and_ _you(pl)_will_take_over them with_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _set_down them at_place which you(pl)_will_stay in_him/it the_night. **4** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_called to two_plus the_ten man whom he_had_appointed from_(the)_sons of_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) a_man one a_man one from_a_tribe. **5** And_ _he/it_said to/for_them Yəhōshūʻa pass_over to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) into the_middle_of the_Yardēn and_take_up to/for_you(pl) each a_ _stone one on shoulder_of_his to_the_number_of the_tribes_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **6** So_that it_may_be this a_sign in_midst_of_your(pl) if/because they_will_ask children_of_ _your(pl) tomorrow to_say what are_the_stones the_these to_ _you(pl). **7** And_you(pl)_will_say to/for_them which/who the_ _waters_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) they_were_cut_off from_ _face/in_front_of the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** when_it_ _passed_on in_Yardēn the_waters_of the_Yardēn they_were_ _cut_off and_they_will_be the_stones the_these (into)_a_ _memorial for_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) until perpetuity. **8** And_they_made thus the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel)[12] just_as Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_had_commanded and_they_took_up two_plus_of ten stones from_the_middle_of the_Yardēn just_as **YHWH** he_had_said to Yəhōshūʻa to_the_number_of the_tribes_ _of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_they_took_them_over with_them to the_lodging_place and_they_set_them_down there. **9** And_two_plus ten stones Yəhōshūʻa he_set_up in_the_ _middle of_the_Yardēn in_the_place_of the_standing-place_of the_feet_of the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_ _covenant and_they_were there until the_day (the)_this. **10** And_the_priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box were_standing in_the_middle of_the_Yardēn until every_of (the)_thing which **YHWH** he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa to_speak to the_ _people according_to_all that Mosheh he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa was_finished and_ the_people _they_hurried and_ _they_passed_over. **11** And_he/it_was just_as all_of the_people it_had_finished to_pass_over and_ the_box_of **YHWH** and_the_ _priests _he/it_passed_through to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_people. **12** And_ the_descendants_of Rəʼūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh _they_passed_over arrayed_for_battle to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) just_ _as he_had_spoken to_them Mosheh. **13** About_forty thousand (the)_man_equipped_of (the)_war they_passed_over to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** for_battle to the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **14** In_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_made_ _great ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) in/on_both_eyes_of all_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_they_saw ~~DOM~~_him/it just_as they_had_

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The memorial of boulders · Promised land

4:1 Once all the people had crossed over the Yarden (Jordan) River, Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), **2** "Take those twelve men that the people selected from each tribe, **3** and give them these instructions: Pick up twelve boulders from here in the middle of the Yarden from near where the priests are standing, and bring them over with you, and put them in the place where you all camp tonight."

4 So Yehoshua called over the twelve men, one from each tribe, **5** and told them, "Cross back to where your god Yahweh's box is in the middle of the Yarden and each of you should pick up a rock and carry it back on your shoulder—one stone each on your shoulder to match the number of tribes of Yisrael's (Israel's) sons. **6** Those boulders will be a monument for all the people. In the future when your children ask what those boulders mean, **7** then you'll all be able to tell them that the water in the Yarden River was cut off ahead of the box with Yahweh's agreement. When it crossed over into the river, the water in the river stopped flowing, and those boulders are a memorial for the Israelis forever.

8 So the Israelis did just what Yehoshua had told them to do, and they picked up twelve boulders from the Yarden, just as Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua, and brought them over to where the people were camping and placed them down there. **9** Then Yehoshua stacked up twelve other boulders in the middle of the Yarden where the feet of the priests carrying the box with the agreement had been, and they remain there until today. **10** The priests carrying the box had stood in the middle of the Yarden until everything that Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua to pass on to the people was done, just as Mosheh (Moses) had also instructed Yehoshua, and the people had rapidly crossed over.

11 As soon as all the people had crossed over, the priests carrying Yahweh's box also crossed over in front of the people. **12** The soldiers from the tribes of Re'uven, and Gad and the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) had marched over ahead of the rest of the Israeli, as Mosheh had agreed with them. **13** (There were around forty thousand of them, armed and ready for battle, and they were heading to the plains of Yeriho (Jericho) for the battle there.) **14** On that day, Yahweh helped Yehoshua to look powerful in the eyes of the people, and they respected him just as they had respected Mosheh all the days of his[11] life.

15 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, **16** "Now order the priests carrying the box with the agreement to come up out of what was the Yarden River," **17** so Yehoshua instructed the priests to come on up from the Yarden. **18** As soon as the priests carrying the box with Yahweh's agreement came up out of what had been the

11 RV 4:14 · Note The Hebrew doesn't make it clear here whether the writer meant all of **Mosheh's life** or all of **Yehoshua's life**, so translations will vary.

12 LV 4:8 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yarden River and their feet stepped onto what had been dry land, the river water returned to its place and overflowed its banks as it had been doing for the previous few days.

19 The people had come up from the river valley around the end of March and they camped east of Yeriho at Gilgal, **20** which was where they had set up the monument of twelve boulders. **21** Then Yehoshua told the Israelis, "In the future when your descendants ask why these boulders are here, **22** tell them that this is where Yisrael crossed the Yarden River on dry land. **23** Your god Yahweh dried up the river water ahead of you until you'd all crossed over, just as he had done when he dried up the Red Sea before we crossed over. **24** Yahweh did that so that all the peoples in the world would know that he is powerful, and so that you'll always all respect him.

5:1 When all the Amori kings who were on the west side of the Yarden (towards the ocean) and all the Kena'ani (Canaanite) kings (beside the ocean) heard how Yahweh had dried up the water in the Yarden River until the Israelis had crossed over, they trembled with fear and lost their nerve to stand against Yisrael (Israel).

Circumcising the males and celebrating 'pass-over' at Gilgal · Promised land

2 At that time, Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Make yourself flint knives and again circumcise the male Israelis." **3** So Yehoshua had flint knives made and the male Israelis were circumcised at a place they named 'The hill of foreskins'. **4** (This was done because all the men who'd left Mitsrayim (Egypt) and who were old enough to join the army had been circumcised but had died in the wilderness since then,[15] **5** and because all the boys who'd been born while they were in the wilderness after they'd left Mitsrayim hadn't been circumcised. **6** The Israelis had spent forty years moving around the wilderness until the last of those men who'd left Mitsrayim but hadn't listened to Yahweh had died. Yahweh had promised not to let them see the land that he'd

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_feared ÐOM Mosheh all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa to_say. **16** Command ÐOM the_ _priests who_carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_transcript and_let_ _them_come_up from the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **17** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_commanded ÐOM the_priests to_say come_up from the_ _Yardēn. **18** And_he/it_was in/on/at/with[13] the_priests who_ _carry_of (of)_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** from_the_ _middle_of the_Yardēn the_soles_of the_feet_of the_priests they_were_drawn_out to the_dry_ground and_ the_waters_of the_Yardēn _they_returned to_place_of_their and_they_went as_yesterday three_days_ago over all_of banks_of_its. **19** And_ _the_people they_went_up from the_Yardēn on_ten of_month (the)_first and_they_encamped at_Gilgāl on_the_edge_of the_ _east_of Yərîḥō. **20** And_ÐOM two_plus ten the_stones the_these which they_had_taken from the_Yardēn Yəhōshūʻa he_set_up at_Gilgāl. **21** And_he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say that they_will_ask children_of_your(pl) tomorrow ÐOM fathers_of_their to_say what are_the_stones the_these. **22** And_ _you(pl)_will_make_known_to ÐOM children_of_your(pl) to_say on_ground Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_passed_over ÐOM the_Yardēn (the)_this. **23** That **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_dried_up ÐOM the_waters_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) from_before_of_you(pl) until you_had_passed_over just_as **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_ _did to_the_sea_of reed[s] which he_dried_up from_before_of_ _us until we_had_passed_over. **24** So_as all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land to_know ÐOM the_hand_of **YHWH** if/because_ _that is_mighty it so_that you(pl)_may_fear ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) all_of the_days.
5:1 And_he/it_was just_ all_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī who were_on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn westward_to and_all the_kings_of the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who were_at the_sea_ _as_heard ÐOM how **YHWH** he_had_dried_up ÐOM the_waters_of the_Yardēn from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) until mmm[14] and_ heart_of_their _it_melted and_not it_was in_them still spirit from_face/in_front_of the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

2 At_time (the)_that **YHWH** he_said to Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) make to/for_yourself(m) knives_of flint(s) and_return circumcise ÐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_second_time. **3** And_he/it_made to_him/it Yəhōshūʻa knives_of flint(s) and_ _he_circumcised ÐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to the_hill_ _of (the)_foreskins. **4** And_this is_the_reason why Yəhōshūʻa he_circumcised all_of the_people which_had_come_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) the_males all_of the_men_of (the)_war they_had_died in_wilderness on_way when_they_went_out from_Mitsrayim. **5** If/because circumcised all_of the_people which_came_out they_had_been and_all the_people (the)_born in_wilderness on_way when_they_went_out from_Mitsrayim not people_had_circumcised. **6** If/because forty year[s] the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_had_walked in_wilderness until all_of the_nation the_men_of (the)_war who_came_out from_Mitsrayim who not they_had_listened to_the_voice_of

13 LV 4:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תולע/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹלַ֣עַ/כ': lemma_k/5927 morph_HR/Vqc id_06Erp תוֹלַ֣עַ/כ
14 LV 5:1 · Note OSHB variant note: רבע/ונ: (x-qere) 'מֻ֖רְבָּ֥ע': lemma_5674 a n_1 morph_HVqc/Sp3mp id_06cMr מֻ֖רְבָּ֥ע
15 RV 5:4 · Cross-ref. Num 14:28-35.

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YHWH whom **YHWH** he_had_sworn to/for_them to_not to_let_ _them_to_see ÐOM the_earth/land which **YHWH** he_had_sworn to_fathers_of_their to_give to/for_us a_land flowing_of milk and_honey was_finished. **7** And_ÐOM children_of_their he_ _raised_up in_place_of_them ÐOM_them Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_circumcised if/because uncircumcised they_were if/because not people_had_circumcised them on_way. **8** And_ _he/it_was just_as all_of the_nation they_had_finished to_be_ _circumcised and_they_lived in_their_place in_camp until lived_they. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa the_day I_ _have_rolled_away ÐOM the_reproach_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_on_you(pl) and_he/it_called the_name_of the_place (the)_that Gilgāl until the_day (the)_this. **10** And_ the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _they_encamped at_Gilgāl and_they_made ÐOM the_passover on_the_four- teen day of_month in_evening on_ _the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho).

11 And_they_ate some_of_the_produce_of the_earth/land from_the_next_day_of the_passover unleavened_bread(s) and_ _roasted_grain on_the_substance_of the_day (the)_this. **12** And_ the_manna _he/it_rested from_the_next_day when_ate_they some_of_the_produce_of the_earth/land and_not it_belonged again to_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) manna and_they_ate some_of_the_produce_of the_land_of Kəna ʻan/(Canaan) in_year (the)_that.

13 And_he/it_was when_was Yəhōshūʻa at_Yərīḥō and_he_ _lifted_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _man was_standing to_before_him and_sword_of_his was_ _drawn in_his/its_hand and_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he/it_went to_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it for_us are_you or for_foes_ _of_our. **14** And_he/it_said no if/because I am_the_commander_ _of the_army_of **YHWH** now I_have_come and_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_ _fell to his/its_faces/face towards_land and_he_bowed_down and_he/it_said to_him/it what my_master saying (to) servant_ _of_his. **15** And_ the_commander_of the_army_of **YHWH** _he/it_ _said to Yəhōshūʻa take_off sandal_of_your from_under foot_of_ _your if/because the_place which you are_standing on/upon/above_him/it is_a_holy_place it and_ Yəhōshūʻa _ _he/it_made thus.

6:1 And_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) was_shutting and_shut_up from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) there_was_not one_going_out and_there_was_not one_coming. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa see I_have_given in_hand_of_your ÐOM Yərīḥō and_ÐOM king_of_its the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength. **3** And_ all_of the_men_of (the)_war _you(pl)_will_go_around ÐOM the_city you_will_encircle ÐOM the_city a_time_of one thus you_will_do six_of days. **4** And_seven priests they_will_carry seven (the)_trumpets_of (the)_rams'_horns to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_box and_on_day the_seventh you(pl)_will_ _go_round ÐOM the_city seven times and_the_priests they_will_ _give_a_blast on_trumpets. **5** And_it_was when_blow on_the_

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promised to their ancestors to give them—a land flowing with milk and honey. **7** It was the sons of those people that Yehoshua had circumcised this time because they hadn't been circumcised on the way.)

8 After all their males had been circumcised, they remained in that camp until they'd healed up. **9** Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Today I've rolled away the disgrace of Mitsrayim from you," and that place is named Gilgal[16] until this day.

10 In the evening of the fourth day that the people had been camped at Gilgal there on the plains near Yeriho (Jericho), they celebrated the 'pass-over'.[17]

Eating from the land—no more manna · Promised land

11 The next day they ate roasted grain that they'd taken from that area, and ate flat bread that same day. **12** The day after they'd eaten some of the produce from that area, there was no manna on the ground to be collected and so it stopped[18]—instead they'd eat the produce from the Kena'an (Canaan) region beginning that year.

Yehoshua and the man with a sword · Promised land

13 While Yehoshua (Joshua) was in the Yeriho (Jericho) area, he looked up and saw a man in front of him. The man had drawn his sword and was holding it in his hand so Yehoshua approached him and asked, "Are you on *our* side, or with our enemies?"

14 "No," the man answered, "but I, the leader of Yahweh's army, have come now."

Then Yehoshua fell to his knees and bowed down with his face to the ground, and asked him, "What's my master going to command to his servant?"

15 "Take off your sandals," the commander of Yahweh's army told him, "because the ground that you're standing is holy." So Yehoshua took them off.

Yeriho's walls collapse · Promised land

6:1 Now Yeriho (Jericho) city was shut-up tightly because of the Israelis, so no one was coming out and no one could go in. **2** Then Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Listen, I've given you victory over Yeriho and its king, and their mighty army warriors. **3** All your soldiers must go around the city once every day for six days **4** with seven priests blowing ram's horns going ahead of the sacred box. On the seventh day, you all must go around the city seven times while the priests are blowing the horns. **5** Finally, with a long blast of the horn, when you all hear

16 RV 5:9 · Note The name 'Gilgal' ('גִּלְגָּל', 'circle') sounds like 'galal' ('גָּלַל', 'roll').

17 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:1-13.

18 RV 5:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:35.

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that then all the people must shout loudly and the wall around the city will fall down flat, and all the soldiers should go straight in from where they're standing."

6 So Yehoshua summoned the priests and told them, "Carry the box with the agreement, and have seven priests hold up seven rams' horns ahead of Yahweh's box." **7** Then he told the people, "Go across in front and go around the city, with the soldiers going ahead of Yahweh's box."

8 After Yehoshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests with their seven rams' horns went across in front and blew the horns, and the box with Yahweh's covenant was carried along behind them. **9** The soldiers walked ahead of the priests blowing the horns, with the rear guard walking behind the box. So they were walking and blowing the horns, **10** and Yehoshua told the people, "Don't shout or even speak or make a noise until the day I tell you all to shout—then you all should shout loudly."

11 So Yahweh's box was carried once around the city, then the people went back to the camp and stayed the night there.

12 Yehoshua got up early the next morning, and the priests picked up Yahweh's box **13** and the seven priests holding the seven rams' horns went in front of it—blowing the horns as they kept walking. The soldiers walking in front of them, and the rear guard walked behind Yahweh's box while the horns were being blown. **14** They went once around the city on that second day and then returned to their camp again—doing that for six days.

15 Then on the seventh day they got up early at dawn and went around the city as before, except this day they went around seven times. **16** After that seventh time around, the priests blew a long blast on the rams' horns and Yehoshua told the people, "Shout, because Yahweh has given you all the city! **17** However, everything in the city is sacred to Yahweh. Only the prostitute Rahav and those who are in her house will be allowed to live, because she hid the spies that we sent in. **18** But for all of you, everything inside the city is forbidden—if any of you take anything out of the city then our camp would also then be marked for destruction and it would cause a lot of trouble. **19** All the silver and gold, bronze and iron is dedicated to Yahweh and must go into his treasury.

20 So the people shouted when that horn blew—as soon as they heard it the people shouted loudly and the wall fell down on itself[19] and the people went up and over into the city from wherever they were standing and captured the city. **21** They killed every living thing in the city with their swords, including men and women, young and old, even cattle, sheep, and donkeys.

22 Then Yehoshua commanded the two men who had spied on the area, "Go to the prostitute's house and bring the woman out

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_horn_of (the)_ram's_horn in/on/at/with[22] ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sound_of the_trumpet all_of the_people they_will_shout a_shout loud and_ the_wall_of the_city _it_will_fall in_its_place and_ the_ _people _they_will_go_up everyone before_himself. **6** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn _he/it_called to the_priests and_he/it_said to_them lift_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_box_of the_covenant and_seven priests they_will_carry seven trumpets_of rams'_ _horns to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH**. **7** And[23] to the_people pass_on and_go_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city and_ _the_equipped_man he_will_pass_on to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_box_of **YHWH**. **8** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhōshūʿa _as_had_said to the_people and_seven the_priests who_were_ _carrying seven the_trumpets_of (the)_rams'_horns to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** they_passed_on and_they_ _gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** was_going after_them. **9** And_the_equipped_man was_ _walking to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_priests who_ _were_giving_a_blast_on_of[24] (of)_the_trumpets and_the_ _rearguard was_walking behind the_box walking and_giving_ _blasts on_trumpets. **10** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_people Yəhōshūʿa he_ _commanded to_say not you(pl)_must_shout and_not you(pl)_ _must_make_heard ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ voice_of_your(pl) and_not it_will_go_ _out from_mouth_of_your(pl) a_message until the_day say_I to_ _you(pl) shout and_you(pl)_will_shout. **11** And_he_caused_to_ _go_around the_box_of **YHWH** ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city it_encircled_it a_ _time_of one and_they_came the_camp and_they_stayed in_ _camp. **12** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he_rose_early in_morning and_ the_priests _they_lifted ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_box_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ _seven the_priests who_were_carrying seven the_trumpets_of (the)_rams'_horns to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _box_of **YHWH** were_walking wwww and_they_gave_blasts on_ _trumpets and_the_equipped_man was_walking before_them and_the_rearguard was_walking behind the_box_of **YHWH** wwww[25] and_giving_blasts on_trumpets. **14** And_they_went_ _around ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city in_the_day the_second a_time_of one and_they_returned the_camp thus they_did six_of days. **15** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_they_rose_early just_ the_dawn _as_came_up and_they_went_around ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _city according_the_custom the_this seven times only in_the_ _day (the)_that they_went_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_city seven times. **16** And_he/it_was at_time (the)_seventh the_priests they_gave_ _a_blast on_trumpets and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_said to the_people shout if/because **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _city. **17** And_it_will_be the_city a_devoted_thing it and_all that is_in_it to/for_**YHWH** only Rāḥāv the_prostitute she_will_live she and_all one_who is_with_her in_house if/because she_hid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_messengers whom we_sent. **18** And_only you(pl) keep from the_devoted_thing[s] lest you(pl)_should_totally_destroy and_you(pl)_will_take any_of the_devoted_thing[s] and_ _you(pl)_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_camp_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) into_a_ _devoted_thing and_you(pl)_will_trouble it. **19** And_

19 **RV 6:20 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:30.

22 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: סכ/עמש/ב: (x-qere) כְּ/עָמְשָׂ/סֻּ֫כֵּי: lemma_k/8085 n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp2mp id_06ZK9 כְּ/עָמְשָׂ/סֻּ֫כֵּי

23 **LV 6:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורמאי/ו: (x-qere) וְ/רֹמְאֵ֣י/וְ: lemma_c/559 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_06UF1 וְ/רֹמְאֵ֣י/וְ

24 **LV 6:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ועקת: (x-qere) יֹעֲקֹ֣ת: lemma_8628 n_1.0 morph_HVqrmpc id_068HL יֹעֲקֹ֣ת

25 **LV 6:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: דלוה: (x-qere) הַדַּלְוָ֣ה: lemma_1980 n_0.0 morph_HVqa id_06o3f הַדַּלְוָ֣ה

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_all/each/any/every silver and_gold and_articles_of bronze and_iron is_a_holy_thing it to/for_**YHWH** the_treasury_of **YHWH** it_will_go. **20** And_ the_people _it_shouted and_they_ _gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_he/it_was just_ the_people _as_ _heard ÐOM the_sound_of the_trumpet and_ the_people _they_ _shouted a_shout loud and_ the_city_wall _it_fell in_its_place and_ the_people _he/it_ascended to_the_city everyone before_ _himself and_they_captured ÐOM the_city. **21** And_they_totally_ _destroyed ÐOM all_of that was_in_city from_man and_unto woman from_young_man and_unto old_man and_unto ox[en] and_sheep and_donkey[s] to_the_mouth_of the_sword. **22** And_ _to_two the_men who_had_spied_out ÐOM the_earth/land Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) he_said go the_house_of the_woman the_ _prostitute and_bring_out from_there ÐOM the_woman and_ _ÐOM every_of one_who to/for_her/it just_as you(pl)_swore to/for_her/it. **23** And_ the_young_men who_had_spied_out _ _they_came and_they_brought_out ÐOM Rāḥāv and_ÐOM father_ _of_her and_ÐOM mother_of_her and_ÐOM brothers_of_her and_ _ÐOM every_of one_who to/for_her/it and_ÐOM all_of famili(es)_ _of_her they_brought_out and_they_put_them from_the_ _outside of_the_camp_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **24** And_the_city they_burnt with_fire and_all that was_in_it only the_silver and_ _the_gold and_the_articles_of (the)_bronze and_(the)_iron they_put the_treasury_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **25** And_ÐOM Rāḥāv the_prostitute and_ÐOM the_household_of her_father_ _of_her and_ÐOM every_of one_who to/for_her/it Yəhōshūʿa he_let_live and_she_has_dwelt in_the_midst_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) until the_day the_this if/because she_hid ÐOM the_messengers whom Yəhōshūʿa he_had_sent to_spy_out ÐOM Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **26** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_administered_an_oath at_time (the)_that to_say be_cursed the_man to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** who he_will_arise and_he_will_ _rebuild ÐOM the_city (the)_this ÐOM Yərīḥō with_firstborn_of_ _his he_will_found_it and_with_his_young_of_son he_will_set_ _up gates_of_its. **27** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_he/it_was of_him_of_the_report in_all the_earth/land.

7:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_acted_ _unfaithfully unfaithfulness in_thing[s] and_ ʿĀkān the_son_of Karmī/(Carmi) the_son_of Zavdiy the_son_of Zeraḥ of_the_ _tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_took some_of the_devoted_ _thing[s] and_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **2** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_sent men from_Yərīḥō (the)_ʿAy which is_beside Bēyt Aven from_east of_ _Bēyt-ʾēl and_he/it_said to_them to_say go_up and_spy_out ÐOM the_earth/land and_ the_men _they_went_up and_they_ _spied_out ÐOM (the)_ʿAy. **3** And_they_returned to Yəhōshūʿa and_they_said to_him/it not all_of the_people let_it_go_up about_two_thousand man or about_three_of thousand(s) man let_them_go_up and_let_them_attack ÐOM (the)_ʿAy do_not make_go_wearily to_(to) ÐOM all_of the_people if/because are_ _few they. **4** And_they_went_up of the_people there_(to) about_ _three_of thousand(s) man and_they_fled to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_men_of (the)_ʿAy. **5** And_they_struck_

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of it and all who are related to her, just as you promised her."
23 So the young men who'd gone in as spies went in and brought out Rahav and her parents and all her relatives and settled them outside of the camp of the Israelis. **24** Then the warriors set fire to the city and burnt everything that was in it. Only the silver and gold, and bronze and iron were first removed and put into the treasury of Yahweh's house. **25** But Yehoshua spared the prostitute Rahav and her father's household and her other relatives because she hid the men that Yehoshua had sent in to spy on Yeriho (Jericho),[20] and she still lives in Yisrael (Israel) to this day.

26 At that time, Yehoshua made the people take an oath, saying,

"May Yahweh curse anyone who rebuilds this city, Yeriho.
When that person lays its foundation, may his oldest son die.
And when he finishes building the city wall and sets up its gates, may his youngest son die."[21]

27 So Yahweh was with Yehoshua and everyone in that region had heard about him.

Akan's sin · Promised land

7:1 However the Israelis disobeyed the command about not taking anything. Akan (son of Karmi, son of Zavdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)) took something that was prohibited, so Yahweh was angry with the Israelis.

2 Meanwhile, Yehoshua (Joshua) sent some of his men from Yeriho (Jericho) to Ay (east of Beyt-El (Bethel) and near Beyt-Aven) and told them, "Go to Ay and spy out the land." So the men went and checkout out Ay. **3** When they returned to Yehoshua, they told him, "Don't send all the warriors—only around two to three thousand men should go and attack them. Don't bother everyone else because Ay is small." **4** So around three thousand warriors went to attack Ay, but they were defeated and had to flee back. **5** The men from Ay chased them from the city gate downhill to Shevarim and fought them on the

20 RV 6:25 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:31.

21 RV 6:26 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 16:34.

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slopes. About thirty-six of them were killed, and the Israelis became very afraid and lost all their courage.

6 Yehoshua and the Israeli elders tore their clothes in grief and fell to their knees in front of Yahweh's box until evening, throwing dust onto their heads in despair. **7** Then Yehoshua asked, "Yahweh, my master, why did you bring these people across the Yarden (Jordan) and then let us be defeated and killed by the Amorim? If only we'd been content and stayed on the other side of the river. **8** Please, my master, what can I say now that we have had to flee in shame from our enemies? **9** When the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and the other people living in this land hear about this, they'll surround us and kill all of us. Then what would you do to defend your honour?

10 But Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Stand up! Why is your face on the ground like that? **11** Yisrael (Israel) has sinned and disobeyed my agreement[26] that I made with them. They've also taken prohibited things—stealing, deceiving, and put it with their own possessions. **12** That's why they were unable to defeat their enemies—they had to flee from them because they took what was prohibited. I won't be with you all again unless you all destroy what was taken. **13** So get up and tell the people, 'Purify yourselves for tomorrow, because our God Yahweh says that we took something prohibited and we won't be able to better our enemies until it's removed from among us. **14** Tomorrow morning you all must present yourselves by your tribes. Then the tribe that Yahweh singles out, must present yourselves by your clans, and the clan that Yahweh singles out, must present yourselves by household. Then the household that Yahweh singles out, must present yourselves individually. **15** The man who is caught will be destroyed by fire, along with everything that belongs to him, because he's violated Yahweh's agreement and committed a disgraceful sin among Yisrael."

16 So Yehoshua got up early the next morning and ordered each tribe to come forward singly, and the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) was singled out. **17** Then each of the clans came forward and the Zarhi clan was singled out, and when their families came forwards, Zavdi's household was singled out. **18** When everyone in that extended family came forward, Akan (son of Karmi, son of Zavdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Yehudah) was singled out. **19** Then Yehoshua told Akan, "My son, now honour Yahweh the god of Yisrael and give thanks to him. And tell me now what you've done—don't hide it from me."

20 "It's true," Akan replied, "I've sinned against Yahweh the god of Yisrael. This is what I did: **21** I saw a beautiful Babylonian cloak and two hundred silver pieces and a tongue-shaped piece of gold (weighing six-hundred grams) there inside Yeriho (Jericho). I wanted them so I took them, and they're hidden in the ground under my tent, with the silver underneath."

22 Yehoshua sent some messengers and they ran to the tent, and sure enough, it was all hidden there in the ground with the

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_down from_them the_men_of (the)_ʼAy about_thirty and_six man and_they_pursued_them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_gate to (the)_Shəvʼārīm and_they_struck_them_ _down at_descent and_ the_heart_of the_people _it_melted and_he/it_was (into)_water. **6** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_ _tore clothes_of_his and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face towards_ _land to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** until the_evening he and_the_elders_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_ _they_made_go_up dust on head_of_their. **7** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _ _he/it_said alas my_master **YHWH** why have_you_brought_ _over at_all_(brought_over) ÐOM the_people the_this ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) to_give us in_the_hand_of the_ʼAmorī to_ _destroy_us and_if we_had_been_willing and_we_had_remained on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn. **8** Pardon_me my_master what will_I_say after that Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it_has_turned a_neck to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_its. **9** And_ the_ _Kənaʻₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_all/each/any/every the_ _inhabitants_of the_earth/land _they_will_hear and_they_will_ _surround (on)_us and_they_will_cut_off ÐOM name_of_our from the_earth/land and_what will_you_do for_name_of_your (the)_great. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa stand_up to/for_you(fs) to/for_what this are_you falling on face_of_your. **11** Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it_has_sinned and_also they_have_ _transgressed ÐOM covenant_of_my which I_commanded them and_also they_have_taken some_of the_devoted_thing[s] and_ _also they_have_stolen and_also they_have_deceived and_also they_have_put_them among_things_of_their. **12** And_not the_ _people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_are_able to_stand to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their a_neck they_turn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their if/because they_have_become (into)_a_devoted_thing not I_ _will_repeat to_be with_you(pl) if not you(pl)_will_destroy the_ _devoted_thing[s] from_midst_of_your(pl). **13** Arise consecrate ÐOM the_people and_you_will_say consecrate_yourselves for_ _tomorrow if/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he_says devoted_thing[s] are_in_midst_of_your Oh_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) not you_will_be_able to_stand to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_your until remove_you(pl) the_devoted_thing[s] from_midst_of_your(pl). **14** And_you_will_ _bring_yourselves_near in_morning to_tribes_of_your(pl) and_ _it_was the_tribe which he_will_take_it **YHWH** it_will_draw_ _near to_families and_the_family which he_will_take_it **YHWH** it_will_draw_near to_households and_the_household which he_ _will_take_it **YHWH** it_will_draw_near to_men. **15** And_it_was the_one_who_is_taken_by_lot with_thing[s] he_will_be_burnt with_fire ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM all_of that to_him/it if/because he_has_transgressed ÐOM covenant_of **YHWH** and_ _because/when he_has_done a_disgraceful_folly in_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **16** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_brought_near ÐOM Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_ _tribes_of_its and_ the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_was_ _taken_by_lot. **17** And_he_brought_near ÐOM the_family_of Yəhūdāh and_he_took ÐOM the_family_of the_Zerahite[s] and_ _he_brought_near ÐOM the_family_of the_Zerahite[s] to_men and_ Zavdiy _he_was_taken_by_lot. **18** And_he_brought_near ÐOM household_of_his to_men and_ ʼĀkān the_son_of

26 RV 7:11 · Note Probably referring to the ten commands written on the stone slabs.

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Karmī/(Carmi) the_son_of Zavdiy the_son_of Zeraḥ of_the_ _tribe_of Yəhūdāh _he_was_taken_by_lot. **19** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _ _he/it_said to ʻĀkān my_son_of_my put please glory to/for_ _**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_give to_him/it confession and_tell please to_me what have_you_done do_not hide_it from_me. **20** And_ ʻĀkān _he_answered ĐOM Yəhōshūʻa and_he_said truly I I_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_like_this and_like_this I_have_done. **21** And[27] among_booty (the)_cloak_of Shinʻār one good and_ _two_hundreds shekels silver and_(the)_tongue gold one was_ _fifty shekels weight_of_its and_I_desired_them and_I_took_ _them and_there_they are_hidden on_the_earth in_the_middle of_(the)_tent_of_my and_the_silver is_under_it. **22** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_sent messengers and_they_ran to_the_ _tent and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_hidden in_tent_of_his and_ _the_silver was_under_it. **23** And_they_took_them from_the_ _midst_of the_tent and_they_brought_them to Yəhōshūʻa and_ _near/to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_ _poured_them_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **24** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_took ĐOM ʻĀkān the_son_of Zeraḥ and_ĐOM the_silver and_ĐOM the_cloak and_ĐOM the_tongue_of the_gold and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_ĐOM daughters_of_his and_ _ĐOM ox[en]_of_his and_ĐOM donkey[s]_of_his and_ĐOM his/its_ _flock_of_sheep/goats and_ĐOM tent_of_his and_ĐOM all_of that to_him/it and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it and_they_ _brought_up ĐOM_them the_valley_of ʻĀkōr. **25** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said why have_you(pl)_brought_trouble_to_us he_will_ _bring_trouble_to_you **YHWH** in_the_day the_this and_ all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_stoned ĐOM_him/it stone[s] and_they_ _burnt ĐOM_them with_fire and_they_stoned ĐOM_them with_ _stones. **26** And_they_set_up on/upon/above_him/it a_heap_of stones great until the_day the_this and_ **YHWH** _he_turned_ _back from_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called the_name_of the_place (the)_that the_valley_of ʻĀkōr until the_day (the)_this.

8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) do_not fear and_do_not be_dismayed take with_you ĐOM all_of the_people_ _of (the)_war and_arise go_up (the)_ʻAy see I_have_given in_ _hand_of_your ĐOM the_king_of (the)_ʻAy and_ĐOM people_of_ _his and_ĐOM city_of_his and_ĐOM land_of_his. **2** And_you_will_ _do to_ʻAy and_to_king_of_its just_as you_did to_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_to_king_of_its only booty_of_its and_ _livestock_of_its you(pl)_will_plunder to/for_you(pl) set to/for_ _yourself(m) an_ambush for_city (from)_behind_it. **3** And_ Yəhōshūʻa and_all the_people_of (the)_war _he/it_rose_up to_ _go_up (the)_ʻAy and_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_chose thirty thousand man the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength and_he_sent_them_out night. **4** And_he/it_commanded ĐOM_them to_say see you(pl) are_lying_in_wait for_city (from)_behind the_city do_not go_ _far_away from the_city very and_you(pl)_will_be of_you_of_all prepared. **5** And_I and_all the_people which is_with_me we_ _will_draw_near to the_city and_it_was if/because they_will_ _come_out to_meet_us just_as at_time and_we_will_flee before_

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silver underneath. **23** They took it out of the tent and brought it back to Yehoshua and all the people, and spread it out in front of Yahweh.

24 Then Yehoshua took Akan and the silver, the cloak, the gold along with his children and his animals, his tent and everything he owned, and took them to the Akor Valley along with all the people, **25** and he said, "Why did you cause trouble for us? Yahweh will trouble you today." And the people executed him by throwing rocks at him. Then they threw rocks at them all and burnt the bodies **26** and piled rocks over them which are still there to this day and Yahweh's anger subsided. That's why that place is called 'Akor' (i.e., 'Trouble') Valley to this day.

The defeat and destruction of Ay · Promised land

8:1 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Don't be afraid or discouraged. Take all your warriors with you and go to Ay. Listen, I've given you victory over Ay's king and his people and his city and his land. **2** You'll do to Ay and its king what you did to Yeriho (Jericho) and its king,[28] except that you all can plunder its spoil and its livestock for yourselves. Ambush the city from behind."

3 So Yehoshua led his warriors towards Ay. He chose thirty thousand of the bravest and strongest warriors and sent them ahead in the darkness **4** and told them, "Listen, you all lie in ambush against the city from close behind it, and make sure you all stay alert and ready to attack. **5** I will bring those warriors who are with me and we'll approach the city, then when they come out to attack us like last time, we'll run back away from them. **6** They'll think we're running away from them like we did before,

27 **LV 7:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: הָאָרְא/וֹ: (x-qere) אֶרֶץ/וֹ: lemma_c/7200 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_06oYz אֶרֶץ/וֹ

28 **RV 8:2 · Note** We're not actually given any details about what happened to the king of Yeriho.

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so they'll chase after us until we've drawn them away from the city. **7** Then you'll all move in from your ambush position and capture the city, and your god Yahweh will give the city to you all. **8** After you capture the city, set fire to it. Do what I've ordered you all which in turn has come from Yahweh. **9** So Yehoshua sent them to set up the ambush between Ay and Beyt-El (Bethel) (so west of Ay). Meanwhile, he stayed overnight at the camp.

10 Yehoshua got up early in the morning and gathered the warriors, then he and the Israeli elders went in front of them to go and attack Ay. **11** They all went close to the city and camped there slightly to the north, with just a valley between them and Ay. **12** (He had sent around five thousand warriors to lie in ambush between Beyt-El and Ay, west of the city, **13** so the main group was to the north and the rear guard to the west.) That night Yehoshua went down into the valley. **14** When the king of Ay saw the Israelis, he hurriedly got his men ready, and went out early to meet Yisrael (Israel) for the battle. The king and his people went to a prepared spot overlooking the Yarden (Jordan) valley, but he didn't know that another group lay in ambush behind the city. **15** Yehoshua and the Israeli group allowed themselves to be struck by them, then they fled back towards the wilderness **16** and all the men in the city were called out to chase them. So they chased after Yehoshua and were drawn away from the city, **17** and there wasn't a single man left in Ay or Beyt-El who didn't join the chase—they left the city wide open and chased after the Israelis.

18 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua, "Hold your spear out pointing towards Ay, because I will allow you to defeat it." So Yehoshua held the spear that was in his hand out toward the city. **19** When the warriors in the ambush saw that, they rushed out from their place and entered the city and captured it, and quickly set it on fire. **20** When the men from Ay turned and looked behind them, the smoke from their city was going up into the sky, but they had nowhere to escape to. Then Yehoshua's men who'd been fleeing towards the wilderness turned back around towards their pursuers **21** and saw that the ambush had captured the city and the smoke was rising. So they continued back towards Ay, killing their men. **22** Meanwhile, their warriors came back out of the city, so the men from Ay ended up in the middle of the two groups, and the Israelis fought until they'd killed them all. **23** However they captured the king of Ay alive and brought him to Yehoshua.

24 Then after the Israelis had finished killing the men of Ay who had chased them towards the wilderness, they returned to Ay and slaughtered the people still in there, **25** so a total of twelve thousand men and women from Ay were killed that day. **26** Yehoshua didn't lower his spear until everyone who lived in Ay had been completely destroyed. **27** The Israelis only took the

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_them. **6** And_they_will_come_out after_us until we_have_ _drawn_out them from the_city if/because they_will_say they_ _are_fleeing before_us just_as at_time and_we_will_flee before_ _them. **7** And_you(pl) you(pl)_will_arise from_the_ambush and_ _you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ðøm the_city and_he_will_ _give_it **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) in_hand_of_your(pl). **8** And_it_ _was just_as_you(pl)_have_captured ðøm the_city you(pl)_will_ _set_on_fire ðøm the_city with_fire according_to_the_message_ _of **YHWH** you(pl)_will_do see I_have_commanded you(pl). **9** And_he_sent_them_out Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_they_went to the_ambush and_they_lived between Bēyt-ʾēl and_between (the)_ʿAy from_the_west of_ʿAy and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_stayed in_ _night (the)_that in_the_middle the_people. **10** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_mustered ðøm the_people and_ he and_the_elders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people (the)_ʿAy. **11** And_ _all the_people of_(the)_war which with_him/it they_went_up and_they_approached and_they_came before the_city and_ _they_encamped from_the_north_of ʿAy and_the_valley it[29] and_between (the)_ʿAy. **12** And_he/it_took about_five_of thousand(s) man and_he/it_assigned them an_ambush between Bēyt-ʾēl and_between (the)_ʿAy from_the_west of_city. **13** And_ _they_set the_people ðøm all_of the_camp which was_from_ _the_north_of city and_ðøm rearguard_of_its from_the_west of_ _city and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_went in_night (the)_that in_the_ _middle of_the_valley. **14** And_he/it_was just_ the_king_of (the)_ʿAy _as_saw and_they_hurried and_they_rose_early and_ _they_went_out the_men_of the_city to_meet Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) for_battle he and_all people_of_his to_place to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_ʿArāvāh and_he not he_knew if/because_that an_ambush to_him/it was_(from)_behind the_ _city. **15** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _they_were_struck before_them and_they_fled the_direction_of the_wilderness. **16** And_they_were_called_together all_of the_ _people which in/on/at/with[30] to_pursue after_them and_ _they_pursued after Yəhōshūʿa and_they_were_drawn_out from the_city. **17** And_not he_remained anyone in_ʿAy and_Bēyt-ʾēl who not they_went_out after Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_left ðøm the_city open and_they_pursued after Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **18** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʿa stretch_out with_javelin which is_in_hand_of_your to (the)_ʿAy if/because in_hand_of_your I_ _will_give_it and_ Yəhōshūʿa _he_stretched_out with_javelin which in_his/its_hand to the_city. **19** And_the_ambush it_arose quickly from_place_of_its and_they_ran just_as_stretched_out his/its_hand and_they_came the_city and_they_captured_it and_they_hurried and_they_set_on_fire ðøm the_city with_fire. **20** And_ the_men_of (the)_ʿAy _they_turned behind_them and_ _they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_smoke_of the_city it_ _went_up to_the_heavens and_not it_was in/among_them hands to_flee hither and_hither and_the_people which_was_ _fleeing the_wilderness it_turned_back against the_pursuer[s]. **21** And_Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_saw if/because_that the_ambush it_had_captured ðøm the_city and_ _because/when the_smoke_of the_city it_went_up and_they_ _turned_back and_they_attacked ðøm the_men_of (the)_ʿAy.

29 LV 8:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ונים/ו**: (x-qere) **וְעָנִיב**ʾ: lemma_996 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_06PZV **וְעָנִיב**

30 LV 8:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **ריע/ב**: (x-qere) **בְּיֵעָ**ʾ: lemma_b/5857 n_1.1 morph_HR/Np id_06JcF **בְּיֵעָ**

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22 And_these they_came_out from the_city to_meet_them and_ _they_were to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_middle these from_this and_ _these from_this and_they_defeated them until not left to_ _him/it a_survivor and_a_fugitive. 23 And_ĐOM the_king_of (the)_´Ay they_captured alive and_they_brought_near ĐOM_ _him/it to Yəhōshū´a. 24 And_he/it_was just_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _as_had_finished to_kill ĐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of (the)_´Ay in_the_field in_wilderness which they_had_pursued_them in/on/over_him/it and_ of_them_of_all _they_fell to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword until they_were_finished and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_returned (the)_´Ay and_they_struck_ _down ĐOM_her/it to_the_mouth_of the_sword. 25 And_ all_of those_who_fell in_the_day (the)_that from_man and_unto woman _he/it_was were_two_plus ten thousand all_of the_ _people_of (the)_´Ay. 26 And_Yəhōshū´a not he_drew_back his/its_hand which he_had_stretched_out with_javelin until that he_had_totally_destroyed ĐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of (the)_´Ay. 27 Only the_cattle/livestock and_the_booty_of the_ _city (the)_that they_plundered to/for_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua). 28 And_ Yəhōshū´a _he_ _burnt ĐOM (the)_´Ay and_he_made_it a_mound_of perpetuity a_desolation until the_day (the)_this. 29 And_ĐOM the_king_of (the)_´Ay he_hanged on the_tree until the_time_of the_evening and_just_ the_sun _as_went Yəhōshū´a he_commanded and_ _they_took_down ĐOM corpse_of_his from the_tree and_they_ _threw it to the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_city and_they_set_ _up on/upon/above_him/it a_heap_of stones great until the_ _day (the)_this.

30 Then Yəhōshū´a he_built an_altar to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_the_mountain_of ´Ēyvāl. 31 Just_as Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_what_is_written in_the_book_of the_ _law_of Mosheh an_altar_of stones complete which not anyone_has_wielded on_them iron and_they_offered_up on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** and_ _they_sacrificed peace_offerings. 32 And_he_wrote there on the_stones ĐOM (the)_copy_of the_law_of Mosheh which he_ _had_written to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 33 And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_its_of_elders and_officials and_judges_of_its were_standing from_this and_ _from_this of_box before the_priests the_Lēviyyiy who_carried_ _of (of)_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** as_sojourner as_ _native of_it_of_half was_to the_front of_the_mountain_of of_ _Gərizīm and_(the)_half_of_it was_to the_front of_the_ _mountain_of of_´Ēyvāl just_as Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded to_bless ĐOM the_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_time. 34 And_after thus he_read_aloud ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_law the_blessing and_the_curse according_to_every_of (the)_thing_written in_the_book_of the_ _law. 35 Not it_was anything from_all that Mosheh he_had_ _commanded which not Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) he_read_aloud

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livestock and the goods from Ay, just as Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua, 28 then Yehoshua burnt the city and made it a permanent pile of rubble where no one lives to this day. 29 He hanged the king of Ay on a tree, but as the sun was going down, he commanded that the corpse be brought down from the tree. They threw it into the city gateway and piled a big heap of rocks on top of it which is still there today.

The reading of Law there at Mt. Eyval · Promised land

30 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) built an altar to Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh on Mt. Eyval[31] 31 just like Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) had instructed them. (It was written in the scroll of the rules from Mosheh that it must be an altar made from whole stones that haven't been chiselled with iron tools.)[32] Then they offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on it, plus they sacrificed peace offerings, 32 and while the Israelis watched, Yehoshua inscribed onto the stones there,[33] a copy of the rules passed on by Mosheh. 33 Then all of Yisrael and their elders and officials and judges were standing some on each side of the box containing Yahweh's agreement, facing the priests and the Levites who carried the box. Any resident foreigners were also there. Half of the people stood on the Mt. Gerizim side, and half on the Mt. Eyval side of the valley, just like the way that Yahweh's servant Mosheh had originally commanded for blessing the people.[34]

34 Then Yehoshua read all the law, including the blessings and the curses, as per everything that's written in the book of the law. 35 He read out every single word that Mosheh had written,

31 **RV 8:30-32 · Cross-ref.** Deu 27:2-8.

32 **RV 8:31 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:25.

33 **RV 8:32 · Note** Probably not the altar stones since an iron tool wasn't allowed to be used on them.

34 **RV 8:33-35 · Cross-ref.** Deu 11:29; 27:11-14.

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in front of the entire assembly of Yisrael, including the women, children, and foreigners living among them.

The Givonim deceive Yehoshua · Promised land

9:1 There were several kings who ruled in regions on this west side of the Yarden (Jordan) —the Hitim and Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and Perizim, the Hivim and the Yevusim. Some were in the hill country, some in the lowlands, and some along the Mediterranean coast south of Levanon. When they heard about what had happened at Ay, **2** they formed an alliance to fight together against Yehoshua (Joshua) and Yisrael (Israel).

3 However, when the people who live in Giveon heard what Yehoshua had done to Yeriho (Jericho) and Ay, **4** they decided to use cunning instead. They found old, worn-out sacks to throw over their donkeys and old, worn-out wineskins that had been torn and mended, then sent men to act as ambassadors. **5** They found worn-out sandals that had been patched, and wore worn-out clothes. All the food that they took for the journey was already dry and disintegrating into crumbs. **6** They went to Yehoshua in the camp at Gilgal and told him, "We've come from a far-off land and want you to make a treaty with us."

7 An Israeli man asked the Hivi (because Gilead was in the Hivi region), "Perhaps you really live near by? How could we make a treaty with you?"[35]

8 They addressed Yehoshua, "We are your servants."

Yehoshua asked them, "Who are you? And where have you come from?"

9 "Your servants have come from a very distant land," they replied, "because of the reputation of your god, Yahweh. We've heard the reports about him and everything that he did in Mitsrayim (Egypt), **10** and everything that he did to the two Amori kings on the other side of the Yarden (Jordan)—King Sihon of Heshbon, and King Og of the Bashan who lived in Ashtarot.[36] **11** So our elders and all those who live in our area instructed us, 'Take provisions for the journey and go to meet them, and tell them, "We are your servants. Now make a treaty with us." ' **12** This bread of ours was warm from our ovens when we loaded it for our journey, and now, look, it's all dry and crumbling. **13** And these wineskins were new when we filled them, and look, now they're all torn. Same with our clothes and our sandals—they're all worn-out from the very long journey."

14 The Israeli leaders tasted some of their provisions, but they didn't ask Yahweh for advice. **15** So Yehoshua agreed to make peace with them, and they made a treaty not to attack their people, and all the Israeli leaders promised that.

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before all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_women and_the_little_one[s] and_the_sojourner[s] who_were_going in_ _midst_of_their.

9:1 And_he/it_was just_ all_of the_kings who were_on_the_ _other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) in_country and_in_ _Shephelah and_in_all_of the_coast_of the_sea (the)_great to the_front of_(the)_Ləvānōn the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] _as_heard. **2** And_they_gathered_together all_together to_wage_war with Yəhōshū'a and_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mouth one. **3** And_the_inhabitants_of Giv'ōn they_heard ÐOM that_which Yəhōshū'a he_had_done to_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_to_'Ay. **4** And_ also they _they_made with_cunning and_they_went and_they_acted_as_ambassadors and_they_took sacks worn_out for_donkeys_of_their and_ _skin-bottles_of wine worn_out and_split and_tied_up. **5** And_ _sandals worn_out and_patched were_on_feet_of_their and_ _garments worn_out were_on_them and_all/each/any/every the_bread_of their_sustenance_of_their it_was_dried_up it_was crumbs. **6** And_they_went to Yəhōshū'a to the_camp (the)_ _Gilgāl and_they_said to_him/it and_near/to the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_a_land distant we_have_come and_now make to/for_us a_covenant. **7** And[37] the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_Ḥiūī perhaps in_midst_of_my you are_dwelling and_how will_I_make[38] to/for_yourself(m) a_covenant. **8** And_they_said to Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) your_servants we and_he/it_said to_ _them Yəhōshū'a who are_you(pl) and_from_where do_you(pl)_ _come. **9** And_they_said to_him/it from_a_land distant very your_servants they_have_come to_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_ _your if/because we_have_heard of_him_of_the_report and_ _ÐOM all_of that he_did in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **10** And_ÐOM all_of that he_did to_the_two_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī who were_ _on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of Ḥeshbōn and_to_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān who was_in_ _'Ashtārōt. **11** And_they_said to_us our_of_elders and_all the_ _inhabitants_of our_land_of_our to_say take in_hand_of_ _your(pl) provision[s] for_journey and_go to_meet_them and_ _you(pl)_will_say to_them servants_of_are_your(pl) we and_ _now make to/for_us a_covenant. **12** This bread_of_is_our hot we_took_as_our_provisions ÐOM_him/it from_homes_of_our in/on_day we_came_out to_go to_you and_now HERE it_has_ _dried_up and_it_was crumbs. **13** And_these are_the_ _skin-bottles_of (the)_wine which we_filled new and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_have_split and_these garments_of_our and_sandals_of_our they_have_worn_out from_the_greatness_ _of the_journey very. **14** And_ the_men _they_took some_of_ _their_sustenance and_ÐOM the_mouth_of **YHWH** not they_ _asked. **15** And_he/it_made to/for_them Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) peace and_he_made to/for_them a_covenant to_let_them_live and_they_swore_an_oath to/for_them the_leaders_of the_ _congregation. **16** And_he/it_was from_the_end_of three_of

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35 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:32; 34:12; Deu 7:2.

36 **RV 9:10 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

37 **LV 9:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ורמאי/ו**: (x-qere) 'רֶמְאֻ֥/ו': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_0623n **רֶמְאֻ֥/ו**

38 **LV 9:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תורכא**: (x-qere) 'תָּרְכֶּ֣א': lemma_3772 morph_HVqi1cs id_06NxJ **תָּרְכֶּ֣א**

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days after that they_had_made to/for_them a_covenant and_ _they_heard if/because_that were_near they to_him/it and_in_ _midst_of_his they were_dwelling. **17** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_set_out and_they_came to cities_of_their in_the_day the_third and_cities_of_their were_Giv˝ōn and_ _(the)_Kəfīrāh and_Bə'ērōt and_Qiryat- yə'ārīm/(jearim). **18** And_not they_attacked_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_had_sworn_an_oath to/for_them the_leaders_ _of the_congregation by_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ all_of the_congregation _they_grumbled on the_leaders. **19** And_ all_of the_leaders _they_said to all_of the_congregation we we_have_sworn_an_oath to/for_them by_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now not we_are_able to_touch (in)_them. **20** This we_will_do to/for_them and_we_will_let_live them and_ _not it_will_be towards_us severe_anger on the_oath which we_ _swore to/for_them. **21** And_they_said to_them the_leaders let_ _them_live and_they_were cutters_of wood(s) and_drawers_of water to/from_all/each/any/every the_congregation just_as they_had_spoken to/for_them the_leaders. **22** And_he/it_called to/for_them Yəhōshū˝a/(Joshua) and_he/it_spoke to_them to_ _say to/for_what did_you(pl)_deceive us to_say are_distant we from_you(pl) very and_you(pl) in_midst_of_our are_dwelling. **23** And_now you(pl) are_cursed and_not he_will_be_cut_off from_you(pl) a_slave and_cutters_of wood(s) and_drawers_of water for_the_house_of my_god_of_my. **24** And_they_answered ĐOM Yəhōshū˝a and_they_said if/because fully_(tell) it_was_told to_servants_of_your ĐOM how **YHWH** god_of_your he_had_ _commanded ĐOM Mosheh servant_of_his to_give to/for_ _you(pl) ĐOM all_of the_earth/land and_to_destroy ĐOM all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land from_before_of_you(pl) and_we_were_afraid very for_lives_of_our because_of_you(pl) and_we_did ĐOM the_thing (the)_this. **25** And_now HERE_we are_in_hand_of_your according_the_good and_according_the_ _right in_eyes_of_your for_doing to/for_us do. **26** And_he/it_ _made to/for_them thus and_he_delivered them from_the_ _hand_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_killed_ _them. **27** And_he_made_them Yəhōshū˝a in_the_day (the)_that cutters_of wood(s) and_drawers_of water for_congregation and_for_the_altar_of **YHWH** until the_day the_this to the_place which he_will_choose.

10:1 And_he/it_was just_ Adoni- Tsedeq/(Zedek) the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _as_heard if/because_that Yəhōshū˝a/(Joshua) he_had_captured ĐOM (the)_˝Ay and_he_ _had_totally_destroyed_it just_as he_had_done to_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_to_king_of_its so he_had_done to_˝Ay and_to_king_of_its and_because/when the_inhabitants_of Giv˝ōn they_had_made_peace with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _were in_midst_of_their. **2** And_they_were_afraid very if/because was_a_city great Giv˝ōn like_one_of the_cities_of (the)_royalty and_because/when it was_great more_than (the)_ _˝Ay and_all men_of_its were_warriors. **3** And_ Adoni-Tsedeq/(Zedek) the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _he_sent to Hōhām the_king_of Ḥevrōn and_near/to Piram the_king_of Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) and_near/to Yāfī˝a/(Japhia) the_king_of Lākīsh and_near/to Dəvīr the_king_of ˝Eglōn to_say. **4** Come_up to_me and_help_me and_let_us_attack ĐOM Giv˝ōn if/because it_has_made_peace with Yəhōshū˝a and_ĐOM the_people_of

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16 However, three days after making the treaty, they discovered that those people actually lived quite close to where they were. **17** Then the Israelis went on forward and they arrived at those cities on the third day—the cities of Giveon, Kefirah, Be'erot, and Kiryat-Yearim. **18** But they didn't attack those cities because their leaders had made a promise by the god of Yisrael (Israel), Yahweh.

All the Israelis grumbled against their leaders for making that treaty, **19** but their leaders told them, "We ourselves have promised them by our God Yahweh so now we can't touch them. **20** We're forced now to let them live, otherwise God's anger would be against us for breaking our promise to them. **21** So we'll let them live but make them our slaves." As a result of that, the Givonim became woodcutters and water-carriers for all the Israelis.

22 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) summoned them and asked them, "Why did you all deceive us by telling us that you lived far away when really you were very close? **23** Because of that, you're all cursed and you'll always be our slaves—you'll all be the woodcutters and water-carriers for the house of my god."

24 "Because it was made very clear to your servants," they answered, "that your god Yahweh had commanded his servant Mosheh (Moses) to give to you all the land and to destroy everyone who lives in the region. We feared for our lives when you came closer, so that's what we did. **25** So now we're in your power—do to us whatever you think is good and right." **26** So that's what Yehoshua did and he prevented the Israelis from killing them. **27** Instead he made them move to where he wanted, to become woodcutters and water-carriers for the people and for Yahweh's altar until this day.

The defeat of the Amorim · Promised land

10:1 Once King Adoni-Tsedek of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) heard that Yehoshua (Joshua) had captured Ay and completely destroyed it, and that he'd treated the king of Ay the same as he had treated the king of Yeriho (Jericho), and he heard that the Givonim had made peace with Yisrael (Israel) and were now working for them, **2** the people of Yerushalem were very afraid because Giveon had been a powerful city, stronger than Ay, and all its warriors were powerful. **3** So King Adoni-Tsedek sent to King Hoham of Hevron, King Pir'am of Yarmut, King Yafia of Lakish, and King Devir of Eglon, saying, **4** "Come here and help me. We'll attack Giveon because they've made peace with Yehoshua and the Israelis." **5** So those five Amori kings (from Yerushalem, Hevron, Yarmut, Lakish, and Eglon) joined together to go to Giveon and their armies camped

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there to fight against it.

6 The leaders of Giveon hurriedly sent to Yehoshua in the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Don't abandon your servants. Come quickly and help us, and save us because all the kings of the Amorim who live in the hill country have combined against us." **7** So Yehoshua and his warriors and prize fighters headed off from Gilgal, **8** and Yahweh told him, "Don't be afraid of them, because you'll have the victory over them—none of them will be able to stand against you."

9 Yehoshua and his men spent the night moving in, and then surprised the alliance, **10** and Yahweh confused them as the Israelis approached and caused them to be badly defeated at Giveon. Then they chased them on the road going to Beyt-Horon and killed them as far as Azekah and Makedah. **11** As they fled from the Israelis on the slope down from Beyt-Horon heading towards Azekah, Yahweh hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky and they died—actually more of them died from the hail than were killed with swords by the Israelis.

12 Then Yehoshua spoke to Yahweh on the day that he gave them victory over the Amorim, and in front of the Israelis he said,

"Sun, stay still over Giveon,
and moon, over the Ayalon Valley.
13 Then the sun stood still and the moon stood still until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. (Isn't that written about in the Jashar scroll?[39] The sun stood still in the middle of the sky and it didn't hurry to go around for almost a whole day. **14** There had never before been a day like that, and nothing like it since then, when Yahweh listened to a man's voice, because he was fighting for Yisrael.)

15 Then Yehoshua and all Yisrael (Israel) returned to their camp at Gilgal.

Five Amori kings defeated · Promised land

16 Meanwhile those five kings had fled away and hidden at Makedah in a cave, **17** and Yehoshua (Joshua) was told, "The five kings have been found hiding in the cave at Makedah." **18** Yehoshua said, "Roll large rocks across the mouth of the cave and assign men to guard them there, **19** but the rest of you, don't stay there. Chase after your enemies and attack them from behind. Don't let them get into their cities, because your god Yahweh wants you all to defeat them. **20** So Yehoshua and the Israelis finished most of them off, although some did manage to escape and get back into their fortified cities. **21** Then all the

39 RV 10:13 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 1:18.

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_they_gathered and_they_went_up the_ _five_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_king_of Ḥevrōn the_king_of Yarmūt the_king_of Lākīsh the_king_of ʿEglōn they and_all armies_of_their and_they_encamped on Givʿōn and_they_ _waged_war on_it. **6** And_ the_men_of Givʿōn _they_sent to Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) to the_camp to_(the)_Gilgāl to_say do_not let_drop hands_of_your from_servants_of_your come_up to_us quickly and_save to/for_ourselves and_help_us if/because they_have_gathered_together against_us all_of the_kings_of the_'Amorī who_dwell_of (of)_the_hill_country. **7** And_he/it_ _ascended Yəhōshūʿa from (the)_Gilgāl he and_all the_people_ _of (the)_war with_him/it and_all/each/any/every the_ _mighty_men_of (the)_strength. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʿa do_not be_afraid from_them if/because in_hand_of_ _your I_have_given_them not anyone from_them he_will_ _make_a_stand in_face_of_your. **9** And_he_came to_them Yəhōshūʿa suddenly all_of the_night he_had_gone_up from (the)_Gilgāl. **10** And_he_confused_them **YHWH** to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_defeated_them a_defeat great at_Givʿōn and_he_pursued_them the_direction_ _of the_ascent_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_he_defeated_them to ʿAzēqāh and_unto Maqqēdāh. **11** And_he/it_was when_fled_ _they from_face/in_front_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they were_at_the_ _descent_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_**YHWH** he_threw on_them stones large from the_heavens to ʿAzēqāh and_they_died were_many those_who they_died by_the_stones_of the_hail more_than_ _those_whom the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_killed with_ _sword. **12** Then Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) he_spoke to/for_**YHWH** in/on_day **YHWH** delivered_up ~~DOM~~ the_'Amorī to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_said to_the_eyes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Oh_sun at_Givʿōn be_still and_Oh_moon in_the_valley_of 'Ayyālōn. **13** And_ the_ _sun _it_was_still and_the_moon it_stood_still until the_nation it_avenged_itself_on enemies_of_its not is_it written on the_ _scroll_of the_upright_one and_ the_sun _it_stood_still in_the_ _middle_of the_heavens and_not it_hastened to_go about_a_day complete. **14** And_not like_day (the)_that it_has_been before_it and_after_it to_ **YHWH** _listen to_the_voice_of a_man if/because **YHWH** was_fighting for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_ Yəhōshūʿa and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_returned to the_camp to_(the)_Gilgāl.

16 And_ the_five_of the_kings the_these _they_fled and_they_ _hid_themselves in_cave at_Maqqēdāh. **17** And_it_was_told to_ _Yəhōshūʿa to_say the_five_of the_kings they_have_been_found hidden in_cave at_Maqqēdāh. **18** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_said roll stones large into the_mouth_of the_cave and_appoint on/upon_it(f) men to_guard_them. **19** And_you(pl) do_not delay pursue after enemies_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _attack_in_the_rear them do_not permit_them to_go into cities_of_their if/because he_has_given_them **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) in_hand_of_your(pl). **20** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _as_ _finished to_defeat_them a_defeat great very until they_were_ _finished and_the_survivors they_survived from_them and_

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_they_came into the_cities_of (the)_fortification. **21** And_ all_of the_people _they_returned to the_camp to Yəhōshūʻa Maqqēdāh in_peace not he_sharpened to_the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_anyone ĐOM tongue_of_his. **22** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said open ĐOM the_mouth_of the_cave and_ _bring_out to_me ĐOM the_five_of the_kings the_these from the_cave. **23** And_they_made thus and_they_brought_out to_ _him/it ĐOM the_five_of the_kings the_these from the_cave ĐOM the_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ĐOM the_king_of Ḥevrōn ĐOM the_king_of Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) ĐOM the_king_of Lākīsh ĐOM the_king_of ʻEglōn. **24** And_he/it_was just_as_they_brought_out ĐOM the_kings the_these to Yəhōshūʻa and_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_ _called (to) every_of (the)_man_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he/it_ _said to the_commanders_of the_men_of (the)_war who_they_ _had_gone with_him/it draw_near put ĐOM feet_of_your(pl) on the_necks_of the_kings the_these and_they_drew_near and_ _they_put ĐOM feet_of_their on necks_of_their. **25** And_he/it_ _said to_them Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed be_strong and_be_bold if/because thus **YHWH** he_will_do to/from_all/each/any/every enemies_of_your(pl) whom you(pl) are_fighting them. **26** And_he_struck_them_ _down Yəhōshūʻa after thus and_he_killed_them and_he_ _hanged_them on five trees and_they_were hanged on the_ _trees until the_evening. **27** And_he/it_was to_the_time_of the_ _sun was_going Yəhōshūʻa he_commanded and_people_took_ _them_down from_under the_trees and_they_threw_them into the_cave where they_had_hidden_themselves there and_they_ _put stones large over the_mouth_of the_cave until the_ _substance_of the_day (the)_this.

28 And_ĐOM Maqqēdāh Yəhōshūʻa he_captured in_the_day (the)_that and_he_struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM king_of_its he_totally_destroyed them and_ĐOM every_ _of the_living_creatures who was_in_it not he_left a_survivor and_he/it_made to_the_king_of Maqqēdāh just_as he_had_done to_the_king_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho). **29** And_ Yəhōshūʻa and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he/it_passed_through from_ _Maqqēdāh Livnāh and_he_engaged_in_battle with Livnāh. **30** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave also it in_the_hand_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel)[41] and_ĐOM king_of_its and_he_struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM every_of the_living_ _creatures who was_in_it not he_left in_it a_survivor and_ _he/it_made to_king_of_its just_as he_had_done to_the_king_of Yərīḥō. **31** And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he/it_passed_through from_Livnāh to_Lākīsh and_he_encamped on/upon_it(f) and_he_engaged_in_battle against_it. **32** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ĐOM Lākīsh in_the_hand_ _of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he_captured_it in_the_day the_second and_he_struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it according_to_all that he_had_done to_Livnāh. **33** Then Horām the_king_of Gezer he_came_up to_help ĐOM Lākīsh and_he_defeated_him Yəhōshūʻa and_ĐOM people_of_his until not left to_him/it a_ _survivor. **34** And_ Yəhōshūʻa and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_

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people returned to Yehoshua in the camp at Makedah. After that, no one dared to criticise the Israelis.

22 Then Yehoshua said, "Open up the cave and bring those five kings to me." **23** They did it and brought the five kings out from the cave—the kings of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Hevron, Yarmut, Lakish, and Eglon. **24** When they took them to Yehoshua, he summoned all the warriors and told the commanders, "Come over here. Put your feet on the necks of these kings." **25** Then he told them, "Don't be afraid and don't be dismayed. Be strong and courageous, because this is what Yahweh will do to all your enemies—including the ones that you all still have to fight." **26** Then Yehoshua executed the five kings and hanged them on five trees, where their bodies were left until evening. **27** As the sun was going down, he commanded that the bodies be brought down and thrown into the cave where they had hidden, and they placed large rocks over the cave entrance again, which are still there to this day.

Yehoshua attacks more Amorim · Promised land

28 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) captured Makedah that same day. They killed the king and everyone else in the city, leaving no survivors, and Yehoshua did the same to the king of Makedah as he'd done to the king of Yeriho (Jericho).[40]

29 Then Yehoshua and all Yisrael (Israel) went southwest from Makedah to Livnah and fought against it. **30** Yahweh also allowed Yisrael to conquer it and its king, and Yehoshua again killed everyone in the city, leaving no survivors, and he did the same to the king of Livnah as he'd done to the king of Yeriho.

31 Then Yehoshua and all Yisrael went south from Livnah to Lakish, where they took a position against the city and fought against it. **32** On the second day of the battle, Yahweh helped Yisrael defeat Lakish, and they captured it and killed everyone in the city like they had done to Livnah. **33** King Horam of Gezer arrived to help Lakish, but Yehoshua defeated him and his men, leaving no survivors.

34 Then Yehoshua and the Israelis went west from Lakish to Eglon, where they took a position against it. **35** That day they captured it and killed everyone in the city like they had done to Lakish.

40 RV 10:28 · Note We're not actually given any details about what happened to the king of Yeriho/Jericho.

41 LV 10:30 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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36 Then Yehoshua and the Israelis went west from Eglon up into the hills to Hevron, and fought against it. 37 They captured it and killed the king and everyone in all their towns, leaving no survivors the same as Eglon.

38 Then Yehoshua and the Israelis went to the city of Devir and fought against it. 39 They captured the city and its king and all their towns, killing everyone and leaving no survivors. They treated Devir and its king just like they had to Livnah and Hevron and their kings.

40 So Yehoshua attacked and conquered the entire region—the hill country and the Negev, the lowlands and the slopes, and all their kings. He didn't leave any survivors but destroyed everything living, just as Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had commanded. 41 Yehoshua attacked and conquered them from Kadesh-Barnea and as far as Azah (Gaza), all the land of Goshen and as far as Giveon. 42 In one swoop, Yehoshua captured all those kings and their land, because Yisrael's god Yahweh had fought for Yisrael. 43 Then Yehoshua and his warriors returned to their camp at Gilgal.

Yehoshua defeats the northern kings · Promised land

11:1 Now when King Yavin of Hatsor heard about all that, he sent to King Yovav of Madon and the kings of Shimron and Akshaf, 2 as well as the kings from the hill country in the north and in the rift valley plains south of Lake Galil, and in the lowlands and in the heights of Dor in the west, 3 and the kings of the Kena'anim (Canaanites) both east and west, and the Amorim, Hitim, Perizim, and the Yevusim who lived in the hill country, and to the Hivim by Mt. Hermon in the Mitspah region. 4 So they all came out with their warriors—so many people that they were as many as the grains of sand on the seashore, along with many horses and chariots. 5 All those kings gathered together at the time they'd specified and took up positions at the Merom stream to fight against Yisrael (Israel).

6 But Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), "Don't be afraid that they look overwhelming, because tomorrow at this time, I'll ensure that they're all slain by Yisrael. You'll hamstring their horses and burn their chariots." 7 Then Yehoshua and all his warriors went to Merom and attacked them without warning 8 and Yahweh enabled them to defeat them. 9 Then Yehoshua

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_him/it _he/it_passed_through from_Lākīsh to_ʹEglōn and_ _they_encamped on/upon_it(f) and_they_engaged_in_battle on_it. 35 And_they_captured_it in_the_day (the)_that and_they_ _struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it in_the_day (the)_that he_ _totally_destroyed according_to_all that he_had_done to_ _Lākīsh. 36 And_ Yəhōshūʹa and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he/it_ascended from_ʹEglōn to_Ḥevrōn and_they_engaged_in_ _battle on_it. 37 And_they_captured_it and_they_struck_it_ _down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM king_of_its and_ _ĐOM all_of cities_of_its and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it not he_left a_survivor according_to_all that he_ _had_done to_ʹEglōn and_he_totally_destroyed it and_ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it. 38 And_ Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_ _turned_back to_Dəvīr and_he_engaged_in_battle on_it. 39 And_he_captured_it and_ĐOM king_of_its and_ĐOM all_of cities_of_its and_they_struck_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_they_totally_destroyed ĐOM every_of person who was_in_it not he_left a_survivor just_as he_had_done to_ _Ḥevrōn so he_did to_Dəvīr and_to_king_of_its and_as_which he_had_done to_Livnāh and_to_king_of_its. 40 And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he_defeated ĐOM all_of the_earth/land the_hill_country and_ _the_Negev and_the_Shephelah and_the_slopes and_ĐOM all_of kings_of_their not he_left a_survivor and_ĐOM every_of (the)_ _breathing_thing he_totally_destroyed just_as **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_had_commanded. 41 And_he_defeated_ _them Yəhōshūʹa from_Qādēsh- barnēʹa and_unto ʹAzzāh and_ _ĐOM all_of the_land_of Goshen and_unto Givʹōn. 42 And_ĐOM all_of the_kings the_these and_ĐOM land_of_their Yəhōshūʹa he_captured time_of one if/because **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) was_fighting for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 43 And_ Yəhōshūʹa and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_returned to the_camp to_(the)_Gilgāl.

11:1 And_he/it_was just_ Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_of Ḥātsōr _as_ _heard and_he_sent to Yōvāvʹ/(Jobab) the_king_of Mādōn and_ _near/to the_king_of Shimrōn and_near/to the_king_of ʾAkshāf. 2 And_near/to the_kings who were_from_the_north_of in_country and_in_ʹArāvʹāh south_of Kinneret and_in_ _Shephelah and_on_the_heights_of Dōr from_the_west. 3 The_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] from_the_east and_from_the_west and_the_ʾAmorī[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_ _the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] in_country and_the_Ḥiūī[s] under Ḥermōn in_land of_(the)_Mitspāh. 4 And_ they and_all armies_ _of_their with_them _they_went_out a_people numerous like_ _sand which is_on the_shore_of the_sea to_increase_in_number and_horse[s] and_chariot[s] many very. 5 And_ all_of the_kings the_these _they_gathered and_they_came and_they_encamped together to the_water_of Mērōm to_wage_war with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) do_not be_afraid from_their_face/front if/because tomorrow about_time (the)_this I will_be_ _delivering_up ĐOM of_them_of_all slain to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) ĐOM horses_of_their you_will_ _hamstring and_ĐOM chariots_of_their you_will_burn with_fire. 7 And_ Yəhōshūʹa and_all the_people_of (the)_war with_him/it _he_came on_them at the_waters_of Mērōm suddenly and_

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_they_fell on_them. **8** And_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_attacked_them and_they_ _pursued_them to Tsīdōn/(Sidon) great and_unto Misrephoth Maim and_unto the_valley_of Mitspāh eastwards_to and_they_ _defeated_them until not left to/for_them a_survivor. **9** And_ _he/it_made to/for_them Yəhōshūʻa just_as he_had_said to_ _him/it **YHWH** ÐOM horses_of_their he_hamstrung and_ÐOM chariots_of_their he_burnt with_fire. **10** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_ _turned_back at_time (the)_that and_he_captured ÐOM Ḥātsōr and_ÐOM king_of_its he_struck_down with_sword if/because Ḥātsōr formerly_formerly it was_the_head_of all_of the_ _kingdoms the_these. **11** And_they_struck_down ÐOM every_of the_living_creatures who was_in_it to_the_mouth_of the_sword they_totally_destroyed_them not any_of breathing_thing it_ _was_left and_ÐOM Ḥātsōr he_burnt with_fire. **12** And_ÐOM all_of the_cities_of the_kings the_these and_ÐOM all_of kings_of_their Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_captured and_he_struck_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword he_totally_destroyed them just_as Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded. **13** Only all_of the_cities which_were_standing on mounds_of_their not it_burnt_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) except ÐOM Ḥātsōr it_alone Yəhōshūʻa he_burnt. **14** And_all/each/any/every the_booty_of the_cities the_these and_the_cattle they_plundered to/for_ _them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only ÐOM every_of the_ _humankind they_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword until they_had_destroyed them not they_left any_of breathing_ _thing. **15** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh servant_of_his so Mosheh he_commanded ÐOM Yəhōshūʻa and_ _thus/so/as_follows Yəhōshūʻa he_did not he_left_undone anything from_all that **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh.

16 And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_took ÐOM all_of the_earth/land (the)_ _this the_hill_country and_ÐOM all_of the_Negevˇ and_ÐOM all_of the_land_of (the)_Goshen and_ÐOM the_Shephelah and_ÐOM the_ʻArāvāh and_ÐOM the_hill_country_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Shephelah_of_its. **17** From the_mountain (the)_Ḥālāq which_ _goes_up Sēʻīr and_unto Baʻal Gād in_the_valley_of (the)_ _Ləvˇānōn under the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_ÐOM all_of kings_of_their he_captured and_he_struck_them_down and_he_ _killed_them. **18** Days many Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_did with all_of the_kings the_these battle. **19** Not it_was a_city which it_ _made_peace to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) except the_Ḥiūī the_inhabitants_of Givˇōn ÐOM (the)_everything they_took in_ _battle. **20** If/because from_with **YHWH** it_was to_strengthen ÐOM heart_of_their to_meet the_battle with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_ _as to_totally_destroy_them to_not to_belong to/for_them favour if/because so_as to_destroy_them just_as **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. **21** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he_came at_time (the)_that and_he_cut_off ÐOM the_ʻAnāqī from the_ _hill_country from Ḥevˇrōn from Dəvīr from Anab and_from_all the_hill_country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from_all the_hill_ _country_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with cities_of_their he_totally_ _destroyed_them Yəhōshūʻa. **22** Not ʻAnāqī it_was_left in_land of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only in_ʻAzzāh in_Gat and_ _in_'Ashdōd they_remained. **23** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_took

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did what Yahweh had instructed him—he crippled their horses and set fire to their chariots.

10 After that, Yehoshua returned to Hatsor city and captured it and killed the king—in the past it had been the head of all those kingdoms. **11** They killed everything in the city—not leaving anything that breathes—and then set fire to it.

12 So Yehoshua had captured all those kings and their cities, and completely destroyed them and their people just as Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) had commanded. **13** However, other than Hatsor, they didn't burn any of the other more defensible cities built up on mounds. **14** The Israelis took any valuables and any livestock from those cities, but they killed everyone and everything else. **15** Yehoshua did everything exactly as Yahweh had instructed his servant Mosheh (and as Mosheh had then instructed him), not forgetting or ignoring anything.

Yehoshua controls the entire region · Promised land

16 Yehoshua (Joshua) conquered the whole region—the hill country and all the Negev, all of the Goshen region, the lowlands and the rift valley plains, the hill country of Yisrael (Israel) and its lowlands **17** from Mt. Halak downhill towards Se'ir, and as far as Ba'al-Gad in the Levanon valley below Mt. Hermon. He attacked and captured all their kings and executed them. **18** Yehoshua had spent quite some time battling with those kings. **19** No city made peace with the Israelis except for the Hivim who lived in Giveon—all the rest were taken in battle **20** because it was Yahweh who'd made them stubborn so they'd fight against Yisrael and be completely destroyed without any mercy. Yes, they were annihilated just as Yahweh had instructed Mosheh (Moses).[42]

21 At that time, Yehoshua also went and exterminated the Anakim from the hill country, from Hevron, Devir, Anav, and all the hill country of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael. He completely destroyed them from their cities. **22** No descendants of Anak were left in Yisrael, except that some remained in Azah (Gaza), in Gat, and in Ashdod.

23 Yehoshua captured the entire region, just as Yahweh had

42 RV 11:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 7:16.

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told Mosheh, and Yehoshua gave it as an inheritance to Yisrael, divided into portions according to their tribes, and then the region was peaceful.

The kings defeated by Mosheh · Promised land

12:1 These are the kings in the region who the Israelis defeated on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) river and took possession of their land from the Arnon riverbed in the south to Mt. Hermon in the north, including all of the eastern rift valley plains:[43] **2** King Sihon of the Amorim who lived in Heshbon and ruled over Aroer (on the edge of the Arnon riverbed) and over half of Gilead up to the Yabok riverbed which formed the border with the Amonim, **3** as well as the eastern rift valley plains down to Lake Galil and to the Sea of Aravah (also called the Dead Sea or the Salt Sea), the road to Beyt-Hayeshimot and the area southward below the slopes of Mt. Pisgah.

4 The Israelis also defeated King Og from Bashan, one of the few remaining Refaim, who lived in Ashtarot and at Edre'i, **5** and ruled over Mt. Hermon, Salkah, all of Bashan to the border of the Geshurim and Ma'akatim, as well as half of Gilead to the border with King Sihon from Heshbon.

6 Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) and the Israelis had defeated them and Mosheh had given that region as a possession to the descendants of Re'uven and Gad and to the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).[44]

The kings defeated by Yehoshua · Promised land

7 These are the kings in the region that Yehoshua (Joshua) and the Israelis defeated on the western side of the Yarden (Jordan) river from Ba'al-Gad in the Levanon valley to Mt. Halak which goes up toward Se'ir. Yehoshua divided up that region as a possession to the various tribes of Yisrael (Israel), **8** as well as the hill country, the lowlands, the rift valley, the slopes, the wilderness and the Negev—the land of the Hitim, Amorim, Kena'anim (Canaanites), Perizim, Hivim, and the Yevusim: **9** the king of Yeriho (Jericho), the king of Ay (near Beyt-El (Bethel)), **10** the king of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the king of Hevron, **11** the king of Yarmut, the king of Lakish, **12** the king of Eglon, the king of Gezer, **13** the king of Devir, the king of Geder, **14** the king of Hormah, the king of Arad, **15** the king of Livnah, the king of Adulam, **16** the king of Makedah, the king of Beyt-El, **17** the king of Tapuah, the king of Hefer, **18** the king of Afek, the king of Lasharon, **19** the king of Madon, the king of Hatsor, **20** the king of Shimron Meron, the king of Akshaf, **21** the king of Ta'anak, the king of Megidon, **22** the king of Kedesh, the king of Yakeneam in Karmel, **23** the king of Dor of Nafoth Dor, the king of Goyim in Gilgal, **24** and the king of Tirtsah—a total of thirty-one kings.

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~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land according_to_all that **YHWH** he_had_ _spoken to Mosheh and_he_gave_it Yəhōshūʻa to_an_ _inheritance to_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) according_to_of_their_divisions to_tribes_of_their and_the_earth it_was_at_peace from_war.

12:1 And_these are_the_kings_of the_earth/land whom the_ _people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_defeated and_they_took_ _possession_of ~~DOM~~ land_of_their on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) the_rising_of_towards of_the_sun from_the_ _wadi_of ʼArnōn to the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_all the_ _ʻArāvāh eastward_to. **2** Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ʼAmorī who_ _was_dwelling in_Ḥeshbōn who_ruled from_ʻArōʻēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_middle_of the_wadi and_(the)_half_of (the)_Gilʻād and_unto Yaboq/(Jabbok) the_ _wadi the_border_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **3** And_the_ _ʻArāvāh to the_sea_of Kinneret eastward_to and_unto the_sea_ _of the_ʻArāvāh the_Sea_of (the)_Salt eastward_to the_ _direction_of Bēyt Hayshimōt/(Jeshimoth) and_from_the_south under the_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh. **4** And_the_territory_of ʻŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān one_of_the_remnant_of the_Rəfāʼīm who_was_dwelling in_ʻAshtārōt and_in_ʼEdreʻī. **5** And_who_ _ruled over_the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_over_Ṣalkāh and_ _on/over_all (the)_Bāshān to the_border_of the_Gəshūrite[s] and_the_Maʻₐkāhite[s] and_(the)_half_of (the)_Gilʻād the_ _border_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn. **6** Mosheh the_servant_ _of **YHWH** and_the_sons of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_defeated_ _them and_he_gave_it Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** a_ _possession to_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_to_Gādī[s] and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh.

7 And_these are_the_kings_of the_earth/land whom Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_the_sons of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he_ _defeated on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) westward_to from_Baʻal- Gād in_the_valley_of (the)_Ləvānōn and_unto the_mountain (the)_Ḥālāq which_goes_up to_Sēʻīr and_he_gave_it Yəhōshūʻa to_the_tribes_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) a_ _possession according_to_of_their_divisions. **8** In_country and_ _in_Shephelah and_in_ʻArāvāh and_on_slopes and_in_ _wilderness and_in_Negev the_Ḥittiy[s] the_ʼAmorī and_the_ _Kənaʻₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s]. **9** The_king_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) one the_ _king_of (the)_ʻAy which is_from_the_side_of Bēyt-ʼēl one. **10** The_king_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) one the_king_of Ḥevrōn one. **11** The_king_of Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) one the_king_of Lākīsh one. **12** The_king_of ʻEglōn one the_king_of Gezer one. **13** The_king_of Dəvīr one the_king_of Geder one. **14** The_king_ _of Ḥormāh one the_king_of ʻArād one. **15** The_king_of Livnāh one the_king_of ʻAdullām one. **16** The_king_of Maqqēdāh one the_king_of Bēyt-ʼēl one. **17** The_king_of Tapūaḥ one the_king_ _of Ḥēfer one. **18** The_king_of ʼAfēq one the_king of_Shārōn one. **19** The_king_of Mādōn one the_king_of Ḥātsōr one. **20** The_ _king_of Shimrōn one the_king_of ʼAkshāf one. **21** The_king_of Taʻₐnāk one the_king_of Məgiddōn one. **22** The_king_of Qedesh one the_king_of Yoqnəʻām/(Jokneam) of_Karmel/(Carmel) one. **23** The_king_of Dōr of_the_height_of of_Dōr one the_king_of

43 RV 12:1-5 · Cross-ref. Num 21:21-35; Deu 2:26–3:11.

44 RV 12:6 · Cross-ref. Num 32:33; Deu 3:12.

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Gōy of_Gilgāl one. **24** The_king_of Tirtsāh one all_of the_kings were_thirty and_one.

13:1 And_Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_was_old he_had_come in_the_ _days and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it you you_are_old you_ _have_come in_days and_the_earth it_remains much very to_ _take_possession_of_it. **2** This the_earth/land which_remains all_of the_territories_of the_Pəlishtiy and_all the_Gəshūrite[s]. **3** From the_Shiyḥōr which is_on the_face_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto the_border_of ʻEqrōn northward_on to_ _Kəna ʻaānī/(Canaanite)[s] it_is_reckoned the_five_of the_rulers_ _of the_Pəlishtiy the_Gazite[s] and_the_ʼAshdōdite[s] the_ _Ashkelonite[s] the_Gittiy[s] and_the_ʻEqrōnite[s] and_the_ _Avvite[s]. **4** From_the_south all_of the_land_of the_Kəna ʻaānī[s] and_a_cave which belongs_to_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) to to_ʼAfēq to the_border_of the_ʼAmorī. **5** And_the_earth of_the_Givlī[s] and_all (the)_Ləvānōn the_rising_of the_sun from_Baʻal- Gād under the_mountain_of Ḥermōn to Ləvō ʼ Ḥ aamāt. **6** All_of the_ _inhabitants_of the_hill_country from (the)_Ləvānōn to Misrephoth Maim all_of the_Tsīdonī I I_will_dispossess_them from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) only make_it_fall to_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) (in)_an_inheritance just_as I_ _commanded_you(ms). **7** And_now apportion ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _earth/land (the)_this (in)_an_inheritance to_the_nine_of the_ _tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe (the)_Mənashsheh.

8 With_him/it the_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_the_Gādī[s] they_had_ _received inheritance_of_their which he_had_given to/for_ _them Mosheh on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) eastward_to just_as he_had_given to/for_them Mosheh the_ _servant_of **YHWH**. **9** From_ʻArōʻēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_city which in_the_middle of_the_ _wadi and_all the_plain Mēydəvāʼ to Diyvōn. **10** And_ _all/each/any/every the_cities_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ _ʼAmorī who he_reigned in_Ḥeshbōn to the_border_of the_ _people_of ʻAmmōn. **11** And_(the)_Gilʻād and_the_territory_of the_Gəshūrite[s] and_the_Maʻakāhite[s] and_ _all/each/any/every the_mountain_of Ḥermōn and_all (the)_ _Bāshān to Ṣalkāh. **12** All_of the_kingdom_of ʻŌg in_Bāshān who he_reigned in_ʻAshtārōt and_in_ʼEdreʻī he he_was_left of_the_ _remnant_of of_the_Rəfāʼīm and_he_had_defeated_them Mosheh and_he_had_dispossessed_them. **13** And_not the_ _people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) they_dispossessed ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Gəshūrite[s] and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Maʻakāhite[s] and_ Gəshūr and_ _Maʻakāh _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_midst_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) until the_day (the)_this. **14** Only to_the_tribe_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] not he_gave an_inheritance the_fire_offerings_ _of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it inheritance_of_was_its just_as he_had_spoken to_him/it.

15 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave to_the_tribe_of the_descendants_ _of Rəʼūvēn to_their_clans. **16** And_he/it_was to/for_them the_ _territory from_ʻArōʻēr which is_on the_edge_of the_wadi_of ʼArnōn and_the_city which in_the_middle of_the_wadi and_all the_plain at Mēydəvāʼ. **17** Ḥeshbōn and_all cities_of_its which

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The regions not yet captured · Promised land

13:1 Now the years had passed and Yehoshua (Joshua) had grown old, and Yahweh said to him, "You're old now and there's still a lot of land that needs to be captured. **2** This is the remaining land: all the territories of the Pelishtim, and all of the Geshurim, **3** from Shihor (east of Mitsrayim (Egypt)) and as far as the border of Ekron to the north (it's considered to be Kena'ani (Canaanite)), the five rulers of the Pelishtim (in Azah (Gaza), Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gat, and Ekron), and the Avim. **4** In the south: all the land of the Kena'anim (Canaanites), and a Me'arah that belongs to the Tsidonim (Sidonians), as far as Afek, as far as the border of the Amorim, **5** plus the land of the Givlim, all Levanon towards the east, from Ba'al-Gad below Mt. Hermon as far as Levo-Hamat. **6** I myself will drive out all those who live in the hill country from Levanon as far as Misrefot-Mayim, and all the Tsidonim. Make sure that it's given to the Israelis as an inheritance, just as I instructed you.[45] **7** All that land should be divided up as an inheritance for the nine tribes plus half of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).

Division of the land east of the Yarden · Promised land

8 Along with the other half of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh), the tribes of Re'uven and Gad had taken their inheritance on the other (eastern) side of the Yarden (Jordan) as approved by Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses),[46] **9** from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Arnon riverbed, and the city that's in the middle of the valley, and all the plateau near Meydeva, to Divon. **10** Also, all the cities of King Sihon of the Amorim who ruled in Heshbon, as far as the border with the Amonim, **11** and Gilead, and the territory of the Geshurim and the Ma'akatim, and all Mt. Hermon, and all the Bashan as far as Salkah, **12** all the kingdom of Og in the Bashan, who reigned in Ashtarot and in Edre'i (what remained from the remnant of the Refaim). Mosheh had attacked them and captured their lands. **13** But the Israelis didn't capture the land of the Geshurim or the Ma'akatim and so those peoples live among the Israelis to this day.

14 The only tribe that didn't receive an inheritance was the tribe of Levi because the offerings given to Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh are their inheritance, just like he'd told them.[47]

The area assigned to Re'uven's descendants · Promised land

15 This was the land that Mosheh (Moses) gave to the tribe of Re'uven, according to their clans: **16** The area from Aroer (on the edge of the Arnon riverbed)

45 **RV 13:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 33:54.

46 **RV 13:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 32:33; Deu 3:12.

47 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** Deu 18:1.

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along to the town in the middle of the valley, to the plateau near Meydeva, 17 Heshbon and all its cities on the plateau, including Divon, Bamot-Ba'al, Beyt-Ba'al-Me'on, 18 Yahats, Kedemot, Mofa'at, 19 Kiryatayim, Sivmah, and Tseret-Hashahar on the hill within the valley. 20 It also includes Beyt-Pe'or, the slopes of the Pisgah, Beyt-Hayeshimot, 21 and all the cities on the plateau, and all the kingdom of Sihon (the king of the Amorim who had reigned in Heshbon) who Mosheh had defeated, he and the leaders of Midyan: Evi and Rekem and Tsur and Hur and Reva (the princes of Sihon who had lived in the land). 22 The Israelis also killed Bil'am (Balaam) (Be'or's son who practiced divination) along with others. 23 The border for Re'uven's descendants was the Yarden (Jordan) River. So that was the inheritance of Re'uven's descendants—all the cities and their villages allocated to their clans.

The area assigned to Gad's descendants · Promised land

24 This was the land that Mosheh (Moses) gave to the tribe of Gad, according to their clans: 25 It included Yazer and all the cities of Gilead and half of the land where the Amonim had lived as far as Aroer opposite Rabah, 26 then from Heshbon to Ramat-Hamitspeh and Betonim, and from Mahanayim to the Devir border. 27 Also in the valley, Beyt-Haram, Beyt-Nimrah, Sukot, Tsafon, and the rest of the kingdom of Sihon (the king of Heshbon), with the Yarden (Jordan) and the border, as far as the end of Lake Galil, eastward beyond the Yarden River. 28 So that was the inheritance of Gad's descendants—all the cities and their villages allocated to their clans.

The area assigned to Menasheh's descendants · Promised land

29 This was the land that Mosheh (Moses) gave to half of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh), according to their clans: 30 It went from Mahanayim, all the Bashan, all the kingdom of Og (the king of the Bashan), and all the towns of Yair, which are in the Bashan—sixty cities. 31 Also half of the Gilead, plus Ashtarot and Edre'i (cities of the kingdom of Og in the Bashan). So that was for half of Makir's sons (he was one of Menasheh's sons) allocated to their clans.

32 This was the land that Mosheh gave as an inheritance in the plains of Moav (Moab) on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan) River opposite Yeriho (Jericho). 33 However, Mosheh didn't give any inheritance of land to Levi's descendants because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh is their inheritance just as he told them.[48]

The division of the main block west of the Yarden · Promised land

14:1 These are what the Israelis inherited in the land of Kena'an (Canaan), which Eleazar the priest and Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) and the leaders of the Israelis gave them as an inheritance. 2 Their allocations were made by casting lots for the nine and a half tribes, just as Yahweh had commanded through Mosheh (Moses).[49] 3 (Mosheh had given

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are_in_plain Diyvʿvōn and_Bāmōt- baʿal and_Bēyt- baʿal- məʿōn. 18 And_(to)_Yahatsˊ/(Jahaz) and_Qədēmōt and_Mōfaʿat. 19 And_ _Qiryātayim and_Səvʿām and_Zereth- shahar on_the_hill_of the_valley. 20 And_Bēyt- pəʿōr and_the_slopes_of (the)_Piṣgāh and_Bēyt- hayshimōt/(jeshimoth). 21 And_all/each/any/every the_cities_of the_plain and_all the_kingdom_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_ _of the_'Amorī who he_reigned in_Ḥeshbōn whom Mosheh he_ _had_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_leaders_of Midyān ᴅᴏᴍ 'Evī and_ᴅᴏᴍ Reqem and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥūr and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ Revʿaʿ the_princes_of Ṣīḥōn who_were_dwelling_of the_ _earth/land. 22 And_ᴅᴏᴍ Bil'ām the_son_of Bəʿōr the_diviner the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_killed with_sword to their_ _slain_of_ones. 23 And_he/it_was the_border_of the_ _descendants_of Rə'ūvēn the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_a_territory this was_the_inheritance_of the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn to_ _their_clans the_cities and_villages_of_their.

24 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave to_the_tribe_of Gād to_the_ _descendants_of Gād to_their_clans. 25 And_he/it_was to/for_ _them the_territory Yaʿzēr/(Jazer) and_all the_cities_of (the)_ _Gil'ād and_(the)_half_of the_land_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn to ʿArōʿēr which is_on the_face_of Rabāh. 26 And_from_Ḥeshbōn to Ramath (the)_Mitspāh and_Bəṭonīm and_from_Maḥ$_a$nāyim to the_territory_of Lo_Debar. 27 And_in_valley Bēyt Haram and_Bēyt- nimrah and_Ṣukkōt and_Zaphon the_remainder_of the_kingdom_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of Ḥeshbōn the_Yardēn and_a_ _border to the_end_of the_sea_of Kinneret the_other_side_of the_Yardēn eastward_to. 28 This was_the_inheritance_of the_ _descendants_of Gād to_their_clans the_cities and_villages_of_ _their.

29 And_ Mosheh _he/it_gave to_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh and_he/it_was to_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh to_clans_of_their. 30 And_he/it_ _was territory_of_their from_Maḥ$_a$nāyim all_of (the)_Bāshān all_of the_kingdom_of ʿŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_all the_villages_of Yā'īr/(Jair) which are_in_Bāshān sixty citi[es]. 31 And_(the)_half_of (the)_Gil'ād and_ʿAshtārōt and_'Edre'ī the_ _cities_of the_kingdom_of ʿŌg in_Bāshān belong_to_the_ _descendants_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh to_the_half_of the_descendants_of Mākīr to_clans_of_their. 32 These are_that_ _which Mosheh he_gave_as_a_possession in_the_plains_of Mō'āvʿ from_the_other_side of_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) eastward_to. 33 And_to_the_tribe_of the_ _Lēviyyiy[s] not Mosheh he_gave an_inheritance **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he inheritance_of_was_their just_as he_ _had_spoken to/for_them.

14:1 And_these are_that_which the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_inherited in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) which 'El'āzār the_ _priest/officer and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_ _the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_tribes of_the_people_of of_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_gave_as_a_possession them. 2 By_the_ _allotted_portion_of their_inheritance_of_their just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded by_the_hand_of Mosheh for_the_nine_of the_tribes and_the_half_of the_tribe. 3 If/because Mosheh he_

48 **RV 13:33 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:20; Deu 18:2.

49 **RV 14:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 26:52-56; 34:13.

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_had_given the_inheritance_of the_two_of the_tribes and_the_
_half_of the_tribe from_the_other_side of_Yardēn and_to_
_Lēviyyiy not he_had_given an_inheritance among_them.
4 If/because the_descendants_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) they_were
two_of tribes Mənashsheh and_'Efrayim and_not people_gave
a_portion to_Lēviyyiy on_the_earth if/because (if) cities to_
_dwell_in and_their_pasture_of_lands for_livestock_of_their
and_for_property_of_their. **5** Just_as **YHWH** he_had_
_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
they_did and_they_apportioned ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land.

6 And_ the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_
_approached to Yəhōshū'a at_Gilgāl and_he/it_said to_him/it
Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) the_Kenizzite
you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_message which **YHWH** he_spoke to
Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm on causes_of_my and_on
causes_of_your at_Qādēsh- barnē'a. **7** Was_a_son_of forty
year[s] I when_ Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** _sent ᴅᴏᴍ_me
from_Qādēsh- barnē'a to_spy_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_I_
_brought_back ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_message just_as with heart_of_my.
8 And_brothers_of_my who they_went_up with_me they_
_melted ᴅᴏᴍ the_heart_of the_people and_I I_filled after **YHWH**
god_of_my. **9** And_ Mosheh _he_swore_an_oath in_the_day
(the)_that to_say if not the_earth/land which foot_of_your it_
_trod on_it to/for_yourself(m) it_will_belong to_an_inheritance
and_to_children_of_your until perpetuity if/because you_filled
after **YHWH** god_of_my. **10** And_now HERE **YHWH** he_has_let_
_live me just_as he_spoke this forty and_five year[s] from_then
YHWH he_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this to Mosheh when
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_walked in_wilderness and_now HERE I the_
_day am_a_son_of five and_eighty year[s]. **11** Still_I the_day am_
_strong just_as in/on_day Mosheh sent me as_strength_of_my
then and_as_strength_of_my now for_battle and_to_go_out
and_to_come. **12** And_now give to/for_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill_country
the_this which **YHWH** he_spoke in_the_day (the)_that
if/because you you_heard on_day (the)_that if/because_that
'Anāqī were_there and_cities large fortified perhaps **YHWH**
will_be_with_me and_I_will_dispossess_them just_as **YHWH** he_
_spoke. **13** And_he_blessed_him Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) and_he/it_
_gave ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevrōn to_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of
Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) to_an_inheritance. **14** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so Ḥevrōn it_belonged to_Kālēv the_son_of
Yəfunneh the_Kenizzite to_an_inheritance until the_day the_
_this because that he_filled after **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_name_of Ḥevrōn formerly_before was_
_Qiryat 'Arba' the_humankind (the)_great among_'Anāqī he
and_the_earth it_was_at_peace from_war.

15:1 And_ the_lot _he/it_was of_the_tribe_of of_the_
_descendants_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_their_clans to the_
_border_of 'Edōm the_wilderness_of Tsin/(Zin) south_to_the
from_the_end_of the_south. **2** And_he/it_was to/for_them
border_of the_south from_the_end_of the_Sea_of (the)_Salt

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the other two and a half tribes their inheritance on the other side of the river,[50] but the Levites weren't given land as an inheritance— **4** instead of land they were given cities to live in, along with the surrounding fields for their livestock. Yosef's (Joseph's) two sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim) were considered as two tribes.) **5** The Israelis did just as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh—they allocated blocks of the land as permanent possessions.

Hevron is allocated to Kalev · Promised land

6 Leaders from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) approached Yehoshua (Joshua) at Gilgal and Kalev (Caleb) (son of Yefuneh the Kenizi) said to him, "You yourself know what Yahweh told the man of God Mosheh (Moses) at Kadesh-Barnea about me and you.[51] **7** I was forty years old when Yahweh's servant Mosheh sent me from Kadesh-Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back an honest report.[52] **8** The other men who went made the people terrified, but I remained loyal to my god Yahweh.
9 Mosheh promised me that day, saying, 'The land that you walked on will certainly be for an inheritance for you and your sons forever, because you were completely loyal to my god Yahweh.'[53] **10** Now, listen. Yahweh has kept me alive these forty-five years since Yahweh said that to Mosheh, back when Yisrael (Israel) was walking in the wilderness. Yes, believe it or not, I'm now eighty-five. **11** I'm still as strong today as I was on the day that Mosheh sent me. Just like I could fight back then, I can still fight or travel just the same. **12** So now, please give me that hill country that Yahweh promised that day, because you yourself heard me say that the Anakim lived there in fortified cities. So now, perhaps Yahweh will help me to take them over just as he said."
13 So Yehoshua blessed Yefuneh's son Kalev and gave him Hevron as his inheritance. **14** Because of that, Hevron belongs to Kalev (Yefuneh the Kenizi's son) as an inheritance until this day, because he was completely loyal to Yisrael's god Yahweh.
15 (Hevron used to be called Kiryat-Arba—Arba had been a brave warrior among the Anakim.)
Then there was a time of no more war in that region.

The area assigned to Yehudah's descendants · Promised land

15:1 This was the land that was assigned to Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants according to their clans:
It went from the Tsin (Zin) wilderness in

50 RV 14:3-4 · Cross-ref. Num 32:33; 34:14-15; Deu 3:12-17.

51 RV 14:6 · Cross-ref. Num 14:30.

52 RV 14:7 · Cross-ref. Num 13:1-30.

53 RV 14:9 · Cross-ref. Num 14:24.

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the south to the border with Edom, 2 and their southern border was the south-facing bay at the end of the Dead Sea (also called the Salt Sea). 3 From there it went south of the Scorpion Pass, across to Tsin, climbed up to Kadesh-Barnea, crossed to Hetsron, went to Adar, and around to Karka. 4 Then it crosses to Atsmon and out to the Mitsri (Egyptian) riverbed and finishes at the Mediterranean sea. That will be their southern border.

5 The eastern border was the Dead Sea as far as the end of the Yarden (Jordan).

The northern border starts at the top of the Dead Sea where the Yarden river enters it 6 then to Beyt-Hoglah and further north to Beyt-Ha'aravah to the Stone of Bohan (Re'uven's son). 7 Then the border went to Devir from the Akor Valley, and to the north, turning to the Gilgal, which is in front of the Adumim pass which is from the south of the riverbed, then the border passed over to the waters of Eyn-Shemesh and it ends at Eyn-Rogel. 8 From there the border went up the valley of Ben Hinom to the edge of the Yevusi region from the south (that is Yerushalem (Jerusalem)). Then the border went to the head of the hill opposite the Hinom valley to the west, which is at the end of the valley of the Refaim to the north. 9 From there the border turned from the head of the hill to the Neftoah spring and went out to the cities of Mt. Efron, then the border turned to Ba'alah (now called Kiryat-Yearim). 10 Then the border went around from Ba'alah to the west to Mt. Se'ir, and passed over to the shoulder of Mt. Yearim from the north (also called Kesalon), and went down to Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), and passed over to Timnah. 11 From there the border went out to the shoulder of Ekron to the north, then turned toward Shikeron and passed over to Mt. Ba'alah, and went out to Yavne'el, then the border ended at the sea. 12 The western border was the Mediterranean Sea. Those were the borders of the land given to Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants to be allocated to their clans.

Kalev defeats Hevron and Devir · Promised land[55]

13 Yahweh had instructed Yehoshua (Joshua) to give this block of land to Kalev (Caleb) (Yefuneh's son): Kiryat-Arba (now called Hevron—Arba was Anak's father).[56] 14 Kalev captured the land from Anak's three sons—Sheshay, Ahiman, and Talmay, 15 then from there, he battled against Devir (formerly called Kiryat-Sefer) 16 and he said, "I'll give my daughter Aksah to marry to the man who attacks Kiryat-Sefer and captures it." 17 Then Otniel (Kenaz's son and Kalev's brother) captured the city, so Kalev gave his daughter Aksah to him for a wife. 18 Then when she married him, she encouraged him to ask her father for

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from the_tongue which_faces south_to_the. 3 And_it_goes_out to from_the_south of_the_ascent_of of_scorpions and_it_ _passes_on to_Tsin/(Zin) and_he/it_would_go_up from_the_ _south of_Qādēsh- barnē´a and_it_passes_on Ḥetsrōn and_he/it_ _would_go_up to_'Addār and_it_turns to_(the)_Qarqa´. 4 And_it_ _passes_on to_´Atsmōn and_it_goes_out the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and[54] the_extremities_of the_territory westward_at this it_will_be to/for_you(pl) border_of the_south. 5 And_the_border eastward_to is_the_Sea_of (the)_Salt to the_ _end_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_the_border of_the_side_of northward_of is_from_the_tongue_of the_sea from_the_end_of the_Yardēn. 6 And_ the_border _he/it_would_go_up Bēyt Ḥoglāh and_it_passes_on from_the_north_of Bēyt- ´ₐrāvāh and_ the_border _he/it_would_go_up the_stone_of Bohan_of the_ _son_of_Rə'ūvēn. 7 And_ the_border _he/it_would_go_up to_ _Dəvīr from_the_valley_of ´Ākōr and_northward_to it_is_ _turning to (the)_Gilgāl which is_opposite to_the_ascent_of Adummim which is_from_the_south of_wadi and_ the_border _ _it_passes_on to the_waters_of ´Ēyn and_ extremities_of_its _ _they_will_be to ´Ēyn Rogel. 8 And_ the_border _he/it_would_ _go_up the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom the_valley_of_Ben to the_ _slope_of the_Yəvūşī from_the_south that is_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_border _he/it_would_go_ _up to the_top_of the_mountain which is_on the_face_of the_ _valley_of_Ben westward_on which is_at_the_end_of the_ _valley_of Rəfā'īm northward_to. 9 And_ the_border _it_turns from_the_top_of the_mountain to the_spring_of the_waters_of Nephtoah and_it_goes_out to the_cities_of the_mountain_of ´Efrōn and_ the_border _it_turns Ba´ₐlāh that is_Qiryat Yə´ārīm/(Jearim). 10 And_ the_border _it_turns from_Ba´ₐlāh westward_to to the_mountain_of Sē´īr and_it_passes_on to the_ _slope_of the_mountain_of Yə´ārīm from_northward_ _northward that is_Kəşālōn and_it_goes_down Bēyt Shemesh and_it_passes_on Timnāh. 11 And_ the_border _it_goes_out to the_slope_of ´Eqrōn northward_to and_ the_border _it_turns to_Shikkərōn and_it_passes_on the_mountain_of (the)_Ba´ₐlāh and_it_goes_out Jabneel and_ the_extremities_of the_territory _ _they_will_be westward_at. 12 And_the_border_of the_west is_ _to_the sea (the)_great and_territory this is_the_border_of the_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) around to_their_clans.

13 And_to_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) someone_gave a_portion in_the_middle the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh to the_mouth_of **YHWH** to_Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) ĐØM Qiryat 'Arba´ the_father_of (the)_´Ānāq that is_Ḥevrōn. 14 And_ _he_dispossessed from_there Kālēv ĐØM three the_sons_of (the)_´Ānāq ĐØM Shēshay and_ĐØM 'Aḥīman and_ĐØM Talmay those_born_of (the)_´Ānāq. 15 And_he/it_ascended from_there against the_inhabitants_of Dəvīr and_name_of Dəvīr formerly_ _formerly was_Qiryat Sepher. 16 And_ Kālēv _he/it_said the_ _one_who he_will_attack ĐØM Qiryat Sepher and_he_will_ _capture_it and_I_will_give to_him/it ĐØM ´Akşāh daughter_of_ _my to/for_(a)_woman. 17 And_he_captured_it ´Otnī'ēl the_son_ _of Qənaz the_brother_of Kālēv and_he_gave to_him/it ĐØM

54 LV 15:4 · Note OSHB variant note: הִיה/וְ: (x-qere) וַיֶּ֫הִי/וְ: lemma_c/1961 n_1.0.0 morph_HC/Vqp3cp id_06ASQ וַיֶּ֫הִי/וְ

55 RV 15:13 · Parallel Jdg. 1:11-15

56 RV 15:13-14 · Cross-ref. Jdg 1:20.

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ʿAkṣāh daughter_of_his to/for_(a)_woman. **18** And_he/it_was when_came_she and_she_incited_him to_ask from_with father_ _of_her a_field and_she_went_down from_under the_donkey and_he/it_said to/for_her/it Kālēv what is_to_you. **19** And_ _she/it_said give to/for_me a_blessing if/because the_land_of the_Negev you_have_given_to_me and_you(ms)_will_give to_ _me springs_of water and_he_gave to/for_her/it ĐØM springs upper and_ĐØM springs lower.
20 This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_their_clans. **21** And_ the_cities from_ _the_end_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh to the_ _border_of ʾEdōm in_south _they_were Qavtsəʾēl and_ʿĒder and_ _Jagur. **22** And_Kinah and_Dimonah and_Adadah. **23** And_ _Qedesh and_Ḥātsōr and_Ithnan. **24** Zīf and_Ṭelem and_Beʿālōt. **25** And_Ḥātsōr- hadattah and_Qəriyyōt Ḥetsrōn that is_Ḥātsōr. **26** Amam and_Shema and_Mōlādāh. **27** And_ Ḥatsar- gaddah and_Heshmon and_Bēyt- pelet. **28** And_ Ḥatsar- shūʿāl and_ _Bəʾēr- seven and_Biziothiah. **29** Baʿalāh and_ʿIyyim and_ʿEtsem. **30** And_ʾEltōlad and_Kesil and_Ḥormāh. **31** And_ _Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_Madmannāh and_Sansannah. **32** And_ _Lebaoth and_Shilhim and_ʿAyin and_Rimmōn all_of the_cities were_twenty and_nine and_villages_of_their. **33** In_Shephelah ʾEshtāʾol and_Tsorʿāh/(Zorah) and_Ashnah. **34** And_Zānōaḥ and_ ʿĒyn- gannim Tapūaḥ and_(the)_Enam.
35 Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) and_ʿAdullām Sōkoh and_ʿAzēqāh. **36** And_Shaʿarayim and_Adithaim and_(the)_Gədērāh and_ _Gederothaim cities four- teen and_villages_of_their. **37** Zenan and_Hadashah and_Migdal- Gād. **38** And_Dilean and_(the)_ _Mitspāh and_Yoqtəʾēl/(Joktheel). **39** Lākīsh and_Botsqat and_ _ʿEglōn. **40** And_Cabbon and_Lahmas and_Kitlish. **41** And_ _Gədērōt Bēyt Dagon and_Naʿamāh and_Maqqēdāh cities six- teen and_villages_of_their. **42** Livnāh and_ʿĒter and_ʿĀshān. **43** And_Iphtah and_Ashnah and_Nezib. **44** And_Qəʿīlāh and_ _ʾAkzīv and_Marʾēshāh cities nine and_villages_of_their. **45** ʿEqrōn and_daughters_of_its and_villages_of_its. **46** From_ _ʿEqrōn and_westward_to all that is_on the_hand_of ʾAshdōd and_villages_of_their. **47** ʾAshdōd daughters_of_its and_ _villages_of_its ʿAzzāh daughters_of_its and_villages_of_its to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_sea the[58] and_ _territory. **48** And_in_country Shāmīr and_Yattir/(Jattir) and_ _Sōkoh. **49** And_Dannah and_Qiryat- sannah that is_Dəvīr. **50** And_Anab and_ʾEshtəmoʿa and_Anim. **51** And_Goshen and_ _Ḥolōn and_Giloh cities one_plus ten and_villages_of_their. **52** Arab and_Rumah and_Eshan. **53** And[59] and_Bēyt- tappuah and_ʾAfēqah. **54** And_Humtah and_Qiryat- four that is_Ḥevrōn and_Zior cities nine and_villages_of_their. **55** Māʿōn Karmel/(Carmel) and_Zīf and_Juttah. **56** And_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_Yoqdəʿām/(Jokdeam) and_Zānōaḥ. **57** (The)_Kain Givʿāh and_Timnāh cities ten and_villages_of_their. **58** Ḥalḥūl Bēyt Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_Gədor. **59** And_Maarath and_Bēyt- anoth and_ _ʾEltəqōn cities six and_villages_of_their. **60** Qiryat Baʿal that is_ _Qiryat Yəʿārīm/(Jearim) and_(the)_Rabāh cities two and_ _villages_of_their. **61** In_wilderness Bēyt ʿArāvāh Middin and_ _Secacah. **62** And_(the)_Nibshan and_the_city_of (the)_Salt and_

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a field, so she got down off her donkey and Kalev asked, "What are you up to?" **19** "Give me a blessing," she answered, "because you've given me land in the Negev desert region, so now give me some springs as well for water." So he gave her both the upper and the lower springs.

Cities captured by Yehudah's descendants · Promised land

20 This is Yehudah's (Judah's) inheritance according to their clans: **21** The cities at the edge of Yehudah's block toward the border with Edom in Negev were Kavtse'el, Eder, Yagur, **22** Kinah, Dimonah, Ad'adah, **23** Kedesh, Hatsor, Yitnan, **24** Zif, Telem, Be'alot, **25** Hatsor-Hadatah, Keriyot-Hetsron (also called Hatsor), **26** Amam, Shema, Moladah, **27** Hatsar-Gadah, Heshmon, Beyt-Pelet, **28** Hatsar-Shual, Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), and Bizyoteyah, **29** Ba'alah, Iyim, Etsem, **30** Eltolad, Kesil, Hormah, **31** Tsiklag, Madmanah, Sansanah, **32** Leva'ot, Shilhim, Ayin, and Rimon—a total of twenty-nine cities as well as their villages.

33 Then down in the lowlands were Eshtaol, Tsor'ah, Ashnah, **34** Zanoah, Eyn-Ganim, Tapuah, Eynam, **35** Yarmut, Adulam, Sokoh, Azekah, **36** Sha'arayim, Aditayim, and Gederah (also called Gederotayim)—a total of fourteen cities as well as their surrounding villages.

37 Also Tsenan, Hadashah, Migdal-Gad, **38** Dil'an, Mitspah, Yakete'el, **39** Lakish, Batsekat, Eglon, **40** Kabon, Lahmam, Kitlish, **41** Gederot, Beyt-Dagon, Na'amah, and Makedah—sixteen cities as well as their villages.

42 Also Livnah, Eter, Ashan, **43** Yiftah (Jephthah), Ashnah, Netsiv, **44** Ke'ilah, Akziv, and Mareshah—nine cities as well as their villages.

45 Also Ekron with its towns and villages **46** from Ekron to the Mediterranean—those near Ashdod and their villages.

47 Also Ashdod and its towns and its villages, Azah (Gaza) and its towns and its villages, as far as the riverbed of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and the Mediterranean sea and the border.

48 Also in the hill country: Shamir, Yatir, Sokoh, **49** Danah, Kiryat-Sanah (also called Devir), **50** Anav, Eshtemoa, Anim, **51** Goshen, Holon, and Giloh—eleven cities as well as their villages.

52 Also Aravi, Dumah, Esh'an, **53** Yanum, Beyt-Tapuah, Afekah, **54** Humtah, and Kiryat-Arba (also called Hevron) and Tsi'or—nine cities as well as their villages.

55 Also Maeon, Karmel, Zif, Yutah, **56** Yizre'el (Jezreel), Yakedeam, Zanoah, **57** Kayin (Cain), Giveah, and Timnah—ten cities as well as their villages.

58 Also Halhul, Beyt-Tsur, Gedor, **59** Ma'arat, Beyt-Anot, and Eltekon—six cities as well as their villages.

58 LV 15:47 · Note OSHB variant note: לובנ/ה: (x-qere) 'לוֹדָנִ/ה': lemma_d/1419 a n_0.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_06S8w לוֹדָנִ/ה

59 LV 15:53 · Note OSHB variant note: מיני/ו: (x-qere) 'מְנָיָ/וּ': lemma_c/3241 morph_HC/Np id_06MUh מְנָיָ/וּ

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60 Also Kiryat-Ba'al (also called Kiryat-Yearim) and Rabah—two cities as well as their villages.
61 In the wilderness, Beyt-Ha'aravah, Midin, Sekakah,
62 Nivshan, the Ir-Hamelah, and Eyn-Gedi—six cities as well as their villages.
63 But Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants weren't able to defeat the Yevusim who lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), so they have lived among the tribe of Yehudah to this day.[57]

The allocation to Yosef's descendants · Promised land

16:1 The block for Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants[61] went from the Yarden (Jordan) at Yeriho (Jericho) (Yeriho, east of the springs), through the wilderness into the hill country of Beyt-El (Bethel). 2 It went out from Beyt-El to Luz then along the border with the Arkim at Atarot. 3 Then it went west to the border with the Yafletites as far as the border with Lower Beyt-Horon and as far as Gezer, then out to the Mediterranean.
4 So Yosef's sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim) received an inheritance.

The allocation to Efrayim's descendants · Promised land

5 The allotment for Efrayim's (Ephraim's) descendants according to their clans was at Atrot-Adar in the east, going as far as Upper Beyt-Horon 6 and out to the Mediterranean. From Mikmetat in the north, the border went eastward toward Ta'anat-Shiloh then further east to Yanoah. 7 From Yanoah it went to Atarot and Na'arah, reached Yeriho (Jericho) then came out at the Yarden (Jordan). 8 The northern border went from Tapuah to the Kanah riverbed and then out to the Mediterranean. That was the inheritance of Efrayim's descendants according to their clans, 9 although some of the cities with their villages for Efrayim's descendants were actually inside the territory assigned to Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants. 10 But they didn't capture the land of the Kena'anim (Canaanites) who lived in Gezer, so they've lived within Efrayim to this day and were forced to serve as labourers.[63]

The allocation to Menasheh's descendants · Promised land

17:1 The allotment for Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants (Yosef's (Joseph's) eldest son) included a special allotment for (Gilead's father) Makir—he was given Gilead and Bashan because he was a powerful warrior. 2 The other Menasheh clans that were allocated land were the Aviezer, Helek, Asriel, Shekem, Hefer, and Shemida clans. (They were the sons of Yosef's son Menasheh who led their own clans.) 3 But Tselofehad (son of Hefer, son of Gilead, son of Makir, son of Menasheh) had no sons—only daughters who were named

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ʻĒyn- gedī cities six and_villages_of_their. 63 And_ĐØM the_ _Yəvūşī the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) not they_ _were_able[60] the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _dispossess_them and_ the_Yəvūşī _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived with the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until the_day (the)_this.

16:1 And_ the_lot of_the_descendants_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) _he/it_ _went_out from_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_ _the_waters_of Yərīḥō eastward_on the_wilderness it_was_ _going_up from_Yərīḥō in_country Bēyt-ʾēl. 2 And_it_goes_out from_Bēyt-ʾēl to_Luz and_it_passes_on to the_border_of the_ _Arkite[s] ʻAṭārōt. 3 And_it_goes_down westward_to to the_ _border_of the_Japhletite[s] to the_border_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn lower and_unto Gezer and_they_will_be its[62] sea_to_the. 4 And_ the_ _descendants_of Yōşēf Mənashsheh and_ʼEfrayim _they_ _received_their_inheritance.

5 And_he/it_was the_territory_of the_descendants_of ʼEfrayim to_their_clans and_he/it_was the_border_of their_inheritance_ _of_their eastward_on ʻAṭārōt Addar to Bēyt Ḥōrōn upper. 6 And_ the_border _it_goes_out to_the_sea (the)_Micmethath is_from_the_north and_ the_border _it_turns eastward_to Taanath Shiloh and_it_passes_by it from_the_east_of to_ _Yānōaḥ/(Janoah). 7 And_it_goes_down from_Yānōaḥ ʻAṭārōt and_to_Naʻₐrāh and_it_touches (on)_Yərīḥō and_it_goes_out the_Yardēn. 8 From_Tapūaḥ the_border it_goes westward_to the_wadi_of Kanah and_ extremities_of_its _they_will_be to_ _the_sea this was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of ʼEfrayim to_their_clans. 9 And_the_cities the_ _separate_places for_the_descendants_of ʼEfrayim in_the_ _middle_of_the_inheritance_of of_the_descendants_of of_ _Mənashsheh all_of the_cities and_villages_of_their. 10 And_not they_dispossessed ĐØM the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_ _dwelling in_Gezer and_ the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_midst_of ʼEfrayim until the_ _day the_this and_he/it_was (into)_a_slave_gang_of labouring.

17:1 And_he/it_was the_lot to_the_tribe_of Mənashsheh if/because he was_the_firstborn_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) to_Mākīr the_firstborn_of Mənashsheh the_father_of (the)_Gilʻād if/because he he_was a_man_of war and_he/it_was to_him/it (the)_Gilʻād and_(the)_Bāshān. 2 And_he/it_was to_the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh who_remained to_their_clans to_ _the_descendants_of ʼAvīʻezer and_to_the_descendants_of Ḥēleq and_to_the_descendants_of ʼAsrīʾēl and_to_the_ _descendants_of Shəkem and_to_the_descendants_of Ḥēfer and_to_the_descendants_of Shəmīdāʻ these were_the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh the_son_of Yōşēf the_males to_ _their_clans. 3 And_to_Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) the_son_of

57 **RV 15:63 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 1:21; 2Sam 5:6; 1Ch 11:4.
60 **LV 15:63 · Note** OSHB variant note: ולכוי: (x-qere) וְלִכְיָ: lemma_3201 morph_HVqp3cp id_06Enx וְלִכְיָ
61 **RV 16:1 · Note** i.e., the half-tribes of Efrayim and Menasheh.
62 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תאצת: (x-qere) וְ/יֻתְאֲצֻת: lemma_8444 n_0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_06frk וְ/יֻתְאֲצֻת
63 **RV 16:10 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 1:29.

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Ḥēfer the_son_of Gil´ād the_son_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh not they_belonged to_him/it sons if/because (if) daughters and_these are_the_names_of his_daughters_of_his Maḥlāh and_No´āh Ḥoglāh Milkāh and_Tirtsāh. **4** And_they_ _drew_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ’El´āzār the_ _priest/officer and_before_of Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_before_of the_leaders to_say **YHWH** he_commanded ~~DOM~~ Mosheh to_give to/for_us an_inheritance in_the_middle brothers_of_our and_he/it_gave to/for_them to the_mouth_of **YHWH** an_inheritance in_the_middle the_brothers_of their_ _father_of_their. **5** And_ the_allotted_portions_of Mənashsheh ten _they_fell apart_besides from_the_land_of (the)_Gil´ād and_ _(the)_Bāshān which is_from_the_other_side of_ _Yardēn/(Jordan). **6** If/because the_daughters_of Mənashsheh they_inherited an_inheritance in_the_middle sons_of_his and_ _the_land_of (the)_Gil´ād it_belonged to_the_descendants_of Mənashsheh who_remained. **7** And_ the_border_of Mənashsheh _he/it_was from_’Āshēr (the)_Micmethath which is_on the_ _face_of Shəkem and_ the_border _it_goes to the_south to the_ _inhabitants_of ´Ēyn. **8** To_Mənashsheh the_land_of Tapūaḥ it_ _belonged and_Tapūaḥ to the_border_of Mənashsheh belonged_to_the_descendants_of ’Efrayim. **9** And_ the_border _ _it_goes_down the_wadi_of Kanah south_to_the to_wadi cities the_these belonged_to_’Efrayim in_the_middle the_cities_of Mənashsheh and_the_border_of Mənashsheh was_from_the_ _north_of wadi and_ extremities_of_its _he/it_was to_the_sea. **10** Southward_to belonged_to_’Efrayim and_northward_to belonged_to_Mənashsheh and_ the_sea _he/it_was border_of_ _its and_(on)_’Āshēr they_touch from_the_north and_(on)_ _Yissāskār/(Issachar) from_the_east. **11** And_he/it_was to_ _Mənashsheh in_Yissāskār and_in_’Āshēr Bēyt Shan and_ _her/its_daughters and_Yiv´lə´ām/(Ibleam) and_her/its_ _daughters and_~~DOM~~ the_inhabitants_of Dōr and_her/its_ _daughters and_the_inhabitants_of Endor and_daughters_of_its and_the_inhabitants_of Ta´ₐnāk and_daughters_of_its and_the_ _inhabitants_of Məgiddōn and_her/its_daughters the_three_of (the)_Napheth. **12** And_not the_descendants_of Mənashsheh they_were_able to_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_cities the_these and_ the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] _he_was_determined to_dwell on_the_earth (the)_this. **13** And_he/it_was if/because the_ _people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) they_became_strong and_they_ _made ~~DOM~~ the_Kəna´ₐnī[s] (into)_forced_labour and_ _completely_(dispossess) not he_dispossessed_him.

14 And_ the_descendants_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _they_spoke with Yəhōshū´a/(Joshua) to_say why have_you_given to/for_me an_ _inheritance a_lot one and_a_portion one and_I am_a_people numerous to that until thus he_has_blessed_me **YHWH**. **15** And_he/it_said to_them Yəhōshū´a if are_a_people numerous you go_up to/for_yourself(m) to_the_forest and_

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Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirtsah. **4** They approached the priest Eleazar and Yehoshua (Joshua) and the other leaders and said, “Yahweh told Mosheh (Moses) to give us an inheritance along with our brothers.” So he[64] gave them an inheritance (like he’d given their uncles), as Yahweh had instructed them.[65] **5** So ten blocks were allocated to Menasheh tribe as well as Gilead and Bashan which were across the Yarden (Jordan) **6** because Menasheh’s daughters received inheritances along with his sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of Menasheh’s sons.

7 The border for Menasheh went from Asher to Mikmetat opposite Shekem, then went south towards the spring at Tapuah. **8** (The Tapuah *land* was for Menasheh, but Tapuah town was for Efrayim (Ephraim).) **9** Then the border went south to the Kanah riverbed—the cities there belonged to Efrayim even though they were inside Menasheh’s land—then the border stayed on the north side of the riverbed and extended to the Mediterranean. **10** So the south was for Efrayim and the north was for Menasheh, and the sea was the western border, meeting Asher from the north and Yisakar (Issachar) from the east. **11** Menasheh was allocated cities inside both Yisakar’s and Asher’s territories: Beyt-Shean, Yivleam, Dor, Eyn-Dor, Ta’anak, and Megidon along with their surrounding towns.[66] **12** But Menasheh’s descendants weren’t able to take possession of those cities, so the Kena’anim (Canaanites) continued to live in the region.[67] **13** When the Israelis strengthened their position, they were able to force those Kena’anim to work for them, but they weren’t able to drive them out.

Efrayim and Menasheh’s descendants are given additional land · Promised land

14 Then the two half-tribes of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh) asked Yehoshua (Joshua), “Why have you only given to us one measured allocation as an inheritance when we’re very numer-

64 RV 17:4 · Note It’s not clear who this ‘he’ refers to here—some translations choose Eleazar (implied by the sentence structure) and others choose Yehoshua (implied by past allocations of land).

65 RV 17:4 · Cross-ref. Num 27:1-7.

66 RV 17:11 · Note We’ve omitted the final Hebrew phrase here (the three of Nafet) since it’s unclear what it means (plus it’s not considered to be a vital point in the narrative).

67 RV 17:12-13 · Cross-ref. Jdg 1:27-28.

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ous because Yahweh has already blessed us?"

15 "If there's so many of you," Yehoshua answered, "and if Efrayim's hill-country is too small for you, go into the forested area of the Perizim and the Refaim and clear some land for yourselves there."

16 "The hill country certainly isn't big enough for all of us," they responded, "plus the Kena'anim (Canaanites) living in the Yizre'el (Jezreel) valley and in Beyt-Shean and the surrounding towns have iron chariots."

17 So Yehoshua told the half-tribes of Efrayim and Menasheh, "Yes, there's a lot of you and you're very powerful. One land allotment wouldn't be enough for you **18** so the hill country will be yours as well. However, it's a forest and you'll have to clear it to the borders. You'll need to drive out the Kena'anim even if they are strong and with iron chariots."

Allocations for the remaining seven tribes · Promised land

18:1 Then all the Israelis assembled at Shiloh and set up the sacred tent there. The battles over the land had stopped **2** but seven of their tribes hadn't had their inheritances assigned yet. **3** Yehoshua (Joshua) asked the Israelis, "How much longer are you all going to put off capturing the land that your ancestors' God Yahweh has given you? **4** Choose three men from each of those seven[68] tribes and I'll send them out to scout around and inspect the land and write descriptions of it in terms of potential allocations and bring it to me. **5** They can divide that land into seven parts. (Yehudah (Judah) will maintain their territory in the south, and Yosef's (Joseph's) tribes in the north.) **6** You all should write descriptions of the seven parts and bring them here to me, and in front of our god Yahweh, I'll throw dice for you to allocate them to the seven tribes. **7** However, the Levites don't receive a portion, because their inheritance is Yahweh's priesthood. Gad and Re'uven and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe have already received their inheritance that Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) allocated to them on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan).

8 So the chosen men got ready to leave and Yehoshua instructed them, "Go and walk around that land and write a report and bring it back to me. Then I'll throw dice for you all in front of Yahweh here in Shiloh." **9** Then the men left and walked through the area, writing down their recommendations for dividing the seven portions according to the cities in the area, then they returned back to Yehoshua at the camp at Shiloh. **10** So Yehoshua threw dice for them at Shiloh in front of Yahweh, and so that land was allocated to those remaining seven tribes.

Literal Version

_you_will_cut_it_down to/for_yourself(m) there in_land of_the_ _Pərizzī[s] and_the_Rəfā'īm if/because it_is_narrow to/for_ _yourself(m) the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim. **16** And_ the_ _descendants_of Yōşēf _they_said not it_will_be_found to/for_ _us the_hill_country and_chariotry_of iron in_all the_ _Kəna'ₐnī[s] who_dwells in_land_of the_valley to_those_who in_ _house_of shə'ān and_her/its_daughters and_to_those_who are_in_the_valley_of Yizrə'ʾēl/(Jezreel). **17** And_ Yəhōshū'a _ _he/it_said to the_house_of Yōşēf to_'Efrayim and_to_ _Mənashsheh to_say are_a_people numerous you and_strength great to/for_you(fs) not it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) a_lot one. **18** If/because the_hill_country it_will_belong to_you if/because is_forest it and_you_will_cut_it_down and_it_was to/for_yourself(m) extremities_of_its if/because you_will_ _dispossess ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] if/because chariotry_of iron to_him/it if/because is_strong he.

18:1 And_ all_of the_congregation_of the_people_of Yisrā'ʾēl/(Israel) _they_assembled Shiloh and_they_caused_to_ _dwell there ᴅᴏᴍ the_tent_of meeting and_the_earth it_was_ _subdued before_them. **2** And_they_remained among_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ʾēl/(Israel) which not they_had_divided ᴅᴏᴍ inheritance_of_their seven tribes. **3** And_ Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) _ _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ʾēl/(Israel) until when will_ _you(pl) be_showing_yourselves_slack(pl) to_go to_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which he_has_given to/for_ _you(pl) **YHWH** the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl). **4** Provide to/for_you(pl) three men to_tribe so_that_I_may_ _send_them and_they_will_arise and_they_will_walk in/on_ _the_earth and_they_will_describe_in_writing it to_the_mouth_ _of their_inheritance_of_their and_they_will_come to_me. **5** And_they_will_divide_among_themselves ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it (into)_ _seven portions Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_remain on territory_ _of_its from_the_south and_the_house_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) they_ _will_remain on territory_of_their from_the_north. **6** And_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_describe_in_writing ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land seven portions and_you(pl)_will_bring_it to_me hither and_I_ _will_throw to/for_you(pl) a_lot here to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_our. **7** If/because there_will_ _belong_not a_portion to_Lēviyyiy in_midst_of_your(pl) if/because is_the_priesthood_of **YHWH** inheritance_of_its and_ _Gād and_Rə'ūvēn and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh they_have_received inheritance_of_their from_ _the_other_side of_Yardēn/(Jordan) eastward_to which he_gave to/for_them Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH**. **8** And_ the_men _ _they_arose and_they_went and_ Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_went to_describe_in_writing ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land to_say go and_walk_about in/on_the_earth and_describe_in_writing it and_return to_me and_here I_will_ _throw to/for_you(pl) a_lot to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_Shiloh. **9** And_ the_men _they_went and_they_passed in/on_the_earth and_they_described_it_in_writing to_cities into_seven portions on a_scroll and_they_came to Yəhōshū'a to the_camp Shiloh. **10** And_he_threw to/for_them Yəhōshū'a a_ _lot in_Shiloh to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _he_apportioned there Yəhōshū'a ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land to_the_

68 RV 18:4 · Note Not in the Hebrew but implied by verse 5 as they go on to divide the surveyed land into seven portions.

Literal Version

_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_of_their_divisions.
11 And_ the_lot_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _
_he/it_ascended to_their_clans and_ the_territory_of their_lot_
_of_their _he/it_went_out between the_descendants_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_between the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **12** And_he/it_was to/for_them the_border to_
_the_side_of northward_of from the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ the_
_border _he/it_would_go_up to the_slope_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho)
from_the_north and_he/it_would_go_up in_country westward_
_to and[69] extremities_of_its the_wilderness_of_towards of_Bēyt
Aven. **13** And_it_passes_on from_there the_border to_Luz to
the_slope_of (to)_Luz southward_to that is_Bēyt- 'ēl and_ the_
_border _it_goes_down ʿAṭārōt Addar on the_mountain which
is_from_the_south of_Bēyt- horon lower. **14** And_ the_border _
_it_turns and_it_turns to_the_side_of the_west southward_to
from the_mountain which is_on the_face_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn south_
_to_the and[70] extremities_of_its to Qiryat Baʿal that is_Qiryat
Yəʿārīm/(Jearim) the_city_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh this
is_the_side_of the_west. **15** And_the_side_of south_of_(to)_the
is_from_the_end_of Qiryat and_ the_border _it_goes_out
westward_to and_it_goes_out to the_spring_of the_waters_of
Nephtoah. **16** And_ the_border _it_goes_down to the_end_of
the_mountain which is_on the_face_of the_valley_of_Ben
Hinnom the_valley_of_Ben which is_in_the_valley_of Rəfā'īm
northward_at and_it_goes_down the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom to
the_slope_of the_Yəvūṣī south_to_the and_it_goes_down ʿĒyn
Rogel. **17** And_it_turns from_the_north and_it_goes_out ʿĒyn
Shemesh and_it_goes_out to Gəlīlōt which is_opposite the_
_ascent_of Adummim and_it_goes_down the_stone_of Bohan_of
the_son_of Rə'ūvēn. **18** And_it_passes_on to the_slope_of
opposite_to the_ʿArāvāh northward_to and_it_goes_down to_
_the_ʿArāvāh. **19** It_passes_on the_border to the_slope_of Bēyt
Ḥoglāh northward_to and[71] mmm[72] of_the_territory to the_
_tongue_of the_Sea_of (the)_Salt northward_at to the_end_of
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) south_to_the this is_the_border_of the_
_south. **20** And_the_Yardēn it_borders ~~DOM~~_him/it to_the_side_
_of eastward this was_the_inheritance_of the_descendants_of
Binyāmīn to_borders_of_its around to_their_clans. **21** And_ the_
_cities _they_will_be to_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of
Binyāmīn to_clans_of_their Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_Bēyt- hoglah
and_Emek- keziz. **22** And_Bēyt- ʿ$_a$rāvāh and_
_Tsəmārayim/(Zemaraim) and_Bēyt- 'ēl. **23** And_(the)_ʿAvvim
and_(the)_Parah and_ʿOfrāh. **24** And_Kephar_(the)_Ammoni_
_and_Kephar (the)_Ammonah[73] and_(the)_Ophni and_Gevaʿ
cities two_plus ten and_villages_of_their. **25** Givʿōn and_(the)_
_Rāmāh and_Bə'ērōt. **26** And_(the)_Mitspāh and_(the)_Kəfīrāh
and_(the)_Mozah. **27** And_Reqem and_Irpeel and_Taralah.
28 And_Zela Haeleph and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[74] that is_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Givʿāh Qiryat cities four- teen and
_villages_of_their this was_the_inheritance_of the_

Readers' Version

The allocation to Benyamin's descendants · Promised land

11 The tribe of Benyamin won the first
draw and the area for their clans was be-
tween the land assigned to Yehudah (Ju-
dah) and that assigned to Efrayim
(Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh). **12** Their northern border
went from the Yarden (Jordan) then to the northern side of Yer-
iho (Jericho) and up into the hill country to the west, coming out
in the wilderness at Beyt-Aven. **13** Then it went across towards
Luz (now called Beyt-El (Bethel)) to the southern edge then
downhill towards Atrot-Adar beside the hill south of lower
Beyt-Horon. **14** Then the western border turned from that hill
and went south, coming out at Kiryat-Ba'al (also called
Kiryat-Yearim—a town belonging to Yehudah) thus forming the
western side. **15** The southern border went west from
Kiryat-Yearim to the spring at Neftoah, **16** then downhill to the
Ben-Hinom valley (in the valley of the Refaim to the north) then
downhill to Hinom valley to the edge of the Yevusim and down-
hill to Eyn-Rogel. **17** Then it turned northward and went west to
Eyn-Shemesh and across to Gelilot opposite the Adumim pass,
before going downhill to the Stone of Bohan (Re'uven's son).
18 It extended over to the northern slope of the Yarden valley
and then downhill into the actual valley. **19** It then went east to
the northern slope of Beyt-Hoglah before coming out at the
north end of the Dead Sea (also called the Salt Sea) where the
Yarden river flows into it. That was the southern boundary
20 and the Yarden borders it on the east. Those were the borders
of Benyamin's descendants' inheritance according to their clans.

21 The cities allocated to Benyamin's descendants and their
clans were: Yeriho (Jericho), Beyt-Hoglah, Emek-Ketsits,
22 Beyt-Ha'aravah, Tsemarayim, Beyt-El (Bethel), **23** Avim, Parah,
Ofrah, **24** Kefar-Ha'amoni, Ofni, and Geva—a total of twelve cities
as well as their surrounding villages. **25** Also Giveon, Ramah,
Be'erot, **26** Mitspah, Kefirah, Motsah, **27** Rekem, Yirpe'el,
Tar'alah, **28** Tsela, Haelef, Yevus (now called Yerushalem
(Jerusalem)), Giveah, and Kiryat—a total of fourteen cities as
well as their surrounding villages. Those were Benyamin's de-
scendants' inheritance according to their clans.

69 LV 18:12 · Note OSHB variant note: היה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיְהִי/ו': lemma_c/1961 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_06g2a וַיְהִי/ו
70 LV 18:14 · Note OSHB variant note: היה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיְהִי/ו': lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_06sau וַיְהִי/ו
71 LV 18:19 · Note OSHB variant note: היה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיְהִי/ו': lemma_c/1961 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_06RMp וַיְהִי/ו
72 LV 18:19 · Note OSHB variant note: יתואצת/ו: (x-qere) 'תֹּאצֶת': lemma_8444 morph_HNcfpc id_06JXW תֹּאצֶת
73 LV 18:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ינמעה: (x-qere) 'הָנְמַעָה': lemma_3726 n_1.0.0 morph_HNp id_06rDJ הָנְמַעָה
74 LV 18:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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The allocation to Shim'on's descendants · Promised land

19:1 The second draw went to Shim'on's (Simeon's) descendants and the land for their clans was in the middle of Yehudah's (Judah's) territory. **2** Shim'on's inheritance included: Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba),[75] Moladah,[76] **3** Hatsar-Shual, Balah, Etsem, **4** Eltolad, Betul, Hormah, **5** Tsiklag, Beyt-Hamarkavot. Hatsar-Susah, **6** Beyt-Leva'ot, and Sharuhen—thirteen cities as well as their surrounding villages. **7** Also Ayin, Rimon, Eter, and Asha—four cities as well as their surrounding villages, **8** and all the further villages around those cities as far as Ba'alat-Be'er (also called Ramah of the Negev). That was Shim'on's descendants' inheritance according to their clans. **9** This took away some of Yehudah's inheritance and gave it to Shim'on's descendants because Yehudah's initial area was more than they needed.

The allocation to Zevulun's descendants · Promised land

10 The third draw went to Zevulun's descendants according to their clans. The southern border for their inheritance started at Sarid **11** and went west to Maralah and Dabeshet then to the riverbed facing Yakeneam. **12** Also from Sarid it went toward the east beside the border with Kislot-Tavor and then on to Davrat and then to Yafia. **13** From there it extended east to Gat-Hahefer and Et-Katsin and north to Rimon before turning to Ne'ah. **14** Then it passed north of Hanaton ending at Yiftah-El valley. **15** It included the cities of Katat, Nahalal, Shimron, Yid'alah, and Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)—a total of twelve cities as well as their surrounding villages. **16** That was Zevulun's descendants' inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

The allocation to Yisakar's descendants · Promised land

17 The fourth draw went to Yisakar's (Issachar's) descendants according to their clans. **18** Their land included the cities of Yizre'el (Jezreel), Kesulot, Shunem, **19** Hafarayim, Shi'on, Anaharat, **20** Rabbit, Kishyon, Evets, **21** Remet, Eyn-Ganim, Eyn-Hadah, and Beyt-Patsets. **22** The border of their allotment met with Tavor, Shahatsimah, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), coming out in the east at the Yarden (Jordan)—a total of sixteen cities as well as their surrounding villages. **23** That was Yisakar's descendants' inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

Literal Version

_descendants_of Binyāmīn to_their_clans.
19:1 And_ the_lot the_second _he/it_went_out for_Shim´ōn for_ _the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim´ōn to_clans_of_their and_he/it_was inheritance_of_their in_the_middle of_the_ _inheritance_of of_the_descendants_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_he/it_was to/for_them (in)_inheritance_of_their Bə'ēr Shevʿa´ and_Shevʿa´ and_Mōlādāh. **3** And_ Ḥatsar- shū´āl and_ _Bālāh and_´Etsem. **4** And_'Eltōlad and_Bətūl and_Ḥormāh. **5** And_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_Bēyt- hammarkāvōt and_ Ḥatsar- susah. **6** And_Bēyt- lebaoth and_Shārūḥēn cities thir- teen and_ _villages_of_their. **7** ´Ayin Rimmōn and_´Ēter and_´Āshān cities four and_villages_of_their. **8** And_all the_villages which were_ _around_of the_cities the_these to Ba´alāth Bə'ēr Rāmāh Negevʿ this was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim´ōn to_their_clans. **9** Was_from_the_portion_of the_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh the_inheritance_of the_descendants_ _of Shim´ōn if/because it_was the_portion_of the_descendants_ _of Yəhūdāh too_great from_them and_ the_descendants_of Shim´ōn _they_received_their_inheritance in_the_middle their_ _inheritance_of_their.

10 And_ the_lot the_third _he/it_ascended for_the_ _descendants_of Zəvūlūn to_their_clans and_ the_border_of their_inheritance_of_their _he/it_was to Sārīd. **11** And_ border_ _of_their _he/it_would_go_up to_west and_Mar'alāh and_it_ _touches (on)_Dabeshet and_it_touches (to) the_wadi which is_ _on the_face_of Yoqnə´ām/(Jokneam). **12** And_it_turns_back from_Sārīd eastward_to the_rising_of the_sun to the_border_of Kisloth and_it_goes_out to (the)_Davrat and_he/it_would_go_ _up Yāfī´a/(Japhia). **13** And_from_there it_passes_on eastward_ _on eastward_toward to_Gat Ḥēfer Eth Kazin and_it_goes_out Rimmōn which_is_turned (the)_Neah. **14** And_ the_border _it_ _turns DOM_him/it from_the_north_of Hannathon and_ extremities_of_its _they_will_be the_valley_of Iphtah 'Ēl. **15** And_Kattah and_Nahalāl and_Shimrōn and_Idalah and_Bēyt-leḥem cities two_plus ten and_villages_of_their. **16** This was_ _the_inheritance_of the_descendants_of Zəvūlūn to_clans_of_ _their the_cities the_these and_villages_of_their.

17 For_Yissāskār/(Issachar) the_lot the_fourth it_came_out for_ _the_descendants_of Yissāskār to_clans_of_their. **18** And_ border_of_their _he/it_was to_Yizrə´ēl/(Jezreel) and_(the)_ _Kesulloth and_Shūnēm. **19** And_Hapharaim and_Shion and_ _Anaharath. **20** And_(the)_Rabbith and_Qishyōn and_Ebez. **21** And_Remeth and_ ´Ēyn- gannim and_ ´Ēyn- haddah and_ _Bēyt- pazzez. **22** And_ the_border _it_touches (on)_Tāvōr Shahazayim[77] and_Bēyt- shemesh and_ the_extremities_of their_territory_of_their _they_will_be the_Yardēn/(Jordan) cities six- teen and_villages_of_their. **23** This was_the_ _inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yissāskār to_ _their_clans the_cities and_villages_of_their.

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75 **RV 19:2 · Note** TC: Ancient manuscripts differ, with some adding Sheva (possibly a mistaken reduplication) or Shema here (but that would make the total number wrong that's given in v6).

76 **RV 19:2-8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 4:28-33.

77 **LV 19:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/מוצחש/ו: (x-qere) וְ/הַ/מֹוצָחַשׁ/: lemma_c/7831 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Np/Sd id_06Xp8 וְ/הַ/מֹוצָחַשׁ/

Literal Version

24 And_ the_lot (the)_fifth _he/it_went_out for_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of ’Āshēr to_clans_of_their. **25** And_he/it_was border_of_their Helkath and_Ḥalī and_Beten and_’Akshāf. **26** And_Alammelech and_Amad and_Mishal and_it_touches (on)_Karmel/(Carmel) (the)_westward_on and_(on)_Shiyḥōr-libnath. **27** And_it_turns_back the_rising_of the_sun Bēyt Dagon and_it_touches (on)_Zəvūlūn and_(on)_the_valley_valley_of_ _Iphtah- ʾēl valley_of_Iphtah- northward_to Bēyt Emek and_ _Neiel and_it_goes_out to Kāvūl/(Cabul) from_the_north. **28** And_Ebron and_Rəḥov and_Ḥammōn and_Kanah to Tsīdōn/(Sidon) great. **29** And_ the_border _it_turns_back (the)_ _Rāmāh and_unto the_city_of fortification_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_ the_border _it_turns_back Ḥoṣāh and[78] extremities_of_its to_ _the_sea from_the_region to_’Akzīv. **30** And_Umah and_’Afēq and_Rəḥov cities twenty and_two and_villages_of_their. **31** This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of ’Āshēr to_their_clans the_cities the_these and_villages_of_their.

32 For_the_descendants_of Naftālī the_lot the_sixth it_came_ _out for_the_descendants_of Naftālī to_their_clans. **33** And_ border_of_their _he/it_was from_Heleph from_the_great_tree in_Tsaʼanannim/(Zaanannim) and_’Ādāmi- nekeb and_Jabneel to Lakkum and_ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) _he/it_was extremities_ _of_its. **34** And_ the_border _it_turns_back westward_to Aznoth Tāvōr and_it_goes_out from_there to_Ḥuqqoq and_it_touches (on)_Zəvūlūn from_the_south and_(on)_’Āshēr it_touches from_the_west and_(on)_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_Yardēn the_ _rising_of the_sun. **35** And_the_cities_of fortification are_(the)_ _Ziddim Zer and_Ḥammat Rakkath and_Kinneret. **36** And_ _’Ādāmah and_(the)_Rāmāh and_Ḥātsōr. **37** And_Qedesh and_ _’Edreʼī and_ ʼĒyn- hazor. **38** And_Yiron and_Migdal- ʾēl Horem and_Bēyt- anath and_Bēyt- shemesh cities nine- teen and_ _villages_of_their. **39** This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Naftālī to_their_clans the_cities and_ _villages_of_their.

40 For_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Dān to_their_clans the_ _lot the_seventh it_came_out. **41** And_he/it_was the_territory_ _of their_inheritance_of_their Tsorʼāh/(Zorah) and_’Eshtā’ol and_the_city of_the_sun. **42** And_Shaalabbin and_’Ayyālōn and_ _Ithlah. **43** And_’Ēylōn and_(to)_Timnāh and_ʼEqrōn. **44** And_ _Eltekeh and_Gibtōn and_Baʼalāth. **45** And_Jehud and_the_sons berak and_Gat- rimmon. **46** And_Me- jarkon and_(the)_Rakkon with the_territory opposite_to Yāfō/(Joppa). **47** And_ the_ _territory_of the_descendants_of Dān _he/it_went_out from_ _them and_ the_descendants_of Dān _they_went_up and_they_ _waged_war with Leshem and_they_captured it and_they_ _struck_down it to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_they_took_ _possession_of it and_they_lived in_it and_they_called (to)_ _Leshem Dān like/according_to_name of_Dān ancestor_of_ _their. **48** This was_the_inheritance_of the_tribe_of the_ _descendants_of Dān to_their_clans the_cities the_these and_ _villages_of_their.

Readers’ Version

The allocation to Asher’s descendants · Promised land

24 The fifth draw went to Asher’s descendants according to their clans. **25** Their land included the cities of Helkat, Hali, Beten, Akshaf, **26** Alamelek, Am’ad, and Mish’al. Their western border started at Mt. Karmel and Shihor-Livnat **27** and turned back to the east to Beyt-Dagon and the border with Zevulun and the Yiftah-El valley to the north. Then it went to Beyt-Emek and Neiel and north to Kavul, **28** Avdon, Rehov, Hamon and Kanah, as far as Greater Tsidon (Sidon). **29** The border then turned back to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tsor (Tyre) and turns west to Hosah coming out at the Mediterranean near Akziv. **30** It also included Umah, Afek, and Rehov—a total of twenty-two cities as well as their surrounding villages. **31** That was Asher’s descendants’ inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

The allocation to Naftali’s descendants · Promised land

32 The sixth draw went to Naftali’s (Naphtali’s) descendants according to their clans. **33** Their border started in Helef (where there was an oak tree at Tsa’ananim) then Adami-Nekev and Yavne’el and on to Lakum before exiting at the Yarden (Jordan). **34** Then it turned west to Aznot-Tavor and from there to Hukok, meeting the border with Zevulun on the south, the border with Asher on the west, and the border with Yehudah (Judah) on the east. **35** The fortified cities were Tsidim, Tser, Hamat, Rakat, Kineret, **36** Admah, Ramah, Hatsor, **37** Kedesh, Edre’i, Eyn-Hatsor, **38** Yir’on, Migdal-El, Horem, Beyt-Anat, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis)—a total of nineteen cities as well as their surrounding villages. **39** That was Naftali’s descendants’ inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

The allocation to Dan’s descendants · Promised land

40 The final seventh draw went to Dan’s descendants according to their clans. **41** Their land included the cities of Tsor’ah, Eshtaol, Ir-Shemesh, **42** Sha’alvim, Ayalon, and Yitlah, **43** Eylon, Timnah, Ekron, **44** Elteke, Gibton, Ba’alat, **45** Yehud, Beney-Berak, Gat-Rimon, **46** Mey-Hayarkon, Rakon, and the area opposite Yafo (Joppa). **47** Dan’s border went out from them.[79] Then Dan’s descendants battled against Leshem and captured it and slaughtered their inhabitants. So they took it over and settled in Leshem but they renamed it to ‘Dan’ after their ancestor.[80] **48** That was Dan’s descendants’ inheritance according to their clans, including those cities as well as their surrounding villages.

78 **LV 19:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: וַיִּהְיוּ: (x-qere) וַיֶּהִי: lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqp3cp id_06rid וַיֶּהִי

79 **RV 19:47 · Note** Translations vary widely here because we’re not sure what is meant by the literal rendering that we’ve kept here.

80 **RV 19:47 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 18:27-29.

Readers' Version

Yehoshua's allocation · Promised land

49 After the allocation of the blocks of land to the various tribes, the Israelis gave Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) his own inheritance among them.

50 Following Yahweh's instructions to give Yehoshua whatever city he asked for, he was given Timnat-Serah in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) and he built up that city and lived in it.

51 Those were the allotments that Eleazar the priest and Yehoshua (Nun's son) gave to the leaders of the Israeli tribes as their inheritances. It was done by throwing dice there in Shiloh in front of Yahweh at the opening of the sacred tent, and so the land division was completed.

The refuge cities · Promised land

20:1 Then Yahweh told Yehoshua (Joshua), **2** "Tell the Israelis to select some cities that people can flee to in order to be safe,[81] just as I instructed you through Mosheh (Moses), **3** so that if someone accidentally kills someone else, they can escape there and be safe from the dead person's family. **4** When that person flees to one of these cities, they must stand at the city gate and tell the elders there what happened. Then they should bring the person into the city and give them a place there to live in. **5** Now if a relative of the deceased comes to avenge the death, the city elders won't hand over the killer because the death was accidental and didn't happen because of hate or premeditation. **6** So then that person must stay in the city until they're brought before the panel of judges. If they decide that the death wasn't deliberate, the person must remain in that city until the death of the high priest, then they can freely return to their own city and own home."

7 So the Israelis chose Kedesh (in the Galil region in the hill country of Naftali (Naphtali)) and Shekem (in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim)) and Kiryat-Arba (now called Hevron, in the hill country of Yehudah (Judah)). **8** On the other side of the Yarden (Jordan) river, they chose Betser (in the wilderness on the plateau from the tribe of Re'uven), Ramot (in the Gilead from the tribe of Gad), and Golan (in the Bashan from the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh)). **9** Those were the appointed cities for both Israelis and foreigners living among them, so that anyone who accidentally killed someone could flee there and be safe from being avenged by the deceased's relatives until they could receive a proper trial.

Literal Version

49 And_they_finished to_divide_for_possession ĐOM the_ _earth/land to_borders_of_its and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave an_inheritance to_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn among_them. **50** On the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** they_gave to_him/it ĐOM the_city which he_ _asked_for ĐOM Timnath Serah in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_he_built ĐOM the_city and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_it. **51** These are_the_inheritances which they_gave_as_a_possession 'Elʿāzār the_priest/officer and_Yəhōshūʿa the_son_of Nūn and_the_heads_of the_fathers of_the_tribes_of of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_lot in_ _Shiloh to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_ _entrance_of the_tent_of meeting and_they_finished from_ _apportioning ĐOM the_earth/land.

20:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Yəhōshūʿa to_say. **2** Speak to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say assign to/for_you(pl) ĐOM the_cities_of (the)_refuge which I_spoke to_you(pl) by_the_ _hand_of Mosheh. **3** To_flee to_(to) a_killer who_strikes_down_ _of (of)_a_person by_inadvertence with_not_of knowledge and_ _they_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_refuge from_the_ _avenger_of (the)_blood. **4** And_he_will_flee to one of_the_cities the_these and_he_will_stand the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_ _city and_he_will_speak in_the_ears_of the_elders_of the_city[82] (the)_that ĐOM words/messages_of_his and_they_will_gather ĐOM_him/it to_the_city to_themselves and_they_will_give to_ _him/it a_place and_he_will_dwell with_them. **5** And_ _because/when the_avenger_of (the)_blood he_will_pursue after_him and_not they_will_deliver_up ĐOM the_killer in_ _his/its_hand if/because with_not knowledge he_struck_down ĐOM his/its_neighbour and_not he was_hating to_him/it from_ _yesterday the_third_day. **6** And_he_will_dwell in_city (the)_ _that until stands_he to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _congregation for_judgement until the_death_of the_ _priest/officer (the)_great who he_will_be in_the_days the_ _those then the_killer he_will_return and_he_will_go to city_of_ _his_own and_near/to house_of_his_own to the_city where he_ _fled from_there. **7** And_they_set_apart ĐOM Qedesh in_Gālīl in_ _the_hill_country_of Naftālī and_ĐOM Shəkem in_the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim and_ĐOM Qiryat 'Arbaʿ that is_Ḥevrōn in_ _the_hill_country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** And_from_the_other_ _side of_the_Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) eastward_on they_assigned ĐOM Betser in_wilderness in_plain from_the_ _tribe_of Rə'ūvēn and_ĐOM Rāmot in_Gilʿād from_the_tribe_of Gād and_ĐOM Gōlān[83] in_Bāshān from_the_tribe_of Mənashsheh. **9** These they_were the_cities_of (the)_ _appointment to_all/each/any/every the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_sojourner who_sojourns among_them to_flee to_(to) any_of one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person by_inadvertence and_not he_will_die by_the_hand_of the_ _avenger_of (the)_blood until stands_he to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_congregation.

81 **RV 20:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:9-34; Deu 4:41-43; 19:1-13.

82 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

83 **LV 20:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: וולנ: (x-qere) ’ָלוֹנ’: lemma_1474 morph_HNp id_06H48 ָלוֹנ

Literal Version

21:1 And_ the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_Lēviyyiy _they_ _approached to 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_near/to Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Nūn and_near/to the_heads_of the_fathers_of the_tribes of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_they_spoke to_them in_Shiloh in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_say **YHWH** he_commanded by_the_ _hand_of Mosheh to_give to/for_us cities to_dwell_in and_ _their_pasture_of_lands for_livestock_of_our. **3** And_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave to_Lēviyyiy some_of_ _their_inheritance to the_mouth_of **YHWH** ĐOM the_cities the_ _these and_ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture. **4** And_ the_lot _he/it_ _went_out of_the_clans_of of_the_Qəhātite[s] and_he/it_was to_ _the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer of the_Lēviyyiy from_the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from_the_tribe_of the_Shim'ōnite[s] and_from_the_tribe_of Binyāmīn by_lot cities thir- teen. **5** And_belonged_to_the_descendants_of Qəhāt who_ _remained from_the_clans_of the_tribe_of 'Efrayim and_from_ _the_tribe_of Dān and_from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh by_lot cities ten. **6** And_belonged_to_the_ _descendants_of Gērəshōn from_the_clans_of the_tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_from_the_tribe_of 'Āshēr and_from_ _the_tribe_of Naftālī and_from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh in_Bāshān by_lot cities thir- teen. **7** And_ _belonged_to_the_descendants_of Mərārī to_their_clans from_ _the_tribe_of Rə'ūvēn and_from_the_tribe_of Gād and_from_ _the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn cities two_plus ten. **8** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave to_Lēviyyiy ĐOM the_cities the_these and_ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded by_the_hand_of Mosheh by_lot. **9** And_they_gave from_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh and_from_the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim'ōn ĐOM the_cities the_these which he_called them in/on_name_of. **10** And_he/it_was to_ _the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron one_of_the_clans_of the_ _Qəhātite[s] from_(the)_sons of_Lēvī if/because to/for_them the_lot first it_belonged. **11** And_they_gave to/for_them ĐOM Qiryat 'Arba' the_father_of (the)_'Ānāq that is_Ḥevrōn in_the_ _hill_country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture around_of_it. **12** And_ĐOM the_field[s]_of the_city and_ _ĐOM villages_of_its they_gave to_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) (in)_possession_of_his. **13** And_to_the_ _descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priest/officer they_gave ĐOM the_ _city_of (the)_refuge_of the_killer ĐOM Ḥevrōn and_ĐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Livnāh and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **14** And_ĐOM Yattir/(Jattir) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ _ĐOM 'Eshtəmo'a and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **15** And_ĐOM Ḥolōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Dəvīr and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **16** And_ĐOM 'Ayin and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture and_ĐOM Juttah and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Bēyt Shemesh and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities nine from_ _with the_two_of the_tribes the_these. **17** And_from_the_tribe_ _of Binyāmīn ĐOM Giv'ōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Gevа' and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **18** ĐOM 'Anātōt and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM 'Almōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture cities four. **19** All_of the_cities_of the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests were_thir- teen cities and_their_pasture_ _of_lands. **20** And_to_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt

Readers' Version

The allocation to Levi's descendants · Promised land

21:1 Then the leaders of the Levites went to Eleazar the priest and to Yehoshua (Joshua) (Nun's son) and to the Israeli elders **2** at Shiloh (in the Kena'an (Canaan) region) and told them, "Yahweh said through Mosheh (Moses) that we should be given cities to live in, along with their surrounding fields for our livestock."[84] **3** So the Israeli leaders gave these cities and the fields around them to the Levites for their inheritance as Yahweh had instructed:

4 The first draw went to those of the Kohat clans who were descendants of Aharon (Aaron) the priest (from the Levites). They were allocated thirteen cities in the regions occupied by Yehudah (Judah), Shim'on (Simeon), and Benyamin. **5** The remaining Kohat clans were allocated ten cities in the regions occupied by Efrayim (Ephraim), Dan, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe.

6 The Gereshon clans were allocated thirteen cities in the regions occupied by Yisakar (Issachar), Asher, Naftali (Naphtali), and by the Menasheh half-tribe in the Bashan region.

7 The Merari clans were allocated twelve cities in the regions occupied by Re'uven, Gad, and Zevulun.

8 So the Israeli leaders gave those cities and their surrounding fields to the Levites, just as Yahweh had instructed through Mosheh (Moses).

9 These are the names of the cities allocated by the Israeli leaders (from the regions occupied by Yehudah and Shim'on) **10** that were given to the Levite Kohat clans since they were selected first in the draw: **11** Kiryat-Arba and the surrounding fields (now called Hevron—Arba was the father of Anak) in Yehudah's hill country **12** (although the surrounding countryside and villages had already been given to Yefuneh's son Kalev (Caleb)). **13** So Hevron was given to the descendants of Aharon (Aaron) the priest and assigned as a refuge city (for anyone who accidentally kills someone) along with the surrounding fields, along with Livnah, **14** Yatir, Eshtemoa, **15** Holon, Devir, **16** Ayin, Yutah, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), all with their surrounding fields—a total of nine cities from within Yehudah and Shim'on's territories. **17** From Benyamin's territories, the Israeli leaders assigned Giveon, Geva, **18** Anatot, and Almon—four cities and their surrounding fields. **19** Thus the descendants of Aharon the priests received thirteen cities with their surrounding fields.

20 The other Levite Kohat clans were allocated cities from within Efrayim's (Ephraim's) territory: **21** Shekem (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone), Gezer, **22** Kivtsayim, and Beyt-Horon—four cities with their surrounding fields. **23** From Dan's territory, they were allocated Elteke, Gibton, **24** Ayalon, and Gat-Rimon—four cities with their surrounding fields. **25** From the Menasheh half-tribe's territory, they were allocated Ta'anak and Gat-Rimon—two cities with their surrounding fields. **26** Thus the other Levite Kohat clans re-

84 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. Num 35:1-8.

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ceived ten cities with their surrounding fields.

27 The Levite Gereshon clans were allocated cities from within the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe's territory: Golan in the Bashan (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone) and Be'eshterah—two cities with their surrounding fields. **28** From Yisakar's (Issachar's) territory, they were allocated Kishyon, Davrat, **29** Yarmut, and Eyn-Ganim—four cities with their surrounding fields. **30** From Asher's territory, they were allocated Mish'al, Avdon, **31** Helkat, and Rehov—four cities with their surrounding fields. **32** From Naftali's (Naphtali's) territory, they were allocated Kedesh in the Galil (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone), Hamot-Dor, and Kartan—three cities with their surrounding fields. **33** Thus the Levite Gereshon clan received thirteen cities with their surrounding fields.

34 The remaining Levite Merari clans were allocated cities from within Zevulun's territory: Yakeneam, Kartah, **35** Dimnah, and Nahalal—four cities with their surrounding fields. **36** From Re'uven's territory, they were allocated Betser, Yahats, **37** Kedemot, and Mofa'at—four cities with their surrounding fields. **38** From Gad's territory, they were allocated Ramot in the Gilead (which was assigned as a refuge city for anyone who accidentally kills someone), Mahanayim, **39** Heshbon, and Yazer—four cities with their surrounding fields. **40** Thus the Levite Merari clan received twelve cities in the draw, along with their surrounding fields.

41 So altogether the Levites received forty-eight cities and their surrounding fields from with the territories of the other tribes— **42** each of those cities had fields around them for their livestock to graze on.

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the_Lēviyyiy who_remained from_(the)_sons of_Qəhāt and_ the_cities_of their_lot_of_their _he/it_was from_the_tribe_of 'Efrayim. **21** And_they_gave to/for_them ÐOM the_city_of (the)_ _refuge_of the_killer ÐOM Shəkem and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_ÐOM Gezer and_ÐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture. **22** And_ÐOM Kibzaim and_ÐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture and_ÐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **23** And_from_the_tribe_of Dān ÐOM Eltekeh and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Gibtōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **24** ÐOM 'Ayyālōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Gat Rimmōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **25** And_from_the_ _half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh ÐOM Ta'ₐnāk and_ÐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Gat Rimmōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture cities two. **26** All_of the_cities ten and_their_pasture_ _of_lands belonged_to_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt who_remained. **27** And_belonged_to_the_descendants_of Gērəshōn from_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh ÐOM the_city_of (the)_refuge_of the_ _killer ÐOM Gōlān[85] in_Bāshān and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Beeshtarah and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities two. **28** And_from_the_tribe_of Yissāskār/(Issachar) ÐOM Qishyōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Davʳat and_ÐOM lands_of_ _its_pasture. **29** ÐOM Yarmūt/(Jarmuth) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture ÐOM 'Ēyn Gannim and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **30** And_from_the_tribe_of 'Āshēr ÐOM Mishal and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM 'Avʳdōn and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **31** ÐOM Helkath and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Rəḥovʳ and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **32** And_from_the_ _tribe_of Naftālī ÐOM the_city_of (the)_refuge_of the_killer ÐOM Qedesh in_Gālīl and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Hammoth Dōr and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Kartan and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities three. **33** All_of the_cities_ _of the_Gērəshōnite[s] to_their_clans were_thir- teen citi[es] and_their_pasture_of_lands. **34** And_belonged_to_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Mərārī the_Lēviyyiy who_remained from_ _with the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn ÐOM Yoqnə'ām/(Jokneam) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Kartah and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **35** ÐOM Dimnah and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture ÐOM Nahₐlāl and_ _ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **36** And_from_the_tribe_of Rə'ūvʳēn ÐOM Betser and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM (to)_Yahats/(Jahaz) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **37** ÐOM Qədēmōt and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Mōfa'at and_ _ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture cities four. **38** And_from_the_tribe_of Gād ÐOM the_city_of (the)_refuge_of the_killer ÐOM Rāmot in_ _Gil'ād and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ÐOM Maḥₐnāyim and_ _ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **39** ÐOM Ḥeshbōn and_ÐOM lands_of_ _its_pasture ÐOM Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ÐOM lands_of_its_pasture all_of the_cities were_four. **40** All_of the_cities of_the_ _descendants_of of_Mərārī to_their_clans who_remained of_ _the_clans_of of_the_Lēviyyiy and_ lot_of_their _he/it_was cities two_plus ten. **41** All_of the_cities_of the_Lēviyyiy in_the_ _middle of_the_possession_of of_the_people_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_cities forty and_eight and_their_pasture_ _of_lands. **42** The_cities the_these they_were a_city a_city and_ _its_pasture_of_lands around_of_it were_thus to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_cities the_these.

85 LV 21:27 · Note OSHB variant note: וּלְבָנָה: (x-qere) בְּלָעָה: lemma_1474 morph_HNp id_06d3M בְּלָעָה

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43 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _earth/land which he_had_sworn to_give to_ancestors_of_their and_they_took_possession_of_it and_they_lived in_it. **44** And_ **YHWH** _he_gave_rest to/for_them from_round_about according_to_all that he_had_sworn to_ancestors_of_their and_ _not anyone he_made_a_stand in_faces_of_their from_all enemies_of_their ~~DOM~~ all_of enemies_of_their **YHWH** he_gave in_hand_of_their. **45** Not a_message it_fell from_all (the)_ _message (the)_good which **YHWH** he_had_spoken to the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (the)_everything it_came.
22:1 Then Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) he_summoned (to)_Rə'ūvēnite[s] and_(to)_Gādī[s] and_(to)_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh. **2** And_he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_have_kept ~~DOM~~ all_of that Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_commanded you(pl) and_you(pl)_have_listened to_voice_of_my to_ _all/each/any/every that I_have_commanded you(pl). **3** Not you(pl)_have_abandoned ~~DOM~~ countrymen_of_your(pl) this days many until the_day the_this and_you(pl)_have_kept ~~DOM~~ the_charge_of the_command_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **4** And_ _now **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_has_given_rest to_ _countrymen_of_your(pl) just_as he_spoke to/for_them and_ _now turn and_go to/for_you(pl) to_tents_of_your(pl) to the_ _land_of your_possession_of_your(pl) which he_gave to/for_ _you(pl) Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **5** Only take_care exceedingly for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_command and_~~DOM~~ the_law which Mosheh the_ _servant_of **YHWH** he_commanded you(pl) to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_to_walk in_all ways_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his and_to_cleave in_him/it and_to_serve_him in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_your(pl). **6** And_he_blessed_them Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_he_sent_ _them_away and_they_went to tents_of_their. **7** And_to_the_ _half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh Mosheh he_had_given in_Bāshān and_to_half_of_of_it Yəhōshūʻa he_had_given with countrymen_of_their mmm[8788] of_the_Yardēn westward_in and_also if/because he_sent_them_away Yəhōshūʻa to tents_of_ _their and_he_blessed_them. **8** And_he/it_said to_them to_say with_riches great return to tents_of_your(pl) and_with_ _livestock much very with_silver and_with_gold and_with_ _bronze and_with_iron and_with_garments many very divide the_booty_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your(pl) with countrymen_ _of_your(pl). **9** And_they_returned and_they_went the_ _descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh from_with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Shiloh which in_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_go to the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād to the_land_ _of their_possession_of_their which they_had_possessions in_it on the_mouth_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh.

10 And_they_came to Geliloth_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) which in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh _they_built there an_altar at the_Yardēn an_altar large of_appearance. **11** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _

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The Israelis move into the regions · Promised land

43 Thus Yahweh gave the Israelis all the land that he'd promised their ancestors would be given and so the people moved into those regions and lived there. **44** Yahweh gave them peace as he'd promised their ancestors—none of their enemies could stand against them because Yahweh helped them defeat any enemies. **45** Yahweh kept every promise that he'd made to the Israelis—it all happened just like he'd said.

The eastern tribes return home · Promised land

22:1 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) summoned the tribes of Re'uven and Gad, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe **2** and told them, "You yourselves have obeyed everything that Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) instructed you to do. In addition, you've all followed everything that I told you.[86] **3** You've all supported your fellow tribes all this time and fulfilled what your god Yahweh requested of you all, **4** and now he has enabled these other tribes to rest from battle just like he told them he would. So now, you all may go back to your homes that Yahweh's servant Mosheh gave you on the other side of the river. **5** Only do take care to continue to obey the instructions and the law that Yahweh's servant Mosheh gave you: to love your god Yahweh, to follow him and his instructions, to stay close to him, and to serve him with all your hearts and your inner selves." **6** Then Yehoshua blessed them and sent them on their way to return to their homes. **7** (Mosheh had given the Bashan to the half of the Menasheh half-tribe, and Yehoshua had given land on the western side of the Yarden (Jordan) to the other half.) When he'd blessed them **8** he'd said, "Go back to your homes with many riches: plenty of livestock, and with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with lots of clothing. Share the plunder from your enemies with those who remained behind." **9** So the warriors from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe left the others there at Shiloh in the Kena'an (Canaan) region, and went back to their own land in Gilead across the river which they had taken for themselves with the agreement of Yahweh given through Mosheh.

The altar by the Yarden · Promised land

10 The warriors from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe arrived at the Yarden (Jordan) river (still on the Kena'an (Canaan) side) and they built

86 RV 22:2 · Cross-ref. Num 32:20-32; Josh 1:12-15.

87 LV 22:7 · Note OSHB variant note: רבע/מ: (x-qere) 'רֶבֶּעְ/בּ': lemma_b/5676 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_061j4 רֶבֶּעְ/בּ

88 LV 22:7 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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a very large and noticeable altar there before crossing over to go home. **11** When the other Israelis heard about it, they said, "Look, the men from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe have built the altar at the entrance to this Kena'an region down at the Yarden on our side."

12 Hearing that, those from the western side of the Yarden assembled at Shiloh to go to battle with the two and a half tribes on the eastern side. **13** Meanwhile, they sent the priest Pinhas (Eleazar's son) across into the Gilead region to talk with the leaders from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe. **14** Pinhas took ten leaders with him—important leaders from each of the Israeli tribes from the western side. **15** They crossed over to the Gilead region to talk to the leaders from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe. They said, **16** "Yahweh's people are asking, 'What's this unfaithfulness that you all have done unfaithfully against Yisrael's (Israel's) god—turning away from Yahweh when you built an altar for yourselves today in rebellion against Yahweh?[89] **17** Wasn't our disobedience at Pe'or[90] bad enough for you? We haven't gotten over it to this day. Plus there was a deadly disease among Yahweh's people. **18** But all of you—are you turning away from Yahweh today? If you all rebel against Yahweh today, tomorrow he'll be furious at all of us. **19** But if it's because you all think this land here is defiled, then cross back over to Yahweh's own land where he lives in his sacred tent. Either way don't rebel against Yahweh by building this other altar for yourselves that's distinct from our god Yahweh's altar. **20** Didn't Akan act unfaithfully taking something that was forbidden[91] and all of us suffered as a result of it? It wasn't just him alone that died because of that.' "

21 The leaders from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh half-tribe answered the other leaders, **22** "Yahweh is the god of gods. Yahweh is the god of gods. He knows, and as for the Israeli people, let them know also—if it was in rebellion or in unfaithfulness against Yahweh, don't bother trying to save us today. **23** If we'd aimed to build an altar for ourselves to turn away from following Yahweh, or if it was to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings on it, or if to make the sacrifices of peace offerings on it, Yahweh himself will handle it. **24** But no, we did it because we foresaw a potential problem: what if in the future, your descendants ask our descendants over here on this side of the river, 'What do you lot have to do with Yisrael's god Yahweh? **25** Yahweh has given this Yarden (Jordan) river as a border between us, and you descendants of Re'uven and Gad. You all don't have any part in Yahweh.' Then your descendants might make our descendants stop worshipping Yahweh. **26** So we decided to build the altar—not to be used for burnt offerings or for sacrifices, **27** but as a symbol to remind our future descendants and yours, that we all truly worship Yahweh with our burnt offer-

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_they_heard to_say THERE the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_ _the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_ _Mənashsheh they_have_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar to opposite_to the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to Geliloth_of the_Yardēn to the_side_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** And_ the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_heard and_ all_of the_congregation_ _of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_assembled Shiloh to_ _go_up on_them for_war. **13** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_sent to the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_near/to the_ _descendants_of Gād and_near/to the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh to the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād ᴅᴏᴍ Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer. **14** And_ten leaders with_him/it a_ _leader one a_leader one to_the_house_of a_father to_ _all/each/any/every the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_each was_the_head_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_their they belong_to_the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_they_came to the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_near/to the_descendants_ _of Gād and_near/to the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh to the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād and_they_spoke with_them to_say. **16** Thus they_say all_of the_congregation_of **YHWH** what is_ _the_unfaithfulness the_this which you(pl)_have_acted_ _unfaithfully against_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_turning_ _back the_day from_after **YHWH** when_built_you(pl) to/for_ _you(pl) an_altar by_rebelling_your(pl) the_day against_**YHWH**. **17** Little to/for_us was_ᴅᴏᴍ the_iniquity_of Pə'ōr which not we_ _have_cleansed_ourselves from_him/it until the_day the_this and_ the_plague _he/it_was among_the_congregation_of **YHWH**. **18** And_you(pl) you(pl)_are_turning_back the_day from_after **YHWH** and_it_was you(pl) you(pl)_are_rebelling the_day against_**YHWH** and_tomorrow against all_of the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_be_angry. **19** And_ _surely if is_unclean the_land_of your_possession_of_your(pl) pass_over to/for_you(pl) into the_land_of the_possession_of **YHWH** where it_dwells there the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** and_ _have_possessions among_us and_against_**YHWH** do_not rebel and_us to rebel when_build_you(pl) to/for_you(pl) an_altar (from)_except the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_our. **20** Am_not ʿĀkān the_son_of Zeraḥ did_he_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness in_ _thing[s] and_towards all_of the_congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) anger it_was and_he was_a_man one not did_ _he_die for_iniquity_of_his. **21** And_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād and_the_half_of the_tribe_of (the)_Mənashsheh _they_answered and_they_spoke with the_ _heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** 'Ēl god **YHWH** 'Ēl god **YHWH** he is_knowing and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it let_it_know if in_rebellion and_if in_unfaithfulness on_**YHWH** do_not save_us the_day (the)_this. **23** To_build to/for_us an_altar to_turn_back from_after **YHWH** and_if to_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it a_ _burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering and_if for_doing on/upon/above_him/it sacrifices_of peace_offerings **YHWH** he may_he_require. **24** And_if not from_anxiety from_a_matter we_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ this to_say tomorrow descendants_of_ _your(pl) they_will_say to_descendants_of_our to_say what is_

89 RV 22:16 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:13-14.

90 RV 22:17 · Cross-ref. Num 25:1-9.

91 RV 22:20 · Cross-ref. Josh 7:1-26.

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_to_you(pl) and_to_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** And_ _a_border **YHWH** he_has_put between_us and_between_you(pl) the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) there_belongs_not to/for_you(pl) a_portion in_**YHWH** and_ descendants_of_your(pl) _they_will_cause_to_ _cease ÐOM descendants_of_our to_not to_fear ÐOM **YHWH**. **26** And_we_said let_us_act please to/for_us by_building ÐOM the_altar not for_burnt_offering and_not for_sacrifice. **27** If/because is_a_witness it between_us and_between_you(pl) and_between generations_of_our after_us to_serve ÐOM the_ _service_of **YHWH** before_him with_our_burnt_of_offerings and_with_sacrifices_of_our and_with_our_peace_of_offerings and_not descendants_of_your(pl) they_will_say tomorrow to_ _descendants_of_our there_belongs_not to/for_you(pl) a_ _portion in_**YHWH**. **28** And_we_said and_it_was if/because they_will_say to_us and_near/to generations_of_our tomorrow and_we_will_say look_at ÐOM the_copy_of the_altar_of **YHWH** which ancestors_of_our they_made not for_burnt_offering and_ _not for_sacrifice if/because is_a_witness it between_us and_ _between_you(pl). **29** Far_be_it to/for_ourselves from_him/it to_rebel against_**YHWH** and_to_turn_back the_day from_after **YHWH** by_building an_altar for_burnt_offering for_grain_ _offering and_for_sacrifice (from)_besides_of the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_our which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before tabernacle_of_his. **30** And_ Pinḥāṣ the_priest/officer and_the_ _leaders_of the_congregation and_the_heads_of the_families_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who with_him/it _he/it_listened ÐOM the_ _words/messages which the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_ _sons of_Gād and_the_sons of_Mənashsheh they_spoke and_it_ _was_good in_eyes_of_their. **31** And_ Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer _he/it_said to the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_near/to the_descendants_of Gād and_near/to the_ _descendants_of Mənashsheh the_day we_know if/because_ _that is_among_of_us **YHWH** that not you(pl)_have_acted_ _unfaithfully against_**YHWH** the_unfaithfulness the_this then you(pl)_have_delivered ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of **YHWH**. **32** And_he_returned Pinḥāṣ the_son_ _of 'El'āzār the_priest/officer and_the_leaders from_with the_ _descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_from_with the_descendants_of Gād from_the_land_of (the)_Gil'ād to the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _brought_back them message. **33** And_ the_message _it_was_ _good in/on_both_eyes_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_blessed god and_not they_ _said to_go_up on_them for_war to_destroy ÐOM the_earth/land which the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_sons of_Gād were_ _dwelling in_it. **34** And_ the_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_ _sons of_Gād _they_called (to)_altar if/because is_a_witness it between_us if/because_that **YHWH** the_'Elohīm.

23:1 And_he/it_was from_days many after that **YHWH** he_had_ _given_rest to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_all enemies_of_their from_ _round_about and_Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) he_was_old he_had_ _come in_the_days. **2** And_ Yəhōshū'a _he/it_called to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (to)_its_of_elders and_ _(to)_chiefs_of_its and_(to)_judges_of_its and_(to)_officials_of_ _its and_he/it_said to_them I I_am_old I_have_come in_the_ _days. **3** And_you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen ÐOM all_of that **YHWH**

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ings, our sacrifices, and our peace offerings, so your descendants can't tell our future descendants that we have no business worshipping Yahweh. **28** If they do say anything like that, then our descendants will be able to reply, 'See that copy of Yahweh's altar which isn't used for burnt offerings or sacrifices, our ancestors built that as a reminder for both you all and us.' **29** May any idea of rebelling against Yahweh stay far from us. Same with any idea of building any altar apart from our god Yahweh's genuine altar for burnt offerings, or grain offerings, or other sacrifices."

30 So Pinhas the priest and the other community and clan leaders with him, listened to what the descendants of Re'uven, Gad, and Menasheh (Manasseh) told them, and it sounded sensible to them, **31** so Pinhas (the late Eleazar's son) told them, "Today we realise that Yahweh is among us and that you all haven't acted unfaithfully against him, so therefore you've prevented Yahweh from needing to punish us."

32 Then Pinhas and the other leaders left Gilead and returned back across the Yarden to the Kena'an (Canaan) region where most of the Israelis resided, taking back a good report. **33** The people were pleased with that news, and they thanked God and stopped talking about going to war with Re'uven and Gad across the river and destroying them.

34 The descendants of Re'uven and Gad named the altar 'Reminder' because it was a reminder between them that Yahweh is God.

Yehoshua's final speech · Promised land

23:1 A long time passed and Yahweh had given Yisrael (Israel) peace without attacks from their enemies all around, and Yehoshua (Joshua) was now in his old age, **2** so he summoned all the Israeli elders and leaders, along with the judges and officials. He told them, "Now I'm in my old age, **3** but you all have seen what Yahweh did to all those kingdoms ahead of you, because

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he's the one who fights for you all. **4** I've allocated the remaining kingdoms that you all will defeat as an inheritance for your tribes, alongside those that I conquered from the Yarden (Jordan) to the Mediterranean in the west **5** Your god Yahweh will push them out ahead of you all and capture their lands for you to possess, just as he told you he would. **6** Take great care to obey and do everything that Mosheh (Moses) wrote down—don't deviate from it in any way. **7** Don't enter those remaining kingdoms, and don't mention the name of their gods or make an oath using their names and don't worship or bow down to them. **8** Instead you all should cling to your god Yahweh, just as you've done until now. **9** Yes, Yahweh has driven away many great kingdoms ahead of you all, and until this day, none of them have stood against you. **10** Just one of you can make a thousand men flee,[92] because Yahweh is your god—he's the one who fights for you just like he said he would.[93] **11** Make a great effort to guard yourselves that you all continue to love your god Yahweh. **12** Yes, if you all ever turn away from him and instead cling to those remaining kingdoms or remaining people, and if you intermarry with them or associate with them, **13** you all will certainly soon find out that your god Yahweh will not continue to drive out these nations ahead of you. Then they will end up trapping and snaring you all, and be like a whip on your sides and like thorns in your eyes, until you all perish from on this good land that Yahweh your god has given you.

14 Listen, today I'm about to go the way that everyone has to go and you all know with all your heart and with all your soul that not one thing has failed to come true from all the good things that your god Yahweh said about you. Everything has happened as said—down to the very last word. **15** And just like all those good things came true, so too Yahweh will send all the punishments he promised you all if you disobey him, even if it means that he destroys you all from this good land that he's given you. **16** If you ignore the agreement with your god Yahweh and disobey his commands and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, then his anger will flare up against you all and you'll quickly be wiped out from the good land that he has given you."

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god_of_your(pl) he_has_done to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _nations the_these because_of_you(pl) if/because **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) he is_the_one_who_has_been_fighting for_you(pl). **4** See I_have_made_fall to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_nations which_ _remain the_these (in)_an_inheritance for_tribes_of_your(pl) from the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_all the_nations which I_have_ _cut_off and_the_sea (the)_great the_setting_of the_sun. **5** And_ _**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he he_will_drive_them_out from_ _before_of_you(pl) and_he_will_dispossess ~~DOM~~_them from_ _before_face_of_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ land_of_their just_as **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_spoke to_ _you(pl). **6** And_you(pl)_will_be_strong very to_guard/protect and_to_do ~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_thing_written in_the_book_of the_law_of Mosheh to_not to_turn_aside from_him/it right_ _hand and_left_hand. **7** To_not to_go among_nations the_these which_remain the_these with_you(pl) and_(in)_the_name_of their_gods_of_their not you(pl)_must_bring_to_remembrance and_not you(pl)_must_cause_to_swear and_not you(pl)_must_ _serve_them and_not you(pl)_must_bow_down to/for_them. **8** If/because (if) to_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_cling just_as you(pl)_have_done until the_day (the)_this. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he_has_dispossessed from_before_of_you(pl) nations great and_mighty and_you(pl) not anyone he_has_made_a_ _stand in_faces_of_your(pl) until the_day (the)_this. **10** A_man one of_you(pl) he_puts_to_flight a_thousand if/because **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he is_the_one_who_fights to/for_you(pl) just_ _as he_spoke to_you(pl). **11** And_you(pl)_will_take_heed exceedingly to_selves_of_your(pl) to_love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **12** If/because if ever_(turn_back) you(pl)_will_turn_ _back and_you(pl)_will_cling to_the_remainder_of the_nations the_these which_remain the_these with_you(pl) and_you(pl)_ _will_intermarry (is)_in_them and_you(pl)_will_go (is)_in_them and_they among_you(pl). **13** Certainly_(know) you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that not **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_will_ _increase to_dispossess ~~DOM~~ the_nations the_these from_ _before_face_of_you(pl) and_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_ _a_trap and_(into)_a_snare and_(into)_a_scourge in_sides_of_ _your(pl) and_(into)_pricks in_eyes_of_your(pl) until perish_ _you(pl) from_under the_soil (the)_good (the)_this which he_ _has_given to/for_you(pl) **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **14** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_about_to_go the_day in_the_way_of all_ _of the_earth/land and_you(pl)_know in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_on/over_all being_of_your(pl) if/because_that not a_ _message one it_has_fallen from_all the_words/messages (the)_ _good which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_spoke on_you(pl) (the)_everything they_have_come to/for_you(pl) not it_has_ _fallen from_him/it a_message one. **15** And_it_was just_as it_ _has_come on_you(pl) every_of (the)_message (the)_good which **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) he_spoke to_you(pl) so **YHWH** he_will_bring on_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_message (the)_bad until he_has_destroyed you(pl) from_under the_soil (the)_good (the)_this which he_has_given to/for_you(pl) **YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). **16** When_transgress_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) which he_commanded you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_will_serve gods other and_

92 **RV 23:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 32:30.

93 **RV 23:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 3:22.

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_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_them and_ the_anger of_ _**YHWH** _it_will_burn on_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_perish quickly from_under the_earth/land (the)_good which he_has_ _given to_you(pl).

24:1 And_ Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) _he_gathered ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_ _tribes_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_Shəkem and_he/it_called (to)_the_ _elders_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_(to)_chiefs_of_its and_(to)_ _judges_of_its and_(to)_officials_of_its and_they_presented_ _themselves to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ʼElohīm. **2** And_ Yəhōshūʻa _he/it_said to_all_of the_people thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he_says on_the_other_side_of the_ _river they_dwelt ancestors_of_your(pl) from_long_ _ago/eternity Teraḥ the_father_of ʼAvrāhām and_father_of Nāḥōr and_they_served gods other. **3** And_I_took ~~ĐOM~~ ancestor_ _of_your(pl) ~~ĐOM~~ ʼAvrāhām from_the_other_side_of the_river and_I_led him in_all the_land_of Kənaʻan/(Canaan) and[109] ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_seed and_I_gave to_him/it ~~ĐOM~~ Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **4** And_I_ _gave to_Yitsḥāq ~~ĐOM~~ Yaʻaqov/(Jacob) and_~~ĐOM~~ ʻĒsāv and_I_ _gave to_ʻĒsāv ~~ĐOM~~ the_mountain_of Sēʻīr to_take_possession_of it and_Yaʻaqov and_sons_of_his they_went_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **5** And_I_sent ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh and_~~ĐOM~~ ʼAharon and_I_struck ~~ĐOM~~ Mitsrayim just_as I_did in_midst_of_its and_ _after I_brought_out you(pl). **6** And_I_brought_out ~~ĐOM~~ fathers_ _of_your(pl) from_Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_came to_the_sea and_ Mitsrayim _they_pursued after fathers_of_your(pl) with_ _chariotry and_with_horsemen the_sea_of reed[s]. **7** And_they_ _cried_out to **YHWH** and_he/it_assigned darkness between_ _you(pl) and_between the_Mitsrayimians and_he/it_brought on/upon/above_him/it ~~ĐOM~~ the_sea and_it_covered_it and_ your(pl)_eyes _they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ that_which I_did in_Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_dwelt in_wilderness days many. **8** And[110] you(pl) to the_land_of the_ʼAmorī who_was_dwelling on_the_other_ _side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_fought with_you(pl) and_I_gave them in_hand_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_took_ _possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ land_of_their and_I_destroyed_them from_ _before_of_you(pl). **9** And_ Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) the_king_of Mōʼāv _he/it_rose_up and_he_fought against_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_Bilʻām the_ _son_of Bəʻōr to_curse you(pl). **10** And_not I_was_willing to_ _listen to_Bilʻām and_he/it_blessed indeed_(bless) you(pl) and_ _I_delivered you(pl) from_hand_of_his. **11** And_you(pl)_passed_

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The promise again of Yisrael's descendants · Promised land

24:1 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) assembled all the tribes of Yisrael (Israel) at Shekem. He summoned their elders, leaders, judges, and officers, and they presented themselves before God, **2** and Yehoshua told all the people, "Yahweh, the god of Yisrael says: Your ancestors including Terah the father of Avraham and Nahor,[94] lived beyond the Perat (Euphrates) river from long ago, but they worshipped other gods. **3** Then I took your ancestor Avraham from beyond the river and brought him across all the land of Kena'an (Canaan),[95] and I multiplied his descendants, including giving him Yitshak (Isaac).[96] **4** Then I gave Ya'akov (Jacob) and Esav (Esau) to Yitshak,[97] and I gave Esav the hill country of Se'ir[98] but Ya'akov and his sons went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt).[99] **5** I sent Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) and I damaged Mitsrayim internally, and then I brought you all out again.[100] **6** I brought your ancestors out of Mitsrayim, and you all came to the edge of the Red Sea. The Mitsrim (Egyptians) chased after them with chariots and horsemen[101] **7** and the people cried out to Yahweh, and he placed darkness between you and the Mitsrim. After bringing you all through the sea, he brought the sea over the Mitsri (Egyptian) army and drowned them. Your own eyes saw what I did to Mitsrayim. Then you all lived a long time in the wilderness.

8 "After that, I brought you to the region of the Amorim who lived on the eastern side of the Yarden (Jordan), and they battled against you all, but I gave you victory over them and I destroyed them from ahead of you and you all took over their land.[102] **9** Then (Tsipor's son) King Balak of Moav (Moab) prepared his warriors and fought against you all and he summoned (Be'or's son) Bil'am (Balaam) to curse you.[103] **10** But I wasn't willing to listen to Bil'am, so instead, he blessed you all repeatedly and I rescued you from King Balak. **11** Then you crossed over the Yarden river[104] and arrived at Yeriho (Jericho). The men of Yer-

94 **RV 24:2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 11:27.

95 **RV 24:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:1-9.

96 **RV 24:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:1-3.

97 **RV 24:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:24-26.

98 **RV 24:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 36:8; Deu 2:5.

99 **RV 24:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 46:1-7.

100 **RV 24:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 3:1–12:42.

101 **RV 24:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:1-31.

102 **RV 24:8 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.

103 **RV 24:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:1–24:25.

104 **RV 24:11 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:14-17.

109 **LV 24:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ברא/ו**: (x-qere) **וְהֶבְרֵא/ו**ʼ: lemma_c/7235 a n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vhw1cs id_06SCo **וְהֶבְרֵא/ו**

110 **LV 24:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/אבא/ו**: (x-qere) **וְאֵיבָא/ו**ʼ: lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vhw1cs id_06cuN **וְאֵיבָא/ו**

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iho fought against you all,[105] as did the Amorim, the Perizim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Hitim, the Girgashim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim but I helped you all to defeat them. **12** I sent hornets[106] ahead of you all and they drove out the two Amori kings[107]—it wasn't your swords or bows that did it. **13** So I gave you all a land which you didn't earn yourselves and cities to live in that you all didn't build yourselves. You all are benefitting from vineyards and olive groves that you didn't plant."[108]

14 The Yehoshua (Joshua) continued, "Now you all must respect Yahweh and faithfully serve him with your complete beings. And you all must remove the idols that your ancestors served beyond the Perat (Euphrates) and in Mitsrayim, and only serve Yahweh. **15** But if you all dislike serving Yahweh, then choose for yourselves today who you will serve: perhaps the gods your fathers once served beyond the Perat, or the gods of the Amori people in whose land you are now living. But as for me and my household, we will serve Yahweh."

16 "We'd never even consider leaving Yahweh to serve other gods," the people responded, **17** "because Yahweh is our god. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors out from slavery in the land of Mitsrayim, and who did those great miracles right in front of our eyes. Also, he looked after us on our entire journey and among all the people groups that we passed by. **18** Yahweh drove all the peoples out ahead of us, even the Amorim who lived in that region. So we too we will serve Yahweh because he is our god."

19 "You all won't be able to serve Yahweh," warned Yehoshua, "because he's a god who cannot mix with sin. He's a jealous God—he won't forgive your rebellion and disobedience. **20** If you abandon Yahweh and serve the gods of other nations, then he'll turn and do harm to you all and destroy you, even if he's previously been good to you all."

21 But the people answered Yehoshua, "No, we will worship Yahweh." **22** Then Yehoshua cautioned the people, "You all are witnesses against yourselves, that you yourselves have chosen to serve Yahweh."

"We are witnesses," they confirmed.

23 "Then you all go right now and remove the foreign gods that you already have, and turn your hearts towards Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel)," said Yehoshua.

24 "We will serve our god Yahweh, and we will listen to his voice," the people replied.

25 So Yehoshua made a formal agreement with the people in Shekem on that day, establishing rules and laws for them. **26** He

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_over ĐOM the_Yardēn and_you(pl)_came to Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_they_fought against_you(pl) the_citizens_of Yərīḥō the_ _'Amorī and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_Girgāshiy[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] and_I_gave them in_hand_of_your(pl).
12 And_I_sent before_you(pl) ĐOM the_hornet and_it_drove_out them from_before_of_you(pl) the_two_of the_kings_of the_ _'Amorī not by_sword_of_your and_not by_bow_of_your.
13 And_I_gave to/for_you(pl) a_land which not you_had_ _laboured for_it and_cities which not you(pl)_had_built and_ _you(pl)_dwelt (is)_in_them vineyards and_olive_trees which not you(pl)_had_planted you(pl) are_eating. **14** And_now fear ĐOM **YHWH** and_serve ĐOM_him/it in_integrity and_in_ _faithfulness and_remove ĐOM the_gods which ancestors_of_ _your(pl) they_served on_the_other_side_of the_river and_in_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_serve ĐOM **YHWH**. **15** And_if is_ _displeasing in_eyes_of_your(pl) to_serve ĐOM **YHWH** choose to/for_you(pl) the_day ĐOM whom will_you_serve whether ĐOM the_gods which ancestors_of_your(pl) they_served who in/on/at/with[111112] the_river and_if ĐOM the_gods_of the_ _'Amorī whom you(pl) are_dwelling in_land_of_their and_I and_household_of_my we_will_serve ĐOM **YHWH**. **16** And_ the_ _people _it_answered and_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_ourselves from_abandoning ĐOM **YHWH** to_serve gods other.
17 If/because **YHWH** god_of_our he is_the_one_who_brought_ _up us and_ĐOM fathers_of_our from_the_land_of Mitsrayim from_a_house_of slaves and_which he_did to_eyes_of_our ĐOM the_signs (the)_great the_these and_he_kept_us in_all the_way which we_went in_it and_among_all_of the_peoples which we_ _passed in_midst_of_their. **18** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_drove_out ĐOM all_of the_peoples and_ĐOM the_'Amorī who_was_dwelling the_earth/land from_before_of_us also we we_will_serve ĐOM **YHWH** if/because he god_of_is_our. **19** And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he/it_said to the_people not you(pl)_will_ _be_able to_serve ĐOM **YHWH** if/because is_a_god holy he is_a_ _god jealous he not he_will_forgive to_transgression_of_ _your(pl) and_(to)_sins_of_your(pl). **20** If/because you(pl)_will_ _abandon ĐOM **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve gods_of foreignness and_he_will_turn and_he_will_do_harm to/for_ _you(pl) and_he_will_make_an_end_of you(pl) after that he_ _has_done_good to_you(pl). **21** And_ the_people _he/it_said to Yəhōshūʿa no if/because ĐOM **YHWH** we_will_serve. **22** And_ Yəhōshūʿa _he/it_said to the_people are_witnesses you(pl) on_ _yourselves if/because_that you(pl) you(pl)_have_chosen to/for_you(pl) ĐOM **YHWH** to_serve him and_they_said witnesses. **23** And_now remove ĐOM the_gods_of (the)_ _foreignness which are_in_midst_of_your(pl) and_bend_down ĐOM heart_of_your(pl) to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).
24 And_ the_people _they_said to Yəhōshūʿa ĐOM **YHWH** god_

105 RV 24:11 · Cross-ref. Josh 6:1-21.

106 RV 24:12 · Note The Hebrew word 'הָעָרְצ' ('hornet', but pluralised here in the OET-RV) may have some non-literal meaning here, e.g., 'panic', or it may be a general reference to any manifestation of God's anger.

107 RV 24:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:28; Deu 7:20.

108 RV 24:13 · Cross-ref. Deu 6:10-11.

111 LV 24:15 · Note OSHB variant note: רבע/ב: (x-qere) 'רֶבַּעְמ': lemma_m/5676 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_06Fzq רֶבַּעְמ

112 LV 24:15 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_of_our we_will_serve and_to_voice_of_his we_will_listen.
25 And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he_made a_covenant to_people in_the_day (the)_that and_he/it_assigned to_him/it a_decree and_a_ _judgement at_Shəkem. **26** And_ Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) _he_wrote ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these in_the_book_of the_law_of god and_he/it_took a_stone large and_he_set_it_up there under the_oak which was_at_the_sanctuary_of **YHWH**. **27** And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he/it_said to all_of the_people HERE the_stone (the)_this it_will_become on_us (into)_a_witness if/because it it_has_heard ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_has_spoken with_us and_it_will_become on_you(pl) (into)_ _a_witness lest you(pl)_should_deny (in)_god_of_your(pl).
28 And_ Yəhōshūʹa _he_sent_away ~~ĐOM~~ the_people everyone to_ _his_own_of_inheritance.
29 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_ Yəhōshūʹa the_son_of Nūn the_servant_of **YHWH** _he/it_died a_son_of one_hundred and_ten years. **30** And_people_buried ~~ĐOM~~_him/it in_the_territory_of his_inheritance_of_his at_Timnath- serah which is_in_the_hill_country_of ʼEfrayim from_the_north_of the_mountain_of Gaʹash. **31** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_served ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** all_of the_days_of Yəhōshūʹa and_all/each/any/every the_days_of the_old_men who they_made_long days after Yəhōshūʹa and_which they_knew ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_work_of **YHWH** which he_had_done for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **32** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_bones_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) which the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_had_brought_up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_buried at_Shəkem in_the_portion_of the_field which Yaʹaqovʼ/(Jacob) he_had_bought from_with the_sons_of Ḥamōr the_father_of Shəkem for_a_hundred piece[s]_of_money and_ _they_were of_the_descendants_of of_Yōṣēf (into)_an_ _inheritance. **33** And_ʼElʹāzār the_son_of ʼAharon he_died and_ _people_buried ~~ĐOM~~_him/it at_Givʼāh_of Pinḥāṣ his/its_son which it_had_been_given to_him/it in_the_hill_country_of ʼEfrayim.

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wrote them in the book of God's law. Then he took a large stone and set it up there beneath the oak tree that was by Yahweh's sacred tent. **27** "Look at this stone," Yehoshua said to all the people. "It will be for a witness against us, because it has heard everything that Yahweh has instructed us, and it will be for a witness against you all, in case you act deceptively against your god." **28** Then Yehoshua sent all the people off to go to their allotted regions.

The deaths of Yehoshua and Eleazar · Promised land

29 After all that, Nun's son and Yahweh's servant Yehoshua (Joshua) died at the age of 110. **30** They buried him in his allotted property at Timnat-Serah which is in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country north of Mt. Ga'ash.[113]

31 The Israelis had served Yahweh all through Yehoshua's lifetime and throughout the lifetimes of the elders who lived longer than Yehoshua and who had experienced everything that Yahweh had done for Yisrael (Israel).

32 They buried Yosef's (Joseph's) bones (that they had carried out from Mitsrayim (Egypt)) in Shekem—in the portion of the field that Ya'akov (Jacob) had bought from the sons of Hamor (Shekem's father) for a hundred coins, and that land became the inheritance of Yosef's descendants.[114]

33 Aharon's (Aaron's) son Eleazar also died and was buried at Giveah—the city that belonged to his son Pinhas in the Efrayim hill country.

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113 RV 24:30 · Cross-ref. Josh 19:49-50.

114 RV 24:32 · Cross-ref. Gen 33:19; 50:24-25; Exo 13:19; Yhn 4:5; Acts 7:16.

The accounts of

Various Heroes and Guides

commonly called 'Judges'

Introduction

This document commonly called '*Judges*', contains a collection of accounts of '*Various Heroes and Guides/Leaders*' who helped to rescue the Israeli people from their oppressors. It covers the times from their invasion of Kena'an through to just before their first king. Most of these heroes or guides were actually warriors. Shimshon (commonly called 'Samson') is the best-known of all of them, and his story can be read in chapters 13–16.

From this document we can learn that Yisrael ('Israel' in older English translations) prospered when they obeyed Yahweh's instructions, but when they disobeyed, then God allowed other peoples and nations to oppress them. However, God is always ready and prepared to save his people whenever they turn away from their disobedience and return again to obeying the instructions that he'd given them.

The previous book was named after the main character Yehoshua (Joshua) and the following books (Ruth and 1 Shmuel/Samuel) are named after their main characters, but this document with somewhere around a dozen important characters, has no single prominent character that it could be named after. Instead it's traditionally named 'Judges' in English because of around twenty uses of the Hebrew root 'שָׁפַט' (shafat) often in roots normally translated as 'judged'. Despite that, there's not a single account in this document of these leaders judging the cases and conflicts of the common people. This dilemma offers two possible interpretations: 1/ that these leaders (often military leaders) did judge cases for the common people, but those details aren't recorded, or 2/ (which we've leaned more towards) that this Hebrew word has a wider range of meaning, and so we've leaned towards the English word 'guided' or 'led' in these contexts.

Main components of this account

The events up until Yehoshua's death *1:1–2:10*
The various heroes/guides of Yisrael *2:11–16:31*
Various other events *17:1–21:25*

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Literal Version

1:1 And_he/it_was after the_death_of Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) and_ the_people_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _they_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say who will_he_go_up to/for_ourselves against the_ _Kəna῾ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] at_first to_engage_in_battle in/on/over_him/it. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_will_go_up HERE I_have_given ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _earth/land in_his/its_hand. **3** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said to_ _Shim῾ōn his/its_brother come_up with_me in_lot_of_my so_ _that_we_may_fight against_Kəna῾ₐnī[s] and_ also I _I_will_go with_you in_lot_of_your and_he/it_went with_him/it Shim῾ōn. **4** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_ascended and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kəna῾ₐnī and_the_Pərizzī[s] in_hand_of_their and_they_ _defeated_them at_Bezeq ten_of thousand(s) man. **5** And_they_ _found ᴅᴏᴍ Adoni- Bezeq at_Bezeq and_they_fought in/on/over_him/it and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kəna῾ₐnī[s] and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pərizzī[s]. **6** And_ Adoni- Bezek _he_fled and_ _they_pursued after_him and_they_seized ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_ _they_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ the_thumbs_of his_hands_of_his and_feet_ _of_his. **7** And_ Adoni- Bezek _he/it_said seventy kings the_ _thumbs_of their_hands_of_their and_feet_of_their cut_off they_were gathering_up under table_of_my just_as I_have_done so he_has_repaid to_me god and_they_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_died there.

8 And_ the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh _they_fought against_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_captured it and_they_ _struck_it_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_city they_sent in_fire. **9** And_after the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_went_down to_fight against_ _Kəna῾ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_dwelling the_hill_country and_the_Negeʋ and_the_Shephelah. **10** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_ _went against the_Kəna῾ₐnī[s] who_was_dwelling in_Ḫeʋrōn and_name_of Ḫeʋrōn formerly_formerly was_Qiryat ʾArba῾ and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Shēshay and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾAḥīman and_ᴅᴏᴍ Talmay.

11 And_he/it_went from_there against the_inhabitants_of Dəʋīr and_name_of Dəʋīr formerly_formerly was_Qiryat Sepher. **12** And_ Kālēʋ/(Caleb) _he/it_said the_one_who he_ _will_attack ᴅᴏᴍ Qiryat Sepher and_he_will_capture_it and_I_ _will_give to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ ῾Akşāh daughter_of_my to/for_(a)_ _woman. **13** And_he_captured_it ῾Otnīʼēl the_son_of Qənaz the_ _brother_of Kālēʋ the_small(sg) from_him/it and_he_gave to_ _him/it ᴅᴏᴍ ῾Akşāh daughter_of_his to/for_(a)_woman. **14** And_ _he/it_was when_came_she and_she_incited_him to_ask from_ _with father_of_her the_field and_she_went_down from_under the_donkey and_he/it_said to/for_her/it Kālēʋ what is_to_you. **15** And_she/it_said to_him/it come_NOW to/for_me a_blessing if/because the_land_of the_Negeʋ you_have_given_to_me and_ _you(ms)_will_give to_me springs_of water and_he_gave to/for_ _her/it Kālēʋ ᴅᴏᴍ springs_of upper and_ᴅᴏᴍ springs_of lower.

16 And_the_sons the_Qēynī the_father-in-law_of Mosheh they_ _went_up from_the_city_of the_palm_trees with the_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_wilderness_of Yəhūdāh which is_in_the_Negeʋ_of ῾Arād and_he/it_went and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived with the_people. **17** And_ Yəhūdāh _ _he/it_went with Shim῾ōn his/its_brother and_they_attacked

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Yehudah and Shim'on capture Adoni-Vezek

1:1 After Yehoshua's (Joshua's) death, the Israelis asked Yahweh, "Which tribe should go first to attack the Kena'anim (Canaanites)?" **2** "Yehudah (Judah) will go first," Yahweh answered. "Listen, I've already determined that they'll conquer the land."

3 Then the Yehudah leaders said to the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon), "Come with us into the region that we've been allocated and we can fight together against the Kena'anim. Then we'll do the same in your area." So the warriors from the two tribes worked together. **4** When they attacked, Yahweh gave them victory over the Kena'anim and the Perizim and they killed ten thousand men at Bezek. **5** They confronted Adoni-Vezek in Bezek and fought against him (then eventually defeating the Kena'anim and the Perizim). **6** Adoni-Vezek tried to flee but they chased him and captured him, cutting off his thumbs and big toes. **7** "Seventy kings had their thumbs and big toes chopped off," Adoni-Vezek said, "and were gathering scraps of food beneath my table. Just as I have done, so God has repaid to me." Then they took him to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and he died there.

The capture of Yerushalem and Hevron

8 The warriors from Yehudah (Judah) attacked Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and captured the city, killing the inhabitants and setting the city on fire. **9** Then they fought against the Kena'anim (Canaanites) who lived in the hill country, in the southern wilderness, and in the western foothills. **10** They also fought the Kena'anim in Kiryat-Arba (now known as Hevron) and killed Sheshay, Ahiman, and Talmay.

Otniel captures Devir[1]

11 From there they fought against Kiryat-Sefer (now known as Devir). **12** Kalev (Caleb) had said, "The one who attacks Kiryat-Sefer and captures it can marry my daughter Aksah." **13** Otniel (son of Kalev's younger brother Kenaz) captured it so Kalev gave his daughter Aksah to him to become his wife. **14** After the wedding, she urged Otniel to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Kalev asked her, "What can I do for you?" **15** "Give me a blessing," she requested. "Although you've given me land in the southern wilderness, give me some springs of water as well." So Kalev gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

The victory of descendants of Yehudah and Benyamin

16 The Keynim (descendants of Mosheh's (Moses') father-in-law), left the city of palm trees (Yeriho (Jericho)) and went with Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants to the southern wilderness near Arad and lived with the people

1 RV 1:11 · Parallel Josh. 15:13-19

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there. **17** Then the warriors of Yehudah and Shim'on (Simeon) conquered the Kena'anim (Canaanites) living at Tsefat and destroyed the city. Now it's called Hormah (which means 'complete destruction'). **18** They also captured Azah (Gaza), Ashkelon, and Ekron and all their surrounding territories. **19** Yahweh helped Yehudah and they took possession of the hill country, although they weren't able to conquer the people living down in the plains because they had iron on their chariots. **20** They gave Hevron to Kalev (Caleb) just as Mosheh had directed, and he dispossessed the three sons of the Anak from there.[2] **21** However Benyamin's descendants didn't drive the Yevusim living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) out, so they have lived among the Benyamites in Yerushalem to this day.[3]

Efrayim and Menasheh conquer Beyt-El

22 Also Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants attacked Beyt-El (Bethel), and Yahweh helped them. **23** They sent spies out to Beyt-El (previously called Luz) **24** and they saw a man coming out of the city and told him, "Please show us an entrance into the city, and we'll be kind to you." **25** So he showed them an entrance, and their warriors attacked and killed the inhabitants, but they let the man and his family go free. **26** The man went to the land of the Hitim and founded a city and called it Luz (which it's still called to this day).

The locals not driven out by the Israelis

27 However Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants didn't drive out those living in Beyt-Shean, Ta'anak, Dor, Yivleam, or Megidon, because the Kena'anim (Canaanites) were determined to keep living there.[7] **28** (Later, the Israelis became stronger and they forced the Kena'anim to work for them as their slaves, but they didn't drive them out.) **29** Nor did Efrayim's (Ephraim's) descendants drive the Kena'anim out of Gezer, so they continued to live among them.[8]

30 Zevulun's descendants didn't drive the Kena'anim out of Kitron or Nahalal, so they continued to live among them and were forced to work as slaves.

31 Asher's descendants didn't drive out those who were living in Ako, Tsidon (Sidon), Ahlav, Akziv, Helbah, Afek, or Rehov, **32** So Asher's descendants lived with the Kena'anim who still lived in the region because they didn't drive them out.

Literal Version

ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_dwelling Tsəfat/(Zephath) and_they_totally_destroyed it and_he/it_ _called ĐOM the_name_of the_city Ḥormāh. **18** And_ Yəhūdāh _ _he_captured ĐOM 'Azzāh and_ĐOM territory_of_its and_ĐOM 'Ashqəlōn and_ĐOM territory_of_its and_ĐOM 'Eqrōn and_ĐOM territory_of_its. **19** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yəhūdāh[456] and_it_took_possession_of ĐOM the_hill_country if/because not to_dispossess ĐOM the_inhabitants_of the_valley if/because chariotry_of iron to/for_them. **20** And_people_gave to_ _Kālēv/(Caleb) ĐOM Ḥevrōn just_as Mosheh he_had_said and_ _he_dispossessed from_there ĐOM three the_sons_of (the)_ _'Ānāq. **21** And_ĐOM the_Yəvūsī who_was_dwelling Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) not the_descendants_of Binyāmīn they_dispossessed and_ the_Yəvūsī _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until the_day (the)_this.

22 And_ the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) also they _they_went_up Bēyt-'ēl and_**YHWH** was_with_them. **23** And_ the_house_of Yōṣēf _they_caused_to_spy_out in_house_of 'ēl and_name_of the_city formerly_formerly was_Lūz. **24** And_ those_who_ _watched _they_saw a_man coming_out from the_city and_ _they_said to_him/it show_us please ĐOM the_entrance_of the_ _city and_we_will_do with_you loyalty. **25** And_he_showed_ _them ĐOM the_entrance_of the_city and_they_struck_down ĐOM the_city to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ĐOM the_man and_ĐOM all_of family_of_his they_let_go. **26** And_ the_man _ _he/it_went the_land_of the_Ḥittiy and_he/it_built a_city and_ _he/it_called his/its_name Lūz that his/its_name until the_day (the)_this.

27 And_not Mənashsheh it_took_possession_of ĐOM Bēyt Shan and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM Ta'ₐnāk and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of[9] of_Dōr and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yivlə'ām/(Ibleam) and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ĐOM the_ _inhabitants_of Məgiddōn and_ĐOM daughters_of_its and_ the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] _it_was_determined to_dwell on_the_ _earth (the)_this. **28** And_he/it_was if/because Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_became_strong and_he/it_assigned ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] into_ _forced_labour and_completely_(dispossess) not it_ _dispossessed_him. **29** And_'Efrayim not it_dispossessed ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī[s] who_was_dwelling in_Gezer and_ the_ _Kəna'ₐnī[s] _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_midst_of_its in_Gezer. **30** Zəvulun not it_dispossessed ĐOM the_inhabitants_ _of Qiṭrōn and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Nahₐlāl and_ the_ _Kəna'ₐnī[s] _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_midst_of_its and_they_were (into)_forced_labour. **31** 'Āshēr not it_ _dispossessed ĐOM the_inhabitants_of 'Akkō and_ĐOM the_

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2 **RV 1:20 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:13-14.

3 **RV 1:21 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:63; 2Sam 5:6; 1Ch 11:4.

4 **LV 1:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

5 **LV 1:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

6 **LV 1:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

7 **RV 1:27-28 · Cross-ref.** Josh 17:11-13.

8 **RV 1:29 · Cross-ref.** Josh 16:10.

9 **LV 1:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: בשי: (x-qere) יֹ֣בְשֵׁ֔י: lemma_3427 morph_HVqrmpc id_07Xh9 יֹ֣בְשֵׁ֔י

Literal Version

_inhabitants_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ĐOM ʾAḥlāv and_ĐOM ʾAkzīv and_ĐOM Ḥelbāh and_ĐOM ʾAfēq and_ĐOM Rəḥov. **32** And_ the_Asherite[s] _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_ _midst_of the_Kəna′ₐnī[s] the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land if/because not it_dispossessed_it. **33** Naftālī not it_dispossessed ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Bēyt Shemesh and_ĐOM the_ _inhabitants_of Bēyt Anath and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_midst_of the_Kəna′ₐnī[s] the_ _inhabitants_of the_earth/land and_the_inhabitants_of Bēyt Shemesh and_Bēyt- anath they_became to/for_them (into)_ _forced_labour. **34** And_ the_ʾAmorī _they_pressed ĐOM the_ _descendants_of Dān to_the_hill_country if/because not it_ _permitted_it to_go_down to_valley. **35** And_ the_ʾAmorī _it_ _was_determined to_dwell in_the_mountain_of Ḥereṣ in_ _ʾAyyālōn and_in_Sha′alvīm and_ the_hand_of the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _it_was_heavy and_they_were (into)_forced_ _labour. **36** And_the_border_of the_ʾAmorī was_from_the_ _ascent_of scorpions from_(the)_Sela and_upward_upwards.

2:1 And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_ascended from (the)_ _Gilgāl to (the)_Bokim and_he/it_said I_brought_up you(pl) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_brought you(pl) into the_ _earth/land which I_swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_I_said not I_will_break covenant_of_my with_you(pl) forever_ _perpetuity. **2** And_you(pl) not you(pl)_must_make a_covenant to_the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land (the)_this altars_of_their you(pl)_will_pull_down and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_ _voice_of_my what this have_you(pl)_done. **3** And_also I_say not I_will_drive_out them from_before_of_you(pl) and_they_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_sides and_gods_of_their they_ _will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_snare. **4** And_he/it_was just_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _as_spoke ĐOM the_ _words/messages the_these to all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ the_people _they_lifted_up ĐOM voice_of_ _their and_they_wept. **5** And_they_called the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that Bokim and_they_sacrificed there to/for_ _**YHWH**.

6 And_ Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) _he_sent_away ĐOM the_people and_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_went everyone to_his_ _own_of_inheritance to_take_possession_of ĐOM the_ _earth/land. **7** And_ the_people _they_served ĐOM **YHWH** all_of the_days_of Yəhōshūʿa and_all/each/any/every the_days_of the_old_men who they_made_long days after Yəhōshūʿa who they_had_seen ĐOM all_of the_work_of **YHWH** (the)_great which he_had_done for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** And_ Yəhōshūʿa the_ _son_of Nun the_servant_of **YHWH** _he/it_died a_son_of a_ _hundred and_ten years. **9** And_people_buried him in_the_ _territory_of his_inheritance_of_his in_Timnath- heres in_the_ _hill_country_of ʾEfrayim from_the_north_of the_mountain_of Gaʿash.

10 And_also all_of the_generation (the)_that they_were_ _gathered to_ancestors_of_its and_ a_generation another after_ _them which not they_knew ĐOM **YHWH** and_also ĐOM the_ _work which he_had_done for_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_rose_up.

Readers' Version

33 Naftali's (Naphtali's) descendants didn't drive out those who were living in Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) or Beyt-Anat, so they continued to live among them and were forced to work as slaves.
34 The Amorim forced Dan's descendants to live in the hill country, because they didn't allow them to come down to the plains. **35** The Amorim were determined to live at Mt. Heres, in Ayalon and Sha'alvim (but when Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants became stronger, they forced the Amorim to work as slaves). **36** The Amorim border went from the Scorpion Pass through Sela and upward from there.

God's messenger comes to Bokim

2:1 Then Yahweh's messenger went from Gilgal to Bokim and told the Israelis, "I brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and led you here to this land that I promised to your ancestors. I had said that I wouldn't ever break my agreement with you all, **2** but that you mustn't form treaties with the peoples who lived here, rather you must tear down their altars.[10] But you all haven't obeyed what I said. What have you gone and done? **3** So I'm telling you that I won't drive your enemies out ahead of you, but they'll be like thorns in your sides and you'll all end up being enslaved to their idols." **4** When Yahweh's messenger finished saying that, the people wept loudly, **5** so they called that place Bokim (which means 'weeping') and they offered sacrifices to Yahweh there.

The death of Yehoshua

6 Then Yehoshua (Joshua) dismissed the people and the tribes went to their various regions to take possession of the land. **7** The people obeyed Yahweh as long as Yehoshua and the elders who had seen the great things that Yahweh had done for Yisrael (Israel) , were alive. **8** Then Yahweh's servant Yehoshua (son of Nun) died at the age of 110 **9** and they buried him in his allocated land at Timnat-Heres, inside Efrayim's (Ephraim's) hill country territory north of Mt. Ga'ash.[11]

Yisrael (Israel) turns from Yahweh

10 When all of that generation had passed away, the next generation didn't know Yahweh or even know about what he'd done for the Is-

10 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:12-13; Deu 7:2-5.

11 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Josh 19:49-50.

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raelis. **11** They did things that Yahweh considered evil and worshipped Ba'al idols **12** and abandoned the god of their ancestors, Yahweh, the one who brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). Instead they went after other gods—the gods of the people around them. They worshipped them and that made Yahweh angry. **13** They abandoned Yahweh and worshipped the Ba'al and Ashtarot idols. **14** So Yahweh got angry with Yisrael (Israel) so he caused raiders to come and take their property and he allowed their enemies to become more powerful so they could no longer stand against them. **15** Whenever the Israelis went into battle, Yahweh worked against them just like he'd said he would and they became very distressed.

16 Then Yahweh gave them leaders[12] to save them from the raiders. **17** However they wouldn't listen to those leaders either—continuing to prostitute themselves to other gods and bowing down to idols. They rapidly turned away from their ancestors' ways and showed no interest in obeying Yahweh's instructions. **18** Whenever Yahweh gave them a leader, he would support that leader and would save them from their enemies during that leader's life, because he pitied the people when they groaned from being tormented and oppressed. **19** But then at the death of that leader, they would turn back and behave more corruptly than their ancestors—following other gods and bowing down to idols. They didn't stop any of their evil activities or their shameless behaviour **20** so Yahweh was very angry at Yisrael and said, "This nation has broken the agreement that I made with their ancestors and haven't done what I told them to. **21** I won't keep driving the people groups away that remained when Yehoshua (Joshua) died, **22** so as to use them to test Yisrael to see whether the Israelis will obey my instructions like their ancestors did, or not. **23** So Yahweh allowed those people groups to stay on, and hence they hadn't been handed over to Yehoshua.

The remaining kingdoms in Kena'an

3:1 The following are the kingdoms which Yahweh allowed to remain so as to test the newer generations of Yisrael (Israel) who hadn't experienced the battles in Kena'an (Canaan) **2** (if only for the sake of teaching warfare to those generations who hadn't experienced

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11 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_served ~~ĐOM~~ the_Ba'al. **12** And_they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their who_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_went after gods other some_of_ _the_gods_of the_peoples which were_around_of_them and_ _they_bowed_down to/for_them and_they_provoked_to_anger ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH**.[13][14] **13** And_they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_they_ _served (to)_Ba'al and_(to)_'Ashtārōt. **14** And_ the_anger of_ _**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_gave_ _them in_the_hand_of plunderers and_they_plundered them and_he_sold_them in_the_hand_of their_enemies_of_their from_round_about and_not they_were_able still to_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their. **15** In_every where they_went_out the_hand_of **YHWH** it_was on_them for_ _harm just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken and_as_which **YHWH** he_ _had_sworn to/for_them and_it_was_distress to/for_them exceedingly. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up judges and_they_ _delivered_them from_the_hand_of their_plunderers. **17** And_ _also to judges_of_their not they_listened if/because they_ _acted_as_prostitutes after gods other and_they_bowed_down to/for_them they_turned_aside quickly from the_way which fathers_of_their they_had_walked to_obey the_commands_of **YHWH** not they_did so. **18** And_because/when **YHWH** he_ _raised_up to/for_them judges and_it_was **YHWH** with the_ _judge and_he_delivered_them from_the_hand_of their_ _enemies_of_their all_of the_days_of the_judge if/because **YHWH** he_had_compassion from_groaning_of_their from_ _face/in_front_of those_of_who_oppressed_them and_those_of_ _who_oppressed_them. **19** And_it_was when_died_of the_judge they_returned and_they_acted_corruptly more_than_of_their_ _fathers to_go after gods other to_serve_them and_to_bow_ _down to/for_them not they_let_drop any_of_their_deeds and_ _any_of_their_way (the)_stubborn. **20** And_ the_anger of_ _**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said because that the_nation the_this they_have_transgressed ~~ĐOM~~ covenant_of_my which I_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ ancestors_of_their and_not they_have_listened to_voice_of_my. **21** Also I not I_ _will_increase to_dispossess anyone from_their_face/front of the_nations which Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) he_left and_he/it_died. **22** So_as to_put_to_the_test by_them ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_ will_they _keeping ~~ĐOM~~ the_way_of **YHWH** to_go in_them just_ _as ancestors_of_their they_kept_it or not. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _left ~~ĐOM~~ the_nations the_these to_not to_dispossess_them quickly and_not he_gave_them in_the_hand_of Yəhōshūʿa.

3:1 And_these the_nations which **YHWH** he_left to_put_to_the_ _test by_them ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~ĐOM~~ all_of those_who not they_had_known ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_wars_of Kənaʿan/(Canaan). **2** Only so_as the_generations_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_know to_teach_them war only which formerly_previously not they_had_known_them. **3** The_five_of the_rulers_of the_

12 RV 2:16 · Note Traditionally called 'judges' in most English translations, but that modern term doesn't fit their various functions in this account at all well. ('Leaders' isn't perfect either but it's generic enough to cover most of their roles.)

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_Pəlishtiy and_all the_Kəna′ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_
_Sidonian[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] who_was_dwelling of_the_mount_
_of of_(the)_Ləvānōn from_hill of Ba′al to Ləvō’ Ḥₐmāt. **4** And_
_they_were to_put_to_the_test by_them ÐOM Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) to_
_know will_they_obey ÐOM the_commands_of **YHWH** which he_
_had_commanded ÐOM ancestors_of_their by_the_hand_of
Mosheh. **5** And_the_sons of_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) they_dwelt in_the_
_midst_of the_Kəna′ₐnī[s] the_Ḥittiy[s] and_the_’Amorī[s] and_
_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s].
6 And_they_took ÐOM daughters_of_their to/for_them to_wives
and_ÐOM daughters_of_their they_gave to_sons_of_their and_
_they_served ÐOM gods_of_their.

7 And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_made ÐOM the_evil
in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_forgot ÐOM **YHWH** god_
_of_their and_they_served ÐOM the_Ba′al and_ÐOM the_
_’Ashērāh_poles. **8** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt
on_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he_sold_them in_the_hand_of Cushan-
Rishathaim the_king_of ’Arām and_ the_people_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_served ÐOM Cushan- Rishathaim eight
years. **9** And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to
YHWH and_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up a_deliverer for_the_people_
_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he_delivered_them ÐOM ′Otnī’ēl the_
_son_of Qənaz the_brother_of Kālēv/(Caleb) the_small(sg)
more_than_him. **10** And_it_became on/upon/above_him/it the_
_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he_judged ÐOM Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_
_he/it_went_out to_war and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave in_his/its_
_hand ÐOM Cushan- Rishathaim the_king_of ’Arām and_ his/its_
_hand _it_prevailed over Cushan- Rishathaim. **11** And_ the_
_earth/land _it_was_at_peace forty year[s] and_ ′Otnī’ēl the_
_son_of Qənaz _he/it_died.

12 And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_repeated for_
_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_
_strengthened ÐOM ′Eglōn the_king_of Mō’āv over
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) on if/because they_did ÐOM the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **13** And_he_gathered to_him/it ÐOM the_
_people_of ′Ammōn and_′Amālēq and_he/it_went and_he_
_defeated ÐOM Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_they_took_possession_of
ÐOM the_city_of the_palm_trees. **14** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_served ÐOM ′Eglōn the_king_of Mō’āv
eight- teen year[s]. **15** And_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _
_they_cried_out to **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up to/for_
_them a_deliverer ÐOM ’Ēhūd the_son_of Gērā’ the_Ben-_of
(the)_jaminite a_man impeded_of the_hand_of his_right_side_
_of_his and_ the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _they_sent in_
_his/its_hand tribute to_′Eglōn the_king_of Mō’āv. **16** And_
_he/it_made to_him/it ’Ēhūd a_sword and_belonged_to_it two_
_of mouths was_a_cubit length_of_its and_he_girded it from_
_under to_garments_of_his on the_thigh_of his_right_side_of_
_his. **17** And_he_brought_near ÐOM the_tribute to_′Eglōn the_
_king_of Mō’āv and_′Eglōn was_a_man fat very. **18** And_he/it_
_was just_as he_had_finished to_bring_near ÐOM the_tribute
and_he_sent_away ÐOM the_people who_had_carried_of (of)_
_the_tribute. **19** And_he he_returned from the_idols which
were_with (the)_Gilgāl and_he/it_said a_message_of secrecy to_

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it): **3** the five Pelishti rulers and the Kena’anim (Canaanites), the Tsidonim (Sidonians), the Hivim that live on Mt. Levanon between Mt. Ba’al-Hermon and Levo-Hamat.[15] **4** They were left to test Yisrael to find out if they would obey Yahweh’s instructions that had been given through Mosheh (Moses) to their ancestors, **5** and so the Israelis lived among the Kena’anim, the Hitim, the Amorim, the Perizim, the Hivim, and the Yevusim. **6** They took their daughters as wives, and gave their own daughters to be married to their sons, and they worshipped their gods.

Otniel

7 So the Israelis did things considered evil by Yahweh and they forgot about their god Yahweh, instead serving the Ba’al and Asherot idols. **8** Because of that, Yahweh was very angry with Yisrael (Israel), so he handed them over to King Kushan-Rish’atayim of Aram-Naharayim. The Israelis served him for eight years **9** but when they cried out to Yahweh, he sent them a leader to rescue them: Otniel, son of Kalev’s (Caleb’s) younger brother Kenaz. **10** Yahweh’s spirit empowered him and he led Yisrael. He led them into battle against King Kushan-Rish’atayim of Aram (Syria), and Yahweh helped them defeat him. **11** So the region had peace for forty years, and then Otniel (Kenaz’s son) died.

Ehud

12 Once again the Israelis started doing things considered evil by Yahweh, so because of that, he strengthened King Eglon of Moav (Moab) against Yisrael (Israel). **13** King Eglon enlisted warriors from the Amonim and the Amalekim, and they attacked Yisrael and captured Yeriho (Jericho), the city of palm trees, **14** so the Israelis served him for eighteen years.

15 But the Israelis cried out to Yahweh, he sent them a leader to rescue them: the left-hander Ehud, son of Gera the Benyamite. The Israelis sent him to carry the tribute payment to King Eglon of Moav. **16** Now Ehud had made himself a double-edged sword—a short one about half a metre long—and he strapped it to his right thigh beneath his clothes. **17** Then he presented the tribute to King Eglon of Moav, who was a very fat man, **18** and after leaving for home, he sent off the people who’d actually carried it all. **19** Then from the stone quarries that they’d reached near Gilgal, he returned and told the king that he had a private message for him. The king told his attendants to be quiet then sent them out of the room.

20 So Ehud approached where the king was sitting alone in the coolness of his upper room and told him, “I have a message for

15 RV 3:3 · Note Or, ‘the entrance to Hamat’.

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you from God." The king stood up from his seat **21** and then Ehud reached with his left hand and pulled the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly. **22** Even the handle went in after the blade and the fat closed up over the handle because Ehud didn't pull the sword out of his belly. Then he went out to the passage[16] **23** and closed and locked the rooms of the upper room and exited through the porch.[17] **24** After he'd left, the servants came and found the doors locked, so they thought the king must be relieving himself in there. **25** They waited until they became worried that he hadn't opened the doors, so they got a key and opened them, only to find their master lying dead on the floor.

26 While the servants had been waiting, Ehud had escaped and passed beyond the quarries, then fleeing to Se'irah. **27** When he got there, he blew a trumpet throughout the Efrati hill country, and so the Israelis assembled under his direction down in the valley. **28** "Follow after me," he told them, "because Yahweh will enable you all to defeat your enemies, the Moavim." So they followed him down to the Yarden (Jordan) river and captured the fords opposite Moav (Moab), thus preventing anyone from crossing. **29** Then they attacked Moav and killed around ten thousand men—all strong and capable yet none of them escaped. **30** So Moav was subdued that day by the Israelis, and there was peace in the region for eighty years.

Shamgar

31 After Ehud came Shamgar (Anat's son), and he rescued Yisrael (Israel) by killing six hundred Pelishtim with a cattle prod.

Deborah and Barak

4:1 After Ehud died, the Israelis again started doing things considered evil by Yahweh, **2** so he handed them over to King Yavin of Kena'an (Canaan) who reigned in Hatsor. Sisera was the commander of his army, and he lived in

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_me to_you the_king and_he/it_said hush and_they_went_out from_with_him all_of those_who_stood on/upon/above_ _him/it. **20** And_'Ēhūd he_came to_him/it and_he was_sitting in_the_roof_chamber_of (the)_coolness which to_him/it for_ _him/it_being_alone and_ 'Ēhūd _he/it_said a_message_of god to_me to_you and_he/it_rose_up from_under the_seat. **21** And_ 'Ēhūd _he_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_hand_of his_left_hand_of_his and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_drought//sword/knife from_under the_thigh_of his_right_side_of_his and_he_thrust_it in_belly_ _of_his. **22** And_ also the_hilt _it_went after the_blade and_ the_ _fat _he/it_closed_up behind the_blade if/because not he_ _drew_out the_drought//sword/knife from_belly_of_his and_ _he/it_went_out to_the_hole. **23** And_ 'Ēhūd _he/it_went_out to_the_porch and_he/it_closed_up the_doors_of the_roof_ _chamber behind_him and_he_locked_them. **24** And_he he_ _went_forth and_servants_of_his they_came and_they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_doors_of the_roof_chamber were_ _locked and_they_said surely he is_covering ᴅᴏᴍ feet_of_his in_ _the_chamber_of (the)_coolness. **25** And_they_writhed until were_ashamed and_THERE[181920] not_he was_opening the_ _doors_of the_roof_chamber[2122] and_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_key and_they_opened_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE master(s)_of_ _their was_lying towards_land dead. **26** And_'Ēhūd he_escaped until delayed_they and_he he_passed_by ᴅᴏᴍ the_idols and_he_ _escaped to_(the)_Sē'īrah. **27** And_he/it_was when_came_he and_he_gave_a_blast on_horn in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_they_went_down with_him/it the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from the_hill_country and_he was_before_of_ _them. **28** And_he/it_said to_them pursue after_me if/because **YHWH** he_has_given ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_your(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āv in_ _hand_of_your(pl) and_they_went_down after_him and_they_ _captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_fords_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_Mō'āv and_not they_permitted anyone to_pass_over. **29** And_they_ _struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āv at_time (the)_that about_ten_of thousand(s) man every_of stout_person and_all man_of strength and_not anyone he_escaped. **30** And_ Mō'āv _it_was_ _subdued in_the_day (the)_that under the_hand_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_earth/land _it_was_at_peace eighty year[s].

31 And_after_him Shamgar the_son_of 'Anāt he_was and_he_ _struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy six hundred(s) man with_the_ _goad_of (the)_cattle and_ also he _he_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

4:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_repeated for_ _doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_'Ēhūd he_had_ _died. **2** And_he_sold_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_of Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) who he_reigned in_Ḥātsōr and_the_commander_of his_army_of_his was_Ṣīṣərā'

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and_he was_dwelling in_Harosheth Haggoyim. **3** And_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH** if/because nine hundred(s) chariot[s]_of iron to_him/it and_he he_oppressed ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_force twenty year[s]. **4** And_Dəbōrāh was_a_woman a_prophetess the_wife_of Lappidōt she was_judging ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_ _time (the)_that. **5** And_she was_dwelling under the_palm_tree_ _of Dəbōrāh between (the)_Rāmāh and_between Bēyt-ʾēl in_ _the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_they_went_up to_her/it the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_judgement. **6** And_she_sent and_ _she/it_called/named (to)_Bārāq the_son_of 'Avīnoʿam from_ _Qedesh Naftālī and_she/it_said to_him/it not has_he_ _commanded **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) go and_you_ _will_march at_the_mountain_of Tāvōr and_you_will_take with_you ten_of thousand(s) man from_(the)_sons of_Naftālī and_of_the_descendants_of Zəvulun. **7** And_I_will_draw to_you to the_wadi_of Qīshōn ÐOM Şīşərā' the_commander_of the_ _army_of Yāvīn/(Jabin) and_ÐOM chariotry_of_his and_ÐOM multitude_of_his and_I_will_give_him in_hand_of_your. **8** And_ _he/it_said to_her/it Bārāq if you_will_go with_me and_I_will_ _go and_if not you_will_go with_me not I_will_go. **9** And_she/it_ _said certainly_(go) I_will_go with_you nevertheless if/because not it_will_be honour_of_your on the_way which you are_going if/because in_the_hand_of a_woman **YHWH** he_will_sell ÐOM Şīşərā' and_ Dəbōrāh _she/it_arose and_she_went[23][24][25] with Bārāq to_Qedesh. **10** And_ Bārāq _he_summoned ÐOM Zəvulun and_ÐOM Naftālī to_Qedesh and_he/it_ascended at_feet_of_his ten_of thousand(s)_of man and_she_went_up with_him/it Dəbōrāh. **11** And_Ḥevər the_Qēynī was_separated from_the_ _Qēynī[s] from_(the)_sons of_Ḥovāv the_father-in-law_of Mosheh and_he_had_pitched tent_of_his to the_great_tree in/on/at/with[26] which is_with Qedesh. **12** And_people_told to_ _Şīşərā' if/because_that Bārāq the_son_of 'Avīnoʿam he_had_ _gone_up the_mountain_of Tāvōr. **13** And_ Şīşərā' _he_ _summoned ÐOM all_of chariotry_of_his nine hundred(s) chariot[s]_of iron and_ÐOM all_of the_people which with_him/it from_Harosheth Haggoyim to the_wadi_of Qīshōn. **14** And_ Dəbōrāh _she/it_said to Bārāq arise if/because this the_day which **YHWH** he_has_given ÐOM Şīşərā' in_hand_of_your not **YHWH** has_he_gone_out to_your_face and_ Bārāq _he/it_ _descended from_hill of_Tāvōr and_ten_of thousand(s) man were_after_him. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_confused ÐOM Şīşərā' and_ _ÐOM all_of the_chariotry and_ÐOM all_of the_army to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Bārāq and_ Şīşərā' _he/it_descended from_under the_chariot and_he_fled on_feet_of_his. **16** And_Bārāq he_pursued after the_chariotry and_after the_army to Harosheth Haggoyim and_ all_of the_army_of Şīşərā' _it_fell to_the_mouth_of the_sword not up_to one it_was_left. **17** And_Şīşərā' he_fled on_feet_of_his

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Haroshet-Hagoyim. **3** The Israelis cried out to Yahweh because Sisera had nine hundred chariots with iron on them, and he cruelly oppressed them for twenty years.

4 Now the prophetess Deborah (Lapidot's wife) was leading Yisrael (Israel) at that time. **5** She would sit under the palm tree between Ramah and Beyt-El (Bethel) (in the Efrati hill country), and people would come to her to have their disputes settled. **6** One day she summoned Barak (Avinoam's son from Kedesh in Naftali (Naphtali)) and told him, "Yisrael's god, Yahweh commands you to draft ten thousand men from Naftali and Zevulun and assemble at Mt. Tavor. **7** Yahweh will lure King Yavin's army commander, Sisera bring his warriors and chariots to the Kishon river, and Yahweh will enable you to defeat them there."

8 "I'll go if you'll come with me," replied Barak, "but if you won't come with me, I won't go."

9 "I'll certainly go with you," she said, "but it won't be you that's honoured afterwards, but rather Yahweh will use a woman to defeat Sisera." So Deborah accompanied Barak to Kedesh. **10** There he summoned warriors from Zevulun and Naftali and ten thousand men came, and they all went together with Deborah to Mt. Tavor.

11 Now Hever had moved with his wife Ya'el and their family away from the other Keynim (and from Mosheh's (Moses') father-in-law Hovav's descendants) and set up his tent by the oak tree at Tsa'ananim near Kedesh.

12 When Sisera was told that Barak (Avinoam's son) had gone to Mt. Tavor, **13** he assembled his warriors and their nine hundred chariots (with iron on them) and went from Haroshet-Hagoyim to the Kishon riverbed.

14 "Get going," Deborah told Barak, "because it's today that Yahweh has gone ahead of you and will help you defeat Sisera." So Barak led his ten thousand warriors down from Mt. Tavor. **15** Then Yahweh caused Sisera and all his warriors and chariots to be confused as Barak advanced, so Sisera jumped down from his chariot and took off on foot. **16** Barak pursued the men and chariots as far as Haroshet-Hagoyim and they killed them all—not a single one survived.

17 But Sisera had fled on foot and ran to Ya'el's tent (Hever the Keyni's wife) because there was peace between King Yavin of Hatsor and the house of Hever the Keyni. **18** Ya'el went out to meet Sisera and told him, "Stop and rest, my master. Stop and rest here. Don't be afraid." So he turned and went into her tent, and she covered him with a blanket.

19 "I'm thirsty," he said. "Could you get me a little water to

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26 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מינעצ/ב**: (x-qere) **'מִינֲנֵעַצ/ב'**: lemma_b/6815 n_0.0 morph_HR/Np id_07aFY **מִינֲנֵעַצ/ב**

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drink." Ya'el opened a goatskin container and gave him milk to drink, then she covered him again. **20** "Stand at the tent doorway," he said, "and if anyone comes and asks you if you've seen a man, say, 'No.' "

21 Then Hever's wife Ya'el got a hammer and a tent peg and crept in silently, driving the peg through his temple and pounding it into the ground,. He'd been tired and was sleeping soundly, and it killed him. **22** Meanwhile Barak had been searching for Sisera, and Ya'el went out to meet him. "Come in here," she told him, "and I'll show you the man you've been searching for." He followed her into the tent and wow—Sisera was lying there dead with the peg still through his temple.

23 So that day God defeated Kena'ani (Canaanite) King Yavin's army in front of the Israelis, **24** and as they became stronger against him, they destroyed King Yavin of Kena'an (Canaan).

Deborah and Barak sing together

5:1 That day, Deborah and Barak sang this song:

2 "When the leaders take the lead in Yisrael (Israel),
when the people offer themselves willingly,
Yahweh be blessed.
3 Listen you kings.
Pay attention you rulers.
I will sing to Yahweh, yes, even me.
I will make music for Yisrael's god Yahweh.
4 Yahweh, you left Se'ir.
You marched out of the Edom region.
The earth quaked.
The heavens also dropped.
And the clouds poured down rain.
5 Mountains melted in Yahweh's presence,
Yes, Mt. Sinay shook in front of Yisrael's god, Yahweh.[30]
6 In the days of Anat's son Shamgar,
in the days of Ya'el,
main roads were abandoned,
and travellers walked twisting trails.
7 Israeli villages were abandoned.

Literal Version

to the_tent_of Yā'ēl/(Jael) the_wife_of[272829] of_Ḥever the_
_Qēynī if/because peace was_between Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_
_of Ḥātsōr and_between the_house_of Ḥever the_Qēynī.
18 And_ Yā'ēl _she_went_out to_meet Ṣīṣərā' and_she/it_said
to_him/it turn_aside my_master turn_aside to_me do_not be_
_afraid and_he_turned_aside to_her/it to_the_tent and_she_
_covered_him with_covering. **19** And_he/it_said to_her/it give_
_me_to_drink please a_little_of water if/because I_am_thirsty
and_she_opened ᴅᴏᴍ the_skin-bottle_of (the)_milk and_she_
_gave_him_a_drink and_she_covered_him. **20** And_he/it_said
to_her/it stand the_opening_of the_tent and_it_was if anyone
he_will_come and_he_will_ask_you and_saying(ms) is_there
here anyone and_you_will_say there_is_not. **21** And_ Yā'ēl the_
_wife_of Ḥever _she/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_peg_of the_tent and_she_
_put ᴅᴏᴍ the_hammer in_hand_of_her and_she_went to_him/it
in_secrecy and_she_drove ᴅᴏᴍ the_peg in_temple_of_his and_
_it_went_down on_the_earth and_he was_sleeping and_he_was_
_weary and_he/it_died. **22** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Bārāq was_
pursuing ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣīṣərā' and Yā'ēl/(Jael) _she_went_out to_meet_
_him and_she/it_said to_him/it come and_I_will_show_you ᴅᴏᴍ
the_man whom you are_seeking and_he_went to_her/it and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Ṣīṣərā' was_lying dead and_the_peg was_in_
_temple_of_his. **23** And_ god _he_subdued in_the_day (the)_that
ᴅᴏᴍ Yāvīn/(Jabin) the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
24 And_ the_hand_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_went
going and_hard on Yāvīn the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) until
that they_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ Yāvīn the_king_of Kəna'an/(Canaan).

5:1 And_ Dəbōrāh and_Bārāq the_son_of 'Avīnno'am _she_sang
in_the_day (the)_that to_say. **2** When_ leaders _acted_as_leaders
in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ a_people _volunteers bless **YHWH**.
3 Hear Oh_kings give_ear Oh_rulers I to/for_**YHWH** I I_will_sing
I_will_sing_praises to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 Oh_**YHWH** when_you_went_out from_Sē'īr when_marched_
_you from_the_region_of 'Edōm the_earth it_shook both the_
_heavens they_dropped as_well_as the_clouds they_dropped
water. **5** The_mountains they_flowed from_face/in_front_of
YHWH this Ṣīnay from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** In_the_days_of Shamgar the_son_of 'Anāt in_
_the_days_of Yā'ēl/(Jael) roads they_ceased and_walkers_of
paths they_walked roads twisting. **7** Rural_people they_ceased
in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ceased until that_ Dəbōrāh _I_arose
that_ a_mother in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _I_arose. **8** It_chose gods new
then war was_in_the_gates a_shield if and_a_spear it_was_seen
among_forty thousand in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** Heart_of_my is_to_
_the_commanders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) those_who_volunteered
among_people bless **YHWH**. **10** Oh_riders_of female_donkeys
tawny Oh_you(pl)_who_sit_of on garments and_Oh_walkers_of
on the_road tell_out. **11** From_the_sound_of those_who_divide
between the_places_for_drawing_water there they_will_
_recount the_righteousness(es)_of **YHWH** the_
_righteousness(es)_of his_rural_people_of_his in_

27 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

28 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

29 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

30 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 19:18.

Literal Version

_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) then they_went_down to_gates the_people_of **YHWH**. **12** Awake awake Oh_Dəbōrāh awake awake speak a_ _song arise Oh_Bārāq and_take_captive captive[s]_of_your Oh_ _son_of 'Avīnno'am. **13** Then the_survivor[s] of_the_nobles he_ _went_down the_people **YHWH** he_went_down to_me among_ _ones. **14** From 'Efrayim who_their_root_of_those was_in_ _'Amālēq after_you Binyāmīn among_people(s)_of_your from Mākīr commanders they_came_down and_from_Zəvulun those_who_march with_the_rod_of a_muster-officer. **15** And_ _princes_of_my in_Issachar were_with Dəbōrāh and_Issachar so Bārāq in_valley he_was_sent at_feet_of_his among_the_ _divisions_of Rə'ūvēn were_great resolves_of heart. **16** To/for_ _what did_you_sit between the_two_saddlebaskets to_hear the_ _whistling_of the_flocks to_the_divisions_of Rə'ūvēn were_ _great searchings_of heart. **17** Gil'ād on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) he_dwelt and_Dān to/for_what did_he_ _sojourn ships 'Āshēr he_remained to_the_coast_of the_seas and_at places_of_his_landing he_dwelt. **18** Zəvulun was_a_ _people which_it_despised life_of_its to_die and_Naftali was_on the_heights_of the_field. **19** kings they_came they_fought then the_kings_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) they_fought at_Ta'ₐnāk at the_ _waters_of Məgiddōn profit_of silver not they_took. **20** From heaven the_stars they_fought from_highways_of_their they_ _fought with Ṣīṣərā'. **21** The_wadi_of Qīshōn it_swept_them_ _away a_wadi_of ancient_times the_wadi_of Qīshōn you_will_ _march my_self_of_my strength. **22** Then the_heels_of horse[s] they_struck from_the_galloping the_galloping_of his_mighty_ _horses. **23** Curse Mērōz the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_says curse certainly_(curse) inhabitants_of_its if/because not they_ _came to_the_help_of **YHWH** to_the_help_of **YHWH** on_ones. **24** She_will_be_blessed more_than_women Yā'ēl/(Jael) the_ _wife_of Ḥevər the_Qēynī more_than_women in_tent she_will_ _be_blessed. **25** Water he_asked milk she_gave in_a_bowl_of nobles she_brought_near curd[s]. **26** Hand_of_her to_peg they_ _stretched_out and_her_right_of_hand to_a_hammer_of labourers and_she_struck Ṣīṣərā' she_shattered his/its_head and_she_smashed and_she_pierced temple_of_his. **27** Between feet_of_her he_bowed_down he_fell he_lay_down between feet_ _of_her he_bowed_down he_fell at_where he_bowed_down there he_fell destroyed. **28** Through the_window she_looked_ _down and_ the_mother_of Ṣīṣərā' _she_lamented through the_ _window-lattice why chariot_of_his has_it_delayed to_come why the_hoof-beats_of his_chariots_of_his have_they_delayed. **29** The_wise_women_of her_noble_ladies_of_her they_answered also she she_brought_back words/messages_of_her to/for_ _her/it. **30** Not are_they_finding are_they_dividing_up plunder a_womb two_wombs for_the_head_of a_man plunder_of coloured_cloth(s) for_Ṣīṣərā' plunder_of coloured_cloth(s) multicoloured_material coloured_cloth_of multicoloured_ _material(s) for_the_necks_of plunder. **31** So all_of enemies_of_ _your may_they_perish Oh_**YHWH** and_those_of_who_love_him be_as_ of_the_sun _the_going_out in_strength_of_its and_ the_ _earth/land _it_was_at_peace forty year[s].

Readers' Version

No one lived there until I, Deborah, became their leader.
I became one of Yisrael's (Israel's) mothers.
8 When Yisrael chose new gods,
then enemies attacked the city gates.
No shield or spear could be found
among forty thousand in Yisrael.
9 I'm thankful to Yisrael's commanders
who volunteered to help the people.
Yahweh be blessed.
10 You riders of white donkeys,
you who sit on saddle blankets,
you who are walking on the road,
tell about this.
11 From the sounds of conflict over the watering places
they recount ≈Yahweh's righteousness
and about his righteous warriors in Yisrael (Israel).
Then Yahweh's people went down to the city gates.
12 Wake up, Deborah, wake up.
Wake up, wake up, sing a song.
Barak, get moving and capture your prisoners,
you son of Avinoam.
13 Then the survivor went down to the leading citizens.
Yahweh's people went down to the mighty. ???
14 From Efrayim (Ephraim) their root was with Amalek.
After you, Benyamin, among your people.
From Makir (in Menasheh's (Manasseh's) tribe), the commanders came down.
And from Zevulun, those who march carrying an officer's staff.
15 My princes in Yisakar (Issachar) were with Deborah.
And Yisakar was also with Barak.
He was sent into a valley on his heels.
There was intense heart searching among the clans of Re'uven.
16 Why did you sit between the sheep pens?
To hear the whistling for the flocks?
There was intense heart searching among the clans of Re'uven.
17 Gilead settled east of the Yarden (Jordan).
But, Dan, why does he stay on ships?
Asher stayed at the sea coast
and lives by his jetties.
18 Zevulun were a tribe that devotedly risked losing their lives.
And Naftali (Naphtali) was at their heights on the battlefield.
19 Kings came and made war.
Then the Kena'ani (Canaanite) kings fought at Ta'anak,
at the Megidon springs.
But they weren't able to plunder any silver.
20 From the sky, the stars battled.
From their courses, they fought against Sisera.
21 The Kishon river swept them away.
An ancient river that Kishon river.
March on with strength, my soul.
22 Then the horses' hooves struck.
His galloping stallions charging.
23 'Curse that Meroz place,' said Yahweh's messenger.

Readers' Version

'You shall certainly curse its inhabitants
because they didn't come and help Yahweh—
to help Yahweh against the mighty ones.'
24 Ya'el will be an honoured woman.
The wife of Hever the Keyni.
She deserves the most praise out of all women who live in tents.
25 He asked for water—she gave him milk,
Yogurt in a bowl suitable for the leading citizens.
26 Her hands reached out for the tent peg,
and her right hand for the workman's hammer.
She hammered Sisera—shattering his head—
shattering and piercing his temple.
27 He bowed down between her feet—he fell—he lay down.
He bowed down between her feet—where he bowed down,
there he fell—destroyed.
28 Sisera's mother looked out the window.
She peered through the lattice, crying out,
'Why is his chariot so slow to return?
Why are the hoofbeats of his chariots delayed?'
29 Her wise ladies answered her.
Indeed, she keeps telling herself
30 'Won't they be gathering and dividing the plunder?
A woman or two for each warrior to bear children.
Finding some colourful material for Sisera.
Taking some embroidered fabrics.
Dyed scarves as plunder.'
31 May all your enemies perish like that, Yahweh.
But may those who love you shine like the sun rising in its strength."
Then that region had peace for forty years.

Gid'on

6:1 The Israelis did things that Yahweh considered evil so he handed them over to the Midyan for seven years 2 and the Midyanites oppressed them badly. It was so bad that the Israelis made dens for themselves up in the hills, in caves, and in small, fortified settlements. 3 Whenever the Israelis planted a crop, the Midyanites or the Amalekim, or eastern groups would attack them. 4 They would set up their camps around them and destroy the crops as far away as Azah (Gaza)—they left nothing for the Israelis to eat, and no sheep, cattle, or donkeys. 5 It was like a swarm of locusts when they'd all come with their tents and their livestock—you couldn't even count their camels! They entered the region to totally ravage it. 6 Thus Yisrael (Israel) was severely weakened by Midyan, and the Israelis cried out to Yahweh.

7 When the Israelis cried out to Yahweh concerning Midyan, 8 Yahweh sent a prophet to them and he told them, "Yisrael's god Yahweh says, 'I myself brought you all out of slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt)— 9 rescuing you from the Mitsrim (Egyptians) who were oppressing you all. I drove them out when you all en-

Literal Version

6:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_the_ _hand_of Midyān seven years. 2 And_ the_hand_of Midyān _it_ _prevailed over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_face/in_front_of Midyān they_made to/for_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _dens which are_in_mountains and_~~ĐOM~~ the_caves and_~~ĐOM~~ the_strongholds. 3 And_it_was if Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_sowed and_ Midyān and_ʿAmālēq and_the_sons the_east _he/it_would_go_ _up and_they_went_up on/upon/above_him/it. 4 And_they_ _encamped on_them and_they_destroyed ~~ĐOM~~ the_produce_of the_earth/land until come_you ʿAzzāh and_not they_left sustenance in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_a_sheep and_an_ox and_a_ _donkey. 5 If/because they livestock_of_their they_came_up and_tents_of_their and_they_came[32] according_to_the_ _abundance_of locust[s] to_increase_in_number and_to_them and_to_camels_of_their there_was_not number and_they_came in/on_the_earth to_destroy_it. 6 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_ _became_low very from_face/in_front_of Midyān and_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH**. 7 And_ _he/it_was if/because the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_ _cried_out to **YHWH** on the_causes_of Midyān. 8 And_ **YHWH** _ _he_sent a_man a_prophet to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)

32 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְאָבִי: (x-qere) וְאָבֶו/וֹ': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_07XWV וְאָבֶו/וֹ

Literal Version

and_he/it_said to/for_them thus he_says **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I I_brought_up you(pl) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_brought_out you(pl) from_a_house_of slaves. **9** And_I_ _delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_from_the_ _hand_of all_of those_of_who_oppressed_you(pl) and_I_drove_ _out them from_before_of_you(pl) and_I_gave to/for_you(pl) ÐOM land_of_their. **10** And_I_said to/for_you(pl) I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) not you(pl)_must_fear ÐOM the_gods_of the_ _'Amorī whom you(pl) are_dwelling in_land_of_their and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_voice_of_my. **11** And_ the_messenger_ _of **YHWH** _he_came and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived under the_terebinth which was_in_'Ofrāh which belonged_to_ _Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_Abi- ezrite and_Gid'ōn his/its_son was_ _beating_out wheat(s) in_winepress to_hide_it from_face/in_ _front_of Midyān. **12** And_he_appeared to_him/it the_ _messenger_of[333435] of_**YHWH** and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** is_with_you Oh_mighty_man_of (the)_strength. **13** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it Gid'ōn pardon_me my_master and_(there) **YHWH** is_with_us and_for_what has_it_found_us all_of this and_where are_all_of wonders_of_his which they_recounted to/for_us fathers_of_our to_say not from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) did_he_bring_us_up **YHWH** and_now he_has_abandoned_us **YHWH** and_he_has_given_us in_the_palm_of Midyān. **14** And_ _he_turned to_him/it **YHWH** and_he/it_said go in_strength_of_ _your this and_you_will_deliver ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_ _palm_of Midyān not have_I_sent_you. **15** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it pardon_me my_master how will_I_deliver ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) HERE family_of_my is_the_weak in_ _Mənashsheh and_I am_the_insignificant in_house_of my_ _father_of_my. **16** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** if/because I_will_be with_you and_you_will_defeat ÐOM Midyān like_a_man one. **17** And_he/it_said to_him/it if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your and_you_will_do to/for_me a_sign that_you are_speaking with_me. **18** Do_not please depart from_here until come_I to_you and_I_will_bring_out ÐOM gift_of_my and_I_will_ _set_it to_your_face and_he_said I I_will_remain until return_ _you. **19** And_Gid'ōn he_went and_he/it_made a_kid_of goats and_an_'ēyfāh_of flour_of unleavened_bread(s) the_meat he_ _put in_basket and_the_broth he_put in_pot and_he_brought_ _them_out to_him/it to under the_terebinth and_he_brought_ _them_near. **20** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm take ÐOM the_meat and_ÐOM the_unleavened_ _bread(s) and_set_them to the_rock this and_ÐOM the_broth pour_out and_he/it_made so. **21** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_stretched_out ÐOM the_end_of the_staff which in_his/its_ _hand and_he_touched (in)_meat and_(in)_the_bread(s) and_ the_fire _it_went_up from the_rock and_she/it_ate ÐOM the_ _meat and_ÐOM the_unleavened_bread(s) and_the_messenger_ _of **YHWH** he_went from_eyes_of_his. **22** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_ _saw if/because_that was_the_messenger_of **YHWH** it and_ Gid'ōn _he/it_said alas my_master **YHWH** if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_seen the_messenger_of **YHWH** face

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tered and I've certainly given their land to you. **10** I told you all that I'm your god Yahweh and that when you live in the Amori regions, you all mustn't worship their gods. But you didn't listen to what I said.' "

11 One day Yahweh's messenger came and sat beneath the oak tree in the town of Ofrah. (The tree belonged to the Aviezri, Yoash.) Yoah's son Gid'on was beating wheat down in a wine-pressing pit to hide it from the Midyanites **12** when Yahweh's messenger appeared to him and said, "Yahweh is with you, you powerful warrior."

13 "With me, my master?" Gid'on asked. "If Yahweh is with us, then why's all of this happened to us? Where are all of the miracles that our ancestors told us about, saying, 'Didn't Yahweh bring us up out of Mitsrayim?' But now Yahweh has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midyanites."

14 Then Yahweh turned to him and said, "Use your strength to set Yisrael (Israel) free from the grasp of Midyan. Haven't I sent you to do that?"

15 "Please, my master," Gid'on replied, "how could *I* save Yisrael? Look, my clan is the weakest in Menasheh (Manasseh) and on top of that, I'm the youngest in my family."

16 "I'll help you," said Yahweh, "and you'll strike down all the Midyanites as easily as battling just one man."

17 "If indeed I've found favour in your eyes," Gid'on requested, "then show me a miracle so I'll know that it's God speaking to me. **18** Please wait here while I go and prepare my gift for you and bring it back here for you."

"Okay, I'll stay here until you get back," he said.

19 Then Gid'on went a prepared a young goat and unrisen bread. He put the meat in a basket and the soup in a pot and brought them out to the oak tree and offered them to him. **20** Then God's messenger said, "Take the meat and the flat bread and put them on this rock, then pour the soup out over it." So Gid'on did that **21** and Yahweh's messenger stretched out the staff that he was holding and touched the meat and bread with the end of it. A fire flamed up from the rock and burnt up the meat and bread, then Yahweh's messenger went out of his sight.[31]

22 When Gid'on realised that it really had been Yahweh's messenger, he was upset and said, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, what will happen now that I've seen Yahweh's face to face?" **23** But Yahweh replied to him, "Peace to you. Don't be afraid—you won't die." **24** So Gid'on built an altar there to sacrifice to Yahweh and named it 'Yahweh is peace'. (It still stands there at Ofrah of the Aviezri to this day.)

25 That same night, Yahweh told him, "Take the young bull that belongs to your father, and the second bull seven years old.

31 RV 6:21 · Note It's unclear from the text, whether he just got up and walked away, or if he vanished in a more miraculous fashion.

33 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

34 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

35 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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Break the altar of Ba'al into pieces that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah pole that's beside it. **26** Build a regular altar to your god Yahweh on top of this fortress, then take the second bull and offer a whole burnt offering using the Asherah pole that you cut down for firewood." **27** So Gid'on took ten of his servants and did what Yahweh had instructed him to, but he did it at night because he was afraid to do it in the daytime—fearing the anger of his father's household and the men of the city.

28 When the men of the city got up early the next morning, wow, the Ba'al's altar had been torn down, the Asherah pole that was beside it had been cut down, and the second bull had been offered on a new altar that had been built. **29** So people started asking each other, "Who did this?" After some investigation, they said, "Yoash's son Gid'on did it." **30** Then the men of the city told Yoash, "Bring your son out here to be executed, because he tore down the Ba'al's altar and cut down the Asherah pole that was beside it."

31 "Are you all really fighting Ba'al's battle for him?" Yoash replied to those standing against him. "Are you all really helping him? Anyone who fights on his behalf should be put to death while it is still the morning. If Ba'al is a god, then let him stand up for himself when someone tears down his altar." **32** So after that, he called Gid'on 'Yeruba'al' to say 'Let Ba'al defend himself,' because he had torn down Ba'al's altar.

33 Meanwhile all the Midyanite and Amaleki warriors and others from the east, assembled together. Then they crossed the Yarden (Jordan) and set up camp in the Yizre'el (Jezreel) valley. **34** But Yahweh's spirit enabled Gid'on, and he blew a trumpet and called the men of Aviezer to follow him. **35** Then he sent messengers throughout all of the regions of Menasheh (Manasseh), Asher, Zevulun, and Naftali (Naphtali), and summoned their warriors to come and join with them.

36 Then Gid'on said to God, "If it's really you rescuing Yisrael (Israel) through me like you said, **37** I'll put this woollen fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If there's dew on the fleece in the morning, but it's dry around it, then I'll know that you'll rescue Yisrael through me just as you said." **38** And that's what happened—he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece and wrung out a bowl full of water from the dew. **39** Then Gid'on said to God, "Don't be angry with me, but can I ask one more thing. Let me put the fleece out this time, and let the fleece be dry, but wet all around it with dew." **40** So God did it that night, and the next morning only the fleece was dry, but everywhere around was covered with dew.

Literal Version

to face. **23** And_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** peace to/for_ _yourself(m) do_not be_afraid not you_will_die. **24** And_he/it_ _built there Gid'ōn an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_called to_ _him/it **YHWH** is_peace until the_day the_this still_it is_in_ _'Ofrāh of_the_Abi- ezrite[s]. **25** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_ _that and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** take ÐOM the_young_ _bull_of the_ox[en] which belongs_to_father_of_your and_the_ _young_bull_of the_second seven years and_you_will_tear_ _down ÐOM the_altar_of (the)_Ba'al which belongs_to_father_ _of_your and_ÐOM the_'Ashērāh_pole which on/upon/above_ _him/it you_will_cut_down. **26** And_you_will_build an_altar to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your on the_top_of the_place_of_refuge the_this in_row and_you_will_take ÐOM the_young_bull the_ _second and_you_will_offer_up a_burnt_offering with_the_ _wood(s)_of the_'Ashērāh_pole which you_will_cut_down. **27** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_took ten men of_servants_of_his and_ _he/it_made just_as he_had_spoken to_him/it **YHWH** and_ _he/it_was just_as he_feared ÐOM the_household_of his/its_ _father and_ÐOM the_men_of the_city from_acting by_day and_ _he/it_made night. **28** And_ the_men_of the_city _they_rose_ _early in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_altar_of (the)_ _Ba'al it_had_been_pulled_down and_the_'Ashērāh_pole which on/upon/above_him/it it_had_been_cut_down and_ÐOM the_ _young_bull the_second it_had_been_offered_up on the_altar which_had_been_built. **29** And_they_said each to his/its_ _neighbour who has_he_done the_thing the_this and_they_ _investigated and_they_searched and_they_said Gid'ōn the_ _son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) he_has_done the_thing (the)_this. **30** And_ the_men_of the_city _they_said to Yō'āsh bring_out ÐOM son_of_your so_that_he_may_die if/because he_has_torn_ _down ÐOM the_altar_of (the)_Ba'al and_because/when he_has_ _cut_down the_'Ashērāh_pole which on/upon/above_him/it. **31** And_ Yō'āsh _he/it_said to_all/each/any/every those_who they_stood on/upon/above_him/it you(pl) will_you_conduct_ _a_case for_Ba'al or you(pl) will_you_deliver him the_one_who he_will_conduct_a_case to_him/it he_will_be_put_to_death until the_morning if is_a_god he let_him_conduct_a_case to_ _him/it if/because someone_has_torn_down ÐOM altar_of_his. **32** And_he/it_called to_him/it on_day (the)_that Jerub-Ba'al to_ _say let_him_conduct_a_case in/on/over_him/it (the)_Ba'al if/because he_has_torn_down ÐOM altar_of_his. **33** And_all Midyān and_'Amālēq and_the_sons the_east they_gathered together and_they_passed_over and_they_encamped in_the_ _valley_of Yizrə'ʾēl/(Jezreel). **34** And_spirit of_**YHWH** it_clothed ÐOM Gid'ōn and_he_gave_a_blast on_horn and_it_was_called_ _together[363738] 'Avī'ezer after_him. **35** And_messengers he_sent in_all Mənashsheh and_it_was_called_together[394041] also it after_him and_messengers he_sent in_'Āshēr and_in_Zəvulun and_in_Naftālī and_they_went_up to_meet_them. **36** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_said to the_'Elohīm if (there)_you will_be_

36 LV 6:34 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

37 LV 6:34 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

38 LV 6:34 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

39 LV 6:35 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

40 LV 6:35 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

41 LV 6:35 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_delivering by_hand_of_my ĐǾM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as you_
_have_spoken. **37** HERE I am_placing ĐǾM the_fleece_of (the)_
_wool on_floor if dew it_will_be on the_fleece it_alone and_
_will_be_on all_of the_earth/land dryness and_I_will_know
if/because_that you_will_deliver by_hand_of_my ĐǾM
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as you_have_spoken. **38** And_he/it_was so
and_he_rose_early from_the_next_day and_he_squeezed_out
ĐǾM the_fleece and_he_drained dew from the_fleece the_
_fullness_of the_bowl water. **39** And_ Gid'ōn _he/it_said to the_
_'Elohīm not anger_of_your let_it_burn on_me and_let_me_
_speak only this_time let_me_put_to_the_test please only the_
_time//this_time by_fleece let_it_be please dryness to the_
_fleece it_alone and_on all_of the_earth/land let_it_be dew.
40 And_ god _he/it_made so in_night (the)_that and_he/it_was
dryness to the_fleece it_alone and_on all_of the_earth/land it_
_was dew.
7:1 And_ Jerub-Ba'al that is_Gid'ōn and_all the_people which
with_him/it _he_rose_early and_they_encamped at En Harod
and_the_camp_of Midyān it_was to_him/it from_the_north
from_the_hill_of (the)_Mōreh in_valley. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_said to Gid'ōn is_too_numerous the_people which is_with_you
for_giving_my ĐǾM Midyān in_hand_of_their lest it_should_
_glorify_itself over_me Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say hand_of_my_own
it_has_delivered to/for_me. **3** And_now proclaim please in_the_
_ears_of the_people to_say who is_fearful and_trembling let_
_him_go_back and_let_him_go from_hill of_(the)_Gil'ād and_it_
_returned of the_people twenty and_two thousand and_ten_of
thousand(s) they_remained. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to
Gid'ōn still the_people is_numerous bring_down them to the_
_waters so_that_I_may_test_it to/for_yourself(m) there and_it_
_was the_one_whom I_will_say to_you this_one he_will_go
with_you he he_will_go with_you and_all/each/any/every one_
_whom I_will_say to_you this_one not he_will_go with_you he
not he_will_go. **5** And_he_brought_down ĐǾM the_people to
the_waters and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Gid'ōn every one_who
he_will_lap_up with_tongue_of_his some_of the_waters just_as
the_dog it_laps_up you_will_set him alone_one_side and_
_all/each/any/every one_who he_will_bow_down on knees_of_
_his to_drink. **6** And_he/it_was the_number_of those_who_
_lapped with_hand_of_their to mouth_of_their three
hundred(s) man and_all/each/any/every the_remainder_of
the_people they_bowed_down on knees_of_their to_drink
water. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Gid'ōn by_three hundred(s)
the_man who_lapped I_will_deliver you(pl) and_I_will_give ĐǾM
Midyān in_hand_of_your and_all the_people let_them_go each
to_his_own_of_place. **8** And_ the_people _they_took ĐǾM
provision[s] in_hand_of_their and_ĐǾM trumpets_of_their and_
_ĐǾM every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_sent_away each
to_tents_of_his and_on_three hundred(s) the_man he_kept_
_hold and_the_camp_of Midyān it_was to_him/it from_under
in_valley. **9** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_he/it_said
to_him/it **YHWH** arise go_down in_camp if/because I_have_
_given_it in_hand_of_your. **10** And_if are_afraid you to_go_down
you and_Purāh servant_of_your go_down to the_camp. **11** And_
_you_will_hear what will_they_speak and_after hands_of_your

Readers' Version

Gid'on defeats the Midyanites

7:1 Then Gid'on (also known as Yeruba'al) and the warriors with him got up early and went to Harod spring. The Midyanite camp was north of them in the valley below the Moreh hill.

2 Then Yahweh told Gid'on, "You've got too many warriors with you for me to give victory over the Midyanites, because what if Yisrael (Israel) takes the glory for themselves thinking that their own strength saved them. **3** So tell the men that anyone who's afraid or trembling can leave Mt. Gilead and go back home."[42] Twenty-two thousand of them went back, leaving only ten thousand.

4 "That's still too many," Yahweh told Gid'on. "Bring them down to the spring and I'll short-list them there. Anyone I tell you to go with you, can do so, but anyone that I say won't go with you, won't go." **5** So he took them down to the water and Yahweh told him, "Separate out those who lap up the water with their tongues like a dog would, along with those who kneel down to drink." **6** It turned out that only three hundred men used their hands to bring water to their mouths, and all the rest knelt down to drink the water. **7** "I'll rescue you all from Midyan with the three hundred men who lapped the water from their hands," Yahweh told Gid'on. "Let all the others go back to their homes." **8** Then the three-hundred warriors collected the food and ram's horns from the others before Gid'on sent the others back to their own homes.

The Midyan camp was below them down in the valley **9** and during the night Yahweh told Gid'on, "Get ready and lead them down into the camp, because I have made you victorious. **10** But if you're afraid to attack, take your servant Purah down to their camp **11** and you'll hear what they're saying, then you'll have the courage to go down and attack the camp." So Gid'on and his servant Purah went quietly down to the unit at the edge of the camp.

12 The Midyanites and Amalekim and others from the east covered the valley like a swarm of locusts. Even their camels were as

42 RV 7:3 · Cross-ref. Deu 20:8.

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numerous as sand grains on the beach. **13** When Gid'on got close, a man was telling his companion about his dream. "Listen," he said, "I had a dream and wow, a round loaf of barley bread was tumbling into our camp. It came as far as the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, and collapsed completely."

14 "That could only be the sword of Yoash's son Gid'on from Yisrael (Israel)," the other man replied. "The true God has caused Midyan and all of the camp to be defeated by him."

15 When Gid'on heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he thanked God, then they returned to their camp and commanded, "Get ready to go because Yahweh has given you all victory over the Midyanite camp." **16** Then he divided the three hundred men into three units, and gave each of them rams' horns and clay jars with burning torches inside them, **17** and instructed them, "Watch me and do what I do. See, when I get to the edge of their camp, do the same as me. **18** When I blow the ram's horn trumpet, all of you with horns should blow them and everyone will shout, 'For Yahweh and for Gid'on!' "

19 When Gid'on and the hundred men with him got to the edge of the camp, it was the beginning of the middle nightwatch and the fresh guards had just gotten into their places. Gid'on and his unit blew their trumpets and smashed the jars that they were carrying. **20** Then all three units blew the trumpets and smashed their jars. They held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands, and they shouted out, "A sword for Yahweh and for Gid'on." **21** Then everyone stood in their place around the camp, but the Midyanite army cried out in alarm and took off. **22** When the three hundred ram's horns sounded, Yahweh caused the Midyanite army to start fighting each other with their swords, and the army fled as far as Beyt-Hashitah (towards Tsererah) and towards the border of Avel-Meholah (towards Tabat).

23 Then the warriors from Naftali (Naphtali), Asher, and from all of Menasheh (Manasseh) were summoned to help with pursuing the Midyanites. **24** Gid'on also sent messengers through Efrayim's (Ephraim's) hill country to tell them, "Go down to the Yarden (Jordan) river opposite Midyan and take control of the crossings to capture them between as far as Beyt-Barah." So all the men of Efrayim were summoned and they commandeered the Yarden crossings as far as Beyt-Barah. **25** They chased after the Midyanites and captured their two princes, Orev and Ze'ev. They killed Orev at the rock now called 'Orev's rock', and they killed Ze'ev in a wine-pressing pit now called 'Ze'ev's wine-press', and they brought their heads back across the Yarden to Gid'on.

Literal Version

they_will_be_strong and_you_will_go_down in_camp and_ he and_Purāh servant_of_his _he/it_descended to the_edge_of those_arrayed_for_battle who were_in_camp. **12** And_Midyān and_ʼAmālēq and_all the_people_of the_east were_lying in_ _valley like_locust[s] to_increase_in_number and_to_camels_of_ _their there_was_not number like_sand which_is_on the_shore_ _of the_sea to_increase_in_number. **13** And_ Gidʻōn _he_came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_recounting to_neighbour_of_ _his a_dream and_he/it_said HERE a_dream I_have_dreamed and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_round_loaf_of[43] of_bread_of barley(s) was_tumbling in_the_camp_of Midyān and_it_came to the_tent and_it_struck_it and_it_fell and_it_overturned_it (to)_upwards_ _on and_ the_tent _it_fell. **14** And_ his/its_neighbour _he_ _answered and_he/it_said is_not this except (if) the_sword_of Gidʻōn the_son_of Yōʼāsh/(Joash) the_man_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) the_ʼElohīm he_has_given in_his/its_hand ĐØM Midyān and_ _ĐØM all_of the_army. **15** And_he/it_was just_ Gidʻōn _as_heard ĐØM the_recounting_of the_dream and_ĐØM interpretation_of_ _its and_he_bowed_down and_he_returned to the_camp_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said arise if/because **YHWH** he_has_ _given in_hand_of_your(pl) ĐØM the_camp_of Midyān. **16** And_ _he_divided ĐØM three hundred(s) the_man three companies and_he/it_gave trumpets in_the_hand_of all_of_them_of_their and_jars empty and_torches in_the_middle of_the_jars. **17** And_ _he/it_said to_them from_me you(pl)_will_see and_thus/so/as_ _follows you(pl)_will_do and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I will_be_coming in_the_edge_of the_camp and_it_was just_as I_will_do so you(pl)_will_do. **18** And_I_will_give_a_blast on_trumpet I and_ _all those_who are_with_me and_you(pl)_will_give_a_blast on_ _trumpets also you(pl) all_around_of all_of the_camp and_ _you(pl)_will_say to/for_**YHWH** and_for_Gidʻōn. **19** And_ Gidʻōn and_one_hundred man who with_him/it _he_went in_the_ _edge_of the_camp the_beginning_of the_watch (the)_middle just just_(station) they_had_stationed ĐØM the_watchmen and_ _they_gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_they_smashed the_jars which were_in_hand_of_their. **20** And_ the_three_of the_ _companies _they_gave_a_blast on_trumpets and_they_broke the_jars and_they_took_hold in_the_hand_of their_left_of_ _their[44] on_torches and_in_the_hand_of their_right_side_of_ _their the_trumpets to_give_a_blast and_they_called_out a_ _sword to/for_**YHWH** and_for_Gidʻōn. **21** And_they_stood everyone in_his_place round_about (to)_camp and_ all_of the_ _army _it_ran and_they_shouted_in_distress and[45]. **22** And_ _they_gave_a_blast the_three (the)_hundred(s) the_trumpets and_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned ĐØM the_sword_of each on_ _neighbour_of_his and_on/over_all the_army and_ the_army _ _it_fled to Bēyt Shittah towards_Tsərērāh/(Zererah) to the_ _border_of Abel at Ṭabat. **23** And_ the_man_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _ _it_was_summoned from_Naftālī and_from ʼĀshēr and_from all_ _of Mənashsheh and_they_pursued after Midyān. **24** And_ _messengers Gidʻōn he_sent in_all the_hill_country_of ʼEfrayim to_say come_down to_meet Midyān and_capture to/for_them ĐØM the_waters to Bēyt Barah and_ĐØM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ every_of (the)_man_of ʼEfrayim _he_was_summoned and_

43 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **לולצ**: (x-qere) **לילְצ**ʼ: lemma_6742 n_0.1.1.0 morph_HNcmsc id_07vwy **לילְצ**

44 LV 7:20 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

45 LV 7:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **וסיני/ו**: (x-qere) **וסוָנָי/ו**ʼ: lemma_c/5127 n_0 morph_HC/Vqw3mp id_07f82 **וסוָנָי/ו**

Literal Version

_they_captured ÐOM the_waters to Bēyt Barah and_ÐOM the_
_Yardēn. 25 And_they_captured the_two_of the_commanders_
_of Midyān ÐOM ʻOrēv and_ÐOM Zə'ēv and_they_killed ÐOM
ʻOrēv at_the_rock_of ʻOrēv and_ÐOM Zə'ēv they_killed at_
_winepress_of Zə'ēv and_they_pursued (to) Midyān and_the_
_head_of ʻOrēv and_Zə'ēv they_brought to Gidʻōn from_the_
_other_side of_Yardēn.
8:1 And_they_said to_him/it the_man_of 'Efrayim what is_the_
_thing the_this which_you_have_done to/for_ourselves to_not
to_summon to/for_us if/because you_went to_fight against_
_Midyān and_they_quarrelled with_him/it with_force. 2 And_
_he/it_said to_them what have_I_done now like_you(pl) am_not
good are_the_gleanings_of 'Efrayim more_than_the_grape_
_harvest_of 'Avīʻezer. 3 In_hand_of_your(pl) god he_has_given
ÐOM the_commanders_of Midyān ÐOM ʻOrēv and_ÐOM Zə'ēv
and_what have_I_been_able to_do like_you(pl) then spirit_of_
_their it_relaxed from_on_him when_said_he the_message
(the)_this. 4 And_ Gidʻōn _he_came to_the_Yardēn he and_three
hundred(s) the_man who with_him/it was_passing_over
exhausted and_pursuing. 5 And_he/it_said to_the_people_of
Şukkōt give please round_loaves_of bread to_people which is_
_at_feet_of_my if/because are_exhausted they and_I am_
_pursuing after Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ/(Zalmunna) the_kings_
of Midyān. 6 And the_officials_of Şukkōt _he/it_said is_the_
_palm_of Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ now in_hand_of_your
that/for/because/then/when we_will_give to_army_of_your
bread. 7 And_ Gidʻōn _he/it_said for_so/thus/hence when_
YHWH _gives ÐOM Zevʻaḥ and_ÐOM Tsalmunnāʻ in_hand_of_my
and_I_will_thresh ÐOM flesh_of_your(pl) with (the)_thorns_of
the_wilderness and_ÐOM (the)_briers. 8 And_he/it_ascended
from_there Pənūʾēl and_he/it_spoke to_them like_this and_ the_
_men_of Pənūʾēl _they_answered him just_as the_men_of
Şukkōt they_had_answered. 9 And_he/it_said also to_the_men_
_of Pənūʾēl to_say when_return_I in_peace I_will_tear_down ÐOM
the_tower (the)_this. 10 And_Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ were_in_
_Qarqor and_armies_of_their were_with_them about_fif-_of
teen thousand all_of those_who_remained from_all the_army_
_of the_people_of the_east and_those_who_fell were_one_
_hundred and_twenty thousand man who_drew the_sword.
11 And_ Gidʻōn _he/it_ascended the_direction_of those_who_
_dwell_of in_tents from_east of_Novʻaḥ and_
_Yogbəhāh/(Jogbehah) and_he_attacked ÐOM the_army and_
_the_army it_was security. 12 And_ Zevʻaḥ and_
_Tsalmunnāʻ/(Zalmunna) _they_fled and_he_pursued after_
_them and_he_captured ÐOM the_two_of the_kings_of Midyān
ÐOM Zevʻaḥ and_ÐOM Tsalmunnāʻ and_all the_army he_routed.
13 And_ Gidʻōn the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) _he_returned from
the_battle from_to_the_ascent_of (the)_Heres. 14 And_he_
_captured a_young_man one_of_the_men_of Şukkōt and_he_
_enquired_of_him and_he_wrote_down to_him/it ÐOM the_
_officials_of Şukkōt and_ÐOM its_of_elders seventy and_seven
man. 15 And_he_came to the_men_of Şukkōt and_he/it_said
HERE Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ whom you(pl)_taunted me to_say
is_the_palm_of Zevʻaḥ and_Tsalmunnāʻ now in_hand_of_your
that/for/because/then/when we_will_give to_men_of_your

Readers' Version

The final defeat of the Midyanites

8:1 But then the Efrati men challenged Gid'on, "Why have you side-tracked us? Why didn't you call us when you went to battle against the Midyanites?" And they severely rebuked him.

2 "What have I achieved compared to you guys?" answered Gid'on. "Aren't the seconds of Efrayim's (Ephraim's) grapes better than the whole grape harvest of Aviezer? 3 God helped you all defeat Orev and Ze'ev, the princes of Midyan.[46] What did I do compared to that?" After he said that, they all calmed down again.

4 Then Gid'on and his three hundred warriors crossed the Yarden (Jordan) going east. They were all exhausted, but continued the pursuit. 5 When they arrived at the town of Sukot, Gid'on asked the leaders, "Please give my men some bread to eat because they're exhausted, but we're chasing Zevah and Tsalmuna, the Midyanite kings."

6 However, the Sukot officials asked cautiously, "Do you already have Zevah and Tsalmuna in your grasp that we should give food to *your* army?"

7 "Let me assure you all," Gid'on responded, "that when Yahweh has helped us capture Zevah and Tsalmuna, I will rip off your flesh with the wilderness thorns and briers."

8 From there they climbed up to Penuel, and he asked them for food in a similar manner, and the leaders there responded similarly to the leaders of Sukot. 9 So he said to the men of Penuel as well, "When I return safely, I'll tear down this tower."

10 Now Zevah and Tsalmuna were in Karkor with around fifteen thousand warriors—all that remained out of all of that allied Midyanite camp of eastern people, because one hundred and twenty thousand of their warriors had already been killed. 11 Gid'on approached them unexpectedly via the caravan route east of Novah and Yagebehah, and struck their camp when they were feeling secure. 12 Zevah and Tsalmuna fled, but they chased after those two Midyanite kings and captured them, thus defeating their entire army.

13 The Gid'on (Yoash's son) and his warriors returned from battle, going through the Heres pass. 14 He captured a young man from Sukot and questioned him—writing down the names of the seventy-seven leaders and elders of Sukot. 15 Then he returned to Sukot and told them, "Look here at Zevah and Tsalmuna—the ones you taunted me about when you asked, 'Do you already have Zevah and Tsalmuna in your grasp that we should give food to your weary men.' " 16 He took the city elders

46 **RV 8:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Psa 83:11.

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and had them punished with wilderness thorns and briers to teach them a lesson, **17** then they went to Penuel and tore down the tower and executed the city leaders.

18 Then Gid'on asked Zevah and Tsalmuna, "What were the men like that you killed at Tavor?"

"They were just like you," they replied. "They seemed like they could have been a king's sons."

19 "They were my brothers—the sons of my mother," he said. "As Yahweh lives, if only you had let them live, I wouldn't have killed you." **20** Then he ordered Yeter, his oldest son, "Go and kill them." But Yeter didn't pull out his sword because he was afraid—he was still a youth.

21 Then Zevah and Tsalmuna said, "Come and kill us yourself—be a man and use your own strength." So Gid'on went over and killed Zevah and Tsalmuna, and then he took the crescent-shaped ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

22 Then a group of Israeli men said to Gid'on, "We want you and your sons and your future descendants to rule over us, because you have saved us from the Midyanites."

23 But Gid'on answered, "No, I won't rule over you myself, nor will my son rule over you. Yahweh will rule over you." **24** However, he continued, "Let me ask you all for something: that each man give me the earrings from his spoil." (The enemies had gold earrings because they were Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites).)

25 "We can certainly do that for you," they replied. So they spread out a garment and each man threw the earrings from his spoil onto it. **26** Now the weight of the gold earrings of gold came to twenty kilograms, and then there were the crescent-shaped ornaments, the pendants, the dyed purple garments that the Midyanite kings had been wearing, as well as the collars that had been around their camels' necks. **27** Then Gid'on made the gold into an idol[47] and placed it in his home city of Ofrah, and the Israelis prostituted themselves to it there, and so it became like a trap for Gid'on and his household.

28 So Midyan was kept under control by the Israelis and they didn't continue to oppress the people, and there was peace in the region for forty years during Gid'on's time.

29 Then Gid'on (Yoash's son, also known as Yeruba'al) went back and lived in his house, **30** and he fathered seventy sons because he had many wives. **31** He also had a mistress in Shekem—she also bore him a son that he named Avimelek. **32** Gid'on died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Yoash his father, at Ofrah of the Abiezerites.

The death of Gid'on

33 However after Gid'on had died, the Israelis turned away again from Yahweh and prostituted themselves to the

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(the)_weary bread. **16** And_he/it_took ÐOM the_elders_of the_ _city and_ÐOM the_thorns_of the_wilderness and_ÐOM the_ _briers and_he_taught (is)_in_them ÐOM the_men_of Ṣukkōt. **17** And_ÐOM the_tower_of Pənū'ēl he_tore_down and_he_killed ÐOM the_men_of the_city. **18** And_he/it_said to Zeʋaḥ and_ _near/to Tsalmunnā´ where are_the_men whom you(pl)_killed at_Tāʋōr and_they_said[484950] like_you like_them one was_like_ _the_appearance_of the_sons_of the_king. **19** And_he_said brothers_of_were_my the_sons_of my_mother_of_my they by_ _the_life of_**YHWH** if you(pl)_had_let_live them not I_killed you(pl). **20** And_he/it_said to_Yeter/(Jether) firstborn_of_his arise kill them and_not the_young_man he_drew sword_of_his if/because he_was_afraid if/because still_he was_a_young_man. **21** And_ Zeʋaḥ and_Tsalmunnā´/(Zalmunna) _he/it_said you arise and_fall on_us if/because is_like_man strength_of_his and_ Gid´ōn _he/it_rose_up and_he_killed ÐOM Zeʋaḥ and_ÐOM Tsalmunnā´ and_he/it_took ÐOM the_ornaments which were_ _on_the_necks_of their_camels_of_their. **22** And_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to Gid´ōn rule over_us both you as_ _well_as son_of_your as_well_as the_son_of your_son_of_your if/because you_have_delivered_us from_the_hand_of Midyān. **23** And_he/it_said to_them Gid´ōn not I I_will_rule over_you(pl) and_not son_of_my he_will_rule over_you(pl) **YHWH** he_will_ _rule over_you(pl). **24** And_he/it_said to_them Gid´ōn let_me_ _ask from_you(pl) a_petition and_give to_me everyone (the)_ _earring_of his_plunder_of_his if/because earrings_of gold to/for_them if/because were_Yishmā´ēlī they. **25** And_they_said indeed_(give) we_will_give_them and_they_spread_out ÐOM the_garment and_they_threw to_(to) everyone (the)_earring_of his_plunder_of_his. **26** And_he/it_was the_weight_of the_ _earrings_of the_gold which he_asked_for one_thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) gold apart_apart from the_ornaments and_ _the_pendants and_the_garments_of (the)_purple which_were_ _on the_kings_of Midyān and_apart from the_necklaces which were_on_the_necks_of their_camels_of_their. **27** And_ Gid´ōn _ _he/it_made it into_an_ephod and_he_placed it in_city_of_his in_´Ofrāh and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_acted_as_prostitutes after_it there and_he/it_was for_Gid´ōn and_for_household_of_ _his (into)_a_snare. **28** And_ Midyān _it_was_subdued to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _not they_repeated to_lift_up head_of_their and_ the_ _earth/land _it_was_at_peace forty year[s] in_the_days_of Gid´ōn.

29 And_ Jerub-Ba´al the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) _he/it_went and_ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_his_own_of_house. **30** And_to_Gid´ōn seventy sons who_came_out_of his_thigh_of_ _his they_belonged if/because wives many they_belonged to_ _him/it. **31** And_concubine_of_his who was_in_Shəkem she_ _bore for_him/it also she a_son and_he/it_assigned ÐOM his/its_name 'Avīmelek. **32** And_ Gid´ōn the_son_of Yō'āsh _ _he/it_died in_old_age good and_he_was_buried in_the_tomb_ _of Yō'āsh his/its_father in_´Ofrāh of_the_Abi- ezrite[s]. **33** And_

47 RV 8:27 · Note We don't really know what 'efod' means in this context. (It was also used to refer to priestly clothing.)

48 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

49 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

50 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_he/it_was when_just_as Gid´ōn he_had_died and_ the_people_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_turned_back and_they_acted_as_ _prostitutes after the_Ba´al and_they_made to/for_them Ba´al-Berith into_god. **34** And_not the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_remembered ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_their who_had_delivered them from_the_hand_of all_of enemies_of_their from_round_ _about. **35** And_not they_did loyalty with the_house_of Jerub-Ba´al Gid´ōn according_to_all_of the_good which he_had_ _done with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

9:1 And_ 'Avīmelek the_son_of Jerub-Ba´al _he/it_went to_ _Shəkem to the_brothers_of his/its_mother and_he/it_spoke to_them and_near/to all_of the_clan_of the_house_of the_ _father_of his/its_mother to_say. **2** Speak please in_the_ears_of all_of the_citizens_of Shəkem what is_good to/for_you(pl) to_ _rule over_you(pl) seventy man all_of the_sons_of Jerub-Ba´al or to_rule over_you(pl) a_man one and_you(pl)_will_remember if/because_that bone_of_am_your(pl)[52535455] and_flesh_of_ _your(pl) I.[56] **3** And_ the_brothers_of his/its_mother _they_ _spoke on/upon/above_him/it in_the_ears_of all_of the_ _citizens_of Shəkem ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ heart_of_their _it_turned_aside after 'Avīmelek if/because they_said brother_of_is_our he. **4** And_they_gave to_ _him/it seventy silver from_the_house_of[575859] of_Ba´al-[606162] Berith and_he_hired (is)_in_them 'Avīmelek men worthless and_undisciplined and_they_went after_him. **5** And_he_went the_house_of his/its_father to_´Ofrāh and_he_killed ᴅᴏᴍ brothers_of_his the_sons_of Jerub-Ba´al seventy[636465] man on stone one and_ Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of Jerub-Ba´al the_ _small(sg) _he_was_left if/because he_hid_himself. **6** And_ all_of the_citizens_of Shəkem and_all Bēyt Millō' _they_gathered and_ _they_went and_they_made_king ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīmelek to_king near the_great_tree_of which_had_been_set_up which was_in_ _Shəkem.

7 And_people_told to_Yōtām and_he/it_went and_he_stood on_ _the_top_of the_mountain_of Gərizīm and_he_lifted_up voice_ _of_his and_he/it_called and_he/it_said to/for_them listen to_ _me Oh_citizens_of Shəkem so_that_he_may_listen to_you(pl) god. **8** Indeed_(go) the_trees they_went to_anoint over_them a_

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Baals—making Ba'al-Berit for themselves as a god. **34** They forgot about their god Yahweh—the one who had rescued them from the clutch of all of their enemies all around. **35** They didn't show lasting loyalty to Gid'on's family, despite all the good that he'd done within Yisrael (Israel).

Avimelek snatches the kingship

9:1 Now Gid'on's son Avimelek went to Shekem to his mother's brothers and spoke to those uncles and to all the extended family of his mother's father, saying, **2** "Please ask around all the citizens of Shekem: 'What is better for you: Gid'on's seventy sons ruling over you, or having a single man in charge?' Remember that I'm your flesh and bone." **3** So his uncles working on his behalf, passed that onto all the citizens of Shekem, and they became convinced in Avimelek, because they said, "He's our brother." **4** Then they gave him seventy silver coins from the temple of Ba'al-Berit, and Avimelek used them to entice some rough lay-abouts to work for him. **5** Then they went to his father's house at Ofrah, and he killed his seventy half-brothers (Gid'on's sons) there on one stone. But Gid'on's youngest son Yotam (Jotham) survived because he had hidden from them. **6** Then all of the prominent citizens of Shekem and all of Beyt-Milo assembled themselves, and they went and installed Avimelek as king beside an oak tree near the standing pillar[51] that was in Shekem.

Yotam's tree parable

7 When they told Yotam (Jotham), he went and stood on the top of Mt. Gerizim and shouted out to them all in a loud voice, "Listen to me, citizens of Shekem, so God will listen to all of you. **8** Once the trees went about in order

51 RV 9:6 · Note Likely connected with idol worship.

52 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

53 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

54 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

55 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

56 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

57 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

58 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

59 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

60 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

61 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

62 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

63 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

64 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

65 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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to appoint a king for themselves, So they said to the *olive tree*, 'Reign over us.' **9** But the olive tree replied to them, 'Have I stopped producing my valuable oil used to honour gods and men, that I should go to sway above the other trees?' **10** So the trees said to the *fig tree*, 'You come and reign over us.' **11** But the fig tree answered them, 'Have I stopped producing my sweetness and my good fruit, that I should go to sway above the other trees?' **12** Then the trees said to the grapevine, 'You come and reign over us.' **13** But the vine replied, 'Have I stopped producing my new wine, which cheers gods and man, that I should go to sway over the other trees?' **14** Then all the trees said to the thornbush, '*You* come and reign over us!' **15** The thornbush told the trees, 'If you all are really wanted to anoint me as king over you, come and take refuge in *my* shade. But if you all don't, may the thornbush send out fire to burn up Levanon's cedar forests.'

16 "Therefore did you all act with honesty and integrity when you installed Avimelek as king? Did you all treat Gid'on's family well, and did you all repay him appropriately for what he did for you all? **17** My father fought on your behalf, and even risked his life out front when he rescued you all from the Midyanites, **18** but today you've all risen up against my father's family and killed his sons—seventy men on one stone. Then you've installed Avimelek, the son of his female servant, as king over the citizens of Shekem because he's your brother. **19** Now if you've all acted with honesty and integrity with towards Gid'on and his family today, be happy with Avimelek, and he'll also be happy with all of you, **20** but if not, then fire will come out of Avimelek and destroy the citizens of Shekem and Beyt-Milo. Fire will also come out from the Shekem's citizens and from Beyt-Milo, and it'll destroy Avimelek." **21** Then Yotam (Jotham) fled away and escaped and went to Be'er and settled there away from the presence of his half-brother Avimelek.

22 Avimelek ruled over Yisrael (Israel) for three years, **23** then God sent an evil spirit between him and the citizens of Shekem, so the citizens there dealt treacherously with Avimelek. **24** The violent treatment of Gid'on's seventy sons kept getting brought up, and by it was all blamed on their brother Avimelek who had killed them, and on those of Shekem's citizens who assisted him in the killing of his brothers. **25** So the Shekem citizens placed men in ambush along the tops of the hills to get him, but they robbed everyone who went passed them along the road, and so it was reported to Avimelek.

26 Then Ga'al (Eved's son) came along with his brothers and moved into Shekem, and the citizens there began to trust them. **27** They went out into the field, and they picked grapes from their vineyards and pressed them. They celebrated harvest festivals and they went into the house of their gods, then they ate and drank, and they cursed Avimelek. **28** Then Ga'al (Eved's son) said, "Who's Avimelek, and who's Shekem, that we should serve

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_king and_they_said to_tree mmm[67] over_us. **9** And_he/it_said to/for_them the_olive_tree will_I_cease ÐOM fatness_of_my which by_me people_honour gods and_men and_will_I_go to_ _sway over the_trees. **10** And_ the_trees _they_said to_tree you come reign over_us. **11** And_she/it_said to/for_them the_fig_ _tree will_I_cease ÐOM sweetness_of_my and_ÐOM fruit_of_my (the)_good and_will_I_go to_sway over the_trees. **12** And_ the_ _trees _they_said to_vine you come reign[68] over_us. **13** And_ _she/it_said to/for_them the_vine will_I_cease ÐOM wine_of_ _my_new which_makes_glad gods and_men and_will_I_go to_ _sway over the_trees. **14** And_ all_of the_trees _they_said to the_thorn_bush you come reign over_us. **15** And_ the_thorn_ _bush _he/it_said to the_trees if in_truth you(pl) are_anointing ÐOM_me to_king over_you(pl) come take_refuge in_shade_of_ _my and_if not a_fire let_it_go_out from the_thorn_bush and_ _let_it_consume ÐOM the_cedars_of (the)_Lə·vānōn. **16** And_now if in_faithfulness and_in_integrity you(pl)_have_acted and_ _you(pl)_have_made_king ÐOM 'Av·īmelek and_if good you(pl)_ _have_done with Jerub-Ba·al and_with house_of_his and_if according_to_the_dealing_of his_hands_of_his you(pl)_have_ _done to_him/it. **17** That father_of_my he_fought on_you(pl) and_he_threw ÐOM life_of_his from_in_front and_he_delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of Midyān. **18** And_you(pl) you(pl)_ _have_risen_up on the_house_of my_father_of_my the_day and_you(pl)_have_killed ÐOM sons_of_his seventy man on stone one and_you(pl)_have_made_king ÐOM 'Av·īmelek the_son_of his_female_slave_of_his over the_citizens_of Shə·kem if/because brother_of_is_your(pl) he. **19** And_if in_faithfulness and_in_ _integrity you(pl)_have_acted with Jerub-Ba·al and_with house_ _of_his the_day the_this rejoice in_'Av·īmelek and_ also he _let_ _him_rejoice in_you(pl). **20** And_if not a_fire let_it_go_out from_ _'Av·īmelek and_let_it_consume ÐOM the_citizens_of Shə·kem and_ÐOM Bēyt Millō' and_ a_fire _let_it_go_out from_the_ _citizens_of Shə·kem and_from_household millo and_let_it_ _consume ÐOM 'Av·īmelek. **21** And_ Yō·tām/(Jotham) _he_fled and_he_ran_away and_he/it_went to_Bə·'ēr and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived there from_face/in_front_of 'Av·īmelek his/its_brother. **22** And_ 'Av·īmelek _he_ruled over Yisrā·'ēl/(Israel) three years. **23** And_ god _he_sent a_spirit evil between 'Av·īmelek and_between the_citizens_of Shə·kem and_ the_citizens_of Shə·kem _they_dealt_treacherously with_ _'Av·īmelek. **24** To_ the_violence_of seventy the_sons_of Jerub-Ba·al _come and_blood_of_their to_put on 'Av·īmelek brother_of_their who he_killed them and_on the_citizens_of Shə·kem who they_strengthened ÐOM hands_of_his to_kill ÐOM brothers_of_his. **25** And_they_set to_him/it the_citizens_of Shə·kem ambushers on the_tops_of the_mountains and_they_ _robbed ÐOM every_of one_who he_passed_by on_them on_road and_it_was_told to_'Av·īmelek. **26** And_ Ga·al the_son_of ʿEved and_brothers_of_his _he_came and_they_passed_on in_Shə·kem and_they_trusted in_him/it the_citizens_of Shə·kem. **27** And_ _they_went_out the_field and_they_gathered_grapes ÐOM vineyards_of_their and_they_trod_them and_they_made rejoicings and_they_came the_house_of their_god_of_their

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67 LV 9:8 · Note OSHB variant note: הַ/כּוֹלְמ: (x-qere) הָ֫/כֻלְּמ': lemma_4427 a morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_07UZY הָ֫כֻלְּמ

68 LV 9:12 · Note OSHB variant note: יִכּוֹלְמ: (x-qere) יְכֻלְּמ֫': lemma_4427 a morph_HVqv2fs id_07Euf יְכֻלְּמ֫

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and_they_ate and_they_drank and_they_cursed ÐOM 'Avīmelek. **28** And_he/it_said Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved who is_'Avīmelek and_who is_Shəkem that/for/because/then/when we_will_ _serve_him not is_he_the_son_of Jerub-Ba'al and_is_Zəvul deputy_of_his serve ÐOM the_men_of Ḫₐmōr the_father_of Shəkem and_why will_we_serve_him we. **29** And_who will_he_ _give ÐOM the_people the_this in_hand_of_my and_I_will_ _remove ÐOM 'Avīmelek and_he/it_said of_'Avīmelek make_ _numerous army_of_your and_come_out. **30** And_ Zəvul the_ _official_of the_city _he/it_listened ÐOM the_words/messages_ _of Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved and_ anger_of_his _it_glowed/burnt. **31** And_he_sent messengers to 'Avīmelek in_treachery to_say HERE Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved and_brothers_of_his are_coming to_Shəkem and_HERE_they are_shutting_up ÐOM the_city on_ _you. **32** And_now arise night you and_the_people which is_ _with_you and_lie_in_wait in_field. **33** And_it_was in_morning just_ the_sun _as_rises you_will_rise_early and_you_will_make_ _a_raid on the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he and_the_people which with_him/it are_going_out against_you and_you_will_do for_him/it just_as hand_of_your it_will_find. **34** And_ 'Avīmelek and_all the_people which with_him/it _he/it_rose_up night and_they_lay_in_wait on Shəkem four companies. **35** And_ Ga'al the_son_of 'Eved _he/it_went_out and_he_stood the_entrance_ _of the_gate_of the_city and_ 'Avīmelek and_the_people which with_him/it _he/it_rose_up from the_ambush. **36** And_ Ga'al _ _he/it_saw ÐOM the_people and_he/it_said to Zəvul THERE a_ _people is_coming_down from_the_tops_of the_mountains and_ _he/it_said to_him/it Zəvul ÐOM the_shadow_of the_mountains you are_seeing like_men. **37** And_he_repeated again Ga'al to_ _speak and_he/it_said THERE a_people are_coming_down from_with the_center_of the_earth/land and_a_company one is_coming from_the_direction_of the_great_tree_of the_ _soothsayer. **38** And_he/it_said to_him/it Zəvul where then mouth_of_is_your Oh_you_who you_said who is_'Avīmelek that/for/because/then/when we_will_serve_him not is_this the_people which you_rejected in/on/over_him/it go_out please now and_fight in/on/over_him/it. **39** And_ Ga'al _he/it_ _went_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_citizens_of Shəkem and_he_fought against_'Avīmelek. **40** And_he_ _pursued_him 'Avīmelek and_he_fled from_before_of_him and_ those_fatally_wounded many _they_fell to the_entrance_of the_ _gate. **41** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_(the)_Arumah and_ Zəvul _he/it_drove_out ÐOM Ga'al and_ _ÐOM brothers_of_his from_dwelling at_Shəkem. **42** And_he/it_ _was from_the_next_day and_ the_people _he/it_went_out the_ _field and_people_told to_'Avīmelek. **43** And_he/it_took ÐOM the_people and_he_divided_them into_three companies and_ _he_lay_in_wait in_the_field and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_people was_going_out from the_city and_he/it_rose_up on_them and_he_attacked_them. **44** And_ _'Avīmelek and_the_companies which with_him/it they_made_ _a_raid and_they_stood the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_city and_the_two_of the_companies they_made_a_raid on all_of those_who in_the_field and_they_attacked_them. **45** And_ _'Avīmelek was_fighting against_city all_of the_day (the)_that and_he_captured ÐOM the_city and_ÐOM the_people which was_ _in_it he_killed and_he_pulled_down ÐOM the_city and_he_ _sowed_it salt. **46** And_ all_of the_citizens_of the_tower_of

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him? Isn't Avimelek Gid'on's son, and Zevul is his deputy? Serve the descendants of Shekem's father Hamor, but why should we serve Avimelek? **29** Who will fight with me to defeat those people and depose Avimelek? Then he said to Avimelek, 'Gather your army and come and fight.' "

30 When Zevul, the prince of the city, heard what Ga'al (Eved's son) had said, he got very angry **31** and he sent messengers to Avimelek in secret, saying, "Listen, Eved's son Ga'al and his brothers are coming to Shekem, and wow, they're inciting the city against you. **32** You and the people who are with you should go out at night and lie in ambush in the countryside. **33** Then when the sun rises in the morning, you all should set out early and spread out in an attack against the city. Keep watch, then when Ga'al and the people with him are coming out toward you to fight, then you can overpower them and treat him however you think fit."

34 So Avimelek and all the people with him went out in the night and they set up four units in an ambush against Shekem. **35** In the morning, Ga'al (Eved's son) went out and he stood at the entrance of the city gate. Then Avimelek and his men stood up from their hiding places. **36** When Ga'al saw the people, he said to Zevul, "Look, a group of people is coming down from the tops of the hills!"

"You are seeing the shadow of the hills as men," Zevul responded.

37 But Ga'al said again, "Look, groups of people are coming down from beside the top of the hill, and another group is coming from the way of the 'oak of the diviners'."

38 Then Zevul said to him, "Well, you were the one who said, 'Who is Avimelek that we should serve him?' Aren't these the people who you were scorning? Indeed now, go out and fight against them." **39** So Ga'al went out in front of Shekem's citizens and fought against Avimelek. **40** Avimelek pursued him, and he had to flee away from him. Many of their men fell fatally wounded as far as the entrance of the city gate. **41** Then Avimelek settled in Arumah, but Zevul drove Ga'al and his brothers away from living in Shekem.

42 Now it so happened that the next day, the people of Shekem went out into the countryside, and it was reported to Avimelek. **43** So he took his men and split them into three units. Then he waited in ambush in the countryside. When he saw and wow, the people were going out of the city, then he attacked and killed them. **44** Avimelek and the units that were with him had spread out and they stood at the entrance of the city gate, and two units spread out against everyone who was in the field and killed them. **45** Avimelek spent that whole day attacking Shekem. He captured the city and they killed the people who were in it. Then he tore it down, and scattered salt on the land.

46 When all the lords of the tower of Shekem heard, they went into the citadel of the temple for El-Berit, **47** but it was reported to Avimelek that all the lords of the Shekem tower had gathered there. **48** So Avimelek and all the people with him, went up to

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Mt. Tsalmon. He took axes and cut a branch down from the trees, then lifted it onto his shoulder and said to the people who were with him, "What I just did, you all quickly do the same." **49** So all the people also each cut off a branch and then followed Avimelek. They piled them on top of the underground chamber, and that's how they burnt out the underground chamber. As a result, all the distinguished people in the tower of Shekem also died—about a thousand men and women.

50 Then Avimelek went to Tevets and set up camp around the city and captured it. **51** But there was a strong tower in the middle of the city, so all of the men and the women and all the prominent citizens fled to it. Once they were all in, they barricaded it up and they went up onto the tower roof. **52** Then Avimelek and his men approached the tower and fought against it, and he came in as close as the tower entrance in order to set fire to it, **53** but a woman threw an upper millstone down onto Avimelek's head and it crushed his skull.[66] **54** Then he cried out hurriedly to the young man bearing his armour, "Draw out your sword and put me to death, because I don't want it to be said afterwards that I was killed by a woman." So his young man stabbed him so that he died. **55** When the Israeli warriors saw that Avimelek was dead, they all returned to their own homes.

56 Thus God avenged the evil of Avimelek that he had done to his father Gid'on by killing his seventy brothers, **57** and God caused all the evil done by Shekem's men to return back onto their own heads, and the curse of Gid'on's youngest son Yotam (Jotham), came true on them.

Tola

10:1 Now after Avimelek, Tola (the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, from the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar)) came on the scene to rescue Yisrael (Israel). He settled in Shamir, in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim). **2** He led Yisrael for twenty-three years, then he died and was buried in Shamir.

Yair

3 After him, Yair the Giladi led Yisrael (Israel) for twenty-two years. **4** He had thirty sons that rode on thirty donkeys. There were thirty cities for them in the Gilead region which they call Yair's villages to this day. **5** Then Yair died and he was buried in Kamon.

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6 The Israelis continued to do what Yahweh considered evil: they worshipped the Ba'als, the Ashtarot, the gods of Aram (Syria), the gods of Tsidon

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Shəkem _they_heard and_they_came into the_underground_ _chamber_of the_house_of 'Ēl- Berith. **47** And_it_was_told to_ _'Avīmelek if/because_that all_of the_citizens_of the_tower_of Shəkem they_had_gathered_together. **48** And_he/it_ascended 'Avīmelek the_mountain_of Tsalmōn/(Zalmon) he and_all the_ _people which with_him/it and_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_took ÐOM the_axes in_his/its_hand and_he_cut_off a_branch_of wood(s) and_he_lifted_it_up and_he/it_assigned on shoulder_of_his and_he/it_said to the_people which with_him/it whatever you(pl)_have_seen I_have_done hurry do like_me. **49** And_ also all_of the_people _they_cut_off everyone branch_of_his_own and_they_went after 'Avīmelek and_they_put_them over the_ _underground_chamber and_they_set_on_fire over_them ÐOM the_underground_chamber with_fire and_ also all_of the_men_ _of the_tower_of Shəkem _they_died about_a_thousand man and_woman. **50** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_went to Tēvēts and_he_ _encamped at_Tēvēts and_he_captured_it. **51** And_a_tower_of strength it_was in_the_middle_of the_city and_they_fled to_(to) all_of the_men and_the_women and_all/each/any/every the_ _citizens_of the_city and_they_shut_the_door behind_them and_they_went_up on the_roof the_tower. **52** And_ 'Avīmelek _ _he_came to the_tower and_he_fought in/on/over_him/it and_ _he_drew_near to the_entrance_of the_tower to_burn_it with_ _fire. **53** And_ a_woman one _she_threw a_mill-stone_of an_ _upper_mill-stone on the_head_of 'Avīmelek and_she_crushed ÐOM skull_of_his. **54** And_he/it_called quickly to the_young_ _man the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his and_he/it_said to_ _him/it draw sword_of_your and_kill_me lest people_should_ _say to_me a_woman she_killed_him and_he_pierced_him_ _through man_of_his_young and_he/it_died. **55** And_ the_man_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_saw if/because_that 'Avīmelek he_ _was_dead and_they_went everyone to_his_own_of_place. **56** And_ god _he_repaid ÐOM the_evil_of 'Avīmelek which he_ _had_done to_father_of_his by_killing ÐOM seventy brothers_of_ _his. **57** And_ÐOM all_of the_evil_of the_men_of Shəkem god he_ _repaid on_head_of_their and_it_came to_them the_curse_of Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of Jerub-Ba'al.

10:1 And_he/it_rose_up after 'Avīmelek to_deliver ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Tōlā' the_son_of Pū'āh the_son_of Dōdō (the)_ _man_of Issachar and_he was_dwelling in_Shāmīr in_the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim. **2** And_he_judged ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) twenty and_three year[s] and_he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_Shāmīr.

3 And_he/it_rose_up after_him Yā'īr/(Jair) the_Gil'ādite and_ _he_judged ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) twenty and_two year[s]. **4** And_ _he/it_was to_him/it thirty sons who_rode on thirty male_ _donkeys and_thirty cities to/for_them to/for_them people_ _call the_villages_of Yā'īr until the_day the_this which in_land of_(the)_Gil'ād. **5** And_ Yā'īr _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_ _Qāmōn.

6 And_they_repeated the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_served ÐOM the_ _Ba'al and_ÐOM the_'Ashtārōt and_ÐOM the_gods_of 'Arām and_ _ÐOM the_gods_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ÐOM the_gods_of Mō'āv

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and_ĐOM the_gods_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_ĐOM the_ _gods_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_abandoned ĐOM **YHWH** and_ _not they_served_him. **7** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_ _glowed/burnt on_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_sold_them in_the_ _hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_in_the_hand_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **8** And_they_shattered and_they_crushed ĐOM the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_year (the)_that eight- teen year[s] ĐOM all_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who were_on_the_ _other_side_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) in_land the_ʾAmorī which is_in_Gilʻād. **9** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_passed_over ĐOM the_Yardēn to_fight also against_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _against_Binyāmīn and_against_the_house_of ʾEfrayim and_it_ _was_distress to_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) exceedingly. **10** And_ the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_cried_out to **YHWH** to_say we_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_because/when we_have_ _abandoned ĐOM god_of_our and_we_have_served ĐOM the_ _Baʻal. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from the_ _ʾAmorī and_from the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_from the_ _Pəlishtiy. **12** And_the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_ʻAmālēq and_ _Māʻōn they_oppressed you(pl) and_you(pl)_cried_out to_me and_I_delivered you(pl) from_hand_of_their. **13** And_you(pl) you(pl)_have_abandoned me and_you(pl)_have_served gods other for_so/thus/hence not I_will_repeat to_deliver you(pl). **14** Go and_cry_out to the_ʾElohīm which you(pl)_have_chosen (in)_them they let_them_deliver to/for_you(pl) at_the_time_of your_distress_of_your(pl). **15** And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_said to **YHWH** we_have_sinned you do to/for_us according_to_all_of the_good in_eyes_of_your only deliver_us please the_day (the)_this. **16** And_they_removed ĐOM the_gods_of (the)_foreignness from_midst_of_their and_they_ _served ĐOM **YHWH** and_ self_of_his _it_was_short at_the_ _trouble_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **17** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _ _they_were_summoned and_they_encamped in_Gilʻād and_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_gathered and_they_ _encamped at_Mitspāh. **18** And_ the_people the_leaders_of Gilʻād _they_said each to his/its_neighbour who the_man who he_will_begin to_fight against_the_people_of ʻAmmōn he_will_ _become (into)_chief to_all/each/any/every the_inhabitants_of Gilʻād.

11:1 And_Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) the_Gilʻādite he_was a_mighty_ _man_of strength and_he was_the_son_of a_woman a_ _prostitute and_ Gilʻād _he/it_fathered ĐOM Yiftāḥ. **2** And_ the_ _wife_of Gilʻād _she/it_gave_birth to_him/it sons and_ the_ _sons_of the_woman _they_grew_up and_they_drove_out ĐOM Yiftāḥ and_they_said to_him/it not you_will_have_an_ _inheritance in_house_of our_father_of_our if/because are_the_ _son_of a_woman another you. **3** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_fled from_ _face/in_front_of brothers_of_his and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_land of_Ṭōv and_they_joined_ _themselves to Yiftāḥ men worthless and_they_went_out with_ _him/it. **4** And_he/it_was from_days and_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_fought with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** And_he/it_was just_as the_people_of ʻAmmōn they_fought with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ the_elders_of Gilʻād _they_went to_ _take/accept/receive ĐOM Yiftāḥ from_the_land_of Ṭōv. **6** And_ _they_said to_Yiftāḥ come and_you_will_become to/for_

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(Sidon), the gods of Moav (Moab), the gods of the sons of Amon, and the gods of the Pelishtim. They forsook Yahweh and didn't serve him. **7** Yahweh was very angry with Yisrael (Israel), so he allowed the Pelishtim and the Amonim to harass them. **8** They shattered and oppressed the Israelis that year, but it went on for eighteen years for all the Israelis who were on the opposite side of the Yarden (Jordan) in the land of the Amorim, which is in the Gilead. **9** Then the Amonim also crossed over the Yarden to fight against Yehudah (Judah), against Benyamin, and against the half-tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim).

This caused incredible distress for the Israelis **10** so they cried out to Yahweh, "We have sinned against you, because we have abandoned our god and we have served the Ba'als."

11 "Wasn't it from the Mitsrim (Egyptians)," Yahweh responded, "from the Amorim, from the Amonim, from the Pelishtim, **12** the Tsidonim (Sidonians) and Amalek and Maeon, when they oppressed you that you cried out to me, and I rescued you all from them? **13** Yet you've all abandoned me and served other gods. Therefore, I won't not continue to rescue you. **14** Go and cry out to the gods that you've all chosen for yourselves. They should deliver you all at the time of your distress."

15 Then the Israelis said to Yahweh, "We've sinned. You do to us according to all that is good in your eyes. Only please rescue us today." **16** They removed the foreign gods from among them, and they worshipped Yahweh and so he became concerned with Yisrael's (Israel's) suffering.

17 Now the Amonim had assembled and were camped in Gilead. So the Israelis gathered together and they camped at Mitspah. **18** Then the princes of Gilead said to each other, "Who will lead us to fight against the Amonim? He can become the leader over all of us who live in Gilead."

Yiftah

11:1 Now Yiftah (Jephthah) the Giladi was a fierce warrior, but he was a prostitute's son and his father was Gilead. **2** Gilead's wife also gave birth to sons for him, and when those sons of the wife grew up, they drove Yiftah out and told him, "You won't get any inheritance from our father's estate because you're a son of another woman." **3** So Yiftah fled from the presence of his half-brothers and he settled in the Tov region. Unprincipled men associated around Yiftah and went around with him.

4 Some time later, the Amonim battled against Yisrael (Israel). **5** and that was when the elders of Gilead went to summon Yiftah from the Tov region. **6** Then requested Yiftah, "Come and be our commander so we can fight against the Amonim."

7 "Don't you all hate me? Yiftah asked them. "Didn't you yourselves drive me out of my father's house? So why have you all

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come to me now when you have troubles?"

8 "Well, true," the Gilead elders replied, "But now we've turned back to you. So join with us and fight against the Amonim, and you'll become commander over all of who lives in Gilead."

9 "If you bring me back to fight against the Amonim," Yiftah asked them, "and if Yahweh helps me defeat them, is it correct that I'll actually become your leader?"

10 "Yahweh will be a witness between us," the Gilead elders responded, "that we'll most certainly do what you just said." **11** So Yiftah went with the Gilead elders, and the people set him as commander and leader over themselves. (Yiftah had spoken all those words before Yahweh at Mitspah.)

12 Then Yiftah sent messengers to the Amoni king, demanding, "What's happened with respect to me and to you, that you've come against me to fight over my land?"

13 The Amoni king responded to Yiftah's messengers, "Because the Israelis seized my land when they came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). It went from the Arnon river up to the Yabok river, and over to the Yarden (Jordan) river. Now return the land peaceably."

14 Then Yiftah sent messengers back to the Amoni king **15** to tell him, "Yiftah wants you to know that Yisrael (Israel) didn't take land from Moav (Moab) nor from you Amonim. **16** However in their coming up from Mitsrayim, Yisrael went through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea until arriving at Kadesh. **17** When Yisrael sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, 'Please may we pass through your land,' the king of Edom wouldn't listen.[69] Yisrael likewise sent to the king of Moav, but he wasn't willing either, so Yisrael stayed at Kadesh. **18** Then we went through the wilderness and turned away from the land of Edom[70] and the land of Moav, then went the long way around the eastern border of Moav. They camped on the other side of the Arnon river, but they didn't go within Moav's borders, because the Arnon was the border of Moav. **19** Yisrael sent messengers to the Amori King Sihon, the king of Heshbon and asked him, 'Please, let us pass through your land as far as our place.'[71] **20** But King Sihon didn't trust Yisrael passing through within his border, so he assembled all of his people together and they camped at Yahats, and he battled with Yisrael. **21** Then Yisrael's god, Yahweh, handed King Sihon and all his people over to Yisrael and we defeated them. Thus Yisrael took possession of all of the land of the Amorim inhabiting that region— **22** everything within the Amori territory from the Arnon river to the Yabok, and from the wilderness as far as the Yarden (Jordan). **23** So since it was Yisrael's god Yahweh that expelled the Amorim out of the presence of his people Yisrael, do you actually think that you can take it now? **24** Wouldn't you take possession if your god Kemosh, allowed you to? So too all that our god Yahweh has dis-

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_ourselves (into)_a_commander so_that_we_may_fight against_ _the_people_of ʼAmmōn. **7** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_said to_the_ _elders_of Gilʼād not you(pl) did_you(pl)_hate me and_did_you_ _drive_me_out from_the_house_of my_father_of_my and_why have_you(pl)_come to_me now just_as it_is_distress to_you(pl). **8** And_ the_elders_of Gilʼād _they_said to Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) for_ _so/thus/hence now we_have_returned to_you and_you_will_ _come with_us and_you_will_fight against_the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_you_will_become to/for_ourselves (into)_chief to_ _all/each/any/every the_inhabitants_of Gilʼād. **9** And_ Yiftāḥ _ _he/it_said to the_elders_of Gilʼād if you(pl) are_bringing_back me to_fight against_the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave them before_me I I_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_ _chief. **10** And_ the_elders_of Gilʼād _they_said to Yiftāḥ **YHWH** he_will_be hearing between_us if not according_to_of_your_ _message so we_will_do. **11** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_went with the_ _elders_of Gilʼād and_ the_people _they_made him over_them into_chief and_into_commander and_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ all_of words/messages_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** in_Mitspāh. **12** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_sent messengers to the_king_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn to_say what to/for_me and_to_you that/for/because/then/when you_have_ _come to_me to_wage_war against_land_of_my. **13** And_ the_ _king_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn _he/it_said to the_messengers_ _of Yiftāḥ if/because Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_took ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_my when_it_came_up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_the_ʼArnōn and_unto the_Yaboq/(Jabbok) and_unto the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_now restore them in_peace. **14** And_he_repeated again Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) and_he_sent messengers to the_king_of the_ _people_of ʼAmmōn. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it thus Yiftāḥ he_says not Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_has_taken ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of Mōʾāv and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn. **16** If/because when_they_came_up from_Mitsrayim and_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_went in_wilderness to the_sea_of reed[s] and_it_came to_Qādēsh. **17** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_sent messengers to the_king_of ʾEdōm to_say let_me_pass please in_ _land_of_your and_not the_king_of ʾEdōm he_listened and_also to the_king_of Mōʾāv it_sent and_not he_was_willing and_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_Qādēsh. **18** And_he/it_went in_wilderness and_it_went_around ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _land_of ʾEdōm and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of Mōʾāv and_it_came from_ _the_rising_of the_sun of_the_land_of of_Mōʾāv and_they_ _encamped on_the_other_side_of the_ʼArnōn and_not they_ _went in_the_territory_of Mōʾāv if/because the_ʼArnōn was_ _the_border_of Mōʾāv. **19** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_sent messengers to Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_ʼAmorī the_king_of Ḥeshbōn and_he/it_said to_him/it Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) let_us_pass please in_land_of_your to place_of_my_own. **20** And_not Ṣīḥōn he_trusted ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_pass in_territory_of_his and_ Ṣīḥōn _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of people_of_his and_they_ _encamped at_Yahats/(Jahaz) and_he_fought with Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **21** And_ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣīḥōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of people_of_his in_the_

69 RV 11:17 · Cross-ref. Num 20:14-21.

70 RV 11:18 · Cross-ref. Num 21:4.

71 RV 11:19-22 · Cross-ref. Num 21:21-24.

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_hand_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_defeated_them and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_took_possession_of ÐOM all_of the_land_of the_'Amorī who_was_dwelling the_earth/land (the)_that. **22** And_they_took_possession_of ÐOM all_of the_territory_of the_'Amorī from_the_'Arnōn and_unto the_Yaboq/(Jabbok) and_from the_wilderness and_unto the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **23** And_now **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_ _dispossessed ÐOM the_'Amorī from_face/in_front_of people_ _of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(ms) will_you_take_possession_ _of_it. **24** Not ÐOM that_which he_will_cause_you_to_possess Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) god_of_your it will_you_take_possession_of and_ÐOM all_of that **YHWH** god_of_our he_has_dispossessed from_before_of_us it we_will_take_possession_of. **25** And_now really_(good) are_you_good you more_than_Bālāq the_son_of Tsipōr/(Zippor) the_king_of Mō'āv ever_(quarrel) did_he_ _quarrel with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or ever_(wage_war) did_he_wage_ _war against_them. **26** When_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _dwelt in_ _Ḥeshbōn and_in_daughters_of_its and_in_ʿArōʿēr and_in_ _daughters_of_its and_on/over_all the_cities which were_on the_sides_of the_'Arnōn three hundred(s) year[s] and_why not did_you(pl)_recover_them at_time (the)_that. **27** And_I not I_ _have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_you(ms) are_doing with_me evil by_waging_war against_me **YHWH** the_judge may_he_ _judge the_day between the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _between the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **28** And_not the_king_of the_ _people_of ʿAmmōn he_listened to the_words/messages_of Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) which he_sent to_him/it. **29** And_it_became on Yiftāḥ the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he/it_passed_through ÐOM (the)_Gilʿād and_ÐOM Mənashsheh and_he_passed_through ÐOM Mitspāh of_Gilʿād and_from_Mitspāh of_Gilʿād he_passed_on the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **30** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_vowed a_vow to/for_**YHWH** and_he_said if really_(give) you_will_give ÐOM the_people_of ʿAmmōn in_hand_of_my. **31** And_it_was that_ _which_comes_out which it_will_come_out from_the_doors_of my_house_of_my to_meet_me when_return_I in_peace from_ _(the)_sons of_ʿAmmōn and_it_was to/for_**YHWH** and_I_will_ _offer_it_up a_burnt_offering. **32** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_passed_ _through to the_people_of ʿAmmōn to_fight against_them and_ _he_gave_them[737475] **YHWH** in_his/its_hand. **33** And_he_ _defeated_them from_ʿArōʿēr and_unto come_you[7677] Minnit twenty citi[es] and_unto Abel Keramim a_defeat great very and_ the_people_of ʿAmmōn _they_were_subdued from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

34 And_ Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) _he_came (the)_Mitspāh to house_ _of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE daughter_of_his was_coming_out to_meet_him with_tambourines and_with_dancing(s) and_only she was_an_only_child there_belonged_not to_him/it from_ _him/it a_son or a_daughter. **35** And_he/it_was just_as_he_saw her and_he_tore ÐOM clothes_of_his and_he/it_said alas my_ _daughter_of_my exceedingly_(bring_low) you_have_brought_

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possessed ahead of us, we'll possess that. **25** Are you really better now than Tsipor's son, King Balak of Moav?[72] Did he dare contend with Yisrael or did he ever wage war against them? **26** Yisrael lived in Heshbon and in its villages for three hundred years, and in Aroer and in its villages, and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon—so why didn't you repossess them during that time? **27** I haven't done anything wrong to you, but you're doing wrong in dealing with me by fighting against me. Yahweh, the judge, will decide today between the Israelis and the Amonim." **28** But the Amoni king didn't take any notice of Yiftah's message to him.

29 Then Yahweh's spirit empowered Yiftah (Jephthah), and he passed through the Gilead and Menasheh (Manasseh), and through Mitspah of Gilead, and from there he passed through the Amoni region, **30** and he made a promise to Yahweh, "If you really give me victory over the Amonim, **31** then whoever's the first person to come out of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the battle against the Amonim, that person will belong to Yahweh, and I will offer him up as a whole burnt offering." **32** So Yiftah went to the Amoni territory to fight against them, and Yahweh enabled them to defeat them. **33** Then he attacked them from Aroer and as far as the entrance to Minit, twenty cities, and then up to Avel-Keramim, slaughtering a huge number. So the Amonim were subdued by the presence of the Israelis.

Yiftah's daughter

34 When Yiftah (Jephthah) got back to his house in the Mitspah area, look, his daughter was coming out to meet him with tambourines and with dancing. She was their only child—he didn't have any son or daughter apart from her. **35** When he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Oh no! My daughter! Indeed, you've made me bow in grief, and you're

72 **RV 11:25 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:1-6.

73 **LV 11:32 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

74 **LV 11:32 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

75 **LV 11:32 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

76 **LV 11:33 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

77 **LV 11:33 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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among those who cause me pain, because I made a vow to Yahweh and I can't go back on it."

36 Then she said to him, "My father, you've made a vow to Yahweh. Do to me whatever you promised, after what Yahweh has done for you—total vengeance against your Amoni enemies."
37 But she asked her father, "Just do this one thing for me: release me for two months, so I can go away and take some companions. I'll fall prostrate on the hills and I'll weep because I'll never have a chance to marry." **38** He agreed and then sent her away for two months. She went with some companions, and she wept on the hills because she'd never be a mother. **39** Then at the end of the two months, she returned to her father and he carried out his vow with respect to her so indeed she never had a chance to marry.

After that, it became a custom in Yisrael (Israel) **40** that the young women of Yisrael go to commemorate the daughter of Yiftah the Giladi for four days during the year.

Yiftah and the Efrayimim

12:1 Now the men of Efrayim (Ephraim) were summoned and they passed northward and they said to Yiftah (Jephthah), "Why did you pass through in order to fight against the Amonim, but you didn't call us to go with you? We're going to burn your house down over you!"

2 "I've been involved in very intense disputes—my people against the Amonim," Yiftah told them. "When I summoned you all, you didn't come and rescue me from them. **3** When I could see that you weren't coming to assist, I took my life into my own hands. I advanced against the Amonim, and Yahweh gave me victory over them. So why then have you all come here to fight against me today?" **4** Then Yiftah assembled all of the men of Gilead and they battled against Efrayim. The men of Gilead struck Efrayim because they had said, "You Gilead people are just fugitives from Efrayim—living here in the middle of Efrayim, in the middle of Menasheh (Manasseh)." **5** The Giladim captured the crossing places of the Yarden (Jordan) along Efrayim. Then when any of the survivors from Efrayim would say, "May I cross over," the men of Gilead would ask, "Are you an Efrati?" If he said, "No," **6** then they'd demand, "Now say: Shibboleth." But if he said "Sibboleth" because he didn't have time to think to pronounce it correctly, they would seize him and would slaughter him at those crossing places of the Yarden. Forty-two thousand from Efrayim fell at that time.

7 Yiftah the Giladi led Yisrael (Israel) for six years, then he died and was buried among the cities of Gilead.

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_me_low and_you you_are[78] among_those_of_who_trouble_me and_I I_have_opened mouth_of_my to **YHWH** and_not I_am_ _able to_turn_back. **36** And_she/it_said to_him/it my_father_of_ _my you_have_opened ᴅᴏᴍ mouth_of_your to **YHWH** do to_me just_as it_has_come_out from_mouth_of_your after that he_did to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** vengeance(s) from_enemies_of_your from_(the)_sons of_ʼAmmōn. **37** And_she/it_said to father_of_ _her let_it_be_done to/for_me the_thing the_this refrain from_ _me two months so_that_I_may_go and_I_will_go_down on the_ _mountains and_so_that_I_may_weep on virginiti(es)_of_my I my[79]. **38** And_he/it_said go and_he_sent_away her two_of months and_ she and_companions_of_her _she_went and_she_ _wept on virginiti(es)_of_her on the_mountains. **39** And_he/it_ _was from_the_end/extremity two months and_she_returned to father_of_her and_he/it_made to/for_her/it ᴅᴏᴍ vow_of_his which he_had_vowed and_she not she_had_known a_man and_ _it_became a_custom in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **40** From_days to_days the_daughters_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_go to_recount for_the_ _daughter_of Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) the_Gilʼādite four_of days in_ _year.

12:1 And_ the_man_of ʼEfrayim _it_was_summoned and_it_ _passed_over northward_to and_they_said to_Yiftāḥ why did_ _you_pass_over to_wage_war against_the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_(to)_us not you_summoned to_go with_you house_of_your we_will_burn over_you with_fire. **2** And_ Yiftāḥ _he/it_said to_ _them a_man_of strife I and_people_of_my and_the_sons of_ _ʼAmmōn I_was exceedingly and_I_summoned you(pl) and_not you(pl)_delivered me from_hand_of_their. **3** And_I_saw if/because_that not_you were_a_deliverer[808182] and_I_put life_ _of_my in_palm_of_my and_I_passed_over against the_people_ _of ʼAmmōn and_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_hand_of_my and_ _why have_you(pl)_come_up to_me the_day the_this to_fight against_me. **4** And_ Yiftāḥ _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_men_of Gilʼād and_he_fought with ʼEfrayim and_ the_men_of Gilʼād _ _they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ ʼEfrayim if/because they_had_said are_ _fugitives_of ʼEfrayim you(pl) Oh_Gilʼād in_the_middle of_ _ʼEfrayim in_the_middle of_Mənashsheh. **5** And_ Gilʼād _it_ _captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_fords_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to_ʼEfrayim and_it_was if/because the_fugitives_of ʼEfrayim they_said let_ _me_pass_over and_they_said to_him/it the_men_of Gilʼād an_ _ʼEfrātī are_you and_he_said no. **6** And_they_said to_him/it say please Shibboleth and_he/it_said Sibboleth and_not he_gave_ _attention to_speak right and_they_seized him and_they_ _slaughtered_him to the_fords_of the_Yardēn and_it_fell at_ _time (the)_that of_ʼEfrayim forty and_two thousand. **7** And_ Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) _he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) six years and_ Yiftāḥ the_Gilʼādite _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_ _the_cities_of Gilʼād.

78 LV 11:35 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

79 LV 11:37 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/תִיעַר/י: (x-qere) וְ/תוֹעֲרִ֫/י: lemma_c/7464 n_0 morph_HC/Ncfpc/Sp1cs id_07gHx וְ/תוֹעֲרִ֫/י

80 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

81 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

82 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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8 And_he_judged after_him ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Ivtsān from_ _Bēyt- leḥem. **9** And_he/it_was to_him/it thirty sons and_thirty daughters he_sent_away to_the_outside and_thirty daughters he_brought for_sons_of_his from the_outside and_he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) seven years. **10** And_ 'Ivtsān _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_house_of leḥem. **11** And_he_judged after_him ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Ēylōn the_Zəvulunite and_he_ _judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ten years. **12** And_ 'Ēylōn the_ _Zəvulunite _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_'Ayyālōn in_ _land of_Zəvulun. **13** And_he_judged after_him ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ʹAvdōn the_son_of Hillēl the_Pirʹātōnī. **14** And_ _he/it_was to_him/it forty sons and_thirty sons_of sons who_ _rode on seventy male_donkeys and_he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) eight years. **15** And_ ʹAvdōn the_son_of Hillēl the_Pirʹātōnī _he/it_died and_he_was_buried at_Pirʹātōn in_ _land of_'Efrayim in_the_hill_country_of the_ʹAmālēqite[s].

13:1 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_repeated for_ _doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_gave_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy forty year[s]. **2** And_he/it_ _was a_man one from_Tsorʹāh/(Zorah) from_the_clan_of the_ _Danite[s] and_his/its_name was_Mānōaḥ and_his/its_ _woman/wife was_barren and_not she_had_borne_children. **3** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_appeared to the_woman and_he/it_said to_her/it HERE please you are_barren and_not you_have_borne_children and_you_will_conceive and_you_will_ _bear a_son. **4** And_now take_care please and_do_not drink wine and_strong_drink and_do_not eat any_of unclean_thing. **5** If/because HERE_you will_be_pregnant and_you_will_bear a_ _son and_(a)_razor not it_will_go_up on his/its_head if/because a_Nāzīr_of god he_will_be the_lad from the_womb and_he he_ _will_begin to_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **6** And_ the_woman _she_went and_she/it_said to/for_her/its_man/husband to_say (the)_man_of the_'Elohīm he_came to_me and_appearance_of_his was_like_the_ _appearance_of (the)_messenger_of the_'Elohīm awesome very and_not I_asked_him where from_this was_he and_ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _name not he_told to_me. **7** And_he/it_said to_me HERE_you will_be_pregnant and_you_will_bear a_son and_now do_not drink wine and_strong_drink and_do_not eat any_of uncleanness if/because a_Nāzīr_of god he_will_be the_lad from the_womb until the_day_of his_death_of_his. **8** And_ Mānōaḥ _ _he_prayed to **YHWH** and_he_said pardon_me master_of_my the_man_of the_'Elohīm whom you_sent let_him_come please again to_us so_that_he_may_teach_us what will_we_do for_lad is]_about_to_be_born. **9** And_ the_'Elohīm _he/it_listened to_ _the_voice_of Mānōaḥ and_ the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm _he_ _came again to the_woman and_she was_sitting in_the_field and_Mānōaḥ her/its_husband/man not with_her/it. **10** And_ the_woman _she_made_haste and_she_ran and_she_told to/for_her/its_man/husband and_she/it_said to_him/it HERE he_has_presented_himself to_me the_man who he_came on_ _day to_me. **11** And_he/it_rose_up and_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_went after his/its_wife/woman and_he_came to the_man and_he/it_ _said to_him/it are_you the_man who you_spoke to the_woman and_he/it_said I. **12** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said now

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Ivtsan, Eylon, and Avdon

8 Then after him, Ivtsan of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) led Yisrael (Israel). **9** Now he had thirty sons. He gave away thirty daughters to be married to outsiders, and he brought in thirty daughters for his sons from the outside. Ivtsan led Yisrael for seven years, **10** and when he died, he was buried in Beyt-Lehem.

11 After him, Eylon the Zevuluni led Yisrael for ten years. **12** When he died, he was buried in Ayalon in the land of Zevulun. **13** After him, Avdon, the son of Hilel the Pireatoni led Yisrael. **14** He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young male donkeys. He led Yisrael for eight years. **15** Then Avdon (the son of Hilel the Pireatoni) died, and he was buried in Pireaton in the land of Efrayim (Ephraim), in the hill country of the Amalekim.

Shimshon's birth

13:1 The Israelis continued to do what Yahweh considered as evil, so he allowed the Pelishtim to oppress them for forty years. **2** Now there was a man named Manoah from Tsor'ah, of the families of the Danim. His wife was barren so they had no children. **3** One day, Yahweh's messenger appeared to the wife and told her, "Listen, please, you are barren and have never given birth, but you will conceive and have a son. **4** Now take care that you surely don't drink wine or strong drink, and that you don't eat anything prohibited by our rules, **5** because you'll definitely become pregnant and will give birth to a son. His hair must never be cut because he'll be a Nazirite to God from his conception.[83] He will begin to rescue Yisrael (Israel) from the oppression of the Pelishtim."

6 Then the woman went and explained to her husband, "A man of God came to me. He looked like one of God's messengers—extremely terrifying—so I didn't like to ask him where he'd come from, and he didn't tell me his name. **7** Then he told me, 'You're definitely pregnant and you'll give birth to a son. So now, you mustn't drink wine or strong drink, and you mustn't eat anything prohibited by our rules, because the boy will be a Nazirite to God from conception until the day of his death.' "

8 Then Manoah prayed to Yahweh, "Oh please, my master, please let the man of God that you sent before, come back to us again so he can instruct us about what we must do for this boy who's going to be born." **9** The true God listened to Manoah's request, and God's messenger came to the woman again when she was sitting out in the field, but her husband Manoah wasn't with her, **10** so she quickly ran and told her husband, "Look. The man has appeared again who came to me that day." **11** So Manoah followed his wife, and when he came to the man, he asked him, "Are you the man who spoke to my wife before?"

"Yes, it was me," he replied.

12 "Now may your words come true," said Manoah. "How should we bring up the boy, and what will his work be?"

13 "Your wife must carefully follow everything I told her," Yah-

83 RV 13:5 · Cross-ref. Num 6:1-5.

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weh's messenger replied. **14** "She mustn't eat or drink anything that comes from the grapevine. She mustn't drink wine or strong drink, and she mustn't eat anything prohibited by our rules. She must do everything that I've instructed her."

15 "Please stay a little longer," Manoah asked Yahweh's messenger, "so that we can prepare a meal of tender goat meat to honour your presence."

16 "Even if I stayed longer, I wouldn't eat your food," Yahweh's messenger replied. "But if you wanted to prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh, you may offer it." (Because Manoah didn't know that the messenger had come from Yahweh.) **17** "What's your name," Manoah asked, "so that we can honour you when your words come true?"

18 "Why are you asking about my name," Yahweh's messenger replied. "You simply couldn't understand."

19 Then Manoah got their young goat and the other requirements for the offering, and he presented a sacrifice to Yahweh on the rock. Then an amazing thing happened[84] while Manoah and his wife watched— **20** when the flames went up into the sky from the altar, Yahweh's messenger went up in the flames while Manoah and his wife were watching. When they saw that, they quickly bowed right down to the ground. **21** After that, Manoah and his wife never saw him again, but now Manoah knew that he was Yahweh's messenger.

22 Manoah said to his wife, "We'll definitely die now because we've seen God!"

23 But his wife replied to him, "If Yahweh had wanted to kill us, he wouldn't have accepted the entire burnt offering and the grain offering. He wouldn't have shown us all those things, and he wouldn't have given us those instructions."

24 In due course, the woman gave birth to a son and she named him Shimshon (Samson). The boy grew up and Yahweh blessed him, **25** and then Yahweh's spirit began to stir him when he was in Mahaneh Dan—between Tsor'ah and between Eshtaol.

Shimshon and the woman from Timnah

14:1 One time when Shimshon (Samson) went to Timnah, he noticed a young, Pelishti woman there, **2** and he went back home and he reported to his parents, "I saw a Pelishti woman in Timnah that I'd like you to get for me as my wife."

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words/messages_of_your it_will_come what will_it_be the_ _manner_of the_lad and_work_of_his. **13** And_ the_messenger_ _of **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mānōaḥ from_all that I_said to the_ _woman she_will_take_care. **14** From_all that it_comes_forth from_the_vine_of the_wine not she_will_eat and_wine and_ _strong_drink not let_her_drink and_all uncleanness not let_ _her_eat all that I_commanded_her she_will_keep. **15** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said to the_messenger_of **YHWH** let_us_detain please you so_that_we_may_prepare to_your_face a_kid_of goats. **16** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_said to Mānōaḥ if you_will_detain_me not I_will_eat in_food_of_your and_if you_will_make a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** you_will_offer_ _it_up if/because not Mānōaḥ he_knew if/because_that was_ _the_messenger_of **YHWH** it. **17** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said to the_messenger_of **YHWH** who your(ms)_name if/because it_ _will_come mmm[85] and_we_will_honour_you. **18** And_he/it_ _said for_him/it[868788] the_messenger_of **YHWH** to/for_what this are_you_asking to_name_of_my and_he is_ _incomprehensible.[899091] **19** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _kid_of the_goats and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering and_he/it_ _ascended on the_rock to/for_**YHWH** and_he_was_acting_ _wonderfully for_doing and_Mānōaḥ and_his/its_woman/wife were_looking. **20** And_he/it_was when_ the_flame _went_up from_under the_altar to_the_heavens and_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_ascended in_the_flame_of the_altar and_Mānōaḥ and_his/its_woman/wife were_looking and_they_fell on faces_ _of_their ground_to_the. **21** And_not he_repeated again the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** to_appear to Mānōaḥ and_near/to his/its_wife/woman then Mānōaḥ he_knew if/because_that was_the_messenger_of **YHWH** it. **22** And_ Mānōaḥ _he/it_said to his/its_wife/woman surely_(die) we_will_die if/because god we_have_seen. **23** And_she/it_said to_him/it his/its_ _wife/woman if **YHWH** he_had_desired to_kill_us not he_ _accepted from_hand_of_our a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_ _offering and_not he ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these_things and_about_time not he like_this. **24** And_ the_woman _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_ the_lad _he_grew_up and_he_ _blessed_him **YHWH**. **25** And_ the_spirit_of **YHWH** _it_began to_stir_him in_Mahaneh- dan between Tsor'āh/(Zorah) and_ _between 'Eshtā'ol.

14:1 And_ Shimshvōn _he/it_descended to_Timnāh and_he/it_ _saw a_woman in_Timnāh one_of_the_daughters_of the_ _Pəlishtiy. **2** And_he/it_ascended and_he_told to_father_of_his and_to_mother_of_his and_he/it_said a_woman I_have_seen in_ _Timnāh one_of_the_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy and_now get her to/for_me to/for_(a)_woman. **3** And_he/it_said to_him/it

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84 RV 13:19 · Note We've changed this to a passive construction here, because it's not specified whether it was Yahweh himself or his messenger who did the miracle.

85 LV 13:17 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְבַּד/דָּ: (x-qere) יִרְבַּד/דָּ֫: lemma_1697 n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Pp2ms id_07LNG יִרְבַּד/דָּ֫

86 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

87 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

88 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

89 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

90 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

91 LV 13:18 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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his/its_father and_mother_of_his is_there_not among_the_ _daughters_of your(pl)_brothers_of_your and_on/over_all people_of_my a_woman that/for/because/then/when you are_ _going to_take/accept/receive a_wife from_the_Pəlishtiy (the)_ _uncircumcised and_ Shimshvōn _he/it_said to his/its_father her get to_me if/because she she_is_pleasing in_eyes_of_my. **4** And_father_of_his and_mother_of_his not they_knew if/because_that was_from_**YHWH** it if/because an_occasion he was_seeking from_the_Pəlishtiy and_at_time (the)_that the_ _Pəlishtiy were_ruling over_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_ Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_father_of_his and_mother_of_his _ _he/it_descended to_Timnāh and_they_came to the_vineyards_ _of (to)_Timnāh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_young_lion_of lions was_roaring to_meet_him. **6** And_it_rushed on/upon/above_ _him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he_tore_it_apart as_tears_ _apart (the)_kid and_anything there_was_not in_his/its_hand and_not he_told to_father_of_his and_to_mother_of_his ~~DOM~~ that_which he_had_done. **7** And_he/it_descended and_he/it_ _spoke to/for_the_woman/wife and_she_was_pleasing in/on_ _both_eyes_of Shimshvōn. **8** And_he_returned from_days to_ _take_her and_he_turned_aside to_see ~~DOM~~ the_carcass_of the_ _lion and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_swarm_of bees was_in_the_ _carcass_of the_lion and_honey. **9** And_he_scraped_it_out into palms_of_his and_he/it_went going and_eating and_he/it_went to his/its_father and_near/to his/its_mother and_he/it_gave to/for_them and_they_ate and_not he_told to/for_them if/because_that from_the_carcass_of the_lion he_had_scraped_ _out the_honey. **10** And_ father_of_his _he/it_descended to the_ _woman and_he/it_made there Shimshvōn a_feast if/because thus the_young_men they_did. **11** And_he/it_was just_as_they_ _saw him and_they_took thirty close_friends and_they_were with_him/it. **12** And_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn/(Samson) let_me_ask_a_riddle please to/for_ _you(pl) a_riddle if actually_(tell) you(pl)_will_tell it to_me the_ _seven_of the_days_of the_feast and_you(pl)_will_find_it_out and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) thirty linen_garments and_ _thirty changes_of garments. **13** And_if not you(pl)_will_be_able to_announce to_me and_ you(pl) _you(pl)_will_give to_me thirty linen_garments and_thirty changes_of garments and_ _they_said to_him/it ask_the_riddle riddle_of_your so_that_we_ _may_hear_it. **14** And_he/it_said to/for_them from_eater food it_came_out and_from_a_strong_one a_sweet_thing it_came_ _out and_not they_were_able to_announce the_riddle three_of days. **15** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_they_said to_the_wife_of Shimshvōn entice ~~DOM~~ your(fs)_man/husband so_that_he_may_tell to/for_us ~~DOM~~ the_riddle lest we_should_ _burn you and_~~DOM~~ the_house_of your_father_of_your with_fire to_impoverish did_you(pl)_invite to/for_us is_it_not_so. **16** And_ the_wife_of Shimshvōn _she_wept on/upon/above_ _him/it and_she/it_said only you_hate_me and_not you_love_ _me the_riddle you_have_asked_the_riddle to_the_sons_of my_ _people_of_my and_to_me not you_have_told and_he/it_said

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3 "Isn't there a woman among your relatives?" his parents asked him, "Or among all of our people? Why take a wife from the uncircumcised Pelishtim?"

"Get her for me," Shimshon said to his father, "because I feel she's right for me."

4 Now his parents didn't know that Yahweh was arranging this, because he was seeking an opportunity against the Pelishtim who were oppressing Yisrael (Israel) at that time.

5 Then Shimshon went to Timnah with his parents and when they got to the vineyards there, wow, a young lion roared when it saw him. **6** Yahweh's spirit rose up in Shimshon, and he tore the lion to pieces with his bare hands like butchering a young goat, but he didn't mention to his parents what he'd done.

7 Then he continued on and talked with the woman, and he really liked her. **8** Some time later when he returned for the wedding, he turned off the path to look for the lion's carcass, and to his surprise, a swarm of bees had nested in the carcass and there was honey there. **9** He filled his cupped hands with honey, and continued along—walking and eating as he went to where his parents were. He even gave some to them to try, but he didn't tell them that he had scooped it out of the carcass of a dead lion.

10 Then his father went to visit the woman, and in the custom of the young men of the time, Shimshon held a party there. **11** When they saw him, they brought thirty close friends to join him.[92] **12** Shimshon said to them, "Let me suggest a riddle for you all. If you're able to explain it to me during the seven days of the party and you've worked it out correctly, I'll give you all thirty linen coats and thirty sets of clothes. **13** But if you all can't explain it to me, then you yourselves must give me thirty linen coats and thirty sets of clothes."

"Okay, we're listening. Tell us the riddle." they answered.

14 So he said,

"Food came out of the eater,
and sweetness came out of the strong one."

But three days later, they still couldn't solve his riddle.

15 Then on the seventh day,[93] they pressured Shimshon's wife, "Get your husband to tell you the answer of the riddle, otherwise we'll burn down your father' house and you as well. Did you invite us to the party just to impoverish us?"

16 Then Shimshon's wife put on a crying act and said, "You must hate me—you don't love me because you've created a riddle for my relatives, yet you haven't even told me the answer."

"Listen," he replied, "I haven't even told my own parents. Should I tell you?" **17** She continued to cry beside him throughout the seven-day party, and then finally on the seventh day, he gave in and told her because she kept nagging him, so in the end she was able to reveal the answer to her relatives. **18** Then the

92 RV 14:11 · Note Although we can understand the words here, we're not certain of the implications, or perhaps the cultural traditions. Did Shimshon appear too alone? Too intimidating? Or was it just bringing more friends for good food and drink?

93 RV 14:15 · Note The Greek Septuagint translation says 'the *fourth* day', which perhaps might fit better into the narrative, but 'seventh' is in the Hebrew that we have and not necessarily incorrect.

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men of the city said to Shimshon before the sun went down on the seventh day,

"What is sweeter than honey?
And what's stronger than a lion?"

So he said to them,

"If you all hadn't ploughed with my heifer,
you wouldn't have been able to solve my riddle."

19 Then Yahweh's spirit rose up in him, and he went to Ashkelon and killed thirty men there. He took their possessions, and he gave the changes of clothes for the riddle. But he was very angry, so he went back to his parent's home. **20** Then (unknown to Shimshon), his wife was given to the man who'd been his close friend and companion.

15:1 Some days later during the wheat harvest, Shimshon visited his wife with a young goat as a present for the family, because he said, "I'll go into the bedroom with my wife." But her father wouldn't allow him to go in, **2** and pleaded, "Truly, I thought that you must hate her, so I gave her to your close friend. But wouldn't her younger sister be better anyway? Please, would you take her instead."

3 Shimshon responded, "This time I'm blameless concerning the Pelishtim when I cause trouble for them." **4** Then he went and captured three hundred foxes and tied them in pairs—tail to tail. He took torches, and tied one torch between the tails of each pair. **5** He lit the torches and let the foxes loose into the grain crops of the Pelishtim. As a result, he burnt both the standing grain plants and also the harvested stacks of sheaves, and even a vineyard and an olive orchard. **6** So the Pelishtim asked, "Who did this?"

"Shimshon," they replied, "the son-in-law of the man from Timnah, because he took Shimshon's wife and gave her to his close friend." As a result, the Pelishtim went to Timnah and they burnt both the woman and her father. **7** Then Shimshon told them, "Since you actually did that horrible thing, I certainly won't stop until I've avenged myself against you all." **8** Then he attacked the Pelishtim and crippled many of them, before going to Eytam's rock where he lived in a cave.

Shimshon defeats the Pelishtim

9 However, the Pelishti warriors went and camped in Yehudah (Judah), and spread out around the town of Lehi. **10** But the men of Yehudah asked them, "Why have you all come here to attack us?"

"We've come to capture Shimshon (Samson)," they replied. "To give him some of his own back." **11** Then three thousand men from Yehudah went down to the crevice in Eytam's rock, and told Shimshon, "Don't you realise that the Pelishtim are ruling over us? Why are you causing more trouble for us?"

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to/for_her/it HERE to_father_of_my and_to_mother_of_my not I_have_told and_to_you will_I_tell. **17** And_she_wept on/upon/above_him/it the_seven_of the_days which it_ _belonged to/for_them the_feast and_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_he_told to/for_her/it if/because she_pressed_ _him and_she_told the_riddle to_the_sons_of her_people_of_ _her. **18** And_they_said to_him/it the_men_of the_city in_the_ _day the_seventh before_before (to)_the_sun it_went what is_ _sweet more_than_honey and_what is_strong more_than_a_lion and_he/it_said to/for_them if_not you(pl)_had_plowed with_ _heifer_of_my not you(pl)_found_out riddle_of_my. **19** And_it_ _rushed on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_descended 'Ashqəlōn and_he_struck_down from_them thirty man and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ spoil(s)_of_their and_he/it_ _gave the_changes to_those_who_told_of (of)_the_riddle and_ anger_of_his _it_glowed/burnt and_he/it_ascended the_house_ _of his_father_of_his. **20** And_it_became the_wife_of Shimshvōn/(Samson) to_his_close_of_friend who he_was_a_ _special_friend to_him/it.

15:1 And_he/it_was from_days in_the_days_of the_harvest_of wheat(s) and_ Shimshvōn _he_visited ~~DOM~~ his/its_wife/woman with_a_kid_of goats and_he/it_said let_me_go into wife_of_my to_the_chamber and_not he_permitted_him father_of_her to_ _go. **2** And_ father_of_her _he/it_said really_(think) I_thought if/because_that utterly_(hate) you_hated_her and_I_gave_her to_your_close_of_friend not sister_of_is_her (the)_young good from_her/it let_her_belong please to/for_yourself(m) in_place_ _of_her. **3** And_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn I_will_be_ _free the_time//this_time from_the_Pəlishtiy if/because I am_ _about_to_do with_them harm. **4** And_ Shimshvōn _he/it_went and_he_captured three hundred(s) foxes and_he/it_took torches and_he_turned tail to tail and_he/it_assigned a_torch one between the_two_of the_tails in_middle. **5** And_he_kindled fire on_torches and_he_sent_them among_the_standing_ _grain(s)_of the_Pəlishtiy and_it_burnt_up from_the_stack_of_ _sheaves and_unto the_standing_grain and_unto the_vineyard_ _of olive_tree[s]. **6** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_said who did_he_do this_thing and_they_said Shimshvōn/(Samson) the_son-in-law_ _of the_Timnite if/because he_has_taken ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _wife/woman and_he_has_given_her to_his_close_of_friend and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up and_they_burnt her and_~~DOM~~ father_of_her with_fire. **7** And_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn if you(pl)_will_do like_this if/because if I_have_ _avenged_myself on_you(pl) and_after I_will_cease. **8** And_he_ _defeated them leg with thigh a_defeat great and_he/it_ _descended and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_ _cleft_of the_rock_of ʿĒyṭām.

9 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up and_they_encamped in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_were_spread_out at_Leḥī. **10** And_ the_man_of Yəhūdāh _they_said why have_you(pl)_come_up on_us and_they_said to_bind ~~DOM~~ Shimshvōn we_have_come_ _up for_doing to_him/it just_as he_did to/for_us. **11** And_ three_of thousand(s) man of_Yəhūdāh _they_went_down to the_cleft_of the_rock_of ʿĒyṭām and_they_said to_Shimshvōn not do_you_know if/because_that are_ruling over_us the_ _Pəlishtiy and_what this have_you_done to/for_ourselves and_ _he/it_said to/for_them just_as they_did to_me so I_have_done

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to/for_them. **12** And_they_said to_him/it to_bind_you we_
_have_come_down to_give_you in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy
and_he/it_said to/for_them Shimshvōn/(Samson) swear to_me
lest you(pl)_should_fall on_me you(pl). **13** And_they_said to_
_him/it to_say no[9495] if/because only_(bind) we_will_bind_you
and_we_will_give_you in_hand_of_their and_certainly_(kill) not
we_will_kill_you and_they_bound_him with_two ropes new
and_they_brought_him_up from the_rock. **14** He was_coming to
Leḥī and_the_Pəlishtiy[969798] they_shouted to_meet_him and_it_
_rushed on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_ the_
_ropes which were_on arms_of_his _they_became like_flax(es)
which people_have_burnt with_fire and_ fetters_of_his _they_
_dropped_off from_under hands_of_his. **15** And_he_found a_
_jawbone_of a_donkey fresh and_he_stretched_out his/its_hand
and_he_took_it and_he_struck_down with_it a_thousand man.
16 And_ Shimshvōn _he/it_said with_the_jawbone_of the_
_donkey a_heap two_heaps with_the_jawbone_of the_donkey I_
_struck_down a_thousand man. **17** And_he/it_was just_as_he_
_finished to_speak and_he_threw the_jawbone from_hand_of_
_his and_he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Ramath Leḥī.
18 And_he_was_thirsty very and_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_
_he_said you you_have_given by_the_hand_of your_servant_of_
_your ᴅᴏᴍ the_victory the_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this and_
_now I_will_die with_thirst and_I_will_fall in_the_hand_of the_
_uncircumcised_men. **19** And_ god _he_split_open ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_hollow_place which is_at_Leḥī and_they_went_out from_
_him/it waters and_he_drank and_ his/its_breath/wind/spirit _
_it_returned and_he_lived therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_
_called his/its_name En Hakkore which is_at_Leḥī until the_day
(the)_this. **20** And_he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾ[ēl]/(Israel) in_the_days_
_of the_Pəlishtiy twenty year[s].

16:1 And_ Shimshvōn/(Samson) _he/it_went to_ʿAzzāh and_
_he/it_saw there a_woman a_prostitute and_he_went into_her.
2 To_Gazites to_say Shimshvōn he_has_come here and_they_
_surrounded and_they_lay_in_wait to_him/it all_of the_night
at_the_gate_of the_city and_they_were_silent all_of the_night
to_say until the_light_of the_morning and_we_will_kill_him.[99]
3 And_ Shimshvōn _he_lay_down until the_middle_of the_night
and_he/it_rose_up in_the_middle_of the_night and_he_took_
_hold on_the_doors_of the_gate_of the_city and_on_the_two_of
the_doorposts and_he_pulled_them_up with the_bar and_
_he/it_assigned on shoulders_of_his and_he_carried_them_up
to the_top_of the_mountain which is_on the_face_of Ḥevrōn.
4 And_he/it_was after thus and_he_loved a_woman in_the_
_valley_of Sōrēq and_name_of_her was_Dilīlāh. **5** And_they_
_went_up to_her/it the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_said
to/for_her/it entice him and_see how strength_of_is_his great
and_how will_we_prevail to_him/it and_we_will_bind_him to_

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"Just as they've done to me," he replied, "so I've done to them."
12 "We've come here to tie you up so we can hand you over to the Pelishtim," they said.
"Okay," Shimshon responded. "But promise me that you all won't injure me yourselves."
13 "No, however, we'll certainly tie you up," they replied, "and we'll hand you over to them. But truly we won't kill you." Then they tied him up with two new ropes and brought him up from the rocks.
14 When they'd taken him as far as Lehi, the Pelishtim shouted triumphantly when they saw him. Then Yahweh's spirit rose in Shimshon and the ropes around his arms just seemed as weak as burnt flax stalks when he simply snapped them off him. **15** He saw a fresh donkey's jawbone lying on the ground, and he reached out his hand and grabbed it, and he slaughtered a thousand Pelishti men with it. **16** Then Shimshon declared,

"With a donkey's jawbone, one heap, two heaps,
with a donkey's jawbone, I've slaughtered a thousand men."

17 When he finished reciting that, he hurled the jawbone away, and he called that place 'Ramat-Lehi' (which means 'jawbone hill').
18 Then he was very thirsty and cried out to Yahweh, "You yourself have given your servant this great victory, but now must I die with this thirst and get captured by those uncircumcised Pelishtim?" **19** So God split open the little hollow that's at Lehi, and water came out of it. When he drank, his strength returned and he revived. Because of that, he called it 'Eyn-Hakore' (which means 'the fountain of the one who called out'), which is in Lehi to this day. **20** And so Shimshon led Yisrael (Israel) for twenty years at the time of the Pelishti oppression.

Shimshon carries away the gates

16:1 Shimshon (Samson) went to Azah (Gaza) city and he saw a prostitute woman there so he went in to spend the night with her. **2** But the Gazim passed around the news, "Shimshon's in town." So they encircled the city gate and they laid in wait for him all night. They stayed quiet the whole night, saying, "We'll kill him when it gets light." **3** Shimshon stayed with her until the middle of the night, then he got up. He picked up both the gates including the cross-bar and their posts, and hoisted them up onto his shoulders, and he carried them up to the top of the hill which is in front of Hevron.

Shimshon and Dililah

4 Sometime after that, Shimshon (Samson) fell in love with a Pelishti woman named Dililah who lived in the Sorek valley. **5** The Pelishti leaders came to her and requested, "Make him open up. Find out

94 **LV 15:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
95 **LV 15:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
96 **LV 15:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
97 **LV 15:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
98 **LV 15:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
99 **LV 16:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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what makes him strong, and how we can beat him, so that we can tie him up to keep him in our power. Then we'll each give you one thousand one hundred silver coins."

6 So Dililah asked Shimshon, "Please, tell me what makes you so strong, and how could someone tie you up to keep you in their power?"

7 "If they'd tie me up with seven green cords that haven't been dried," he replied, "then I'd become weak and be just like any other man."

8 So the Pelishti leaders brought her seven green cords that hadn't been dried, and she tied him up with them. **9** Now she had an ambush group ready in the next room when she said to him, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" But he tore the cords to shreds just like a strip of flax fiber is torn to shreds when the fire reaches it, thus they didn't find out the secret of his strength. **10** Then Dililah said to him, "Listen, you deceived me and lied to me. Now tell me, please, how could someone tie you up?"

11 "Actually, if they would tie me with new ropes which have never been used," he replied, "I'd become weak and be just like any other man."

12 So Dililah took new cords and tied him up with them. She said to him, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" with the ambush group staying in the next room. But he flicked them off his arms like they were just thread.

13 Then Dililah said to Shimshon, "So far you've just been deceitful to me and told me lies. Now Tell me how you can be tied up."

So he told her, "It's if you just weave seven locks of my hair into the loom."

14 So she did it and fastened it with the pin, and called out, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" Then he woke up and ripped out the pin, the loom, and his hair from the fabric.

15 Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart isn't with me? You've been deceitful to me three times now, and you haven't revealed to me the secret of your amazing strength." **16** Day after day she nagged and pestered him until he was sick to death of hearing it. **17** So finally he told her his secret, "My hair has never been cut because I've been a Nazirite to God since my birth. If my head would be shaved, then my strength would leave me, and I'd become weak—I'd be just like any other man."

18 When Dililah perceived that he'd told her his deepest secret, she summoned the Pelishti leaders, "Come here one more time, because he's told me his secret." So the Pelishti leaders came, bringing the silver coins with them. **19** Then she made him fall

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_humble_him and_we we_will_give to/for_you(fs) each one_ _thousand and_one_hundred silver. **6** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_said to Shimshvōn/(Samson) tell please to_me how strength_of_is_ _your great and_how will_you_be_bound to_humble_you. **7** And_he/it_said to_her/it Shimshvōn if people_will_bind_me with_seven cords fresh which not they_have_been_dried[100][101] and_I_will_be_weak and_I_will_be like_one the_humankind. **8** And_they_brought_up to/for_her/it the_rulers_of the_ _Pəlishtiy seven cords fresh which not they_had_been_dried and_she_bound_him with_them. **9** And_the_ambusher was_ _sitting to/for_her/it in_chamber and_she/it_said to_him/it the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_Shimshvōn and_he_tore_apart ~~ḌǪM~~ the_cords just_as (the)_cord_of (the)_tow it_is_torn_apart when_smells_it fire and_not strength_of_his it_was_known. **10** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_said to Shimshvōn HERE you_have_ _deceived (in)_me and_you_have_spoken to_me lies now tell please to_me how will_you_be_bound. **11** And_he/it_said to_ _her/it if indeed_(bind) they_will_bind_me with_ropes new which not it_has_been_done in/among_them work and_I_will_ _be_weak and_I_will_be like_one the_humankind. **12** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_took ropes new and_she_bound_him in/among_ _them and_she/it_said to_him/it the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_ _Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_the_ambusher was_sitting in_ _chamber and_he_tore_them_apart from_under arms_of_his like_thread. **13** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_said to Shimshvōn until now you_have_deceived (in)_me and_you_have_spoken to_me lies tell to/for_me how will_you_be_bound and_he/it_said to_ _her/it if you_will_weave ~~ḌǪM~~ seven the_plaits_of my_head with the_web. **14** And_she_thrust with_pin and_she/it_said to_ _him/it the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_Shimshvōn and_he_awoke from_sleep_of_his and_he_pulled_out ~~ḌǪM~~ the_pin the_loom and_~~ḌǪM~~ the_web. **15** And_she/it_said to_him/it how will_you_ _say I_love_you and_heart_of_your not is_with_me this three times you_have_deceived (in)_me and_not you_have_told to/for_me how strength_of_is_your great. **16** And_he/it_was if/because she_pressed for_him/it with_words/messages_of_ _her all_of the_days and_she_urged_him and_ self_of_his _it_ _was_short to_die. **17** And_he_told to/for_her/it ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of his/its_heart and_he/it_said to/for_her/it a_razor not it_has_ _come_up on my_head if/because am_a_Nāzīr_of god I from_ _the_womb_of my_mother_of_my if I_was_shaved and_it_will_ _depart from_me strength_of_my and_I_will_be_weak and_I_ _will_be like_every_of the_humankind. **18** And_ Dilīlāh _she/it_ _saw[102][103] if/because_that he_had_told to/for_her/it ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of his/its_heart and_she_sent and_she/it_called/named (to)_the_ _rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy to_say come_up the_time//this_time if/because he_has_told mmm[104] ~~ḌǪM~~ all_of his/its_heart and_ _they_came_up to_her/it the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _brought_up the_silver in_hand_of_their. **19** And_she_made_ _him_sleep on knees_of_her and_she/it_called/named (to)_man and_she_shaved_off ~~ḌǪM~~ seven the_plaits_of his/its_head and_

100 **LV 16:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

101 **LV 16:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

102 **LV 16:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

103 **LV 16:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

104 **LV 16:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: לי/ה: (x-qere) לִי: lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp1cs id_07TmX

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_she_began to_humble_him and_ strength_of_his _it_departed from_on_him. **20** And_she/it_said the_Pəlishtiy are_on_you Oh_ _Shimshvōn/(Samson) and_he_awoke from_sleep_of_his and_ _he/it_said I_will_go_out as_time on_time and_I_will_shake_ _myself_free and_he not he_knew if/because_that **YHWH** he_ _had_departed from_with_him. **21** And_they_seized_him the_ _Pəlishtiy and_they_gouged_out ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_his and_they_ _brought_down him to_ʿAzzāh and_they_bound_him with_ _(the)_fetters and_he/it_was grinding in_house_of the[105]. **22** And_ the_hair_of his/its_head _it_began to_grow_back just_ _as it_had_been_shaved.

23 And_the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy they_gathered[106] to_ _sacrifice a_sacrifice great to_Dāgōn god_of_their and_for_joy and_they_said god_of_our he_has_given in_hand_of_our ~~DOM~~ Shimshvōn enemies_of_our. **24** And_ the_people _they_saw ~~DOM~~_him/it and_they_praised ~~DOM~~ god_of_their if/because they_said god_of_our he_has_given in_hand_of_our ~~DOM~~ enemy_of_our and_~~DOM~~ the_one_who_desolates_of land_of_our and_which he_has_multiplied ~~DOM~~ our_slain_of_ones. **25** And_ _he/it_was wwww wwww[107] heart_of_their and_they_said summon (to)_Shimshvōn/(Samson) so_that_he_may_make_ _sport to/for_us and_they_summoned (to)_Shimshvōn from_ _the_house_of the[108] and_he_made_sport before_them and_ _they_made_stand him between pillars. **26** And_he/it_said Shimshvōn to the_young_man who_kept_hold in_his/its_hand permit me and[109] ~~DOM~~ the_pillars which the_house is_ _established on_them so_that_I_may_lean on_them. **27** And_ _the_house was_full (the)_men and_(the)_women and_were_ _there_(to) all_of the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_were_on the_ _roof about_three_of thousand(s) man and_woman who_were_ _looking when_ Shimshvōn _sported. **28** And_ Shimshvōn _ _he/it_called to **YHWH** and_he_said my_master **YHWH** remember_me please and_strengthen_me please only the_ _time//this_time the_this the_ʾElohīm so_that_I_may_avenge_ _myself vengeance_of one of_the_two_of eyes_of_my from_the_ _Pəlishtiy. **29** And_ Shimshvōn _he_twisted ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_ _pillars_of the_middle which the_house was_established on_ _them and_he_supported_himself on_them one was_in_his_ _right_of_hand and_one was_in_his_left_of_hand. **30** And_ Shimshvōn/(Samson) _he/it_said life_of_my let_it_die with the_Pəlishtiy and_he_stretched_out with_strength and_ the_ _house _it_fell on the_rulers and_on all_of the_people which in/on/over_him/it and_ the_dead whom he_killed in_death_of_ _his _they_were many more_than_those_whom he_had_killed in_life_of_his. **31** And_ brothers_of_his and_all the_household_ _of his_father_of_his _they_went_down and_they_carried ~~DOM~~_ _him/it and_they_brought_him_up and_they_buried him between Tsorʿāh/(Zorah) and_between ʾEshtāʾol in_the_tomb_ _of Mānōaḥ his/its_father and_he he_had_judged ~~DOM~~ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) twenty year[s].

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asleep on her knees, and she called in a man to shave off his seven locks of hair, causing him to start to weaken, and his additional strength left him. **20** Then she said, "The Pelishtim are here to get you, Shimshon!" He woke up and thought to himself, "I'll escape like all the other times and I'll shake myself loose." But he didn't know that Yahweh had left him. **21** So the Pelishtim seized him, and they gouged out his eyes. They brought him to Azah (Gaza) and chained him with a pair of bronze shackles, then they put him to work in prison grinding grain. **22** However, over time his hair began to grow back again.

Shimshon's death

23 Some time later, the Pelishti leaders gathered together for a celebration and to offer a large sacrifice to their god Dagon, saying, "Our god has helped us capture our terrible enemy, Shimshon (Samson)." **24** When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, "Our god has helped us capture our enemy—the devastator of our region who killed so many of us." **25** Later in the celebration when the drink had liberated their thinking, they said, "Call for Shimshon so he can entertain us." So they brought Shimshon in from the prison and taunted him to get them all laughing. They made him stand among the pillars of the building **26** and he asked the servant who was guiding him by the hand, "Place my hands against the two pillars holding up the building so I can lean on them." **27** The building was full of the men and the women, including the Pelishti leaders. On the roof there were about three thousand men and women watching the entertainment with Shimshon.

28 Then Shimshon called out to Yahweh, "My master Yahweh, please remember me. Strengthen me please, just this time, oh God, so that I can avenge myself by one last act of vengeance on the Pelishtim to make them pay for my two eyes." **29** Then he took hold of the two centre pillars on which the building depended, and pressed out against them—one in his right hand and one in his left. **30** Then he exclaimed, "Let me die with the Pelishtim!" He stretched out with his strength and the building fell on their leaders and all of the people in it. So he killed more people at his death than he had killed during his life.

31 Then his brothers and all his father's household went to Azah (Gaza) and carried his body back. They buried him between Tsor'ah and Eshtaol in the burial place of his father Manoah. He had helped Yisrael (Israel) for twenty years.

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105 LV 16:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ס֣רִיסָא/ה: (x-qere) 'סְרִיסָ֔ה': lemma_d/631 n_0 morph_HTd/Vqsmpa id_07oxz סְרִיסָ֔ה

106 LV 16:23 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

107 LV 16:25 · Note OSHB variant note: בוט יכ: (x-qere) 'בֹּוטְכִ': lemma_k/2896 a morph_HR/Vqc id_07URH בֹּוטְכִ֣

108 LV 16:25 · Note OSHB variant note: ס֣רִיסָא/ה: (x-qere) 'סְרִיסָ֔ה': lemma_d/631 n_0.1.1 morph_HTd/Vqsmpa id_07yyH סְרִיסָ֔ה

109 LV 16:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ין/שמיה/ו: (x-qere) 'יְנִ֨ישְׁמֵהוּ': lemma_c/4184 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhv2ms/Sp1cs id_07nfk יְנִ֨ישְׁמֵהוּ

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The false gods of Mikiyas

17:1 Now there was a man named Mikah from the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) **2** who admitted to his mother, "Those eleven hundred silver coins that were taken from you—when you made a curse, and even said it when I was listening, well listen, I've got it all—I took it myself."

His mother said, "May Yahweh bless you, my son." **3** Then he brought back the eleven hundred silver coins to his mother and she declared, "I will certainly consecrate the money to Yahweh for my son's benefit. Take it and we'll use it to have one statue carved and another cast." **4** So after the money had been returned, his mother gave two hundred silver coins to a silversmith. He made a carved figure and one cast from a mould, and they were placed in Mikah's house.

5 Now that Mikah had a shrine with gods in it, he made some priestly robes and some household gods, and consecrated one of his sons as his priest. **6** In those days, Yisrael (Israel) didn't have a king—each person would do whatever seemed right to them.

7 Now there was a young Levite man from the family of Yehudah (Judah)[110] who'd been staying in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) (in Yehudah). **8** He left Beyt-Lehem to find another place to say, and on his way, he ended up arriving at Mikah's place in the Efrati hill country. **9** "Where have you come from?" Mikah asked him.

"I'm a Levite from Beyt-Lehem in Yehudah," he replied, "and I'm trying to find a good place to stay a while."

10 "Stay with me," said Mikah, "and be like a father and a priest to me. I'll give you ten silver coins a year as well as board and clothing." So the Levite man went in **11** and agreed to stay with Mikah, eventually becoming like one of Mikah's own sons. **12** Mikah ordained the Levite, and the young man became like a priest to him, and lived in his house. **13** "Now I know that Yahweh will make everything go well for me," Mikah said, "because I have this Levite as a priest."

The Danim settle in Layish

18:1 In those days, Yisrael (Israel) didn't have a king. The tribe of Dan was looking for land to settle in, because up until then, they hadn't been able to claim their allocated region among the Israeli tribes. **2** So the Danim sent out five capable men (from Tsor'ah and from Eshtaol) to scout out the region and explore it. They had told them, "Go and explore the area." They came to the Efrati hill country, as far as Mikah's house, and spent the night there. **3** They'd been near Mikah's house when they recognized the voice of the young Levite man. So they'd gone in there and they asked him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What do you get here?"

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17:1 And_he/it_was a_man from_hill of_'Efrayim and_his/its_ _name was_Mīkāhū. **2** And_he/it_said to_mother_of_his one_ _thousand and_one_hundred the_silver which it_was_taken to/for_you(fs) and[111] you_uttered_a_curse and_also you_said in_ears_of_my HERE the_silver is_with_me I I_took_it and_ his/its_mother _she/it_said son_of_my be_blessed to/for_ _**YHWH**. **3** And_he_brought_back ~~DOM~~ the_one_thousand and_ _one_hundred the_silver to_mother_of_his and_ his/its_mother _she/it_said surely_(consecrate) I_consecrate ~~DOM~~ the_silver to/for_**YHWH** from_hand_of_my for_son_of_my to_make a_ _carved_image and_a_molten_image and_now I_will_return_it to/for_you(fs). **4** And_he_brought_back ~~DOM~~ the_silver to_ _mother_of_his and_ his/its_mother _she/it_took two_hundred silver and_she_gave_it to_silversmith and_he_made_it a_ _carved_image and_a_molten_image and_he/it_was in_house_ _of Mīkāhū. **5** And_the_man Mīkāh to_him/it a_house_of god and_he/it_made an_ephod and_teraphim and_he_filled ~~DOM~~ the_hand_of one of_sons_of_his and_he/it_was to_him/it (into)_a_priest. **6** In_the_days the_those there_was_not a_king in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) everyone the_right in_eyes_of_his he_did. **7** And_he/it_was a_young_man from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh and_he was_a_ _Lēviyyiy and_he was_sojourning there. **8** And_ the_man _ _he/it_went from_the_city from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh to_sojourn in_where he_will_find and_he_came the_ _hill_country_of 'Efrayim to the_house_of Mīkāh for_doing its_ _road/course. **9** And_he/it_said to_him/it Mīkāh from_where do_you_come and_he/it_said to_him/it am_a_Lēviyyiy I from_ _Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh and_I am_going to_sojourn in_where I_will_find. **10** And_he/it_said to_him/it Mīkāh remain with_me and_become to_me (into)_a_father and_(into)_ _a_priest and_I I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ten_of silver to_ _days and_an_order_of garments and_sustenance_of_your and_ the_Lēviyyiy _he/it_went. **11** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _he_was_ _willing to_dwell with the_man and_ the_young_man _he/it_ _was to_him/it like_one of_sons_of_his. **12** And_ Mīkāh _he_ _filled ~~DOM~~ the_hand_of the_Lēviyyiy and_he/it_was to_him/it the_young_man (into)_a_priest and_he/it_was in_house_of Mīkāh. **13** And_ Mīkāh _he/it_said now I_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_will_do_good to_me if/because he_has_become to_ _me the_Lēviyyiy (into)_a_priest.

18:1 In_the_days the_those there_was_not a_king in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_in_days the_those the_tribe_of the_ _Danite[s] was_seeking to_him/it an_inheritance to_dwell_in if/because not it_had_fallen for_him/it until the_day (the)_that in_the_middle the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (in)_an_ _inheritance. **2** And_ the_descendants_of Dān _they_sent from_ _tribe_of_their five men from_ends_of_their men sons_of strength from_Tsor'āh/(Zorah) and_from_'Eshtā'ol to_spy_out ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_to_explore_it and_they_said to_them go explore ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_they_came the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim to the_house_of Mīkāh and_they_spent_ _the_night there. **3** They were_near the_house_of Mīkāh and_ _they they_recognized ~~DOM~~ the_voice_of the_young_man the_ _Lēviyyiy and_they_turned_aside there and_they_said to_

110 RV 17:7 · Note Maybe one parent was from the tribe of Levi and one from Yehudah?

111 LV 17:2 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְתָּא/וְ: (x-qere) תָּאָ/וְ'; lemma_c/859 c morph_HC/Pp2fs id_07bTH תָּאָ/וְ ׃

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_him/it who did_he_bring_you here and_what are_you doing in_this_place and_what belongs_to_you here. 4 And_he/it_said to_them like_this and_like_this he_has_done to_me Mīkāh and_ _he_has_hired_me and_I_have_become to_him/it (into)_a_ _priest. 5 And_they_said to_him/it enquire please by_god so_ _that_we_may_know will_ journey_of_our which we are_going on_it _it_succeed. 6 And_he/it_said to/for_them the_ _priest/officer go to_peace is_in_front_of **YHWH** way_of_ _your(pl) which you(pl)_go in_it. 7 And_ the_five_of the_men _ _they_went and_they_came to_Layish and_they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _people which was_in_midst_of_its dwelling to_security according_to_the_custom_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) at_peace and_secure and_there_was_not one_who_put_to_shame anything on_the_earth one_who_possessed oppression and_ _were_far they from_the_Tsīdonī and_anything there_was_not to/for_them with anyone. 8 And_they_came to brothers_of_ _their Tsor´āh/(Zorah) and_'Eshtā'ol and_they_said to/for_ _them brothers_of_their what you(pl). 9 And_they_said arise and_let_us_go_up on_them if/because we_have_seen ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_is_good very and_you(pl) are_being_inactive do_not hesitate to_go to_go to_take_ _possession_of ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land. 10 Just_as_you(pl)_go you(pl)_will_come to a_people secure and_the_earth is_broad_ _of both_sides if/because he_has_given_it god in_hand_of_ _your(pl) a_place where there_is_not there lack_of any_of thing which on_the_earth. 11 And_they_set_out from_there of_the_ _tribe_of of_the_Danite[s] from_Tsor´āh and_from_'Eshtā'ol six hundred(s) man girded weapons_of war. 12 And_they_went_up and_they_encamped at_Qiryat- yə´ārīm/(jearim) in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_called (to)_place (the)_that Mahaneh Dān until the_day the_this THERE behind Qiryat Yə´ārīm/(Jearim). 13 And_they_passed_ _through from_there the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_they_ _came to the_house_of Mīkāh. 14 And_ the_five_of the_men who_had_gone to_spy_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land Layish _they_ _answered and_they_said to brothers_of_their do_you(pl)_know if/because_that there_are in_houses the_these an_ephod and_ _teraphim a_carved_image and_a_molten_image and_now consider what will_you(pl)_do. 15 And_they_turned_aside there_(to) and_they_came to the_house_of the_young_man the_ _Lēviyyiy the_house_of Mīkāh and_they_asked to_him/it to_ _welfare. 16 And_six hundred(s) man girded the_weapons_of their_war_of_their were_standing the_entrance_of the_gate who from_(the)_sons of_Dān. 17 And_ the_five_of the_men who_had_gone to_spy_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land _they_went_up they_went there_(to) they_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_carved_image and_ _~~ĐOM~~ the_ephod and_~~ĐOM~~ the_teraphim and_~~ĐOM~~ the_molten_ _image and_the_priest was_standing the_entrance_of the_gate and_six hundred(s) the_man (the)_girded the_weapons_of (the)_war. 18 And_these they_went the_house_of Mīkāh and_ _they_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_carved_image_of the_ephod and_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _teraphim and_~~ĐOM~~ the_molten_image and_he/it_said to_them the_priest/officer what are_you(pl) doing. 19 And_they_said to_ _him/it keep_quiet put hand_of_your over mouth_of_your and_ _come with_us and_become to/for_us (into)_a_father and_ _(into)_a_priest good is_your_being a_priest of_the_house_of a_ _man one or being_your a_priest of_a_tribe and_of_a_clan in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 20 And_ the_heart_of the_priest/officer _it_

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4 Then he told them what Mikah had done for him, and how he'd hired him to be like his priest.

5 So they asked him, "Please find out from God if we'll have success on this expedition we're on."

6 "Continue on in peace," the priest said. "Yahweh has prepared everything ahead of you all."

7 Then the five men left and went on to Layish. They saw that the people there were living in confidence just like the Tsidonim (Sidonians) were—peacefully and feeling secure. No one in the region was causing trouble for them and they were very settled. They were far away from the Tsidonim and didn't interact with others. 8 Then they went back to their relatives in Tsor'ah and Eshtaol, who asked them, "How did it go?" 9 "Get ready immediately," they said, "so that we can go to battle against them! Because we've seen the land and listen, it's incredibly good. Don't just stay still here—you all need to take action to go in to take possession of the land.

10 When you go, you'll all come to a people living without suspicion of attack, and the land is spacious in all directions, because God will hand it over to you—a place where there's no lack of anything that's on the earth."

11 So six hundred Dani warriors left Tsor'ah and Eshtaol, carrying their weapons. 12 They set off and camped at Kiryat-Yearim in Yehudah (Judah). That's why they call that place Mahaneh-Dan (meaning 'Dan's camp') to this day—it's back behind Kiryat-Yearim. 13 From there, they crossed over into the Efrati hill country, eventually arriving near Mikah's house.

14 Then the five men who had been here previously scouting out the land said to their group, "Do you know that there's a house here with a gear for priests, family idols, a carved image, and a cast image? So now, consider what you should do." 15 So they turned off the main path and they came to the place with the young Levite man in Mikah's house, and they asked about his welfare. 16 The six hundred Dani men stayed outside at the gate, holding their weapons.

17 The five men who'd gone to scout out the land went in around the back. They took the carved image, the priest's gear, the family idols, and the cast image, while the priest was standing at the entrance of the gate along with the six hundred armed men. 18 When the priest saw them bringing out all the religious objects, he demanded, "What's going on?"

19 "Stay quiet," they told him. "Put your hand over your mouth and come with us, and be like a father and a priest for us. Is it better to be a priest for only one household, or to be a priest for a whole related tribe in Yisrael (Israel)?" 20 The priest liked that idea, so he went along with them—taking the priestly gear and the household idols, and the carved image.

21 Then they went back to the main path and continued on their way with the children, animals, and those carrying the valuable property going in front. 22 When they'd already gone quite some distance from Mikah's house, Mikah and his neighbours gathered together, then the men ran in a group and

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caught up with the Danim. **23** They called out to the Danim who turned around to face them and asked Mikah, "What's the matter? Why has this group come together?" **24** "You all took my gods that I made," Mikah replied, "And the priest. Then you disappeared and I had nothing left. So how can you all ask me what the matter is!"

25 "I wouldn't say too much if I was you," he was told. "Otherwise some of our more fiery men might start to get a bit hostile, then you'd bring about your own death, and that of your companions!" **26** Then Mikah realised that they were too strong for them, so they turned back around and went home.

So the Danim continued onward, **27** taking with them the things that Mikah had made, as well as his priest. They came to Layish where the unsuspecting people were living peaceably, and they slaughtered them with their swords and burnt down the city. **28** No one came to rescue them because it was a long way from Tsidon (Sidon) and they did have much involvement with them anyway. (Layish was in the valley near Beyt-Rehov.) They rebuilt the city and then moved into it. **29** They named the rebuilt city Dan (instead of Layish) in honour of their ancestor Dan who was one of Yisrael's (Israel's) sons. **30** The Danim mounted the carved image for themselves to worship. Yonatan (Jonathan) (Gereshom's son from Menasheh (Manasseh)) became the priest for the Danim (and then his descendants until when the people were eventually exiled from the region). **31** So they set up the carved image that Mikah had made and worshipped it the whole time that God's tent was at Shiloh.

The Levite and his slave-wife

19:1 In those days when there was no king over Yisrael (Israel), there was a Levite man who was staying in the remotest parts of the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim). He took a slave-wife for himself from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judah). **2** However, she started sleeping around, and then she left him and went to her father's house in Beyt-Lehem where she ended up staying for four months. **3** Then her husband got organised and went after her—to sweet-talk her and persuade her to return with him. He took a young servant man and a team of donkeys. She invited her husband into her father's house, and when her father saw him, he was glad to meet him. **4** His father-in-law (her father) in-

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_was_good and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_ephod and_~~DOM~~ the_ _teraphim and_~~DOM~~ the_carved_image and_he_went in_the_ _midst_of the_people. **21** And_they_turned and_they_went and_ _they_put ~~DOM~~ the_little_one[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_livestock and_~~DOM~~ the_valuable[s] before_them. **22** They they_had_gone_far_away from_the_house_of Mīkāh and_the_men who were_in_houses which were_near the_house_of Mīkāh they_were_called_ _together and_they_overtook ~~DOM~~ the_descendants_of Dān. **23** And_they_called_out to the_descendants_of Dān and_they_ _turned faces_of_their and_they_said to_Mīkāh what is_to_you that/for/because/then/when you_have_been_called_together. **24** And_he/it_said ~~DOM~~ gods_of_my which I_made you(pl)_have_ _taken and_~~DOM~~ the_priest/officer and_you(pl)_have_gone and_ _what to/for_me still and_why this are_you(pl)_saying to_me what is_to_you. **25** And_they_said to_him/it the_descendants_of Dān do_not make_heard voice_of_your with_us lest they_ _should_fall on_you(pl) men bitter_of self and_you_will_gather life_of_your and_the_life_of your_household_of_your. **26** And_ the_descendants_of Dān _they_went to_way_of_their and_ Mīkāh _he/it_saw if/because_that were_too_strong they from_ _him/it and_he_turned and_he_returned to house_of_his. **27** And_they they_took ~~DOM~~ that_which Mīkāh he_had_made and_~~DOM~~ the_priest/officer who he_belonged to_him/it and_ _they_came to Layish to a_people at_peace and_secure and_ _they_struck_down them to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_~~DOM~~ the_city they_burnt with_fire. **28** And_there_was_not a_ _deliverer if/because was_far it from_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ _anything there_belonged_not to/for_them with anyone and_ _she was_in_valley which belongs_to_Bēyt- rehob and_they_ _rebuilt ~~DOM~~ the_city and_they_lived in_it. **29** And_they_called the_name_of the_city Dān in/on_name_of Dān ancestor_of_ _their who he_was_born to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_but was_Layish the_name_of the_city to_time. **30** And_they_set_up to/for_them the_descendants_of Dān ~~DOM~~ the_carved_image and_ _Yōnātān/(Jonathan) the_son_of Gērəshom the_son_of wwww[112] he and_sons_of_his they_were priests of_the_tribe_of of_the_Danite[s] until the_day_of the_earth/land went_into_ _exile. **31** And_they_set_up to/for_them ~~DOM~~ the_carved_image_ _of Mīkāh which he_had_made all_of the_days_of the_being of_ _the_house_of the_'Elohīm in_Shiloh.

19:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days the_those and_a_king there_ _was_not in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_was a_man a_Lēviyyiy sojourning in_the_remotest_parts_of the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_he/it_took to_him/it a_woman a_concubine from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_she_ _was_angry on/upon/above_him/it concubine_of_his and_she_ _went from_with_him to the_house_of her_father_of_her to Bēyt- leḥem Yəhūdāh and_it_became there days four months. **3** And_ her/its_husband/man _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went after_her to_speak to her/its_heart mmm[115] and_servant_of_ _his with_him/it and_a_pair_of donkeys and_she_brought_him the_house_of her_father_of_her and_he_saw_him the_father_of the_young_woman and_he_rejoiced to_meet_him. **4** And_he_ _took_hold in/on/over_him/it father-in-law_of_his the_father_

112 LV 18:30 · Note OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.

115 LV 19:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וּ/בישה/ל: (x-qere) הִ֫בִישָׁה/לְ': lemma_l/7725 n_1.1 morph_HR/Vhc/Sp3fs id_079hY הִ֫בִישָׁה/לְ

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_of the_young_woman and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived with_him/it three_of days and_they_ate and_they_drank and_ _they_spent_the_night there. **5** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_ _fourth and_they_rose_early in_morning and_he/it_rose_up to_ _go and_ the_father_of the_young_woman _he/it_said to son-in-law_of_his sustain heart_of_your a_piece_of bread and_ _after you(pl)_will_go. **6** And_they_lived and_ both_of_them _ _they_ate together and_they_drank and_ the_father_of the_ _young_woman _he/it_said to the_man be_willing please and_ _spend_the_night and_ heart_of_your _let_it_be_good. **7** And_ the_man _he/it_rose_up to_go and_he_urged in/on/over_ _him/it father-in-law_of_his and_he_returned and_he_spent_ _the_night there. **8** And_he_rose_early in_morning in_the_day (the)_fifth to_go and_he/it_said the_father_of the_young_ _woman sustain please heart_of_your and_delay until the_day declines and_ the_two_of_of_them _they_ate. **9** And_he/it_rose_ _up the_man to_go he and_concubine_of_his and_servant_of_ _his and_he/it_said to_him/it father-in-law_of_his the_father_ _of the_young_woman HERE please the_day it_is_sinking to_ _become_evening spend_the_night please HERE the_day to_ _decline spend_the_night here and_ heart_of_your _let_it_be_ _good and_you(pl)_will_rise_early tomorrow for_journey_of_ _your(pl) and_you_will_go to_tent_of_your. **10** And_not the_ _man he_was_willing to_spend_the_night and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went and_he_came to opposite Yəvūş/(Jebus) that is_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_were_with_him a_pair_of donkeys saddled and_concubine_of_his with_him/it. **11** They were_near Yəvūş/(Jebus) and_the_day it_had_gone_down exceedingly and_ the_servant _he/it_said to master(s)_of_his come please and_let_us_turn_aside to the_city_of the_Yəvūşī (the)_this and_let_us_spend_the_night in_it. **12** And_he/it_said to_him/it master(s)_of_his not we_will_turn_aside to a_city foreign who not from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they and_ _we_will_pass_on to Giv˝āh. **13** And_he/it_said to_servant_of_ _his come[116][117] and_let_us_drew_near at_one_of the_places and_we_will_spend_the_night in_Giv˝āh or in_Rāmāh. **14** And_ _they_passed_on and_they_went and_it_went to/for_them the_ _sun beside (the)_Giv˝āh which belongs_to_Binyāmīn. **15** And_ _they_turned_aside there to_go to_spend_the_night in_Giv˝āh and_he_went and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_ _open_square_of the_city and_there_was_not anyone who_was_ _receiving them to_the_house to_spend_the_night. **16** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man old was_coming from work_of_his from the_field in_evening and_the_man from_hill of_'Efrayim and_he was_sojourning in_Giv˝āh and_the_men_of the_place were_Ben-_of jaminites. **17** And_he_lifted_up eyes_of_his and_ _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_man who_was_travelling in_the_open_ _square_of the_city and_he/it_said the_man[118][119] (the)_old where are_you_going and_from_where are_you_coming. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it we are_passing from_Bēyt-food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to the_remotest_parts_of the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim from_there I and_I_went to Bēyt-

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sisted on offering hospitality, so they ate and drank, and he stayed the night, and ended up staying for three days. **5** Then on the fourth day, they got up early and the Levite prepared to leave, but his father-in-law urged him to eat before they left.

6 So the two of them ate and drank together, and then the woman's father said, "Please stay another night. Relax and have a good time."

7 The man got ready to leave, however his father-in-law persisted, so he stayed another night there. **8** He got up early in the morning on the fifth day to get ready to leave, but the father of the young woman said, "Get some energy first." So they waited until later in the day, and then the two of them ate.

9 When the man stood up to go with his slave-wife and his young man, his father-in-law said, "Listen, the day's coming to an end soon. Please stay the night. See, it'll be getting dark soon. Spend the night here and be happy. Then make an early start tomorrow for your journey home."

10 But the man from the tribe of Levi didn't want to stay another night. He put saddles on his two donkeys, and started to go with his slave-wife and his servant toward Yevus city (now called Yerushalem (Jerusalem)).

11 They got close to Yevus and the daylight had mostly gone, so the young man said to his master, "Come, please, we should turn aside into this city of the Yevusim so we can spend the night there." **12** "We won't go into a city of foreigners," his master replied. "There's no Israelis there. Better to keep going until we reach Giveah." **13** Then he added, "Yes, let's keep going to reach either Giveah or Ramah to spend the night in." **14** So they passed Yevus and went on, but the sun went down as they neared Giveah (in Benyamite territory) **15** so they went into Giveah to spend the night there. They went and sat in the open plaza of the city, but no one invited them into their home for the night.

16 But then in late evening, an old man came in from his work in the field. He was from the Efrati hill country but currently staying in the Giveah area where the residents were Benyamites. **17** He looked up and noticed them in the open plaza of the city and asked the man, "Where are you going, and where have you come from?"

18 "We're passing through from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judah)," the Levite replied. "Going to the remote parts of the Efrati hill country where I'm from. I went to Beyt-Lehem, and I'm going to Shiloh where Yahweh's house is. However, no one here has invited us into their home. **19** We have our own food and straw for our donkeys, and enough food and wine for the three of us so we don't need anything else.

20 "Peace to you all," said the old man. "Let me supply every-

116 LV 19:13 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

117 LV 19:13 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

118 LV 19:17 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

119 LV 19:17 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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thing you need—only don't spend the night here in the square."
21 Then he took them to his house and fed their donkeys. They
washed their feet, and they all ate and drank. **22** They were hav-
ing a good time, but suddenly the men of the city—wicked
men—had surrounded the house—pounding repeatedly on the
door. They called out to the old man who owned the house,
"Hey, bring out the man who came to your place, so we can have
fun with him."[113][114] **23** The man who owned the house went out
to them and said to them, "No, my brothers, please you mustn't
act wickedly. That man is a guest in my house—you all mustn't
do this disgraceful thing. **24** My virgin daughter and his
slave-wife are here. Please let me bring *them* out so you can rav-
ish them and do whatever you want to them. But don't do that
wicked thing to that man." **25** But the men weren't willing to lis-
ten to him, so the man pushed his slave-wife out to them and
they raped her and abused her the whole night until the morn-
ing, when they discarded her as it began to dawn.
26 The woman managed to get herself back to the house where
her master was, and collapsed at the entrance until it got light.
27 When her master got up and he opened the door to go and
continue on his trip, look, his slave-wife had fallen at the en-
trance and her hands were on the threshold. **28** "Get up," he told
her. "Let's go." But she didn't answer, so he put her on his don-
key and headed home. **29** When he arrived, he got a knife and
hacked his wife's body into twelve pieces (including the bones),
and he sent them to various places spread across all of Yisrael's
(Israel's) territory. **30** Then everyone who saw a piece said,
"Nothing has ever happened like this before—we've never seen
anything like this from the time that the Israelis left Mitsrayim
(Egypt) until now. What do we need to do about it? Speak up and
make a plan."

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leḥem Yəhūdāh and_ĐØM the_house_of **YHWH** I am_going and_
_there_was_not anyone who_was_receiving me to_the_house.
19 And_also straw as_well_as fodder there_are for_donkeys_of_
_our and_also food and_wine there_are to_me and_for_
_maidservant_of_your and_for_servant with your_servants
there_is_not lack_of any_of thing. **20** And_ the_man (the)_old _
_he/it_said peace to/for_you(fs) certainly all_of lack_of_your
is_on_me only in_square do_not spend_the_night. **21** And_he_
_brought_him to_house_of_his and_he_fed[120][121][122] (to)_
_donkeys and_they_washed feet_of_their and_they_ate and_
_they_drank. **22** They were_making_good ĐØM heart_of_their
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_men_of the_city men_of sons_of
worthlessness they_surrounded ĐØM the_house beating_
_violently on the_door and_they_said to the_man the_master_
_of the_house (the)_old to_say bring_out ĐØM the_man who he_
_came to house_of_your so_that_we_may_know_him. **23** And_
_he/it_went_out to_them the_man the_master_of the_house
and_he/it_said to_them no my_brothers_of_my do_not do_evil
please after that the_man the_this he_has_come not house_of_
_my[123] do_not do ĐØM the_disgraceful_folly (the)_this. **24** HERE
daughter_of_my the_virgin and_concubine_of_his let_me_
_bring_out please them and_afflict them and_do to/for_them
the_good in_eyes_of_your(pl) and_to_man the_this not you(pl)_
_must_do the_thing_of (the)_disgraceful_folly (the)_this.
25 And_not the_men they_were_willing to_listen to_him/it
and_ the_man _he_took_hold on_concubine_of_his and_he_
_brought_her_out to_them (the)_outside and_they_knew her
and_they_abused (in)_her all_of the_night until the_morning
and_they_let_her_go in/on/at/with[124] the_dawn. **26** And_ the_
_woman _she_came to_ of_the_morning _the_turning and_she_
_fell the_entrance_of the_house_of the_man where master(s)_
_of_her was_there until the_light. **27** And_ master(s)_of_her _
_he/it_rose_up in_morning and_he_opened the_doors_of the_
_house and_he/it_went_out to_go to_way_of_his and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_woman concubine_of_his was_falling
the_entrance_of the_house and_hands_of_her were_on the_
_threshold. **28** And_he/it_said to_her/it get_up and_let_us_go
and_there_was_not one_who_answered and_he_took_her on
the_donkey and_ the_man _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_
_place_of_his. **29** And_he_came to house_of_his and_he/it_took
ĐØM the_knife and_he_took_hold on_concubine_of_his and_he_
_cut_her_in_pieces to_bones_of_her into_two_plus ten pieces
and_he_sent_her_out in_all_of the_territory_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).
30 And_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_saw and_saying(ms) not
it_has_occurred and_not like_this it_has_been_seen (to)_from_
_the_day_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) came_up from_the_
_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until the_day the_this set to/for_
_you(pl) on/upon_it(f) make_a_plan and_speak.

113 RV 19:22 · Note Of course, everyone understood that their aim was to sodomise him.

114 RV 19:22-24 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:5-8.

120 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

121 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

122 LV 19:21 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

123 LV 19:23 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

124 LV 19:25 · Note OSHB variant note: תולע/ב: (x-qere) תֹולֲעַ/כ׳: lemma_k/5927 morph_HR/Vqc id_07mev תֹולֲעַ/כ

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20:1 And_ all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_out and_ the_congregation _it_was_assembled like_a_man one (to)_ _from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevaʿ and_the_land_of (the)_Gilʿād to **YHWH** (the)_Mitspāh. **2** And_ the_corners_of all_of the_ _people all_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_presented_ _themselves in_the_assembly_of the_people_of the_'Elohīm four hundred(s) thousand man on_foot who_drew a_sword. **3** And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_heard if/because_ _that the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_gone_up (the)_ _Mitspāh and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said speak how the_evil (the)_this did_it_occur. **4** And_ the_man the_ _Lēviyyiy the_husband_of the_woman (the)_murdered _he_ _answered and_he_said to_(the)_Givʿāh which belongs_to_ _Binyāmīn I and_concubine_of_my I_came to_spend_the_night. **5** And_they_rose_up on_me the_citizens_of (the)_Givʿāh and_ _they_surrounded on_me ~~DOM~~ the_house night me they_ _intended to_kill and_~~DOM~~ concubine_of_my they_abused and_ _she_died. **6** And_I_took_hold on_concubine_of_my and_I_cut_ _her_in_pieces and_I_sent_her_off in_all the_land_of the_ _inheritance_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_have_done wickedness and_disgraceful_folly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** HERE of_ _you_of_all Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) give to/for_you(pl) a_ _message and_counsel here. **8** And_ all_of the_people _he/it_ _rose_up like_a_man one to_say not we_will_go anyone to_tent_ _of_his and_not we_will_depart anyone to_house_of_his. **9** And_ _now this is_the_thing which we_will_do to_Givʿāh on/upon_ _it(f) by_lot. **10** And_we_will_take ten men to_hundred to_ _all/each/any/every the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_one_ _hundred to_thousand and_one_thousand to_thousand to_ _take/accept/receive provision[s] for_people for_doing to_ _coming_their to_Gevaʿ of_Binyāmīn according_to_all_of the_ _disgraceful_folly which it_did in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **11** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_gathered to the_city like_a_man one united. **12** And_ the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_sent men in_all the_tribes_of Binyāmīn to_say what is_ _the_evil (the)_this which it_has_happened among_you(pl). **13** And_now give_up ~~DOM~~ the_men sons_of worthlessness who are_in_Givʿāh so_that_we_may_put_them_to_death and_so_ _that_we_may_remove evil from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_ _were_willing[125][126] of_Binyāmīn to_listen to_the_voice_of their_brothers_of_their the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_gathered from the_cities to_(the)_Givʿāh to_go_out for_battle with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_they_were_mustered the_descendants_ _of Binyāmīn in_the_day (the)_that from_the_cities twenty and_six thousand man who_drew a_sword apart_aside from_ _the_inhabitants_of (the)_Givʿāh who_they_were_mustered seven hundred(s) man chosen. **16** From_all the_people the_this seven hundred(s) man chosen impeded_of the_hand_of his_ _right_side_of_his all_of this was_slinging with_stone to the_ _single_hair and_not he_missed. **17** And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_mustered apart_apart from_ _Binyāmīn four hundred(s) thousand man who_drew a_sword all_of this was_man_of war.

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The preparation of Israelis of war

20:1 Then all the Israelis from Dan in the north to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south, and even from Gilead across the Yarden (Jordan), came and assembled before Yahweh at Mitspah with one single, united purpose. **2** The leaders of all the Israeli tribes also came out to show their agreement with the assembly of the people of the true God: four hundred thousand warriors all carrying swords.

3 Meanwhile, the Benyamites had heard that the Israelis had gathered at Mitspah, and everyone asked, "Explain how this wicked thing came to happen."

4 So the Levite man (the husband of the woman who had been murdered) answered, "I went to the Giveah region (in Benyamin) with my slave-wife to spend the night. **5** The citizens of Giveah conspired together against me. They surrounded the house at night because of me, intending to kill me. Instead, they assaulted and abused my slave-wife so that she died. **6** I took my slave-wife's body back home and cut her in pieces, and I sent them out into every section of the territory that God gave Yisrael (Israel), because they've committed a heinous crime, and a disgrace to Yisrael. **7** Listen, all of you Israelis, what's your advice? What should we do about it?"

8 All the people agreed together and started saying, "We won't go back to our families. We won't return to our houses. **9** rather this is what we must do to Giveah: choose by lot who will fight against them. **10** Choose a tenth of our men to go and get supplies for the other warriors to travel to Giveah in Benyamin after what they did that outraged Yisrael. **11** So all Yisrael was united together against that city.

12 Then the Israeli tribes sent men across the Benyamite region to ask, "What's this evil thing that's been done among you? **13** So now, hand over those worthless men from the Giveah region so that we can put them to death and purge Yisrael of that evil." But the Benyamites weren't willing to take the advice of their Israeli relatives. **14** They came out of their cities and assembled at Giveah to the battle against the Israelis. **15** The Benyamites mobilised together twenty-six thousand men from their cities on that day, all carrying swords. In addition, seven hundred chosen men had been mobilised from the Giveah region. **16** Among all of those people were seven hundred chosen left-handers, each of whom could sling a stone at a hair without missing. **17** The Israelis (excluding Benyamites) mustered up for themselves four hundred thousand men—all expert warriors and all carrying swords.

125 LV 20:13 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'יְנֻבּ': lemma_1121 a morph_HNcmpc id_07Kvd יְנֻבּ

126 LV 20:13 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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The war to punish the Benyamites

18 The Israelis got ready and went to
Beyt-El (Bethel) and asked God, "Who
should lead us into battle with the Benyamites?"
"It should be Yehudah (Judah) out front," Yahweh responded.
19 So the Israelis set out in the morning and made camp near
Giveah. 20 Then they went out to battle against the
Benyamites—setting themselves up for the battle against them
at Giveah.
21 But the Benyamites led a surprise attack out of Giveah and
killed twenty-two thousand of the Israeli warriors. 22 However
the Israelis strengthened themselves and they continued to set
up for battle the next day at the same place.
23 Then the Israelis assembled and wept before Yahweh until
evening. They asked him, "Should we continue to attack and
battle against our cousins the Benyamites?"
"Go back against them," Yahweh replied. 24 So the Israelis went
back to battle against the Benyamites again on the second day.
25 Again the Benyamites came out from Giveah, and this time
they killed eighteen thousand Israeli swordsmen. 26 Then the Is-
raeli warriors and all the people went back to Beyt-El (Bethel).
They wept, and they sat there before Yahweh. They fasted that
day until the evening, then they offered burnt offerings and
peace offerings to Yahweh. 27 They asked Yahweh (because the
box containing the agreement with the true God was there in
those days 28 and Pinhas (son of Aharon's (Aaron's) son Eleazar)
was serving before it in those days), "Should we continue to go
to the battle once more against the our cousins the Benyamites,
or should we stop?"
"Go back again, because tomorrow I'll give you victory over
them," Yahweh responded.
29 So the Israelis placed groups of warriors in ambush all
around Giveah. 30 Then they took their positions now for the
third day against the Benyamites in Giveah. 31 When the
Benyamites came out from the city, they were lured away as
they began to strike down their enemies like the time before.
Around thirty Israelis were killed on the two roads—one going
to Beyt-El and the other to Giveah through the countryside.
32 Then the Benyamites said, "We're starting to defeat them, just
like before."
But the Israelis had said, "Let's flee so that we can draw them
away from the city and onto the roads." 33 Then the main group
of Israelis retreated and set up battle lines at Ba'al-Tamar, as the
ones hiding in ambush made a surprise attack from their places
in Ma'areh-Geva. 34 Ten thousand chosen Israeli warriors came
out in the sight of the Giveah region, and the battle was fierce,
but the Benyamites hadn't yet realised that disaster was about
to hit them. 35 Yahweh helped the Israelis to defeat the
Benyamites that day, and over twenty-five thousand Benyamite
swordsmen were killed 36 and they saw that they were defeated.
The Israelis had given ground to the Benyamites because they
had relied on the ambush placed around Giveah. 37 Then the
group hiding in ambush had rushed out and spread out around

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18 And_they_arose and_they_went_up Bēyt-ʾēl and_they_
_enquired by_god and_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_
_said who will_he_go_up to/for_ourselves at_first to_battle
with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) will_at_the_first. 19 And_ the_people_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_arose in_morning and_they_encamped
on (the)_Giv˝āh. 20 And_ the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_
_went_out to_battle with Binyāmīn and_they_deployed with_
_them the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) battle to (the)_Giv˝āh.
21 And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_went_out from
(the)_Giv˝āh and_they_destroyed among_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_
_the_day (the)_that two and_twenty thousand man ground_to_
the. 22 And the_people the_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _it_
_showed_itself_strong and_they_repeated to_deploy battle in_
_place where they_had_deployed there in_the_day (the)_first.
23 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_went_up and_
_they_wept to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** until
the_evening and_they_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say will_I_repeat
to_draw_near for_battle with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn
my_brother/kindred and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said go_up to_him/it.
24 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_drew_near to the_
_descendants_of Binyāmīn in_the_day the_second. 25 And_
Binyāmīn _he/it_went_out to_meet_them from (the)_Giv˝āh in_
_the_day the_second and_they_destroyed among_the_people_
_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) again eight-_of teen thousand man ground_
_to_the all_of these were_drawers_of a_sword. 26 And_ all_of
the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_all the_people _they_went_
_up and_they_came Bēyt-ʾēl and_they_wept and_they_lived
there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_
_fasted on_day (the)_that until the_evening and_they_offered_
_up burnt_offerings and_peace_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH**. 27 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
_they_enquired by_**YHWH** and_there the_box_of the_covenant_
_of the_ʾElohīm in_the_days the_those. 28 And_Pinḥāṣ the_son_
_of ʾEl˝āzār the_son_of ʾAh$_a$ron was_standing before_it in_the_
_days the_those to_say will_I_repeat again to_go_out for_battle
with the_descendants_of Binyāmīn my_brother/kindred or
will_I_cease and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said go_up if/because
tomorrow I_will_give_him in_hand_of_your. 29 And_
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_assigned ambushers to (the)_Giv˝āh
round_about. 30 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_
_went_up against the_descendants_of Binyāmīn in_the_day
the_third and_they_deployed against (the)_Giv˝āh as_time on_
time. 31 And the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_went_out
to_meet the_people they_were_drawn_away from the_city and_
_they_began to_strike_down some_of_the_people fatally_
_wounded as_time on_time in_highways which one is_going_up
Bēyt-ʾēl and_one to_Giv˝āh in_the_field about_thirty man in_
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 32 And the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_
_said they are_defeated before_us as_at_time and_the_sons of_
_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_said let_us_flee and_we_will_draw_him_
_away from the_city to the_highways. 33 And_
_all/each/any/every (the)_man_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_rose
from_place_of_his and_they_deployed at_Ba˝al- tamar and_the_
_ambusher_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) was_bursting_forth from_place_
_of_his from_the_open_place_of Gev˝a˝. 34 And_they_came
from_before to_Giv˝āh ten_of thousand(s) man chosen from_all
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_battle it_was_heavy and_they not

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they_knew if/because_that was_about_to_touch to_them (the)_ _calamity. **35** And_ **YHWH** _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Binyāmīn to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_destroyed among_Binyāmīn in_the_day (the)_that twenty and_five thousand and_one_hundred man all_of these was_one_who_drew a_sword. **36** And_ the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_saw if/because_that they_ _were_defeated and_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave place to_Binyāmīn if/because they_trusted to the_ambusher whom they_had_set against (the)_Giv˝āh. **37** And_the_ _ambusher they_made_haste and_they_made_a_raid against (the)_Giv˝āh and_ the_ambusher _he_marched and_he_struck_ _down ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_city to_the_mouth_of the_sword. **38** And_ _the_appointed_signal which_it_belonged to_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with the_ambusher was_do_much they_to_ _cause_to_go_up the_rising_of the_smoke from the_city. **39** And_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_turned in_battle and_ _Binyāmīn it_began to_strike_down fatally_wounded among_ _the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) about_thirty man if/because they_ _said surely totally_(defeated) it is_defeated before_us like_ _battle (the)_first. **40** And_the_rising it_began to_go_up from the_city a_pillar_of smoke and_ Binyāmīn _it_turned behind_it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_entirety_of the_city it_went_up to_ _the_heavens. **41** And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_turned and_ the_man_of Binyāmīn _he_was_terrified if/because he_ _saw if/because_that it_had_touched on/upon/above_him/it (the)_calamity. **42** And_they_turned to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to the_way_of the_ _wilderness and_the_battle it_overtook_him and_which were_ _from_the_cities were_destroying him in_the_midst_of_of_him. **43** They_surrounded ᴅᴏᴍ Binyāmīn they_pursued_him rest they_trod_him_down to opposite (the)_Giv˝āh from_the_rising_ _of the_sun. **44** And_they_fell of_Binyāmīn eight- teen thousand man ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these were_men_of strength. **45** And_they_ _turned and_they_fled to_the_wilderness to the_rock_of (the)_ _Rimmōn and_they_gleaned_him in_highways five_of thousand(s) man and_they_pursued_closely after_him to Gid˝om and_they_struck_down from_him/it two_thousand man. **46** And_ all_of those_who_fell of_Binyāmīn _he/it_was were_twenty and_five thousand man who_drew a_sword in_ _the_day (the)_that ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these were_men_of strength. **47** And_they_turned and_they_fled to_the_wilderness to the_ _rock_of (the)_Rimmōn six hundred(s) man and_they_lived at_ _the_rock_of Rimmōn four months. **48** And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_turned_back against the_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_they_struck_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_ _sword from_a_city_of soundness unto animal unto every_of (the)_thing_which_was_found also all_of the_cities which_ _were_found they_sent in_fire.

21:1 And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_had_sworn at_Mitspāh to_say anyone from_him/it not he_will_give daughter_of_his to_Binyāmīn to/for_(a)_woman. **2** And_ the_people _it_came Bēyt- 'ēl and_they_lived there until the_evening to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm and_they_lifted_up voice_ _of_their and_they_wept weeping great. **3** And_they_said why Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) this_thing has_it_ _happened in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_be_missing the_day from_

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Giveah, then had gone in and attacked the entire city with their swords. **38** Then they started a fire as the prearranged signal was to be the rising column of smoke up out of the city.

39 Meanwhile the main Israeli force had retreated, and the Benyamites had attacked and killed around thirty men, thinking that they were winning like they'd done twice before. **40** But when the pillar of smoke began to rise from the city, the Benyamites looked behind them and were shocked to see their city going up in smoke. **41** Then the main Israeli force stopped retreating and turned back to attack again. The Benyamites were horrified because they now saw that disaster had struck them. **42** They retreated away from the Israelis into the wilderness, but the battle overtook them, plus the Israelis were coming back out of the cities getting right in amongst them to fight. **43** They surrounded the Benyamites as they tried to flee, and easily ran them down as they tried to escape from the Giveah region towards the east. **44** Eighteen thousand strong Benyamite warriors were killed, **45** and the rest turned and fled into the wilderness towards the Rimon rock. Another five thousand men were killed along the trails. They chased them all the way to Gideom, and killed another two thousand men, **46** so the total number of Benyamite swordsmen who were killed came to twenty-five thousand—all strong warriors.

47 But six hundred men made it to Rimon rock, and they stayed there for four months. **48** Meanwhile, the Israelis went back to the Benyamite region and killed the people with their swords—entire cities including cattle and everything else—then the cities were set on fire.

Wives for the Benyamites

21:1 Now back in Mitspah, the Israeli men had promised never to allow their daughters to marry a Benyamite man. **2** But now the Israelis went to Beyt-El (Bethel) and sat there before God until evening—calling out and crying loudly, **3** asking, "Oh Yahweh, God of Yisrael (Israel), why has this happened to Yisrael—for one tribe to be missing from Yisrael now?"

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4 The next day, the people got up early and built an altar there, and they offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings. **5** Then the Israelis asked, "Among all the Israeli tribes serving Yahweh, was there any group who didn't join the battle?" (They asked that because they had previously decided that anyone who didn't go to Mitspah to fight for Yahweh would be put to death.) **6** Now the Israelis felt sorry for their Benyamite cousins, saying, "An entire tribe has been hacked off Yisrael today. **7** How can we find wives for any Benyamite men that are left because we've promised to Yahweh not to give our daughters to them to marry?

8 So they asked, "Is there any from our tribes who didn't show up for Yahweh at Mitspah?" Then listen, no one from Yavesh-Gilead had joined their assembly there. **9** (When the people had checked around themselves, they'd realised that no one from Yavesh-Gilead was there.) **10** So the Israelis sent twelve thousand warriors there, commanding them to use their swords to kill the inhabitants of Yavesh-Gilead, including married women and children— **11** specifically they had to kill every male, and every woman who's slept with a male. **12** That way they discovered four hundred young virgin women among the inhabitants of Yavesh-Gilead, and brought them back to their camp at Shiloh (in the Kena'an (Canaan) region).

13 Then the entire assembly sent a message to the Benyamites at Rimon rock, saying that they were now ready for peace. **14** So the Benyamites returned and were given the young women from Yavesh-Gilead, but there wasn't enough of them.

15 The people still felt sorry for the Benyamites, because Yahweh had caused a gap among Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes, **16** so the leaders asked, "How can we provide wives for the remaining Benyamite men since the other Benyamite women were wiped out?" **17** Because they said, "They must be able to procreate so that an entire Israeli tribe isn't blotted out. **18** But we can't be the ones to give our daughters to them to marry because we made an oath that anyone who did that would be cursed."

19 They said, "Listen, there's a celebration for Yahweh from time to time at Shiloh, which is on the north of Beyt-El (Bethel), east of the road that goes from Beyt-El uphill to Shekem, and on the south of Levonah." **20** So they told the Benyamites, "Go and hide in those vineyards **21** and watch. When the Shiloh girls come out to perform in the dances, come out of the vineyards and you can each catch a wife for yourselves, then go back home to Benyamin. **22** When their fathers or brothers complain to us, we'll tell them, "Let them have them since we didn't find you for them. And you all won't be guilty of giving them to the Benyamites because they stole them.

23 So that's what the Benyamites did—they grabbed enough dancing girls to be their wives, then they returned to their allocated land and rebuilt their cities and lived in them. **24** The other

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_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_tribe one. **4** And_he/it_was from_the_next_ _day and_ the_people _they_rose_early and_they_built there an_altar and_they_offered_up burnt_offerings and_peace_ _offerings. **5** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said who is_the_one_who not he_went_up in_assembly from_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH** if/because the_oath (the)_ _great it_was to_the_one_who not he_went_up to **YHWH** (the)_ _Mitspāh to_say surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **6** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_had_compassion to Binyāmīn his/its_brother and_they_said it_has_been_cut_off the_day a_tribe one from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** What will_we_do to/for_them for_who]_remain for_wives and_we we_have_ _sworn by_**YHWH** to_not to_give to/for_them any_of_our_ _daughters to_wives. **8** And_they_said who is_the_one of_the_ _tribes_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which not it_went_up to **YHWH** (the)_Mitspāh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not anyone he_had_come to the_camp from_Yāvēsh/(Jabesh)- gil'ād to the_assembly. **9** And_ the_people _it_was_mustered and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_not there anyone of_the_inhabitants_of of Yāvēsh. **10** And_they_sent there the_congregation two_plus ten thousand man from_(the)_sons of_(the)_strength and_they_ _commanded them to_say go and_you(pl)_will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ the_inhabitants_of Yāvēsh to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_the_women and_the_little_one[s]. **11** And_this is_the_thing which you(pl)_will_do every_of male and_all woman who_has_ _known lying_of a_male you(pl)_will_totally_destroy. **12** And_ _they_found of_the_inhabitants_of of Yāvēsh four hundred(s) young_woman virgin[s] who not she_had_known a_man to_ _lying_of a_male and_they_brought them to the_camp Shiloh which in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **13** And_ all_of the_ _congregation _they_sent and_they_spoke to the_descendants_ _of Binyāmīn who were_at_the_rock_of Rimmōn and_they_ _proclaimed to/for_them peace. **14** And_ Binyāmīn _it_returned at_time (the)_that and_they_gave to/for_them the_women whom they_had_preserved_alive from_the_women_of Yāvēsh and_not they_found to/for_them so. **15** And_the_people it_had_ _compassion to_Binyāmīn if/because **YHWH** he_had_made a_ _breach in_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **16** And_ the_elders_of the_congregation _they_said what will_we_do for_who]_remain for_wives if/because she_is_destroyed from_Binyāmīn woman. **17** And_they_said a_possession_of the_escaped_remnant belongs_to_Binyāmīn and_not a_tribe it_will_be_wiped_out from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_we not we_are_able to_give to/for_them wives any_of_our_daughters if/because the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_sworn to_say one_who_ _gives a_wife to_Binyāmīn be_cursed. **19** And_they_said HERE the_festival_of **YHWH** is_in_Shiloh from_days to_days which is_ _from_northward of_Bēyt- 'ēl the_rising_of_towards of_the_sun of_the_highway which_goes_up from_Bēyt- 'ēl to_Shəkem and_ _from_the_Negev to_Ləvō'nah. **20** And[128][129] ~~DOM~~ the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn to_say go you(pl)_will_lie_in_wait in_vineyards. **21** And_you(pl)_will_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE if the_daughters_of Shiloh they_will_come_out to_dance with_ _dancing(s) and_you(pl)_will_go_out from the_vineyards and_ _you(pl)_will_seize to/for_you(pl) each_man his/its_

128 **LV 21:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְצֵר/וְ: (x-qere) וְוֵּצְרֵ/וְ': lemma_c/6680 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vpw3mp id_07VKr וְוֵּצְרֵ/וְ

129 **LV 21:20 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_wife/woman from_the_daughters_of Shiloh and_you(pl)_will_
_go the_land_of Binyāmīn. **22** And_it_was if/because fathers_of_
_their or brothers_of_their they_will_come mmm[130] to_us and_
_we_will_say to_them show_favour_for_us_to them if/because
not we_took each_man his/its_wife/woman in_battle
if/because not you(pl) you(pl)_gave_them to/for_them about_
_time you(pl)_will_be_guilty. **23** And_they_did thus the_
_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_they_carried_off wives to_
_number_of_their from the_dancers whom they_seized and_
_they_went and_they_returned to inheritance_of_their and_
_they_rebuilt ~~DOM~~ the_cities and_they_lived in_them. **24** And_
_they_dispersed from_there the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_
_time (the) each_man to_tribe_of_his and_to_clan_of_his and_
_they_went_out from_there each_man to_inheritance_of_his.
25 In_the_days the_those there_was_not a_king in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) each_man the_right in_his_own_of_eyes he_
_will_do.

JDG · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

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Israelis went back to their tribes and their families in the areas that had been allocated to them.

25 In those days, there was no king in Yisrael (Israel)—everyone would just do what seemed right to them.[127]

JDG · OET-RV v0.2.3

127 RV 21:25 · Cross-ref. Jdg 17:6.

130 LV 21:22 · Note OSHB variant note: בוֹר/ל: (x-qere) בִּיר/ל': lemma_l/7378 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HR/Vqc id_0752H בִּיר/ל

Ruth

Introduction

This account tells us about what happened back in the time when the tribal leaders (misleadingly called 'Judges' in most older English translations) were still ruling Yisrael (Israel), i.e., before their first king. At that time, a long drought caused a famine in Yisrael, which in turned caused Elimelek to move his family to the neighbouring country of Moav (Moab). After a time, Elimelek died there in Moav, but eventually their two sons married, and this account focuses on Ruth who was one of those wives. When Ruth's husband also died, she displayed amazing love and dedication towards her mother-in-law, No'omi (Naomi, whose name means 'pleasant'). When God blessed Yisrael again with good crops, No'omi returned back to her roots in Yisrael and Ruth accompanied her. According to Jewish customs, Ruth needed to marry a relative of her husband, so that Elimelek's name could continue through the generations. Boaz turned out to be that man, and the son they bore became an ancestor of the future King David, and eventually through time, of Yeshua (Jesus) the messiah.

The previous *Accounts of the Heroes and Guides/Leaders* tells about how much the Jewish people suffered because they had turned away from God. So this account reveals how Ruth, a non-Jew, is blessed after she begins to follow Yisrael's god.

Note that the Hebrew name of the main character in this account is 'תּוֹר' which might be transliterated as 'Rūt' (and pronounced as 'root' with no 'th' at the end). However in weighing up the pros and cons, we have elected to use the traditional spelling of 'Ruth' (rather than 'Rut' which might would be more accurate in one sense, yet would most likely also be pronounced wrongly by most English speakers).

Main components of this account

Ruth accompanies No'omi when she returns home to Beyt-Lehem *1:1-22*
Ruth gets to know Boaz *2:1–3:18*
The marriage of Ruth and Boaz *4:1-22*

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1:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of the_judges of_the_judging and_he/it_was a_famine on_the_earth and_he/it_went a_man from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_sojourn in_ _the_region(s)_of Mō'āv he and_his/its_woman/wife and_the_ _two_of sons_of_his. **2** And_name_of the_man was_'Ĕlīmelek and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_No'omī and_name_of the_two_of sons_of_his was_Maḥlōn and_Kilion 'Efrātī from_ _Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh and_they_came the_ _region(s)_of Mō'āv and_they_were there. **3** And_ 'Ĕlīmelek the_husband_of No'omī _he/it_died and_ she and_the_two_of sons_of_her _she_was_left. **4** And_they_took to/for_them wives Mō'āvites the_name_of the_one(f) was_Orpah and_name_of the_second(fs) was_Rūt and_they_lived there about_ten years. **5** And_ also both_of_them Maḥlōn and_Kilion _they_died and_ the_woman _she_was_left from_both_of children_of_her and_ _from_husband_of_her.

6 And_ she and_daughters-in-law_of_her _she/it_arose and_ _she_returned from_the_region(s)_of Mō'āv if/because she_ _had_heard in_the_region_of Mō'āv if/because_that **YHWH** he_ _had_visited ~~DOM~~ people_of_his by_giving to/for_them food. **7** And_she_went_out from the_place where she_had_been there_(to) and_the_two_of daughters-in-law_of_her with_her/it and_they_went on_way to_return to the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** And_ No'omī _she/it_said to_the_two_of daughters-in-law_of_her go return each_woman to_the_house_ _of her_mother_of_her may_he_deal[1] **YHWH** with_you(pl) covenant_loyalty just_as you(pl)_have_dealt with the_dead and_with_me. **9** **YHWH** may_he_give to/for_you(pl) and_find rest each_woman the_house_of her/its_husband/man and_she_ _kissed (to)_them and_they_raised voice_of_their and_they_ _wept. **10** And_they_said to_her if/because with_you we_will_ _return to_people_of_your. **11** And_ No'omī _she/it_said go_back my_daughters_of_my to/for_what will_you(pl)_go with_me still to_me do_sons in_inward_parts_of_my and_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_husbands. **12** Go_back my_daughters_of_ _my go if/because I_am_too_old for_belonging to_a_husband if/because I_said there_is to_me hope also I_belonged the_night to_a_husband and_also I_bore sons. **13** Therefore will_you(pl)_ _wait until that they_will_grow_up therefore will_you_shut_ _yourselves_off to_not to_belong to_a_husband no my_ _daughters_of_my if/because it_is_bitter to_me very more_ _than_you(pl) if/because it_has_gone_forth on_me the_hand_of **YHWH**. **14** And_they_raised voice_of_their and_they_wept again and_ Orpah _she_kissed (to)_mother-in-law_of_her and_ _Rūt she_clung to_her. **15** And_she/it_said THERE sister-in-law_ _of_your she_has_returned to_people_of_her and_near/to gods_ _of_her go_back after sister-in-law_of_your. **16** And_ Rūt _ _she/it_said do_not entreat (on)_me to_abandon_you to_turn_ _back from_after_you if/because to where you_will_go I_will_go and_at_where you_will_lodge I_will_lodge people_of_your people_of_my and_god_of_your god_of_my. **17** At_where you_ _will_die I_will_die and_there I_will_be_buried thus **YHWH** may_he_do to_me and_thus may_he_add if/because (the)_death it_will_separate between_me and_between_you. **18** And_she/it_ _saw if/because_that she was_determined to_go with_her and_

Readers' Version

Elimelek goes to Moav during a famine

1:1 Back in the time when the tribal leaders ruled Yisrael (Israel), there was a drought which caused a shortage of food, so a man from the town of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in the Yehudah (Judah) region went to live in the country of Moav (Moab) for a while, taking his wife and their two sons. **2** The man's name was Elimelek and he was married to No'omi (Naomi), and their sons' names were Mahlon and Kilyon. (They were part of the Efratah clan from Beyt-Lehem in Yehudah.) They travelled to the Moav countryside and lived there. **3** Then No'omi's husband Elimelek died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** Eventually they married women from there in Moav—Orpah and Ruth. But after No'omi and her sons had lived in Moav for about then years, **5** Mahlon and Kilyon both also died, and No'omi was left without her husband or her two sons.

Ruth accompanies No'omi back to Beyt-Lehem

6 One day No'omi (Naomi) was in the countryside there in Moav (Moab) when she heard someone telling about how Yahweh had helped his people in Yisrael (Israel) and that now they had plenty of food, so she got ready to return to Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) with her two daughters-in-law. **7** The three of them left the place where they'd been living in Moav and started walking along the road back to Yehudah (Judah). **8** Then No'omi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Both of you should go back to your parents' homes. I pray that Yahweh will treat you with the same faithfulness that you showed to your now-deceased husbands and to me. **9** May Yahweh enable both of you to find new husbands and find peace and happiness in your new homes with them."

Then she kissed them as they all wept aloud. **10** But they both said, "No, we'll go with you as you return to your relatives."

11 But No'omi responded, "No, go back to your homes my daughters. Why would you bother coming with me? It's not like I could still give birth to more sons to become your husbands. **12** Go on back, my daughters, because I'm too old to remarry. Even if I did hope for that and got married tonight and had some sons, **13** could you wait for them to grow up so you could be remarried? No, my daughters, what's hard for me, even more than your hardships, is that Yahweh is using his power against me."

14 Then they wailed and cried again, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye and left, but Ruth stayed and clung to No'omi. **15** No'omi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is going back to her parents and to her religion. Go back with her."

16 But Ruth replied, "Please don't insist that I leave you and go back, because wherever you go, I'll go with you and wherever you live, I'll live there too. Your people are my people, and your god is my god. **17** Wherever you die, I'll die there too and be buried there. May Yahweh punish me severely if anything other than death separates the two of us."

18 When No'omi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her,

1 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: השעי: (x-qere) שַׁעֲרִי: lemma_6213 a morph_HVqj3ms id_08nRZ שַׁעֲרִי

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she didn't say any more.

19 So the two of them travelled on until they reached Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem). When they entered Beyt-Lehem, the whole town was curious about them, and the women began asking, "Is that No'omi?"

20 But No'omi told them not to call her 'No'omi' (which means 'pleasant') but to call her 'Mara' (meaning 'miserable') because she said, "The almighty God has made my life very miserable. **21** I went away content with a family, but Yahweh has brought me back with a void. So why call me 'No'omi'? You see, Yahweh has testified against me—the powerful God has brought misfortune on me."

Ruth collects grain in Boaz' field

22 And so No'omi (Naomi) had returned to Yisrael (Israel), along with her daughter-in-law, Ruth the Moavit, and they arrived there in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) at the start of the barley harvest.

2:1 Now there was a relative there of No'omi's deceased husband. His name was Boaz and he was a very wealthy man from the same clan as Elimelek had been.

2 Ruth the Moavit said to No'omi, "Allow me to go to the countryside and pick up any heads of grain that the harvesters drop.[4] I'll follow any harvester who seems kind."

"Go ahead, my daughter," No'omi replied.

3 So Ruth left and went to the countryside where she picked up heads of grain after the harvesters, and it just so happened that that part of the countryside belonged to Boaz who was Elimelek's relative.

4 Just then, Boaz arrived from the town and greeted the harvesters, "May Yahweh be with you," to which they replied, "May Yahweh bless you also."

5 Then he asked the foreman of the harvesters, "Whose daughter is that young woman over there?"

6 "She's a young Moavit," the man replied. "The one who came with No'omi when she returned from Moav (Moab). **7** She asked me for permission to follow the harvesters and pick up any heads of grain that drop, and she's been doing it since early morning until just recently she's taking a break now in the shelter.

8 So Boaz approached Ruth, "Young woman," he said, "listen

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_she_ceased to_speak to_her. **19** And_ the_two_of_of_them _ _they_went until came_they Bēyt- leḥem and_he/it_was just_ _as_they_came Bēyt- leḥem and_ all_of the_city _it_was_stirred on_them and_they(f)_said is_this No'ₒmī. **20** And_she/it_said to_ _them do_not call to_me No'ₒmī call to_me Mara if/because the_almighty he_has_caused_bitterness to_me exceedingly. **21** I full I_went and_empty bring_back_me **YHWH** to/for_what do_ _you(pl)_call to_me No'ₒmī and_**YHWH** he_has_testified against_me and_the_almighty he_has_done_harm[23] to_me.

22 And_ No'ₒmī _she_returned and_Rūt the_Mō'āvite_woman daughter-in-law_of_her with_her/it who_she_returned from_ _the_region(s)_of Mō'āv and_they they_came Bēyt- leḥem at_ _the_beginning_of the_harvest_of barley(s).

2:1 And_belonged_to_No'ₒmī a_relative[6] to/for_her/its_ _man/husband a_man mighty_of wealth from_the_clan_of 'Elīmelek and_his/its_name was_Bo'az. **2** And_ Rūt the_ _Mō'āvite_woman _she/it_said to No'ₒmī let_me_go please the_ _field so_that_I_may_glean[789] among_grain[101112] behind the_ _one_whom I_will_find favour in_eyes_of_his and_she/it_said to/for_her/it go my_daughter_of_my. **3** And_she_went and_ _she_came and_she_gleaned in_the_field behind the_harvesters and_ chance_of_her _it_chanced_on the_portion_of the_field of_Bo'az who was_from_the_clan_of 'Elīmelek. **4** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Bo'az was_coming from_Bēyt- food/grain/bread and_he/it_said to_harvesters **YHWH** be_ _with_you(pl) and_they_said to_him/it may_he_bless_you **YHWH**. **5** And_ Bo'az _he/it_said to_servant_of_his who_was_ _appointed over the_harvesters belongs_to_whom the_young_ _woman (the)_this. **6** And_ the_servant who_was_appointed over the_harvesters _he_answered and_he_said is_a_young_ _woman Mō'āvite she who_she_returned with No'ₒmī from_ _the_region_of Mō'āv. **7** And_she/it_said let_me_glean please and_I_will_gather among_sheaves behind the_harvesters and_ _she_came and_she_has_stayed from_then this_morning and_ _unto now this sitting_her the_house little. **8** And_ Bo'az _he/it_ _said to Rūt am_not have_you_heard my_daughter_of_my do_ _not go to_glean in_a_field another and_also not you_must_ _pass_on from_this_field and_thus you_will_stay with servants_ _of_my_female. **9** Eyes_of_your in_the_field which they_are_

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2 **LV 1:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

3 **LV 1:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

4 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:9-10; Deu 24:19.

6 **LV 2:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: עדימ: (x-qere) 'עֲדוֹמִ': lemma_4129 morph_HNcmsa id_08swV עֲדוֹמִ

7 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

10 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

11 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

12 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_harvesting and_you_will_go[131415] behind_them am_not have_
_I_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_men to_not to_touch_you and_
_you_will_be_thirsty and_you_will_go to the_vessels and_you_
_will_drink some_of_that_which they_will_draw the_young_
_men. **10** And_she_fell on face_of_her and_she_bowed_down
ground_to_the and_she/it_said to_him/it why have_I_found
favour in_eyes_of_your to_pay_regard_to_me and_I[161718] am_a_
foreigner. **11** And Bo´az _he_answered and_he/it_said to/for_
her/it fully(be_told) it_has_been_told to_me all that you_
_have_done with mother-in-law_of_your after the_death_of
your(fs)_man/husband and_you_left father_of_your[192021] and_
_mother_of_your and_the_land_of your_kindred_of_your and_
_you_came to a_people which not you_knew yesterday three_
_days_ago. **12** **YHWH** may_he_reward deed[s]_of_your and_
_may_it_be wage[s]_of_your complete from_with **YHWH** the_
_god_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) whom you_have_come to_take_refuge
under wings_of_his. **13** And_she/it_said I_am_finding favour in_
_eyes_of_your my_master if/because you_have_comforted_me
and_because/when you_have_spoken to the_heart_of your_
_maidservant_of_your and_I not I_am like_one_of your(pl)_
_maidservants_of_your. **14** And_he/it_said to_her Bo´az to_the_
_time_of the_meal approach here and_you_will_eat some_of
the_food and_you_will_dip of_bread_of_your_piece in_vinegar
and_she_sat_down from_the_side_of the_harvesters and_he_
_held_out to/for_her/it roasted_grain and_she/it_ate and_she_
_was_satisfied and_she_had_excess. **15** And_she/it_arose to_
glean and Bo´az _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his to_
_say also between the_sheaves she_will_glean and_not you(pl)_
_must_humiliate_her. **16** And_also indeed_(pull_out) you(pl)_
_will_pull_out to/for_her/it some_of the_bundles_grain and_
_you(pl)_will_leave_them and_she_will_glean and_not you(pl)_
_must_rebuke (in)_her. **17** And_she_gleaned in_the_field until
the_evening and_she_beat_out ᴅᴏᴍ that_which she_had_
_gleaned and_he/it_was about_an_᾽ēyfāh barley(s). **18** And_she_
_lifted_it_up and_she_went the_city and_ mother-in-law_of_her
_she/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ that_which she_had_gleaned and_she/it_
_produced and_she_gave to/for_her/it ᴅᴏᴍ that_which she_
_had_left_over from_abundance_of_her. **19** And_she/it_said
to/for_her/it mother-in-law_of_her where did_you_glean the_
_day and_where did_you_work may_he_be the_one_of_who_
_paid_regard_to_you blessed and_she_told to_mother-in-law_
_of_her ᴅᴏᴍ whom she_had_worked with_him/it and_she/it_
_said the_name_of the_man whom I_worked with_him/it the_
_day is_Bo´az. **20** And_ No´ₒmī _she/it_said to_daughter-in-law_
_of_her he be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** who not he_has_
_abandoned loyalty_of_his_covenant with the_living and_ᴅᴏᴍ

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here. Don't leave this place or go to any other field to pick up grain, but just stay close by these young female workers of mine. **9** Watch where the men are harvesting and follow along behind them. I've told them not to bother you. And whenever you're thirsty, help yourself from the water jars that the men keep filled."

10 Then she knelt down on the ground and bowed her head low to the ground and said, "Why are you being so kind to me when I'm a foreigner? I wasn't expecting your attention."

11 "People have told me," Boaz replied, "about everything you've done for your mother-in-law since your husband died—how you left your parents and your homeland behind and came here to live with people that you hadn't even met before. **12** May Yahweh reward your hard work. Since you've come here for protection under Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh, may he reward you in full."

13 "My lord," she replied, "I trust that I'll continue to please you because you've comforted me by speaking so kindly to me, your servant, even though I'm not like your servant girls."

14 Then when it was time to eat, Boaz told Ruth, "Come and join us. Take some bread and dip it in the sauce and eat." So she sat beside the harvesters, and he also offered her some roasted grain. She ate until she was full and even had some left over. **15** Then she went back to picking up heads and Boaz ordered his men, "Let her gather grain even among the bundles and don't shame her. **16** Even pull some stalks out from the bundles and drop them for her to pick up, and don't tell her off."

17 So Ruth picked up grain in the countryside until evening and when she beat the heads and collected the grains, she had a large basket of barley. **18** So she picked up the basket and headed back into town and showed her mother-in-law how much she had collected. Ruth also gave No'omi (Naomi) the roasted grain left-over from her lunch. **19** "Where did you pick up grain today and where did you work?" asked No'omi. "May the man who took notice of you be blessed."

So she told her mother-in-law where she had worked, "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz."

20 "May he be blessed by Yahweh," responded No'omi. "Yahweh *hasn't* forgotten his kindness towards us who are still living and to our husbands who've died." And then she added, "That man is a close relative of Elimelek. In fact, he's one of those re-

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14 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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18 **LV 2:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

19 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

20 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

21 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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sponsible for taking care of our family."[5]
21 "He also told me," said Ruth the Moavit, "to stay with his workers until they finish the harvesting."
22 "It's good, my daughter," said No'omi to her daughter-in-law, "for you to stay near his servant girls because you don't know how people might treat you in another field."
23 So Ruth stayed near Boaz' servant girls and picked up heads of grain until the end of the barley harvest and then the wheat harvest, and she lived with her mother-in-law.

Ruth requests Boaz to assume his responsibilities

3:1 One day Ruth's mother-in-law No'omi (Naomi) said to her, "My daughter, I think I need to be finding a secure living situation for you? 2 Now, Boaz whose servant girls you've been working with, he's a relative of ours. In fact, he'll be on the threshing floor winnowing barley tonight. 3 So wash yourself and put on some perfume. Wear your cloak and go out to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you're there until he's finished eating and drinking. 4 Then when he lies down to sleep, pay attention to where he lies down. Once he's asleep, go and lift the blanket near his feet and lie down. Then he'll tell you what to do next."
5 "I'll do everything you say," Ruth answered, 6 then she went out to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law had instructed.
7 When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was feeling cheery, he went off to lie down at the end of the pile of grain. Then Ruth quietly followed him, and uncovered his feet and lay down there. 8 But Boaz was startled in the middle of the night, and when he turned over he was stunned to find a woman lying at his feet. 9 "Who are you?" he asked.
"I'm your servant Ruth," she replied, "Spread your cloak over me[22] because you have a responsibility as our close relative."
10 "My dear girl, may Yahweh bless you." Boaz replied, "You have shown more kindness now that before,[23] because you haven't chased after the young men, whether rich or poor. 11 So now dear girl, don't be afraid. I'll do what you've asked for, because the whole town knows that you're an honourable woman.

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the_dead and_she/it_said to/for_her/it No᾽ₒmī is_near to/for_ _us the_man is_one_of_our_kinsman-redeemers he. 21 And_ Rūt the_Mō'āv̄ite_woman _she/it_said also if/because_that he_said to_me with the_servants who to_me you_will_stay until (if) they_have_completed ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_harvest which to_me. 22 And_ No᾽ₒmī _she/it_said to Rūt daughter-in-law_of_her is_ _good my_daughter_of_my that/for/because/then/when you_ _will_go_out with servants_of_his_female and_not people_will_ _molest (in)_you in_a_field another. 23 And_she_stayed with_ _the_female_servants_of Bo᾽az to_glean until the_harvest_of the_barley(s) and_the_harvest_of the_wheat(s) was_complete and_she_dwelt with mother-in-law_of_her.

3:1 And_she/it_said to/for_her/it No᾽ₒmī mother-in-law_of_her my_daughter_of_my not will_I_seek to/for_you(fs) a_resting_ _place that it_will_go_well to/for_you(fs). 2 And_now not is_ _Bo᾽az relative_of_our whom you_were with servants_of_his_ _female THERE he will_be_winnowing ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshing_ _floor_of the_barley(s) the_night. 3 And_you_will_wash and_ _you_will_anoint_yourself and_you_will_put mmm[26] on and[27] the_threshing_floor do_not make_yourself_known to_man until finishes_he to_eat and_to_drink. 4 And_let_it_be when_he_lies_ _down and_you_will_take_note_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_place where he_ _will_lie_down there and_you_will_go and_you_will_uncover feet_of_his and[28] and_he he_will_tell to/for_you(fs) ᴅᴏᴍ that_ _which you_will_do.[29] 5 And_she/it_said to_her/it all that you_ _are_saying[30] I_will_do. 6 And_she_went_down the_threshing_ _floor and_she_did according_to_all that she_had_commanded_ _her mother-in-law_of_her. 7 And_ Bo᾽az _he_ate and_he_drank and_ his/its_heart _it_was_good and_he_went to_lie_down at_ _the_end_of the_heap and_she_came in_secrecy and_she_ _uncovered feet_of_his and_she_lay_down. 8 And_he/it_was in_ _the_middle_of the_night and_ the_man _he_trembled and_he_ _twisted and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_woman was_lying_down feet_ _of_his. 9 And_he/it_said who are_you[31] and_she/it_said I am_ _Rūt your(ms)_female_slave and_you_will_spread_out skirt_of_ _your over maidservant_of_your if/because are_a_ _kinsman-redeemer you. 10 And_he/it_said you be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** my_daughter_of_my you_have_made_good loyalty_of_your (the)_latter more_than (the)_former to_not to_ _go after the_young_men whether poor and_if rich. 11 And_ _now my_daughter_of_my do_not fear all that you_are_saying I_will_do for_you if/because all_of the_gate_of my_people_of_ _my is_knowing if/because_that are_a_woman_of ability you. 12 And_now if/because truly if/because wwww[32] am_a_

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5 **RV 2:20 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:25.

22 **RV 3:9 · Note** This was the cultural way for Ruth to request Boaz to take her as his wife.

23 **RV 3:10 · Note** Probably referring to Ruth's faithfulness to her mother-in-law.

26 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/תלמש**: (x-qere) 'ךְ/יָתְלְמַשׁ': lemma_8071 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_08i9m יָתְלְמַשׁ/ךְ

27 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתדרי/ו**: (x-qere) 'יָ/תְּדַרְי/וְ'; lemma_c/3381 morph_HC/Vqq2fs id_08XPV תְּדַרְי/וְ

28 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתבכש/ו**: (x-qere) 'יָ/תְּבָכַּשׁ/וְ'; lemma_c/7901 n_1 morph_HC/Vqq2fs id_08fE2 תְּבָכַּשׁ/וְ

29 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

30 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'י/לֹא': lemma_413 n_0.0 morph_HR/Sp1cs id_08k23 לֹא/י

31 **LV 3:9 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

32 **LV 3:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מא**: (x-qere)

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_kinsman-redeemer I and_also there_is a_kinsman-redeemer near more_than_I. **13** Stay the_night and_it_was in_morning if he_will_redeem_you good let_him_redeem and_if not he_will_ _be_willing to_redeem_you and_I_will_redeem_you I by_the_life of_**YHWH** lie_down until the_morning. **14** And_she_lay_down mmm[3334353637] until the_morning and_she/it_arose in/on/at/with[38] anyone he_recognized ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_he/it_said not let_it_be_known if/because_that the_ _woman she_came the_threshing_floor. **15** And_he/it_said give the_shawl which is_on_you and_take_hold on_it and_she_took_ _hold on_it and_he_measured_out six barley(s) and_he_put_it on/upon_it(f) and_he_came the_city. **16** And_she_came to mother-in-law_of_her and_she/it_said who are_you my_ _daughter_of_my and_she_told to/for_her/it ~~DOM~~ all that he_ _had_done to/for_her/it the_man. **17** And_she/it_said the_six the_barley(s) the_these he_gave to_me if/because he_said[39] do_ _not go empty to mother-in-law_of_your. **18** And_she/it_said sit_down my_daughter_of_my until that you_will_know how a_ _matter will_it_fall_out if/because not the_man he_will_be_at_ _peace if/because (if) he_has_finished the_matter the_day.

4:1 And_Bo͵az he_went_up the_gate and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived there and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _kinsman-redeemer was_passing_by whom Bo͵az he_had_ _spoken and_he/it_said turn_aside sit here a_certain_one a_ _certain_one and_he_turned_aside and_he_sat_down. **2** And_ _he/it_took ten men of_the_elders_of the_city and_he/it_said sit here and_they_sat_down. **3** And_he/it_said to_redeemer the_ _portion_of the_field which belonged_to_brother_of_our to_ _'Elīmelek No͵ₒmī who_she_returned from_the_region_of Mō'āv she_has_sold. **4** And_I I_said I_will_uncover ear_of_your to_say acquire_it before those_sitting and_before the_elders_of my_ _people_of_my if you_will_redeem redeem and_if not he_will_ _redeem tell to/for_me and[44] if/because there_is_not except_ _you to_redeem and_I am_after_you and_he/it_said I I_will_ _redeem. **5** And_ Bo͵az _he/it_said in/on_day acquire_you the_ _field from_the_hand_of No͵ₒmī and_from_with Rūt the_ _Mō'āvite_woman the_wife_of the_dead_man you_have_ _acquired[45] to_raise_up the_name_of the_dead_man over inheritance_of_his. **6** And_ the_kinsman-redeemer _he/it_said

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12 It is true that I have a responsibility towards your family,[24] but there's another man who's more closely related to you all than me. **13** Stay here for the rest of the night, and then in the morning, if he'll accept then he can marry you. But if he's not willing to take care of you, then as Yahweh lives, I'll do it myself. Now lie down here until morning."

14 So Ruth lay there near his feet until morning, but she got up before it was light enough to be recognised as Boaz had said, "It's best if no one knows that a woman visited the threshing floor." **15** Then Boaz said, "Bring your cloak here and hold it out." So she held it while he poured a generous amount of barley into it, and lifted it onto her shoulder. Then he or she[25] went into the town. **16** When Ruth got home, her mother-in-law asked her, "My daughter, how did everything go?"

So Ruth told her everything that Boaz had said and done for her **17** and she also said, "He gave me all this barley because he told me that he didn't want me to return to my mother-in-law empty-handed."

18 "Okay my daughter," No'omi (Naomi) responded. "Wait now until we see what happens, because that man won't rest today until the matter gets settled."

Boaz takes over the land and gets Ruth as a wife

4:1 Meanwhile, Boaz went to the place inside the town gate (where people conducted their official business) and sat down there. Just as he had hoped, the man responsible for No'omi's (Naomi's) family came along—the man whom Boaz had mentioned earlier—and Boaz called out to him by name and said, "Come over here and sit down." So the man came over and sat down. **2** Then Boaz called over ten of the older, well-respected men from the town and asked them to sit and witness their discussion, so they sat down with them. **3** Then Boaz asked the other relative, "The part of the countryside that belonged to our relative Elimelek is for sale. No'omi, who recently returned from Moav (Moab), is selling it. **4** I thought that I should tell you about it and in case you buy the land while the people sitting here are listening, including these leaders of our people. If you want to buy it back into the family, then do so. But if you do not want to buy it back, then let me know, because you are the clos-

24 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Ruth 2:20.

25 **RV 3:15 · Note** TC: There's no separate Hebrew word for 'he' or 'she' here—it's part of the verb 'he/she_went' but it's unclear if this original verb was marked *masculine* or *feminine*, hence you'll find both alternatives in various Bible translations.

33 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תלגרמ: (x-qere) 'וֹ/יִתּוֹלְגַרְמ': lemma_4772 n_1.2.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_08EAT וֹ/יִתּוֹלְגַרְמ

34 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

35 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

36 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

37 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

38 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ב/סורט: (x-qere) 'בְּ/סָרֵט': lemma_b/2962 n_1.0.0 morph_HR/D id_08vSy בְּ/סָרֵט

39 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'יִ/לֹא': lemma_413 n_0.1 morph_HR/Sp1cs id_086C3 יִ/לֹא

44 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/עדא: (x-qere) 'וְ/הָעֵדָא': lemma_c/3045 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Vqh1cs id_08fbk וְ/הָעֵדָא

45 **LV 4:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתינק: (x-qere) 'הָתִּינָק': lemma_7069 n_0.1 morph_HVqp2ms id_08cqw הָתִּינָק

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est relative to Elimelek, and I am next after you."

"I'll buy it," the man replied.

5 "When you buy the land from No'omi," Boaz continued, "you will also need to marry Ruth, our deceased relative's widow from Moav, so that she'll have a son who will inherit the property and continue Elimelek's family line."

6 "I can't buy it back myself, then," the closer relative answered. "If I did that, I would ruin my own son's inheritance. You can have the land and the woman instead of me, because I simply can't take it."

7 (At that time in Yisrael (Israel), people had a different way of buying land or exchanging goods between them. In order to make these matters legally binding, one man would take off one of his sandals and give it to the other party.[40] That was the way people in Yisrael confirmed what they had agreed to do.)

8 "You buy it yourself," the relative said and he took off one of his sandals and gave it to Boaz. **9** Then Boaz said to the respected men and to all the other people who were there, "Today you have all witnessed that I've bought from No'omi all the property that belonged to Elimelek, Kilyon, and Mahlon. **10** I am also taking Ruth, Mahlon's widow from Moav, to be my wife so that she can have a son. Everyone will consider that son to be Elimelek's descendant and he will inherit the property and carry on Elimelek's family name among his relatives and here in his hometown.[41] You've seen and heard that today and can tell anyone who asks about it."

11 All the respected men, and the others who were sitting at the town gate, agreed, and they said, "Yes, we are your. We pray that Yahweh will allow this woman who will be coming into your home, to be like Rahel (Rachel) and Le'ah, the two who gave birth to our ancestors and started our people, Yisrael.[42] May you become great in the clan of Efratah and famous here in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)! **12** We pray that your family will be like the family of your ancestor Perets, son of Yehudah (Judah) and Tamar,[43] because of the many descendants that Yahweh will give to you and this young woman."

Boaz' descendants

13 So Boaz married Ruth, and when he slept with her, Yahweh enabled her to become pregnant and she gave birth to a son. **14** The women in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) said to No'omi (Naomi), "Praise Yahweh for giving you a male descendant to preserve your family today. We pray to Yahweh that people throughout Yisrael (Israel) will greatly respect him. **15** Your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who's been better to you than if you had seven sons, has given birth to him. Now he'll make you feel young again and he'll take care of you when you get old." **16** Then No'omi picked up the baby and held him closely

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not I_am_able mmm[46] to_me lest I_should_ruin ÐOM inheritance_of_my_own redeem to/for_yourself(m) you ÐOM of_redemption_of_my_right if/because not I_am_able to_ _redeem_it. **7** And_this formerly_former_times was_in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on the_redemption and_on the_exchanging to_ _confirm every_of matter anyone he_drew_off sandal_of_his and_he/it_gave to_neighbour_of_his and_this was_the_ _attestation in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_ the_kinsman-redeemer _he/it_said to_Bo'az acquire_it to/for_you(fs) and_he_drew_off sandal_of_his. **9** And_ Bo'az _he/it_said to_elders and_all the_ _people are_witnesses you(pl) the_day if/because_that I_ _acquire ÐOM all_of that belonged_to_'Elīmelek and_ÐOM all_of that belonged_to_Kilion and_Maḥlōn from_the_hand_of No'omī. **10** And_also ÐOM Rūt the_Mō'āvite_woman the_wife_of Maḥlōn I_acquire to_me to/for_(a)_woman to_raise_up the_name_of the_dead_man over inheritance_of_his and_not the_name_of the_dead_man it_will_be_cut_off from_with brothers_of_his and_from_the_gate_of his_place_of_his are_witnesses you(pl) the_day. **11** And_ all_of the_people which was_at_gate and_the_ _elders _they_said we_are_witnesses **YHWH** may_he_make ÐOM the_woman who_is_about_to_come into house_of_your like_ _Rāḥēl and_like_Lē'āh who the_two_of_of_them they_built ÐOM the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_make wealth in_'Efrātāh and_ _proclaim a_name in_house_of leḥem. **12** And_let_it_be household_of_your like_the_household_of Perets whom Tāmār she_bore to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from the_offspring which **YHWH** he_will_give to/for_yourself(m) from the_young_woman (the)_ _this.

13 And_ Bo'az _he/it_took ÐOM Rūt and_it_became to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_he_went to_her/it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave to/for_her/it conception and_she/it_gave_birth a_son. **14** And_ the_women _they_said to No'omī **YHWH** who not he_ _has_caused_to_cease to/for_you(fs) a_kinsman-redeemer the_ _day be_blessed and_ his/its_name _may_it_be_proclaimed in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_it_was to/for_you(fs) (into)_one_who_ _restores life and_to_sustain ÐOM age_of_your_old if/because daughter-in-law_of_your who she_loves_you she_has_given_ _birth_to_him who she is_good to/for_you(fs) more_than_seven sons. **16** And_ No'omī _she/it_took ÐOM the_child and_she_ _placed_him on_bosom_of_her and_it_became to_him/it (into)_

40 **RV 4:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:9.

41 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 25:5-6.

42 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 29:31.

43 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 38:27-30.

46 **LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוֹאנ/ל: (x-qere) לְאָנִ/ל׳: lemma_l/1350 a morph_HR/Vqc id_08Ynf לְאָנִ/ל

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_a_nurse. **17** And_they_called to_him/it the_female_neighbours a_name to_say a_son he_has_been_born to_No´ₒmī and_they_ _called his/its_name ´Ōvēd he was_the_father_of Yishay/(Jesse) the_father_of Dāvid. **18** And_these are_the_descendants_of Perets Perets he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥetsrōn. **19** And_Ḥetsrōn he_ _fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Rām and_Rām he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ ´Amminādāv. **20** And_´Amminādāv he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Naḥshōn and_Naḥshōn he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Salmah. **21** And_Salmōn he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Bo´az and_Bo´az he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ ´Ōvēd. **22** And_´Ōvēd he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Yishay and_Yishay he_fathered ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid.

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and became like second mother to him.

17 The women who were living nearby said, "It is as if No'omi now has a son!" They named him Oved.

Eventually Oved went on to become the father of Yishay (Jesse), who became the father of King David.[47] **18** Here is a list of the descendants of Perets: Perets's son was Hetsron. **19** Hetsron's son was Ram and Ram's son was Aminadav. **20** Aminadav's son was Nahshon and Nahshon's son was Salmon. **21** Salmon's son was Boaz and Boaz's son was Oved. **22** Oved's son was Yishay and Yishay's son was King David.

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47 **RV 4:17 · Cross-ref.** Mat 1:5-6.

1 Shmuel

Introduction

This document tells about the people of the nation of Yisrael (called 'Israel' in older Bibles) at the time when Shmuel (commonly, but wrongly known as 'Samuel') was still their teacher through to when Sha'ul (commonly, but wrongly known as 'Saul') led them as their first king. It also reveals the reasons why Sha'ul lost his position as king and why God promised to replace him with David.
Long ago before Yisrael had a king, the people regarded their god as their ruler, but eventually they came to the point of asking God to give them a king to lead them. Both the king and the people were subject to God's leading and expected to obey God's laws.
The main theme of this document is showing how peace and prosperity came when the people obeyed God, and if not, it could lead to destruction. And then sometimes God used his people to apply his discipline to other people groups. It pays to note what's written in 2:30 that goes, "I will honour those who honour me, but those who despise me will be side-lined."

Main components of this account

Shmuel as Yisrael's judge *1:1–7:17*
Sha'ul becomes king *8:1–10:27*
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1:1 And_he/it_was a_man one from the_Ramatayim Tsōfīm/(Zophim) from_hill of_'Efrayim and_his/its_name was_ _'Elqānāh the_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) the_son_of 'Elīhū the_son_of Toḥū the_son_of Tsūf/(Zuph) an_'Efrātī. **2** And_ _to/for_him/it two_of wives the_name_of one was_Ḥannāh and_name_of the_second(fs) was_Pəninnāh and_he/it_was to/for_Pəninnāh children and_to/for_Ḥannāh there_belonged_ _not children. **3** And_ the_man (the)_that _he/it_would_go_up from_city_of_his from_days to_days to_bow_down and_to_ _sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_Shiloh and_ _there the_two_of the_sons_of ʿĒlī Ḥofnī and_Pinehas were_ _priests to/for_**YHWH**. **4** And_ the_day _he/it_was and_ 'Elqānāh _he/it_sacrificed and_he/it_gave to/for_Pəninnāh his/its_wife/woman and_to/for_all her/its_sons/descendants and_her/its_daughters portions. **5** And_to/for_Ḥannāh he_gave a_portion one double if/because ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥannāh he_loved and_ _**YHWH** he_had_closed her_womb/uterus. **6** And_she_ _provoked_her rival_of_her also provocation in_account_of to_ _disconcert_her/it if/because **YHWH** he_had_closed behind her_womb/uterus. **7** And_thus/so/as_follows he_did a_year in_ _year from_sufficiency she_ascended in_house_of **YHWH** thus she/it_provoked_her/it and_she/it_wept and_not she_ate. **8** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it 'Elqānāh her/its_husband/man Oh_Ḥannāh to/for_what_(why) are_you_weeping and_to/for_ _what_(why) not are_you_eating and_to/for_what_(why) your(fs)_heart is_it_sad am_not am_I good to/for_you(fs) from_ _ten sons.

9 And_ Ḥannāh _she/it_arose after had_eaten in_Shiloh and_ _after had_drunk and_ʿĒlī the_priest/officer was_sitting on the_ _seat at the_doorpost_of the_temple_of **YHWH**. **10** And_she was_bitter_of soul and_she/it_prayed to **YHWH** and_weeping she_wept. **11** And_she/it_vowed a_vow and_she/it_said Oh_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers if really_(look) you_will_look in_ _the_affliction your(ms)_female_slave and_you(ms)_will_ _remember_me and_not you_will_forget ~~ĐOM~~ your(ms)_female_ _slave and_you(ms)_will_give to/for_your(ms)_female_slave offspring_of men and_I_will_give_him/it to/for_**YHWH** all_of the_days_of his/its_life and_(a)_razor not it_will_go_up on his/its_head. **12** And_it_was if/because she_had_increased to_ _pray to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ʿĒlī was_ _watching ~~ĐOM~~ her/its_mouth. **13** And_Ḥannāh she was_ _speaking to her/its_heart only her/its_lips were_quivering and_her/its_voice not it_was_heard and_he/it_considered_ _her/it ʿĒlī to_be_drunk(fs). **14** And_he/it_said to_her/it ʿĒlī until when will_you(fs)_be_drunk remove ~~ĐOM~~ wine_of_your from_with_you. **15** And_ Ḥannāh _she_answered and_she/it_ _said no my_master am_a_woman hard_of spirit I and_wine and_strong_drink not I_have_drunk and_I_have_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~ soul_of_my to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **16** Do_not give ~~ĐOM~~ maidservant_of_your to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before a_daughter_of worthlessness if/because from_ _the_greatness_of my_complaint_of_my and_provocation_of_ _my I_have_spoken until now. **17** And_ ʿĒlī _he_answered and_ _he/it_said go to_peace and_the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) may_

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Elkanah and family at Shiloh

1:1 There was a man named Elkanah from Ramatayim-Tsofim who lived in the Efrati hill country. (He was an Efrati—the son of Yeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Tsuf.)[1] **2** He had two wives: Hannah (who had no children) and Peninah (who had several children).

3 Every year he would take his family to Shiloh to offer sacrifices to Commander-in-chief Yahweh. Eli was Yahweh's priest there, and his two sons Hofni and Pinhas also served there.

4 on the day that Elkanah made his sacrifice, he would give portions of the cooked meat to Peninah and to all her sons and daughters, **5** but he'd give a double portion to Hannah because he loved her, even though Yahweh had not enabled her to have children. **6** Then her rival would provoke her and try to make her angry, because Yahweh hadn't given her children. **7** And so it happened every year. Every time they went to Yahweh's tent, Peninah ridiculed him, and Hannah would weep and wouldn't eat. **8** Then Elkanah would ask her, "Hannah, why are you crying? And why aren't you eating? And why are you so upset? Isn't it better having me than having ten sons?"

Hannah and Eli

9 One time Hannah got up after eating and drinking at Shiloh. (Eli the priest was sitting on the seat near the entrance of Yahweh's tent.) **10** Hannah was very upset, and she prayed to Yahweh and wept uncontrollably. **11** Then she made a vow, saying, "Commander Yahweh, if you would only notice the misery of your female servant and remember me. Don't ignore me. Help your female servant to give birth to a son, then I'll give him to you for his entire life, and he'll never have his hair cut."[2]

12 As she continued praying to Yahweh, Eli was watching her mouth. **13** Now Hannah was praying from her heart, and her lips were moving but she wasn't speaking aloud. Eli thought she must be drunk, **14** and scolded her, "You shouldn't be getting drunk. Get rid of your wine."

15 "No, my master," Hannah replied, "I'm a woman who's suffering deep down. I haven't drunk any wine or intoxicating drink, but rather I've been sharing my inner issues with Yahweh. **16** Don't think that your female servant is just a worthless woman, because just now I was praying as a result of my terrible anguish and frustration."

17 "Then go in peace," Eli replied. "And may Yisrael's (Israel's) god grant your request that you presented to him."

18 "Please assume the best of your female servant," said Hannah, then she went on her way and had something to eat, and

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 6:27,34.

2 **RV 1:11 · Cross-ref.** Num 6:5.

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something had changed in her demeanor.

Shmuel's birth and dedication

19 They all gut up early the next morning and worshipped Yahweh again, then they returned to their home at Ramah. Then Elkanah slept with his wife Hannah, and Yahweh answered her prayer. 20 Hannah got pregnant, and in due course, she gave birth to a son. She named him 'Shmuel' (Samuel) (meaning 'heard by God', usually changed to 'Shmuel' in English) because she had requested him from Yahweh.

21 At the usual time, Elkanah and all his household went to Shiloh to offer their sacrifices and fulfill their vows to Yahweh. 22 But Hannah didn't accompany them because she'd told her husband, "I'll come and bring him when he's weaned. Then he can be taken in to Yahweh and permanently remain there." 23 "Do what you think's best," her husband replied. "Stay until you've weaned him. May Yahweh do whatever he said to you." So she stayed behind and breastfed her son until she eventually weaned him.

24 The next year, after she'd weaned him, she took the young boy with them, along with three bulls, a sack of flour, and a container of wine. Then she brought him to Yahweh's tent in Shiloh, 25 and after slaughtering the bull, they took the boy in to Eli. 26 "Please, my master," Hannah said. "As your spirit lives, my master, I'm the woman who was standing with you here to pray to Yahweh. 27 I prayed that Yahweh would give me a son, and he did, and this is him. 28 Also, I dedicated him to Yahweh all his life, so he's now given to Yahweh."

Then they worshipped Yahweh there.

Hannah's praise

2:1 Then Hannah prayed, saying,
"I'm so happy with Yahweh.
My strength comes from Yahweh.
I can loudly refute my enemies.
Because I'm so pleased that you rescued me.[3]
2 No one else is holy like Yahweh.
There's certainly no one else who's like you.
No one else is like a rock to me like our god is.
3 You all shouldn't speak so proudly.
Don't let arrogance come out of your mouths.
Because Yahweh is a god of knowledge,
and all actions are weighed by him.
4 Warriors have their bows shattered,
but those who stumbled are given extra strength.
5 Those who had been satisfied now hire themselves out for

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_he_grant ÐǾM petition_of_your which you_have_asked from_
_with_him. 18 And_she/it_said maidservant_of_your may_she_
_find favour in_eyes_of_your and_ the_woman _she_went to_
_way_of_her and_she/it_ate and_face_of_her not they_were
to/for_her/it still.

19 And_they_rose_early in_morning and_they_bowed_down to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_returned
and_they_came to house_of_their to_(the)_Rāmāh and_
'Elqānāh _he/it_knew ÐǾM Ḥannāh his/its_wife/woman and_
_he_remembered_her **YHWH**. 20 And_he/it_was to_the_
_circuit(s)_of the_days and_ Ḥannāh _she/it_
_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son
and_she/it_called/named ÐǾM his/its_name Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel)
if/because from_**YHWH** I_asked_for_him. 21 And_ the_man
'Elqānāh and_all household_of_his _he/it_ascended to_sacrifice
to/for_**YHWH** ÐǾM the_sacrifice_of the_days and_ÐǾM vow_of_
_his. 22 And_Ḥannāh not she_went_up if/because she_said
to/for_her/its_man/husband until the_lad he_will_be_weaned
and_I_will_take_him and_he_will_present_himself with the_
_presence_of **YHWH** and_he_will_dwell there until perpetuity.
23 And_he/it_said to/for_her/it 'Elqānāh her/its_husband/man
do the_good in_eyes_of_your remain until wean_you ÐǾM_
_him/it only **YHWH** may_he_carry_out ÐǾM message_of_his
and_ the_woman _she_remained and_she_nursed ÐǾM son_of_
_her until she_had_weaned ÐǾM_him/it. 24 And_she_brought_
_him_up with_her/it just_as she_had_weaned_him with_young_
_bulls three and_an_'ēyfāh one flour and_a_jar_of wine and_
_she_took_him the_house_of **YHWH** Shiloh and_the_lad was_a_
_lad. 25 And_they_slaughtered ÐǾM the_young_bull and_they_
_brought ÐǾM the_lad to ʿĒlī. 26 And_she/it_said pardon_me
my_master by_the_life your_self_of_your my_master I the_
_woman who_stood with_you in_this_place to_pray to **YHWH**.
27 Concerning the_lad the_this I_prayed and_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_gave to_me ÐǾM petition_of_my which I_asked from_with_him.
28 And_also I I_entrust_him to/for_**YHWH** all_of the_days
which he_has_been he is_asked to/for_**YHWH** and_he_bowed_
down there to/for**YHWH**.

2:1 And_ Ḥannāh _she/it_prayed and_she/it_said heart_of_my
it_exults in_**YHWH** horn_of_my it_is_exalted in_**YHWH** mouth_
_of_my it_has_opened_wide on enemies_of_my if/because I_
_rejoiced in_deliverance_of_your. 2 There_is_not a_holy_one
like_**YHWH** if/because there_is_not except_you and_there_is_
_not a_rock like_god_of_our. 3 Do_not multiply you(pl)_will_
_speak haughty haughty arrogant_speech it_goes_out from_
_mouth_of_your(pl) if/because is_a_god_of knowledge(s)
YHWH and[4] deeds they_are_measured. 4 The_bow_of warriors
are_shattered and_those_who_stumble they_gird_on strength.
5 Satisfied_people for_food they_hire_themselves_out and_
_hungry_people they_cease to a_barren_woman she_bears
seven_children and_a_woman_many_of sons she_languishes.
6 **YHWH** is_killing and_he_is_restoring_to_life he_is_bringing_
_down Shə'ōl and_he_has_brought_up. 7 **YHWH** is_making_
_poor and_he_is_making_rich he_is_bringing_low also he_is_
_exalting. 8 He_is_raising_up from_the_dust the_poor from_

3 **RV 2:1-10 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:46-55.

4 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְלֹא֙: (x-qere) וְלֹ֙ו: lemma_c/l/3808 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_09gXh

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_the_ash_heap he_lifts_up the_needy to_cause_them_to_dwell with noble_people and_a_throne_of honour he_makes_them_ _inherit if/because to/for_**YHWH** the_pillars_of the_earth and_ _he_set on_them the_world. **9** The_feet_of people[5] he_protects and_wicked_people in_darkness they_perish if/because not by_ _strength anyone he_prevails. **10** **YHWH** they_are_shattered mmm[6] mmm[7] in_heavens he_thunders **YHWH** he_judges the_ _ends_of the_earth and_he_gives strength to_king_of_his and_ _he_exalts the_horn_of his_anointed. **11** And_ ʾElqānāh _he/it_ _went to_(the)_Rāmāh on house_of_his and_the_lad he_was serving ~~ḎOM~~ **YHWH** with the_presence_of ʿĒlī the_ _priest/officer.

12 And_the_sons of_ʿĒlī were_sons_of worthlessness not they_ _knew ~~ḎOM~~ **YHWH**. **13** And_the_custom_of the_priests with the_ _people every_of person who_was_sacrificing a_sacrifice and_ the_servant_of the_priest/officer _he_came just_as_boiled the_ _meat and_the_fork the_three the_prongs in_his/its_hand. **14** And_he_thrust_it in_pot or in_pot or in_caldron or in_pot all that the_fork it_brought_up the_priest/officer he_took in/on/over_him/it thus they_did to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_(ones_who)_went there in_Shiloh. **15** Also before_before they_made_smoke ~~ḎOM~~ the_fat and_he_came the_ _servant_of the_priest/officer and_saying(ms) to_person who_ _was_sacrificing give meat to_roast to_priest and_not he_will_ _accept from_you meat boiled if/because (if) raw. **16** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it the_man surely_(make_smoke) let_them_make_ _smoke as_day the_fat and_take to/for_yourself(m) just_as appetite_of_your it_desires and_saying(ms) mmm[8] if/because now you_will_give_it and_if not I_take_it by_force. **17** And_it_ _became the_sin_of the_young_men great very with the_ _presence_of **YHWH** if/because the_men they_treated_with_ _contempt ~~ḎOM~~ the_offering_of **YHWH**.
18 And_Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) was_serving ~~ḎOM~~ the_presence_of **YHWH** a_lad girded an_ephod_of linen. **19** And_a_robe small she_made for_him/it his/its_mother and_she_brought_it_up to_him/it from_days to_days when_she_went_up with her/its_ _husband/man to_sacrifice ~~ḎOM~~ the_sacrifice_of the_days.

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food,
but the hungry people no longer lack.
The woman who'd been childless, gives birth to seven,
but the woman with many sons is depressed.
6 Yahweh puts to death and he makes alive.
He sends down to the grave and brings up.
7 Yahweh makes poor and makes rich.
He humbles, and he also honours.
8 He lifts the poor up from the dust,
and lifts up the needy from the ash heap
so they can sit with influential people
and be given the seat of honour.
The earth's foundations belong to Yahweh—
he was the one who placed the world on top of them.
9 He watches over those who are loyal to him,
but wicked people will die in the darkness,
because we don't succeed through our own strength.
10 It's Yahweh who shatters our enemies.
He thunders against them from the heavens.
Yahweh will judge the entire earth,
and will give strength to the king,
and will give victory to his chosen one."
11 Then Elkanah and his family returned to their home in Ramah, but young Shmuel (Samuel) stayed to help Eli the priest serve Yahweh.

Eli's greedy sons

12 Now Eli's sons were worthless scoundrels who didn't obey Yahweh. **13** It was the custom of those priests that when anyone was offering a sacrifice and as soon as the meat was boiling, the priest's servant would come along holding a three-pronged fork **14** and stick it into the pot or pan. The priest would then claim whatever the fork brought up. That's what they did to all the Israelis who came to Shiloh to offer sacrifices. **15** Also, before the fat was removed to burn, the priest's servant would say to the person sacrificing, "Give some meat to the priest—he doesn't want just boiled meat all the time—he'll take some raw meat as well to roast."
16 But if the person tried to say, "Once the fat has all been burnt, then take whatever you want for yourself," then he'd assert, "No, you'd better give it right now or I'll take it by force."
17 And so the actions of those young men were very wicked in Yahweh's mind because they just treated sacrifices to Yahweh with contempt.

Young Shmuel starts serving at Shiloh

18 By now Shmuel (Samuel) was serving Yahweh, dressed in a priestly uniform made from linen. **19** Each year his mother would make a small robe for him and bring it when she came with her husband to

5 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דיסח: (x-qere) וְיִדְיֻסָּח׳: lemma_2623 n_1.1.0 morph_HAampc/Sp3ms id_09jaD וְיִדְיֻסָּח
6 **LV 2:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/בירמ: (x-qere) וְיַבְּירֻמ׳: lemma_7378 n_1.1.1 morph_HVhrmpc/Sp3ms id_09UXS וְיַבְּירֻמ
7 **LV 2:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לע: (x-qere) וְיַלָּעׁ׳: lemma_5921 a n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_09Abd וְיַלָּעׁ
8 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ל: (x-qere) וְאֹל׳: lemma_3808 n_0.1.1 morph_HTn id_09AFs וְאֹל

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offer their sacrifices. **20** Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May Yahweh give more children for you through this woman in place of the boy dedicated to Yahweh." Then they'd return home.

21 So Yahweh visited Hannah and she went on to give birth to three other sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, young Shmuel grew up serving Yahweh.

Eli and his children

22 Now Eli was very old and he had heard all about what his sons were doing to the Israeli people, and also that they were sleeping around with the women who worked at the sacred tent entrance. **23** "Why are you two doing all these things that I keep hearing about—these evil things affecting all those people?" he asked them. **24** "No, my sons. The reports that I keep hearing Yahweh's people passing on aren't good! **25** If someone sins against a person, then God will mediate for him, but if someone sins against Yahweh, who will speak up for that person?" But they wouldn't listen to their father's advice because Yahweh wanted to put them to death.

26 Meanwhile the boy Shmuel (Samuel) was growing up, and his good behaviour pleased both Yahweh and the people.[9]

The prophecy against Eli's family

27 One day one of God's prophets came to Eli and told him, "This is what Yahweh says, 'Didn't I clearly reveal myself to your ancestors when they were Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) slaves in Mitsrayim (Egypt)? **28** And out of all the Israeli tribes, I chose your ancestor to be a priest to me, to go up on my altar, to burn incense, and to wear the sacred apron in front of me.[10] Plus I gave your ancestors the rights to all the burnt offerings made by the Israelis.[11] **29** Why do you disrespect sacrifices and offerings that I commanded the people to bring to me at my residence. And why do you honour your sons more than me by fattening yourselves from the best of every offering of my people Yisrael (Israel)?'

30 "Therefore, this is what Yahweh the god of Yisrael declares: 'I indeed said your ancestors and then your descendants would serve me forever.' But now I declare this instead: 'This cannot continue because I will honour those who honour me, but those who despise me will be side-lined. **31** Listen, the time is coming when I'll bring you and your relatives to an end—none of your men will die of old age **32** and you'll see distress in my residence. I'll do good for the rest of Yisrael, but there'll never be another old man in your home. **33** I won't finish them off near my altar. Your eyes will fail and you'll grieve inside, but your adult sons will die. **34** This will be the sign: it'll turn out that your two sons Hofni and Pinhas will both die on the same day.[12] **35** Then I'll se-

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20 And_ ʹĒlī _he_blessed ~~ĐOM~~ ʾElqānāh and_~~ĐOM~~ his/its_ _wife/woman and_saying(ms) **YHWH** may_he_appoint to/for_ _yourself(m) offspring from the_woman (the)_this in_place_of the_petition which someone_asked to/for_**YHWH** and_they_ _went to_place_of_his. **21** If/because **YHWH** he_visited ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥannāh and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_ _gave_birth three sons and_two_of daughters and_ the_lad Shəmūʾēl _he_grew_up with **YHWH**.

22 And_ʹĒlī he_was_old exceedingly and_he_heard ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that they_did sons_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_~~ĐOM~~ how they_were_lying with the_women who_were_serving the_opening_of the_tent_of meeting. **23** And_he/it_said to/for_them to/for_what are_you_doing according_the_things the_these that I am_hearing ~~ĐOM~~ things_ _of_your(pl) wicked from_with all_of the_people these. **24** No my_sons_of_my if/because is_not good the_report which I am_ _hearing the_people_of **YHWH** are_spreading. **25** If a_person he_will_sin to_a_person and_he_will_mediate_for_him god and_ _if to/for_**YHWH** a_person he_will_sin who will_he_intercede to_him/it and_not they_listened to_sound/voice their_father_ _of_their if/because **YHWH** he_desired to_put_them_to_death. **26** And_the_lad Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) was_going and_was_ _growing_up and_he_was_good both with **YHWH** and_also with people.

27 And_ a_man_of god _he_came to ʹĒlī and_he/it_said to_ _him/it thus **YHWH** he_says indeed_(reveal) did_I_reveal_ _myself to the_house_of your_ancestor_of_your on_their_being in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_the_house_of Parʹoh. **28** And_I_chose ~~ĐOM~~_him/it from_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_me to_a_ _priest to_go_up on altar_of_my to_make_smoke incense to_ _bear an_ephod before_me and_I_gave to_the_house_of your_ _ancestor_of_your ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_fire_offerings_of the_people_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **29** To/for_what do_you(pl)_kick at_ _sacrifice_of_my and_at_offering_of_my which I_commanded a_dwelling_place and_do_you_honour ~~ĐOM~~ sons_of_your more_ _than_me by_making_yourselves_fat from_the_choicest_of every_of (the)_offering_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) of_people_of_my. **30** For_so/thus/hence the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) indeed_(say) I_said house_of_your and_the_ _house_of your_ancestor_of_your they_will_walk_about to/for_ _my_face/front until perpetuity and_now the_utterance_of **YHWH** far_be_it to/for_me if/because those_of_who_honour_ _me I_will_honour and_those_of_who_despise_me they_will_ _be_insignificant. **31** HERE days are_coming and_I_will_cut_off ~~ĐOM~~ arm_of_your and_~~ĐOM~~ the_arm_of the_house_of your_ _ancestor_of_your from_ an_old_man _being in_house_of_your. **32** And_you_will_look_at the_distress_of a_dwelling_place in_all that he_will_do_good_to ~~ĐOM~~ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_not an_old_ _man he_will_be in_house_of_your all_of the_days. **33** And_a_ _man not I_will_cut_off to/for_yourself(m) from_with altar_of_ _my to_cause_to_fail ~~ĐOM~~ eyes_of_your and_to_cause_to_grieve

9 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** Luk 2:52.

10 **RV 2:28 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:1-4.

11 **RV 2:28 · Cross-ref.** Lev 7:35-36.

12 **RV 2:34 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 4:11.

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~~DOM~~ self_of_your and_all the_increase_of your_house_of_your they_will_die men. **34** And_this for_you will_be_the_sign which it_will_come to the_two_of sons_of_your to Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ in/on_day one both_of_of_them they_will_die. **35** And_I_will_ _raise_up to_me a_priest faithful just_as is_in_heart_of_my and_ _in_soul_of_my he_will_act and_I_will_build to_him/it a_house enduring and_he_will_walk_about[13] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before my_of_anointed all_of the_days. **36** And_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_remains in_house_of_your he_will_ _come to_bow_down to_him/it for_a_payment_of silver and_a_ _round_loaf_of bread and_saying(ms) attach_me please to one of_the_priesthoods to_eat a_piece_of bread.

3:1 And_the_lad Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) was_serving ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ʿĒlī and_the_message_of **YHWH** it_was rare in_the_days the_those there_was_not vision spread_out. **2** And_he/it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_ʿĒlī was_lying in_place_of_his[15] his[16] they_began dim not he_was_ _able to_see. **3** And_the_lamp_of god not_yet it_was_ _extinguished and_Shəmūʾēl was_lying in_(the)_palace of_ _**YHWH** where was_there the_box_of god. **4** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_called to Shəmūʾēl and_he/it_said here_I_am. **5** And_he_ _ran to ʿĒlī and_he/it_said here_I_am if/because you_ _summoned to/for_me and_he/it_said not I_summoned return lie_down and_he/it_went and_he_lay_down. **6** And_ **YHWH** _ _he_repeated to_call again Shəmūʾēl and_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_rose_ _up and_he/it_went to ʿĒlī and_he/it_said here_I_am if/because you_summoned to_me and_he/it_said not I_summoned my_ _son_of_my return lie_down. **7** And_Shəmūʾēl not_yet he_knew ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_not_yet it_was_revealed to_him/it the_ _message_of **YHWH**. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he_repeated to_call Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) at_time and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to ʿĒlī and_he/it_said here_I_am if/because you_summoned to_ _me and_ ʿĒlī _he_understood if/because_that **YHWH** was_ _summoning (to)_lad. **9** And_ ʿĒlī _he/it_said to_Shəmūʾēl go lie_ _down and_it_was if he_will_call to_you and_you_will_say speak Oh_**YHWH** if/because servant_of_your is_listening and_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_went and_he_lay_down in_place_of_his. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he_came and_he_stood and_he/it_called as_ _time on_time Oh_Shəmūʾēl Oh_Shəmūʾēl and_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_ _said speak if/because servant_of_your is_listening. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmūʾēl HERE I am_about_to_do a_thing in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) which every_of one_of_who_hears_it the_ _two_of ears_of_his they_will_tingle. **12** In_the_day (the)_that I_ _will_carry_out against ʿĒlī ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_have_spoken against house_of_his beginning and_ending. **13** And_I_tell to_ _him/it if/because_that I am_about_to_judge ~~DOM~~ house_of_his until perpetuity for_the_iniquity_of which he_knew if/because were_bringing_a_curse to/for_them sons_of_his and_not he_ _rebuked (in)_them. **14** And_therefore I_swear to_the_house_of ʿĒlī if the_iniquity_of the_house_of ʿĒlī it_will_be_atoned_for

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lect another man to be a faithful priest to me—he'll follow my desires and do what's in my mind. I'll make him and his faithful descendants to continue and to always serve me. **36** Any of your descendants who remain alive will have to go to him to request food and money and beg for some priestly work to earn something to eat.' "

Yahweh calls Shmuel

3:1 Meanwhile young Shmuel (Samuel) was serving Yahweh under Eli. In those days, Yahweh rarely spoke to the people or sent visions.

2 By that time, Eli's sight was very poor—he could barely see. One night when he was sleeping in his place,[14] **3** and Shmuel was lying down in Yahweh's tent (where the box was that contained the stone slabs), but God's lamp was still burning. **4** Yahweh called out to Shmuel, and he called back, "I'm here. Coming." **5** Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, because you called me."

"I didn't call," he said. "Go back and lie down." So he went back and laid down.

6 Yahweh called again, "Shmuel."

Shmuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, because you called me."

"I didn't call, my son," he said, "Go back and lie down."

7 (At this point, Shmuel didn't really know Yahweh, because Yahweh hadn't revealed himself to him before.) **8** Then Yahweh called Shmuel a third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, because you called me."

Then Eli realised that it was Yahweh who was calling the boy **9** and he told Shmuel, "Go and lie down. Then if he calls to you again, just answer, 'Speak, Yahweh, because your servant is listening.' " So Shmuel went and laid down again in his place.

10 Then Yahweh came and stood nearby and called like he'd done the other times, "Shmuel, Shmuel."

"Speak," Shmuel said, "because your servant is listening."

11 "Listen," Yahweh told him, "I'm about to do something in Yisrael (Israel) that will make everyone's ears tingle when they hear it. **12** When it happens, I'll do everything that I've said about Eli and his family, from the beginning to the end. **13** I've told him already that I'm about to eternally judge his household because he knew about the evil that was being done, because his sons were bringing curses on themselves and he didn't scold them. **14** That's why I've promised Eli's family that their disobe-

13 LV 2:35 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

14 RV 3:2 · Note Some translations use 'room' here instead of 'place', but it could easily be that he had a small bed in a corner somewhere.

15 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

16 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/נִיעַ**: (x-qere) **ו/יָנִיעַ**: lemma_c/5869 a n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_09Mdv **ו/יָנִיעַ**

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dience can never be forgiven by means of sacrifices or offerings.

Shmuel tells Eli what Yahweh said

15 Then Shmuel (Samuel) lay down again until the morning when he opened the doors of Yahweh's house as usual, but he was scared to tell Eli about the vision. 16 But Eli called him, "Shmuel, my son."

"Here I am," he answered.

17 "What did he tell you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide it from me. May God punish you severely if you hide a single word from everything he told you." 18 So Shmuel told him everything without hiding anything. Then Eli answered, "It's Yahweh. May he do whatever he thinks best."

19 As Shmuel grew up, Yahweh was with him and nothing he said failed to happen, 20 so all Yisrael (Israel) from Dan in the north and as far as Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south knew that Shmuel was a faithful prophet of Yahweh. 21 Over time, Yahweh continued to appear in Shiloh and to reveal his plans through Shmuel

4:1 and Shmuel's messages went to all Yisrael.

The capture of the box with the agreement

At that time, Yisrael (Israel) went to war against the Pelishtim. They camped at Even-Ha'ezer (Ebenezer), and the Pelishtim camped at Afek. 2 Then the Pelishtim lined up to meet Yisrael and the battle spread. Yisrael was defeated by the Pelishtim and they killed about 4,000 warriors in the battle line in the countryside. 3 As the people[18] came into the camp, the Israeli elders asked themselves, "Why did Yahweh allow the Pelishtim to slaughter us today? Let's get the box from Shiloh that contains the stone slabs with Yahweh's agreement on them. Once it's amongst us, surely it'll save us from defeat by our enemies." 4 So the people sent men to Shiloh and from there they lifted the box containing Yahweh's agreement and the sacred platform with the winged creatures.[19][20] Eli's two sons, Hofni and Pinhas, were there with the box containing God's agreement.

5 As the box with Yahweh's agreement was carried into the camp, all the Israelis shouted so loud that the ground shook. 6 When the Pelishtim heard the noise, they said, "What's that loud shout in the Ivrim' (Hebrews') camp?" Then they realised that the box with Yahweh's covenant had come into their camp 7 and they were afraid saying, "A god has come into the Israeli

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by_sacrifice and_by_an_offering until perpetuity.

15 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he_lay until the_morning and_he_ _opened ĐOM the_doors_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_Shəmū'ēl he_was_afraid from_telling ĐOM the_vision to ʿĒlī. 16 And_ ʿĒlī _ _he/it_called ĐOM Shəmū'ēl and_he/it_said Oh_Shəmū'ēl son_of_ _my and_he/it_said here_I_am. 17 And_he/it_said what was_ _the_message which he_spoke to_you do_not please hide_it from_me thus may_he_do to_you god and_thus may_he_add if you_will_hide from_me a_message from_all (the)_message which he_spoke to_you. 18 And_he_told to_him/it Shəmū'ēl ĐOM all_of the_words/messages and_not he_hid_them from_him/it and_he_said is_**YHWH** he the_good in_eyes_of_his[17] let_him_ _do. 19 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_grew_up and_**YHWH** he_was with_ _him/it and_not he_made_fall from_all words/messages_of_his ground_to_the. 20 And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Dān and_ _unto Bə'ēr Shevʿaʿ _he/it_knew if/because_that Shəmū'ēl was_ _established to_a_prophet to/for_**YHWH**. 21 And_ **YHWH** _he_ _repeated to_appear in_Shiloh if/because **YHWH** he_revealed_ _himself to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) at_Shiloh by_the_message_of **YHWH**.

4:1 And_ the_message_of Shəmū'ēl _he/it_was to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_went_out to_meet the_Pəlishtiy for_battle and_they_ _encamped at (the)_Eben- ezer and_the_Pəlishtiy they_ _encamped at_'Afēq.

2 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_deployed to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_battle _it_spread_out and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was_ _defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_Pəlishtiy and_they_struck_down in_line in_the_field about_four_of thousand(s) man. 3 And_ the_people _it_came into the_camp and_ the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to/for_what has_ _he_defeated_us **YHWH** the_day to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_Pəlishtiy let_us_bring to_ourselves from_Shiloh ĐOM the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** so_that_it_may_come in_midst_of_our and_so_that_it_may_deliver_us from_the_ _palm_of our_enemies_of_our. 4 And_ the_people _it_sent Shiloh and_they_brought from_there ĐOM the_box_of the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_sits_of the_ _cherubims and_there the_two_of the_sons_of ʿĒlī were_with the_box_of the_covenant_of the_'Elohīm Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ. 5 And_he/it_was just_ the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** _as_ _came into the_camp and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_shouted a_shout great and_ the_earth/land _it_was_stirred. 6 And_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_heard ĐOM the_sound_of the_shout and_they_ _said what is_the_sound_of the_shout (the)_great (the)_this in_ _the_camp_of the_ʿIvrī/(Hebrews) and_they_knew if/because_ _that the_box_of **YHWH** it_had_come into the_camp. 7 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_saw if/because they_said a_god he_has_ _come into the_camp and_they_said woe to/for_us if/because

17 **LV 3:18 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

18 **RV 4:3 · Note** It seems that most translations assume that this is referring to the remainder of the warriors staggering back into the camp (which is certainly a possibility), but we've interpreted it as the people coming together (with their elders as it says), to try to figure out why they were defeated. (Similarly for v4.)

19 **RV 4:4 · Note** And with Commander Yahweh sitting on, above, or between them.

20 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

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not like_this it_has_been yesterday three_days_ago. **8** Woe to/for_us who will_he_deliver_us from_the_hand_of the_ _'Elohīm (the)_mighty the_these these they the_'Elohīm who_ _struck ס֭ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_all plague in_wilderness. **9** Show_yourselves_strong and_become (into)_men Oh_ _Pəlishtiy lest you(pl)_should_serve (to)_ʻIvrī just_as they_ _have_served to/for_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be (into)_men and_you(pl)_will_fight. **10** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_fought and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was_defeated and_they_fled each_man to_ _his_own_of_tents and_it_became the_defeat great exceedingly and_he_fell of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thirty thousand foot_soldier[s]. **11** And_the_box_of god it_was_taken and_the_two_of the_sons_ _of ʻĒlī they_died Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ.

12 And_ the_man_of Binyāmīn _he_ran from_the_battle_line and_he_came Shiloh in_the_day (the)_that and_garments_of_ _his were_torn and_earth was_on his/its_head. **13** And_he_ _came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE ʻĒlī was_sitting on the_seat the_ _side_of**21** the_road watching if/because it_was his/its_heart trembling on the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_the_man he_came to_announce in_city and_ all_of the_city _it_cried_out. **14** And_ ʻĒlī _he/it_listened ס֭ the_sound_of the_outcry and_he/it_ _said what is_the_sound_of the_uproar the_this and_the_man he_hurried and_he_came and_he_told to_ʻĒlī. **15** And_ʻĒlī was_a_ _son_of ninety and_eight year[s] and_eyes_of_his it_was_set and_not he_was_able to_see. **16** And_ the_man _he/it_said to ʻĒlī I am_the_one_who_comes from the_battle_line and_I from the_ _battle_line I_have_fled the_day and_he/it_said what the_ _message was_it my_son_of_my. **17** And_ the_bearer_news _he_ _answered and_he/it_said Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_fled to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_Pəlishtiy and_also a_slaughter great it_has_been among_people and_also the_two_of sons_of_ _your they_have_died Ḥofnī and_Piṇḥāṣ and_the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm it_has_been_taken. **18** And_he/it_was just_as_he_ _brought_to_remembrance ס֭ the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_ _he_fell from_under the_seat backwards behind the_side_of the_gate and_ neck_of_his _it_was_broken and_he/it_died if/because the_man he_was_old and_heavy and_he he_had_ _judged ס֭ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) forty year[s].

19 And_daughter-in-law_of_his the_wife_of Piṇḥāṣ was_ _pregnant to_give_birth and_she_heard ס֭ the_report concerning of_the_box_of the_'Elohīm the_being_taken and_ father-in-law_of_her and_husband_of_her _he_had_died and_ _she_bowed_down and_she/it_gave_birth if/because they_ _turned on/upon_it(f) pangs_of_her. **20** And_about_the_time_of died_she and_ those_who_were_standing on/upon_it(f) _they_ _spoke do_not be_afraid if/because a_son you_have_borne and_ _not she_answered and_not she_set her/its_heart. **21** And_ _she/it_called/named (to)_lad I- chabod to_say glory it_has_ _gone_into_exile from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) because_of the_box_of the_'Elohīm the_being_taken and_near/to father-in-law_of_her and_husband_of_her. **22** And_she/it_said glory it_has_gone_ _into_exile from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm it_has_been_taken.

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camp." Then they said, "This means trouble, because it wasn't like this yesterday or the previous days. **8** Oh dear! Who will rescue us from these mighty gods? Those are the gods who struck the Mitsrim (Egyptians) with every plague in the wilderness. **9** Now we Pelishtim really need to fight with passion, because if we don't, we'll ending up serving the Ivrim just like they've had to serve us. Now, gather your courage and fight for your lives."

10 So the Pelishtim fought hard, and Yisrael (Israel) was defeated. Many warriors fled back to their tents and it was a terrible slaughter—30,000 foot soldiers from Yisrael were killed. **11** As well as that, the box with God's agreement was taken, and Eli's two sons Hofni and Pinhas were killed.

The death of Eli

12 A Benyamite man ran from the battle line back to Shiloh that day. His clothes were torn and he was covered in dirt. **13** When he arrived there, Eli was sitting on a roadside seat watching, because he was very concerned about the sacred chest. As the man entered the city with the news, all the people started wailing loudly. **14** As Eli heard the wailing, he asked, "What's that big commotion?" So the man ran over to Eli to tell him the news. **15** At that time, Eli was ninety-eight years old, and he stared straight ahead because he couldn't see. **16** The man told him, "I'm the one who's just come from the battle line. I had to fled from the battle line today."

"What was the issue, my son?" Eli asked.

17 "Yisrael (Israel) fled defeated from the Pelishtim," said the messenger. "And also, there has been a terrible slaughter of our people. What's more, your two sons, Hofni and Pinhas, were killed, and the sacred chest has been captured."

18 The moment he mentioned the capturing of God's box, Eli fell backwards off the seat beside the city gate. Because he was old and very heavy, his neck broke and he died. Eli had led Yisrael for forty years.

The death of Pinhas' widow

19 Now Pinhas' wife (Eli's daughter-in-law) was pregnant—about to give birth—when she heard the news about the sacred chest being taken, and that both her father-in-law and her husband had died. At that moment, she knelt down and gave birth because the birth pains suddenly started. **20** But she was dying, and the women who stood over her said, "Don't be afraid, because you've given birth to a son." But she didn't answer or pay any attention. **21** She named the boy 'I-Kavod' (which means 'no glory'), saying, "The glory has departed from Yisrael (Israel)," about the sacred chest being taken, and about the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband. **22** Then she said, "The glory has departed from Yisrael, because the sacred chest has been taken."

21 LV 4:13 · Note OSHB variant note: יְדֵי: (x-qere) יְדֵי֫: lemma_3027 morph_HNcbsc id_09KHf יְדֵי֫

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The sacred chest gets carried to Ashdod

5:1 Now the Pelishtim had taken the sacred chest, and they took it from Even-Ha'ezer (Ebenezer) to Ashdod **2** where they carried it into the temple of their god Dagon and placed it beside a statue of Dagon. **3** Early the next day when the Ashdodim got up, to their horror Dagon had fallen to the ground on its face in front of Yahweh's box. So they stood it up and returned it to its place. **4** But then the next morning, more shock: Dagon had fallen to the ground on its face in front of Yahweh's box but now its hands and head were cut off, and were lying on the threshold. Only its body remained intact. **5** (Because of that, until this day Dagon's priests and everyone who enters Dagon's temple in Ashdod won't tread on the threshold.)

God punishes the Pelishti cities

6 Yahweh caused a lot of trouble for the people of Ashdod and he terrified them. He caused them and the people in the region to get lumpy growths on their skin. **7** When the leaders in Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, "The god of Yisrael's (Israel's) box mustn't stay with us because he's punishing both us and our god Dagon." **8** So they sent for all the Pelishti rulers, and when they'd assembled they asked, "What should we do with the god of Yisrael's box?"

"Let the god of Yisrael's box be taken around to Gat," they decided. So they moved it there. **9** After it arrived, Yahweh started punishing Gat and both young and old men in the city started getting growths on their skin, and it caused a huge panic. **10** So they sent God's box to Ekron, but as soon as it entered the city, the Ekronim cried out, "Hey! They've brought the god of Yisrael's box here to kill us and our people." **11** So they sent for the Pelishti rulers, and when they'd assembled they said, "Send the god of Yisrael's box away. Send it back to its place so it won't cause us and our people to die." Because there was a deadly panic all over the city as God's punishment there was severe **12** and the men who didn't die suffered with the growths. So the people's cry went up to the heavens.

Sending the chest back to Yisrael

6:1 So it was that Yahweh's box was held in Pelishti territory for seven months, **2** then the Pelishtim called their priests and diviners and asked,

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5:1 And_the_Pəlishtiy they_took ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_they_brought_it from_Eben- ezer to_'Ashdōd. **2** And_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_took ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_they_ _brought ÐOM_him/it the_house_of Dāgōn and_they_placed ÐOM_him/it beside Dāgōn. **3** And_ the_'Ashdōdites _they_rose_ _early from_the_next_day and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Dāgōn was_ _lying to_face_of_its towards_land to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_box_of **YHWH** and_they_took ÐOM Dāgōn and_ _they_returned ÐOM_him/it to_place_of_its. **4** And_they_rose_ _early in_morning from_the_next_day and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Dāgōn was_lying to_face_of_its towards_land to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** and_the_head_of Dāgōn and_the_two_of the_palms_of_its_hands_of_his were_ _cut_off to the_threshold only Dāgōn it_remained on/upon/above_him/it. **5** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not the_priests_of Dāgōn and_all the_(ones_who)_went the_house_ _of Dāgōn they_tread on the_threshold_of Dāgōn in_'Ashdōd until the_day (the)_this.

6 And_ the_hand_of **YHWH** _it_was_heavy against the_ _'Ashdōdites and_he_devastated_them and_he_struck ÐOM_ _them in/on/at/with[2223] ÐOM 'Ashdōd and_ÐOM territories_of_ _its. **7** And_ the_people_of 'Ashdōd _they_saw if/because_that so and_they_said not the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_ _will_remain with_us if/because his/its_hand it_is_hard on_us and_on Dāgōn god_of_our. **8** And_they_sent and_they_gathered ÐOM all_of the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy to_them and_they_said what will_we_do to_the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _they_said Gat the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_go_ _round and_they_brought_round ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_he/it_was after they_had_brought_ _round ÐOM_him/it and_it_became the_hand_of **YHWH** on_city panic great exceedingly and_he_struck ÐOM the_men_of the_ _city both_young and_unto the_old and_they_broke_out to/for_ _them tumors[24]. **10** And_they_sent ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm ʻEqrōn and_he/it_was just_ the_box_of the_'Elohīm _as_went ʻEqrōn and_ the_ʻEqrōnites _they_cried_out to_say they_have_ _brought_round to_me ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_kill_me and_ÐOM people_of_my. **11** And_they_ _sent and_they_gathered ÐOM all_of the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_said send_away ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_it_may_return to_its_own_of_place and_not it_will_kill ÐOM_me and_ÐOM people_of_my if/because it_was panic_of death in_all the_city it_was_heavy exceedingly the_hand_of the_'Elohīm there. **12** And_the_men who not they_ _died they_were_struck in/on/at/with[2526] and_ the_cry_for_ _help_of the_city _it_went_up the_heavens.

6:1 And_ the_box_of **YHWH** _he/it_was in_the_region_of the_ _Pəlishtiy seven months. **2** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_summoned (to)_priests and_(to)_diviners to_say what will_we_do to_the_ _box_of **YHWH** make_known_to_us how will_we_send_it to_its_

22 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מילפע/ב**: (x-qere) 'מְיֹרֹחְטִ/ב': lemma_b/2914 n_0.1 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_09J1i **מְיֹרֹחְטִ/ב**

23 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

24 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מילפע**: (x-qere) 'מְיֹרֹחְטִ': lemma_2914 n_0 morph_HNcmpa id_09Ypk **מְיֹרֹחְטִ**

25 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מילפע/ב**: (x-qere) 'מֵיֹרֹחְטִ/ב': lemma_b/2914 n_1 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_09GVi **מֵיֹרֹחְטִ/ב**

26 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_own_of_place. 3 And_they_said if you(pl)_are_about_to_send_ _away ÐOM the_box_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) do_not send_ _away ÐOM_him/it empty if/because certainly_(send_back) you(pl)_will_send_back to_him/it a_guilt_offering then you(pl)_ _will_be_healed and_it_will_be_known to/for_you(pl) to/for_ _what not his/its_hand does_it_turn_aside from_you(pl). 4 And_ _they_said what is_the_guilt_offering which we_will_send_back to_him/it and_they_said the_number_of the_rulers_of the_ _Pəlishtiy five tumors_of[27] gold and_five mice_of gold if/because a_plague one to/for_all_them and_to_rulers_of_ _your(pl). 5 And_you(pl)_will_make images_of mmm[28] and_ _images_of your(pl)_mice_of_your(pl) which_are_ruining ÐOM the_earth/land and_you(pl)_will_give to_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) honour perhaps he_will_lighten ÐOM his/its_ _hand from_on_you(pl) and_from_on gods_of_your(pl) and_ _from_on land_of_your(pl). 6 And_for_what will_you(pl)_ _harden ÐOM heart_of_your(pl) just_as Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _Par'oh they_hardened ÐOM heart_of_their am_not just_as he_ _dealt_wantonly (is)_in_them and_they_sent_them_away and_ _they_went. 7 And_now take and_make a_cart new one and_ _two_of cows nursing which not it_has_gone_up on_them a_ _yoke and_you(pl)_will_harness ÐOM the_cows on_cart and_ _you(pl)_will_take_back ones_of_their_young from_after_them to_the_house. 8 And_you(pl)_will_take ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_put ÐOM_him/it into the_cart and_ÐOM the_ _articles_of the_gold which you(pl)_have_sent_back to_him/it a_guilt_offering you(pl)_will_put in_box from_side_of_its and_ _you(pl)_will_send_away ÐOM_him/it and_it_will_go. 9 And_ _you(pl)_will_see if the_way_of its_own_territory_of_his it_will_ _go_up Bēyt Shemesh he he_has_done to/for_us ÐOM the_harm (the)_great (the)_this and_if not and_we_will_know if/because_ _that not his/its_hand it_touched (in)_us chance it it_happened to/for_us. 10 And_ the_men _they_made thus and_they_took two_of cows nursing and_they_harnessed_them on_cart and_ _ÐOM ones_of_their_young they_shut_up in_house. 11 And_ _they_put ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** into the_cart and_ÐOM the_ _box and_ÐOM the_mice_of the_gold and_ÐOM the_images_of their_tumors_of_their. 12 And_they_were_straight[29] the_cows in_road on the_road_of Bēyt Shemesh on_a_highway one they_ _went going and_lowing and_not they_turned_aside right_hand and_left_hand and_the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy were_going after_them to the_border_of Bēyt Shemesh. 13 And_Bēyt-shemesh were_harvesting the_harvest_of wheat(s) in_valley and_they_lifted_up ÐOM eyes_of_their and_they_saw ÐOM the_ _box and_they_rejoiced to_see. 14 And_the_cart it_came to the_ _field_of Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the Bēyt and_it_stopped there and_there a_stone large and_they_split ÐOM the_wood(s)_of the_cart and_ÐOM the_cows they_offered_up a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH**. 15 And_the_Lēviyyiy they_brought_down ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_box which with_him/it which in/on/over_him/it the_articles_of gold and_they_put_them to the_stone (the)_large and_the_people_of Bēyt Shemesh they_

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"What should we do with Yahweh's box? Show us how we can get it back away to its place."

3 "If you're going to send the god of Yisrael's (Israel's) box back," they responded, "don't send it back by itself, but definitely return it to him with a guilt offering. Then you'll all be healed, and you'll all understand why you've been suffering."

4 "What guilt offering should we send with it?" they asked.

"Five gold replicas of the tumours, and five gold mice," they said. "That's the number of our rulers, because the same plague affected both them and the people. 5 Make replicas of the tumours and replicas of the mice that have been destroying the land, and it will honour Yisrael's god. Then perhaps he will less his punishment that's been on you and on your gods and on your land. 6 Why have you all been so stubborn just like the Mitsrim (Egyptians) when Par'oh (Pharaoh) made them stubborn? When Yisrael's god dealt severely with them, didn't the Mitsrim send the Israelis away and they went? 7 So now, get a brand new cart with two nursing cows which have never had a yoke on their necks. Hitch the cows to the cart but take their calves back to their pen. 8 Then pick up Yahweh's box and put it into the cart along with the gold objects that you are sending with it as a guilt offering put in another container beside the box. Finally, send the cart away and off it will go. 9 Then watch it. If it heads towards Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) in Israeli territory, then it's their god that caused this terrible calamity. But if not, then we'll know that it wasn't the Israeli god, and that it all happened to us by chance."

10 So they followed those instructions: they took two cows that had been feeding calves and hitched them to the new cart, but they shut their calves away in the stall. 11 Then they put Yahweh's box into the cart with the other container with the gold mice and the replicas of their tumours. 12 Amazingly, the cows went straight down the road going to Beyt-Shemesh. They stayed on that one highway, walking and mooing, and they never once deviated to the left or the right, and the Pelishti rulers followed them as far as the border of Beyt-Shemesh.

13 Meanwhile in Beyt-Shemesh, the people were harvesting wheat in the valley, and when they looked up and saw the box, they were very happy. 14 The cart came into the field belonging to Yehoshua (Joshua) and then the cows just stood there. There was a large stone there, and the people split the sides of the wooden cart into pieces to start a fire, then offered the cows as a burnt sacrifice to Yahweh. 15 Then the Levites lifted down Yahweh's box and the other container that was with it with the gold objects in it, and they placed them on the large stone. Then the men of Beyt-Shemesh offered up more burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices to Yahweh on that day. 16 The five Pelishti rulers

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27 LV 6:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **ילפע**: (x-qere) 'יְרֹחָט': lemma_2914 morph_HNcmpc id_09Fc9 יְרֹחָט

28 LV 6:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **סכ/ילפע**: (x-qere) 'סָכ/יְרֹחָט': lemma_2914 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2mp id_092xG סָכ/יְרֹחָט

29 LV 6:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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watched all this from a distance before returning to Ekron that same day.

The gold replicas

17 The gold replicas of tumours that the Pelishtim sent back as a guilt offering to Yahweh were for the five cities: Ashdod, Azah (Gaza), Ashkelon, Gat, and Ekron. 18 And the gold mice were from the number of all the Pelishti cities under the five rulers, including fortified cities as well as the villages in the open country, and as far as the large stone that they sat Yahweh's box on. (It's still in Yehoshua's (Joshua's) field in Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) until this day.)

19 But some Beyt-Shemesh men looked into Yahweh's box, and he killed seventy[30] of them. The people mourned because Yahweh had caused such devastation among the people.

The sacred chest is taken to Kiryat-Yearim

20 The Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) men said, "Who can stand in front of the face of Yahweh, this holy God? And where should we send the box to from here?" 21 So they sent messengers to those living in Kiryat-Yearim, saying, "The Pelishtim have returned Yahweh's box. Come over here and get it."

7:1 So the men from Kiryat-Yearim came and lifted up Yahweh's box and brought it into Avinadav's house on the hill.[33] They consecrated his son Eleazar to take care of it.

Shmuel guides Yisrael

2 The sacred chest ended up staying in Kiryat-Yearim for twenty years but the Israelis longed sadly for Yahweh.

3 Then Shmuel (Samuel) told all the Israelis, "If you all really want to return to Yahweh, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtarot from among you. Then decide firmly to serve Yahweh and no other, then he'll rescue you from the Pelishtim' oppression." 4 So the Israelis removed the Ba'al and Ashtoret idols, and began to serve Yahweh only.

5 Then Shmuel called, "Gather all Yisrael (Israel) to Mitspah, and I'll pray to Yahweh for you all." 6 So they gathered at Mitspah, and drew water and poured it out in front of Yahweh, and they fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against Yahweh." And Shmuel guided the Israelis at Mitspah.

7 When the Pelishtim heard that the Israelis had gathered at Mitspah, the Pelishti rulers decided to attack Yisrael. When the Israelis heard that, they were afraid of the Pelishtim 8 and begged Shmuel, "Don't stop crying out to our god Yahweh, so

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_offered_up burnt_offerings and_they_sacrificed sacrifices in_ _the_day (the)_that to/for_**YHWH**. 16 And_five the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy they_saw and_they_went_back ʹEqrōn in_the_day (the)_that.

17 And_these are_the_tumors_of the_gold which the_Pəlishtiy they_sent_back a_guilt_offering to/for_**YHWH** for_ʾAshdōd one[31] for_ʹAzzāh one for_ʾAshqəlōn one for_Gat one for_ʹEqrōn one. 18 And_the_mice_of the_gold the_number_of all_of the_ _cities_of belonging_to_the_Pəlishtiy of_the_five_of the_rulers from_a_city_of fortification and_unto (the)_village[s]_of the_ _hamlet-dweller[s] and_unto ʾĀvēl the_great which they_set_ _down on/upon_it(f) ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** until the_day the_ _this in_the_field_of Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the Bēyt. 19 And_he_ _struck_down among_the_people_of Bēyt Shemesh if/because they_had_looked in_the_box_of **YHWH** and_he_struck_down among_people seventy man fifty thousand man and_ the_ _people _they_mourned if/because **YHWH** he_had_struck (in)_ _people a_blow great[32]

20 and_ the_people_of Bēyt Shemesh _they_said who is_he_able to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** the_ _ʾElohīm (the)_holy the_this and_near/to whom will_it_go_up from_with_us. 21 And_they_sent messengers to the_ _inhabitants_of Qiryat to_say the_Pəlishtiy they_have_brought_ _back ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** come_down take_up ÐOM_him/it to_you(pl).

7:1 And_they_came the_people_of Qiryat and_they_took_up ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_they_brought ÐOM_him/it to the_ _house_of ʾAvīnādāv on_hill and_ÐOM ʾElʹāzār his/its_son they_ _consecrated to_guard/protect ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH**.

2 And_he/it_was from_the_day_of the_box dwelt at_Qiryat-yəʹārīm/(jearim) and_ the_days _they_increased and_ twenty year[s] _they_were and_ all_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _they_mourned after **YHWH**. 3 And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _he/it_ _said to all_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say if in_all heart_of_your(pl) you(pl) are_turning_back to **YHWH** remove ÐOM the_gods_of (the)_foreignness from_among_of_you(pl) and_the_ʹAshtārōt and_direct heart_of_your(pl) to **YHWH** and_ _serve_him for_him/it_being_alone so_that_he_may_deliver you(pl) from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. 4 And_ the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_removed ÐOM the_Baʹal and_ÐOM the_ _ʹAshtārōt and_they_served ÐOM **YHWH** for_him/it_being_ _alone. 5 And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said gather ÐOM all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_(the)_Mitspāh so_that_I_may_pray for_ _you(pl) to **YHWH**. 6 And_they_gathered_together to_(the)_ _Mitspāh and_they_drew water and_they_poured_it_out to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_fasted in_ _the_day (the)_that and_they_said there we_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_ Shəmūʾēl _he_judged ÐOM the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) at_Mitspāh. 7 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard

30 **RV 6:19 · Note** TC: The oldest Hebrew text has 50,070 men being killed here, making it hard to imagine how that many men kept clambering over dead bodies to look into the sacred chest. (But possibly we're not understanding the situation correctly?) We have followed later manuscripts here.

31 **LV 6:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

32 **LV 6:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

33 **RV 7:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:2-4; 1Ch 13:5-7.

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if/because_that the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_ _gathered_together to_(the)_Mitspāh and_ the_rulers_of the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_went_up against Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_heard and_they_saw from_ _face/in_front_of the_Pəlishtiy. **8** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_said to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) do_not keep_ _silent from_him/it from_crying_out to **YHWH** god_of_our so_ _that_he_may_deliver_us from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **9** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_took a_lamb_of milk one and[34] a_burnt_ _offering a_whole_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_ Shəmū'ēl _he_ _cried_out to **YHWH** for Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he **YHWH**. **10** And_ _he/it_was Shəmū'ēl offering_up the_burnt_offering and_the_ _Pəlishtiy they_drew_near for_battle in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ **YHWH** _he_thundered with_a_sound great in_the_day (the)_ _that on the_Pəlishtiy and_he_confused_them and_they_were_ _defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **11** And_ the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_out from (the)_Mitspāh and_they_pursued ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _defeated_them to from_under to_Bēyt- car. **12** And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_took a_stone one and_he/it_assigned between (the)_ _Mitspāh and_between (the)_Shēn and_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Eben- ezer and_he_said until now he_has_helped_ _us **YHWH**. **13** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_were_subdued and_not they_repeated again to_come in_the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_became the_hand_of **YHWH** on_Pəlishtiy all_of the_days_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel). **14** And_ the_cities which they_had_taken the_Pəlishtiy from_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _went_back to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ʹEqrōn and_unto Gat and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ territory_of_their Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_delivered from_the_ _hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he/it_was peace between Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_between the_'Amorī. **15** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_ _judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **16** And_he_went from_sufficiency a_year in_a_year and_he_ _went_round Bēyt- 'ēl and_(the)_Gilgāl and_(the)_Mitspāh and_ _he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_places the_ _these. **17** And_return_of_his was_to_(the)_Rāmāh if/because was_there house_of_his and_there he_judged ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH**.

8:1 And_he/it_was just_as Shəmū'ēl he_was_old and_he/it_ _assigned ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his judges for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ _he/it_was the_name_of his/its_son the_firstborn Yō'ēl/(Joel) and_name_of his_second_of_his was_'Aviy^{yāh} judges in_Bə'ēr-shevaʿ. **3** And_not sons_of_his they_walked his[36] and_they_ _turned_aside after (the)_unjust_gain and_they_took a_bribe and_they_turned_aside justice. **4** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gathered_together and_they_came to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) to_(the)_Rāmāh. **5** And_they_said to_him/it HERE you you_have_become_old and_sons_of_your not they_ _have_walked in_ways_of_your now appoint to/for_ourselves a_ _king to_judge_us like_all_of the_nations. **6** And_ the_matter _ _it_was_displeasing in/on_both_eyes_of Shəmū'ēl just_as they_ _said give to/for_ourselves a_king to_judge_us and_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he_prayed to **YHWH**. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl

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that he'll rescue us from the Pelishtim." **9** So Shmuel got a young lamb and offered it up—a whole burnt up offering to Yahweh. And he cried out to Yahweh for Yisrael, and Yahweh answered him. **10** While Shmuel was offering up that burnt offering, the Pelishtim approached to battle against Yisrael. But that day Yahweh made an intense sound like thunder that confused the Pelishtim and the Israelis were able to defeat them. **11** The Israeli men ran out from Mitspah and chased the Pelishtim—killing them all the way to Beyt-Kar.

12 Shmuel took a single rock and stood it between Mitspah and Shen. He named it 'Even-Ha'ezer' (Ebenezer) (which means 'stone of help'), saying, "Yahweh helped us all the way up to here." **13** So the Pelishtim ended up being subdued and didn't invade Yisrael's border again, and Yahweh worked against the Pelishtim as long as Shmuel lived. **14** The cities that the Pelishtim had taken from Ekron and as far as Gat were returned to Yisrael. And so Yisrael rescued their territory from the Pelishtim, and there was peace between Yisrael and the Amorim.

15 So Shmuel guided Yisrael while he lived. **16** Every year he did the circuit around Beyt-El (Bethel), Gilgal, and Mitspah, and he helped settled disputes for the people in all those places, **17** but he always returned to Ramah because his home was there. He would judge disputes there, and built an altar to Yahweh there.

The Israelis request a king · Full kingdom

8:1 As Shmuel (Samuel) grew older, he appointed his two sons as judges over Yisrael (Israel). **2** The eldest was Yoel (Joel) and his brother was Aviyah. They were based in Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). **3** However, they didn't take after time, but rather chased dishonest gain—accepting bribes and perverting justice.

4 Eventually, the Israeli elders met together with Shmuel at Ramah **5** and requested, "Listen, you're old now, and your sons don't follow your example. So appoint a king for us now to lead us like all the other nations."[35] **6** But Shmuel thought that their request for a king was an evil request, so he prayed to Yahweh **7** who replied, "Listen to everything that the people are saying, because they're not rejecting *you*, but they're rejecting me from

34 LV 7:9 · Note OSHB variant note: הלעי/ו: (x-qere) וּהָלֶעַי/ו: lemma_c/5927 morph_HC/Vhw3ms/Sp3ms id_09YS7 וּהָלֶעַי/ו

35 RV 8:5 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:14.

36 LV 8:3 · Note OSHB variant note: כרד/ב/ו: (x-qere) וּבָכְרֹד/ב/ו: lemma_b/1870 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncbpc/Sp3ms id_09zuk וּבָכְרֹד/ב/ו

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reigning over them. 8 They're doing to you just what they've done to me every since I rescued them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and right up until today: deserting me and serving other gods. 9 So listen to what they're saying now, but certainly warn them about what kings require of their subjects."

Advance warnings about having a king · Full kingdom

10 Then Shmuel (Samuel) passed on everything that Yahweh had said to the people who were requesting a king from him, 11 telling them, "If you all have a king reigning over you, this is what he'll demand: he will conscript your sons and appoint them as his cavalry or charioteers, or they'll run as foot-soldiers in front, of his chariot. 12 Others he'll appoint a commander of various units. Some will end up ploughing his fields or harvesting his crops, or manufacturing his weapons and chariots. 13 He'll take your daughters to manufacture perfumes, or to be cooks and bakers. 14 He'll confiscate your best fields and vineyards and olive orchards, and give to his servants to control. 15 Then he'll demand a tenth of your seeds and grape harvests for his officials and his servants. 16 He'll commandeer some of your best male and female servants and young men, and he'll impound some of your donkeys, then he'll use them all for his projects. 17 He'll expect a tenth of your sheep and goats, and you yourselves will end up being his slaves. 18 When that all happens, you'll all cry out in front of the king who you chose for yourselves, but Yahweh won't be answering you at that time."

19 However, the people refused to consider Shmuel's (Samuel's) advice and they argued, "No, we want a king over us 20 so we'll be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us, and will lead out our warriors in battle." 21 Shmuel listened to everything the people said, and passed it on to Yahweh, 22 and Yahweh told him, "Do what they're asking and get them a king." So Shmuel told the people and then sent them all back to their homes.

Sha'ul is chosen as king · Full kingdom

9:1 Now there was a Benyamite man named Kish (son of Aviel, son of Tseror, son of Bekorat, son of Afiah, the son of a Yemini man) who was strong and wealthy. 2 Kish had a son named Sha'ul (Saul) who was a handsome young man and good—in fact there wasn't any

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listen to_the_voice_of the_people to_all/each/any/every that they_will_say to_you if/because not you they_have_rejected if/because ~~DOM~~_me they_have_rejected from_reigning over_ _them. 8 According_to_all_of the_deeds which they_have_done from_the_day_of I_brought_up ~~DOM~~_them from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto the_day the_this and_they_have_ _abandoned_me and_they_have_served gods other so they are_ _doing also to/for_you(fs). 9 And_now listen to_voice_of_their nevertheless if/because certainly_(warn) you_will_warn (is)_in_ _them and_you_will_tell to/for_them the_right[s]_of the_king who he_will_reign over_them.

10 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** to the_people who_were_asking from_with_him a_king. 11 And_he/it_said this it_will_be the_right[s]_of the_king who he_will_reign over_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ sons_of_your(pl) he_will_take and_he_will_appoint_them to_him/it in_chariot[s]_of_his and_ _among_horsemen_of_his and_they_will_run to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before chariot_of_his. 12 And_to_appoint_them to_him/it commanders_of thousands and_commanders_of fifties and_to_plow plowing_of_his and_to_harvest harvest_of_ _his and_to_make the_weapons_of his_warfare_of_his and_the_ _equipment(s)_of his_chariotry_of_his. 13 And_~~DOM~~ daughters_ _of_your(pl) he_will_take to_perfumers and_to_cooks and_to_ _bakers. 14 And_~~DOM~~ fields_of_your(pl) and_~~DOM~~ vineyards_of_ _your(pl) and_your(pl)_olive_of_groves (the)_good he_will_take and_he/it_gave to_servants_of_his. 15 And_seed(s)_of_your(pl) and_vineyards_of_your(pl) he_will_take_a_tithe and_he/it_gave to_officials_of_his and_to_servants_of_his. 16 And_~~DOM~~ servants_of_your(pl)_male and_~~DOM~~ servants_of_your(pl)_ _female and_~~DOM~~ men_of_your_young (the)_good and_~~DOM~~ donkeys_of_your(pl) he_will_take and_he_will_use_them for_ _work_of_his. 17 Flock[s]_of_your(pl) he_will_take_a_tithe and_ _you(pl) you(pl)_will_become to_him/it (into)_servants. 18 And_you(pl)_will_cry_out in_the_day (the)_that from_to/for_ _face/front/presence king_of_your(pl) whom you(pl)_have_ _chosen to/for_you(pl) and_not **YHWH** he_will_answer you(pl) in_the_day (the)_that. 19 And_ the_people _they_refused to_ _listen to_the_voice_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_they_said no if/because (if) a_king he_will_be over_us. 20 And_we_will_be also we like_all_of the_nations and_he_will_judge_us king_of_ _our and_he_will_go_out before_us and_he_will_fight ~~DOM~~ battles_of_our. 21 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_listened ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_people and_he_spoke_them in_the_ _ears_of **YHWH**. 22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl listen to_voice_of_their and_you_will_make_king to/for_them a_king and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) go each_man to_his_own_of_city.

9:1 And_he/it_was a_man mmm wwww[3738] and_his/its_name was_Qīsh the_son_of 'Avī'ēl the_son_of Tsərōr/(Zeror) the_son_ _of Bəkōrat the_son_of 'Afīaḥ a_son_of a_man a_ _Yəmīnī/(Jamite) a_mighty_man_of wealth. 2 And_to/for_ _him/it a_son he_belonged and_his/its_name was_Shā'ūl/(Saul) a_young_man and_good and_there_was_not a_man from_(the)_

37 **LV 9:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: וימי־זב/מ: (x-qere) וְיִמְנֻבּ/מ': lemma_m/1144 n_1.0.1 morph_HR/Np id_09EC9 וְיִמְנֻבּ/מ

38 **LV 9:1 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) good from_him/it from_shoulder_of_ _his and_upward_upwards he_was_tall from_all the_people. **3** And_ the_she-asses of_Qīsh the_father_of Shā'ūl _they_were_ _lost and_ Qīsh _he/it_said to Shā'ūl his/its_son take please with_you ÐOM one of_the_young_men and_arise go seek ÐOM the_she-asses. **4** And_he/it_passed_through in_the_hill_ _country_of 'Efrayim and_he/it_passed_through in_land_of Shalisha and_not they_found_them and_they_passed in_the_ _land_of Sha'alīm and_there_were_not and_he/it_passed_ _through in_land_of the_Jaminite[s] and_not they_found_them. **5** They they_came in_land of_Tsūf/(Zuph) and_Shā'ūl he_said to_servant_of_his who with_him/it come and_let_us_turn_back lest father_of_my he_should_cease from the_she-asses and_he_ _will_be_anxious to/for_us. **6** And_he/it_said to_him/it HERE please a_man_of god is_in_city (the)_this and_the_man is_ _honoured all that he_speaks actually_(come) it_comes now let_us_go there perhaps he_will_tell to/for_us ÐOM journey_of_ _our which we_have_walked on_it. **7** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _said to_servant_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we_will_go and_ _what will_we_bring to_man if/because the_bread it_has_been_ _used_up from_bags_of_our and_a_gift there_is_not to_bring to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm what is_with_us. **8** And_ the_ _servant _he_repeated to_answer ÐOM Shā'ūl and_he/it_said HERE is_found in_hand_of_my a_fourth_part_of a_shekel_of silver and_I_will_give_it to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he_ _will_tell to/for_us ÐOM journey_of_our. **9** Formerly_formerly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus the_man he_said when_went_he to_ _consult god come and_let_us_go to the_seer if/because to_ _prophet the_day it_was_called formerly_formerly the_seer. **10** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_servant_of_his is_good message_ _of_your come let_us_go and_they_went to the_city where was_ _there the_man_of the_'Elohīm. **11** They were_going_up on_ _the_ascent_of the_city and_they they_found young_women who_were_coming_out to_draw water and_they_said to_them (there) in_this_place is_the_seer. **12** And_they_answered them and_they_said (there)_he_is THERE to_your_face hurry now if/because the_day he_has_come to_city if/because a_sacrifice_ _of the_day belongs_to_people at_place. **13** Just_as_you(pl)_ _come the_city thus you(pl)_will_find ÐOM_him/it before_ _before he_will_go_up to_the_high_place to_eat if/because not the_people it_will_eat until comes_he if/because he he_will_ _bless the_sacrifice after thus those_who_were_invited they_ _will_eat and_now go_up if/because ÐOM_him/it as_the_day you(pl)_will_find ÐOM_him/it. **14** And_they_went_up the_city they were_coming in_the_middle the_city and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) was_coming_out to_meet_ _them to_go_up the_high_place. **15** And_**YHWH** he_had_ _uncovered ÐOM the_ear_of Shəmū'ēl a_day one to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl/(Saul) came to_say. **16** About_ _time tomorrow I_will_send to_you a_man from_the_land_of Binyāmīn and_you_will_anoint_him to_ruler over people_of_ _my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_will_deliver ÐOM people_of_my from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy if/because I_have_seen ÐOM people_of_my if/because of_distress_of_its_cry it_has_come to_ _me. **17** And_Shəmū'ēl he_saw ÐOM Shā'ūl and_**YHWH** he_ _answered_him HERE the_man whom I_spoke to_you this_one he_will_rule over_people_of_my. **18** And_ Shā'ūl _he_ _approached ÐOM Shəmū'ēl in_the_middle of_the_gate and_

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Israeli man better than him, and he was head and shoulders taller than anyone else.

3 One time, the female donkeys of Sha'ul's father Kish had gone missing, and Kish told his son, "Take one of the servants with you, and pack up and go and find those donkeys." **4** So they passed through the Efrati hill country, then through the Shalishah region, but they didn't find them. Then they went through the Sha'alim region, but there was nothing, so they continued on through the land of the Benyamites, but they didn't find them. **5** Finally, they entered the Tsuf area, and eventually Sha'ul said to his servant, "Come on. Let's go back home in case my father stops worrying about the donkeys and starts worrying about us."

6 But he replied, "Listen, please. There's an honoured man of God in this city. Everything he says comes true. Let's go there now. Perhaps he'll tell us which way we should have gone."

7 "Okay, then. We can go there," Sha'ul responded, "but what can we give the man? We don't have any more food in our bags, and we never brought along a gift. What else do we have?"

8 "Look," answered the servant, "I've got a small silver coin. We can give that to the man and he'll tell us where to go." **9** (In Yisrael (Israel) before then, when people wanted an answer from God, they'd say, "Come and let us go to the 'seer'," because the prophet of today was called the 'seer' before.)

10 "Good idea," Sha'ul told his servant. "Let's go then." So they went to the city there where the man of God was. **11** They were climbing up the rise towards the city when they met some young women going out to draw water, and they asked them, "Is the seer in town?" **12** "Yes he is," they answered. "Hurry though, because he's come to the city today to offer the sacrifice for the people at the high place. **13** You'll find him as soon as you enter the city, before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people won't eat until he gets there, because he himself will bless the sacrifice. Afterwards, those who've been invited will eat together there. So go up there now and you'll soon find him." **14** So they went on up into the city, and as they were entering, wow, there was Shmuel (Samuel) coming out towards them to go up to the high place.

15 On the previous day, Yahweh had quietly told Shmuel, **16** "About this time tomorrow, I'll send a Benyamite man to you, and you should anoint him to be ruler over my people Yisrael. He will rescue my people from the Pelishtim, because I've noticed my people because I heard their cries."

17 Then Shmuel saw Sha'ul, and Yahweh told him, "Look, that's the man that I you about. He will help control my people." **18** As Sha'ul approached Shmuel right there in the middle of the city gateway, he asked, "Please tell me, where's the seer's house?"

19 "I am the seer," Shmuel answered, "Now, Go up to the high place ahead of me, and you'll eat with me today. In the morning, I'll tell you what you want to know, then I'll send you off. **20** As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, don't worry anymore about them because they've been found. Now, all of Yisrael

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is wanting your father's household, and wanting you in particular." **21** "But I'm a Benyamite," Sha'ul responded, "That's the smallest tribe in Yisrael, and my clan's the lowliest of all the Benyamite clans. So why did you talk to me like that?"

22 Then Shmuel took Sha'ul and his servant to the room where the meal had been prepared, and he gave them a place at the head of table—even above the invited guests. (There were about thirty men.) **23** And Shmuel told the cook, "Give the special piece of meat that I showed you and said to keep aside." **24** So the cook lifted the cooked leg and placed it in front of Sha'ul. Then Shmuel told Sha'ul, "Look, this has been reserved for you. Eat it, because it's been kept until the appointed time when I could call these people together."

Shmuel anoints Sha'ul with oil · Full kingdom

So Sha'ul (Saul) ate with Shmuel (Samuel) that day, **25** and then they went back from the high place down into the city, and Shmuel spoke with Sha'ul on his house roof.

26 They rose early the next day. At dawn, Shmuel had called to Sha'ul on the roof, saying, "Get up and I will send you off." So Sha'ul got up, and the two of them went outside. **27** When they reached the edge of the city, Shmuel said to Sha'ul, "Tell your servant to go on ahead," and so he went on ahead. "But you stand here, and I'll give you the message from God."

10:1 Then Shmuel took a flask of oil, and poured it on Sha'ul's head and kissed him, and told him, "It's Yahweh who has anointed you to be ruler over his chosen people. **2** After you leave me today and get back to Benyamite territory, then you'll see two men near Rahel's (Rachel's) tomb in Tseltsah, and they'll say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to look for have been found. But, wow, your father has stopped worrying about the donkeys and now he's worried about *you* and trying to figure out what he should do.' **3** Then further on from there, as you approach the oak tree at Tavor, you'll find three men going to Beyt-El (Bethel) to worship God. One will be taking three young goats, one will be carrying three rounds loaves of bread, and one

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_he/it_said tell please to_me where this is_the_house_of the_ _seer. **19** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_answered ÐOM Shā'ūl and_he/it_ _said I am_the_seer go_up to/for_my_face/front the_high_place and_you(pl)_will_eat with_me the_day and_I_will_send_you_ _away in_morning and_all/each/any/every that is_in_heart_of_ _your I_will_tell to/for_you(fs). **20** And_to_she-asses which_ _were_lost to/for_yourself(m) the_day the_three_of the_days do_not set ÐOM heart_of_your to/for_them if/because they_ _have_been_found and_belongs_to_whom every_of (the)_ _desirable_thing_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) am_not to/for_yourself(m) and_to/for_all the_house_of your_father_of_your. **21** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_answered and_he/it_said am_not a_Ben-_of jaminite am_I from_the_small_of[39] of_the_tribes_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_is_clan_of_my the_insignificant from_all the_clans_of the_tribes_of Binyāmīn and_for_what have_you_ _spoken to_me according_the_manner (the)_this. **22** And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_took ÐOM Shā'ūl and_ÐOM servant_of_ _his and_he/it_brought_them room_to_the and_he/it_gave to/for_them a_place at_the_head_of those_who_were_invited and_they were_about_thirty man. **23** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to_cook give ÐOM the_portion which I_gave to/for_you(fs) which I_said to_you put ÐOM_her/it with_you. **24** And_ the_cook _he_lifted_up ÐOM the_thigh and_the_on_it and_he/it_assigned to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl and_he/it_said HERE the_part_which_remains set_it to_your_face eat_it if/because to_time it_was_kept to/for_yourself(m) to_say the_people I_ _have_invited and_ Shā'ūl _he_ate with Shəmū'ēl in_the_day (the)_that.

25 And_they_went_down from_the_high_place the_city and_ _he/it_spoke with Shā'ūl/(Saul) on the_roof. **26** And_they_rose_ _early and_he/it_was just_ the_dawn _as_came_up and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_called to Shā'ūl the[41] to_say arise so_that_I_ _may_send_you_away and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_rose_up and_ both_of_ _them he and_Shəmū'ēl _they_went_out to_the. **27** They were_ _going_down at_the_edge_of the_city and_Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) he_said to Shā'ūl say to_servant so_that_he_may_pass_on before_us and_he_passed_on and_you(ms) remain as_day so_ _that_I_may_make_you_hear ÐOM the_message_of god.
10:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_took ÐOM the_flask_of (the)_oil and_ _he_poured_it on his/its_head and_he_kissed_him and_he/it_ _said am_not that/for/because/then/when he_has_anointed_ _you **YHWH** over inheritance_of_his to_ruler. **2** When_go_you the_day from_with_me and_you_will_find two_of men near the_grave_of Rāḥēl in_the_territory_of Binyāmīn at_ _Tseltsaḥ/(Zelzah) and_they_will_say to_you the_she-asses which you_went to_seek they_have_been_found and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE father_of_your he_has_abandoned ÐOM the_ _matter(s)_of the_she-asses and_he_is_anxious to/for_you(pl) to_say what will_I_do for_son_of_my. **3** And_you_will_pass_on from_there and_beyond and_you_will_come to the_great_tree_ _of Tāvōr and_they_will_find_you there three men who_are_ _going_up to the_'Elohīm Bēyt-'ēl one will_be_carrying three kids and_one will_be_carrying three_of round_loaves_of bread

39 LV 9:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

41 LV 9:26 · Note OSHB variant note: גב/ה: (x-qere) ה/נָבִיא/ה': lemma_d/1406 morph_HTd/Ncmsa/Sd id_09AJ9 ה/נָבִיא/ה

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and_one will_be_carrying a_jar_of wine. **4** And_they_will_ask to/for_yourself(m) to_welfare and_they_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) two_of bread[s] and_you_will_take_them from_ _hand_of_their. **5** After thus you_will_come Giv˝āh_of the_ _'Elohīm where are_there the_garrisons_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ _let_it_be just_as_you_come there the_city and_you_will_meet a_company_of prophets who_are_coming_down from_the_ _high_place and_will_be_of_before_them lyre and_tambourine and_flute and_harp and_they will_be_prophesying. **6** And_it_ _will_rush on_you the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_you_will_prophesy with_them and_you_will_be_changed into_a_man another. **7** And_it_was if/because they_will_come[42] the_signs the_these to/for_you(fs) do to/for_yourself(m) that_which hand_of_your it_will_find if/because the_'Elohīm is_with_you. **8** And_you_ _will_go_down to/for_my_face/front (the)_Gilgāl and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_about_to_come_down to_you to_offer_ _up burnt_offerings to_sacrifice sacrifices_of peace_offerings seven_of days you_will_wait until come_I to_you and_I_will_ _make_known to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ that_which you_will_do. **9** And_it_was just_as_he_turned shoulder_of_his to_go from_ _with Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_he_changed to_him/it god a_ _heart another and_ all_of the_signs the_these _they_came in_ _the_day (the)_that. **10** And_they_came there to_(the)_Giv˝āh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_company_of prophets to_meet_him and_it_rushed on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of god and_ _he_prophesied among_them. **11** And_he/it_was every_of one_ _of_who_knew_him from_yesterday three_days_ago and_they_ _saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE with prophets he_was_prophesying and_ the_people _he/it_said each to his/its_neighbour what this has_it_happened to_the_son_of Qīsh also is_Shā'ūl/(Saul) among_prophets. **12** And_ a_man from_there _he_answered and_he/it_said and_who father_of_is_their therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_became (into)_a_proverb also is_Shā'ūl among_prophets. **13** And_they_were_ended/finished from_ _prophesying and_he_came the_high_place. **14** And_ the_uncle_ _of Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_him/it and_to servant_of_his where did_you(pl)_go and_he/it_said to_seek ~~DOM~~ the_she-asses and_ _we_saw if/because_that there_not and_we_went to Shəmū'ēl. **15** And_ the_uncle_of Shā'ūl _he/it_said tell please to_me what did_he_say to/for_you(pl) Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel). **16** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to uncle_of_his indeed_(tell) he_told to/for_us if/because_that the_she-asses they_had_been_found and_~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_royalty not he_told to_him/it which Shəmū'ēl he_had_said.

17 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_called_together ~~DOM~~ the_people to **YHWH** (the)_Mitspāh. **18** And_he/it_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says I I_brought_up ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of Mitsrayim and_ _from_the_hand_of all_of the_kingdoms which_were_ _oppressing you(pl). **19** And_you(pl) the_day you(pl)_have_ _rejected ~~DOM~~ god_of_your(pl) who he is_a_deliverer to/for_ _you(pl) from_all calamities_of_your(pl) and_troubles_of_

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will be carrying a wine in a container. **4** They'll ask about how you're doing and give you two loaves of bread which you should accept. **5** After that, you'll come to the hill of God (where there's a camp of Pelishti warriors). When you enter the town, you'll meet a group of prophets descending from the altar area, **6** and Yahweh's spirit will rush onto you. Then you'll join them in prophesying, and you'll be transformed into a different person. **7** When this all comes true, do whatever you think is correct because God will be helping you. **8** Then go ahead of me to Gilgal and wait there for seven days, until I get there and tell you what to do. I'll join you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings.

9 Then as Sha'ul (Saul) started to leave Shmuel (Samuel), God changed his thinking. Then all Shmuel's predictions came true that day, **10** so when Sha'ul and his servant came to the hill, a group of prophets met them and God's spirit rushed onto Sha'ul and he joined them in prophesying. **11** Then everyone who had known Sha'ul previously heard him prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, "What's happened to Kish's son? Is Sha'ul really a prophet now?" **12** A man from there answered, "And who is *their* father?" So after that it became a common saying, "Has Sha'ul also become a prophet?"[40] **13** When he had finished prophesying, he ascended to the altar area.

14 Later, Sha'ul's uncle asked him and his servant, "Where did you two take off to?"

"To look for the donkeys," Sha'ul replied. "But we couldn't find them, so we went to Shmuel."

15 "And what did he tell you?" the uncle asked.

16 "He assured us that the donkeys had been found," Sha'ul replied. But he didn't tell him anything that Shmuel had said about becoming king.

Sha'ul is selected as king · Full kingdom

17 Then Shmuel (Samuel) summoned the people to come before Yahweh at Mitspah, **18** and he told them, "Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), says, 'I myself brought Yisrael out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). I rescued you from Mitsri (Egyptian) control, and from all the kingdoms that oppressed you.' **19** But since then, you all have rejected your god—the one who saves you from all your calamities and distresses. And you've all said to him, 'We'd rather have a king over

40 RV 10:12 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 19:23-24.

42 LV 10:7 · Note OSHB variant note: הניאבת: (x-qere) 'הָנָאְבָּת': lemma_935 n_1.0.0 morph_HVqi3fp id_09wn4 הָנָאְבָּת

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us.' So station yourselves now in front of Yahweh by your tribes and clans."

20 Then Shmuel had all the Israeli tribes approach, and the tribe of Benyamin was selected. **21** Then he had all the Benyamite clans approach, and the Matri clan was selected. Then Kish's son, Sha'ul (Saul) was selected and they tried to find him, but they couldn't find him anywhere **22** so they asked Yahweh again, "Is that man around here anywhere?"

"Look, he's hiding among the supplies," Yahweh replied.

23 So they ran and got him from there, and when he took his place among the people, he was head and shoulders taller than anyone else. **24** Then Shmuel announced to everyone, "Can you see the one that Yahweh has chosen? Certainly there's no one else like him among all the people."

All the people saw that and responded, "Long live the king."

25 Then Shmuel explained how the kingship would work, and wrote it in a book and placed it in front of Yahweh. Then he sent everyone home. **26** Shmuel also went home to Giveah, accompanied by some of the powerful warriors whose hearts God had touched. **27** But some worthless men asked, "How can that one save us?" and they despised Sha'ul (Saul) and didn't bring him any gifts, but he made no comment.

Sha'ul rescues Yavesh from the Amonim · Full kingdom

11:1 About a month later,[44] Nahash the Amoni took his men and camped around Yavesh-Gilead, and the leaders of Yavesh told him, "Make a treaty with us, and we'll serve you."

2 "Yes, I'll make an treaty with you," Nahash replied, "by gouging out all of your right eyes in order to shame all Yisrael (Israel)."

3 "Oh! Then leave us alone for seven days," the Yavesh elders responded, "so that we can send messengers through all the territory of Yisrael. If no one will come to rescue us, then we'll surrender to you."

4 When the messengers arrived where Sha'ul (Saul) lived at Giveah and passed the news onto the people, everyone started wailing loudly. **5** At that time, Sha'ul was walking home behind the cattle and he asked, "What's with all the people wailing?" Then they told him what the messengers from Yavesh had said. **6** God's spirit rushed on Sha'ul as he heard the message, and he became very angry. **7** Then he took a pair of cattle and chopped them into pieces, and sent messengers to take them throughout Yisrael and announce, "This is what will be done to the cattle of

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_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_said to_him/it if/because a_king you_will_appoint over_us and_now present_yourselves to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_tribes_of_your(pl) and_to_families_of_your(pl). **20** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he_brought_ _near ÐOM all_of the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ the_tribe_of Binyāmīn _it_was_taken_by_lot. **21** And_he_brought_near ÐOM the_tribe_of Binyāmīn its[43] and_ the_clan_of (the)_Matri _it_ _was_taken_by_lot and_ Shāʾūl/(Saul) the_son_of Qīsh _he_was_ _taken_by_lot and_they_sought_him and_not he_was_found. **22** And_they_enquired again by_**YHWH** has_he_come yet here the_man and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said HERE he is_hiding_himself into the_vessels. **23** And_they_ran and_they_took_him from_ _there and_he_presented_himself in_the_middle the_people and_he_was_tall from_all the_people from_shoulder_of_his and_upward_upwards. **24** And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said to all_of the_people do_you(pl)_see the_one_whom he_has_ _chosen in/on/over_him/it **YHWH** if/because there_is_not like_him in_all the_people and_ all_of the_people _they_ _shouted and_they_said the_king may_he_live. **25** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_spoke to the_people ÐOM the_right[s]_of the_ _kingship and_he_wrote in_book and_he_set_it to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ Shəmūʾēl _he_sent_away ÐOM all_of the_people each_man to_his_own_of_house. **26** And_ _also Shāʾūl he_went to_his_own_of_house to_Giv˙āh and_they_ _went with_him/it the_army which god he_had_touched (in)_ _heart_of_their. **27** And_the_sons worthlessness they_said what will_he_deliver_us this_one and_they_despised_him and_not they_brought to_him/it a_gift and_he/it_was like_one_who_ _kept_silent.

11:1 And_ Nāḥāsh the_ʹAmmōnī _he/it_ascended and_he_ _encamped on Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) Gilʹād and_ all_of the_men_of Yāvēsh _they_said to Nāḥāsh make to/for_us a_covenant and_ _we_will_serve_you. **2** And_he/it_said to_them Nāḥāsh the_ _ʹAmmōnī by_this I_will_make to/for_you(pl) by_gouging_out to/for_you(pl) every_of eye_of the_right_side and_I_will_make_ _it a_reproach on all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_they_said to_ _him/it the_elders_of Yāvēsh refrain to/for_us seven_of days so_that_we_may_send messengers in_all_of the_territory_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_if there_is_not one_who_delivers us and_ _we_will_come_out to_you. **4** And_ the_messengers _they_came Giv˙āh of_Shāʾūl/(Saul) and_they_spoke the_words/messages in_the_ears_of the_people and_ all_of the_people _they_lifted_ _up ÐOM voice_of_their and_they_wept. **5** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shāʾūl was_coming after the_cattle from the_field and_ Shāʾūl _ _he/it_said what is_to_people that/for/because/then/when they_are_weeping and_they_recounted to_him/it ÐOM the_ _words/messages_of the_men_of Yāvēsh. **6** And_ the_spirit_of god _it_rushed on Shāʾūl in/on/at/with[45] ÐOM the_ _words/messages the_these and_ anger_of_his _it_ _glowed/burnt exceedingly. **7** And_he/it_took a_pair_of ox[en] and_he_cut_it_in_pieces and_he_sent_them in_all the_ _territory_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) by_the_hand_of the_messengers to_say one_who not_he is_coming_out after Shāʾūl and_after

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43 LV 10:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תחפשנמ/ל: (x-qere) ו/יְתֹחְפְּשֻׁנִּמְ/ל': lemma_l/4940 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_09jXT ו/יְתֹחְפְּשֻׁנִּמְ/ל

44 RV 11:1 · Note This appears only in a few ancient documents.

45 LV 11:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/עמש/ב: (x-qere) ו/עְמָשְׁ/כ': lemma_k/8085 n_1.0 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp3ms id_09eDt ו/עְמָשְׁ/כ

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Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) thus it_will_be_done to_ox[en]_of_his and_ the_dread_of **YHWH** _it_fell on the_people and_they_went_out like_a_man one. **8** And_he_mustered_them at_Bezeq and_ the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were three hundred(s) thousand and_the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) was_thirty thousand. **9** And_they_said to_messengers the_(ones_who)_ _went thus you(pl)_will_say to_the_man_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) tomorrow it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) deliverance in/on/at/with[46] of_the_sun and_ the_messengers _they_came and_they_told to_the_men_of Yāvēsh and_they_rejoiced. **10** And_ the_men_of Yāvēsh _they_said tomorrow will_we_go_ _out to_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_do to/for_ourselves according_to_all_of the_good in_eyes_of_your(pl). **11** And_ _he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_people three companies and_they_came in_ _the_midst_of the_camp in_the_watch_of the_morning and_ _they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ ʿAmmōn until the_heat_of the_day and_ _he/it_was those_who_remained and_they_were_scattered and_not they_remained among_them two together.

12 And_ the_people _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) who is_ _the_one_who_said Shā'ūl will_he_reign over_us deliver_up the_men so_that_we_may_put_them_to_death. **13** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said not anyone he_will_be_put_to_death in_the_day the_this if/because the_day **YHWH** he_has_done deliverance in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to the_people come and_let_us_go (the)_Gilgāl and_let_us_renew there the_ _royalty. **15** And_ all_of the_people _they_went (the)_Gilgāl and_ _they_made_king there ᴅᴏᴍ Shā'ūl to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** in_Gilgāl and_they_sacrificed there sacrifices peace_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_rejoiced there Shā'ūl and_all the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) up_to muchness.

12:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) HERE I_ _have_listened to_voice_of_your(pl) to_all/each/any/every that you(pl)_have_said to_me and_I_have_made_king over_you(pl) a_king. **2** And_now HERE the_king is_walking_about before_ _you(pl) and_I I_am_old and_I_am_grey_haired and_sons_of_my here_they are_with_you(pl) and_I I_have_walked_about before_ _you(pl) since_youth(s)_of_my until the_day (the)_this. **3** Here_ _I_am testify against_me before **YHWH** and_before his_of_ _anointed ᴅᴏᴍ the_ox_of whom have_I_taken and_the_donkey_ _of whom have_I_taken and_ᴅᴏᴍ whom have_I_oppressed ᴅᴏᴍ whom have_I_crushed and_from_the_hand_of whom have_I_ _taken a_ransom and_I_will_hide eyes_of_my in/on/over_ _him/it and_I_will_restore_it to_you(pl). **4** And_they_said not you_have_oppressed_us and_not you_have_crushed_us and_not you_have_taken from_the_hand_of anyone anything. **5** And_ _he/it_said to_them is_a_witness **YHWH** on_you(pl) and_is_a_ _witness his_of_anointed the_day the_this if/because_that not you(pl)_have_found in_hand_of_my anything and_he/it_said he_is_a_witness. **6** And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said to the_ _people **YHWH** who he_appointed ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾAhₐron and_which he_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ ancestors_of_your(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **7** And_now present_ _yourselves and_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_you(pl) to_

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anyone who doesn't join Sha'ul and Shmuel (Samuel) in battle."

Then Yahweh caused the people to be afraid of him, and they united together. **8** When Sha'ul assembled them at Bezek, there were three hundred thousand warriors from Yisrael and thirty thousand from Yehudah (Judah), **9** and they told the original messengers, "Go and tell the leaders of Yavesh-Gilead, 'Tomorrow you'll all be rescued by the time that the sun's at its hottest.' " **10** So the Yavesh leaders told Nahash, "We'll surrender to you all tomorrow, then you can do to us whatever seems good to you all."

11 The next day, Sha'ul divided his warriors into three divisions, and they attacked the Amoni camp before the sun rose. Then they slaughtered the Amonim until the hottest part of the day. Their remaining warriors were scattered so completely that no two of them were able to stay together.

Sha'ul reaffirmed as king · Full kingdom

12 Then the people asked Shmuel (Samuel), "Who were the ones saying that Sha'ul (Saul) wasn't fit to reign over us? Bring them here and we'll execute them."

13 "No one's going to be executed today," Sha'ul said, "because today Yahweh has rescued Yisrael (Israel)."

14 "Come on then," said Shmuel. "Let's go to Gilgal and renew the kingship there." **15** So all the people when to Gilgal and in front of Yahweh they reaffirmed Sha'ul as king. Then they offered sacrifices as peace offerings to Yahweh, then Sha'ul and the people celebrated together.

Shmuel's farewell speech · Full kingdom

12:1 Then Shmuel (Samuel) said to all Yisrael (Israel), "Listen to me now. I've listened to your voices and taken notice of everything that you all said to me. And I've appointed a king to reign over you all. **2** So look now and you can see your king walking here in front of you all. But as for me, I'm old and grey, and my sons are among you all. I've served you all openly from my youth right up to the present time, **3** and here I am now. Now with Yahweh listening, answer this truthfully: Have I ever taken anyone's ox or donkey? Did I cheat anyone? Have I oppressed anyone or taken a bribe to not see something? I'll pay back anything I owe anyone."

4 "No, you haven't cheated us," they answered. "And you haven't oppressed us or taken any payments."

5 "Yahweh is a your witness," he said. "And his anointed king is a witness today, that you have never found me taking anything that wasn't mine."

"We witness that," they agreed.

6 "It was Yahweh who appointed Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron)," Shmuel continued, "and who brought your ancestors

46 LV 11:9 · Note OSHB variant note: מח/ב: (x-qere) 'כ/מָּחַ': lemma_k/2527 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_09aUL כ/מָּחַ

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out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[47] **7** Now present yourselves to Yahweh as I confront you all in front of him by telling you about his righteousness that he displayed to you all as well as to your ancestors before you: **8** After Ya'akov (Jacob) went to Mitsrayim and your ancestors cried out to Yahweh,[48] then Yahweh sent Mosheh and Aharon, and they brought your ancestors out of Mitsrayim and settled them into this place. **9** Then they forgot their god Yahweh, and he allowed them to be oppressed by Sisera (the commander of the army from Hatsor),[49] and the Pelishtim,[50] and the king of Moav (Moab).[51] Then they fought against them **10** and cried out to Yahweh, 'We have sinned, because we've abandoned Yahweh and have served the Baals and the Ashtarot. But if you rescue us now from our enemies, we will serve you.'[52] **11** Then Yahweh sent Gid'on,[53] Bedan,[54] Yiftah (Jephthah),[55] and Shimshon (Samson)[56] to rescue you all from your enemies all around you, and so you all have had times of living securely.[57] **12** But then you all saw Amoni King Nahash coming against you, and you demanded that you all wanted a king to reign over you rather than having your god Yahweh as your king.[58]

13 So now, look, here's the king that you all chose to have. Yes, Yahweh has given you all a king. **14** If you all honour Yahweh and listen to his instructions and don't rebel against his commands, then both you and your king will indeed be following your god Yahweh. **15** But if you all don't listen to Yahweh, and you rebel against his commands, then he will work against you all just like he worked against your ancestors.[59] **16** So now stay there and you'll all see the incredible sign that Yahweh is about to do in front of you. **17** Now, isn't it the time of the wheat harvest right now? I'll call to Yahweh, and he'll send unseasonal thunder and rain, and then you'll all see and realise that in Yahweh's view, asking for a king was very evil."

18 So Shmuel (Samuel) called to Yahweh and he sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people became very afraid of Yahweh and Shmuel **19** and begged Shmuel, "Pray to your god Yahweh for your servants, so that we won't die, because we've added more evil onto all our previous sins by requesting a king for our-

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_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** ~~ĐƠM~~ all_of the_ _righteousness(es)_of **YHWH** which he_did with_you(pl) and_ _~~ĐƠM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl). **8** When_when Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) he_ _went Mitsrayim and_ ancestors_of_your(pl) _they_cried_out to **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_sent ~~ĐƠM~~ Mosheh and_~~ĐƠM~~ 'Ah$_a$ron and_they_brought_out ~~ĐƠM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl) from_ _Mitsrayim and_they_caused_them_to_dwell in_place (the)_ _this. **9** And_they_forgot ~~ĐƠM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their and_he_sold ~~ĐƠM~~_them in_the_hand_of Ṣīṣərā' the_commander_of the_ _army_of Ḥātsōr and_in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_in_the_ _hand_of the_king_of Mō'āv and_they_fought against_them. **10** And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** and[6061] we_have_sinned if/because we_have_abandoned ~~ĐƠM~~ **YHWH** and_we_have_ _served ~~ĐƠM~~ the_Ba'al and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_'Ashtārōt and_now deliver_ _us from_the_hand_of our_enemies_of_our so_that_we_may_ _serve_you. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent ~~ĐƠM~~ Jerub-Ba'al and_~~ĐƠM~~ Bədān and_~~ĐƠM~~ Yiftāḥ/(Jephthah) and_~~ĐƠM~~ Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) and_he_delivered you(pl) from_the_hand_of your(pl)_enemies_ _of_your(pl) from_round_about and_you(pl)_dwelt security. **12** And_you(pl)_saw if/because_that Nāḥāsh the_king_of the_ _people_of 'Ammōn was_coming on_you(pl) and_you(pl)_said to_me no if/because a_king he_will_reign over_us and_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) king_of_was_your(pl). **13** And_now HERE the_ _king whom you(pl)_have_chosen whom you(pl)_asked_for and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** he_has_set over_you(pl) a_king. **14** If you(pl)_will_fear ~~ĐƠM~~ **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve ~~ĐƠM~~_ _him/it and_you(pl)_will_listen to_voice_of_his and_not you(pl)_will_rebel_against ~~ĐƠM~~ the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_ both you(pl) and_also the_king who he_has_become_king over_ _you(pl) _you(pl)_will_be after **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **15** And_ _if not you(pl)_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_you(pl)_ _will_rebel_against ~~ĐƠM~~ the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_it_will_be the_hand_of **YHWH** on_you(pl) and_on_ancestors_of_your(pl). **16** Also now stand and_see ~~ĐƠM~~ the_thing (the)_great the_this which **YHWH** is_about_to_do to_eyes_of_your(pl). **17** Am_not is_ _the_harvest_of wheat(s) the_day I_will_call_out to **YHWH** and_ _he_will_give thunder_claps and_rain and_know and_see if/because_that evil_of_your(pl) is_great which you(pl)_have_ _done in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** by_asking to/for_you(pl) a_ _king. **18** And_ Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) _he/it_called to **YHWH** and_

47 RV 12:6 · Cross-ref. Exo 6:26.
48 RV 12:8 · Cross-ref. Exo 2:23.
49 RV 12:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 4:2.
50 RV 12:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 13:1.
51 RV 12:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 3:12.
52 RV 12:10 · Cross-ref. Jdg 10:10-15.
53 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Jdg 7:1.
54 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Jdg 4:6.
55 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Jdg 11:29.
56 RV 12:11 · Note TC: This list of four names varies between different ancient manuscripts so you might find variation in other translations.
57 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 3:20.
58 RV 12:12 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 8:19.
59 RV 12:15 · Note TC: or (in the ancient Septuagint translation), ...against you all **and your king**.
60 LV 12:10 · Note OSHB variant note: רמאי/ו: (x-qere) וְיִרְמְאוּ/וְ'; lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw3mp id_09Es6 וְיִרְמְאוּ/וְ
61 LV 12:10 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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YHWH _he/it_gave thunder_claps and_rain in_the_day (the)_ _that and_ all_of the_people _it_feared exceedingly ÐOM **YHWH** and_ÐOM Shəmū'ēl. **19** And_ all_of the_people _they_said to Shəmū'ēl pray for your_servants to **YHWH** god_of_your and_not we_will_die if/because we_have_added to all_of sins_of_our an_ _evil_thing by_asking to/for_us a_king. **20** And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_said to the_people do_not be_afraid you(pl) you(pl)_ _have_done ÐOM all_of the_evil (the)_this nevertheless do_not turn_aside from_after **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve ÐOM **YHWH** in_all heart_of_your(pl). **21** And_not you(pl)_must_turn_ _aside if/because after (the)_emptiness which not they_will_ _benefit and_not they_will_rescue if/because are_emptiness they. **22** If/because not **YHWH** he_will_abandon ÐOM people_of_ _his in_account_of his/its_name (the)_great if/because **YHWH** he_was_determined for_doing you(pl) to_him/it into_a_people. **23** Also I far_be_it to/for_me from_sinning to/for_**YHWH** from_ _ceasing to_pray for_you(pl) and_I_will_teach you(pl) (in)_the_ _way_of (the)_good and_(the)_upright. **24** Only fear ÐOM **YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_serve ÐOM_him/it in_faithfulness in_all heart_ _of_your(pl) if/because consider ÐOM that_which he_has_done_ _great_things with_you(pl). **25** And_if still_(do_evil) you(pl)_ _will_do_evil both you(pl) as_well_as king_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _will_be_swept_away.

13:1 Was_a_son_of a_year Shā'ūl/(Saul) when_he_became_king and_two_of years he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he_ _chose to_him/it Shā'ūl three_of thousand(s) from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_were with Shā'ūl two_thousand at_ _Mikmāṣ and_in_the_hill_country_of Bēyt-'ēl and_one_ _thousand they_were with Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) at_Giv'āh of_Binyāmīn and_the_rest_of the_people he_sent_ _away each_man to_tents_of_his. **3** And_ Yōnātān _he_attacked ÐOM the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy which was_at_Gev'a' and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard and_Shā'ūl he_gave_a_blast on_ _trumpet in_all the_earth/land to_say the_'Ivrī/(Hebrews) let_ _them_hear. **4** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_heard to_say Shā'ūl he_has_attacked ÐOM the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy and_also Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_made_itself_odious with_Pəlishtiy and_ the_people _they_were_summoned after Shā'ūl (the)_Gilgāl. **5** And_the_Pəlishtiy they_gathered to_fight with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thirty thousand chariot[s] and_six_of thousand(s) horsemen and_a_people like_sand which is_on the_ _shore_of the_sea to_increase_in_number and_they_came_up and_they_encamped at_Mikmāṣ the_east_of Bēyt Aven. **6** And_ _everyone_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_saw if/because_that it_was_ _distress to_him/it if/because the_people it_was_hard_pressed and_ the_people _they_hid_themselves in_caves and_in_ _thickets and_in_cliffs and_in_(the)_chambers and_in_cisterns. **7** And_'Ivrī they_passed_over ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_ _land_of Gād and_Gil'ād and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) still_he was_at_Gilgāl and_all the_people they_trembled after_him. **8** And[65] seven_of days to_time which Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_not Shəmū'ēl he_ _had_come (the)_Gilgāl and_he/it_scattered the_people from_

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selves."

20 "Don't be afraid," Shmuel responded. "You yourselves have indeed done all this evil. However, don't make it worse by turning away from Yahweh, but rather, serve him with all your being. **21** And don't turn away from Yahweh and worship useless idols because they can't benefit you or rescue you, because they're empty of life. **22** Yahweh won't abandon his people because he has an excellent reputation to uphold, especially since he's declared you all to be his people. **23** Also, far be it from me to sin against Yahweh by not praying for you all, as well as instructing you all in the good and proper way. **24** Just honour Yahweh and serve him faithfully and sincerely—always remembering the incredible things he's done for you all. **25** But if you all continue to do evil, both you and your king will get swept away."

Shmuel scolds Sha'ul · Full kingdom

13:1 Sha'ul (Saul) was thirty[62] years old when he began to reign over Yisrael (Israel), and when he'd reigned for two years, **2** he chose three thousand Israeli warriors for himself: two thousand were stationed with him in Mikmas, and one thousand were with his son Yonatan (Jonathan) in Benyamite Giveah. All the others, he sent back to their homes.

3 Then Yonatan attacked and defeated the Pelishti unit that was at Geva, and the Pelishtim heard about it. So Sha'ul had a trumpet blown throughout the country, with the message, "Listen all you Ivrim (Hebrews)." **4** All of Yisrael heard the news that Sha'ul had wiped out a Pelishti outpost, and realised that Yisrael had become repulsive to the Pelishtim. So the people were summoned to join Sha'ul at Gilgal.

5 The Pelishtim assembled themselves to fight Yisrael with thirty thousand chariots, six thousand mounted cavalry, and warriors as numerous as the sand on the beach. They went to Mikmas and camped there, east of Beyt-Aven. **6** But the Israeli warriors were very anxious because their troops were so outnumbered, so they hid in caves and thickets, among rocks, and in tombs and wells. **7** Some of them crossed the Yarden (Jordan) River to the Gad and Gilead regions.

Sha'ul stayed at Gilgal, but the people with him were trembling. **8** He waited seven days until the time when Shmuel (Samuel) had said that he'd get there,[63] but he didn't appear so Sha'ul's men began to desert him. **9** "Bring me the burnt offering

62 RV 13:1 · Note TC: There's some confusion around the numbers in this verse in the original manuscripts, so other translations might differ.

63 RV 13:8 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 10:8.

65 LV 13:8 · Note OSHB variant note: לחיו/ו: (x-qere) לְחַוָּיו/ו: lemma_c/3176 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_09mk1 לְחַוָּיו/ו

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and the peace offerings," Sha'ul commanded, then he offered up the burnt offering. **10** Just as he'd finished, wow, Shmuel arrived at last, and Sha'ul went over to greet him. **11** "What have you done?" Shmuel asked.

"When I saw the people leaving me," Sha'ul replied "and you, you didn't get here when you said you would, and the Pelishtim were gathering at Mikmas, **12** then I thought, 'The Pelishtim are about to attack us at Gilgal, and I haven't offered any gift to Yahweh.' So I forced myself, and offered up the burnt up offering."

13 "That was stupid of you," Shmuel responded. "You haven't obeyed what your god Yahweh instructed, because if you had, then Yahweh would have established your reign over Yisrael (Israel) forever. **14** But now your kingdom won't survive. Yahweh has found a man who's loyal to him and he's commanded that man to lead his people,[64] because you haven't obeyed him.

15 Then Shmuel left Gilgal and went to Giveah in Benyamite territory. Meanwhile, Sha'ul counted up the warriors with him—around six hundred of them. **16** Sha'ul and his son Yonatan (Jonathan) and the people with them, were staying in Geva, whereas the Pelishtim were camped at Mikmas, **17** and they sent out three raiding parties—one went north to Ofrah in the Shual region, **18** one went west to Beyt-Horon, and one went towards the wilderness where the border overlooks the Tsevoeim valley.

19 At that time, there were no blacksmiths in Yisrael (Israel) because the Pelishtim didn't want the Israelis to be able to make swords or spears, **20** so all the Israelis had to go to the Pelishtim to get their axes and plough blades, etc., sharpened. **21** (They were charged two-thirds of a shekel for larger things like plough blades, and one-third for picks and axes, and for straightening ox goads.) **22** So on the day of battle, Sha'ul and his son Yonatan had a sword and spear each, but none of their warriors had any.

23 Now one Pelishti unit had been sent out to guard the pass at Mikmas.

Yonatan's bravery · Full kingdom

14:1 Then one day, Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Yonatan (Jonathan) said to the young man who carried his equipment, "Come on, let's cross over to the Pelishti unit that's over on the opposite side." But he didn't tell his

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_with_him. **9** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said bring_near to_me the_ _burnt_offering and_the_peace_offerings and_he/it_ascended the_burnt_offering. **10** And_he/it_was just_as_he_finished to_ _offer_up the_burnt_offering and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shəmū'ēl was_coming and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_went_out to_meet_him to_ _bless_him. **11** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said what have_you_done and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said if/because I_saw if/because_that the_ _people it_was_scattered from_with_me and_you(ms) not you_ _had_come to_the_appointed_time_of the_days and_the_ _Pəlishtiy were_gathering Mikmāṣ. **12** And_I_said now the_ _Pəlishtiy they_will_come_down to_me (the)_Gilgāl and_the_ _face_of **YHWH** not I_have_entreated and_I_forced_myself and_ _I_offered_up the_burnt_offering. **13** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Shā'ūl you_have_acted_foolishly not you_have_kept ĐOM the_ _command_of **YHWH** god_of_your which he_commanded_you if/because now **YHWH** he_established ĐOM kingdom_of_your to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until perpetuity. **14** And_now kingdom_of_your not it_will_endure **YHWH** he_has_sought to_him/it a_man according_to_of_his_own_heart and_he_has_appointed_him **YHWH** to_ruler over people_of_his if/because not you_have_ _kept ĐOM that_which he_commanded_you **YHWH**. **15** And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_ascended from (the)_Gilgāl Giv˝āh of_Binyāmīn and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_ _mustered ĐOM the_people who_were_found with_him/it about_six hundred(s) man. **16** And_Shā'ūl and_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son and_the_people which_was_found with_them were_remaining in_Gev˝a´ of_ _Binyāmīn and_the_Pəlishtiy they_encamped in_Mikmāṣ. **17** And_ the_destroyer _he/it_went_out from_the_camp_of the_ _Pəlishtiy three companies the_company one it_turned to the_ _direction_of ´Ofrāh to the_land_of Shū´āl. **18** And_the_company one it_turned the_direction_of Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_the_company one it_turned the_direction_of the_border which_looks_down over the_valley_of Tsəv˝o´īm/(Zeboim) to_the_wilderness. **19** And_a_craftsman not he_was_found in_all_of the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_said[6667] the_Pəlishtiy lest the_ _´Iv˝rī/(Hebrews) they_should_make a_sword or a_spear. **20** And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_went_down the_Pəlishtiy to_sharpen each_man ĐOM plowshare_of_his and_ĐOM mattock_ _of_his and_ĐOM axe_of_his and_ĐOM plowshare_of_his. **21** And_ _it_was the_charge two_thirds_of_a_shekel for_plowshares and_ _for_mattocks and_for_three fork and_for_the_axes and_to_ _make_straight the_goad[s]. **22** And_it_was in/on_day battle and_not a_sword and_a_spear it_was_found in_the_hand_of all_ _of the_people which was_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ĐOM Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_it_was_found to_Shā'ūl and_to_Yōnātān his/its_son. **23** And_ the_garrison_of the_ _Pəlishtiy _he/it_went_out to the_pass_of Mikmāṣ.

14:1 And_ the_day _he/it_was and_ Yōnātān the_son_of Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to the_young_man the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_ _his come and_let_us_pass_over to the_garrison_of the_ _Pəlishtiy which is_from_the_other_side_of this and_to_father_ _of_his not he_told. **2** And_Shā'ūl was_remaining at_the_edge_

64 RV 13:14 · Cross-ref. Acts 13:22.

66 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **רמא**: (x-qere) **'וְרָמָא**; lemma_559 morph_HVqp3cp id_09Y4x **וְרָמָא**

67 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_of (the)_Giv˝āh under (the)_pomegranate_tree which is_in_ _Migrōn and_the_people which with_him/it was_about_six hundred(s) man. **3** And_'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūv the_ _brother_of 'Ī-kāvōd the_son_of Piṇḥāṣ the_son_of ´Ēlī the_ _priest_of **YHWH** in_Shiloh was_bearing an_ephod and_the_ _people not it_knew if/because_that Yōnātān he_had_gone. **4** And_between the_passes which Yōnātān he_sought to_pass_ _over to the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy the_tooth_of the_rock from_the_other_side from_this and_the_tooth_of the_rock from_the_other_side from_this and_name_of the_one was_ _Bōtsēts and_name_of the_one was_Ṣenneh. **5** The_tooth the_ _one a_pillar was_from_the_north opposite_to Mikmāṣ and_ _the_one_tooth was_from_the_south opposite_to Gev˝a´. **6** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he/it_said to the_young_ _man the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his come and_let_us_ _pass_over to the_garrison_of the_uncircumcised_men the_ _these perhaps **YHWH** he_will_act to/for_us if/because there_ _is_not to/for_**YHWH** limitation to_save by_many or by_few. **7** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his do all_of that is_in_heart_of_your turn_aside to/for_you(fs) here_I am_with_you according_to_of_your_heart. **8** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said HERE we are_about_to_pass_over to the_ _men and_we_will_reveal_ourselves to_them. **9** If thus they_ _will_say to_us be_still until reach_we (to)_you(pl) and_we_will_ _remain in_our_place and_not we_will_go_up to_them. **10** And_ _if thus they_will_say come_up to_us and_we_will_go_up if/because he_has_given_them **YHWH** in_hand_of_our and_this to/for_ourselves will_be_the_sign. **11** And_ both_of_them _ _they_revealed_themselves to the_garrison_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_said HERE ´Ivrī/(Hebrews) are_ _coming_out from the_holes where they_have_hidden_ _themselves there. **12** And_ the_men_of the_garrison _they_ _answered ~~DOM~~ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_~~DOM~~ the_ _bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his and_they_said come_up to_us and_we_will_make_known_to you(pl) something and_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his come_up after_me if/because he_has_given_them **YHWH** in_the_hand_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **13** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_ascended on hands_of_ _his and_on feet_of_his and_the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his was_behind_him and_they_fell to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Yōnātān and_the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his was_killing behind_him. **14** And_it_became the_slaughter (the)_ _first which Yōnātān and_the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his he_struck_down about_twenty man about_in_half_of a_furrow an_acre_of a_field. **15** And_it_became trembling in_camp in_ _field and_on/over_all the_people the_garrison and_the_ _destroyer also they they_trembled and_ the_earth/land _it_ _quaked and_it_became (into)_a_trembling_of god.

16 And_ the_watchmen of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) at_Giv˝āh of_Binyāmīn _they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_multitude it_melted_away and_he/it_went and_here. **17** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_people which with_him/it muster please and_see who has_he_gone from_with_us and_they_mustered and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_ _not Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_the_bearer_of his_ _armour(s)_of_his. **18** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_'Aḥiy^{yāh} bring_ _near the_box_of the_'Elohīm if/because it_was the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm in_the_day (the)_that and_the_sons of_

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father. **2** Meanwhile, Sha'ul was still waiting under the pomegranate tree in Migron on the outskirts of Geva with around six-hundred warriors. **3** Ahiyah the priest was also there wearing a sacred apron. (He was son of Ahituv the brother of I-Kavod, son of Pinhas, son of Eli, Yahweh's priest at Shiloh.) But the people didn't know that Yonatan had gone.

4 Meanwhile, for Yonatan to get to the Pelishti garrison, they had to go through a narrow pass between two cliffs. (The cliff on one side was named Botsets, and the other was named Seneh. **5** One cliff faced north toward Mikmas, and the other side faced south toward Geva.)

6 Yonatan said to his servant carrying his equipment, "Come on. Let's pass over to that group of these uncircumcised ones. Perhaps Yahweh will help us, because it doesn't matter to him whether he saves using many people or just a few."

7 "Do everything that you feel is right," he responded. "Go on ahead and be confident that I'll be there supporting you."

8 "Now listen," Yonatan said. "We'll cross over and then reveal ourselves to them. **9** Then if they tell us, 'Stay there until we get down to you,' then we'll stay where we are and not go up to them. **10** But if they say, 'Come on up to us,' then we'll go up, because that'll be the sign to us that Yahweh will help us overpower them."

11 So the two of them revealed themselves to the Pelishti unit, and the soldiers said, "Hey, look! The Ivrim (Hebrews) are coming out from the holes there where they've hidden themselves." **12** Then some of the men called to Yonatan and his servant, "Come on up here to us and we'll teach you a thing or two."

"Come on up behind me," Yonatan told his servant, "because Yahweh has already declared Yisrael (Israel) to be the victor." **13** So Yonatan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his servant following behind him. Then at the top, Yonatan struck them down with his sword while his servant followed behind and killed them. **14** In that first offensive, Yonatan and his servant killed about twenty men in an area of around 30m square. **15** At that time, Pelishtim in the camp started getting the jitters, then all the people, and even raiding parties. Then the ground shook, and it turned into a god-given panic.

Yisrael defeats the Pelishtim · Full kingdom

16 Sha'ul's (Saul's) lookouts in Giveah (in Benyamite territory) saw to their surprise that their opponents were starting to scatter in every direction. **17** "Count our people and see who's missing," Sha'ul commanded, so they called the roll and wow, it was Yonatan (Jonathan) and his servant who weren't accounted for. **18** "Bring the sacred chest here," Sha'ul told Ahiyah the priest, because the Israelis had control of it again at that time. **19** But

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even as Sha'ul was speaking to him, the confusion in the Pelishti camp was continually increasing, and Sha'ul told him, "Oh, don't worry about it." **20** Then he called his warriors together and they went forward to battle. To their surprise, the Pelishtim were fighting each other in total confusion. **21** Now before that time, some Ivrim (Hebrews) had joined the Pelishti camp, but now they switched alliance back to Yisrael (Israel) with Sha'ul and Yonatan. **22** Also, there had been some Israeli deserters who'd hidden in the Efrati hill country heard that the Pelishtim were fleeing, and so they too also chased and attacked them. **23** So Yahweh saved Yisrael that day, and the fighting went as far as Beyt-Aven.

Yonatan eats honey · Full kingdom

24 Now the Israeli warriors were getting exhausted that day, but Sha'ul (Saul) had made the them promise, "We need to avenge our enemies. Anyone who eats food before the evening is cursed." **25** But when they reached the forest, there was honeycomb on the ground. **26** Although the warriors entered the forest and saw the honey, none of them tasted any because they were afraid of the curse. **27** But Yonatan (Jonathan) hadn't heard his father's oath, so he dipped his staff into the honeycomb and ate some honey and felt rejuvenated. **28** However, someone noticed it and mentioned, "Your father made the people promise, 'Anyone who eats food today will be cursed.' So the people are faint."

29 "My father's caused trouble for us," Yonatan responded. "See how much better I feel now because I tasted a little bit of this honey. **30** Actually, if the troops had eaten what they'd found from the plunder of their enemies today, how much better it would have been because we might have had an even more decisive victory over the Pelishtim."

31 That day they killed Pelishtim from Mikmas to Ayalon, but the fighters were totally exhausted. **32** They rushed greedily at the plunder, grabbing sheep, cattle, and calves which they slaughtered right there and ate with the blood still in them. **33** Then King Sha'ul (Saul) was told, "Look, the people are sinning against Yahweh by eating meat with the blood still in it."[68]

"You've all acted treacherously," he responded, "Now, roll a big stone over to me." **34** Then he said, "Go out among the warriors and tell them to bring their animals over here to slaughter and to eat, so they don't sin against Yahweh by eating meat with the blood still in it." So the people brought their animals over and slaughtered them there. **35** Then Sha'ul built an altar to Yah-

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_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **19** And_he/it_was until Shā'ūl he_spoke to the_priest/officer and_the_tumult which was_in_the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he/it_went going and_great and_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to the_priest/officer withdraw hand_of_your. **20** And_ Shā'ūl and_all the_people which with_him/it _he_was_ _called_together and_they_came to the_battle and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was the_sword_of each_man in_ _neighbour_of_his confusion was_great very. **21** And_the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) who_they_had_belonged to_Pəlishtiy as_ _yesterday three_days_ago who they_had_gone_up with_them in_camp all_around and_also they to_be with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which was_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Yōnātān. **22** And_ _all/each/any/every (the)_person_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_had_ _hidden_themselves in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim they_ _heard if/because_that the_Pəlishtiy they_had_fled and_ also they _they_pursued_closely after_them in_battle. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_delivered in_the_day (the)_that ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_battle it_passed_beyond ÐØM Bēyt Aven.

24 And_the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_was_hard_pressed in_ _the_day (the)_that and_ Shā'ūl _he_had_put_under_oath ÐØM the_people to_say the_man who he_will_eat food until the_ _evening be_cursed and_I_will_avenge_myself from_enemies_ _of_my and_not all_of the_people it_tasted food. **25** And_all the_ _earth/land they_went in_forest and_he/it_was honey on the_ _surface_of the_field. **26** And_ the_people _it_came into the_ _forest and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_flowing_of honey and_there_ _was_not one_who_reached his/its_hand to mouth_of_his if/because the_people it_feared ÐØM the_oath. **27** And_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) not he_had_heard when_ his/its_father _made_to_swear_an_oath ÐØM the_people and_ _he_stretched_out ÐØM the_end_of the_staff which in_his/its_ _hand and_he_dipped it in_the_honeycomb_of the_honey and_ _he_brought_back his/its_hand to mouth_of_his and[70] eyes_of_ _his. **28** And_ a_person of_the_people _he_answered and_he/it_ _said indeed_(swear_an_oath) father_of_your he_made_to_ _swear_an_oath ÐØM the_people to_say the_man who he_will_ _eat food the_day be_cursed and_ the_people _it_was_weary. **29** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said father_of_my he_has_troubled ÐØM the_earth/land see please if/because_that eyes_of_my they_brightened if/because I_tasted a_little_of honey (the)_ _this. **30** Indeed if/because if indeed_(eat) it_had_eaten the_day the_people any_of_the_plunder_of its_enemies_of_his which it_ _found if/because now not defeat among_Pəlishtiy it_has_ _been_great. **31** And_they_defeated in_the_day (the)_that (in)_ _Pəlishtiy from_Mikmāṣ to_'Ayyālōn and_ the_people _it_was_ _weary exceedingly. **32** And[71] the_people to the_plunder[72] and_ _they_took sheep and_cattle and_the_sons the_herd and_they_ _slaughtered_them ground_to_the and_ the_people _it_ate_ _them with blood. **33** And_people_told to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) to_say THERE the_people are_sinning to/for_**YHWH** by_eating with the_blood and_he/it_said you(pl)_have_acted_treacherously roll to_me the_day a_stone great. **34** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said be_

68 RV 14:33 · Cross-ref. Gen 9:4; Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

70 LV 14:27 · Note OSHB variant note: הנארת/ו: (x-qere) 'הָנַרְאָת/ו': lemma_c/215 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3fp id_09xwi הָנַרְאָת/ו

71 LV 14:32 · Note OSHB variant note: שעי/ו: (x-qere) 'טַעַי/ו': lemma_c/5860 b morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_09B7n טַעַי/ו

72 LV 14:32 · Note OSHB variant note: ללש: (x-qere) 'לָלָשׁ/ה': lemma_d/7998 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_09cMk לָלָשׁ/ה

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_scattered among_people and_you(pl)_will_say to/for_them bring_near to_me each_one ox_of_his and_each_one sheep_of_ _his and_you(pl)_will_slaughter_it in_this_place and_you(pl)_ _will_eat_it and_not you(pl)_will_sin to/for_**YHWH** by_eating with the_blood and_ all_of the_people _they_brought_near each_one ox_of_his by_hand_of_his the_night and_they_ _slaughtered_it there. **35** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_built an_altar to/for_**YHWH** ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it he_began to_build an_altar to/for_ _**YHWH**. **36** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said let_us_go_down after the_ _Pəlishtiy night and_let_us_plunder in/among_them until the_ _light_of the_morning and_not let_us_leave (is)_in_them anyone and_they_said all_of the_good in_eyes_of_your do and_ the_priest/officer _he/it_said let_us_draw_near here to the_ _'Elohīm. **37** And_ Shā'ūl _he_enquired by_god will_I_go_down after the_Pəlishtiy will_you_give_them in_the_hand_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_answered_him in_the_day (the)_ _that. **38** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said draw_near here Oh_all_ _of the_corners_of the_people and_know and_see how the_sin (the)_this has_it_happened the_day. **39** If/because by_the_life of_**YHWH** who_delivers ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because if (there)_it is_in_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) son_of_my if/because surely_(die) he_will_die and_there_was_not one_of_ _who_answered_him from_all the_people. **40** And_he/it_said to all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you(pl) you(pl)_will_be to_a_side one and_I and_Yōnātān son_of_my we_will_be to_a_side one and_ the_people _they_said to Shā'ūl the_good in_eyes_of_your do. **41** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) come_NOW a_blameless_lot and_ Yōnātān and_Shā'ūl _he_was_ _taken_by_lot and_the_people they_went_out. **42** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said make_fall between_me and_between Yōnātān son_ _of_my and_ Yōnātān _he_was_taken_by_lot. **43** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to Yōnātān tell to/for_me what have_you_done and_he_told to_him/it Yōnātān and_he/it_said indeed_(taste) I_tasted with_the_end_of the_staff which was_in_hand_of_my a_little_of honey here_I I_will_die. **44** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _said thus god may_he_do and_thus may_he_add if/because surely_(die) you_will_die Oh_Yōnātān. **45** And_ the_people _ _he/it_said to Shā'ūl Yōnātān who he_has_done the_ _deliverance (the)_great (the)_this in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) will_he_ _die far_be_it by_the_life of_**YHWH** if one_of_the_hair[s]_of his/its_head it_will_fall towards_land if/because with god he_ _has_acted the_day the_this and_ the_people _they_redeemed ᴅᴏᴍ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_not he_died. **46** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ascended from_after the_Pəlishtiy and_ _the_Pəlishtiy they_went to_their_own_of_place.

47 And_Shā'ūl he_had_taken the_royalty over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_waged_war all_around in_all enemies_of_his against_ _Mō'āv and_against_the_people_of ʹAmmōn and_against_'Edōm and_against_the_kings_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) and_against_ _Pəlishtiy and_in_every where he_turned he_acted_wickedly. **48** And_he/it_made strength and_he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ ʹAmālēq and_he_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of those_ _who_plundered_it. **49** And_ the_sons_of Shā'ūl _they_were Yōnātān and_Yishvī/(Ishvi) and_Malkī- shūʹa and_name_of the_

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weh—it was the first one he built.

36 Then Sha'ul said, "Let's go after the Pelishtim tonight and plunder them until the light of morning. Let's not leave any of them alive."

"Do what you feel is right," they responded.

But the priest said, "Let's ask God here first."

37 So Sha'ul asked God, "Should we go after the Pelishtim? Will you give Yisrael (Israel) victory over them?" But Yahweh didn't answer him that day. **38** Then Sha'ul commanded, "All you leaders of the warriors. Gather here so we can find out what sin was committed today. **39** As Yahweh who saves Yisrael lives, even if it's my own son Yonatan (Jonathan), whoever sinned today will certainly die." But the people didn't volunteer any information. **40** "You all can be on one side, and my son Yonatan and I will be on the other side," Sha'ul said.

"Do whatever feels right to you," the people replied.

41 Then Sha'ul asked Yisrael's god Yahweh, "Show us the truth." And Sha'ul and Yonatan were selected—not the people.[69] **42** Then Sha'ul asked again, "Choose between me and my son Yonatan." And Yonatan was selected. **43** Sha'ul demanded from Yonatan, "Tell me what you've done."

"Actually," Yonatan answered, "I did taste some honey from the end of my staff, so take me—I'm ready to die."

44 "May God do to me whatever he wants," Sha'ul said. "because you will certainly die, Yonatan."

45 But the people stood up to Sha'ul, "Should Yonatan die? Wasn't it him who saved Yisrael today? We won't stand for it. As Yahweh lives, not even a hair on his head will be touched because he worked with God today." And so the people rescued Yonatan and he wasn't executed.

46 Then Sha'ul stopped chasing the Pelishtim and went home, and the Pelishtim also returned to their place.

Sha'ul's kingdom, and his family details · Full kingdom

47 After Sha'ul (Saul) had taken on the kingship of Yisrael (Israel), he fought against their enemies from all around: against the Moavim, the Amonim, the Edomim, the kings of Tsovah, and against the Pelishtim. Wherever he turned, he punished his enemies. **48** He acted bravely and defeated even the Amalekim, always rescuing Yisrael from those who came in to plunder it.

69 RV 14:41 · Cross-ref. Num 27:21; 1Sam 28:6.

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49 Sha'ul's sons were Yonatan (Jonathan), Yishvi, and Malkishua. His oldest daughter was Merav, and the younger one was Mikal. 50 His wife's name was Ahinoam (daughter of Ahima'ats). His army commander was Avner (son of Sha'ul's uncle Ner— 51 Kish was Sha'ul's father, and Avner's father Ner was Aviel's son).

52 The conflict with the Pelishtim was intensive for all of Sha'ul's life, so whenever he saw a good warrior or any strong, young man, then he would conscript them.

Sha'ul destroys the Amalekim · Full kingdom

15:1 One day Shmuel (Samuel) said to Sha'ul (Saul), "It was Yahweh who sent me to anoint you as king over his people Yisrael (Israel) back then,[73] so now, listen to what he has to say. 2 Commander Yahweh says, 'I've noticed what the Amalekim did to Yisrael when they came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)—they attacked them as they passed by.[74] 3 So go now and attack Amalek and destroy them completely without compassion, putting men and women, children and infants to death, along with their cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.' "

4 So Sha'ul summoned the people to Telaim and counted them: two hundred thousand foot soldiers as well as ten thousand warriors from Yehudah (Judah). 5 Then Sha'ul took them to Amalek city, and they lay in wait in the valley. 6 Then he warned the Keynim, "You all need to move out from among the Amalekim, so that you all won't be attacked along with them. That's because you all were kind to our ancestors when they came out of Mitsrayim." So the Keynim moved out from among the Amalekim.

7 Then Sha'ul slaughtered the Amalekim from Havilah to Shur (near Mitsrayim), 8 and they captured King Agag alive but killed everyone else with swords. 9 However, as well as sparing Agag, they took the best sheep and cattle

God rejects Sha'ul · Full kingdom

10 Then Yahweh told Shmuel (Samuel), 11 "I regret that I've appointed Sha'ul (Saul) as king because he's turned away from following me and hasn't obeyed my instructions." That really upset Shmuel and he cried out to Yahweh all night. 12 Early the next morning, Shmuel got up to meet Sha'ul, but someone told him, "Sha'ul went to Karmel, and wow, he set up a monument to himself. Then he turned around and went to Gilgal." 13 When Shmuel caught up with Sha'ul, Sha'ul told him, "May Yahweh bless you. I've followed Yahweh's instructions."

14 "Then what's that bleating of sheep that I can hear?" asked

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_two_of daughters_of_his the_name_of the_firstborn was_ _Mērāv and_name_of the_young_one was_Mīkāl. 50 And_name_ _of the_wife_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) was_'Aḥīno'am the_daughter_of 'Aḥīma'ats and_name_of the_commander_of his_army_of_his was_'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr the_uncle_of Shā'ūl. 51 And_Qīsh was_the_father_of Shā'ūl and_Nēr the_father_of 'Avnēr was_ _the_son_of 'Avī'ēl. 52 And_it_became the_war severe on the_ _Pəlishtiy all_of the_days_of Shā'ūl and_ Shā'ūl _he_saw every_ _of man mighty and_all son_of strength and_he_gathered_him to_him/it.

15:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said to Shā'ūl ÐOM_me **YHWH** he_sent to_anoint_you to_king over people_of_his over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now listen to_sound/voice of_the_ _words/messages_of of_**YHWH**. 2 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I_have_paid_attention_to ÐOM that_which ʿAmālēq it_did to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) that_which it_set to_him/it on_way when_it_came_up from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 3 Now go and_you_will_attack ÐOM ʿAmālēq and_you(pl)_will_ _totally_destroy ÐOM all_of that to_him/it and_not you_must_ _have_compassion on/upon/above_him/it and_you_will_put_ _to_death from_man unto a_woman from_a_child and_unto a_ _sucking_child from_an_ox and_unto a_sheep from_a_camel and_unto a_donkey. 4 And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_summoned ÐOM the_people and_he_mustered_them at_Ṭəlā'īm two_hundred thousand foot_soldier[s] and_ten_of thousand(s) with (the)_ _man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). 5 And_ Shā'ūl _he_came to the_city_ _of ʿAmālēq and_he_lay_in_wait in_wadi. 6 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _said to the_Qēynī[s] go depart go_down from_among_of the_ _ʿAmālēqite[s] lest I_should_destroy_you with_him/it and_ _you(ms) you_did loyalty with all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_up from_Mitsrayim and_ the_ _Qēynī[s] _it_departed from_among_of ʿAmālēq. 7 And_ Shā'ūl _ _he_defeated ÐOM ʿAmālēq from_Ḫₐvīlāh come_you Shūr which is_on the_face_of Mitsrayim. 8 And_he_seized ÐOM 'Agag the_ _king_of ʿAmālēq alive and_ÐOM all_of the_people he_totally_ _destroyed to_the_mouth_of the_sword. 9 And_ Shā'ūl and_the_ _people _he_had_compassion on 'Agag and_on the_best_of the_ _sheep and_the_cattle and_the_second and_on the_lambs and_ _on all_of the_good and_not they_were_willing to_totally_ _destroy_them and_all the_property despised and_worthless ÐOM_her/it they_totally_destroyed.

10 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) to_say. 11 I_regret if/because_that I_have_ _made_king ÐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) to_king if/because he_has_ _turned_back from_after_me and_ÐOM words/messages_of_my not he_has_carried_out and_it_glowed/burnt to_Shəmū'ēl and_ _he_cried_out to **YHWH** all_of the_night. 12 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_ _rose_early to_meet Shā'ūl in_morning and_it_was_told to_ _Shəmū'ēl to_say Shā'ūl he_came to_(the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_setting_up to_him/it a_ _monument and_he_turned and_he_passed_on and_he/it_ _descended (the)_Gilgāl. 13 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he_came to Shā'ūl and_he/it_said to_him/it Shā'ūl you be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** I_have_carried_out ÐOM the_message_of **YHWH**. 14 And_

73 **RV 15:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 10:1.

74 **RV 15:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:8-14; Deu 25:17-19.

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Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said and_what is_the_sound_of the_sheep the_ _this in_ears_of_my and_the_sound_of the_cattle which I am_ _hearing. **15** And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_said from_the_ʹAmālēqite[s] people_brought_them that the_people it_had_compassion on the_best_of the_sheep and_the_cattle so_as to_sacrifice_them to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your and_ĐØM the_rest we_totally_ _destroyed. **16** And_he/it_said Shəmūʾēl to Shāʾūl be_quiet so_ _that_I_may_tell to_you ĐØM that_which **YHWH** he_said to_me the_night and[78] to_him/it speak. **17** And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _ _he/it_said am_not though were_small you in_your_two's_own_ _of_eyes the_chief_of the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) are_you and_he_anointed_you **YHWH** to_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **18** And_he_sent_you **YHWH** on_a_journey and_he/it_said go and_you_will_totally_destroy ĐØM the_sinners ĐØM ʹAmālēq and_you_will_wage_war in_him/it until destroy_they ĐØM_ _them. **19** And_for_what not did_you_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_did_you_rush to the_plunder and_did_you_do the_ _evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **20** And_ Shāʾūl/(Saul) _he/it_ _said to Shəmūʾēl which/who I_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** and_I_went on_journey which he_sent_me **YHWH** and_I_ _brought ĐØM ʾAgag the_king_of ʹAmālēq and_ĐØM ʹAmālēq I_ _totally_destroyed. **21** And_ the_people _he/it_took from_the_ _plunder sheep and_cattle the_choicest_of the_object[s]_for_ _destruction to_sacrifice_them to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your in_ _Gilgāl. **22** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said does_delight to/for_ _**YHWH** in_burnt_offerings and_sacrifices like_listening to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** HERE to_obey more_than_sacrifice is_good to_ _pay_attention more_than_the_fat_of rams. **23** If/because is_ _the_sin_of divination rebellion and_is_wickedness and_ _teraphim presumption because you_have_rejected ĐØM the_ _message_of **YHWH** and_he_has_rejected_you from_king. **24** And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_said to Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) I_have_sinned if/because I_have_transgressed ĐØM the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_ _ĐØM words/messages_of_your if/because I_feared ĐØM the_ _people and_I_listened to_voice_of_their. **25** And_now forgive please ĐØM sin_of_my and_return with_me so_that_I_may_bow_ _down to/for_**YHWH**. **26** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he/it_said to Shāʾūl/(Saul) not I_will_return with_you if/because you_have_ _rejected ĐØM the_message_of **YHWH** and_he_has_rejected_you **YHWH** from_being king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **27** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he_turned_round to_go and_he_took_hold on_the_skirt_of his_ _robe_of_his and_it_tore. **28** And_he/it_said to_him/it Shəmūʾēl **YHWH** he_has_torn ĐØM the_kingship_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_ _with_you the_day and_he_will_give_it to_neighbour_of_your (the)_good more_than_you. **29** And_also the_eminence_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not he_will_deal_falsely and_not he_will_regret if/because not is_a_man he to_regret. **30** And_he/it_said I_ _have_sinned now honour_me please before the_elders_of my_ _people_of_my and_before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_return with_me and_I_will_bow_down to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your. **31** And_ Shəmūʾēl _he_returned after Shāʾūl and_ Shāʾūl _he_bowed_ _down to/for_**YHWH**. **32** And_ Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) _he/it_said bring_near to_me ĐØM ʾAgag the_king_of ʹAmālēq and_he/it_ _went to_him/it ʾAgag bonds and_ ʾAgag _he/it_said truly the_

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Shmuel. "And I'm sure I can hear cattle sounds too?"

15 "Ah, the warriors took them from the Amalekim," Sha'ul answered. "They wanted to save the best of the sheep and the cattle in order to sacrifice to your god Yahweh. But we completely destroyed the rest."

16 "Stop," said Shmuel, "and let me tell you what Yahweh told me last night."

"Go ahead," Sha'ul responded.

17 So Shmuel told him, "Although you consider yourself insignificant, aren't you the head of the tribes of Yisrael (Israel)? Yahweh anointed you as king over Yisrael, **18** then sent you off with the task of completely destroying the sinful Amalekim—fighting until they were all destroyed. **19** So why didn't you obey Yahweh's command? Instead, you headed straight for the plunder and disobeyed Yahweh."

20 "I did listen to Yahweh's instructions," Sha'ul insisted. "and I did what he asked. So now I've brought Amaleki King Agag here and I've completely destroyed the Amalekim. **21** Yes, the people kept some of the best sheep and cattle to sacrifice to your god Yahweh here at Gilgal."

22 But Shmuel asked,

"Is Yahweh happier with burnt offerings and sacrifices
than with those who follow his instructions?
Listen, obedience is better than sacrifice—
paying attention is worth more than the fat of rams.
23 Rebellion is as sinful as doing sorcery,
and being stubborn is as sinful as worshipping idols.
Because you have rejected Yahweh's instructions,
he has rejected you as king."

24 "Yes, I've sinned," Sha'ul (Saul) responded. "I can see that I've disobeyed Yahweh's instruction, and yours too, because I feared the people and did what they were requesting. **25** But now, please forgive my sin and come back with me so I can worship Yahweh."

26 "No, I won't return with you." Shmuel (Samuel) replied. "You've rejected Yahweh's instructions, and Yahweh has already rejected you as Yisrael's (Israel's) king."

27 As Shmuel turned around to go, Sha'ul grabbed the edge of his robe and it tore.[75] **28** "Today, Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Yisrael away from you," Shmuel told him. "And he's given it to another man who's better than you. **29** And by the way, Yisrael's powerful God doesn't go back on his word, and doesn't change his mind like people tend to do.

30 "It's true that I've sinned," Sha'ul said, "but please honour me now in front of the Israeli people and their elders. And then return with me, so I can worship your god Yahweh." **31** So Shmuel followed Sha'ul back, and Sha'ul worshipped Yahweh.

32 Then Shmuel commanded, "Bring the Amaleki King Agag over here to me."

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75 **RV 15:27-28 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 28:17; 1Ki 11:30-31.

78 **LV 15:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורמאי/ו: (x-qere) ו'רֶמְאָ֣י/ו': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_09ExA רֶמְאָ֣י/ו

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So they brought him over, and trembling,[76] he said, "I've faced up to death now."[77]

33 Then Shmuel told him,

"Just as your sword has made women childless,

so too will your mother be made childless among women."

And Shmuel hacked Agag to pieces in front of Yahweh there at Gilgal.

34 Then Shmuel went home to Ramah, and Sha'ul (Saul) returned to his house in Giveah. 35 After that, Shmuel never saw Sha'ul again, but he mourned for him, and Yahweh regretted that he'd made Sha'ul king over Yisrael (Israel).

Shmuel anoints David as King · Full kingdom

16:1 Then Yahweh spoke to Shmuel (Samuel), "How long are you going to keep mourning for Sha'ul (Saul) for, when I myself have rejected him as king over Yisrael (Israel)? Fill your horn with oil and go. I'll send you to Yishay (Jesse) from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), because I've seen one of his sons who'd make a good king for me."

2 "How can I do that?" asked Shmuel. "Sha'ul would kill me if he heard about it."

"Take a heifer with you," Yahweh said, "and say, 'I've come to sacrifice to Yahweh.' 3 Invite Yishay to the sacrifice, and I'll show you what do to from there, and you should anoint the one I tell you to."

4 So Shmuel did what Yahweh had told him, and went to Beyt-Lehem. The town elders trembled when they met him, and asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5 "Yes, in peace," he answered "I've come to sacrifice to Yahweh. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he purified Yishay and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Shmuel saw Eliav and thought, "Surely this man's the one that Yahweh wants to anoint." 7 But Yahweh told him, "Don't look at his height or outward appearance, because I've rejected him. Because it isn't what a person sees with their eyes, but Yahweh sees their motives and values."

8 Then Yishay called for Avinadav to walk across in front of Shmuel, but he said again, "Yahweh hasn't chosen that one." 9 Then Yishay made Shamah walk across in front, but again he said, "Yahweh hasn't chosen that one." 10 So all up, Yishay made seven of his sons walk across in front of Shmuel, but Shmuel told him, "Yahweh hasn't chosen any of them." 11 Then Shmuel asked Yishay, "Is this all your sons?"

"Well, there's just the youngest," he answered "but you see, he's out looking after the flock."[79]

"Send for him," Shmuel instructed him, "because we won't do anything else until he gets here." 12 So he sent for him and

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_bitterness_of (the)_death it_has_departed. 33 And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_said just_as sword_of_your it_has_made_childless women so she_will_become_childless from_women mother_of_ _your and_ Shəmū'ēl _he_cut_to_pieces ÐOM 'Agag to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_Gilgāl. 34 And_ Shəmū'ēl _ _he/it_went to_(the)_Rāmāh and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_went_up to house_of_his Giv˝āh of_Shā'ūl. 35 And_not Shəmū'ēl he_ _repeated to_see ÐOM Shā'ūl until the_day_of his_death_of_his if/because Shəmū'ēl he_mourned concerning Shā'ūl and_**YHWH** he_regretted if/because_that he_had_made_king ÐOM Shā'ūl over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

16:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl until when are_you mourning to Shā'ūl and_I I_have_rejected_him from_reigning over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fill horn_of_your oil and_go I_will_send_ _you to Yishay/(Jesse) the_Bēyt- lehemite if/because I_have_ _seen among_sons_of_his to_me a_king. 2 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_ _said how will_I_go and_ Shā'ūl _he_will_hear and_he_will_kill_ _me and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said a_heifer_of cattle you_will_take in_hand_of_your and_you_will_say to_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** I_ _have_come. 3 And_you_will_invite (to)_Yishay at_sacrifice and_I I_will_make_known_to_you(pl) ÐOM that_which you_will_ _do and_you_will_anoint to_me ÐOM the_one_whom I_will_say to_you. 4 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_made ÐOM that_which **YHWH** he_said and_he_came Bēyt- leḥem and_ the_elders_of the_city _they_trembled to_meet_him and_he/it_said peace is_ _your_coming. 5 And_he/it_said peace to_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH** I_have_come consecrate_yourselves and_you(pl)_will_ _come with_me at_sacrifice and_he/it_consecrated ÐOM Yishay and_ÐOM sons_of_his and_he/it_called to/for_them to_sacrifice. 6 And_he/it_was when_came_they and_he/it_saw ÐOM 'Elī'āv˝ and_he/it_said surely is_before **YHWH** his_of_anointed. 7 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Shəmū'ēl do_not look to appearance_of_ _his and_near/to the_height_of his_stature_of_his if/because I_ _have_rejected_him if/because not that_which the_humankind he_sees if/because the_humankind he_sees to_eyes and_**YHWH** he_sees to_heart. 8 And_ Yishay/(Jesse) _he/it_called to 'Avīnādāv˝ and_he_made_him_pass_by to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Shəmū'ēl and_he/it_said also (in)_this_one not **YHWH** he_has_chosen. 9 And_ Yishay _he_made_pass_by Shammāh and_he/it_said also (in)_this_one not **YHWH** he_has_ _chosen. 10 And_ Yishay _he_made_pass_by seven_of his_sons_ _of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Yishay not **YHWH** he_has_chosen (in)_these. 11 And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Yishay are_ the_ _young_men _they_finished and_he/it_said still the_young_one he_remains and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_shepherding (in)_flock and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Yishay send and_bring_him if/because not we_will_turn_round until comes_he here. 12 And_he_sent and_he_brought_him and_he was_red with beautiful_of eyes and_good appearance and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said

76 **RV 15:32 · Note** The meaning of the original word here is unclear and so there'll be different interpretations.

77 **RV 15:32 · Note** Some translations interpret the original words as Agag thinking (or saying to himself) that he was going to be spared, but he surely knew Shmuel.

79 **RV 16:11 · Note** We deliberately left the word 'flock' here (rather than 'sheep'), because although young David is always thought of as 'the shepherd boy' in English culture, in the middle-East, **goats** are probably a more important part of the flock than sheep.

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arise anoint_him if/because this is_he. **13** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_ _took ÐOM the_horn_of (the)_oil and_he_anointed ÐOM_him/it in_the_midst_of his_brothers_of_his and_ the_spirit_of **YHWH** _ _it_rushed to Dāvid from_the_day (the)_that and_onwards and_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_(the)_Rāmāh.

14 And_spirit of_**YHWH** it_departed from_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_it_terrified_him a_spirit evil from_with **YHWH**. **15** And_ the_servants_of Shā'ūl _they_said to_him/it HERE please a_ _spirit_of god evil is_terrifying_of_you. **16** Let_him_say please master_of_our your_servants to_your_face let_them_seek a_ _person who_knows playing on_harp and_it_was when_is on_ _you a_spirit_of god evil and_he_will_play in_his/its_hand and_ _good to/for_you(fs). **17** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to servants_of_ _his see please to_me a_person who_does_well to_play and_ _you(pl)_will_bring_him to_me. **18** And_ one of_the_young_men _he_answered and_he/it_said HERE I_have_seen a_son of_ _Yishay/(Jesse) the_Bēyt- lehemite who_knows to_play and_a_ _mighty_man_of strength and_a_man_of war and_one_ _discerning_of message and_a_man_of form and_**YHWH** with_ _him/it. **19** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers to Yishay and_ _he/it_said send to_me ÐOM Dāvid son_of_your who is_with_ _flock. **20** And_ Yishay _he/it_took a_donkey bread and_a_ _skin-bottle_of wine and_a_kid_of goats one and_he_sent_them by_the_hand_of Dāvid his/its_son to Shā'ūl/(Saul). **21** And_ Dāvid _he_came to Shā'ūl and_he_stood before_him and_he_ _loved_him exceedingly and_he/it_was to_him/it a_bearer_of armour(s). **22** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent to Yishay to_say let_him_ _stand please Dāvid to/for_my_face/front if/because he_has_ _found favour in_eyes_of_my. **23** And_it_was when_ a_spirit_of god _was to Shā'ūl and_ Dāvid _he/it_will_take ÐOM the_harp and_he_played_it in_his/its_hand and_it_was_relief to_Shā'ūl and_good to_him/it and_it_departed from_on_him the_spirit_ _of (the)_evil.

17:1 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_gathered ÐOM armies_of_their for_battle and_they_were_gathered Sōkoh which belongs_to_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_encamped between Sōkoh and_ _between ʿAzēqāh in_Ephes- dammim. **2** And_Shā'ūl and_the_ _man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_gathered and_they_ _encamped in_valley_of 'Ēlāh and_they_deployed battle to_ _meet the_Pəlishtiy. **3** And_the_Pəlishtiy were_standing to the_ _mountain from_this and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_standing to the_mountain from_this and_the_valley was_between_them. **4** And_ the_man_of the_champions _he/it_went_out from_the_ _camps_of the_Pəlishtiy was_Golyat his/its_name from_Gat height_of_his was_six cubits and_a_span. **5** And_a_helmet_of bronze was_on his/its_head and_body_armour_of scales he was_clothed and_the_weight_of the_body_armour was_five_of thousand(s) shekels bronze. **6** And_leg_armour_of bronze was_ _on feet_of_his and_a_javelin_of bronze was_between shoulders_of_his. **7** And[82] his_spear_of_his was_like_a_beam_of weavers and_the_blade_of his_spear_of_his was_six hundred(s)

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brought him in. He was a good-looker with beautiful eyes and red colouring, and Yahweh said, "Stand up and anoint him, because he's the one." **13** So Shmuel took the horn full of olive oil and anointed him right there with his brothers, and Yahweh's spirit rushed onto David from that day onwards. Then Shmuel left and went home to Ramah.

Sha'ul employs David · Full kingdom

14 Meanwhile, Yahweh's spirit left Sha'ul (Saul), and instead an evil spirit from Yahweh tormented him, **15** and his servants told him, "Look, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. **16** Let our master please get your servants to find a man who knows how to play the harp. Then, whenever the evil spirit from God is on you, then he'll play it and it'll be good for you."

17 "Okay," Sha'ul responded, "Find a man for me who's good at playing it, and bring him to me."

18 Then one of his servants spoke up, "Listen, I've noticed one of the sons of Yishay (Jesse) in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) who knows how to play. He's also a very powerful warrior, as well as being good looking and wise in what he says. And Yahweh is with him."

19 So Sha'ul sent messengers to Yishay to tell him, "Your son David who looks after your flock, send him to me." **20** So Yishay loaded a donkey with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them to King Sha'ul with his son David. **21** When David got to the king, he became his servant, and he was liked so much that he was appointed as the one who carried the king's equipment. **22** Sha'ul sent a message back to Yishay, saying, "Let David remain in my service, because I really like him." **23** Then whenever the spirit from God tormented Sha'ul, David would take the harp and play it. That would bring relief to Sha'ul and make him feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

Galyat Challenges the Israelis · Full kingdom

17:1 At that time, the Pelishtim gathered their army divisions together ready for battle. They assembled at Sokoh in Yehudah (Judah), and camped between Sokoh and Azekah in Efes-Damim. **2** Sha'ul (Saul) and the Israeli warriors gathered and camped in the Elah valley, then they arranged themselves for battle against the Pelishtim. **3** So the Pelishtim stood on one hill and the Israelis on the opposite hill, with the valley between them.

4 Then the Pelishtim sent a champion out from their camp to represent them. His name was Galyat (Goliath) and he came from Gat, and he was almost three metres[80] tall. **5** He wore a bronze helmet, and his body armour had overlapping plates weighing a total of some fifty-five kilograms. **6** He had bronze armour on his legs, and a bronze plate[81] between his shoulders. **7** The wooden shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam and his

80 RV 17:4 · Note Some Greek sources have a height closer to two metres.

81 RV 17:6b · Note It's not totally clear what's being described in the second part of this sentence, so other interpretations might differ.

82 LV 17:7 · Note OSHB variant note: יְחִ֥ידוֹ: (x-qere) יְעִ֥ירוֹ: lemma_c/6086 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_09vQR יְעִ֥ירוֹ

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spear time weighed around seven kilograms. His shield-bearer walked in front of him. **8** Galyat stood there and called out to the Israeli warriors, "Why have you all come out to line up for battle? Now, I'm down here as a Pelishti, and all of you are Sha'ul's slaves, so choose a man for yourselves and let him come down here to fight me. **9** If he's able to fight with me and kill me, then we'll become your slaves. But if I'm the winner and kill him, then you'll all become our slaves and work for us." **10** Then he said, "I personally scoff at Yisrael's (Israel's) lines today. Give me a man so we can fight together." **11** When Sha'ul and the Israelis heard all that, they were discouraged and very afraid.

David and Galyat · Full kingdom

12 [83]Now David was the son of Yishay (Jesse) (from the Efrat clan, he lived in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) in Yehudah (Judah)) who had eight sons, and by Sha'ul's (Saul's) time, was quite old compared to other men.[84] **13** Yishay's three oldest sons (Eliav, Avinadav, and Shamah) had gone to the battle with Sha'ul, **14** but David was the youngest. While the three oldest were with Sha'ul, **15** David went back and forth between Sha'ul's camp and looking after his father's flock at Beyt-Lehem.

16 For forty days, the Pelishti champion came out and presented himself in the early morning and again in the evening.

17 One day Yishay said to his son David, "Here's a sack of roasted grain and ten loaves of bread. Take them straight away to your brothers at the camp. **18** And take these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of their unit. Find out how your brothers are doing and bring back anything they want to send to me. **19** Sha'ul and them and the other warriors are in the Elah valley, fighting against the Pelishtim."

20 So David got up early in the morning and left the flock with a shepherd, and set out just like Yishay had told him to. When he got to the battleground and the camp, the warriors were just going out to the battle line and they were shouting the battle cry. **21** The Israelis and the Pelishtim arranged themselves—battle line to battle line. **22** David left what he'd brought with a guard, and ran into the battle line. Then he caught up with his brothers and asked them how they were doing. **23** While he was talking with them, look, the Pelishti champion from Gat was coming out with his challenge. Galyat (Goliath) spoke like he had before and David heard it all. **24** But when the Israelis saw the champion, they were terrified and fled away from him. **25** saying to each other, "Have you seen this man who's coming out? He's certainly coming to mock Yisrael (Israel)! Any man who can de-

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shekels iron and_the_bearer_of the_body_shield was_walking before_him. **8** And_he_stood and_he/it_called to the_battle_ _lines_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to/for_them to/for_ _what do_you(pl)_come_out to_deploy battle am_not am_I the_ _Philistine and_are_you(pl) servants of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) commission to/for_you(pl) a_man and_let_him_come_down to_ _me. **9** If he_will_be_able to_fight with_me and_he_will_strike_ _me_down and_we_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_slaves and_if I I_will_prevail to_him/it and_I_will_strike_him_down and_you(pl)_will_be to/for_us (into)_slaves and_you(pl)_will_ _serve us. **10** And_ the_Philistine _he/it_said I I_defy ÐOM the_ _battle_lines_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_day the_this give to_me a_ _man so_that_we_may_fight together. **11** And_ Shā'ūl and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_listened ÐOM the_words/messages_of the_Philistine the_these and_they_were_dismayed and_they_ _saw exceedingly.

12 And_Dāvid was_a_son_of a_man an_'Efrātī the_this from_ _Bēyt- food/grain/bread Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_his/its_name was_Yishay/(Jesse) and_to/for_him/it eight sons and_the_man in_the_days_of Shā'ūl he_was_old he_had_gone among_men. **13** And_ the_three_of the_sons_of Yishay the_big(pl) _they_had_ _gone they_had_gone after Shā'ūl to_battle and_name_of the_ _three_of his_sons_of_his who they_had_gone in_battle was_ _'Elī'āv the_firstborn and_second_of_his was_'Avīnādāv and_ _the_third was_Shammāh. **14** And_Dāvid he was_the_young and_three the_big(pl) they_had_gone after Shā'ūl/(Saul). **15** And_Dāvid was_going and_was_returning from_under Shā'ūl to_shepherd ÐOM the_flock_of his/its_father Bēyt- leḥem. **16** And_ the_Philistine _he_drew_near rising_early and_doing_ _in_the_evening and_he_took_his_stand forty day[s]. **17** And_ Yishay _he/it_said to_Dāvid his/its_son take please to_ _brothers_of_your the_'ēyfāh_of (the)_roasted_grain the_this and_ten bread[s] the_this and_bring_them_quickly the_camp to_brothers_of_your. **18** And_ÐOM the_ten_of the_portions_of (the)_milk the_these you_will_bring to_the_commander_of the_ _thousand and_ÐOM brothers_of_your you_will_pay_attention to_welfare and_ÐOM pledge_of_their you_will_take. **19** And_ _Shā'ūl and_they and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_in_ _valley_of 'Ēlāh they_were_fighting with the_Pəlishtiy. **20** And_ Dāvid _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_left ÐOM the_flock with a_watchman and_he_lifted_up and_he/it_went just_as he_ _had_commanded_him Yishay/(Jesse) and_he_came to_the_ _camp and_the_army which_was_going_out to the_battle_line and_they_shouted_a_war_cry in_battle. **21** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_Pəlishtiy _it_deployed battle_line to_meet battle_line. **22** And_ Dāvid _he_left ÐOM the_vessels from_with_him on the_ _hand_of the_keeper_of the_vessels and_he_ran the_battle_line and_he_came and_he_asked of_brothers_of_his to_welfare. **23** And_he was_speaking with_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _man_of the_champions was_coming_up was_Golyat the_ _Philistine his/its_name Gat mmm[8687] the_Pəlishtiy and_he/it_ _spoke according_the_words/messages the_these and_ Dāvid _

83 RV 17:12 · Note Verses 12–31 aren't included in every ancient Greek translation.

84 RV 17:12 · Note There's a small variation in the original manuscripts at the end of the verse, but it has minimal effect on the essential story-line.

86 LV 17:23 · Note OSHB variant note: תורעמ/מ: (x-qere) 'תֹּוְכְרַעֲמִ/מ': lemma_m/4634 morph_HR/Ncfpc id_09d4o תֹּוְכְרַעֲמִ/מ

87 LV 17:23 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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_he/it_listened. 24 And_all/each/any/every (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_saw_they ĐOM the_man and_they_fled from_before_of_him and_they_were_afraid exceedingly. 25 And_he/it_said the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) have_you(pl)_ _seen the_man who_comes_up the_this if/because to_defy ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_is_coming_up and_it_was the_man who he_ _will_strike_him_down he_will_make_him_rich the_king rich[es] great and_ĐOM daughter_of_his he_will_give to_him/it and_ĐOM the_house_of his/its_father he_will_make free in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 26 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_men who_ _were_standing with_him/it to_say what will_it_be_done for_ _man who he_will_strike_down ĐOM the_Philistine this and_he_ _will_remove reproach from_under Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because who is_the_Philistine (the)_uncircumcised the_this that/for/because/then/when he_has_defied the_battle_lines_ _of god living. 27 And_he/it_said to_him/it the_people according_the_manner the_this to_say thus it_will_be_done for_man who he_will_strike_him_down. 28 And_ 'Elī'āv his/its_ _brother (the)_old _he/it_listened when_spoke_he to the_men and_ the_anger of_'Elī'āv _it_glowed/burnt on_Dāvid and_ _he/it_said to/for_what this have_you_come_down and_with whom have_you_left the_fewness_of the_sheep (the)_those in_ _wilderness I I_know ĐOM presumption_of_your and_ĐOM the_ _wickedness_of your_heart_of_your if/because_that so_as to_ _see the_battle you_have_come_down. 29 And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said what have_I_done now am_not a_message was_it. 30 And_ _he_turned_away from_beside_him to the_front another_ _person and_he/it_said according_the_manner the_this and_ _they_brought_him_back the_people message according_the_ _message the_former. 31 And_they_were_heard[88] the_ _words/messages which Dāvid he_spoke and_people_told to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_he_sent_ _for_him. 32 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Shā'ūl not the_heart_of anyone let_it_fall on/upon/above_him/it servant_of_your he_ _will_go and_he_will_fight with the_Philistine (the)_this. 33 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to Dāvid not you_will_be_able to_go against the_Philistine the_this to_fight with_him/it if/because are_a_youth you and_he is_a_man_of war since_youth(s)_of_his. 34 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Shā'ūl a_shepherd servant_of_your he_has_been for_father_of_his among_flock and_ the_lion and_ _ĐOM the_bear _it_came and_it_carried_off a_sheep from_the_ _flock. 35 And_I_went_out after_it and_I_struck_it and_I_ _rescued_it from_mouth_of_its and_he/it_rose_up on_me and_ _I_took_hold on_beard_of_its and_I_struck_it and_I_killed_it. 36 Both ĐOM the_lion as_well_as the_bear servant_of_your he_ _has_struck_down and_it_was the_Philistine (the)_ _uncircumcised the_this like_one from_them if/because he_ _has_defied the_battle_lines_of god living. 37 And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said **YHWH** who he_delivered_me from_the_hand_of the_lion and_from_the_hand_of the_bear he he_will_deliver_me from_the_hand_of the_Philistine the_this and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _ _he/it_said to Dāvid go and_**YHWH** he_will_be with_you. 38 And_ Shā'ūl _he_clothed ĐOM Dāvid garments_of_his and_

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feat him will be made very wealthy by the king, and he'll give his daughter to him, plus his extended family will be exempt from paying taxes."

26 "What was it that'll be done for the man who kills this Pelishti and take's Yisrael's disgrace away?" David asked some of the men standing around him. "Because who does that uncircumcised Pelishti think he is that he would taunt the army of the living God?" 27 Then the men told him again what would be given to the man who defeats him.

28 But when David's oldest brother Eliav heard him talking to the men, he got very angry and scolded him, "Why have you come down here? Who's looking after those few sheep that you left in the desert? I know you have a big head and you're just a troublemaker—you just want to watch the battle."

29 "What have I done now?" David asked. "Wasn't it just a question?" 30 Then he went over to another group and asked the same question and got the same answer.

31 So it got around what David was saying, and when Sha'ul (Saul) heard about it, he sent for him.[85] 32 David told the king, "Don't be discouraged. Your servant will go and fight against this Pelishti."

33 "You can't go against this Pelishti and fight him," Sha'ul told David. "You're still a lad, but he's been a professional warrior since he was young."

34 "Your servant has been working for his father tending the flock," David replied. "Sometimes a lion or a bear has come and taken a sheep from the flock 35 and I would go after it and beat it and rescue the sheep from its mouth. If it went to attack me, then I'd grasp it by the jaw and beat it and kill it. 36 Your servant has killed both a lion and a bear, and that uncircumcised Pelishti will end up just like them, because he's insulted the army of the living God." 37 Then he added, "Yahweh who has saved me from the lion and from the bear, *he* will be the one to save me from that Pelishti."

"Go then, and Yahweh be with you." Sha'ul assented. 38 Then Sha'ul had David dressed in his own battle attire, and then in body armour with a bronze helmet. 39 David strapped his sword over the top and then tried to walk because he hadn't been trained in wearing it. But he told Sha'ul, "I couldn't walk in all that without practice," so he took it all off. 40 Then he picked up his staff, and selected five smooth stones from the riverbed. He placed them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag, and picked up his sling and headed towards the Pelishti champion.

85 **RV 17:31 · Note** Verses 12–31 aren't included in every ancient Greek translation.

88 **LV 17:31 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

David fronts up to Galyat · Full kingdom

41 Then Galyat (Goliath) came closer and closer to David, with his shield-bearer walking in front of him. 42 When he looked and realised that David was a reddish, good-looking lad, he despised him 43 and asked him, "Are you coming to me with a stick because you think I'm a dog?" Then the Pelishti cursed David by his gods. 44 "Come over here," he told David, "and let me give your flesh to the vultures and wild animals."

45 "You're coming to me with a sword and spear and dagger," David shouted back. "But I'm coming to you in the name of Commander-in-chief Yahweh, the god of Yisrael's (Israel's) army that you've been taunting. 46 Today, Yahweh will help me defeat you and I'll knock you down and cut off your head. What's more, I'll give the Pelishti army corpses to the vultures and wild animals today, then everyone will know that there's a god in Yisrael. 47 Everyone here will learn that Yahweh doesn't save with swords or spears, because he's in charge of the battle and will help us defeat you all."

48 Then as Galyat went closer to meet David, David ran quickly towards him at the battle line. 49 He slipped his hand into his bag and took out a single stone and slung it towards the Pelishti—striking him on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead and he collapsed forwards onto the ground, 50 and so David defeated the Pelishti with a sling and a stone—knocking him down and killing him.[89] Not having a sword with him, 51 David ran and stood over the Pelishti—drawing Galyat's sword out of its sheath to kill him and cut off his head.[90]

When the Pelishtim saw that their powerful champion was dead, they fled 52 and the Israeli warriors started yelling and they chased the Pelishtim into the valley and as far as the gates of Ekron. The dead bodies of the Pelishtim could be seen on the road all the way from Sha'arayim to Gat and Ekron. 53 When the Israelis returned from chasing the Pelishtim, they raided the valuables from their camp. 54 David put Galyat's equipment into his own tent, then he carried his head to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Literal Version

_he/it_gave a_helmet_of bronze on his/its_head and_he_ _clothed ÐOM_him/it body_armour. 39 And_ Dāvid _he_girded ÐOM sword_of_his from_under (to)_garments_of_his and_he_ _undertook to_go if/because not he_had_put_to_the_test and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Shā'ūl not I_will_be_able to_go in_these_ _things if/because not I_have_put_to_the_test and_he_ _removed_them Dāvid from_on_himself. 40 And_he/it_took staff_of_his in_his/its_hand and_he_chose to_him/it five smooth_ones_of stones from the_wadi and_he/it_assigned ÐOM_ _them in_the_bag_of (the)_shepherds which to_him/it and_in_ _pouch and_sling_of_his was_in_hand_of_his and_he_drew_near to the_Philistine.

41 And_ the_Philistine _he/it_went coming and_approaching to Dāvid and_the_man the_bearer of_the_body_shield was_before_ _of_him. 42 And_ the_Philistine _he_looked and_he_saw ÐOM Dāvid and_he_despised_him if/because he_was a_youth and_ _red with handsome_of appearance. 43 And_ the_Philistine _ _he/it_said to Dāvid a_dog am_I that/for/because/then/when you are_coming to_me with_staves and_ the_Philistine _he_ _cursed ÐOM Dāvid by_gods_of_his. 44 And_ the_Philistine _ _he/it_said to Dāvid come to_me so_that_I_may_give ÐOM flesh_ _of_your to_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_to_the_animal[s]_ _of the_field. 45 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_Philistine you are_coming to_me with_sword and_with_spear and_with_ _javelin and_I am_coming against_you in/on_name_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of the_battle_lines_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom you_have_defied. 46 The_day the_this he_will_deliver_you_up **YHWH** in_hand_of_my and_I_will_ _strike_you_down and_I_will_remove ÐOM head_of_your from_ _on_you and_I_will_give the_corpse[s]_of the_army_of the_ _Pəlishtiy the_day the_this to_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_ _to_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_ all_of the_earth/land _they_will_know if/because_that there_is a_god for_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 47 And_ all_of the_assembly the_this _they_ _will_know if/because_that not by_sword and_by_spear **YHWH** he_saves if/because to/for_**YHWH** the_battle and_he/it_gave you(pl) in_hand_of_our. 48 And_it_was if/because the_Philistine he_arose and_he/it_went and_he_drew_near to_meet Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he_hurried and_he_ran the_battle_line to_meet the_Philistine. 49 And_ Dāvid _he_stretched_out ÐOM his/its_ _hand into the_bag and_he/it_took from_there a_stone and_he_ _slung_it and_he_struck ÐOM the_Philistine to forehead_of_his and_ the_stone _it_sank in_forehead_of_his and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face ground_to_the. 50 And_ Dāvid _he_was_ _strong more_than the_Philistine with_sling and_with_stone and_he_struck_down ÐOM the_Philistine and_he_killed_him and_a_sword there_was_not in_the_hand_of Dāvid. 51 And_ Dāvid _he_ran and_he_stood to the_Philistine and_he/it_took ÐOM sword_of_his and_he_drew_it_out from_sheath_of_its and_ _he_killed_him and_he_cut_off with_it ÐOM his/its_head and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_saw if/because_that their_mighty_of_man he_had_died and_they_fled. 52 And_ the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) _they_arose and_they_ _shouted_a_war_cry and_they_pursued ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy until come_you a_valley and_unto the_gates_of ´Eqrōn and_ those_

89 **RV 17:50 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 21:19.

90 **RV 17:51 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 21:19.

Literal Version

_slain_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_fell on_the_way_of Sha´ₐrayim and_unto Gat and_unto ´Eqrōn. **53** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_returned from_hotly_pursuing after the_ _Pəlishtiy and_they_plundered ~~ḎOM~~ camps_of_their. **54** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_head_of the_Philistine and_he_ _brought_it Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_~~ḎOM~~ weapons_of_his he_put in_his_own_of_tent.
55 And_just_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _as_saw ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid going_out to_ _meet the_Philistine he_said to 'Avnēr the_commander_of the_ _army son_of whom this is_the_youth Oh_'Avnēr and_ 'Avnēr _ _he/it_said by_the_life your_self_of_your the_king if I_know. **56** And_ the_king _he/it_said you ask son_of whom this is_the_ _young_man. **57** And_just_ Dāvid _as_returned from_when_ _struck_down ~~ḎOM~~ the_Philistine and_ 'Avnēr _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~_ _him/it and_he_brought_him to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Shā'ūl and_the_head_of the_Philistine in_his/its_ _hand. **58** And_he/it_said to_him/it Shā'ūl son_of whom are_ _you Oh_youth and_ Dāvid _he/it_said the_son_of your_ _servant_of_your Yishay/(Jesse) the_Bēyt- lehemite.

18:1 And_he/it_was just_as_he_finished to_speak to Shā'ūl and_ _the_self_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) it_was_bound with_the_self_of Dāvid and[91] Yōnātān like_his_own_of_self. **2** And_he_took_him Shā'ūl in_the_day (the)_that and_not he_ _permitted_him to_return the_house_of his/its_father. **3** And_ Yōnātān and_Dāvid _he_made a_covenant because_he_of_loved ~~ḎOM~~_him/it like_his_own_of_self. **4** And_ Yōnātān _he_stripped_ _himself ~~ḎOM~~ the_robe which on/upon/above_him/it and_he_ _gave_it to_Dāvid and_garments_of_his and_unto sword_of_his and_unto bow_of_his and_unto belt_of_his. **5** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_went_out in_every where he_sent_him Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_ _prospered and_he_appointed_him Shā'ūl over the_men_of (the)_war and_it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of all_of the_ _people and_also in/on_both_eyes_of the_servants_of Shā'ūl.

6 And_he/it_was when_came_they when_ Dāvid _returned from_when_struck_down ~~ḎOM~~ the_Philistine and_ the_women _ _they_came_out from_all the_cities_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[94] and_the_dancing(s) to_meet Shā'ūl the_king with_tambourines with_joy and_with_three-stringed_instruments. **7** And_ the_ _women who_were_playing _they_sang and_they_said Shā'ūl he_has_struck_down in/on/at/with[95] and_Dāvid (on)_his_ten_ _of_thousands. **8** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Shā'ūl exceedingly and_it_was_displeasing in_eyes_of_his the_matter the_this and_ _he/it_said they_have_ascribed to_Dāvid ten_thousands and_ _to_me they_have_ascribed the_thousands and_yet to_him/it only the_royalty. **9** And_he/it_was Shā'ūl looking_suspiciously_ _at[96] ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid from_the_day (the)_that and_onwards. **10** And_ _he/it_was from_the_next_day and_it_rushed a_spirit_of god evil to Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_he_prophesied in_the_midst_of the_ _house and_Dāvid was_playing in_his/its_hand as_a_day in/on_

Readers' Version

Sha'ul asks about David · Full kingdom

55 When Sha'ul (Saul) had seen David going out to meet Galyat (Goliath), he'd asked Avner, the army commander, "Whose son is this lad, Avner?"

"As surely as you live, your majesty," replied Avner, "I don't know."

56 "Find out whose son he is," the king had commanded.

57 Then when David had returned from killing the Pelishti, Avner brought him to stand in front of Sha'ul, and he was holding Galyat's head. **58** "Whose son are you, lad?" Sha'ul asked.

"I'm the son of your servant Yishay (Jesse), who lives in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)," replied David.

David's friendship with Yonatan · Full kingdom

18:1 After David had finished speaking to the king, him and Yonatan (Jonatan) became close friends, in fact Yonatan really loved him. **2** From that day, Sha'ul (Saul) kept David with him, and wouldn't allow him to return home. **3** Then Yonatan and David made an agreement together, because Yonatan loved him as much as he loved himself. **4** Yonatan took off the cloak that he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his armour, his sword and bow, and even his belt. **5** David went on missions wherever Sha'ul sent him and always succeeded. Sha'ul put him in charge of the warriors, and that pleased all the people, as well as Sha'ul's servants.

Sha'ul becomes envious of David · Full kingdom

6 When they'd all come back after killing the Pelishti, the women from the Israeli cities had come out to meet King Sha'ul (Saul) with singing and dancing—playing tambourines and other instruments with great happiness. **7** However, as they danced they sang,

"Sha'ul has killed his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands."[92]

8 Sha'ul found that offensive and it made him very angry. "They've attributed tens of thousands to David," he complained, "but only thousands to me. Next thing he'll end up as king." **9** So from that day onwards, Sha'ul remained wary of David and kept an eye on him.

10 Then the next day, an evil spirit from God rushed on Sha'ul

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91 LV 18:1 · Note OSHB variant note: ובהאי/ו: (x-qere) 'וּבְהֶאָיְ/ו': lemma_c/157 morph_HC/Vqw3ms/Sp3ms id_097PM וּבְהֶאָיְ/ו

92 RV 18:7 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 21:11; 29:5.

94 LV 18:6 · Note OSHB variant note: רוש/ל: (x-qere) 'רְיֵשׁ/ל': lemma_l/7891 morph_HR/Vqc id_09UWS רְיֵשׁ/ל

95 LV 18:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/פלא/ו: (x-qere) 'ב/וְיִפָּלֵא': lemma_b/505 n_0.1 morph_HR/Acbpc/Sp3ms id_09RJK ב/וְיִפָּלֵא

96 LV 18:9 · Note OSHB variant note: עוו: (x-qere) 'עָיוֹו': lemma_5770 morph_HVqrmsa id_09BVU עָיוֹו

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and even in the middle of the house he started prophesying. As David was playing near him (as he did every day), Sha'ul was holding a spear **11** and he suddenly hurled it, saying, "I'll pin that David to the wall." But twice when he did that, David managed to elude him.

12 So Sha'ul ended up afraid of David because Yahweh was with him, but was no longer with the king. **13** Then Sha'ul sent him out of the room and appointed him as the commander of a thousand warriors, so he came and went in front of the people.[93] **14** Yahweh was with David and he was succeeding in everything he did. **15** Sha'ul knew about his successes and couldn't stand looking at him, **16** but all the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) loved David because they observed his comings and goings.

David wins Mikal as his wife · Full kingdom

17 One day Sha'ul (Saul) told David, "Look, here's my oldest daughter Merav—I'll give her to you for a wife. The only condition is that you become a powerful warrior for me and fight Yahweh's battles." (Sha'ul had said to himself, "I don't need to hurt him physically—I'll let the Pelishtim do that for me.") **18** "Who am I," David asked, "and who are my relatives in my father's clan in Yisrael (Israel), that I should become the king's son-in-law?"

19 However, when it was the time for Sha'ul to give his daughter Merav to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholati to marry.

20 Now Sha'ul's other daughter Mikal loved David, and when they told the king, he was pleased about it, **21** saying to himself, "I'll give her to him so she can become a trap for him so the Pelishtim could be the ones to attack him." So he said a second time, "You'll become a son-in-law of mine today." **22** Then Sha'ul commanded his servants, "Tell David privately, 'Listen, the king is pleased with you, and all of us his servants love you. So now we think that you should become the king's son-in-law.' "

23 So they told David privately, but he responded, "Something that significant isn't likely to happen. I'm hard up and without much honour."

24 When Sha'ul's servants told him what David had said, **25** he replied, "Pass this onto David, 'The king doesn't want an expensive bride price—only a hundred Pelishti foreskins taken from the king's enemies.' " But Sha'ul was still wanting the Pelishtim to be the ones to kill David. **26** Now when David heard this from the servants, he decided that he could indeed marry the king's daughter within the time period that had been given, **27** so he and his men got ready and went and killed *two* hundred Pelishti men. He brought them to the king and had them counted to ful-

Literal Version

_day and_the_spear was_in_the_hand_of Shā'ūl. **11** And_ Shā'ūl _he_hurled ~~ĐOM~~ the_spear and_he/it_said I_will_strike (on)_ _Dāvid and_(on)_wall and_ Dāvid _he_went_around from_ _before_of_him two_times. **12** And_ Shā'ūl _he_was_afraid from_ _to/for_face/front/presence Dāvid if/because he_was **YHWH** with_him/it and_from_with Shā'ūl he_had_turned_aside. **13** And_he_removed_him Shā'ūl from_with_him and_he_ _appointed_him to_him/it a_commander_of a_thousand and_ _he/it_went_out and_he_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_people. **14** And_he/it_was Dāvid to/from_ _all/each/any/every way_of_his[97] being_successful and_**YHWH** with_him/it. **15** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_saw which/who he was_ _being_successful exceedingly and_he_was_afraid of_him. **16** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) was_loving ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid if/because he was_going_out and_was_coming before_them.

17 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to Dāvid HERE daughter_of_my (the)_old Mērāv ~~ĐOM~~ her/it I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) to/for_(a)_woman only become to/for_me (into)_a_son_of strength and_fight the_battles_of **YHWH** and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_ _said not let_it_be hand_of_my in/on/over_him/it and_let_it_ _be in_him/it the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **18** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said to Shā'ūl who am_I and_who kinsfolk_of_are_my the_ _clan_of my_father_of_my in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) that/for/because/then/when I_will_be a_son-in-law of_king. **19** And_he/it_was at_the_time_of gave ~~ĐOM~~ Mērāv the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl to_Dāvid and_she she_was_given to_'Adrī'ēl the_Məḥolātī to/for_(a)_woman. **20** And_ Mīkāl the_daughter_ _of Shā'ūl _she_loved ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid and_people_told to_Shā'ūl and_ the_matter _it_was_pleasing in_eyes_of_his. **21** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said I_will_give_her for_him/it so_that_she_may_ _become to_him/it (into)_a_snare and_so_that_it_may_be in_ _him/it the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to Dāvid in_two_times you_will_be_a_son-in-law to_me the_day. **22** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ servant_of_his[98] speak to Dāvid in_secrecy to_say HERE he_delights in_you the_king and_all servants_of_his they_love_you and_now be_son-in-law to_king. **23** And_ the_servants_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) _they_spoke in_ _the_ears_of Dāvid ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these and_ Dāvid _he/it_said trifling in_eyes_of_your(pl) is_to_be_ _son-in-law to_king and_I am_a_man poor and_lightly_ _esteemed. **24** And_ the_servants_of Shā'ūl _they_told to_him/it to_say according_the_words/messages the_these Dāvid he_ _spoke. **25** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said thus you(pl)_will_say to_ _Dāvid there_is_not delight to/for_the_king in_bride-price if/because for_a_hundred foreskins_of Pəlishtiy to_avenge_ _himself on_the_enemies_of the_king and_Shā'ūl he_planned to_make_fall ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid by_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **26** And_ servants_of_his _they_told to_Dāvid ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these and_ the_matter _it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_ _of Dāvid to_be_son-in-law to_king and_not the_days they_ _were_completed. **27** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_

93 RV 18:13 · Note It's not entirely clear what the implications of this coming and going were (and similarly at the end of v16). It could easily refer to him returning successfully from military excursions.

97 LV 18:14 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

98 LV 18:22 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

Literal Version

_went he and_men_of_his and_he_struck_down among_
_Pəlishtiy two_hundred man and_ Dāvid _he/it_brought ĐOM
foreskins_of_their and_people_gave_them_in_full to/for_the_
_king to_be_son-in-law to_king and_he_gave to_him/it Shā'ūl
ĐOM Mīkāl daughter_of_his to/for_(a)_woman. **28** And_
Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_saw and_he/it_knew if/because_that
YHWH was_with Dāvid and_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl she_
_loved_him. **29** And_ Shā'ūl _he_increased to_be_afraid from_
_face/in_front_of Dāvid again and_he/it_was Shā'ūl an_enemy
ĐOM Dāvid all_of the_days. **30** And_ the_commanders_of the_
_Pəlishtiy _they_went_out and_he/it_was from_sufficiency
they_went_out Dāvid he_was_successful from_all the_servants_
of Shā'ūl and his/its_name _it_was_esteemed exceedingly.

19:1 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_spoke to
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son and_near/to all_
_of servants_of_his to_kill ĐOM Dāvid and_Yōnātān the_son_of
Shā'ūl he_delighted in_Dāvid exceedingly. **2** And_ Yōnātān _he_
_told to_Dāvid to_say Shā'ūl father_of_my is_seeking to_kill_
_you and_now take_care please in_morning and_you_will_
_remain in_place and_you_will_hide_yourself. **3** And_I I_will_
_go_out and_I_will_stand to_the_side_of my_father_of_my in_
_the_field where you are_there and_I I_will_speak in_you to
father_of_my and_I_will_see whatever and_I_will_tell to/for_
you(fs). **4** And Yōnātān _he/it_spoke in_Dāvid good to
Shā'ūl/(Saul) his/its_father and_he/it_said to_him/it not the_
_king let_him_sin against_servant_of_his against_Dāvid
if/because not he_has_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_
_because/when deeds_of_his are_good to/for_yourself(m)
exceedingly. **5** And_he/it_assigned ĐOM life_of_his in_palm_of_
_his and_he_struck_down ĐOM the_Philistine and_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_made a_deliverance great to/from_all/each/any/every
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_saw and_you_rejoiced and_for_what will_
_you_sin against_blood innocent by_killing ĐOM Dāvid without_
cause. **6** And Shā'ūl _he/it_listened to_the_voice_of
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_ Shā'ūl _he_swore_an_
_oath by_the_life of_**YHWH** if he_will_be_put_to_death. **7** And_
Yōnātān _he/it_called to_Dāvid and_he_told to_him/it Yōnātān
ĐOM all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ Yōnātān _he/it_
_brought ĐOM Dāvid to Shā'ūl and_he/it_was before_him as_
_yesterday three_days_ago. **8** And_ the_war _it_repeated to_be
and_ Dāvid _he/it_went_out and_he_fought against_Pəlishtiy
and_he_defeated (is)_in_them a_defeat great and_they_fled
from_before_of_him. **9** And_it_became a_spirit_of **YHWH** evil to
Shā'ūl and_he in_house_of_his was_sitting and_spear_of_his in_
_his/its_hand and_Dāvid was_playing with_hand. **10** And_
Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_sought to_strike with_spear (on)_Dāvid
and_(on)_wall and_he_escaped from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl
and_he_struck ĐOM the_spear in_wall and_Dāvid he_fled and_
_he_escaped in_night that. **11** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers
to the_house_of Dāvid to_watch_for_him and_to_kill_him in_
_morning and_she_told to_Dāvid Mīkāl his/its_wife/woman to_
_say if not_you are_delivering ĐOM life_of_your the_night
tomorrow you will_be_put_to_death. **12** And_ Mīkāl _she_let_
_down ĐOM Dāvid through the_window and_he/it_went and_
_he_fled and_he_escaped. **13** And_ Mīkāl _she/it_took ĐOM the_

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fill the pledge, and so Sha'ul had to give his daughter Mikal to become his wife.

28 But when Sha'ul realised that Yahweh was helping David, and that his daughter loved him, **29** he became more afraid of David, so he remained hostile to David from then on.

30 Whenever the Pelishti commanders decided to attack, David was more successful than any other of Sha'ul's commanders, so he became very famous.

Sha'ul persecutes David · Full kingdom

19:1 Then Sha'ul (Saul) urged his son Yonatan (Jonathan) and all his servants to kill David, but Yonatan really liked David **2** and told him, "My father Sha'ul wants to get rid of you, so please watch out in the morning. Find a hiding place and stay there. **3** And what I'll do, I'll go out and stand by my father in the countryside where you're hiding, and I'll bring you into the conversation to see what he'll say about you."

4 So the next morning, Yonatan spoke well of David to his father Sha'ul, saying, "Don't let the king sin against his servant, against David, because he hasn't sinned against you, and actually, he's been a big help to you. **5** He took his life into his hands when he fought against Galyat (Goliath), and Yahweh used it to save all Yisrael (Israel). So why would you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death for no reason."

6 Sha'ul listened to Yonatan, then he promised, "As surely as Yahweh lives, he won't be put to death." **7** Afterwards, Yonatan called David and told him what had been said. Then he brought David back to work for Sha'ul and things carried on as before.

8 Then war broke out again, and David went out and battled against the Pelishtim and defeated them so badly that they fled away from him.

9 One day as Sha'ul was sitting in his house, an evil spirit from Yahweh came on him. He had his spear in his hand, and David was playing the harp. **10** Sha'ul tried to hit David with the spear, but David eluded him and the spear went into the wall. Then David slipped away and fled that night.

11 Sha'ul sent messengers to watch David's house to kill him in the morning,[99] but his wife Mikal told him, "If you don't do something to save your life tonight, you'll be dead by tomorrow." **12** So Mikal lowered David out through the window, and he was able to slip out and take off. **13** Then she took a household idol and put it in the bed, putting a goats' hair quilt where the head should be and covering it with the bed-clothes. **14** When Sha'ul sent messengers to arrest David, she told them, "He's sick." **15** Sha'ul sent the messengers back, telling them, "Bring him up to me bed and all so I can kill him." **16** But when the messengers

99 RV 19:11 · Cross-ref. Psa 59 header.

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returned, look, it was a household idol in the bed with a goats' hair quilt as its head. **17** Sha'ul had Mikal brought in and questioned, "Why did you deceive me like that and sent my enemy off, so that he slipped away?"

"He told me that he'd kill me," Mikal answered Sha'ul, "if I didn't help him escape."

18 After David had slipped away, he went to Shmuel (Samuel) in Ramah and told him everything that Sha'ul had done to him, then the two of them went and stayed in Navit. **19** But Sha'ul was told that David was in Navit near Ramah, **20** so he sent messengers to capture David. When they saw a group of prophets prophesying and Shmuel standing as head over them, God's spirit came onto Sha'ul's messengers and they also prophesied. **21** They told Sha'ul and he sent more messengers and they also prophesied. He sent messengers a third time, and they started prophesying as well. **22** Finally Sha'ul himself headed towards Ramah and got as far as the large water cistern in Seku. He asked around about Shmuel and David, and was told that they were in Navit near Ramah. **23** So he went to Navit, and God's spirit came on him as well. As he walked, he kept prophesying until he entered Navit. **24** He took off his outer clothes and prophesied in front of Shmuel. He lay undressed all that day and all night, so that's why people ask, "Is Sha'ul a prophet as well?"[100]

Yonatan helps David · Full kingdom

20:1 Then David fled from Navit near Ramah and went to Yonatan (Jonathan) and asked, "What have I done? What did I do wrong? What sin has made your father so angry that he wants to take my life?"

2 "Far from it," Yonatan responded. "You won't die. Listen, my father doesn't do anything, big or small, without telling me. So why would my father hide this from me if it was his plan? No,

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_teraphim and_she_put_it into the_bed and_ĐOM (the)_quilt_of (the)_goat_hair(s) she_put of_its_head_of_the_place and_she_ _covered_it with_garment. **14** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers to_take/accept/receive ĐOM Dāvid and_she/it_said he is_sick. **15** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent ĐOM the_messengers to_see ĐOM Dāvid to_say bring_up ĐOM_him/it on_bed to_me to_kill_him. **16** And_ the_messengers _they_came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _teraphim was_to the_bed and_the_quilt_of (the)_goat_hair(s) place_of_its_head_of_was_the. **17** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said to Mīkāl to/for_what thus have_you_deceived_me and_you_ _have_let_go ĐOM enemy_of_my and_he_has_escaped and_ Mīkāl _she/it_said to Shā'ūl he he_said to_me let_me_go why will_I_kill_you. **18** And_Dāvid he_fled and_he_escaped and_he_ _went to Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) to_(the)_Rāmāh and_he_told to_ _him/it ĐOM all_of that he_had_done to_him/it Shā'ūl and_ he and_Shəmū'ēl _he/it_went and_they_lived in/on/at/with[101]. **19** And_it_was_told to_Shā'ūl to_say THERE Dāvid in/on/at/with[102] in_Rāmāh. **20** And_ Shā'ūl _he_sent messengers to_take/accept/receive ĐOM Dāvid and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_company_of the_prophets prophesying and_Shəmū'ēl was_standing chief over_them and_it_became on the_ _messengers_of Shā'ūl the_spirit_of god and_ also they _they_ _prophesied. **21** And_people_told to_Shā'ūl and_he_sent messengers other and_ also they _they_prophesied and_ Shā'ūl _he_repeated and_he_sent messengers third and_ also they _ _they_prophesied. **22** And_ also he _he/it_went to_(the)_Rāmāh and_he_came to a_cistern_of (the)_great which is_in_Sēkū and_ _he_asked and_he/it_said where are_Shəmū'ēl and_Dāvid and_ _he/it_said THERE in/on/at/with[103] in_Rāmāh. **23** And_he/it_ _went there to Nāvīt[104] in_Rāmāh and_it_became on/upon/above_him/it also he the_spirit_of god and_he/it_ _went steadily_(go) and_he_prophesied until came_he in/on/at/with[105] in_Rāmāh. **24** And_ also he _he_stripped_off clothes_of_his and_ also he _he_prophesied to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) and_he_fell_down naked all_of the_day (the)_that and_all the_night therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_say also is_Shā'ūl/(Saul) among_ _prophets.

20:1 And_ Dāvid _he_fled mmm[109] in_Rāmāh and_he_went and_ _he/it_said to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) what have_I_done what my_ _perversity/evil/guilt/punishment and_what sin_of_is_my to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before father_of_your that/for/because/then/when he_is_seeking ĐOM life_of_my. **2** And_he/it_said to_him/it far_be_it not you_will_die HERE mmm wwww[110] father_of_my anything great or anything small

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100 RV 19:24 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 10:11-12.

101 LV 19:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 n_0 morph_HR/Np id_09MHW תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

102 LV 19:19 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 n_0.0 morph_HR/Np id_09y2D תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

103 LV 19:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 morph_HR/Np id_09gp2 תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

104 LV 19:23 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ': lemma_5121 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_098Ge תוֹנֶ֫ךָ

105 LV 19:23 · Note OSHB variant note: תיונ/ב: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ': lemma_b/5121 morph_HR/Np id_09RaU תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/בְּ

109 LV 20:1 · Note OSHB variant note: תוונ/מ: (x-qere) 'תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/מִ': lemma_m/5121 n_1.0 morph_HR/Np id_09eLB תוֹנֶ֫ךָ/מִ

110 LV 20:2 · Note OSHB variant note: השע־ו/ל: (x-qere) 'אֹל': lemma_3808 morph_HTn id_09uGu אֹל־ 'הֶשֶּׁעַי־': lemma_6213 a morph_HVqi3ms id_09dRu הֶשֶּׁעַי

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and_not he_uncovers ~~DOM~~ ear_of_my and_why father_of_my will_he_hide from_me ~~DOM~~ the_thing the_this is_not this. **3** And_he_swore_an_oath again Dāvid and_he/it_said well_ _(know) father_of_your he_knows if/because_that I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your and_he/it_said not Yōnātān let_him_ _know this lest he_should_be_grieved and_but by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_self_of_your if/because about_a_ _step is_between_me and_between (the)_death. **4** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to Dāvid whatever self_of_your it_will_say and_I_ _will_do for_you. **5** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yōnātān HERE a_ _new_moon will_be_tomorrow and_I really_(sit) I_will_sit with the_king to_eat and_you_will_let_me_go and_I_will_hide_ _myself in_field until the_evening (the)_third. **6** If actually_ _(miss) he_will_miss_me father_of_your and_you_will_say urgently_(ask) he_asked_for_himself from_me Dāvid to_run Bēyt- leḥem city_of_his if/because the_sacrifice_of the_days is_ _there to/from_all/each/any/every the_clan. **7** If thus he_will_ _say good safety belongs_to_servant_of_your and_if really_ _(burn) it_will_burn to_him/it know if/because_that (the)_ _harm it_has_been_determined from_with_him. **8** And_you_ _will_do covenant_loyalty towards servant_of_your if/because in_(the)_covenant_of **YHWH** you_have_brought ~~DOM~~ servant_ _of_your with_you and_if there_is in_me iniquity put_me_to_ _death you and_unto father_of_your to/for_what this will_you_ _bring_me. **9** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he/it_ _said far_be_it to_you if/because if ever_(know) I_will_know if/because_that (the)_harm it_has_been_determined from_with father_of_my to_come on_you and_not ~~DOM~~_her/it will_I_tell to/for_you(fs). **10** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yōnātān who will_ _he_tell to_me or what will_he_answer_you father_of_your hard. **11** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to Dāvid come and_let_us_ _go_out the_field and_ both_of_them _they_went_out the_field. **12** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to Dāvid **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that I_will_sound_out ~~DOM~~ father_ _of_my about_time tomorrow the_third and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE good is_to Dāvid and_not then will_I_send to_you and_I_will_ _uncover ~~DOM~~ ear_of_your. **13** Thus **YHWH** may_he_do to_ _Yōnātān and_thus may_he_add if/because it_will_make_good to father_of_my ~~DOM~~ (the)_harm on_you and_I_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ ear_of_your and_I_will_send_you_away and_you_will_go to_peace and_let_it_be **YHWH** with_you just_as he_has_been with father_of_my. **14** And_not if still_I am_alive and_not you_ _will_do with_me the_covenant_loyalty_of **YHWH** and_not I_ _will_die. **15** And_not you_must_cut_off ~~DOM~~ loyalty_of_your_ _covenant from_with house_of_my until perpetuity and_not when_ **YHWH** _cuts_off ~~DOM~~ the_enemies_of Dāvid everyone from_under the_surface_of the_soil. **16** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he_made with the_house_of Dāvid and_ **YHWH** _he_will_require from_the_hand_of the_ _enemies_of Dāvid. **17** And_ Yōnātān _he_repeated to_make_ _swear_an_oath ~~DOM~~ Dāvid because_he_of_loved ~~DOM~~_him/it if/because the_loving_of his_own_self_of_his he_loved_him. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yōnātān will_be_tomorrow a_new_ _moon and_you_will_be_missed if/because seat_of_your it_will_ _be_empty. **19** And_you_will_do_on_the_third_day you_will_

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you're wrong."

3 "For sure, your father knows that you've taken a liking to me," said David, "and he would have decided not to tell you so you wouldn't be upset." Then David made an oath again, "Indeed, as Yahweh is alive, and as your soul is alive, death is definitely only a step away from me."

4 "I'll do anything for you—whatever you say," Yonatan confirmed.

5 "Listen, the new moon celebration is tomorrow,[106] and I'll definitely be expected to sit with the king to eat," David told him. "But you should let me go, and I'll hide myself in the countryside until the third evening. **6** If your father misses me, then tell him, 'David begged me to let him go to his home in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), to join his clan for their yearly sacrifice.' **7** If your father says, 'That's fine,' then your servant can relax. But if he gets really angry, you'll know that he's planning evil. **8** If that's the case, it'll be up to you to do what's right with your servant in terms of our agreement before Yahweh. If I've been disloyal to the king, kill me yourself—no need to drag me to him.

9 "Don't even think of it," Yonatan responded. "If I find out that my father has decided to harm you, I'll certainly tell you."

10 "If your father does have a cruel plan, who'll tell me?" David asked Yonatan.

11 "Come with me out to the countryside." Yonatan replied. So they went out to the countryside together **12** and he promised David, "By Yahweh the god of Yisrael (Israel), I will definitely sound out my father around this time tomorrow, or soon after. If it looks good for you, then I'll certainly send a message to let you know. **13** But if he's planning evil for you, may Yahweh punish me similarly or even worse if I don't inform you, and send you away so you can leave in peace. And may Yahweh be with you just like he used to be with my father. **14** But as long as I'm still alive, please keep our agreement of faithfulness before Yahweh so I won't die. **15** Don't ever terminate that agreement of faithfulness towards my family,[107] even when Yahweh destroys your enemies wherever they are. **16** So Yonatan made a multi-generational agreement with David, adding, "And may Yahweh punish David's enemies."

17 Then Yonatan got David to promise again because he loved him as much as he loved his own life, **18** and he told him, "The new moon celebration is tomorrow, and you'll be missed because your seat will be empty. **19** The following day, go to the place where you hid before and stay by the big rock. **20** I'll shoot three arrows to the side of it, as if trying to hit a target. **21** Then I'll send my boy to find the arrows. If I tell him that they're on my side, then just as Yahweh lives it'll be safe for you to come out. **22** But if I tell the boy that they're on the far side, go because Yahweh is sending you away. **23** As for our pact, Yahweh will

106 **RV 20:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:11.

107 **RV 20:15 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 9:1.

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watch over us and our descendants."

24 So David hid himself in the countryside, and at the new moon celebrations, the king sat down to eat— **25** sitting at his usual seat by the wall. Yonatan sat opposite, and Avner sat beside Sha'ul (Saul). No one was sitting in David's seat **26** but Sha'ul didn't say anything that day, thinking, "Something must have happened that made him ceremonially unclean." **27** However, the next day of the celebration when David was still missing, Sha'ul asked his son Yonatan, "Why didn't Yishay's (Jesse's) son come to the meal yesterday or today?"

28 "David begged me to let him go to Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)," Yonatan answered. **29** "He requested, 'Please release me because our clan's sacrifice will be in the city, and my brother has told me to be there. So now, if I've found favour in your eyes, please let me slip away and go to see my brothers.' That's why he hasn't come to the king's table."

30 Sha'ul was furious at Yonatan and yelled at him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do you think that I don't know that you're taking the side of Yishay's son? It's to your detriment and to the shame of your mother's nakedness, **31** because as long as that son of Yishay stays alive on this earth, you and your kingdom will never be established. Now, send men and arrest him, because he's on his way to the grave!"

32 "Why should he be put to death?" Yonatan retorted. "What wrong has he done?"

33 Then Sha'ul hurled his spear at him to kill him, and Yonatan knew then that his father had already determined to kill David. **34** Yonatan angrily got up from the table. He didn't eat any food that second day of the celebration—he was upset about David because his father had dishonoured him.[108] **35** So it was that the following morning, Yonatan went out to the countryside at the time agreed with David, taking a small boy with him. **36** "Run ahead—find the arrows that I'm about to shoot," he told his boy. The boy ran and he shot the arrow to go over his head. **37** The boy went to where the arrow was, but Yonatan called out, "Isn't the arrow further past you?" **38** Then he added, "Hurry up! Don't mess around." So the boy picked up the arrow and brought it back to his master, **39** but the boy didn't realise what had just happened—only Yonatan and David knew. **40** Then Yonatan gave his equipment to the boy and sent him back to the city.

41 When the boy was gone, David came up from the side and dropped onto his knees, bowing three times with his face to the ground. Then they greeted each other with a kiss and cried together, although David cried the most. **42** Then Yonatan told David, "Go in peace, because us two have made a pact together in Yahweh's name, agreeing, 'Yahweh will watch between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever.' " Then David set off and Yonatan went back to the city.

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_come_down exceedingly and_you_will_come to the_place where you_hid_yourself there in/on_day of_the_deed and_you_ _will_stay beside the_stone (the)_Ezel. **20** And_I the_three_of the_arrows side_of_its I_will_shoot to_send_them to_me to_a_ _target. **21** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_will_send ÐOM the_lad go find ÐOM the_arrows if explicitly_(say) I_will_say to_lad THERE the_arrows are_from_you and_hither fetch_it and_come if/because safety to/for_yourself(m) and_there_is_not anything by_the_life of_**YHWH**. **22** And_if thus I_will_say to_man THERE the_arrows are_from_you and_beyond go if/because he_has_ _sent_you_away **YHWH**. **23** And_the_matter which I and_you we_have_spoken HERE **YHWH** will_be_between_me and_ _between_you until perpetuity. **24** And_ Dāvid _he_hid_himself in_the_field and_ the_new_moon _he/it_was and_ the_king _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived to[111] the_food to_eat. **25** And_ the_king _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on seat_ _of_his as_time on_time to the_seat_of the_wall and_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he/it_rose_up and_ 'Avnēr _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived from_the_side_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ the_place_of Dāvid _it_was_empty. **26** And_ _not Shā'ūl he_spoke anything in_the_day (the)_that if/because he_said is_chance it not is_clean he if/because not clean. **27** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day_of the_new_moon the_ _second and_ the_place_of Dāvid _it_was_empty and_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to Yōnātān his/its_son why not the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) has_he_come both yesterday as_well_as the_day to the_food. **28** And_ Yōnātān _he_answered ÐOM Shā'ūl urgently_(ask) Dāvid he_asked_for_himself from_with_me to Bēyt- leḥem. **29** And_he/it_said let_me_go please if/because a_ _sacrifice_of the_clan to/for_us in_city and_he he_has_ _commanded to_me my_brother/kindred and_now if I_have_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your let_me_slip_away please so_ _that_I_may_see ÐOM brothers_of_my therefore yes/correct/thus/so not he_has_come to the_table_of the_king. **30** And_ the_anger of_Shā'ūl _it_glowed/burnt on_Yōnātān and_he/it_said to_him/it Oh_son_of (the)_perverse_woman_of (the)_rebelliousness am_not do_I_know if/because_that you are_choosing (to)_the_son_of Yishay to_your_own_of_shame and_to_the_shame_of the_nakedness_of your_mother_of_your. **31** If/because all_of the_days which the_son_of Yishay he_lives on the_soil not you and_kingdom_of_your you_will_be_ _established and_now send and_fetch ÐOM_him/it to_me if/because is_a_son_of death he. **32** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _he_answered ÐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) his/its_father and_he/it_said to_him/it to/for_ _what will_he_be_put_to_death what has_he_done. **33** And_ Shā'ūl _he_hurled ÐOM the_spear on/upon/above_him/it to_ _strike_him and_ Yōnātān _he/it_knew if/because_that it_had_ _been_determined it from_with his/its_father to_kill ÐOM Dāvid. **34** And_ Yōnātān _he/it_rose_up from_with the_table in_ _the_heat_of anger and_not he_ate in/on_day of_the_new_ _moon the_second food if/because he_was_grieved concerning Dāvid if/because he_had_put_him_to_shame his/its_father.

108 RV 20:34 · Note It's not entirely clear who this 'him' was (as Sha'ul had seriously dishonoured Yonatan as well), so we've left it ambiguous (although David was certainly the last name mentioned).

111 LV 20:24 · Note OSHB variant note: לע: (x-qere) 'לֶֽא': lemma_413 morph_HR id_09Gd9 לֶֽא

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35 And_he/it_was in_morning and_ Yōnātān _he/it_went_out the_field to_the_appointed_time_of Dāvid and_a_lad small with_him/it. 36 And_he/it_said to_lad_of_his run find please ~~ḎOM~~ the_arrows which I am_about_to_shoot the_lad he_ran and_he he_shot the_arrow to_make_it_pass_beyond_him. 37 And_ the_lad _he_came to the_place_of the_arrow which Yōnātān he_had_shot and_ Yōnātān _he/it_called after the_lad and_he/it_said am_not is_the_arrow from_you and_beyond. 38 And_ Yōnātān _he/it_called after lad quickly make_haste do_ _not delay and_ the_lad_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) _ _he_picked_up ~~ḎOM~~ the[112] and_he_came to master(s)_of_his. 39 And_the_lad not he_knew anything only Yōnātān and_Dāvid they_knew ~~ḎOM~~ the_matter. 40 And_ Yōnātān _he/it_gave ~~ḎOM~~ weapons_of_his to the_lad who to_him/it and_he/it_said to_ _him/it go take_them the_city. 41 The_lad he_went and_Dāvid he_arose from_beside the_south and_he_fell to_face_of_his towards_land and_he_bowed_down three times and_they_ _kissed each ~~ḎOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_they_wept_for each ~~ḎOM~~ his/its_neighbour until Dāvid he_did_great_things. 42 And_ Yōnātān _he/it_said to_Dāvid go to_peace that the_two_of_of_ _us we we_have_sworn_an_oath in/on_name_of **YHWH** to_say **YHWH** he_will_be between_me and_between_you and_between offspring_of_my and_between your(ms)_seed/fruit until perpetuity.

21:1 [113] And_he/it_rose_up and_he_went and_Yōnātān he_went the_city.

2 [118] And_ Dāvid _he_went to_Nov to ʾAḥīmelek the_ _priest/officer and_ ʾAḥīmelek _he_trembled to_meet Dāvid and_he/it_said to_him/it why are_you you_alone and_anyone there_is_not with_you. 3 [119] And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_ _ʾAḥīmelek the_priest/officer the_king he_commanded_me a_ _matter and_he/it_said to_me anyone not let_him_know anything ~~ḎOM~~ the_matter which I am_sending_of_you and_ _which I_have_commanded_you and_~~ḎOM~~ the_young_men I_ _have_directed to a_place_of a_certain_one a_certain_one. 4 [120] And_now what is_there under hand_of_your five bread[s] give in_hand_of_my or the_that_which_is_found. 5 [121] And_ the_ _priest/officer _he_answered ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid and_he/it_said there_ _is_not bread_of profaneness to under hand_of_my if/because (if) bread_of holiness there_is if the_young_men they_have_ _kept_themselves only from_a_woman. 6 [122] And_ Dāvid _he_ _answered ~~ḎOM~~ the_priest/officer and_he/it_said to_him/it if/because (if) woman is_withheld to/for_us as_yesterday three_days_ago when_I_go_out and_ the_vessels_of the_young_ _men _they_were holiness and_he is_a_journey_of profaneness

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David stays at Nov · Full kingdom

21:1 David went to the priest Ahimelek at Nov, but Ahimelek trembled when he saw David and asked him, "Why are you here by yourself? How come you don't have a companion?"[114]

2 "The king sent me on an errand," David replied, "but he told me not to tell anyone about the matter that he sent me on. Plus I've told my young men where to meet me. **3** Now, what food do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread or whatever you can find."

4 "There is no ordinary bread on hand," the priest answered. "But there is the sacred bread, if only the young men have kept themselves from women."

5 "There's definitely been no women near us for three days," David told the priest. "That's how I always do missions. The men[115] have been pure, even though it was a common journey, and today even more so."

6 So the priest gave him the sacred bread, because there was

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112 LV 20:38 · Note OSHB variant note: יצח/ה: (x-qere) 'סִיצְּחָֽהּ': lemma_d/2678 n_0.1 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_09nbe סִיצְּחָֽהּ

113 LV 21:1 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.20.42

114 RV 21:1-6 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:3-4; Mrk 2:25-26; Luk 6:3.

115 RV 21:5 · Note The Hebrew says 'the men's vessels' (or 'containers'). It's not culturally clear if that referred to their 'bodies' (as this translation implies) or to something they carried.

118 LV 21:2 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.1

119 LV 21:3 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.2

120 LV 21:4 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.3

121 LV 21:5 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.4

122 LV 21:6 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.5

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no other bread there other than the previous day's bread of the presence which had been removed from in front of Yahweh to be replaced by fresh bread.[116]

7 Now it so happened that one of Sha'ul's (Saul's) servants was there that day presenting himself to Yahweh. He was Doeg the Edomi, a leader of Sha'ul's herdsmen.

8 David asked Ahimelek, "Do you have any spear or sword here? I didn't have time to grab my sword or my weapons when I left, because the king's matter was urgent."

9 "I've only got Galyat's (Goliath's) sword," replied the priest. "From the Pelishti who you killed in the Elah valley.[117] Look, it's wrapped in the cloak behind the sacred apron. If you want to take it for yourself, take it, because there's no other sword around here."

"Yes, there's no other sword like it," said David. "Get it for me."

David flees to Gat · Full kingdom

10 Then David left and continued moving to distance himself from Sha'ul (Saul), and he went to King Akish of Gat. **11** But Akish's servants complained to him, "Isn't that David who'll become king of Yisrael (Israel)? Isn't he the one they sing about when they dance, chanting, 'Sha'ul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands?' "[127]

12 David listened to those words without any reaction because he was very afraid of what King Akish might do,[128] **13** so he changed his behaviour when he was with them and pretended to be insane.[129] He scratched on wooden doors and let his saliva dribble down his beard. **14** Then King Akish complained to his servants, "Look, that man's insane. Why did you all bring him to me? **15** Don't I already have enough madmen around here—why

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and_indeed if/because the_day it_is_holy in_vessel. **7** [123] And_ _he_gave to_him/it the_priest/officer a_holy_thing if/because not it_was there bread if/because (if) the_bread_of the_ _presence which_had_been_removed from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** to_put bread_of heat in/on_day it_was_taken_away. **8** [124] And_there a_man one_of_the_ _servants_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) in_the_day (the)_that he_was_ _detained to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _his/its_name was_Do'ēg the_'Edōmite the_mighty_one_of the_ _shepherds who belonged_to_Shā'ūl. **9** [125] And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said to_'Aḥīmelek and_not there_is here under hand_of_your a_spear or a_sword if/because both sword_of_my and_also weapons_of_my not I_took in_hand_of_my if/because it_was the_matter_of the_king urgent. **10** [126] And_ the_priest/officer _ _he/it_said the_sword_of Golyat the_Philistine whom you_ _struck_down in_valley_of 'Ēlāh HERE it is_wrapped in_cloak behind the_ephod if ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it you_will_take to/for_ _yourself(m) take_it if/because there_is_not another except_it in_this_place and_ Dāvid _he/it_said there_is_not like_it give_it to/for_me.

11 [130] And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he_fled in_the_day (the)_ _that from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl and_he_went to 'Akīsh the_ _king_of Gat. **12** [131] And_ the_servants_of 'Akīsh _they_said to_ _him/it am_not is_this Dāvid the_king_of the_earth/land am_ _not of_this_one do_people_sing in_dancing(s) to_say Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_has_struck_down in/on/at/with[132] and_Dāvid in/on/at/with[133]. **13** [134] And_ Dāvid _he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _words/messages the_these in_heart_of_his and_he_was_afraid exceedingly from_face/in_front_of 'Akīsh the_king_of Gat. **14** [135] And_he_changed_it ᴅᴏᴍ sense_of_his in_eyes_of_their and_he_acted_like_a_madman in_hand_of_their and[136] on the_ _doors_of the_gate and_he_made_to_flow_down spittle_of_his to beard_of_his. **15** [137] And_ 'Akīsh _he/it_said to servants_of_ _his THERE you(pl)_see a_man behaving_like_a_madman to/for_what do_you(pl)_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_me. **16** [138] Lacking_of mad_men am_I that/for/because/then/when

116 RV 21:6 · Cross-ref. Lev 24:5-9.
117 RV 21:9 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 17:51.
123 LV 21:7 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.6
124 LV 21:8 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.7
125 LV 21:9 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.8
126 LV 21:10 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.9
127 RV 21:11 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 18:7; 29:5.
128 RV 21:12 · Cross-ref. Psa 56 header.
129 RV 21:13 · Cross-ref. Psa 34 header.
130 LV 21:11 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.10
131 LV 21:12 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.11
132 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/פלא/ו: (x-qere) ב/וַיִּפָּלֶא/ו: lemma_b/505 n_0.1 morph_HR/Acbpc/Sp3ms id_09VGa ב/וַיִּפָּלֶא/ו
133 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/תבבר/ו: (x-qere) ב/וַיִּתְבַּבַּר/ו: lemma_b/7233 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_099dP ב/וַיִּתְבַּבַּר/ו
134 LV 21:13 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.12
135 LV 21:14 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.13
136 LV 21:14 · Note OSHB variant note: ותי/ו: (x-qere) וַיִּתֵּן/ו: lemma_c/8427 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vpw3ms id_09bst וַיִּתֵּן/ו
137 LV 21:15 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.14
138 LV 21:16 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.21.15

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you(pl)_have_brought ~~ĐƟM~~ this_one to_behave_like_a_madman on_me this_one will_he_come into house_of_my.

22:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_went from_there and_he_escaped to the_cave_of ʹAdullām and_ brothers_of_his and_all the_ _household_of his/its_father _they_heard and_they_went_ _down to_him/it to_(to). **2** And_they_gathered_together to_ _him/it every_of man distress and_all man whom to_him/it a_ _creditor and_all man bitter_of soul and_he/it_was over_them (into)_a_commander and_they_were with_him/it about_four hundred(s) man. **3** And_ Dāvid _he/it_went from_there Mitspāh of_Mō'āv and_he/it_said to the_king_of Mō'āv let_him_go_out please father_of_my and_mother_of_my with_you(pl) until that I_will_know what will_he_do to/for_me god. **4** And_he_led_ _them with the_presence_of the_king_of Mō'āv and_they_lived with_him/it all_of the_days_of the_being of_Dāvid in_ _stronghold. **5** And_ Gād the_prophet _he/it_said to Dāvid not you_must_remain in_stronghold go and_you_will_go (for)_ _yourself the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ Dāvid _he/it_went and_he_came the_forest_of Ḫeret.

6 And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_listened if/because_that Dāvid and_ _the_men who with_him/it he_was_known and_Shā'ūl was_ _sitting at_Giv'āh under the_tamarisk_tree at_place and_spear_ _of_his was_in_hand_of_his and_all servants_of_his were_ _standing on/upon/above_him/it. **7** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_ _servants_of_his who_were_standing on/upon/above_him/it listen please Oh_Ben-_of jaminites also to_all_of_you(pl) the_ _son_of Yishay/(Jesse) will_he_give fields and_vineyards (to)_ _all_of_you(pl) will_he_appoint commanders_of thousands and_ _commanders_of hundreds. **8** That/for/because/then/when of_you_of_all you(pl)_have_conspired on_me and_there_is_not one_who_opens ~~ĐƟM~~ ear_of_my when_ son_of_my _makes with the_son_of Yishay and_there_is_not one_who_feels_pain from_ _of_you(pl) on_me and_opening ~~ĐƟM~~ ear_of_my if/because_that son_of_my he_has_raised_up ~~ĐƟM~~ servant_of_my on_me to_an_ _ambusher as_day (the)_this. **9** And_ Do'ēg the_'Edōmite _he_ _answered and_he was_standing with the_servants_of Shā'ūl and_he_said I_saw ~~ĐƟM~~ the_son_of Yishay coming to_Nov to 'Aḫīmelek the_son_of 'Aḫīṭūv. **10** And_he_enquired to_him/it by_**YHWH** and_provision[s] he_gave to_him/it and_~~ĐƟM~~ the_ _sword_of Golyat the_Philistine he_gave to_him/it. **11** And_ the_king _he_sent to_call ~~ĐƟM~~ 'Aḫīmelek the_son_of 'Aḫīṭūv the_priest/officer and_~~ĐƟM~~ all_of the_house_of his/its_father the_priests who were_at_Nov and_ of_them_of_all _they_came to the_king. **12** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said listen please Oh_ _son_of 'Aḫīṭūv and_he/it_said here_I_am my_master. **13** And_ _he/it_said him[142] Shā'ūl to/for_what have_you(pl)_conspired on_me you and_the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) when_gave_you[143] to_him/it bread and_a_sword and_you_enquired to_him/it by_ _god to_rise_up to_me to_an_ambusher as_day (the)_this.

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add another? Must that man come into my house?"

David moves around but gains followers · Full kingdom

22:1 So David left there and slipped away to the cave at Adulam.[139] When his brothers and other relatives found out, they went and joined him there. **2** Over time, any man who was in trouble, or in debt, or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader—some four hundred men in all.

3 From there, David went to Mitspah in Moav (Moab), and he asked the king of Moav, "Please let my parents stay here in the palace with you until I find out what God will do for me." **4** So he took them to the king where they stayed with him the entire time that David lived in the fortress.

5 Then the prophet Gad told David, "Don't stay in the fortress. Leave it and come back to Yehudah's (Judah's) region." So David left and went to the Heret forest in Yehudah.

The slaughter of the priests · Full kingdom

6 One day, Sha'ul (Saul) was sitting holding his spear underneath the tamarisk tree on a hill near Giveah with all his servants stationed around him, when he heard where David and his men were, **7** and he accused his servants, "Listen now, you Benyamites. Will Yishay's (Jesse's) son also[140] give fields and vineyards to all of you? Will he make all of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds? **8** Yes, all of you have conspired against me. Not one of you informed me when my own son made a pact with that son of Yishay. And none of you took my side or even informed me that my son has encouraged my servant to lie in ambush against me as he is today!"

9 Now Doeg the Edomi was stationed there with Sha'ul's servants, and he spoke up, "I saw Yishay's son go to Nov and talk with Ahimelek the priest,[141] **10** and the priest asked Yahweh for directions for him, and gave him food and Galyat's (Goliath's) sword."

11 Then the king summoned Ahituv's son Ahimelek and all his relatives who were priests to Nov, and they all came to the king. **12** "Listen now, son of Ahituv," said Sha'ul.

"Go ahead my master," answered Ahimelek.

13 "Why have you all conspired against me?" asked Sha'ul. "You gave bread to Yishay's son, and a sword, and you asked guidance from God for him, so now he's risen up against me—lying in ambush this very day?"

14 "Isn't David one of your most faithful servants?" Ahimelek answered the king. "He's the king's son-in-law and commander

139 RV 22:1 · Cross-ref. Psa 57 header; Psa 142 header.

140 RV 22:7 · Note See note on 'גַּם' ('gam') at https://www.sil.org/resources/publications/entry/99313.

141 RV 22:9-10 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 21:7-9; Psa 52 header.

142 LV 22:13 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/לֹא: (x-qere) וְ/יֵלֵא: lemma_413 n_1.2.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_09hya וְ/יֵלֵא

143 LV 22:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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over your guards, and isn't he honoured in your house? 15 Did I begin to inquire for him from God today? Far be it from me! Don't let the king accuse his servant or any of my father's household, because your servant doesn't know about any of this—nothing at all."

16 "For certain, Ahimelek," the king declared. "you and all your father's household will certainly die for that!" 17 Then the king commanded his messengers who were stationed beside him, "Turn around and put Yahweh's priests to death because they've taken David's side. And because they knew he was fleeing, but they didn't inform me." But the king's servants weren't willing to attack Yahweh's priests. 18 So the king commanded Doeg the Edomi, "You turn around and attack the priests." So Doeg turned and he himself attacked the priests. He killed eighty-five men that day who wore sacred linen aprons. 19 Also at Nov (the city of priests) he killed men and women with his sword, children and infants, cattle, donkeys, and sheep.

20 But one of Ahimelek's sons was able to slip away. His name was Evyatar and he fled to join David, 21 and informed him that Sha'ul (Saul) had commanded Doeg to kill Yahweh's priests. 22 "I knew on that day," David responded, "when Doeg the Edomi was there, that he would probably tell Sha'ul. It's my fault that your father and all his family were murdered. 23 Stick with me—don't be afraid, because the one who wants to kill me would kill you as well. You'll be safe with me."

David rescues Ke'ilah · Full kingdom

23:1 Some time later, David was told, "Listen, the Pelishtim are fighting against the city of Ke'ilah and they are stealing grain from the threshing floors," 2 so he asked Yahweh, "Should I go and attack those Pelishtim?"

"Go and attack the Pelishtim and save Ke'ilah," Yahweh responded.

3 But David's men warned him, "Listen, we're afraid here in Yehudah (Judah), and we'd be even more afraid if we went to Ke'ilah against the Pelishtim' battle lines." 4 So David double-checked with Yahweh who answered, "Get ready and go to Ke'ilah, because I'm about to give you victory over the Pelishtim." 5 Then David and his men went to Ke'ilah and battled

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14 And_ 'Aḥīmelek _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_he_said and_who among_all_of your_servants like_Dāvid is_faithful and_the_son-in-law_of the_king and_one_who_turns_aside to bodyguard_of_your and_one_who_is_honoured in_household_ _of_your. 15 The_day did_I_begin mmm[144] to_him/it by_god far_be_it to/for_me not the_king let_him_put against_servant_ _of_his anything in_all the_house_of my_father_of_my if/because not servant_of_your he_knew in_all this anything small or great. 16 And_ the_king _he/it_said surely_(die) you_ _will_die Oh_'Aḥīmelek you and_all the_house_of your_father_ _of_your. 17 And_ the_king _he/it_said to_runners who_were_ _standing on/upon/above_him/it turn_round and_put_to_ _death the_priests_of **YHWH** if/because also hand_of_their is_ _with Dāvid and_because/when they_knew if/because_that he was_fleeing and_not they_uncovered ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[145] and_not the_servants_of the_king they_were_willing to_stretch_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their to_fall on_the_priests_of **YHWH**. 18 And_ the_ _king _he/it_said mmm[146] you turn_round and_fall on_priests and_he_turned_round Do'ēg[147] the_'Edōmite and_ he _he_fell on_priests and_he_killed in_the_day (the)_that eighty and_five man who_bore an_ephod_of linen. 19 And_ᴅᴏᴍ Novʼ the_city_of the_priests he_struck_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword from_ _man and_unto woman from_a_child and_unto a_sucking_child and_ox[en] and_donkey[s] and_sheep to_the_mouth_of the_ _sword. 20 And_ a_son one of_'Aḥīmelek the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūvʼ _ _he_escaped and_his/its_name was_'Evyātār and_he_fled after Dāvid. 21 And_ 'Evyātār _he_told to_Dāvid if/because_that Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_had_killed ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests_of **YHWH**. 22 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_'Evyātār I_knew in_the_day (the)_that if/because was_there Do'ēg[148] the_'Edōmite if/because_that surely_(tell) he_will_tell to_Shā'ūl I I_have_turned in_all life_of the_house_of your_father_of_your. 23 Remain with_me do_not be_afraid if/because the_one_who he_seeks ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my he_ _seeks ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_your if/because are_in_good_care you with_ _me.

23:1 And_people_told to_Dāvid to_say THERE the_Pəlishtiy are_ _fighting against_Qə'īlāh and_they are_plundering ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _threshing_floors. 2 And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say will_I_go and_will_I_attack (in)_Pəlishtiy the_these and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid go and_you_will_attack (in)_Pəlishtiy and_ _you_will_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ Qə'īlāh. 3 And_ the_men_of Dāvid _they_ _said to_him/it HERE we here in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) are_fearful and_indeed if/because we_will_go Qə'īlāh against the_battle_ _lines_of the_Pəlishtiy. 4 And_he_repeated again Dāvid to_ _enquire by_**YHWH** and_he_answered_him **YHWH** and_he/it_ _said arise go_down Qə'īlāh if/because I am_about_to_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy in_hand_of_your. 5 And_he/it_went Dāvid his[149] Qə'īlāh and_he_fought against_Pəlishtiy and_he_drove_away ᴅᴏᴍ livestock_of_their and_he_defeated (is)_in_them a_defeat great and_ Dāvid _he_delivered ᴅᴏᴍ the_inhabitants_of Qə'īlāh.

144 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוֹאשׁ/ל: (x-qere) לְאָשׁ/ל': lemma_l/7592 morph_HR/Vqc id_09g86 לְאָשׁ/ל

145 **LV 22:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: נזא/ו: (x-qere) נָגְזָא/י': lemma_241 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cs id_09Cb1 נָגְזָא/י

146 **LV 22:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: גיוד/ל: (x-qere) גָּאוֹד/ל': lemma_l/1673 n_1.2 morph_HR/Np id_09aNE גָּאוֹד/ל

147 **LV 22:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: גיוד: (x-qere) גָּאוֹד': lemma_1673 morph_HNp id_09u2Q גָּאוֹד

148 **LV 22:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: גיוד: (x-qere) גָּאוֹד': lemma_1673 morph_HNp id_09bme גָּאוֹד

149 **LV 23:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/שנא/ו: (x-qere) ו/יְשַׁנָּא/ו': lemma_c/376 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_09kPr ו/יְשַׁנָּא/ו

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6 And_he/it_was when_ 'Evyātār the_son_of 'Aḥīmelek _fled to Dāvid Qə'ílāh an_ephod it_came_down in_his/its_hand. **7** And_ _it_was_told to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) if/because_that Dāvid he_had_ _gone Qə'ílāh and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said god he_has_alienated ~~DOM~~_him/it in_hand_of_my if/because he_has_shut_himself_up by_going in_a_city_of doors and_bar[s]. **8** And_ Shā'ūl _he_ _summoned ~~DOM~~ all_of the_people for_battle to_go_down Qə'ílāh to_lay_siege against Dāvid and_near/to men_of_his. **9** And_ Dāvid _he/it_knew if/because_that on/upon/above_ _him/it Shā'ūl was_plotting the_evil and_he/it_said to 'Evyātār the_priest/officer bring_near the_ephod. **10** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) certainly_(hear) servant_of_your he_has_heard if/because_that Shā'ūl is_ _seeking to_come to Qə'ílāh to_destroy (to)_city because_of_me. **11** Will_they_deliver_me_up the_citizens_of Qə'ílāh in_hand_of_ _his will_ Shā'ūl _he_come_down just_as servant_of_your he_ _has_heard Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) tell please to_servant_of_your and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said he_will_come_ _down. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said will_ the_citizens_of Qə'ílāh _ _they_deliver_up ~~DOM~~_me and_~~DOM~~ men_of_my in_the_hand_of Shā'ūl and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said they_will_deliver_you(pl)_up. **13** And_ Dāvid and_men_of_his about_six hundred(s) man _ _he/it_rose_up and_they_went_out from_Qə'ílāh and_they_ _went_about at_where they_went_about and_to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) it_was_told if/because_that Dāvid he_had_escaped from_Qə'ílāh and_he_ceased to_go_forth.

14 And_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _wilderness in_strongholds and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_country in_the_wilderness_of Zīf and_he_sought_him Shā'ūl all_of the_days and_not he_gave_ _him god in_his/its_hand. **15** And_ Dāvid _he/it_saw[152] if/because_that Shā'ūl he_had_come_forth to_seek ~~DOM~~ life_of_ _his and_Dāvid was_in_the_wilderness_of Zīf at_Ḥoresh. **16** And_ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shā'ūl _ _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to Dāvid Ḥoresh and_he_ _strengthened ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand in_god. **17** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it do_not be_afraid if/because not it_will_find_you the_ _hand_of Shā'ūl father_of_my and_you(ms) you_will_reign over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I I_will_become to_you (into)_second_in_ _rank and_also Shā'ūl father_of_my is_knowing right. **18** And_ both_of_them _they_made a_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** and_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived at_Ḥoresh and_Yōnātān he_went to_ _house_of_his. **19** And_ Zīfī _they_went_up to Shā'ūl/(Saul) to_ _(the)_Giv'āh to_say am_not is_Dāvid hiding_himself with_us in_strongholds at_Ḥoresh on_the_hill_of (the)_Hakilah which is_from_the_south_of (the)_Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon). **20** And_now to/from_all/each/any/every the_desire_of your_self_of_your the_king to_come_down come_down and_belongs_to_us to_ _deliver_him_up in_the_hand_of the_king. **21** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said you(pl) be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** if/because

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against the Pelishtim—thoroughly defeating them and taking their livestock, thus saving the inhabitants of Ke'ilah.

6 Now when Ahimelek's son Evyatar had fled to David at Ke'ilah, he'd brought a sacred apron with him.

7 Sha'ul (Saul) was told that David had gone to Ke'ilah, so he said, "Ah, God has deserted him and given him to me because he's shut himself in by going into a walled city with doors that can be barred shut." **8** So Sha'ul initiated preparations to go to Ke'ilah to entrap David and his men.

9 But David discovered that Sha'ul was planning to destroy him, so he summoned Evyatar the priest, "Bring the sacred apron here." **10** Then David prayed, "Yahweh, God of Yisrael (Israel), your servant has heard that Sha'ul is intending to come to Ke'ilah—to destroy the city because of me. **11** Will Sha'ul come here, just as your servant has heard? Will the masters of Ke'ilah turn me over to him? Yahweh, God of Yisrael, please tell your servant."

"Yes, he will go there," Yahweh answered.

12 "And will the masters of Ke'ilah hand me and my men over to Sha'ul?" David asked again.

And Yahweh said, "They will deliver up."

13 So David and his men (about 600 of them), left Ke'ilah and moved around from place to place. When Sha'ul was told that David had slipped away from Ke'ilah, he didn't continue with his plans.

Sha'ul pursues David · Full kingdom

14 David stayed in various fortresses in the wilderness, and sometimes he stayed in the hill country in the Zif wilderness. Sha'ul (Saul) kept searching for them, but God didn't allow him to capture them. **15** Once David was staying in the Zif wilderness and he saw that Sha'ul had arrived there to try to kill him. **16** Then Sha'ul's son Yonatan (Jonathan) went to David at Horesh and encouraged him to keep trusting God, **17** saying, "Don't be afraid, because my father Sha'ul won't capture you. As for you, you'll reign over Yisrael (Israel), and I'll be your second in command. Even my father knows that." **18** Again, the two of them made an agreement before Yahweh.[150] Then David stayed at Horesh and Yonatan returned home.

19 Some men from Zif went to Sha'ul at Giveah, saying, "We're pretty sure that David's hiding himself among us in the fortresses in Horesh, on the Hakilah hill south of Yeshimon.[151] **20** So now, your majesty, come over whenever you want, and we'll make sure he's handed over to you."

21 "May you all be blessed by Yahweh," Sha'ul responded, "because you've had compassion on me. **22** Please go back and double-check and find out who's seen him there. Learn more and look at the place yourselves, because I've been told that he's

150 **RV 23:18 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 18:3.

151 **RV 23:19 · Cross-ref.** Psa 54 header.

152 **LV 23:15 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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very crafty. **23** Find out all the other places where he hides himself. Return to me with definite information, then I'll go with you all, and if he's there in that region, then I'll search for him among the population of Yehudah (Judah)."

24 So they left and returned to Zif ahead of Sha'ul. At that time, David and his men were in the Maeon wilderness south of Yeshimon **25** when Sha'ul and his men came to search for them. When David was told, he went further south to a rocky hill therein that wilderness, but Sha'ul also heard that and followed them. **26** At one point, Sha'ul was on one side of a hill, and David and his men were on the other side. David was hurrying to get away from Sha'ul, but Sha'ul and his men were trying to surround David and his men to capture them. **27** Just then, a messenger arrived for Sha'ul, saying, "Come quickly because the Pelishtim have raided our region." **28** So Sha'ul had to give up chasing David and went to repel the Pelishtim. **29** David also left that area and stayed in the fortresses around Eyn-Gedi.

David refuses to kill Sha'ul · Full kingdom

24:1 After Sha'ul (Saul) returned from repelling the Pelishtim, they told him that David was now in the Eyn-Gedi wilderness. **2** So Sha'ul chose three thousand Israeli warriors and went searching for David and his men at Wild Goats Rocks. **3** On the way, as they reached the sheep yards, Sha'ul went into a cave to relieve himself, but David and his men were hiding there further inside the cave.[154] **4** David's men whispered to him, "Wow, today what Yahweh told you is coming true when he said, 'Listen, I'm about to give victory over your enemy, and you will do to him whatever you think is right.' " Then David sneaked up and quietly cut a piece off the edge of Sha'ul's robe. **5** Afterwards however, David felt bad because he'd cut a piece off Sha'ul's clothes **6** and he said to his men, "By Yahweh, I shouldn't have done that to my master—to Yahweh's anointed king—to do him harm because he's

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you(pl)_have_had_compassion on_me. **22** Go please prepare still and_know and_see ÐOM place_of_his where foot_of_his it_is who has_he_seen_him there if/because someone_has_said to_me very_(be_crafty) he he_is_crafty. **23** And_see and_know from_all the_hiding_places where he_hides_himself there and_you(pl)_ _will_return to_me to a_certain_thing and_I_will_go with_ _you(pl) and_it_was if (there)_he in/on_the_earth and_I_will_ _search_out ÐOM_him/it among_all_of the_thousands_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **24** And_they_arose and_they_went to_Zīf to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shā'ūl and_Dāvid and_men_ _of_his were_in_the_wilderness_of Mā'ōn in_ʿArāvāh to the_ _south_of (the)_Yəshimōn. **25** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_men_of_ _his _he/it_went to_seek_him and_people_told to_Dāvid and_ _he/it_descended the_rock and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_wilderness_of Mā'ōn and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_listened and_he_pursued after Dāvid the_ _wilderness_of Mā'ōn. **26** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_went from_the_ _side_of the_mountain from_this and_Dāvid and_men_of_his were_from_the_side_of the_mountain from_this and_he/it_was Dāvid hurrying_away to_go from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl and_ _Shā'ūl and_men_of_his were_surrounding (to) Dāvid and_ _near/to men_of_his to_catch_them. **27** And_a_messenger he_ _came to Shā'ūl to_say make_haste and_come if/because the_ _Pəlishtiy they_have_made_a_raid on the_earth/land. **28** And_ Shā'ūl _he_turned_back from_pursuing after Dāvid and_he/it_ _went to_meet the_Pəlishtiy therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called (to)_place (the)_that Sela Hammahlekoth. **24:1** [153] And_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended from_there and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_strongholds_of ʿĒyn.

2 [157] And_he/it_was when_just_as Shā'ūl he_returned from_ _after the_Pəlishtiy and_people_told to_him/it to_say THERE Dāvid is_in_the_wilderness_of ʿĒyn. **3** [158] And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _ _he/it_took three_of thousand(s) man chosen from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_went to_seek ÐOM Dāvid and_men_ _of_his on the_face_of the_rocks_of the_mountain_goats. **4** [159] And_he_came to the_folds_of the_sheep on the_way and_there a_cave and_ Shā'ūl _he_went to_cover ÐOM feet_of_his and_ _Dāvid and_men_of_his in_the_innermost_parts_of the_cave were_sitting. **5** [160] And_ the_men_of Dāvid _they_said to_him/it HERE the_day which **YHWH** he_said to HERE I am_about_to_ _give ÐOM mmm[161] in_hand_of_your and_you_will_do for_ _him/it just_as it_will_be_good in_eyes_of_your and_ Dāvid _ _he/it_rose_up and_he_cut_off ÐOM the_skirt_of the_robe which belonged_to_Shā'ūl in_secrecy. **6** [162] And_he/it_was after thus and_ the_heart_of Dāvid _it_struck ÐOM_him/it on that he_had_ _cut_off ÐOM the_skirt which belonged_to_Shā'ūl. **7** [163] And_

153 LV 24:1 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.23.29

154 RV 24:3 · Cross-ref. Psa 57 header; Psa 142 header.

157 LV 24:2 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.1

158 LV 24:3 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.2

159 LV 24:4 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.3

160 LV 24:5 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.4

161 LV 24:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבי֣א/ך**: (x-qere) **בִּיאֶ֑ךָ**: lemma_341 n_1.2.0 morph_HVqrmsc/Sp2ms id_09vNC **בִּיאֶ֑ךָ**

162 LV 24:6 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.5

163 LV 24:7 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.6

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_he/it_said to_men_of_his far_be_it to/for_me from_**YHWH** if I_
_will_do ᵈᵒᵐ the_thing the_this to_master_of_my to_the_one_
_anointed_of **YHWH** by_stretching_out hand_of_my
in/on/over_him/it if/because is_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**
he. **8** [164] And_ Dāvid _he_reprimanded ᵈᵒᵐ men_of_his by_
_words/messages and_not he_permitted_them to_rise_up
against Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Shā'ūl he_arose from_the_cave and_
_he/it_went on_way. **9** [165] And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up after thus
and_he/it_went_out wwww the[166] and_he/it_called after Shā'ūl
to_say my_master the_king and_ Shā'ūl _he_looked behind_him
and_ Dāvid _he_bowed_low face towards_land and_he_bowed_
down. **10** [167] And Dāvid _he/it_said to_Shā'ūl to/for_what do_
_you_listen_to ᵈᵒᵐ the_words/messages_of someone to_say
THERE Dāvid is_seeking harm_of_your. **11** [168] HERE the_day
the_this eyes_of_your_own they_have_seen ᵈᵒᵐ how he_gave_
_you **YHWH** the_day in_hand_of_my in_cave and_saying(ms)
to_kill_you and_it_looked_with_compassion on_you and_I_said
not I_will_stretch_out hand_of_my on_master_of_my
if/because is_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** he. **12** [169] And_Oh_
_of_my_father see also see ᵈᵒᵐ the_skirt_of your_robe_of_your
in_hand_of_my if/because when_I_cut_off ᵈᵒᵐ the_skirt_of
your_robe_of_your and_not I_killed_you know and_see
if/because_that there_is_not in_hand_of_my evil and_
_transgression and_not I_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_
_you(ms) are_lying_in_wait_for ᵈᵒᵐ life_of_my to_take_it. **13** [170]
YHWH may_he_judge between_me and_between_you and_he_
_will_avenge_me **YHWH** from_you and_hand_of_my not it_will_
_be on/over_you(fs). **14** [171] Just_as the_proverb_of the_
_ancient[s] it_says from_wicked_people wickedness it_comes_
_forth and_hand_of_my not it_will_be on/over_you(fs). **15** [172]
After whom the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) has_he_come_out after
whom are_you pursuing after a_dog dead after a_flea one. **16** [173]
And_it_was **YHWH** (into)_a_judge and_he_will_judge between_
_me and_between_you and_may_he_see and_may_he_conduct
ᵈᵒᵐ case_of_my and_may_he_vindicate_me from_your(ms)_
_hand. **17** [174] And_he/it_was just_ Dāvid _as_finished to_speak
ᵈᵒᵐ the_words/messages the_these to Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_
Shā'ūl _he/it_said voice_of_your is_this my_son_of_my Dāvid
and_ Shā'ūl _he_lifted_up voice_of_his and_he_wept. **18** [175] And_
_he/it_said to Dāvid are_righteous you more_than_I if/because
you you_have_dealt_out_to_me (the)_good and_I I_have_dealt_

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the one Yahweh anointed."[155] **7** He restrained his men with a few quiet words and wouldn't allow them to attack Sha'ul.

Then Sha'ul left the cave and headed down the path. **8** After waiting a few moment, David went out of the cave and called out behind Sha'ul, "My master the king." When Sha'ul turned and looked behind him, David bowed **9** and said, "Why do you listen to people when they say that I'm wanting to harm you? **10** Look, you can see for yourself that Yahweh gave me the opportunity to harm you today in the cave, and some of my men wanted me to kill you, but I showed you compassion and told them that I wouldn't do harm to my master, because he's Yahweh's chosen king. **11** Your majesty, look of this piece of your robe that I'm holding, because when I cut it off, I didn't kill you. So now you can see for yourself that I have no evil plans, and I haven't do you any wrong, even though you're ambushing me so you can kill me. **12** May Yahweh judge between you and me because I'll let Yahweh repay you for any harm against me—it won't be me who works against you. **13** As the ancient proverb says, 'Evil things are done by evil people.' But it won't be me who harms you. **14** Who has Yisrael's (Israel's) king come to find? Who are you chasing after? A dead dog? A flea?[156] **15** May Yahweh take his judgement seat and judge between me and you, and may he see my case and find me innocent and save me from you."

16 When David finished saying that to Sha'ul, Sha'ul called back, "Is that your voice, my son David?" Then he cried loudly **17** and told David, "You're more righteous than I am, because you were good to me even when I did evil things to you. **18** You've stated that you've treated me well—how Yahweh gave you the advantage over me, yet you didn't kill me. **19** Now if a man finds his enemy unprepared, does he just send him off happily? Well, may Yahweh reward you for your mercy towards me today. **20** Now listen, I know for certain that you're going to become king and that the kingdom of Yisrael will prosper under your leadership. **21** Now promise me by Yahweh that you won't destroy my name from my family line by killing my descendants." **22** David promised that to Sha'ul, then Sha'ul went back home and David and his men returned to their fortress.

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155 RV 24:6 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 26:11.

156 RV 24:14 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 26:20.

164 LV 24:8 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.7

165 LV 24:9 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.8

166 LV 24:9 · Note OSHB variant note: הרעמ/ה־ן: (x-qere) הָרָעְמִ/הֵ֑מְ: lemma_m/d/4631 n_1.1 morph_HR/Td/Ncfsa id_098Qr הָרָעְמִ/הֵ֑מְ

167 LV 24:10 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.9

168 LV 24:11 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.10

169 LV 24:12 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.11

170 LV 24:13 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.12

171 LV 24:14 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.13

172 LV 24:15 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.14

173 LV 24:16 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.15

174 LV 24:17 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.16

175 LV 24:18 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.17

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David, Naval, and Abigil · Full kingdom

25:1 Later on, Shmuel (Samuel) died and all the Israelis gathered and mourned for him, then they buried him at his house in Ramah.

Then David left and went to the Paran wilderness. **2** Now there was a man in Maeon whose business was in Karmel. He owned three thousand sheep and one thousand goats, and was busy shearing his sheep at Karmel. **3** The man's name was Naval, and his wife was Avigayil. The wife was wise and very good-looking, whereas the man (who was a Kalevi) was harsh and cruel.

4 While David was in the wilderness, he heard that Naval was shearing his sheep, **5** so he told ten young men, "Go to Naval at Karmel and greet him in my name. **6** Then tell him, 'Make you live long. Peace to you and your household and everything that belongs to you. **7** Now I've heard those shearers are working for you, and your shepherds have been living with us. We haven't harmed them or taken anything of theirs while they've been in Karmel. **8** Ask your servants and they'll confirm this. May these young men enjoy your favour because harvesting the wool is a prosperous time, so I request a gift for your servants and for your 'son', David.' "

9 So David's men went and passed all that onto Naval, and then waited for his response. **10** But Naval answered them, "Why should I care about David? Yishay's (Jesse's) son isn't anyone important. There's lot of servants these days who are on the run from their masters. **11** This bread and water, and the meat that I've butchered, is for my shearers. Why should I give it to men when I don't even know where they're from?"

12 David's men left and returned to inform him what Naval had been said. **13** Then David told his men, "Strap on your swords." So David took around four hundred men, leaving around two

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_out_to_you (the)_evil. **19** [176] And[177] you_have_told the_day ᴅᴏᴍ how you_have_done with_me good ᴅᴏᴍ how he_delivered_ _me_up **YHWH** in_hand_of_your and_not you_killed_me. **20** [178] And_because/when anyone he_will_find ᴅᴏᴍ enemy_of_his and_will_he_send_him_away on_a_journey good and_**YHWH** may_he_reward_you good in_place_of the_day the_this that_ _which you_have_done to_me. **21** [179] And_now HERE I_know if/because_that certainly_(reign) you_will_reign and_it_will_ _be_established in_hand_of_your the_kingdom_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** [180] And_now swear_an_oath to/for_me by_ _**YHWH** if you_will_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ offspring_of_my after_me and_ _if you_will_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_my from_the_house_of my_ _father_of_my. **23** [181] And_ Dāvid _he_swore_an_oath to_ _Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_went to house_of_his and_ _Dāvid and_men_of_his they_went_up to the_stronghold.

25:1 And_ Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) _he/it_died and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gathered_together and_they_mourned to_him/it and_they_buried_him at_house_of_his in_Rāmāh and_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_descended to the_ _wilderness_of Pā'rān. **2** And_a_man was_in_Mā'ōn and_ _business_of_his was_in_Karmel/(Carmel) and_the_man was_ _great very and_to/for_him/it sheep three_of thousand(s) and_ _one_thousand goats and_he/it_was when_sheared ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _flock_of_sheep/goats in_Karmel/(Carmel). **3** And_name_of the_man was_Nāvāl and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_ _'Avīgayil and_the_woman was_good_of insight and_beautiful_ _of form and_the_man was_hard and_evil_of deeds and_he mmm[183]. **4** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened in_wilderness if/because_that Nāvāl was_shearing ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_flock_of_ _sheep/goats. **5** And_ Dāvid _he_sent ten young_men and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_men go_up to_Karmel/(Carmel) and_ _you(pl)_will_go to Nāvāl and_you(pl)_will_ask to_him/it in_ _name_of_my to_welfare. **6** And_you(pl)_will_say thus to_one and_you(ms) peace and_house_of_your peace and_ _all/each/any/every that to/for_yourself(m) peace. **7** And_now I_have_heard if/because_that shearers to/for_you(fs) now the_ _shepherds who to/for_yourself(m) they_have_been with_us not we_have_humiliated_them and_not it_has_been_missing to/for_them anything all_of the_days_of their_being in_ _Karmel/(Carmel). **8** Ask ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_your_own and_they_ _will_tell to/for_you(fs) and_ the_young_men _let_them_find favour in_eyes_of_your if/because on a_day good we_have_ _come give please ᴅᴏᴍ that_which hand_of_your it_will_find to_servants_of_your and_to_son_of_your to_Dāvid. **9** And_ the_ _young_men_of Dāvid _they_came and_they_spoke to Nāvāl according_to_all_of the_words/messages the_these in/on_ _name_of Dāvid and_they_rested. **10** And_ Nāvāl _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ the_servants_of Dāvid and_he/it_said who is_Dāvid and_ _who is_the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) the_day servants who_

176 LV 24:19 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.18

177 LV 24:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תא: (x-qere) וְתָהֲתַא: lemma_c/859 c n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Pp2ms id_09YQH וְתָהֲתַא

178 LV 24:20 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.19

179 LV 24:21 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.20

180 LV 24:22 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.21

181 LV 24:23 · Note Note: KJB: 1Sam.24.22

183 LV 25:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/בל/כ: (x-qere) יִבְלָכ: lemma_3614 n_0 morph_HNgmsa id_09Cyq יִבְלָכ

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_break_away each_one from_face/in_front_of master(s)_of_his they_are_many. **11** And_will_I_take ~~ĐOM~~ bread_of_my and_~~ĐOM~~ water_of_my and_~~ĐOM~~ slaughter_of_my which I_have_ _slaughtered for_shearers_of_my and_will_I_give_them to_men who not I_know where from_this are_they. **12** And_ the_young_ _men_of Dāvid _they_turned_round to_way_of_their and_they_ _returned and_they_came and_they_told to_him/it according_ _to_all_of the_words/messages the_these. **13** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said to_men_of_his gird_on everyone ~~ĐOM~~ sword_of_his and_they_girded_on everyone ~~ĐOM~~ sword_of_his and_ also Dāvid _he_girded_on ~~ĐOM~~ sword_of_his and_they_went_up after Dāvid about_four hundred(s) man and_two_hundreds they_ _remained with the_vessels. **14** And_to_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāvāl a_young_man one of_the_young_men he_told to_say THERE Dāvid he_sent messengers from_the_wilderness to_bless ~~ĐOM~~ master(s)_of_our and_he_shouted at_them. **15** And_the_ _men were_good to/for_us very and_not we_were_humiliated and_not we_missed anything all_of the_days_of (of)_which_we_ _went_about with_them when_were_we in_field. **16** A_wall they_were with_us both night as_well_as by_day all_of the_ _days_of our_being with_them shepherding the_flock. **17** And_ _now know and_see what will_you_do if/because (the)_evil it_ _has_been_determined against master(s)_of_our and_on all_of household_of_his and_he is_a_son_of worthlessness from_ _speaking to_him/it. **18** And_she_made_haste 'Avīgayil[184] and_ _she/it_took two_hundred bread[s] and_two jars_of wine and_ _five sheep prepared[185][186] and_five seahs roasted_grain and_a_ _hundred bunches_of_raisins and_two_hundreds fig_cakes and_ _she_put_them on the_donkeys. **19** And_she/it_said to_ _servants_of_her pass_on to/for_my_face/front HERE_I after_ _you(pl) will_be_coming and_to_husband_of_her Nāvāl not she_told. **20** And_it_was she was_riding on the_donkey and_ _she_was_going_down in_the_cover_of the_mountain and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Dāvid and_men_of_his were_going_down to_ _meet_her and_she_met ~~ĐOM~~_them. **21** And_Dāvid he_had_said surely to_deception I_have_guarded ~~ĐOM~~ all_of that belongs_to_ _this_man in_wilderness and_not it_has_been_missing from_all that to_him/it anything and_he_has_returned to_me evil in_ _place_of good. **22** Thus god may_he_do to_the_enemies_of Dāvid and_thus may_he_add if I_will_leave from_all that to_ _him/it until the_morning one_who_urinates on_a_wall. **23** And_ 'Avīgayil _she/it_saw ~~ĐOM~~ Dāvid and_she_made_haste and_she_came_down from_under the_donkey and_she_fell to_ _the_face_of Dāvid on face_of_her and_she_bowed_down the_ _ground. **24** And_she_fell at feet_of_his and_she/it_said be_on_ _me I my_master the_iniquity and_let_her_speak please maidservant_of_your in_ears_of_your and_hear ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of your_maidservant_of_your. **25** Not please my_master let_him_set ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_heart to the_man_of (the)_ _worthlessness the_this on Nāvāl if/because like_name_of_his is_so he is_Nāvāl his/its_name and_disgraceful_folly with_ _him/it and_I maidservant_of_your not I_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_young_ _men_of my_master whom you_sent. **26** And_now my_master

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hundred with their gear.

14 Meanwhile, Naval's wife Avigayil had been informed by a servant, "Listen, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master, but he yelled at them. **15** Their men had been very good to us—we were never harmed or had anything go missing when we were in the countryside. **16** They protected us both day and night for the whole time that we were tending the sheep. **17** So now you should think about it and decide what you can do, because no doubt disaster is about to hit our master and all his household. He's a terrible man who listens to no one."

18 So Avigayil quickly collected two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five butchered sheep, a large basket of roasted grain, a hundred bunches of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded it all on donkeys **19** and told her servants, "Go ahead with the donkeys. I'll come along behind you all." But she didn't say a word to her husband Naval.

20 As she rode down a hill and into the ravine, suddenly she encountered David and his men coming down to meet her. **21** David had told them, "Well it was certainly a waste of time looking after that fellow in the wilderness, and taking such care not to take anything of his. Then all he did was to return insults for our good behaviour. **22** May God preserve my enemies, if I don't eliminate all of the older and young men in his household before the morning.

23 When Avigayil saw David, she quickly dismounted from the donkey and fell to her knees in front of David and bowed her face to the ground. **24** She clutched his feet and said, "My master, let the guilt be on me myself. Please let your female servant explain to you—please listen to what your female servant has to say. **25** My master, please don't remain angry at that worthless man, Naval. His name means 'fool' and so he is. He's a senseless man, but my master, your female servant didn't see the young men you sent. **26** And now, my master, as Yahweh lives and as your spirit lives, it's Yahweh who's prevented you from spilling blood and taking his punishment into your own hands. And now may your enemies and anyone who makes plans against my master be like Naval. **27** Now let this gift that your servant has brought to my master be given to the young men who serve my master. **28** Please forgive your female servant for being forward because Yahweh will certain advance my master's reputation. My master is fighting Yahweh's battles and all your life, you haven't broken the law. **29** Even if someone decides to chase you and try to kill you my master, your god Yahweh will keep you wrapped in his bundle of the living, whereas your enemies will be slung away like stones from a sling. **30** If Yahweh does all the good things he's promised for my master, then in time you'll become Yisrael's (Israel's) ruler. **31** It would be good not to have someone's unnecessary death as an obstacle for you or to be

184 LV 25:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **לינובא**: (x-qere) 'לִנָּבָא': lemma_26 n_1.1.2.1 morph_HNp id_093Gj לִנָּבָא

185 LV 25:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוושע**: (x-qere) 'תְּוֹשַׁע': lemma_6213 a n_1.1.1 morph_HVqsfpa id_09wWW תְּוֹשַׁע

186 LV 25:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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seen as my master just saving his own skin. Then Yahweh will bless my master, and you will appreciate your female servant."

32 "May Yisrael's god Yahweh be blessed," David responded. "The one who sent you to meet me today. **33** And blessed be your discernment and blessed be you yourself, because you've prevented me from shedding blood today and from taking my own revenge. **34** Yes indeed, as Yahweh lives, Yisrael's god prevented me from harming you. If you hadn't hurried here to meet me, certainly neither Naval nor any of his older or young men would have survived to see the morning light. **35** Then David accepted the gifts that she had brought for him, and said, "Go back to your house in peace. See, I've listened to what you said and granted your request."

36 When Avigayil got home to Naval, wow, he had put on a celebration at his house with a feast fit for a king. He was feeling very contented and was quite drunk, so she didn't tell him anything at all until it was light in the morning. **37** And so it was in the morning, when Naval's wine had worn off, his wife told him what she'd done. In his rage, he had a stroke and became totally paralysed **38** for about then days. Then Yahweh struck Naval and he died.

39 When David heard that Naval had died, he said, "Blessed be Yahweh, who has judged the case of Naval's insult and has prevented his servant from doing the wrong thing. And Yahweh has repaid Naval for his own evil."

Then David sent messengers to Avigayil about taking her as a wife. **40** His servants went to her at Karmel and told her, "David sent us to take you back to become his wife."

41 She knelt down with her face to the ground and replied, "See, your female servant is ready for washing the feet of my master's servants like a slave woman." **42** Then Avigayil and five of her servant girls quickly got ready, and she mounted the donkey. She followed the messengers to where David was and became a wife for him.

43 David had also married Ahinoam from Yizre'el (Jezreel), so both of them became his wives. **44** (Meanwhile Sha'ul (Saul) had given his daughter, David' wife Mikal, to Palti, Layish's son from Galim.)[182]

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by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_self_of_your that he_has_restrained_you **YHWH** from_coming in_blood(s) and_ _from_delivering hand_of_your to/for_you(fs) and_now may_ _they_be like_Nāvāl enemies_of_your and_those_who_seek against my_master evil. **27** And_now the_blessing (the)_this which maidservant_of_your he_has_brought to_master_of_my and_it_will_be_given to_men who_go_about at_the_feet_of my_ _master. **28** Forgive please to_the_transgression_of your(ms)_ _female_slave if/because surely_(make) **YHWH** he_will_make for_master_of_my a_house enduring if/because the_battles_of **YHWH** my_master is_fighting and_evil not it_will_be_found in_ _you(ms) from_days_of_your. **29** And_ a_man _he/it_rose up to_ _pursue_you and_to_seek ÐOM life_of_your and_it_will_be the_ _life_of my_master bound_up in_the_bundle_of the_living with **YHWH** god_of_your and_ÐOM the_life_of your(pl)_enemies_of_ _your he_will_sling_it_out in_the_middle of_the_hollow_of of_ _(the)_sling. **30** And_it_was if/because **YHWH** he_will_do to_ _master_of_my according_to_all that he_has_spoken ÐOM the_ _good on_you and_he_has_appointed_you to_ruler over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **31** And_not it_will_become this to/for_ _yourself(m) (into)_staggering and_(into)_stumbling_of heart for_master_of_my and_(into)_pouring_out blood without_cause and_to_ my_master _deliver to_him/it and_ **YHWH** _he_will_ _do_good to_master_of_my and_you_will_remember ÐOM maidservant_of_your. **32** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_'Avīgayil **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_sent_you the_ _day the_this to_meet_me be_blessed. **33** And_be_ discernment_ _of_your _blessed and_be_ you who you_have_restrained_me the_day the_this from_coming in_blood(s) and_from_delivering hand_of_my to_me _blessed. **34** And_but by_the_life of_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_restrained_me from_ _doing_harm_to you if/because if_not you_had_made_haste and[187] to_meet_me if/because if he_has_been_left to_Nāvāl until the_light_of the_morning one_who_urinates on_a_wall. **35** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took from_hand_of_her ÐOM that_which she_had_brought to_him/it and_to_her he_said go_up to_peace to_house_of_your see I_have_listened to_voice_of_your and_I_ _have_lifted_up face_of_your. **36** And_ 'Avīgayil _she_went to Nāvāl and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_him/it a_feast in_house_of_his like_the_feast_of the_king and_the_heart_of Nāvāl it_was_good on/upon/above_him/it and_he was_drunk up_to muchness and_not she_told for_him/it anything small and_great until the_light_of the_morning. **37** And_he/it_was in_morning when_ the_wine _had_gone_out from_Nāvāl and_she_told to_him/it his/its_wife/woman ÐOM the_things the_these and_ his/its_ _heart _he/it_died in_his_inward_of_part[s] and_he he_became to_stone. **38** And_he/it_was about_the_ten_of the_days and_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM Nāvāl and_he/it_died. **39** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_listened if/because_that Nāvāl he_had_died and_he/it_ _said **YHWH** who he_has_conducted ÐOM the_case_of my_ _disgrace_of_my from_the_hand_of Nāvāl and_ÐOM servant_of_ _his he_has_restrained from_evil be_blessed and_ÐOM the_evil_ _of Nāvāl **YHWH** he_has_turned_back on_his_own_of_head and_ Dāvid _he_sent and_he/it_spoke with_'Avīgayil to_take_ _her to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **40** And_ the_servants_of

182 RV 25:44 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 3:14-16.

187 LV 25:34 · Note OSHB variant note: יתאבת/ו: (x-qere) תאָבְתִּ֥/וֹ: lemma_c/935 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqw2fs id_09vDG תאָבְתִּ֥/וֹ

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Dāvid _they_came to ʾAvīgayil to_(the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_ _they_spoke to_her/it to_say Dāvid he_has_sent_us to_you to_ _take_you to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **41** And_she/it_arose and_she_bowed_down face ground_to_the and_she/it_said HERE maidservant_of_your will_become_(into)_a_maid to_wash the_feet_of the_servants_of my_master. **42** And_she_made_ _haste and_ ʾAvīgayil _she/it_arose and_she_rode on the_ _donkey and_five maids_of_her who_walked to_foot_of_her and_she_went after the_messengers_of Dāvid and_it_became to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **43** And_ĐOM ʾAḥīnoʿam Dāvid he_ _had_taken from_Yizrəʾēl/(Jezreel) and_ also both_of_of_them _ _they_became to_him/it (into)_wives. **44** And_Shāʾūl/(Saul) he_ _had_given ĐOM Mīkāl daughter_of_his the_wife_of Dāvid to_ _Palṭī/(Palti) the_son_of Layish who was_from_Gallim.

26:1 And_ the_Zīfī _they_came to Shāʾūl to_(the)_Givʿāh to_say am_not is_Dāvid hiding_himself on_the_hill_of (the)_Hakilah on the_face_of (the)_Yəshimōn/(Jeshimon). **2** And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_ _rose_up and_he/it_descended to the_wilderness_of Zīf and_ _were_with_him three_of thousand(s) man chosen_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_seek ĐOM Dāvid in_the_wilderness_of Zīf. **3** And_ Shāʾūl _he_encamped on_the_hill_of (the)_Hakilah which was_on the_face_of (the)_Yəshimōn on the_way and_ _Dāvid was_dwelling in_wilderness and_he/it_saw if/because_ _that Shāʾūl he_had_come after_him to_the_wilderness. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_sent spies and_he/it_knew if/because_that Shāʾūl he_had_come to a_certain_thing. **5** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he_went to the_place where he_had_encamped there Shāʾūl and_ Dāvid _he/it_saw ĐOM the_place where he_lay there Shāʾūl and_ʾAvnēr the_son_of Nēr the_commander_of his_ _army_of_his and_Shāʾūl was_lying in_camp and_the_people were_encamping him[191]. **6** And_ Dāvid _he_answered and_ _he/it_said to ʾAḥīmelek the_Hittite and_near/to ʾAvīshay the_ _son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) the_brother_of Yōʾāv/(Joab) to_say who will_he_go_down with_me to Shāʾūl/(Saul) into the_camp and_ ʾAvīshay _he/it_said I I_will_go_down with_you. **7** And_ Dāvid and_ʾAvīshay _he_went to the_people night and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shāʾūl was_lying sleeping in_camp and_ _spear_of_his was_thrust in/on_the_earth mmm[192] and_ʾAvnēr and_the_people were_lying mmm[193]. **8** And_ ʾAvīshay _he/it_ _said to Dāvid god he_has_delivered_up the_day ĐOM enemy_of_ _your in_hand_of_your and_now let_me_strike_him please with_spear and_in_ground a_time one and_not I_will_repeat to_ _him/it. **9** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to ʾAvīshay do_not destroy_ _him if/because who has_he_stretched_out his/its_hand on_ _the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** and_will_he_be_free_from_guilt. **10** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because (if) **YHWH** he_will_strike_him or day_of_his it_will_come and_he_ _will_die or in_battle he_will_go_down and_he_will_be_carried_ _away. **11** Far_be_it to/for_me from_**YHWH** from_stretching_ _out hand_of_my on_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** and_now

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26:1 One time some Zifim went to Sha'ul (Saul) at Giveah and told him, "Isn't David hiding himself on the Hakilah hill opposite Yeshimon?"[188] **2** So Sha'ul got ready with three thousand chosen Israeli warriors and went to the Zif wilderness to search for David. **3** They camped at Hakilah hill (opposite Yeshimon) by the path, but David stayed in the wilderness when he saw the Sha'ul was there trying to get him. **4** (He'd sent some spies and knew that Sha'ul had definitely arrived.) **5** That night, David moved out and got to the place where Sha'ul had camped. He could see where Sha'ul was sleeping, along with Ner's son Avner, his army commander. Sha'ul was asleep in the secure centre with his warriors all around him.

6 David spoke to Ahimelek (the Hiti) and to Avishay (son of Yoav's (Joab's) brother Tseruyah) asking, "Who'll go into the camp with me to Sha'ul?"

Avishay answered, "I will. I'll go with you."

7 So that night David and Avishay crept into the camp. Sha'ul was asleep there in the centre with his spear stuck into the ground near his head, and Avner and others were lying in a circle around him. **8** Avishay whispered to David, "Today God has arranged for you to defeat your enemy. So please let me pierce him now with the spear through him and into the ground. Only one strike will do it—I won't have to strike him a second time.

9 "Don't kill him," David responded, "because who can attack Yahweh's anointed king and be considered innocent?" **10** As Yahweh lives, he will certainly strike him, or else his time will come and he'll die, or maybe he'll go into battle and be swept away. **11** May Yahweh prevent me from harming Yahweh's anointed one.[189] Just grab the spear that's by his head, and the jug of water, then we can get out of here." **12** So David took the spear and water jug that were near Sha'ul's head and then got out of there.

188 **RV 26:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 54 header.

189 **RV 26:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 24:6.

191 **LV 26:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תביבס: (x-qere) ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס: lemma_5439 n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_09jP6 ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס

192 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תשארמ: (x-qere) ו/יֻתְּשַׁאַרְמ: lemma_4763 n_1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_09xGy ו/יֻתְּשַׁאַרְמ

193 **LV 26:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תביבס: (x-qere) ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס: lemma_5439 n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_09giL ו/יֻתְּבִיבְס

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No one saw them, and no one woke up or realised, because Yahweh had caused them all to fall into a deep sleep.

13 Then David crossed the valley and stood on the top of the opposite hill—quite a distance away **14** and called out to Avner and the camp, "Won't you answer, Avner?"

"Who are you that's shouting to the king?" Avner answered.

15 "Aren't you a warrior?" David called out. "And who in Yisrael (Israel) is as good as you? But why didn't you watch over your master the king? Because one of the people came to destroy the king your master. **16** Your performance wasn't good. As Yahweh lives, all of you who were supposed to be watching over your master, over Yahweh's anointed one, deserve to be executed. Look around, where's the king's spear and water jug that were by his head?"

17 Then Sha'ul recognised David's voice and called back, "Is that your voice, my son David?"

"Yes, it is my voice, my master the king." David replied. **18** Then he asked, "Why is my master chasing his servant? What have I done? What wrong am I guilty of? **19** Now please listen, my master the king, to your servant's words. If it's Yahweh who's incited you against me, may he accept an offering, but if it's people, may they be cursed in front of Yahweh because they've driven me away from enjoying Yahweh's inheritance for me,[190] saying, 'Go away and serve other gods.' **20** So now, don't let me die far from Yahweh's presence. It seems that Yisrael's king has come all this way to chase a flea, just like someone chases a wild bird in the hills."

21 Sha'ul responded, "Yes, I've sinned. Go home, my son David. I won't wrong you again, because you spared my life today. Yes, I've acted foolishly and been following the wrong path."

22 "Look, here's your spear." David called back. "Get one of your young men to come across and get it. **23** May Yahweh repay each person for their obedience and faithfulness. Yahweh put you in a vulnerable position today, but I wasn't willing to hurt Yahweh's anointed king. **24** Just as I honoured your life today, so to may Yahweh honour my life and rescue me from all my difficulties.

25 "May you be blessed, my son David," Sha'ul told David. "You certainly have both ability and the skill to use it."

Then David went on his way and Sha'ul went back home.

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take please ~~DOM~~ the_spear which is_the[194] and_~~DOM~~ the_jug_of the_waters and_let_us_go to/for_ourselves. **12** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_spear and_~~DOM~~ the_jug_of the_waters the_ _place_of_the_head_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_they_went to/for_ _them and_there_was_not one_who_saw and_there_was_not one_who_knew and_there_was_not one_who_awoke if/because of_them_of_all were_sleeping if/because (the)_deep_sleep_of **YHWH** it_had_fallen on_them. **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_passed_ _through the_other_side and_he_stood on the_top_of the_hill from_a_distance was_great the_place between_them. **14** And_ Dāvid _he/it_called to the_people and_near/to 'Avnēr the_son_ _of Nēr to_say am_not will_you_answer Oh_'Avnēr and_ 'Avnēr _he_answered and_he/it_said who are_you who_you_have_ _called_out to the_king. **15** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Avnēr am_not a_man are_you and_who is_like_you in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_for_what not did_you_guard (to) master(s)_of_your the_ _king if/because one of_the_people he_came to_destroy ~~DOM~~ the_king master(s)_of_your. **16** Not is_good the_thing the_this which you_have_done by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because are_ _sons_of death you(pl) that not you(pl)_watched over master(s)_of_your(pl) over the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** and_ _now see where is_the_spear_of the_king and_~~DOM~~ the_jug_of the_waters which was_the[195]. **17** And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he_ _recognized ~~DOM~~ the_voice_of Dāvid and_he/it_said voice_of_ _your is_this my_son_of_my Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_said my_ _sound/voice my_master the_king. **18** And_he/it_said to/for_ _what this my_master pursuing after servant_of_his if/because what have_I_done and_what is_in_hand_of_my evil. **19** And_ _now let_him_hear please my_master the_king ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of his_servant_of_his if **YHWH** he_has_ _incited_you against_me may_he_smell an_offering and_if the_ _sons_of the_humankind they be_cursed to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** if/because they_have_driven_me_out the_day from_having_a_share in_the_inheritance_of **YHWH** to_ _say go serve gods other. **20** And_now not blood_of_my let_it_ _fall towards_land from_before the_presence_of **YHWH** if/because the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_come_out to_ _seek ~~DOM~~ a_flea one just_as someone_pursues the_partridge in_mountains. **21** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said I_have_sinned return my_son_of_my Dāvid if/because not I_will_do_harm to/for_ _yourself(m) again because that life_of_my it_was_precious in_ _eyes_of_your the_day the_this HERE I_have_behaved_foolishly and_I_have_gone_astray greatly very. **22** And_ Dāvid _he_ _answered and_he/it_said HERE the[196] the_king and_ one of_ _the_young_men _let_him_pass_over and_let_him_take_it. **23** And_**YHWH** he_will_return to_everyone ~~DOM~~ righteousness_ _of_his and_~~DOM~~ faithfulness_of_his that he_gave_you[197] **YHWH** the_day in_a_hand and_not I_was_willing to_stretch_out hand_ _of_my on_the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**. **24** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE just_as life_of_your it_was_great the_day the_

190 RV 26:19 · Note This is possibly referring to David not being able to enjoy his piece of land, but we haven't said that in the translation because it's not certain. (It could be referring to having a peaceful or prosperous life, for example.)

194 LV 26:11 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תשארמ: (x-qere) 'ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ': lemma_4763 n_0.0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_09iHE ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ

195 LV 26:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תשארמ: (x-qere) 'ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ': lemma_4763 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_09na6 ו/יֶתְּשָׁאֲרֻמ

196 LV 26:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תינח/ה: (x-qere) 'תִּינָּח': lemma_2595 morph_HNcfsa id_09YNp תִּינָּח

197 LV 26:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_this in_eyes_of_my so life_of_my may_it_be_great in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH** and_may_he_deliver_me from_all trouble.
25 And_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said to Dāvid you be_blessed my_
_son_of_my Dāvid both certainly_(do) you_will_do and_also
certainly_(prevail) you_will_prevail and_ Dāvid _he/it_went to_
_way_of_his and_Shā'ūl he_returned to_place_of_his.
27:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to his/its_heart now I_will_be_
_swept_away a_day one by_the_hand_of Shā'ūl there_is_not to_
me good if/because really(escape) I_will_escape to the_land_
_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he_will_desist from_me Shā'ūl to_seek_
_me again in_all the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_be_
_delivered from_hand_of_his. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_
he and_six hundred(s) man who with_him/it _he/it_passed_
_through to 'Akīsh the_son_of Mā'ōk the_king_of Gat. **3** And_
Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived with 'Akīsh in_Gat he
and_men_of_his each_one and_his/its_house(hold) Dāvid and_
_the_two_of wives_of_his 'Aḥīno'am the_Jezreelite_woman and_
_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāvāl the_Karməlī/(Carmelite)_woman.
4 And_it_was_told to_Shā'ūl if/because_that Dāvid he_had_fled
Gat and_not he_repeated[198] again to_seek_him. **5** And_ Dāvid _
_he/it_said to 'Akīsh if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_
_your let_people_give to_me a_place in_one_of the_cities_of
the_field so_that_I_may_dwell there and_for_what servant_of_
_your will_he_dwell in_the_city_of (the)_royalty with_you.
6 And_he_gave to_him/it 'Akīsh in_the_day (the)_that ĐØM
Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) for_so/thus/hence Tsiqlag it_has_belonged to_
_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until the_day (the)_this. **7** And_
_he/it_was the_number_of the_days which Dāvid he_dwelt in_
_the_region_of the_Pəlishtiy days and_four months. **8** And_
Dāvid and_men_of_his _he/it_ascended and_they_made_raids
against the_Geshurite[s] and_the[199] and_the_'Amālēqite[s]
if/because they were_dwelling the_earth/land which from_
_long_ago/eternity come_you to_Shūr and_unto the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_ Dāvid _he_attacked ĐØM the_
_earth/land and_not he_let_live a_man and_a_woman and_
_he/it_will_take sheep and_cattle and_donkeys and_camels
and_clothes and_he_returned and_he_went to 'Akīsh. **10** And_
'Akīsh _he/it_said not did_you(pl)_make_a_raid the_day and_
Dāvid _he/it_said on the_Negev_of Yəhūdāh and_on the_
_Negev_of the_Jerahmeelite[s] and_near/to the_Negev_of the_
_Qēynī[s]. **11** And_a_man and_a_woman not Dāvid he_let_live
to_bring Gat to_say lest they_should_tell on_us to_say thus
Dāvid he_has_done and_was_thus practice_of_his all_of the_
_days which he_dwelt in_the_region_of the_Pəlishtiy. **12** And_
'Akīsh _he_trusted in_Dāvid to_say surely_(become_odious) he_
_has_become_odious among_people_of_his among_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_was to_me (into)_a_servant_of
perpetuity.
28:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days the_those and_ the_Pəlishtiy _
_they_gathered_together ĐØM armies_of_their for_war to_fight
against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ 'Akīsh _he/it_said to Dāvid surely_
_(know) you_will_know if/because_that with_me you_will_go_
_out in_camp you and_men_of_your. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said
to 'Akīsh for_so/thus/hence you you_will_know ĐØM that_

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David among the Pelishtim · Full kingdom

27:1 But David thought to himself, "One of these days, I'm going to be caught off-guard by Sha'ul's (Saul's) actions. There's no future for me here, so I definitely need to slip away to the Pelishtim region. Then hopefully Sha'ul will give up looking for me again across all Yisrael (Israel), and I'll slip be able to stay under his radar." **2** So he left Yisrael and crossed over with his six hundred men to Gat and King Akish (Maeok's son). **3** Then David and his men settled with Akish in Gat. David had his two wives Ahinoam (from Yizre'el (Jezreel)) and Avigayil (widow of Naval from Karmel) with him. **4** When Sha'ul was told that David had fled to Gat, he stopped searching for him.

5 One day, David asked Akish, "If I've found favour in your eyes, ask them to give me a place in one of the cities in the countryside so I can live there. There's no need for us to bludge on you here in the royal city." **6** So Akish gave Tsiklag to David that day, and as a result, it still belongs to Yehudah's (Judah's) kings until today.

7 David ended up living in the Pelishti countryside for around sixteen months, **8** and during that time, he would take his men to raid the Geshurim, the Gizrim, and the Amalekim. They had lived in that region from long before—from Shur all the way to Mitsrayim (Egypt). **9** When David attacked a place, he would take the sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes, but he didn't leave anyone alive. Then he'd return home and visit Akish. **10** The king would ask him, "Which place did you raid today?"

David would tell him, "In southern Yehudah," or "South of the Yerahme'elim," or "In the southern Keyni region". **11** David never allowed any man or woman to live to be able to go back to Gat and report on what he'd really been doing. That was how he handled things for the entire time that he lived in the Pelishti countryside. **12** But King Akish was trusting David, thinking, "He'll definitely be hated now by his people in Yisrael (Israel), so he'll be forced to remain here as my servant."

Sha'ul consults a medium · Full kingdom

28:1 Some time later, the Pelishtim gathered their forces getting ready to battle against Yisrael (Israel), and King Akish complimented David, "We'll definitely want you and your men to join with our forces."

198 **LV 27:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: תְּסִוֵּי: (x-qere) תָּסֵךְ: lemma_3254 morph_HVqp3ms id_09VoX תָּסֵךְ

199 **LV 27:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: יזרג/ה/ו: (x-qere) יִרְזִגִּ֖/ה/ו: lemma_c/d/1511 n_1.0 morph_HC/Td/Ngmsa id_09oSi יִרְזִגִּ֖/ה/ו

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2 "Sounds good," David replied, "because you'll be able to see for yourself what your servant can do."

"I'll appoint as my permanent bodyguard," Akish told him.

3 By now, Shmuel (Samuel) was long dead and all Yisrael had mourned for him and had buried him in his town of Ramah,[200] and Sha'ul (Saul) had had expelled all the mediums from the country, along with those who contacted the spirits.

4 Then the Pelishtim went to Shunem and camped there. Meanwhile Sha'ul gathered all Yisrael's warriors and they camped at Gilboa, **5** but when he saw the Pelishti camp, he was afraid and trembled inside. **6** He asked Yahweh for direction, but Yahweh didn't answer him either through a dream, nor by use of the sacred pouch,[201] nor through any prophet. **7** Then Sha'ul instructed his servants, "Find a woman for me who talks to the spirits of dead people, so I can go to her and ask her something."

"Sure," his servants told him, "there's a woman in Eyn-Dor who can do that."

8 So Sha'ul put on different clothes to disguise himself, and went off in the night with two of his men. They went to the woman and he asked, "Please divine for me with a spirit of the dead and bring up the person that I tell you."

9 "Listen," said the woman, "surely you're aware of what Sha'ul has done—he's expelled anyone out of the country brings back the dead or converses with the spirits. So why are you trying to trap me? Are you trying to get me killed?"

10 Sha'ul promised her in front of Yahweh, "As Yahweh lives, you won't be punished for doing this."

11 "Okay then, who do you want me to bring up for you?"

"Bring Shmuel (Samuel) up for me." he replied.

12 When the woman saw Shmuel, she yelled out and said to Sha'ul, "Oh no, you've tricked me! You're Sha'ul!"

13 "Don't be afraid," said the king, "but what have you seen?"

"I saw gods coming up out of the ground," she replied.

14 "What does he look like?" he asked.

"An old man's appearing," she said, "wearing a robe."

Sha'ul knew it was Shmuel, and he knelt down and bowed his face to the ground.

15 "Why've you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Shmuel asked.

"I'm very distressed," Sha'ul replied, "and the Pelishtim are about to go to war against me. And God has turned away from me and doesn't answer me anymore—he hasn't sent me any prophets or given me any dreams, So I've called to you so you can tell me what I should do."

16 "If Yahweh's turned away from you and become your enemy," Shmuel responded, "what's the point in asking me?"

17 He's simply done what he told me to tell you that he'd do. He's

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_which servant_of_your he_will_do and_ 'Akīsh _he/it_said to Dāvid for_so/thus/hence a_watchman of_head_of_my I_will_ _make_you all_of the_days. **3** And_Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) he_had_ _died and_they_had_mourned to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_had_buried_him in_Rāmāh (and)_in_his_own_of_city and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_had_removed the_necromancers and_ĐOM the_soothsayers from_the_land. **4** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_ _gathered_together and_they_came and_they_encamped at_ _Shūnēm and_ Shā'ūl _he_gathered ĐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_encamped at_Gilbo'a. **5** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_saw ĐOM the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_he_was_afraid and_ his/its_ _heart _it_trembled exceedingly. **6** And_ Shā'ūl _he_enquired by_**YHWH** and_not he_answered_him **YHWH** neither by_ _dreams nor by_Urim nor by_prophets. **7** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _said to_servants_of_his seek to_me a_woman_of (of)_a_ _mistress_of necromancy so_that_I_may_go to_her/it and_so_ _that_I_may_consult (in)_her and_ servants_of_his _they_said to_him/it THERE a_woman_of (of)_a_mistress_of necromancy is_Endor Endor. **8** And_ Shā'ūl _he_disguised_himself and_he_ _was_clothed garments other and_ he and_two_of men with_ _him/it _he/it_went and_they_came to_the_woman night and_ _he/it_said divine[204] please[205] to_me by_necromancy and_ _bring_up to_me ĐOM the_one_whom I_will_say to_you. **9** And_ the_woman _she/it_said to_him/it HERE you you_know ĐOM that_which Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_has_done which/who he_has_cut_ _off ĐOM the_necromancers and_ĐOM the_soothsayer from the_ _earth/land and_why are_you setting_traps on_life_of_my to_ _cause_me_to_die. **10** And_he_swore to/for_her/it Shā'ūl by_ _**YHWH** to_say by_the_life of_**YHWH** if it_will_happen_to_you punishment in_matter (the)_this. **11** And_ the_woman _she/it_ _said ĐOM whom will_I_bring_up for_you and_he/it_said ĐOM Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) bring_up to_me. **12** And_ the_woman _ _she/it_saw ĐOM Shəmū'ēl and_she_cried_out with_a_voice great and_ the_woman _she/it_said to Shā'ūl to_say to/for_ _what have_you_deceived_me and_you(ms) are_Shā'ūl. **13** And_ _he/it_said to/for_her/it the_king do_not fear if/because what have_you_seen and_ the_woman _she/it_said to Shā'ūl gods I_ _have_seen coming_up from the_earth/land. **14** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it what appearance_of_is_his and_she/it_said a_ _man old is_coming_up and_he is_wrapped a_robe and_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_knew if/because_that was_Shəmū'ēl it and_he_bowed_ _low face towards_land and_he_bowed_down. **15** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said to Shā'ūl to/for_what have_you_disturbed_me by_ _bringing_up ĐOM_me and_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_said it_is_ _distress to_me exceedingly and_the_Pəlishtiy are_fighting against_me and_god he_has_turned_aside from_with_me and_ _not he_has_answered_me yet neither by_the_hand_of (the)_ _prophets nor by_dreams and_I_have_summoned to/for_ _yourself(m) to_make_known_to_me what will_I_do. **16** And_ Shəmū'ēl _he/it_said and_for_what do_you_ask_me and_**YHWH** he_has_turned_aside from_with_you and_he/it_was enemy_of_ _your. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made to_him/it just_as he_spoke

200 **RV 28:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 25:1.

201 **RV 28:6 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:21.

204 **LV 28:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִמּוֹסֵק: (x-qere) יִמָּסֵק: lemma_7080 morph_HVqv2fs id_09wCL יִמָּסֵק.

205 **LV 28:8 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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by_hand_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he_has_torn_away ÐOM the_ _kingdom from_hand_of_your and_he_has_given_it to_ _neighbour_of_your to_Dāvid. **18** Just_as not you_listened to_ _the_voice_of **YHWH** and_not you_executed the_burning_of his_anger_of_his on_ʼAmālēq therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_thing the_this he_has_done to/for_yourself(m) **YHWH** the_ _day (the)_this. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_give also ÐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_you in_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ _tomorrow you and_sons_of_your will_be_with_me also ÐOM the_camp_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) **YHWH** he_will_give in_the_hand_ _of the_Pəlishtiy. **20** And_ Shāʾūl/(Saul) _he_made_haste and_ the_fullness_of his_stature_of_his _he_fell towards_land and_ _he_was_afraid exceedingly from_the_words/messages_of Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) also strength not it_was in_him/it if/because not he_had_eaten food all_of the_day and_all the_ _night. **21** And_ the_woman _she_came to Shāʾūl and_she/it_ _saw if/because_that he_was_terrified exceedingly and_she/it_ _said to_him/it HERE maidservant_of_your she_has_listened to_ _voice_of_your and_I_have_put life_of_my in_palm_of_my and_ _I_have_listened_to ÐOM words/messages_of_your which you_ _have_spoken to_me. **22** And_now listen please also you to_the_ _voice_of your_maidservant_of_your and_let_me_set to_your_ _face a_piece_of bread and_eat and_let_it_be in_you(ms) strength if/because you_will_go on_way. **23** And_he_refused and_he/it_said not I_will_eat and_they_urged in_him/it servants_of_his and_also the_woman and_he/it_listened to_ _voice_of_their and_he/it_rose_up from_the_ground and_he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived to the_bed. **24** And_belonged_to_ _woman a_calf_of the_stall in_house and_she_made_haste and_ _she_slaughtered_it and_she/it_took flour and_she_kneaded_it and_she_baked_it unleavened_bread(s). **25** And_she_brought_ _them_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shāʾūl/(Saul) and_before_of servants_of_his and_they_ate and_they_arose and_they_went on_night (the)_that.

29:1 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_gathered ÐOM all_of armies_of_ _their to_ʾAfēq and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) were_encamping at_spring which is_in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel). **2** And_the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy were_passing_along to_hundreds and_to_thousands and_Dāvid and_men_of_his were_passing_along at_last with ʾAkīsh. **3** And_ the_commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_said what are_the_ _ʿIvrī/(Hebrews) the_these and_ ʾAkīsh _he/it_said to the_ _commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy am_not is_this Dāvid the_ _servant_of Shāʾūl the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who he_has_ _been with_me this days or this years and_not I_have_found in_ _him/it anything from_the_day_of fell_he until the_day (the)_ _this. **4** And_they_were_angry on/upon/above_him/it the_ _commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_said to_him/it the_ _commanders_of the_Pəlishtiy send_back ÐOM the_man so_ _that_he_may_return to place_of_his where you_assigned_him there and_not he_will_go_down with_us in_battle and_not he_ _will_become to/for_ourselves (into)_an_adversary in_battle and_how this_one will_he_make_himself_acceptable to master(s)_of_his am_not by_the_heads_of the_men the_those. **5** Am_not is_this Dāvid whom people_sing to_him/it in_

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ripped the kingdom away from you and given it to your neighbour David.[202] **18** You didn't do what Yahweh instructed and you didn't execute his anger against Amalek,[203] so that's why Yahweh is doing that to you today. **19** He will also allow Yisrael (Israel) to be defeated by the Pelishtim, and tomorrow you and your sons will be here with me. Yahweh will also allow Yisrael's entire camp of warriors to be captured by the Pelishtim."

20 Sha'ul, who'd been standing immediately toppled right over and crashed to the ground—he was very scared by Shmuel's words, plus he didn't have much strength because he hadn't eaten for twenty-four hours. **21** The woman knelt over Sha'ul and saw that he was terrified, and told him, "Listen to me. Your female servant has risked my life to do what you said and follow your instructions. **22** So now, although you're the king, please listen to your female servant. Let me get you some food, and then eat it to regain your strength for the journey home.

23 But he refused, saying, "No, I won't eat anything." However his servants and also the woman urged him, and he decided to take their advice so he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. **24** Now the woman had a calf in a stall at the house, and she quickly slaughtered it, She took flour and kneaded it and baked flat bread. **25** She placed the food in front of Sha'ul and his servants, and they ate before getting up and going out into the night.

The Pelishtim don't trust David · Full kingdom

29:1 Meanwhile, the Pelishtim had gathered in their camp at Afek, while the Israelis were camped near the Yizre'el (Jezreel) spring. **2** As the Pelishti leaders marched out groups of hundreds and thousands, David and his men were behind them with King Akish. **3** But the Pelishti commanders asked, "What are those Ivrim (Hebrews) doing here?"

"That's David," Akish replied. "He was the servant of King Sha'ul (Saul) of Yisrael (Israel), but he's been with me for over a year, and I haven't found anything distrustful in him from when he lost favour until today?"

4 But the Pelishti commanders were furious at him and told him, "Send that man back to whatever place you've given him! There's no way he's joining us in the battle! What if he turned against us during the fight? What better way could he have to win back his master's favour than by killing our men? **5** Isn't this the David that when they dance they sing,

'Sha'ul has struck down his thousands,

202 RV 28:17 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 15:28.

203 RV 28:18 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 15:3-9.

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and David his ten thousands'?"[206]

6 So Akish called David and told him, "As Yahweh lives, you've definitely been honest, and everything I've seen of your activities has been good, because I haven't seen you do anything wrong since the day you first arrived. However, these rulers don't approve of you, **7** so turn back and go in peace so that you don't do anything to displease them."

8 "But what have I done?" David rebutted. "What wrong have you found in your servant from the day I arrived at your place until now? Why can't I come and fight against the enemies of my master the king?"

9 "All I know, is that as far as I'm concerned you're as reliable as a messenger from God." Akish responded. "Nevertheless, the Pelishti commanders have said, 'He can't join our side in the battle.' **10** So you and your master's servants who came with you should get up with the early morning light and leave."

11 So David and his men packed up early in the morning to return to the Pelishtim region, but the Pelishti warriors headed towards Yizre'el (Jezreel).

David pursues the Amalekim · Full kingdom

30:1 David and his men got back to Tsiklag three days later and found that the Amalekim had raided Tsiklag and other parts of the wilderness in southern Yehudah (Judah). They had attacked Tsiklag then burnt it down, **2** capturing the women and children and everyone else. They hadn't killed anyone, but had taken them away with them, **3** so when David and his men arrived at the town, wow, it had been burnt down and their wives, and sons and daughters had been taken captive. **4** David and his men cried loudly until they didn't have the strength to cry any more. **5** David's two wives, Ahinoam (from Yizre'el (Jezreel)) and Avigayil (Naval's widow from Karmel),[209] had been taken captive along with the others.

6 David was in a tight spot because the men were considering throwing rocks at him to kill him, because they were very upset about their children, but he found strength in his god Yahweh. **7** Then David asked the priest Evyatar (Ahimelek's son),[210] "Please get the sacred apron and come back to me." So Evyatar got the sacred apron and went back to David. **8** Then David asked Yahweh, "If I chase after these raiders, will I catch up to them?"

"Chase them because you'll definitely catch up and you'll certainly be able to rescue the captives," Yahweh answered.

9 So David and the six hundred men who were with him took

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_dancing(s) to_say Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_has_struck_down (on)_his_ _of_thousands and_Dāvid in/on/at/with[207]. **6** And_ 'Akīsh _ _he/it_called (to) Dāvid and_he/it_said to_him/it by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because are_upright you and_good in_eyes_of_my your_going_out[208] and_coming_your with_me in_camp if/because not I_have_found in_you(ms) evil from_the_day_of came_you to_me until the_day the_this and_in_the_eyes_of the_rulers not are_good you. **7** And_now turn_back and_go in_ _peace and_not you_will_do evil in/on_both_eyes_of the_ _rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Akīsh if/because what have_I_done and_what have_you_found in_ _servant_of_your from_the_day when I_was to_your_face until the_day the_this that/for/because/then/when not I_will_go and_I_will_fight against_the_enemies_of my_master the_king. **9** And_ 'Akīsh _he_answered and_he/it_said to Dāvid I_know if/because_that are_good you in_eyes_of_my like_an_ _messenger_of god nevertheless the_commanders_of the_ _Pəlishtiy they_have_said not he_will_go_up with_us in_battle. **10** And_now rise_early in_morning and_the_servants_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your who they_have_come with_you and_you(pl)_will_rise_early in_morning and_it_will_be_light to/for_you(pl) and_go. **11** And_ Dāvid he and_men_of_his _he_ _rose_early to_go in_morning to_return to the_land_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_the_Pəlishtiy they_went_up Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel).

30:1 And_he/it_was when_ Dāvid and_men_of_his _came Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) in_the_day the_third and_the_'Amālēqite[s] they_had_made_a_raid against the_Negev and_near/to Tsiqlag and_they_had_attacked ~~ÐØM~~ Tsiqlag and_they_had_burnt ~~ÐØM~~_ _her/it with_fire. **2** And_they_had_taken_captive ~~ÐØM~~ the_ _women who were_in_it from_small and_unto great not they_ _had_killed anyone and_they_had_driven_them_away and_ _they_had_gone to_way_of_their. **3** And_ Dāvid and_men_of_his _he_came to the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_burnt with_ _fire and_wives_of_their and_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_ _their they_had_been_taken_captive. **4** And_ Dāvid and_the_ _people which with_him/it _he_lifted_up ~~ÐØM~~ voice_of_their and_they_wept until that there_was_not (is)_in_them strength to_weep. **5** And_the_two_of the_wives_of Dāvid 'Aḥīno'am the_ _Jezreelite_woman and_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāval the_ _Karməlī/(Carmelite) they_had_been_taken_captive. **6** And_it_ _was_distress to_Dāvid exceedingly if/because the_people they_said to_stone_him if/because the_soul_of all_of the_ _people it_was_bitter everyone on mmm[211] and_on daughters_ _of_his and_ Dāvid _he_strengthened_himself in_**YHWH** his/its_god. **7** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Evyātār the_ _priest/officer the_son_of 'Aḥīmelek bring_near please to_me the_ephod and_ 'Evyātār _he_brought_near ~~ÐØM~~ the_ephod to Dāvid. **8** And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_**YHWH** to_say will_I_ _pursue after the_marauding_band the_this will_I_overtake_it and_he/it_said to_him/it pursue if/because certainly_

206 **RV 29:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 18:7; 21:11.

207 **LV 29:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב**/תבבר/**ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְבְּבַר/בְּ': lemma_b/7233 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_09hSt וְ/יִתְבְּבַר/**ב**

208 **LV 29:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

209 **RV 30:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 25:42-43.

210 **RV 30:7 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 22:20-23.

211 **LV 30:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **נב**/**ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָנֻב': lemma_1121 a morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_09gLX וְ/יָנֻב

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_(overtake) you_will_overtake_it and_certainly_(rescue) you_
_will_rescue_them. **9** And_he/it_went Dāvid he[212] and_six
hundred(s) man who with_him/it and_they_came to the_wadi_
_of (the)_Bəsōr and_those_who_were_left_behind they_
remained. **10** And Dāvid he and_four hundred(s) man _he_
pursued and two_hundred man who they_were_too_
_exhausted for_passing_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi_of (the)_Bəsōr _
_they_stood. **11** And_they_found a_man from_
_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) in_the_field and_they_took
ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Dāvid and_they_gave to_him/it bread and_he_
_ate and_they_gave_him_to_drink water. **12** And_they_gave to_
_him/it a_slice_of fig_cake and_two_of bunches_of_raisins and_
_he_ate and_ his/its_breath/wind/spirit _it_returned to_him/it
if/because not he_had_eaten food and_not he_had_drunk water
three days and_three nights. **13** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid
belong_to_whom you and_where from_this are_you and_ am_a_
_young_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) _he/it_said I a_slave
of_a_man ʹAmālēqite and_he_abandoned_me my_master
if/because I_was_sick the_day (the)_three. **14** We we_had_
_made_a_raid the_Negeʋ_of the_Kerethite[s] and_on that_
_which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_on the_Negeʋ_of
Kālēʋ/(Caleb) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) we_had_burnt with_
_fire. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid will_you_take_me_
_down to the_marauding_band the_this and_he/it_said swear
to/for_me by_god if you_will_kill_me and_if you_will_deliver_
_me_up in_the_hand_of my_master and_I_will_take_you_down
to the_marauding_band (the)_this. **16** And_he_took_him_down
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_spread_out over the_surface_
_of all_of the_earth/land eating and_drinking and_celebrating
in_all_of the_plunder (the)_great which they_had_taken from_
_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_from_the_land_of Yəhūdāh.
17 And_he_struck_them_down Dāvid from_the_twilight and_
_unto the_evening of_their_next_of_day and_not he_escaped
from_them anyone if/because (if) four hundred(s) man young_
_man who they_rode on the_camels and_they_fled. **18** And_
Dāvid _he_rescued ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that ʹAmālēq they_had_taken
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of wives_of_his Dāvid he_rescued. **19** And_not
it_was_missing to/for_them from the_small(sg) and_unto the_
_great and_unto sons and_daughters and_from_the_booty and_
_unto all_of that they_had_taken to/for_them (the)_everything
Dāvid he_brought_back. **20** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ all_of
the_sheep and_the_cattle they_drove_them to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_livestock (the)_that and_they_said
this is_the_booty_of Dāvid. **21** And_ Dāvid _he_came to two_
_hundred the_men who they_had_been_too_exhausted for_
_going after Dāvid and_they_had_left_them_behind at_the_
_wadi_of (the)_Bəsōr and_they_went_out to_meet Dāvid and_
_to_meet the_people which with_him/it and_ Dāvid _he_
_approached ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_he_asked to/for_them to_
welfare. **22** And every_of man evil and_worthlessness of_the_
_men who they_had_gone with Dāvid _he_answered and_they_
_said because that not they_went with_me not we_will_give
to/for_them any_of_the_booty which we_have_recovered
if/because (if) everyone ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_wife/woman and_ᴅᴏᴍ
children_of_his and_they_will_lead_them_away and_they_will_
go. **23** And Dāvid _he/it_said not you(pl)_must_do thus my_

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off and they reached the Besor riverbed, where some of the slower ones remained. **10** David and four hundred men continued, but two hundred more of the men who were exhausted stopped at the far end of the Besor riverbed. **11** They found an Mitsri (Egyptian) man in the countryside and took him to David. They gave him water to drink and bread to eat, **12** along with a slice of fig cake and two raisin clusters. He ate it and felt stronger again because he hadn't eaten or drunk for three full days. **13** "Who do you belong to?" David asked. "And where are you from?"

"I am an Mitsri," he replied. "I'm an Amaleki man's slave but my master left me three days ago because I got sick. **14** We'd raided the southern area of the Kereti as well as part of Yehudah (Judah) and the south of Kalev (Caleb). And we burnt down Tsiklag."

15 David asked him, "Can you lead us to them?"

"I'll take you to them," he answered, "if you promise by God that you won't kill me and won't hand me back over to my master." **16** So he took David down to the plain, and sure enough, there were the Amalekim spread out, eating and drinking and celebrating because of all the plunder that they had taken from the Pelishti and Yehudah regions. **17** David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day, and none of the Amalekim were able to escape except for four hundred young men who jumped on camels and fled. **18** So David was able to rescue everyone that the Amalekim had taken, including his two wives. **19** None of their sons or daughters were missing, and they also recovered all the animals and all the plunder—nothing was missing—big or small. **20** David took all the flocks and herds and they drove them in front of the other livestock, saying, "This is David's spoil."

21 Then David got back to the two hundred men who'd been too exhausted to go all the way with them. They'd stayed at the Besor riverbed, and they went out to meet David and his men. As David approached to greet them, **22** all the evil and worthless men who'd gone with David complained, "Because they didn't go with us, we won't give them any of the plunder that we recovered, except that each man can get his wife and children then take them away and leave."

23 "No, my brothers," David said. "You won't do that with what Yahweh has given to us. He's protected us and helped us defeat the raiders who came against us. **24** Who'll listen to you all when you talk like that? The portion for the ones who went and fought will be the same as for those who stayed with the equipment. They'll all share alike. **25** So from that time onwards, it's been a custom and law in Yisrael (Israel).

212 LV 30:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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David distributes gifts · Full kingdom

26 When David got back to Tsiklag, he sent a gift from some of the plunder to the elders in Yehudah (Judah), telling them, "Look, here's a blessing for you—some of the spoil from Yahweh's enemies." **27** Gifts were sent to: those in Beyt-El (Bethel), Ramot-Negev, Yatir, **28** Aroer, Sifmot, Eshtemoa, **29** Rakal, the cities of the Yerahme'elim and the Keynim, **30** Hormah, Bor-Ashan, Atak, **31** Hevron, and all the places where David and his men had been to.

The death of Sha'ul and his sons · Full kingdom[213]

31:1 Meanwhile, the Pelishtim were battling against Yisrael (Israel), and the Israelis fled from the Pelishtim but many were killed on Mt. Gilboa. **2** The Pelishtim stayed hard on the tail of Sha'ul (Saul) and his sons, and they killed his sons Yonatan (Jonathan), Avinadav, and Malkishua. **3** Then the battle was fierce around Sha'ul, then the Pelishti archers sighted him and he writhed in terrible pain from the arrows. **4** He said to the man carrying his equipment, "Draw out your sword and pierce me through with it, lest these uncircumcised Pelishtim come and pierce me through then torture me as I'm dying." But the man who carried his equipment was very scared and wouldn't do it, so Sha'ul took his sword and fell on it. **5** When the man carrying his equipment saw that the king was dead, he too fell on his sword and died with him. **6** So Sha'ul, three of his sons, and the man carrying his equipment all died on that same day, along with all his warriors. **7** When the Israelis on the north side of the Yizre'el (Jezreel) valley and on the east side of the Yarden (Jordan) saw that the Israeli warriors had fled and that Sha'ul and his sons had been killed, they left their cities and fled, and the Pelishtim came and lived in them.

8 The next day when the Pelishtim came to strip anything valuable from the bodies, they found the bodies of Sha'ul and his three sons there on Mt. Gilboa. **9** They cut off the king's head and took all his gear. Then they sent messengers all around the Pelishti region to spread their good news to the temples of their idols and to all their people. **10** They Sha'ul's armour and

213 RV 31:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 10:1-12

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_brothers_of_my ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ that_which **YHWH** he_has_given to/for_ _us and_he_has_kept us and_he/it_gave ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_marauding_ _band which_came on_us in_hand_of_our. **24** And_who will_he_ _listen to/for_you(pl) to_the_message/thing/matter the_this if/because like_the_share of_the_one_who_went_down in_ _battle and_like_the_share_of the_one_who_remained with the_ _vessels alike they_will_share. **25** And_he/it_was from_the_day (the)_that and_onwards and_he_made_it into_a_regulation and_into_a_judgement for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until the_day (the)_ _this.

26 And_ Dāvid _he_came to Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_he_sent some_ _of_the_booty to_the_elders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_friend_of_ _his to_say HERE to/for_you(pl) a_blessing from_the_booty_of the_enemies_of **YHWH**. **27** For_those_who in_house_of ʾēl and_ _for_those_who were_in_Ramoth_of the_Negev and_for_those_ _who were_in_Yattir/(Jattir). **28** And_for_those_who were_in_ _ʻArōʻēr and_for_those_who were_in_Sifmōt and_for_those_who were_in_'Eshtəmoʻa. **29** And_for_those_who were_in_Rākāl and_ _for_those_who were_in_the_cities_of the_Jerahmeelite[s] and_ _for_those_who were_in_the_cities_of the_Qēynī[s]. **30** And_for_ _those_who were_in_Ḥormāh and_for_those_who were_in_Bor-ashan and_for_those_who were_in_ʻAtāk. **31** And_for_those_ _who were_in_Ḥevrōn and_to/for_all the_places where he_ _had_gone_about there Dāvid he and_men_of_his.

31:1 And_the_Pəlishtiy were_fighting against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_fled from_face/in_ _front_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_fell slain on_the_mountain_of (the)_Gilboʻa. **2** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_pursued_closely ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ sons_of_his and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_ _struck_down ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ 'Avīnādāv and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Malkī- Shūʻa the_sons_of Shā'ūl. **3** And_ the_battle _it_was_heavy against Shā'ūl and_they_found_him the_archers men with_bow and_he_was_in_severe_pain exceedingly from_the_archers. **4** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_said to_ _the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his draw sword_of_your and_ _pierce_me_through with_it lest the_uncircumcised_men the_ _these they_should_come and_they_will_pierce_me_through and_they_will_deal_wantonly with_me and_not the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his he_was_willing if/because he_was_afraid exceedingly and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_took ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _drought//sword/knife and_he_fell on_it. **5** And_ the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his _he/it_saw if/because_that Shā'ūl he_ _had_died and_ also he _he_fell on sword_of_his and_he/it_died with_him/it. **6** And_ Shā'ūl and_three_of his_sons_of_his and_ _the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his also all_of men_of_his _ _he/it_died in_the_day (the)_that together. **7** And_they_saw the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who were_on_the_other_side_of the_valley and_which were_on_the_other_side_of the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) if/because_that the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_fled and_because/when Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_sons_of_ _his they_had_died and_they_abandoned ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_cities and_ _they_fled and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_came and_they_lived in_ _them. **8** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_came to_strip ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ones_slain and_they_found ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~

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Shā'ūl and_ĐOM the_three_of sons_of_his fallen on_the_ _mountain_of (the)_Gilbo´a. **9** And_they_cut_off ĐOM his/its_ _head and_they_stripped_off ĐOM armour(s)_of_his and_they_ _sent in_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy all_around to_bear_the_news the_house_of their_idols_of_their and_ĐOM the_people. **10** And_ _they_put ĐOM armour(s)_of_his the_house_of ´Ashtārōt and_ _ĐOM corpse_of_his they_fixed on_the_wall_of Bēyt Shan. **11** And_they_heard to_him/it the_inhabitants_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) ĐOM that_which the_Pəlishtiy they_had_done to_Shā'ūl. **12** And_ every_of man_of strength _they_arose and_ _they_went all_of the_night and_they_took ĐOM the_corpse_of Shā'ūl and_ĐOM the_corpses_of his_sons_of_his from_the_wall_ _of Bēyt Shan and_they_came to_Yāvēsh and_they_burnt ĐOM_ _them there. **13** And_they_took ĐOM bones_of_their and_they_ _buried_them under the_tamarisk_tree in_Yāvēsh and_they_ _fasted seven_of days.

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weapons in the temple of the Ashtarot, and hung his body on the Beyt-Shean city wall.

11 When the residents of Yavesh-Gilead heard what the Pelishtim had done to Sha'ul's body, **12** all their warriors walked all night to take Sha'ul's body and those of his sons, off the wall at Beyt-Shean. They took them back to Yavesh and burnt them there. **13** Then they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Yavesh, and fasted for seven days.

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2 Shmuel

Introduction

Second Shmuel (commonly, but wrongly known as 'Samuel') is the continuation of *First Shmuel*—the two parts together are considered a single 'book' in the Jewish Bible—it's only split into two because it was too long to fit on a single scroll.

This the story of David's reign: firstly he ruled what became known as 'Yehudah' (Judah) in the south east (chapters 1–4), and eventually, the entire nation, including the much larger area of Yisrael (called 'Israel' in older translations) in the north east (Chapter 5–24). This document explains how David dealt with his enemies within the country, as well as battling with other nations in order to widen and strengthen his kingdom. David's faith and respect of God is demonstrated here, as well as his love for the people. However, despite that, he was also fierce and he was quite capable of disobeying God to get what he wanted. But God sees everything and seen his prophet Natan (Nathan) with a parable to show David his selfishness. David asked for forgiven for his sin and accepted the punishment that God gave him.

The times of peace and prosperity through the latter parts of David's rule were planted in the minds of the Hebrew people, and in the future when they faced difficulties, they would long for another king like David—a son (better 'a descendant') of David who would love God like him.

Main components of this account

The kingdom of David in Yehudah *1:1–4:12*
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1:1 And_he/it_was after the_death_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Dāvid he_returned from_when_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_Amalek and_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) days two. **2** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_coming from the_camp from_ _with Shā'ūl and_garments_of_his were_torn and_earth was_on his/its_head and_he/it_was when_came_he to Dāvid and_he_ _fell towards_land and_he_bowed_down. **3** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Dāvid where from_this are_you_coming and_he/it_said to_him/it from_the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_escaped. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid what the_message was_it tell please to_me and_he/it_said which/who the_people it_has_fled from the_battle and_also many it_has_fallen of the_people and_ _they_have_died and_also Shā'ūl and_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son they_have_died. **5** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_young_man who_had_told to_ _him/it how do_you_know if/because_that Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān his/its_son he_has_died. **6** And_he/it_said the_young_man who_had_told to_him/it by_chance_(happen_to_be) I_found_ _myself on_the_mountain_of (the)_Gilbo'a and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Shā'ūl/(Saul) was_leaning on spear_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_chariotry and_the_owners_of the_ _horses they_overtook_him. **7** And_he_turned behind_him and_ _he_saw_me and_he/it_called to_me and_I_said here_I_am. **8** And_he/it_said to_me who are_you and[2] to_him/it am_an_ _Amalekite I. **9** And_he/it_said to_me stand please over_me and_kill_me if/because it_has_seized_me (the)_dizziness if/because all_of still life_of_my is_in_me. **10** And_I_stood on/upon/above_him/it and_I_killed_him if/because I_knew if/because_that not he_will_live after he_had_fallen and_I_took the_crown which was_on his/its_head and_an_armlet which was_on arm_of_his and_I_brought_them to my_master here. **11** And_ Dāvid _he_took_hold his[3] and_he_tore_them and_also all_of the_men who with_him/it. **12** And_they_mourned and_ _they_wept and_they_fasted until the_evening on Shā'ūl and_ _on Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son and_on the_ _people_of **YHWH** and_on the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_had_fallen by_sword. **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _said to the_young_man who_had_told to_him/it where from_ _this are_you and_he/it_said am_the_son_of a_man a_sojourner an_Amalekite I. **14** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid how not were_you_afraid to_stretch_out hand_of_your to_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**. **15** And_ Dāvid _he/it_called to_ _one of_the_young_men and_he/it_said draw_near fall in/on/over_him/it and_he_struck_him_down and_he/it_died. **16** And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid mmm[4] be_on head_of_your if/because mouth_of_your_own it_has_testified in_you(ms) to_ _say I I_killed ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**.

17 And_ Dāvid _he_made_a_lament ᴅᴏᴍ the_lamentation (the)_ _this on Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_on Yōnātān his/its_son. **18** And_ _he/it_said to_teach the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Bow HERE it_is_written on the_book_of the_upright_one. **19** The_

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David learns about Sha'ul's death · Full kingdom

1:1 After David returned from slaughtering the Amalekim, he stayed in Tsiklag for two days. (King Sha'ul (Saul) was dead by this time.) **2** Then on the third day, wow, a man came from Sha'ul's camp. He had torn clothes and dirt on his head, and when he got to David he fell onto his knees and bowed low. **3** "Where have you come from?" David asked him.

"I was in Yisrael's (Israel's) camp, but managed to escape." he replied. **4** "Why? What happened?" David demanded. "Tell me, please,"

"Our people fled from the battle," the man said. "Many fell and died. Even Sha'ul and his son Yonatan (Jonathan) died."

5 "How do you know that Sha'ul and Yonatan died?" David asked the young man who'd brought the news.

6 "I happened to be on Mt. Gilboa," the young man replied, "and listen, Sha'ul was leaning on his spear. Then wow, the chariots and the masters of the chariot horses overtook him,[1] **7** and he turned around and saw me. He called me and I answered, 'Here I am.' **8** 'Who are you?' he asked. 'I'm an Amaleki,' I told him. **9** Then he said to me, 'Please, come over here and kill me, because although I'm still alive, the pain is unbearable.' **10** So I stood over him and killed him, because I knew that with those wounds, he wouldn't live. Then I took the crown off his head and the bracelet on his arm, and I brought them here to you, my master."

11 Then David pulled at his clothes with his hands and tore them, and all the men with him did the same, **12** and they mourned and wept and fasted until the evening for Sha'ul and for his son Yonatan, and for Yahweh's people, because many Israelis had been killed.

13 Then David asked the young man who'd brought the news, "Where are you from?"

"I'm a foreigner's son," he replied, "an Amaleki." **14** "How come you weren't afraid to kill Yahweh's anointed king with your own hands?" David asked him. **15** Then David called to one of his young men, "Come over here and execute him." So he struck him, and he died. **16** "Your blood's on your own head," David told the Amaleki, "because you admitted in your own words that you, yourself killed Yahweh's anointed one."

David's song of mourning · Full kingdom

17 Then David sang this funeral song for Sha'ul (Saul) and his son Yonatan (Jonathan) **18** and said that it should be

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1 RV 1:6-10 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 31:1-6; 1Ch 10:1-6.

2 LV 1:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **רמאי/ו**: (x-qere) 'רָמְאִ֖י': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_10zio רָמְאִ֖ו

3 LV 1:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **דגב/ב/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְיִדְגְּבִ֖י': lemma_b/899 b n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_10Ap3 וְיִדְגְּבִ֖ב

4 LV 1:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/ימד**: (x-qere) 'דְּ֭מָיִךְ': lemma_1818 n_1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_10sYp דְּ֭מָיִךְ

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taught to the people of Yehudah (Judah). It's called 'The bow' and indeed, it's written down in the Book of Yashar:[5]

19 "Yisrael's (Israel's) splendour was slain in the hills.
How the powerful warriors have died.
20 Don't tell them in Gat.
Don't let them take the news to Ashkelon's streets,
in case the Pelishti women celebrate,
and the daughters of the uncircumcised are elated.
21 You mountains in Gilboa,
may you have no dew or rain fall on you,
nor fields producing grain for offerings.
Because it was there that Sha'ul's shield was splattered with his blood,
and the leather won't be preserved with oil again.
22 From the blood of those slain—
from the fat of the warriors,
Yonatan's bow didn't retreat
and Sha'ul's sword didn't fail on its strikes.
23 Sha'ul (Saul) and Yonatan (Jonathan) were loved—
they pleased the people.
and even at their death they weren't separated.
They were swifter than eagles.
they were stronger than lions.
24 Weep for Sha'ul you daughters of Yisrael (Israel),
the one who dressed you in nice clothes with jewellery,
and gave you all gold brooches to put on.
25 Those warriors have fallen in the middle of the battle.
Yonatan has been killed there on the hills.
26 I grieve for you my dear friend Yonatan (Jonathan).
You were so kind to me.
Your friendship meant more to me than the women who say they love me.
27 Yes, those powerful warriors have fallen,
and those weapons of war have been destroyed."

The kingdom of David · Full kingdom

2:1 After that was over, David inquired from Yahweh, "Should I go into one of Yehudah's (Judah's) cities?"
"Yes, go," Yahweh answered.
"Where should I go?" David asked again.
"To Hevron," he said.
2 So David took his two wives (Ahinoam the Yizre'eli and Avigayil the widow of Naval the Karmeli)[6] and went there. 3 He took his men who were with him, along with their families, and went to live in Hevron and the surrounding towns. 4 Then the Yehudah leaders came and anointed David as king over Yehudah.
They told him, "It was the men of Yavesh-Gilead who buried Sha'ul (Saul)."[7] 5 So David sent messengers to Yavesh-Gilead to tell them, "May Yahweh bless you all because you showed that

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_beauty Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on places_of_your_high is_slain how the_mighty_ones they_have_fallen. 20 Do_not tell in_Gat do_not bear_news in_the_streets_of 'Ashqəlōn lest the_ _daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy they_should_rejoice lest the_ _daughters_of the_uncircumcised they_should_exult. 21 Oh_ _mountains_of in_Gilbo'a not dew and_not rain be_on_you(pl) and_fields_of contributions if/because there the_shield_of the_ _mighty_ones it_was_defiled the_shield_of Shā'ūl not was_ _anointed with_oil. 22 From_the_blood_of those_slain from_ _the_fat_of the_mighty_ones the_bow_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) not it_turned_back backwards and_the_sword_of Shā'ūl not it_returned empty. 23 Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān (the)_lovable and_(the)_pleasant in_ _lives_of_their and_in_death_of_their not they_were_separated more_than_eagles they_were_swift more_than_lions they_ _were_strong. 24 Oh_daughters_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) because_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) weep who_clothed_of_you(pl) scarlet with luxuries who_brought_up ornament[s]_of gold on clothing_of_ _your(pl). 25 How the_mighty_ones they_have_fallen in_the_ _middle_of_the_battle Yōnātān on places_of_your_high is_slain. 26 It_is_distress to_me on_you my_brother/kindred Yōnātān you_were_pleasant to/for_me very love_of_your it_was_ _wonderful to_me more_than_the_love_of women. 27 How the_ _mighty_ones they_have_fallen and_ the_weapons_of war _ _they_have_perished.

2:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_ _**YHWH** to_say will_I_go_up in_one_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it go_up and_ Dāvid _he/it_said where will_I_go_up and_he/it_said to_ _Ḥevrōn. 2 And_he/it_ascended there Dāvid and_also the_two_ _of wives_of_his 'Aḥīno'am the_Jezreelite_woman and_'Avīgayil the_wife_of Nāvāl the_Karməlī/(Carmelite). 3 And_men_of_his who with_him/it Dāvid he_brought_up each_man and_his/its_ _house(hold) and_they_lived in_the_cities_of Ḥevrōn. 4 And_ the_people_of Yəhūdāh _they_came and_they_anointed there ~~DOM~~ Dāvid to_king over the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_people_told to_Dāvid to_say were_the_men_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) those_who they_buried ~~DOM~~ Shā'ūl/(Saul). 5 And_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers to the_people_of Yāvēsh and_he/it_said to_them you(pl) be_blessed to/for_**YHWH** that you(pl)_have_done the_ _loyalty the_this with master(s)_of_your(pl) with Shā'ūl and_

5 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** Josh 10:13.
6 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 25:42-43.
7 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 31:11-13.

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_you(pl)_have_buried ÐOM_him/it. **6** And_now **YHWH** may_he_ _do with_you(pl) covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness and_also I I_will_do with_you(pl) the_good (the)_this that you(pl)_have_ _done the_thing (the)_this. **7** And_now hands_of_your(pl) let_ _them_be_strong and_become (into)_sons_of strength if/because master(s)_of_your(pl) Shā'ūl he_has_died and_also ÐOM_me the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_have_anointed to_king over_them.

8 And_'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr the_commander_of the_army which belonged_to_Shā'ūl he_had_taken ÐOM Ish- boshet the_ _son_of Shā'ūl and_he_had_brought_him_over Maḥₐnāyim. **9** And_he_made_him_king to (the)_Gil'ād and_near/to the_ _Ashurite[s] and_to Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) and_over 'Efrayim and_ _over Binyāmīn and_over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all. **10** Was_a_ _son_of forty year[s] Ish- boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl when_he_ _became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_two years he_reigned only the_house_of Yəhūdāh they_were after Dāvid. **11** And_ the_number_of the_days which he_was Dāvid king in_Ḥevrōn over the_house_of Yəhūdāh _he/it_was seven years and_six months. **12** And_ 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr and_the_servants_of Ish- boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_went_out from_ _Maḥₐnāyim to_Giv'ōn. **13** And_Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) and_the_servants_of Dāvid they_went_out and_they_met_them at the_pool_of Giv'ōn together and_ these_men _they_lived at the_pool from_this and_these at the_ _pool from_this. **14** And_ 'Avnēr _he/it_said to Yō'āv let_them_ _arise please the_young_men and_let_them_play before_us and_ Yō'āv _he/it_said let_them_arise. **15** And_they_arose and_ _they_passed_by by_number two_plus ten for_Binyāmīn and_ _for_Ish- boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl and_two_plus ten of_the_ _servants_of of_Dāvid. **16** And_they_took_hold each on_the_ _head_of his/its_neighbour and_sword_of_his was_in_the_side_ _of his/its_neighbour and_they_fell together and_he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Helkath Hazzurim which is_in_Giv'ōn. **17** And_it_became the_battle severe up_to muchness in_the_day (the)_that and_ 'Avnēr and_the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_ _was_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _servants_of Dāvid. **18** And_they_were there three the_sons_of Tsərūyāh Yō'āv and_'Avīshay and_'Asāh'ēl and_'Asāh'ēl was_swift on_feet_of_his like_one of_the_gazelles which are_in_country. **19** And_ 'Asāh'ēl _he_pursued after 'Avnēr and_not he_turned_ _aside to_go to the_right and_to the_left from_after 'Avnēr. **20** And_ 'Avnēr _he_turned behind_him and_he/it_said you is_ _this Oh_'Asāh'ēl and_he/it_said I. **21** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Avnēr turn_aside to/for_yourself(m) to right_of_your or to left_of_your and_seize to/for_yourself(m) one of_the_young_ _men and_take to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM spoil_of_his and_not 'Asāh'ēl he_was_willing to_turn_aside from_after_him. **22** And_ _he_repeated again 'Avnēr to_say to 'Asāh'ēl turn_aside to/for_ _yourself(m) from_after_me to/for_what will_I_strike_you towards_land and_how will_I_lift_up face_of_my to Yō'āv/(Joab) your(ms)_brother/kindred. **23** And_he_refused to_ _turn_aside and_he_struck_him 'Avnēr with_the_back_end(s)_ _of the_spear into the_belly and_ the_spear _it_went_out from_

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kindness to your master Sha'ul to bury him respectfully. **6** Now may Yahweh treat you all with kindness and faithfulness, and I myself will also be good to you because you did that. **7** Meanwhile now that Sha'ul your master is dead, continue to be courageous and become brave warriors as Yehudah has anointed me as king over their tribe.

Disputes between Sha'ul and David's families · Full kingdom

8 However, Avner (Ner's son) who'd been Sha'ul's (Saul's) army commander had taken Sha'ul's son Ish-Boshet[8] across to Mahanayim **9** and declared him to be king over Gilead, and over the Ashurim and Yizre'el (Jezreel), and over Efrayim (Ephraim) and Benyamin, and over all of Yisrael (Israel). **10** Ish-Boshet was forty years old when he started to rule over the Israelis, and he ruled them for two years.

But the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) was loyal to David **11** and he ruled them for seven and a half years.

12 One day Avner left Mahanayim with some of Ish-Boshet's servants and went to Giveon, **13** but Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son, traditionally called 'Yoav' in English) took some of David's servants and went and confronted them at the Giveon pool—one group on each side of the pool. **14** Then Avner said to Yoav, "Let's get some of these young warriors to fight it out in front of us."

"Sounds good to me," said Yoav.

15 So they stood up and counted off twelve representing Benyamin and Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Ish-Boshet and twelve from David's servants. **16** Each of them grabbed his opponent's head and then thrust his sword into his side, so they both fell down dead together. So that place in Giveon was named 'Helkat-Hatsurim' (meaning 'Field of Daggers').

17 That led on to a very intense battle that day, but Avner and the Israeli men were defeated by David's servants. **18** Tseruyah's three sons were there: Yoav, Avishay, and Asahel, (Asahel was a fast runner—like a wild antelope.) **19** and Asahel chased after Avner and wouldn't give up. **20** Avner turned and said, "Is that you, Asahel?"

"Yes, it's me," he answered.

21 "I'm warning you: Stop chasing me and go after someone else instead," Avner called back. But Asahel wouldn't give up **22** so Avner tried again, "Stop chasing me! You'll force me to kill you, then how could I face your brother Yoav?" **23** But Asahel wouldn't give up so Avner thrust the butt end of his spear into his stomach and it went right through and came out his back. He fell to the ground and died there, and when the others caught up, they stopped there.

24 But Yoav and Avishay kept going after Avner. As the sun was setting, they came to the Amah hill (east of Giyah, along the road to the wilderness near Giveon) **25** and the Benyamites lined

8 RV 2:8 · Note Also known as Esh-Baal. (See 1 Chronicles 8:33.)

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up behind Avner as an coordinated unit there on top of the hill.
26 Avner called out to Yoav, "Are we just going to keep killing each other? Don't you know that the only result can be more bitterness? How long will you go on before you command your people to stop killing their cousins?"
27 "As God lives," Yoav replied, "if you hadn't said that, then surely it would have been morning before they would have pulled back from the chase." **28** So Yoav had a trumpet blown and his men stopped fighting and pursing the Israelis.
29 Then Avner and his men walked all that night through the Yarden (Jordan) river plain, then crossed the river and walked all morning until they got back to Mahanayim.
30 When Yoav had assembled them all and counted them, only Asahel and nineteen others had been killed in the battle, **31** although they had killed 360 of Avner's Benyamite warriors.
32 They retrieved Asahel's body and buried it in his father's tomb in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem). Then they walked all night and got back to Hevron at first light.
3:1 Nevertheless the war between Sha'ul's (Saul's) and David's followers dragged on and on, but overall, David's side had more wins than the followers of Ish-Boshet.

David's sons · Full kingdom

2 David's wives gave birth to six sons while they were based there in Hevron: Ahinoam (the Yizre'eli) gave birth to Amnon, **3** then Avigayil (the widow of Naval the Karmeli) gave birth to Kilav, and Ma'akah (daughter of King Talmay of Geshur) gave birth to Avshalom (Absalom). **4** The fourth was Adoniyah (son of Hagit), the fifth was Shefatyah (son of Avital), **5** and the sixth was Yitream (son of David's wife Eglah). All six of those sons were born to David in Hevron.

Avner switches over to David · Full kingdom

6 While the war between Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Ish-Boshet and David's supporters continued, Avner was strengthening himself with Sha'ul's supporters. **7** Now Sha'ul had had a slave-wife named Ritspah (daughter of Ayah) and Avner slept with her. So

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_behind_him and_he_fell there and_he/it_died his_place[9] and_
_he/it_was every_of (the)_one_who_came to the_place where
he_fell there ʼAsāhʾēl and_he/it_died and_they_stood_still.
24 And_ Yōʾāv and_ʾAvīshay _they_pursued after ʾAvnēr and_
_the_sun it_set and_they they_came to the_hill_of ʾAmmāh
which is_on the_face_of Giyaaḥ the_way_of the_wilderness_of
Giv ʻōn. **25** And_ the_descendants_of Binyāmīn _they_gathered_
_together behind ʾAvnēr and_they_were (into)_a_band one
and_they_stood on the_top_of a_hill one. **26** And_ ʾAvnēr _
_he/it_called to Yōʾāv and_he/it_said to_perpetuity the_sword
will_it_devour am_not do_you_know if/because_that bitter it_
_will_be at_last and_unto when not will_you_say to_people to_
_turn_back from_after brothers_of_their. **27** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_
_said by_the_life the_ʾElohīm if/because if_not you_had_spoken
if/because then from_the_morning the_people it_had_
_abandoned_pursuit each from_after his/its_brother. **28** And_
Yōʾāv/(Joab) _he_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_ all_of the_
_people _they_stood and_not they_pursued again after
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_not they_repeated again to_wage_war.
29 And_ʾAvnēr and_men_of_his they_went in_ʻArāvāh all_of
the_night (the)_that and_they_passed_over ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_went all_of (the)_Bitron and_they_
_came Maḥanāyim. **30** And_Yōʾāv he_returned from_after
ʾAvnēr and_he_gathered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of the_people and_they_were_
_missed of_the_servants_of of_Dāvid nine- teen man and_ʻAsāh-
ʾēl. **31** And_the_servants_of Dāvid they_had_struck_down of_
_Binyāmīn and_among_the_men_of ʾAvnēr three hundred(s)
and_sixty man they_had_died. **32** And_people_lifted_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~
ʻAsāhʾēl and_they_buried_him in_the_tomb_of his/its_father
which was_Bēyt- leḥem and_they_went all_of the_night Yōʾāv
and_men_of_his and_it_became_light to/for_them at_Ḥevrōn.
3:1 And_it_became the_war long between the_house_of
Shāʾūl/(Saul) and_between the_house_of Dāvid and_Dāvid was_
_going and_strong and_the_house_of Shāʾūl were_going and_
_weak.
2 And[1011] to_Dāvid sons in_Ḥevrōn and_he/it_was firstborn_of_
_his ʾAmnōn of_ʾAḥīnoʻam the_Jezreelite_woman. **3** And_was_
_second_of_his Kileab mmm[1213] the_wife_of Nāvāl the_
_Karməlī/(Carmelite) and_was_the_third ʾAvīshālōm the_son_
_of Maʻakāh the_daughter_of Talmay the_king_of Gəshūr.
4 And_was_the_fourth ʾAdoniyʸāh the_son_of Ḥaggit and_was_
_the_fifth Shəfaṭʸāh the_son_of ʾAvīṭal. **5** And_was_the_sixth
Yitrəʻām/(Ithream) of_ʻEglāh the_wife_of Dāvid these they_
_were_born to_Dāvid in_Ḥevrōn.

6 And_he/it_was when_was (the)_war between the_house_of
Shāʾūl and_between the_house_of Dāvid and_ʾAvnēr he_was
strengthening_himself in_house_of Shāʾūl. **7** And_belonged_to_
_Shāʾūl a_concubine and_name_of_her was_Ritspāh the_
_daughter_of ʾAyʸāh and_he/it_said to ʾAvnēr why have_you_
_gone into the_concubine_of my_father_of_my. **8** And_it_

9 LV 2:23 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תחת: (x-qere) ו/יָתְחַתּ: lemma_8478 n_1 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10LY2 ו/יָתְחַתּ
10 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB variant note: ודלי/ו: (x-qere) ו/וְדָלְוַי: lemma_c/3205 morph_HC/VNw3mp id_10SMW ו/וְדָלְוַי
11 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
12 LV 3:3 · Note OSHB variant note: לניבא/ל: (x-qere) ל/לַּגִּיבָא: lemma_l/26 n_1.1 morph_HR/Np id_109fJ ל/לַּגִּיבָא
13 LV 3:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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glowed/burnt to'Avnēr exceedingly on the_words/messages_ _of Ish- boshet and_he/it_said the_head_of a_dog am_I which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_day I_show loyalty with the_ _house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) father_of_your to brothers_of_his and_ _near/to friend[s]_of_his_close and_not I_have_delivered_you in_the_hand_of Dāvid and_you_have_visited on_me the_guilt_of the_woman the_day. **9** Thus god may_he_do to_'Avnēr and_ _thus may_he_add to_him/it if/because just_as **YHWH** he_ _swore to_Dāvid if/because so I_will_do for_him/it. **10** To_take_ _away the_kingdom from_the_house_of Shā'ūl and_to_establish ĐOM the_throne_of Dāvid over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_over Yəhūdāh from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevaʿ. **11** And_not he_was_ _able again to_bring_back ĐOM 'Avnēr a_message because_ _feared_he ĐOM_him/it. **12** And_ 'Avnēr _he_sent messengers to Dāvid place_of_himself[16] to_say belongs_to_whom the_land to_ _say make covenant_of_your with_me and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE hand_of_my will_be_with_you to_bring_round to_you ĐOM all_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_he/it_said good I I_will_make with_ _you a_covenant only a_thing one I am_asking from_with_you to_say not you_will_see ĐOM face_of_my if/because (if) to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before bring_you ĐOM Mīkāl the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) when_come_you to_see ĐOM face_ _of_my. **14** And_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers to Ish- boshet the_ _son_of Shā'ūl to_say give ĐOM wife_of_my ĐOM Mīkāl whom I_ _betrothed to_me for_a_hundred foreskins_of Pəlishtiy. **15** And_ Ish- boshet _he_sent and_he_took_her from_with a_husband from_with Palṭī'ēl/(Paltiel) the_son_of Layish[17]. **16** And_he/it_ _went with_her her/its_husband/man going and_weeping after_her to Baḥurīm and_he/it_said to_him/it 'Avnēr go return and_he_returned. **17** And_the_message_of 'Avnēr it_was with the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say both yesterday as_ _well_as the_third_day you(pl)_were seeking ĐOM Dāvid to_king over_you(pl). **18** And_now act if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken to Dāvid to_say by_the_hand_of Dāvid servant_of_my to_deliver ĐOM people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_hand_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_from_the_hand_of all_of enemies_of_their. **19** And_ also 'Avnēr _he/it_spoke in_the_ears_of Binyāmīn and_ also 'Avnēr _he/it_went to_speak in_the_ears_of Dāvid at_ _Ḥevrōn ĐOM all_of that was_good in/on_both_eyes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_in_the_eyes_of all_of the_house_of Binyāmīn. **20** And_ 'Avnēr _he_came to Dāvid Ḥevrōn and_ _were_with_him twenty men and_ Dāvid _he/it_made for_ _'Avnēr and_for_the_men who with_him/it a_feast. **21** And_ 'Avnēr _he/it_said to Dāvid let_me_arise and_let_me_go and_ _let_me_gather to my_master the_king ĐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_they_may_make with_you a_covenant and_you_will_reign over_all that self_of_your it_desires and_ Dāvid _he_sent_away ĐOM 'Avnēr and_he/it_went in_peace.

22 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_servants_of Dāvid and_ _Yō'āv/(Joab) was_coming from_the_raid and_plunder much with_them they_had_brought and_'Avnēr not_he was_with Dāvid in_Ḥevrōn if/because he_had_sent_him_away and_he/it_

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Ish-Boshet demanded, "Why have you slept with my father's slave-wife?" **8** Avner became very angry at this challenge from Ish-Boshet and snapped back, "Do you think I'm Yehudah's (Judah's) dog hiding out over here? Today I've been helping Sha'ul's family: your father, his brothers, and his friends, and I won't let you fall into David's hands. Yet today you bring some charge against me to do with a woman? **9** May God punish me if I don't do for David exactly what Yahweh promised him **10** and help with the transfer of the kingdom away from your family and to establish David's kingdom over both Yehudah and Yisrael (Israel), from Dan down to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba)."[14]
11 Ish-Boshet didn't say a word back to Avner because he was very scared of him.

12 Then Avner sent messengers to David to tell him, "Who should be king of this country? Let's come to an agreement and then I could join you and help make all of Yisrael turn to you."

13 "Yes, good," David replied. "I'm happy to come to an agreement with you on one condition: you must bring my wife—Sha'ul's daughter, Mikal—if you want to be accepted here."
14 Then David sent messengers to Sha'ul's son Ish-Boshet saying, "Give Mikal back to me. I earnt her as my wife with the foreskins of one-hundred Pelishtim."[15] **15** So Ish-Boshet had her taken from her husband (Layish's son Paltiel), **16** but he walked along behind her, weeping, as far as Bahurim where finally Avner told him to go back home and so he did.

17 Then Avner conferred with the Israeli elders saying, "Previously you were wanting David to be king over you, **18** but now it's time for action. Yahweh has already said, 'I'm going to use my servant David to rescue my people Yisrael from the Pelishtim and all their other enemies.' " **19** Avner also spoke privately with the Benyamites, then he went to Hevron to tell David privately what the Israelis and the Benyamites had agreed to.

20 Then Avner took twenty men and went to David at Hevron, and David put on a feast for all of them. **21** Avner asked David, "My master, the king. Let me get ready and go, and let me encourage all of Yisrael that they'll make an agreement with you so that you will be king over the entire area as you've been wanting." So David sent Avner, and he went in peace.

Yoav murders Avner · Full kingdom

22 Soon afterwards, Yoav (Joab) and some of David's men arrived after a raid and carried in a lot of plunder. (Avner had already left Hevron

14 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 15:28.

15 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 18:27.

16 **LV 3:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: תחת/ו: (x-qere) יְתִחַתּ/ו': lemma_8478 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10t1W יְתִחַתּ/ו

17 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: שול: (x-qere) שִׁיל': lemma_3919 b n_0 morph_HNp id_108zu שִׁיל

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because David had sent him off and he'd left in peace.) **23** When Yoav and all the fighters with him arrived, he was told that Avner had been there and spoken with the king, then sent away in peace. **24** So Yoav went to the king and demanded, "What have you done? Avner came to you and I can't believe that you'd let him go, but he's definitely not here now. **25** Surely you realise that he only came here to influence you and to find out where you're coming from and going to, and to learn everything that you're doing?"

26 Once Yoav had finished talking to David, he sent messengers to catch up to Avner. They found him at the Sirah cistern and brought him back without David's knowledge. **27** When Avner got back to Hevron, Yoav took him aside at the city gate as if to speak to him privately, then stabbed him in the stomach and he died as vengeance for killing Yoav's brother Asahel. **28** Later when David heard about it, he declared, "I and my kingdom are innocent of Avner's death in Yahweh's eyes. **29** May Yoav's extended family continually suffer from sores or leprosy, and be forced into manual labour or be killed in battle, or run out of food to eat." **30** (That's how Yoav and his brother Avishay murdered Avner because he'd killed their brother Asahel in Giveon during the war.)

Abnir's burial · Full kingdom

31 Then David instructed Yoav (Joab) and all the people with him, "Tear your clothes and put on sackcloth and mourn for Avner." Later at the funeral, King David walked behind the coffin **32** and they buried Avner in Hevron. The king cried loudly at the tomb, and the people also wept. **33** The king sang this song for Avner:

"Avner shouldn't have died as if he was just some drunken fool.
34 He wasn't handcuffed or with his feet in chains.
He fell like someone disturbing a burglar."

And so the people wept even more for him.

35 Many people brought food to David during the day, but he promised, "May God severely punish me if I eat anything before the sun goes down." **36** All the people recognised David's dignity in handling this matter and were pleased with his behaviour, just as they were pleased with everything that the king did, **37** and everyone throughout Yisrael (Israel) knew that the king hadn't ordered for Avner (Ner's son) to be executed. **38** Then the king told his servants, "Don't you all realise that Yisrael lost a leader and a great man today? **39** Although I was anointed as king, I feel tender today. Those sons of Tseruyah are more violent than me. May Yahweh repay evil people appropriately for their actions."

Literal Version

_went in_peace. **23** And_Yō'āv and_all the_army which with_ _him/it they_came and_people_told to_Yō'āv to_say 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr he_came to the_king and_he/it_sent_out/away_ _him/it and_he/it_went in_peace. **24** And_ Yō'āv _he_went to the_king and_he/it_said what have_you_done HERE 'Avnēr he_ _came to_you to/for_what this did_you_send_him_away and_ _he/it_went completely_(go). **25** You_know ĐOM 'Avnēr the_ _son_of Nēr if/because_that to_deceive_you he_came and_to_ _know ĐOM out_of and_ĐOM mmm[18] and_to_know ĐOM all_of that you are_doing. **26** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_went_out from_with Dāvid and_he_sent messengers after 'Avnēr and_they_brought_ _back ĐOM_him/it from_well_of Sirah and_Dāvid not he_knew. **27** And_ 'Avnēr _he_returned Ḫevrōn and_he_turned_him_ _aside Yō'āv into the_middle_of the_gate to_speak with_him/it in_quietness and_he_struck_him there the_belly and_he/it_ _died for_the_blood_of ʿAsāh-ʾēl his/its_brother. **28** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened from_after thus and_he/it_said am_innocent I and_kingdom_of_my from_with **YHWH** until perpetuity from_ _the_blood(s)_of 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr. **29** Let_them_whirl over the_head_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_near/to all_of the_house_of his/its_father and_not let_him_be_cut_off from_the_house_of Yō'āv one_who_suffers_a_discharge and_one_who_has_a_skin_ _disease and_one_who_takes_hold on_spindle and_one_who_ _falls by_sword and_one_lacking_of bread. **30** And_Yō'āv and_ _'Avīshay his/its_brother they_killed (to)_'Avnēr on that he_ _had_killed ĐOM ʿAsāhʾēl brother_of_their at_Givʿōn in_battle. **31** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yō'āv and_near/to all_of the_ _people which with_him/it tear garments_of_your(pl) and_ _gird_yourselves sackcloth(s) and_mourn to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before 'Avnēr and_the_king Dāvid was_walking after the_bier. **32** And_they_buried ĐOM 'Avnēr in_Ḫevrōn and_he_ _lifted_up[19] the_king ĐOM voice_of_his and_he_wept to the_ _grave_of 'Avnēr and_ all_of the_people _they_wept. **33** And_ the_king _he_made_a_lament concerning 'Avnēr and_he_said like_the_death_of a_fool 'Avnēr will_he_die. **34** Hand_of_your not were_bound and_feet_of_your not to_bronze_fetters they_ _were_brought_near as_falls to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before sons_of injustice you_have_fallen and_ all_of the_ _people _they_repeated to_weep on/upon/above_him/it. **35** And_ all_of the_people _it_came to_make_to_eat ĐOM Dāvid bread while_still the_day and_ Dāvid _he_swore_an_oath to_say thus may_he_do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if/because if to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_sun goes I_will_taste bread or all_of anything. **36** And_all the_people they_paid_regard and_it_was_good in_eyes_of_their like_all that the_king he_did in/on_both_eyes_of all_of the_people it_ _was_good. **37** And_ all_of the_people and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _they_knew in_the_day (the)_that if/because_that not it_was from_the_king to_kill ĐOM 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr. **38** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said to servants_of_his am_not do_you(pl)_know if/because_that a_leader and_a_great_man he_has_fallen the_ _day the_this in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **39** And_I the_day am_weak and_ king _I_am_anointed and_the_men the_these the_sons_of

18 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/אובמ**: (x-qere) 'דֹּ֫אָבֹנִ֥ם': lemma_4126 n_0.2 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2ms id_10eEg דֹּ֫אָבֹנִ֥ם

19 LV 3:32 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) are_too_hard for_me **YHWH** may_he_repay to_the_one_who_does_of (of)_the_evil according_to_of_his_evil.

4:1 And_ the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) _he/it_listened if/because_ _that 'Avnēr he_had_died in_Ḥevrōn and_ hands_of_his _they_ _dropped and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_terrified. **2** And_ _two_of men commanders_of marauding_bands they_were the_ _son_of Shā'ūl the_name_of the_one was_Ba'anāh and_name_of the_second was_Rēkāv the_sons_of Rimmōn the_Bə'ērōtite from_(the)_sons of_Binyāmīn if/because also Bə'ērōt it_is_ _reckoned to Binyāmīn. **3** And_ the_Bə'ērōtites _they_had_fled to_Gittayim and_they_have_been there sojourning until the_ _day (the)_this. **4** And_belonged_to_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shā'ūl a_son stricken_of feet a_son_of five years he_was when_ the_report_of Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān _came from_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) and_she_ _lifted_him nurse_of_his and_she_fled and_he/it_was when_ _she_made_haste to_flee and_he_fell and_he_became_lame and_his/its_name was_Mephiboshet. **5** And_ the_sons_of Rimmōn the_Bə'ērōtite Rēkāv and_Ba'anāh _they_went and_ _they_came about_the_heat_of the_day to the_house_of Ish-boshet and_he was_lying ᴅᴏᴍ the_lying_of (the)_noon(s). **6** And_they(f) they_came to the_middle_of the_house taking_of (of)_wheat(s) and_they_struck_him into the_belly and_Rēkāv and_Ba'anāh his/its_brother they_escaped. **7** And_they_came the_house and_he was_lying on bed_of_his in_the_chamber_of his_lying_down_of_his and_they_struck_him and_they_killed_ _him and_they_removed ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head and_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head and_they_went the_way_of the_'Arāvāh all_of the_ _night. **8** And_they_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_of Ish- boshet to Dāvid Ḥevrōn and_they_said to the_king HERE the_head_of Ish-boshet the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) enemy_of_your who he_sought ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_your and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to_master_of_my the_king vengeance(s) the_day the_this from_Shā'ūl and_from_ _offspring_of_his. **9** And_ Dāvid _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ Rēkāv and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ Ba'anāh his/its_brother the_sons_of Rimmōn the_ _Bə'ērōtite and_he/it_said to/for_them by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_has_ransomed ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my from_all trouble. **10** If/because the_one_who_told to_me to_say HERE Shā'ūl he_ _has_died and_he he_was like_one_bearing_news in_his_own_ _of_eyes and_I_took_hold in_him/it and_I_killed_him in_ _Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) that I_gave_me to_him/it news. **11** Indeed if/because men wicked they_have_killed ᴅᴏᴍ a_man righteous in_his_own_of_house on bed_of_his_own and_now am_not will_ _I_require ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_his from_hand_of_your(pl) and_I_will_ _remove you(pl) from the_earth/land. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_men and_they_killed_them and_ _they_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ feet_of_their and_ _they_hanged_them at the_pool in_Ḥevrōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_ _of Ish- boshet they_took and_they_buried_it in_the_tomb_of 'Avnēr at_Ḥevrōn.

Readers' Version

The murder of Ish-Boshet · Full kingdom

4:1 When Sha'ul's (Saul's) son Ish-Boshet heard that Avner had been killed in Hevron, he lost courage and all Yisrael (Israel) was horrified. **2** He had two men who were leaders of raiding parties. They were Rimon's sons Ba'anah and Rekav from Be'erot in the Benyamite region, **3** but the people from Be'erot had fled to Gitayim where they've stayed until now.

4 (Sha'ul's son Yonatan (Jonathan) had a son named Mefiboshet. He was five years old when the report about Sha'ul and Yonatan's death came from Yizre'el (Jezreel). Mefiboshet's nanny picked him up to run to safety, but in her hurry he fell and became crippled in his legs.)[20]

5 One day, Ba'anah and Rekav (the sons of Rimon from Be'erot) walked to Ish-Boshet's house, arriving in the middle of the day when he was taking a nap. **6–7** They entered the middle of the house as if getting wheat, then entered the inner room where @Ish-Boshet was on the bed. They struck him in the body, killing him, then they cut off his head. Then Rekav and Ba'anah took the head and escaped, and walked all night through the Aravah. **8** They took Ish-Boshet's head to David at Hevron and told the king, "Look, here's the head of Ish-Boshet, the son of your enemy Sha'ul who tried to kill you. Today Yahweh's given vengeance to my master the king against Sha'ul and his descendants."

9 Then David answered Rekav and his brother Ba'anah (the sons of Rimon from Be'erot), "As Yahweh lives, having delivered my life from every distress, **10** when the messenger came to Tsiklag thinking he was bringing me good news and told me that Sha'ul was dead, I had him seized and executed.[21] **11** Now how much more when wicked men have killed an innocent man on his bed in his own house. Shouldn't I avenge you two for his murder and remove you from the earth?" **12** Then David commanded some of the young men and they killed the two brothers and cut of their hands and feet and hung them[22] beside the Hevron pool, but they took Ish-Boshet's head and buried it there in Hevron in Avner's tomb.

20 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 9:3.

21 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 1:1-16.

22 **RV 4:12 · Note** It's ambiguous in the Hebrew whether the hands and feet were strung up, or the actual bodies.

Readers' Version

David becomes king of all Yisrael · Full kingdom[23]

5:1 Then the leaders of all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes came to David at Hevron and said to him, "Listen, we're all close relations. **2** In the past when Sha'ul (Saul) was our king, you were the one who actually showed leadership of the people. Yahweh has already told you that you will shepherd Yisrael and become our king." **3** So with Yahweh as their witness, all the Israeli elders made a formal agreement with David, and they anointed him as king over all Yisrael. **4** David was thirty years old when he became their king and he reigned for a total of forty years:[24] **5** seven and a half years in Hevron as king of Yehudah (Judah), then thirty-three years in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) as king over all Yisrael and Yehudah.

David captures Yerushalem · Full kingdom

6 The king and his men battled against the Yevusim who lived in and around Yerushalem (Jerusalem),[28] but Yevusim mocked David, "You'll never break in here—even blind and crippled men could keep you out," because they thought that David couldn't get in. **7** But David *did* capture that Tsiyon (Zion) fortress that then became known as David's city.

8 He'd told his men that day, "Anyone wanting to strike the Yevusim should use the water tunnel to reach the lame people and the blind people—the ones who are hated by David." (That's why they say that blind and crippled people shouldn't enter the house.[29])

9 So David lived in that fortress and called it 'David's city'—expanding it on all sides. **10** David continued to grow more powerful because Yahweh, Commander-in-chief God was with him.

11 King Hiram from Tsor (Tyre) sent messengers to David, then he sent carpenters and stone-cutters to build a palace for David.

12 David knew that Yahweh had established him as king over all Yisrael (Israel) and that he was prospering the kingdom for the sake of his people the Israelis.

13 After David moved from Hevron to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he married more wives and took more slave-wives, all of whom produced more sons and daughters for him. **14** The names of his sons who were born in Yerushalem were Shamua, Shovav, Natan (Nathan), Shelomoh (Solomon), **15** Yavehar, Elishua, Nefeg, Yafia,

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5:1 And_ all_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to Dāvid to_Ḥevrōn and_they_said to_say HERE_we_are bone_of_ _are_your and_flesh_of_your we. **2** Both yesterday as_well_as three_days_ago when_was Shā'ūl/(Saul) king over_us you you_ _were[25] the_one_who_led_out[26] and_the[27] ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to/for_yourself(m) you you_will_ _shepherd ÐØM people_of_my ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(ms) you_will_become (into)_ruler over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to the_king to_ _Ḥevrōn and_he_made to/for_them the_king Dāvid a_covenant at_Ḥevrōn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _they_anointed ÐØM Dāvid to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** Was_ _a_son_of thirty year[s] Dāvid when_he_became_king forty year[s] he_reigned. **5** In_Ḥevrōn he_reigned over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) seven years and_six months and_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_reigned thirty and_three year[s] over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah).

6 And_ the_king and_men_of_his _he/it_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) against the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] who_was_dwelling_of the_earth/land and_he/it_said to_Dāvid to_say not you_will_come here if/because (if) he_will_turn_ _you_aside the_blind_people and_the_lame_people to_say not Dāvid he_will_come here. **7** And_ Dāvid _he_captured ÐØM the_ _stronghold_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) that is_the_city_of Dāvid. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said in_the_day (the)_that any_of one_who_ _attacks_of (of)_a_Yəvūşī and_let_him_approach by_tunnel and_ÐØM the_lame_people and_ÐØM the_blind_people who_are_ _hated_of[30] of_the_self_of of_Dāvid therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_say a_blind_person and_a_lame_ _person not he_will_go into the_house. **9** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_stronghold and_he/it_called to/for_her/it the_city_of Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_built round_ _about from the_Millō' and_to_the_inside. **10** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_went going and_becoming_great and_**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers with_him/it. **11** And_ Ḥīrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) _he_sent messengers to Dāvid and_wood(s)_of cedars and_craftsmen_of wood and_craftsmen_of the_stone_of a_wall and_they_built a_house for_Dāvid. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _knew if/because_that he_had_appointed_him **YHWH** to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_because/when he_had_exalted his/its_kingdom in_account_of people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took again concubines and_wives from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) after came_he from_Ḥevrōn and_ _they_were_born[3132] again to_Dāvid sons and_daughters. **14** And_these are_the_names_of the_ones_born to_him/it in_

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23 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 11:1-9; 14:1-7

24 **RV 5:4-5 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:11; 1Ch 3:4; 29:27.

25 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התיה**: (x-qere) 'תֵּיָה'; lemma_1961 n_1.0.0 morph_HVqp2ms id_10YiJ תֵּיָה

26 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איצומ**: (x-qere) 'אֵיצוֹמִ/ה': lemma_d/3318 morph_HTd/Vhrmsa id_10C33 אֵיצוֹמִ/ה

27 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יבמ/ה/ו**: (x-qere) 'אֵיבֵמִ/ה/ו': lemma_c/d/935 n_1.0 morph_HC/Td/Vhrmsa id_102Z4 אֵיבֵמִ/ה/ו

28 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:63; Jdg 1:21.

29 **RV 5:8 · Note** Left ambiguous here because it's not clear from the Hebrew. (Some think 'David's palace' while others go for 'God's temple'.)

30 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ואנש**: (x-qere) 'יֵאָנֵשׁ': lemma_8130 n_1.0 morph_HVqsmpc id_10cvb יֵאָנֵשׁ

31 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

32 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Shammūʻa and_Shōvāv and_Nātān and_Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **15** And_Yāvəḥar/(Ibhar) and_ _ʼElīshūʻa and_Nefeg and_Yāfīʻa/(Japhia). **16** And_ʼElīshāʻma and_ʼElyādāʻ and_ʼElīfeleṭ.

17 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard if/because_that people_had_ _anointed ÐOM Dāvid to_king over Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) and_ all_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up to_seek ÐOM Dāvid and_ Dāvid _ _he/it_listened and_he/it_descended to the_stronghold. **18** And_the_Pəlishtiy they_had_come and_they_had_spread_out in_the_valley_of Rəfāʼīm. **19** And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_ _**YHWH** to_say will_I_go_up against the_Pəlishtiy will_you_ _give_them in_hand_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid go_up if/because certainly_(give) I_will_give ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy in_hand_of_your. **20** And_ Dāvid _he_went in_Baʻal- pərātsīm and_he_defeated_them there Dāvid and_he/it_said **YHWH** he_ _has_broken_through ÐOM enemies_of_my to/for_my_ _face/front like_a_breaking_out_of water therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called the_name_of the_place (the)_ _that Baʻal Pərātsīm. **21** And_they_abandoned there ÐOM idols_ _of_their and_he_carried_them_off Dāvid and_men_of_his. **22** And_they_repeated again the_Pəlishtiy to_come_up and_ _they_had_spread_out in_the_valley_of Rəfāʼīm. **23** And_ Dāvid _ _he_enquired by_**YHWH** and_he/it_said not you_must_go_up go_around to behind_them and_you_will_come to/for_them from_in_front_of the_balsam_trees. **24** And_let_it_be in/on/at/with[35] ÐOM the_sound_of marching in_the_tops_of the_balsam_trees then you_will_act_decisively if/because then **YHWH** he_has_gone_out to_your_face to_attack (in)_the_camp_ _of the_Pəlishtiy. **25** And_ Dāvid _he/it_made so just_as he_had_ _commanded_him **YHWH** and_he_defeated ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy from_Gevʻa until come_you Gezer.

6:1 And_he_gathered again Dāvid ÐOM every_of chosen_man in_ _Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) thirty thousand. **2** And_he/it_rose_up and_ Dāvid and_all the_people which with_him/it _he/it_went from_ _Baale- Yehuda to_bring_up from_there ÐOM the_box_of the_ _ʼElohīm which the_name the_name_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_sits the_cherubims on/upon/above_ _him/it it_is_called. **3** And_they_made_to_ride ÐOM the_box_of the_ʼElohīm to a_cart a_new and_they_carried_it from_the_ _house_of ʼAvīnādāv which was_on_hill and_ʻUzzāʼ and_ʼAḥyō the_sons_of ʼAvīnādāv were_leading ÐOM the_cart new. **4** And_ _they_carried_it from_the_house_of ʼAvīnādāv which was_on_ _hill with the_box_of the_ʼElohīm and_ʼAḥyō was_walking to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box. **5** And_Dāvid and_all the_house_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) were_playing to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** on_all_of wood(s)_of fir_trees and_on_ _harps and_on_lyres and_on_tambourines and_on_rattles and_ _on_cymbals. **6** And_they_came to the_threshing_floor_of Nākōn and_ ʻUzzāʼ _he_stretched_out to the_box_of the_ʼElohīm

Readers' Version

16 Elishama, Elyada, and Elifelet.

Defeated by David the Pelishtim · Full kingdom[33]

17 When the Pelishtim heard that David had been proclaimed as king over all Yisrael (Israel), their army set off to capture him, but David heard and retreated[34] to the fortress. **18** The Pelishtim moved in and took over the Rafa valley, **19** and David inquired from Yahweh, "Should I attack the Pelishtim? Will you help me defeat them?"

"Yes, attack them," Yahweh replied, "because I'll certainly help you to defeat them."

20 So David attacked and defeated them, and said, "Yahweh broke through my enemies in front of me like breaking a dam." So he called the place 'Ba'al-Peratsim' (which means 'Master of breaking through'). **21** The Pelishtim left their idols there, and David and his men took them away.

22 Then the Pelishtim returned to the Rafa valley and took over it again. **23** Again David inquired from Yahweh who replied, "No, don't go straight in. Move around behind them and then attack them from opposite the trees. **24** Then when you hear a sound in the tops of the trees that sounds like marching, then you'll know that Yahweh has gone ahead to strike the Pelishtim' camp." **25** So David followed Yahweh's instructions they attacked the Pelishtim from Geva all the way to Gezer.

The Box with the agreement is brought to Yerushalem · Full kingdom[36]

6:1 Then David selected thirty thousand Israeli warriors and gathered them together. **2** He led them to Kiryat-Yearim (formerly called Ba'alah) in Yehudah (Judah) to get the box of God (whose name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh) who lives between the two winged creatures on the top of it.[37] **3** They placed the sacred chest on a newly-made cart and started moving it from Avinadav's house which was on a hill.[38] Uza and Ahyo (Avinadav's sons) were leading the cart. **4** They took it from Avinadav's house and Ahyo took the lead in front. **5** David and all the Israelis were celebrating in God's presence with wooden harps and lyres, along with tambourines, shakers, and cymbals.

6 But when they reached Nakon's threshing floor the oxen stumbled so Uza reached out to steady the sacred chest. **7** Yahweh became furious with Uza and killed him right there by the

33 **RV 5:17 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 14:8-17

34 **RV 5:17 · Note** The Hebrew says 'descended', but doesn't tell us either from where (probably Yerushalem) or to where (possibly Masada).

35 **LV 5:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב/עמש/ך**: (x-qere) **כ/עְמָשׁ֔/ה**: lemma_k/8085 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp2ms id_10ayp **כ/עְמָשׁ֔/ה**

36 **RV 6:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 13:1-14; 15:25–16:6,43

37 **RV 6:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

38 **RV 6:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 7:1-2.

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sacred chest because he'd touched it. **8** Now David got angry because of Yahweh's outburst against Uza, and that place has been called Perets-Uza (meaning 'The punishment of Uza') until today. **9** David was afraid of Yahweh that day and asked, "How will Yahweh's box get to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?" **10** So he decided not to take Yahweh's box there and redirected it instead to the house of Oved-Edom (a Giti). **11** The sacred chest stayed at Oved-Edom's house for three months, and Yahweh blessed him and all the household.[39]

12 Someone told King David, "Yahweh has blessed Oved-Edom's household because of the sacred chest," so David went and brought God's Box from Oved-Edom's house to Yerushalem with much happiness. **13** When the men who were carrying the sacred chest had walked six steps, they stopped and David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf there. **14** Then David, wearing a linen apron, danced in front of Yahweh, putting everything into it. **15** David and all the Israelis brought the sacred chest into Yerushalem with shouting and trumpet blasts.

16 However, as they were entering the city, David's wife Mikal (Sha'ul's (Saul's) daughter) looked out the window and saw King David leaping and dancing in front of Yahweh, and she felt only despite for him. **17** They took Yahweh's box and placed it in the middle of the tent that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt sacrifices to Yahweh, as well as peace offerings. **18** When David had finished offering those sacrifices, he blessed the people in Commander-in-chief Yahweh's name. **19** He handed out a large bread roll, a cake of pressed dates, and a cake of pressed raisins to each man and woman there, then they all returned to their homes.[40]

20 Then David returned to bless his own house, but his wife Mikal came out to meet him complaining, "What disgraceful behaviour for Yisrael's (Israel's) king today—dancing when he was wearing so little and exposing himself to his female servants like some brainless person!"

21 "It was to thank Yahweh," David responded, "who chose me (rather than your father and any of his family) by appointing me as leader over Yahweh's people Yisrael. I was celebrating in front of Yahweh **22** and I will humiliate and humble myself even more than that. Yet I will end up being honoured by those female servants that you were talking about."

23 After that, Sha'ul's (Saul's) daughter Mikal never had any more children.

Literal Version

and_he_took_hold in/on/over_him/it if/because the_ox[en] they_had_stumbled. **7** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_ _glowed/burnt on_ʻUzzā' and_he_struck_him_down there the_ _'Elohīm on the_presumption and_he/it_died there beside the_ _box_of the_'Elohīm. **8** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Dāvid on that **YHWH** he_had_broken_out a_breaking_out against_ʻUzzā' and_ _he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Perez ʻUzzā' until the_day (the)_this. **9** And_ Dāvid _he_feared ÐOM **YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that and_he/it_said how will_it_come to_me the_box_of **YHWH**. **10** And_not Dāvid he_was_willing to_turn_aside to_ _him/it ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** to the_city_of Dāvid and_he_ _took_it_aside Dāvid the_house_of Obed- 'Edōm the_Gittiy. **11** And_ the_box_of **YHWH** _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived the_house_of Obed- 'Edōm the_Gittiy three months and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed ÐOM Obed- 'Edōm and_ÐOM all_of household_of_his. **12** And_it_was_told to/for_the_king Dāvid to_ _say **YHWH** he_has_blessed ÐOM the_household_of Obed- 'Edōm and_ÐOM all_of that to_him/it in_account_of the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm and_ Dāvid _he/it_went and_he/it_ascended ÐOM the_ _box_of the_'Elohīm from_the_house_of Obed- 'Edōm the_city_ _of Dāvid with_joy. **13** And_he/it_was if/because those_who_ _carried_of (of)_the_box_of **YHWH** they_had_stepped six steps and_he/it_sacrificed an_ox and_a_fatling. **14** And_Dāvid was_ _dancing in_all strength to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_Dāvid was_girded an_ephod_of linen. **15** And_Dāvid and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_bringing_up ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** with_a_shout and_with_the_sound_of a_ _ram's_horn. **16** And_it_was the_box_of **YHWH** coming the_ _city_of Dāvid and_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) she_ _looked_down through the_window and_she/it_saw ÐOM the_ _king Dāvid leaping and_dancing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** and_she_despised to_him/it in_heart_of_her. **17** And_they_brought ÐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_they_set ÐOM_him/it in_place_of_its in_the_middle of_the_tent which he_had_pitched to_him/it Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended burnt_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_peace_offerings. **18** And_ Dāvid _they_were_ _ended/finished from_offering_up the_burnt_offering and_the_ _peace_offerings and_he/it_blessed ÐOM the_people in/on_ _name_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **19** And_he_distributed to/from_all/each/any/every the_people to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_multitude_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_from_ _a_man and_unto a_woman to_each a_cake_of bread one and_a_ _date-cake one and_a_raisin-cake one and_ all_of the_people _ _he/it_went each to_his_own_of_house. **20** And_ Dāvid _he_ _returned to_bless ÐOM household_of_his and_ Mīkāl the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl _she_came_out to_meet Dāvid and_she/it_ _said how he_has_honoured_himself the_day the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_uncovered_himself the_day to_the_ _eyes_of the_maidservants_of his_servants_of_his as_uncovers_ _himself shamelessly_(uncover) one of_the_worthless_men. **21** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Mīkāl to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** who he_chose (in)_me more_than_of_your_ _father and_more_than_all_of household_of_his to_appoint ÐOM_me ruler over the_people_of **YHWH** over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)

39 RV 6:11 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 26:4-5.

40 RV 6:19-20 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:43.

Literal Version

and_I_will_play to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**.
22 And_I_will_demean_myself still more_than_this and_I_will_
_be lowly in_my_own_of_eyes and_with the_maidservants
whom you_have_said with_them I_will_be_honoured. **23** And_
_to_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) not it_belonged
to/for_her/it a_child until the_day_of her_death_of_her.

7:1 And_he/it_was if/because the_king he_dwelt in_house_of_
his and**YHWH** he_had_given_rest to_him/it from_round_
_about from_all enemies_of_his. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to
Nātān the_prophet see please I am_dwelling in_house_of
cedar(s) and_the_box_of the_'Elohīm is_dwelling in_the_middle
of_the_tent_curtain. **3** And_ Nātān _he/it_said to the_king all_of
that is_in_heart_of_your go do if/because **YHWH** is_with_you.
4 And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_ the_message_of
YHWH _he/it_was to Nātān to_say. **5** Go and_you_will_say to
servant_of_my to Dāvid thus **YHWH** he_says you will_you_build
to/for_me a_house I_to_dwell_in. **6** If/because not I_have_dwelt
in_a_house (to)_from_the_day_of I_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto
the_day the_this and_I_have_been going_about in_a_tent and_
_in_a_tabernacle. **7** In_every where I_went_about in_all the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_message did_I_speak with one of_
_the_tribes_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom I_commanded to_
_shepherd ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say
to/for_what not have_you(pl)_built to_me a_house_of cedar(s).
8 And_now thus you_will_say to_servant_of_my to_Dāvid thus
YHWH soldiers/messengers he_says I I_took_you from the_
_pasture from_after the_flock to_be ruler over people_of_my
over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_I_have_been with_you in_every
where you_went and_I_cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ all_of enemies_of_your
from_before_of_you and_I_will_make to/for_yourself(m) a_
_name great like/according_to_name the_big(pl) who on_the_
_earth. **10** And_I_will_appoint a_place for_people_of_my for_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_plant_it and_it_will_dwell in_its_
_place and_not it_will_be_agitated again and_not sons_of
injustice they_will_repeat to_afflict_it just_as at_time. **11** And_
_(to)_from the_day when I_appointed judges over people_of_
_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_give_rest to/for_yourself(m)
from_all enemies_of_your and_he_tells to/for_yourself(m)
YHWH if/because_that a_house he_will_make for_you **YHWH**.
12 If/because days_of_your they_will_be_completed and_you_
_will_lie_down with ancestors_of_your and_I_will_raise_up ᴅᴏᴍ
your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you who he_will_come_out from_
_your(pl)_inward_of_parts and_I_will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_
_kingdom. **13** He he_will_build a_house for_name_of_my and_I_
_will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ the_throne_of his/its_kingdom until
perpetuity. **14** I I_will_become for_him/it (into)_a_father and_
_he he_will_become to/for_me (into)_a_son who when_he_
_does_wrong and_I_will_reprove_him with_a_rod_of men and_
_with_wounds_of children_of humankind. **15** And_my_
_covenant_of_loyalty not it_will_depart from_him/it just_as I_

Readers' Version

Yahweh's promise to David · Full kingdom[41]

7:1 Then the king moved into his palace, and Yahweh allowed him to have a time of peace from all his enemies. **2** One day the king said to the prophet Natan (Nathan), "Look, I'm here living in a house made of cedar, but God's box is still there in a tent."

3 "Go and do whatever you consider best," Natan replied, "because Yahweh is with you." **4** But that night, Yahweh spoke to Natan, **5** "Go and tell my servant David that Yahweh says, 'Will you build a house for me to live in? **6** I haven't lived in a house since I brought the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) right up until now, but rather I was living in a tent as they moved around. **7** In all those places, I never once queried the leaders to ask why they never built a cedar house for me.'

8 "But now you should tell my servant David that Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, 'I myself took you out of the grass field where you looked after the sheep and goats to become the leader of my people the Israelis. **9** Everywhere you've gone, I've been with you and destroyed your enemies in front of you, and I will make you famous like all the famous people on the earth. **10** I will establish a place for the Israelis and put them there to live, and they won't be afraid because evil people won't continue to oppress them like happened in the past **11** when I appointed heroes (traditionally 'judges') over my people Yisrael (Israel). I will give you peace from all your enemies, and I, Yahweh, will enable your descendants to rule after you. **12** when your time on earth comes to an end and you're laid down with your ancestors, I will appoint one of your sons to be king and I will establish his kingdom.[42] **13** He's the one who'll build a temple for me, and I will make his descendents reign forever. **14** I myself will become like a father to him, and he'll become like a son to me.[43] When he disobeys, I'll punish him like fathers punish their sons. **15** But my kindness won't turn away from you like I turned away from Sha'ul (Saul)—the one who I removed ahead of you. **16** Your descendants and your kingdom will remain forever. Your throne will be established forever.' "[44]

41 RV 7:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 17:1-15

42 RV 7:12 · Cross-ref. Psa 89:3-4; 132:11; Yhn 7:42; Acts 2:30.

43 RV 7:14 · Cross-ref. Psa 89:26-27; 2Cor 6:18; Heb 1:5.

44 RV 7:16 · Cross-ref. Psa 89:36-37.

Readers' Version

David's prayer · Full kingdom[45]

17 So Natan (Nathan) passed all of that onto David, **18** and King David went and sat in front of Yahweh and said, "Who am I, my master Yahweh, and how important is my family that you have brought me to this point? **19** But that was just minor to you, my master Yahweh. You also spoke about the distant future for my descendants. **20** What more can I, David say to you? But my master Yahweh, you yourself know your servant. **21** You've done all these incredible things in order to fulfil what you said and to fulfil your own desires, and then revealed them to your servant. **22** That's why you're incredible, Yahweh my god, and so there's no one like you. There's no god except you—that's what we keep hearing about. **23** What other nation is like your people, Yisrael (Israel)—one nation on the earth that you went to redeem for yourself as a people—rescuing you from Mitsrayim (Egypt) and its gods? You made a reputation for yourself and did amazing and scary things for your nation in front of your people[46] **24** You established us Israelis as your own people forever, and you yourself Yahweh became our God.

25 "And now, Yahweh God, the promise you made concerning your servant and his descendants, and do just as you have spoken and make it come true into the future. **26** May your reputation be good forever, with people saying, 'Commander Yahweh is God over Yisrael,' and the dynasty of your servant David will be established under you, **27** because you, Commander-in-chief Yahweh are Yisrael's god. You have told your servant, 'I will build a dynasty for you.' That's why your servant has found the courage to pray this prayer.

28 "So now, my master Yahweh, you are God, and you do what you say, and you have said these good things concerning your servant. **29** Now, if it pleases you, bless your servant's extended family forever, because you yourself, my master Yahweh, have spoken, and from your blessing, your servant's family will be blessed forever."

Literal Version

_removed_it from_with Shā'ūl/(Saul) whom I_removed from_ _before_face_of_you. **16** And_ house_of_your and_kingdom_of_ _your _it_will_be_established until perpetuity to_your_face throne_of_your it_will_be established until perpetuity.

17 According_to_all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ _according_to_all_of the_vision the_this so Nātān he_spoke to Dāvid. **18** And_ the_king Dāvid _he_went and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_said who am_I my_master **YHWH** and_who house_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when you_have_ _brought_me to here. **19** And_it_was_small yet this_thing in_ _eyes_of_your my_master **YHWH** and_you_have_spoken also concerning the_house_of your_servant_of_your (to)_from_ _distant_time and_this is_the_manner_of the_humankind my_ _master **YHWH**. **20** And_what Dāvid will_he_increase again to_ _speak to_you and_you(ms) you_know ĐOM servant_of_your my_master **YHWH**. **21** In_account_of message_of_your and_ _according_to_of_your_own_heart you_have_done ĐOM all_of the_greatness (the)_this by_making_know_it ĐOM servant_of_ _your. **22** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so you_are_great my_ _master **YHWH** if/because there_is_not like_you and_there_is_ _not a_god except_you in_all that we_have_heard with_ears_of_ _our. **23** And_who is_like_people_of_your like_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_ _nation one on_the_earth which god they_went to_redeem to_ _him/it to_a_people and_to_make to_him/it a_name and_to_do to/for_you(pl) (the)_greatness and_awesome_deeds for_land_ _of_your from_face/in_front_of people_of_your which you_had_ _redeemed for_yourself from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) nations and_ _gods_of_its. **24** And_you_established to/for_yourself(m) ĐOM people_of_your[47] Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_yourself(m) to_a_ _people until perpetuity and_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _become to/for_them (into)_god. **25** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god the_message which you_have_spoken on servant_of_your and_ _on house_of_his establish until perpetuity and_do just_as you_ _have_spoken. **26** So_ name_of_your _that_it_may_be_great until perpetuity to_say **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_god over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of your_servant_of_your Dāvid it_will_be established before_you. **27** If/because you Oh_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_have_ _uncovered ĐOM the_ear_of your_servant_of_your to_say a_ _house I_will_build for_you therefore yes/correct/thus/so servant_of_your he_has_found ĐOM his/its_heart to_pray to_ _you ĐOM the_prayer (the)_this. **28** And_now my_master **YHWH** you he the_'Elohīm and_words/messages_of_your they_are truth and_you_have_spoken to servant_of_your ĐOM the_good_ _thing (the)_this. **29** And_now be_willing and_bless ĐOM the_ _house_of your_servant_of_your to_be forever_perpetuity to_ _your_face if/because you my_master **YHWH** you_have_spoken and_from_blessing_of_your the_house_of your_servant_of_your it_will_be_blessed forever_perpetuity.

45 RV 7:17 · Parallel 1 Chr. 17:16-27

46 RV 7:23 · Cross-ref. Deu 4:34.

47 LV 7:24 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

8:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Pəlishtiy and_he_subdued_them and_ Dāvid _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_bridle_of the_cubit from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **2** And_ _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āvˇ and_he_measured_them_off with_ _measuring-line he_made_lie_down them towards_land and_ _he_measured_off two_of measuring-lines to_put_to_death and_the_fullness_of (the)_measuring-line to_let_live and_ Mō'āvˇ _it_became of_Dāvid (into)_subjects who_were_ _bringing_of (of)_tribute. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Ha dad'ezer the_son_of Rəḥovˇ the_king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) when_went_he to_restore his/its_hand at_the_river_of[50].[51] **4** And_ Dāvid _he_captured from_him/it one_thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) horsemen and_twenty thousand man on_ _foot and_ Dāvid _he_hamstrung ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_chariotry and_ _he_left from_him/it one_hundred chariot[s]. **5** And_ 'Arām Dammeseq _it_came to_help (to)_Ha dad'ezer the_king_of Tsōvāh and_ Dāvid _he_struck_down among_'Arām twenty and_two thousand man. **6** And_ Dāvid _he/it_assigned garrisons in_'Arām_of Dammeseq and_ 'Arām _it_became of_Dāvid (into)_ _subjects who_were_bringing_of (of)_tribute and_ **YHWH** _he_ _gave_victory ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid in_every where he_went. **7** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_shields_of the_gold which they_were to the_servants_of Ha dad'ezer and_he/it_brought_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** And_from_Beṭaḥ and_from_ _Bērōtāh the_cities_of Ha dad'ezer the_king Dāvid he_took bronze much very. **9** And_ To'ū the_king_of Ḥa māt _he/it_ _listened if/because_that Dāvid he_had_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_army_of Ha dad'ezer. **10** And_ To'ū _he_sent ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhōrām/(Joram) his/its_son to the_king Dāvid to_ask to_ _him/it to_welfare and_to_bless_him on that he_had_fought against_Ha dad'ezer and_he_had_defeated_him if/because (the)_ _man_of (the)_wars_of To'ū Ha dad'ezer he_was and_in_hand_of_ _his articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_articles_of bronze they_were. **11** Also ᴅᴏᴍ_them the_king Dāvid he_ _consecrated to/for_**YHWH** with the_silver and_the_gold which he_had_consecrated from_all the_nations which he_had_ _subdued. **12** From_'Arām and_from_Mō'āvˇ and_from_the_ _people_of 'Ammōn and_from_the_Pəlishtiy and_from_Amalek and_from_the_plunder_of Ha dad'ezer the_son_of Rəḥovˇ the_ _king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah). **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_made a_name when_returned_he from_when_he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ 'Arām in_the_ _Valley_of Salt eight- teen thousand. **14** And_he/it_assigned in_ _'Edōm garrisons in_all 'Edōm he_put garrisons and_ all_of 'Edōm _he/it_was subjects of_Dāvid and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_ _victory ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid in_every where he_went. **15** And_ Dāvid _ _he_reigned over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_was Dāvid doing justice and_righteousness to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_his. **16** And_Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) was_over the_army and_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_recorder. **17** And_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of 'Aḥiṭūvˇ and_'Aḥīmelek the_ _son_of 'Evyātār were_priests and_Sərāyah was_secretary. **18** And_Bənāyah the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) and_the_

Readers' Version

David's victories · Full kingdom[48]

8:1 Sometime later, David attacked the Pelishtim and defeated them, and he captured Meteg-Ha'amah from them.

2 Then he defeated the Moavim. David forced them to lie on the ground and used a length of rope to decide their fate—those inside two lengths of the rope were killed, and those inside the third length were spared and so the Moavim became David's servants—bringing him tribute.

3 Then David defeated Tsovah's King Hadadezer (son of Rehov) who had tried to reestablish his authority over the Perat (Euphrates) River. **4** David captured 1,700 horsemen and twenty thousand men on foot. He hamstrung all the chariot horses except for a hundred of them.

5 Then the Arameans came from Damesek (Damascus) to help Tsovah's king Hadadezer but David killed twenty-two thousand of them. **6** David stationed garrisons in Aram (Syria) (in Damesek) and the Arameans became David's servants—bringing him tribute, and Yahweh helped David win wherever he went. **7** David confiscated the gold shields that Hadadezer's servants carried and brought them to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **8** He also brought a large amount of bronze out of Hadadezer's cities of Betah and Berotah.

9 When Hamat's King Toeu heard that David had defeated Hadadezer's entire army, **10** he sent his son Yoram (Joram) to ask for peace for Hamat and to congratulate him for fighting Hadadezer and defeating him because Hadadezer often battled against Toeu. Yoram brought containers with him, made of gold, silver, and bronze. **11** King David dedicated them to Yahweh, along with the silver and gold that he'd taken from all the nations that they'd conquered: **12** from Aram and Moav (Moab), from the Amonim and the Pelishtim, and from Amalek and from the plunder of Tsovah's King Hadadezer (son of Rehov).

13 Then David made more of a name for himself when he returned from defeating eighteen thousand Arameans in the Salt Valley.[49] **14** He stationed garrisons throughout Edom and made the people his servants, and Yahweh protected David wherever they fought.

15 So David reigned over all Yisrael (Israel) and led all his people with justice and integrity. **16** Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) was the army commander and Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the secretary. **17** The priests were Ahituv's son Tsadok and Evyatar's son Ahimelek, and Serayah was secretary. **18** Yehoyada's son Benayah supervised the Keretim and the Peletim (David's bodyguard), and David's sons were his administrators.

48 RV 8:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 18:1-17

49 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Psa 60 header.

50 LV 8:3 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'תָּרְפִ': lemma_6578 n_0 morph_HNp id_10dp9 תָּרְפִ

51 LV 8:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

Readers' Version

David assists Mefiboshet · Full kingdom

9:1 One day David asked, "Is there still anyone remaining from Sha'ul's (Saul's) extended family because I'd like to show kindness to them for Yonatan's (Jonathan's) sake?"[52]

2 Now there was a servant in Sha'ul household named Tsiva and he was summoned to David, and the king asked him, "Are you Tsiva?"

"Yes, I'm your servant," he replied.

3 "Is there anyone from Sha'ul's family who's still alive?" the king asked. "If so, I'd like to show God's kindness to them."

"Yes, There's still one of Yonatan's sons alive," Tsiva told the king. "He's crippled in both legs."[53]

4 "Where is he?" the king asked.

"Actually," Tsiva told the king, "he's at Makir's house—the son of Amiyel in Lo-Devar." **5** So King David sent messengers to Lo-Devar to have him brought to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

6 Then Yonatan's son Mefiboshet came to David and fell onto his knees and bowed his face down to the ground, and David said, Mefiboshet."

"I'm your servant," he replied.

7 Then David told him, "Don't be afraid, because I'll certainly show you kindness for the sake of your father Yonatan. I'll restore all the pastureland that belonged to your grandfather Sha'ul (Saul), and you yourself are invited to always eat at my table."

8 Mefiboshet bowed low and asked, "Your servant's nothing more than a dead dog. Why would you care about me?"

9 Then the king summoned Sha'ul's servant Tsiva and told him, "I've given everything that belonged to Sha'ul and to all his household to your master. **10** You and your fifteen sons and your twenty servants must work the land for him and harvest the produce to support your master's grandson, but he will eat with me at my house."

11 "Yes, my master the king," Tsiva responded. "Your servant will do everything you've commanded."

So from then on, Mefiboshet always ate at the king's table as if he was one of the king's sons. **12** Mefiboshet had a young son named Mika. All Tsiva's household became Mefiboshet's servants, **13** but Mefiboshet (who was crippled in both legs) lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because he had a permanent invitation to eat with the king.

Literal Version

_Kerethite[s] and_the_Pelethite[s] and_the_sons of_Dāvid were_ _priests they_were.

9:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said if/because is_there still one_who he_ _is_left to_the_house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) so_that_I_may_do with_ _him/it covenant_loyalty in_account_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)). **2** And_belonged_to_the_ _house_of Shā'ūl a_servant and_his/its_name was_Tsīvā'/(Ziba) and_people_summoned to_him/it to Dāvid and_ the_king _ _he/it_said to_him/it are_you Tsīvā' and_he/it_said servant_of_ _your. **3** And_ the_king _he/it_said is_there_not still anyone of_ _the_house_of of_Shā'ūl so_that_I_may_do with_him/it the_ _covenant_loyalty_of god and_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_king still a_son of_Yōnātān stricken_of both_feet. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king where is_he and_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_ _king HERE he is_the_house_of Mākīr the_son_of ʼAmmiyʾēl in_ _Lo- debar. **5** And_ the_king Dāvid _he_sent and_he_took_him from_the_house_of Mākīr the_son_of ʼAmmiyʾēl from_Lo- debar. **6** And_ Mephiboshet the_son_of Yōnātān the_son_of Shā'ūl _he_ _came to Dāvid and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he_ _bowed_down and_ Dāvid _he/it_said Oh_Mephiboshet and_ _he/it_said HERE servant_of_is_your. **7** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Dāvid do_not be_afraid if/because certainly_(do) I_will_ _do with_you covenant_loyalty because_of Yōnātān father_of_ _your and_I_will_restore to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _land_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) father_of_your and_you(ms) you_will_eat food on table_of_my continually. **8** And_he_bowed_down and_ _he/it_said what servant_of_is_your that/for/because/then/when you_have_turned to the_dog (the)_dead who is_like_me. **9** And_ the_king _he/it_called (to) Tsīvā'/(Ziba) the_servant_of Shā'ūl and_he/it_said to_him/it all_of that it_belonged to_Shā'ūl and_to/for_all household_of_ _his I_have_given to_the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your. **10** And_you_will_work for_him/it ~~DOM~~ the_soil you and_sons_ _of_your and_servants_of_your and_you_will_bring and_it_was for_the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your food and_he_will_ _eat_it and_Mephiboshet the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_ _your he_will_eat continually food on table_of_my and_ _belonged_to_Tsīvā' fif- teen sons and_twenty servants. **11** And_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_king according_to_all that my_master the_king he_will_command ~~DOM~~ servant_of_his so servant_of_your he_will_do and_Mephiboshet was_eating on table_of_my like_one from_(the)_sons of_the_king. **12** And_ _belonged_to_Mephiboshet a_son young and_his/its_name was_Mīkā' and_all/each/any/every (the)_resident_of the_ _house_of Tsīvā' were_servants of_Mephiboshet. **13** And_ _Mephiboshet was_dwelling in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because on the_table_of the_king continually he was_eating and_he was_lame the_two_of feet_of_his.

52 RV 9:1 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 20:15-17.

53 RV 9:3 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 4:4.

Literal Version

10:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ the_king_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn _he/it_died and_ Ḥānūn his/its_son _he_reigned in_ _place_of_him. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said I_will_do covenant_ _loyalty with Ḥānūn the_son_of Nāḥāsh just_as his/its_father he_did with_me covenant_loyalty and_ Dāvid _he_sent to_ _comfort_him by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his concerning his/its_father and_ the_servants_of Dāvid _they_came the_ _land_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **3** And_ the_leaders_of the_ _people_of ʻAmmōn _they_said to Ḥānūn master(s)_of_their honouring is_Dāvid ~~ḎOM~~ father_of_your in_eyes_of_your that/for/because/then/when he_has_sent to/for_yourself(m) comforters am_not in_account_of to_explore ~~ḎOM~~ the_city and_ _to_spy_on_it and_to_overthrow_it Dāvid has_he_sent ~~ḎOM~~ servants_of_his to_you. **4** And_ Ḥānūn _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_ _servants_of Dāvid and_he_shaved ~~ḎOM~~ (the)_half_of their_ _beard_of_their and_he_cut_off ~~ḎOM~~ robes_of_their in_middle to buttocks_of_their and_he_sent_them_away. **5** And_people_ _told to_Dāvid and_he_sent to_meet_them if/because the_men they_were humiliated exceedingly and_ the_king _he/it_said remain in_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) until beard_of_your(pl) it_will_ _grow_back and_you(pl)_will_return. **6** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_saw if/because_that they_had_made_ _themselves_odious with_Dāvid and_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _ _they_sent and_they_hired ~~ḎOM~~ ʾArām Bēyt Rəḥov and_~~ḎOM~~ ʾArām Tsōvāh/(Zobah) twenty thousand foot_soldier[s] and_ _~~ḎOM~~ the_king_of Maʻₐkāh one_thousand man and_the_man_of Ṭōv two_plus ten thousand man. **7** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened and_he_sent ~~ḎOM~~ Yōʾāv/(Joab) and_~~ḎOM~~ all_of the_army the_ _powerful/mighty(pl). **8** And_ the_people_of ʻAmmōn _they_ _went_out and_they_deployed battle the_entrance_of the_gate and_ʾArām_of Tsōvāh and_Rəḥov and_the_man_of Ṭōv and_ _Maʻₐkāh were_they_of_alone in_country. **9** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_ _saw if/because_that it_was to_him/it the_face_of the_battle from_before and_from_behind and_he_chose from_all the_ _chosen_men_of in/on/at/with[55] and_he_deployed to_meet ʾArām. **10** And_~~ḎOM~~ the_rest_of the_people he_gave in_the_ _hand_of ʾAvīshay his/its_brother and_he_deployed to_meet the_people_of ʻAmmōn. **11** And_he/it_said if ʾArām it_will_be_ _too_strong for_me and_you_will_become to/for_me (into)_ _deliverance and_if the_people_of ʻAmmōn they_will_be_too_ _strong for_you and_I_will_come to_deliver to/for_you(fs). **12** Be_strong and_let_us_show_ourselves_strong for people_of_ _our and_for the_cities_of our_god_of_our and_**YHWH** he_will_ _do the_good in_eyes_of_his. **13** And_ Yōʾāv and_the_people which with_him/it _he_drew_near for_battle on_ʾArām and_ _they_fled from_before_of_him. **14** And_the_sons of_ʻAmmōn they_saw if/because_that ʾArām it_had_fled and_they_fled from_face/in_front_of ʾAvīshay and_they_came the_city and_ Yōʾāv/(Joab) _he_returned from_under the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** And_ ʾArām _he/it_ _saw if/because_that it_had_been_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_gathered_ _themselves together. **16** And_ Hₐdadʻezer _he_sent and_he_ _brought_out ~~ḎOM~~ ʾArām which was_from_the_other_side_of the_river and_they_came Ḥēylām and_Shōvāk the_

Readers' Version

Yisrael defeats the Amonim and the Arameans · Full kingdom[54]

10:1 Some time later, the Amoni king died, and his son Hanun replace him as king. **2** "I'll be kind to Nahash's son Hanun," David said, "just like his father was kind to me." So he sent servants to Hanun to convey his condolences.

When they arrived in the Amon region, **3** the Amoni commanders said to their master Hanun, "Do you think that David really sent condolences to honour your late father? Isn't it more likely because he wanted them to spy on us, and to explore the city so he could more easily conquer it?"

4 So Hanun seized David's servants and had half of their beards shaved off and their robes cut in half all the way up to their buttocks, then he sent them off. **5** They sent messengers ahead to tell David because they were very humiliated, and the king told them to stay in Yeriho (Jericho) before returning when their beards grew back.

6 Then the Amoni leaders realised that they'd now caused David to despise them, so they hired twenty thousand Aramean (or Arami (Syrian)) mercenaries from Beyt-Rehov and Tsovah, and another one thousand from Ma'akah and twelve thousand from Tov. **7** When David heard that, he sent Yoav (Joab) in with the entire army. **8** The Amonim came out the city gate and organised themselves for battle at the entrance, while their hired mercenaries stood apart out in the countryside.

9 When Yoav saw that he was disadvantaged with enemy lines both in front and behind, he selected certain Israeli warriors and placed them to battle the Aramean mercenaries, **10** leaving the others to face the Amonim under the command of his brother Avishay, **11** telling him, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you come and rescue us, but if the Amonim are too strong for you, then I'll come and rescue you. **12** Be strong and courageous for the sake of our people and our god's cities, and Yahweh will do whatever he considers right."

13 So Yoav and his men advanced to attack the Aramean mercenaries but they fled away from them. **14** When the Amonim saw the Arameans running away, they started retreating from Avishay and went back into the city, so Yoav withdrew from attacking the Amonim and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

15 When the Arameans realised that they'd been defeated by Yisrael (Israel), they assembled all their warriors together again. **16** King Hadadezer (from Tsovah) called for Aramean warriors from beyond the Perat (Euphrates) River and they came to Heylam. Shovak was Hadadezer's army commander. **17** When David heard that, he assembled all the Israeli warriors and they crossed the Yarden (Jordan) going towards Heylam. The Arameans came out to meet David and the two sides fought each other. **18** But again the Arameans fled from the Israelis, and David killed seven hundred Aramean charioteers and forty thou-

54 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 19:1-19

55 LV 10:9 · Note OSHB variant note: לאדשי/ב: (x-qere) לְאָדְשֵׁי: lemma_3478 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_10KEX לְאָרְשֵׁי

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sand cavalry, and their commander Shovak was struck and died there also. **19** Then all the kings associated with Hadadezer realised they couldn't defeat Yisrael, so they made peace with the Israelis and served them, and so the Arameans were afraid to try to rescue the Amonim again.

David takes Uriyah's wife · Full kingdom

11:1 The next spring (when kings usually go to war), David sent Yoav (Joab) and his officials and all the Israeli warriors, and they defeated the Amonim and besieged Rabah.

But David stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),[56] **2** and early one evening he got up from a nap and walked around the palace roof area. From there he saw a woman bathing, and she was very good-looking. **3** David sent a messenger to find out who she was, and was told, "That's Eliam's daughter Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba)—Uriyah the Hiti's wife." **4** Then he sent messengers to get her, and she came and he slept with her. (She had been purifying herself after the completion of her menstrual period.) Then she returned to her house.

5 After some time, the woman realised that she was pregnant, and so she informed David. **6** David sent to Yoav, "Send Uriyah the Hiti here to me." So Yoav sent Uriyah to David. **7** When he arrived, David asked him about how Yoav and his men were doing, and how the battle was going, **8** then he told him, "Go to your house and relax." So Uriyah left the palace and the king sent a gift to be delivered to his house. **9** But Uriyah didn't go home—instead he slept at the palace entrance with all the king's servants, **10** The next day, David was informed that Uriyah didn't go home to his house, so he asked him, "Didn't you just get back from a long journey? Why didn't you go home?"

11 "The sacred chest and the warriors from Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) are living in tents," Uriyah replied. "And my master, Yoav, and my master's servants are camping out in the open. So I couldn't just go to my house to eat and to drink and to sleep with my wife. By your life and by the life of your spirit, I couldn't do that."

12 "Well, stay here today also," David told him, "and tomorrow I'll send you back." So Uriyah stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)

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_commander_of the_army_of Ḥadad'ezer was_before_of_them. **17** And_it_was_told to_Dāvid and_he_gathered ÐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_passed_through ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_he_came to_Ḥēylām and_ 'Arām _they_ _deployed to_meet Dāvid and_they_engaged_in_battle with_ _him/it. **18** And_ 'Arām _it_fled from_face/in_front_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Dāvid _he_killed of_'Arām seven hundred(s) charioteer[s] and_forty thousand horsemen and_ _ÐOM Shōvāk the_commander_of its_army_of_his he_struck_ _down and_he/it_died there. **19** And_ all_of the_kings the_ _servants_of Ḥadad'ezer _they_saw if/because_that they_had_ _been_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_made_peace with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_served_them and_ 'Arām _they_saw to_deliver again ÐOM the_people_of 'Ammōn.

11:1 And_he/it_was to_the_return_of the_year to_the_time_of (the)_kings go_out[58] and_ Dāvid _he_sent ÐOM Yō'āv/(Joab) and_ÐOM servants_of_his with_him/it and_ÐOM all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_destroyed ÐOM the_people_of 'Ammōn and_they_laid_siege on Rabāh and_Dāvid was_ _remaining in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_was to_ _the_time_of the_evening and_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up from_ _under bed_of_his and_he/it_walked/wandered on the_roof of_ _the_house_of the_king and_he/it_saw a_woman bathing from_ _under the_roof and_the_woman was_good_of appearance very. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_sent and_he_enquired to/for_the_ _woman/wife and_he/it_said am_not is_this Bath- shev'a' the_ _daughter_of 'Elī'ām the_wife_of 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers and_he_took_her and_she_came to_ _him/it and_he_lay with_her/it[59] and_she was_purifying_ _herself from_uncleanness_of_her and_she_returned to house_ _of_her. **5** And_ the_woman _she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant and_she_sent and_she_told to_Dāvid and_she/it_said am_pregnant I. **6** And_ Dāvid _he_sent to Yō'āv send to_me ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy and_ Yō'āv _he_sent ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} to Dāvid. **7** And_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he_came to_him/it and_ Dāvid _he_asked to_ _the_welfare_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_to_the_welfare_of the_people and_to_the_welfare_of the_battle. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_ _'Ūriy^{yāh}[60] go_down to_house_of_your and_wash feet_of_your and_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he/it_went_out from_the_house_of the_king and_it_went_out after_him the_present_of the_king. **9** And_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he_lay_down the_entrance_of the_house_of the_king with all_of the_servants_of his_master(s)_of_his and_not he_ _went_down to house_of_his. **10** And_people_told to_Dāvid to_ _say not 'Ūriy^{yāh} he_has_gone_down to house_of_his and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Ūriy^{yāh} am_not from_a_journey are_you coming why not have_you_gone_down to house_of_your. **11** And_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he/it_said to Dāvid the_box and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) are_dwelling in_booths and_master_of_ _my Yō'āv and_the_servants_of my_master on the_face_of the_ _field are_encamping and_I will_I_go to house_of_my to_eat

56 RV 11:1 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 20:1.

58 LV 11:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

59 LV 11:4 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

60 LV 11:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and_to_drink and_to_lie with wife_of_my life_of_you(pl)_of_by_
_the and_by_the_life_of your_self_of_your if I_will_do ~~DOM~~ the_
_thing (the)_this. **12** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to ʼŪriy^{yāh} remain
in_this_place also the_day and_tomorrow I_will_let_you_go
and_ ʼŪriy^{yāh} _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_the_day (the)_that and_from_the_
_next_day. **13** And_he/it_called to_him/it Dāvid and_he_ate
before_him and_he_drank and_he_made_him_drunk and_he/it_
_went_out in_evening to_lie_down on_bed_of_his with the_
_servants_of his_master(s)_of_his and_near/to house_of_his not
he_went_down. **14** And_he/it_was in_morning and_ Dāvid _he_
_wrote a_letter to Yō'āv/(Joab) and_he_sent_it by_the_hand_of
ʼŪriy^{yāh}. **15** And_he_wrote in_letter to_say set ~~DOM~~ ʼŪriy^{yāh} to
the_front of_the_face_of of_the_battle (the)_severe and_
_you(pl)_will_turn_back from_after_him and_he_will_be_struck
and_he_will_die. **16** And_he/it_was when_ Yō'āv _watched
against the_city and_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ ʼŪriy^{yāh} to the_place
where he_knew if/because_that men_of strength were_there.
17 And_ the_men_of the_city _they_went_out and_they_fought
with Yō'āv and_ some_of the_people some_of_the_servants_of
Dāvid _it_fell and_ also ʼŪriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy _he/it_died. **18** And_
Yō'āv _he_sent and_he_told to_Dāvid ~~DOM~~ all_of the_matters_of
the_battle. **19** And_he/it_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_messenger to_
_say just_as_you_finish ~~DOM~~ all_of the_matters_of the_battle to_
_speak to the_king. **20** And_it_was if the_anger_of the_king it_
_will_rise and_saying(ms) to/for_yourself(m) why did_you(pl)_
_draw_near to the_city to_fight am_not did_you(pl)_know ~~DOM~~
how they_will_shoot from_under the_wall. **21** Who did_he_
_strike_down ~~DOM~~ ʼAvīmelek the_son_of Jerub-Besheth am_not
a_woman did_she_throw on/upon/above_him/it a_mill-stone_
_of an_upper_mill-stone from_under the_wall and_he/it_died
in_Tēvēṯs to/for_what did_you(pl)_draw_near to the_wall and_
_you_will_say also servant_of_your ʼŪriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy he_has_
died. **22** And the_messenger _he/it_went and_he_came and_
_he_told to_Dāvid ~~DOM~~ all_of that he_had_sent_him
Yō'āv/(Joab). **23** And_ the_messenger _he/it_said to Dāvid
if/because they_prevailed over_us the_men and_they_went_out
against_us the_field and_we_were on_them to the_entrance_of
the_gate. **24** And[61] the[62] to servants_of_your from_under the_
_wall they_have_died some_of_the_servants_of the_king and_
_also servant_of_your ʼŪriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy he_has_died. **25** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to the_messenger thus you_will_say to Yō'āv
not let_it_be_displeasing in_eyes_of_your ~~DOM~~ the_thing the_
_this if/because like_this and_like_this the_sword it_devours
strengthen battle_of_your against the_city and_tear_it_down
and_encourage_him. **26** And_ the_wife_of ʼŪriy^{yāh} _she_heard
if/because_that ʼŪriy^{yāh} her/its_husband/man he_had_died
and_she_mourned on husband_of_her. **27** And_ the_mourning _
_he/it_passed_through and_ Dāvid _he_sent and_he_gathered_
_her to house_of_his and_it_became to_him/it to/for_(a)_
_woman and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it a_son and_ the_thing
which he_had_done Dāvid _it_was_displeasing in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH**.

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that day and the following day, **13** and David summoned him over, and they ate and drank together, and David got him drunk. But even then, Uriyah didn't go back to his house, but when he left in the evening he went back to sleep in the dorm with his master's servants.

14 The next morning, David wrote a note to Yoav and told Uriyah to deliver it. **15** He'd written, "Place Uriyah in the front where the fighting is strongest, then fall back from behind him so that he'll be struck and die." **16** So as Yoav was surrounding the city, he placed Uriyah where he knew the strongest enemy warriors would be fighting. **17** The warriors from the city came out and fought against Yoav's men, and some of David's servants were killed and so was Uriyah.

18 Then Yoav sent a messenger to David to give him a full account of the battle. **19** He told the messenger, "Once you've finished telling all the details of the battle to the king, **20** if he gets angry and asks, 'Why did you all go so close in to the city to fight? Didn't you know that they'd shoot down from the wall? **21** Wasn't Yerubeshet's son Avimelek killed by a woman in Tevets when she threw a millstone down from the wall?[57] Why did you approach the wall?' Then you should say, 'Your servant Uriyah the Hiti is also dead.' "

22 So the messenger left and went and told David everything that Yoav had told him, **23** saying, "Their men gained ground and came out against us in the countryside, but we forced them back to their city gate. **24** Then their archers were shooting at your men from the top of the wall and some of your men were killed, including your servant Uriyah the Hiti."

25 David sent the messenger back to encourage Yoav, "Don't let yourself be upset by what happened because no one knows who might die in a battle. Reinforce your battle against the city and tear it down."

26 When Uriyah's wife Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) heard that her husband had been killed, she mourned for him. **27** When her time of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace. She became a wife to him and bore a son for him, but Yahweh was unhappy about what David had done.

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57 RV 11:21 · Cross-ref. Jdg 9:53.

61 LV 11:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **וארי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וּרִיָּ֨/ו': lemma_c/3384 a morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_109RY וּרִיָּ֨/ו

62 LV 11:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **סיארומ/ה**: (x-qere) 'סָיְרוֹמָ֜/ה': lemma_d/3384 a morph_HTd/Vhrmpa id_10aqQ סָיְרוֹמָ֜/ה

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Natan brings rebuke to David · Full kingdom

12:1 So Yahweh sent Natan (Nathan) to David[63] to tell him, "Once there was a rich man and a poor man living in the same city. **2** The rich man had a large number of flocks and herds, **3** but the poor man only had one little female lamb that he'd bought. It grew up with him and his sons, and would eat his left-overs and drink from his cup and lay down in his lap—it was like a daughter to him. **4** One day the rich man had a visitor, but instead of taking one of his own animals for a meal, he killed the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the meal for his guest."

5 David got very angry listening to that and told Natan, "By the life of Yahweh, the man that did that definitely deserves to be put to death! **6** He must pay back four lambs for doing that and for having no pity on that poor man."

7 Then Natan said to David, "You are that rich man. Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), says to you: 'I myself anointed you as king over Yisrael, and I myself kept you safe from Sha'ul (Saul). **8** I gave you the house that belonged to your master, as well as his wives. I made you king over both Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah). And if that wasn't enough, I've given you more and more. **9** So why have you despised my commands by doing what you knew was evil? You had Uriyah the Hiti killed with an Amoni sword and you took his wife for yourself. **10** So now, because you despised me and took Uriyah's wife as your own, war and violence will never go away from you and your descendants. **11** I will cause a disaster to hit you from within your own household—I'll take your wives and give them to a family member right in front of your eyes, and he will let everyone know that he's sleeping with your wives.[64] **12** You did what you did in secret, but I myself will do all this in public before all Yisrael.' "

13 "Yes, I've sinned against Yahweh," David responded to Natan.

"Yahweh has taken away your sin," Natan replied. "You won't die. **14** Nevertheless, because you have utterly disrespected Yahweh in this matter, also your new son is certainly going to die." **15** Then Natan went home.

David's son dies · Full kingdom

Then Yahweh caused the baby (that Uriyah's wife had given birth to) to get

Literal Version

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he_sent ÐOM Nātān to Dāvid and_he_came to_ _him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it two_of men they_were in_a_ _city one one was_rich and_one was_poor. **2** To_the_rich_man flock[s] and_herd[s] many very it_belonged. **3** And_to_man there_belonged_not anything if/because (if) a_ewe-lamb one small which he_had_acquired and_he_nourished_it and_it_ _grew_up with_him/it and_with children_of_his together from_ _his_piece_of_of_bread it_ate and_from_cup_of_his it_drank and_in_bosom_of_his it_lay_down and_it_became to_him/it like_a_daughter. **4** And_ a_visitor _he_came to_the_man_of (the)_rich and_he_spared to_take/accept/receive one_of_his_ _own_sheep and_one_of_his_own_cattle for_doing for_traveller who_had_come to_him/it and_he/it_took ÐOM the_ewe-lamb_of the_man (the)_poor and_he_prepared_it for_man who_had_ _come to_him/it. **5** And_ the_anger of_Dāvid _it_glowed/burnt on_man exceedingly and_he/it_said to Nātān by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** if/because is_a_son_of death the_man who_did this. **6** And_ÐOM the_ewe-lamb he_will_restore fourfold consequence_of that he_did ÐOM the_thing the_this and_on that not he_showed_pity. **7** And_ Nātān _he/it_said to Dāvid you the_man thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says I I_ _anointed_you to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I I_delivered_ _you from_the_hand_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). **8** And_I_gave to/for_ _yourself(m) ÐOM the_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your and_ÐOM the_wives_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your in_bosom_ _of_your and_I_gave to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_if little and_I_ _will_add to_you like_those and_like_those. **9** Why have_you_ _despised ÐOM the_message_of **YHWH** for_doing the_evil in/on/at/with[65] ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy you_struck_down with_sword and_ÐOM his/its_wife/woman you_took for_ _yourself to/for_(a)_woman and_him you_killed the_sword_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **10** And_now not the_sword it_will_ _depart from_house_of_your until perpetuity consequence if/because you_despised_me and_she/it_took ÐOM the_wife_of 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy to_be to/for_yourself(m) to/for_(a)_woman. **11** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_raise_up on_you calamity from_your_own_of_house and_I_will_take ÐOM wives_ _of_your to_eyes_of_your and_I_will_give_them to_neighbour_ _of_your and_he_will_lie with wives_of_your to_the_eyes_of the_sun (the)_this. **12** If/because you you_acted in_secret and_I I_will_do ÐOM the_thing the_this before all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_before the_sun. **13** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Nātān I_have_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_ Nātān _he/it_said to Dāvid also **YHWH** he_has_taken_away sin_of_your not you_will_die. **14** Nevertheless if/because indeed_(declare_contemptible) you_ _have_declared_contemptible ÐOM the_enemies_of **YHWH** by_ _thing the_this also the_son (the)_born to/for_yourself(m) surely_(die) he_will_die. **15** And_ Nātān _he/it_went to house_ _of_his and_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM the_child whom the_wife_ _of 'Ūriy^{yāh} she_had_borne to_Dāvid and_he_was_sick. **16** And_ Dāvid _he/it_sought ÐOM the_'Elohīm for the_lad and_ Dāvid _he_fasted a_fast and_he_went and_he_passed_the_night and_he_lay ground_to_the. **17** And_ the_elders_of his_house_of_

63 RV 12:1 · Cross-ref. Psa 51 header.

64 RV 12:11-12 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 16:22.

65 LV 12:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/ניע/ב**: (x-qere) **י/נִיעִ/ב**ְּ: lemma_b/5869 a n_1.3 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp1cs id_10ttW **י/נִיעִ/ב**ְּ

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_his _they_stood on/upon/above_him/it to_raise_him from the_earth/land and_not he_was_willing and_not he_ate with_ _them food. **18** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_ the_child _he/it_died and_ the_servants_of Dāvid _they_saw to_ _announce to_him/it if/because_that the_child he_had_died if/because they_said HERE when_was the_child alive we_spoke to_him/it and_not he_listened to_voice_of_our and_how will_ _we_say to_him/it the_child he_has_died and_he_will_do harm. **19** And_ Dāvid _he/it_saw if/because_that servants_of_his were_whispering_to_one_another and_ Dāvid _he_understood if/because_that the_child he_had_died and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to servants_of_his has_ the_child _he_died and_they_said he_ _has_died. **20** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up from_the_ground and_ _he_bathed and_he_anointed_himself and_he_changed his[66] and_he_went the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_bowed_down and_ _he_went to house_of_his_own and_he_asked and_they_set to_ _him/it food and_he/it_ate. **21** And_ servants_of_his _they_said to_him/it what is_the_thing the_this which you_have_done in_ _account_of the_child was_alive you_fasted and_you_wept and_ _when the_child he_died you_arose and_she/it_ate food. **22** And_he/it_said while_still the_child was_alive I_fasted and_ _I_wept if/because I_said who is_knowing mmm[67] **YHWH** he_ _will_live the_child. **23** And_now he_has_died to/for_what this am_I fasting am_I_able to_bring_him_back again I will_be_going to_him/it and_he not he_will_return to_me. **24** And_ Dāvid _he_ _comforted ᴅᴏᴍ Bath- shevaʿ his/its_wife/woman and_he_went to_her/it and_he_lay with_her/it and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and[68] ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_**YHWH** he_ _loved_him.

25 And_he_sent by_the_hand_of Nātān the_prophet and_he/it_ _called ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_name Yədīdəʸᵃʰ/(Jedidiah) in_account_of **YHWH**.

26 And_ Yō'āvʿ/(Joab) _he_fought against_Rabāh of_the_people_ _of of_ʿAmmōn and_he_captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_city_of the_royalty. **27** And_ Yō'āvʿ _he_sent messengers to Dāvid and_he/it_said I_ _have_fought against_Rabāh also I_have_captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _city_of the_waters. **28** And_now gather ᴅᴏᴍ the_rest_of the_ _people and_encamp on the_city and_capture_it lest I I_should_ _take ᴅᴏᴍ the_city and_ name_of_my _it_will_be_called on_it. **29** And_ Dāvid _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_people and_he/it_ _went to_Rabāh and_he_fought against_it and_he_captured_it. **30** And_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_crown_of their_king_of_their from_ _under his/its_head and_weight_of_its was_a_talent_of gold and_stone_of precious and_it_became on the_head_of Dāvid and_the_plunder_of the_city he_brought_out much very. **31** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_people which was_in_it he_brought_out and_ _he/it_assigned saw[s] and_at_the_picks_of (the)_iron and_at_

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sick. **16** David pleaded with Yahweh for the boy's sake, and he fasted, and he spent the entire night lying down on the ground. **17** The influential members of his household got beside him to try to get him up from the ground, but he wouldn't budge, and he wouldn't eat anything they brought. **18** Then on the seventh day, the baby died, but David's servants were afraid to tell him because after seeing his response when the child was sick, they were afraid of what he might do to himself when he found out that his son had died.

19 However, when David noticed his servants whispering together, he realised that the baby must have died, and he asked them, "Did the baby die?"

"Yes," they answered, "he passed away."

20 Then David got up from the ground and washed, and he rubbed lotions on and changed his clothes, then he entered Yahweh's tent and worshipped him. Then he went back home and asked for food to be served, and he ate.

21 His servants queried him, "We don't understand what just happened: when the baby was alive you fasted and wept, but yet when he dies, you get up and have a meal?"

22 "While the child was still alive," David replied, "I fasted and I wept, because I thought, 'Who knows? Yahweh might be gracious to me and let him live.' **23** But now that he's dead, there's no more reason to fast—I can't bring him back again. One day I'll go to him, but he'll never come back here to me." **24** Then David comforted his wife Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba).

The birth of Shelomoh · Full kingdom

Then David went to Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) and slept with her, and in due course she gave birth to a son. David he named him Shelomoh (Solomon), and Yahweh loved that boy **25** and sent the prophet Natan (Nathan) to name him Yedideyah[69] (which means 'loved by Yahweh') for Yahweh's sake.

David captures Rabah · Full kingdom[70]

26 Then Yoav (Joab) fought the Amonim at Rabah and captured their palace, **27** then he sent messengers to David to tell him, "I've fought against Rabah and I've overthrown the city's water supply. **28** So now, gather the rest of our fighters and lay siege to the city and capture it. Otherwise I'll do it and then it'll be named after me. **29** So David gathered all his warriors and went to Rabah, where he attacked the city and captured it. **30** He took the king's crown off his head (it was gold and weighed around 30kg), and it was placed on his head. A lot of other plunder was also taken from the city. **31** The inhabitants of Rabah were brought out and assigned to work at the brick kiln with saws, iron picks, and axes. (He did that to all the Amoni cities.)

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66 LV 12:20 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תלמש: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְלְמְשׁ': lemma_8071 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_10rXs וְיִתְלְמְשׁ

67 LV 12:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ינ/נחי: (x-qere) 'יְנֻּחֶ֔נּוּ': lemma_c/2603 a morph_HC/Vqq3ms/Sp1cs id_10cdx יְנֻּחֶ֔נּוּ

68 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ארקי: (x-qere) 'וַאֲרַקְתִּ֔יהָ': lemma_c/7121 morph_HC/Vqw3fs id_10Yoz וַאֲרַקְתִּ֔יהָ

69 RV 12:25 · Note That name didn't seem to stick because this is the only mention of it in the Bible.

70 RV 12:26 · Parallel 1 Chr. 20:1-3

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Then David and all his people returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Amnon rapes Tamar · Full kingdom

13:1 Some time afterwards, David's son Amnon fell in love with his beautiful half-sister Tamar (Avshalom's (Absalom's) sister), **2** and he made himself frustrated, always thinking about her because she was a virgin. However, he couldn't do anything with her. **3** But Amnon had a very shrewd friend called Yonadav (son of David's brother Shimeah) **4** and Yonadav asked him, "Hey, you're a son of the king, so tell me why you're always so unhappy?"

"I'm in love with my brother Avshalom's sister Tamar," Amnon replied.

5 "Go to bed and pretend to be sick," Yonadav suggested. "Then when your father comes to see you, ask him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come to look after my food. She can cook it here and serve it to me.' " **6** So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick, and when the king came to see him, Amnon asked him, "Please, let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of bread rolls while I'm watching, and then she can serve them to me."

7 So David sent a message to Tamar to ask her to go to her brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him. **8** So Tamar went to her half-brother Amnon's house where he was lying down. She took some dough and kneaded it into breadrolls and baked them. **9** Then she took the tray over to him, but he refused to eat, saying, "Send everyone else out of here," so they all left. **10** Then Amnon told Tamar, "Bring the food into the bedroom so that you can serve it to me." So Tamar took the breadrolls that she'd made, and took them to Amnon in the bedroom. **11** But when she got close enough to him, he grabbed her and insisted, "Come and lie down with me, my sister."

12 "No, my brother," she told him, "don't humiliate me because we Israelis don't do that. Don't do this disgraceful thing. **13** Where could I hide my shame? And you—you'd be considered a godless fool in Yisrael (Israel). Just speak to the king because he'd give me to you to marry." **14** But he didn't want her advice, and being stronger than her, he humiliated her by forcing her down and raping her.

15 Instantly, Amnon hated her with terrible hatred—a much greater hatred than the love with which he'd loved her, and he told her to get up and get out.

16 "No, no." she responded. "Sending me away would be even worse than what you just did to me."

But he refused to listen to her **17** and called his personal servant. He told him to take the woman away and send her outside and then lock the door behind her. **18** (She was wearing the kind of long robe that the virgin daughters of the king wore as an

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_the_axes_of (the)_iron and_he_caused_to_pass them in/on/at/with[71] and_thus/so/as_follows he_did to_ _all/each/any/every the_cities_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_ Dāvid and_all the_people _he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

13:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_belonged_to_'Avīshālōm the_son_of Dāvid a_sister a_beautiful and_name_of_her was_ _Tāmār and_he_loved_her 'Amnōn the_son_of Dāvid. **2** And_it_ _was_distress to_'Amnōn to_make_himself_sick because_of Tāmār sister_of_his if/because was_a_virgin she and_it_was_ _difficult in/on_both_eyes_of 'Amnōn for_doing to/for_her/it anything. **3** And_belonged_to_'Amnōn a_friend and_his/its_ _name was_Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Shimʿāh the_ _brother_of Dāvid and_Yōnādāv was_a_man shrewd very. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it why are_you thus weak Oh_son_of the_king in_morning in_morning am_not will_you_tell to_me and_he/it_said to_him/it 'Amnōn ~~DOM~~ Tāmār the_sister_of 'Avīshālōm my_brother/kindred I am_loving. **5** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yōnādāv lie_down on bed_of_your and_make_ _yourself_sick and_ father_of_your _he_will_come to_see_you and_you_will_say to_him/it let_her_come please Tāmār sister_ _of_my and_let_her_cause_me_to_eat food and_she_will_make to_eyes_of_my ~~DOM~~ the_food so_that that I_may_see and_I_will_ _eat from_hand_of_her. **6** And_ 'Amnōn _he_lay_down and_he_ _made_himself_sick and_ the_king _he_came to_see_him and_ 'Amnōn _he/it_said to the_king let_her_come please Tāmār sister_of_my and_let_her_make_cakes to_eyes_of_my two_of cakes so_that_I_may_eat from_hand_of_her. **7** And_ Dāvid _he_ _sent to Tāmār to_the_house to_say go please the_house_of 'Amnōn brother_of_your and_make to_him/it the_food. **8** And_ Tāmār _she_went the_house_of 'Amnōn brother_of_her and_he was_lying_down and_she/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_dough and[73] and_ _she_made_cakes to_eyes_of_his and_she_cooked ~~DOM~~ the_ _cakes. **9** And_she/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_pan and_she_poured_out before_him and_he_refused to_eat and_ 'Amnōn _he/it_said send_out every_of person from_with_me and_ every_of person _they_went_out from_with_him. **10** And_ 'Amnōn _he/it_said to Tāmār bring the_food the_chamber so_that_I_may_eat from_ _hand_of_your and_ Tāmār _she/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_cakes which she_had_made and_she_brought_them to_'Amnōn brother_of_ _her to_the_chamber. **11** And_she_brought_them to_him/it to_ _eat and_he_took_hold on_her and_he/it_said to/for_her/it come lie with_me my_sister_of_my. **12** And_she/it_said to_ _him/it no my_brother/kindred do_not humble_me if/because not it_will_be_done thus in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) do_not do ~~DOM~~ the_ _disgraceful_folly (the)_this. **13** And_I where will_I_bring ~~DOM~~ reproach_of_my and_you(ms) you_will_be like_one of_the_fools in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_now speak please to the_king if/because not he_will_withhold_me from_you. **14** And_not he_was_willing to_listen to_voice_of_her and_he_was_strong from_her/it and_ _he_humbled_her and_he_lay ~~DOM~~_her/it. **15** And_he_hated_her 'Amnōn hatred great very if/because was_great the_hatred which he_hated_her more_than_the_love which he_had_loved_ _her and_he_said to/for_her/it 'Amnōn get_up go. **16** And_

71 LV 12:31 · Note OSHB variant note: וכלמ/ב: (x-qere) וּבְלַמֵּ/ב: lemma_b/4404 n_1.2 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_10NgL וּבְלַמֵּ/ב

73 LV 13:8 · Note OSHB variant note: שולת/ו: (x-qere) וְשָׁלַת/ו: lemma_c/3888 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqw3fs id_10KVW וְשָׁלַת/ו

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_she/it_said to_him/it no the_causes_of the_evil (the)_great (the)_this are_more_than_the_other which you_have_done with_me to_send_me_away and_not he_was_willing to_listen to/for_her/it. **17** And_he/it_called ÐOM man_of_his_young who_ _served_of_him and_he/it_said send_away please ÐOM this_ _woman from_with_me to_the_outside and_lock the_door after_her. **18** And_was_on_her a_long_garment_of palms_and_ _soles if/because thus the_daughters_of the_king the_virgins they_wore robes and_ servant_of_his _he_made_go_out her the_ _outside and_he_locked the_door after_her. **19** And_ Tāmār _ _she/it_took ash[es] on head_of_her and_the_long_garment_of the_palms_and_soles which on/upon_it(f) she_tore and_she_ _put hand_of_her on head_of_her and_she_went surely_(go) and_she_cried_out. **20** And_he/it_said to_her/it 'Avīshālōm brother_of_her 'Amnōn brother_of_your has_he_been with_you and_now my_sister_of_my keep_silent brother_of_is_your he do_not set ÐOM heart_of_your to_the_message/thing/matter the_this and_ Tāmār _she_dwelt (and)_a_desolate_woman the_ _house_of 'Avīshālōm brother_of_her. **21** And_the_king Dāvid he_heard ÐOM all_of the_things the_these and_it_glowed/burnt to_him/it exceedingly. **22** And_not 'Avīshālōm he_spoke with 'Amnōn (to)_from_bad and_unto good if/because 'Avīshālōm he_hated ÐOM 'Amnōn on the_thing_of (of)_that he_had_ _humbled ÐOM Tāmār sister_of_his.

23 And_he/it_was to_two_years days and_ shearers _they_were to_'Avīshālōm at_Ba'al- hazor which is_near 'Efrayim and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_called to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _sons_of the_king. **24** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_went to the_king and_he/it_said HERE please shearers belong_to_servant_of_ _your let_him_go please the_king and_servants_of_his with servant_of_your. **25** And_ the_king _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm no my_son_of_my not please of_us_of_all let_us_go and_not we_ _will_be_heavy on_you and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it and_ _not he_was_willing to_go and_he_blessed_him. **26** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said and_not let_him_go please with_us 'Amnōn my_brother/kindred and_he/it_said to_him/it the_ _king to/for_what will_he_go with_you. **27** And_he_urged in/on/over_him/it 'Avīshālōm and_he_sent with_him/it ÐOM 'Amnōn and_ÐOM all_of the_sons_of the_king. **28** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_commanded ÐOM servants_of_his to_say look please just_ the_heart_of 'Amnōn _as_is_good with_wine and_I_ _will_say to_you(pl) strike_down ÐOM 'Amnōn and_you(pl)_will_ _kill ÐOM_him/it do_not be_afraid am_not that/for/because/then/when I I_have_commanded you(pl) be_ _strong and_become (into)_sons_of strength. **29** And_ the_ _servants_of 'Avīshālōm _they_did to_'Amnōn just_as 'Avīshālōm he_had_commanded and_they_arose all_of the_ _sons_of the_king and_they_mounted each on mule_of_his and_ _they_fled. **30** And_ they _he/it_was were_on_way and_the_ _report it_came to Dāvid to_say 'Avīshālōm he_has_struck_ _down ÐOM all_of the_sons_of the_king and_not he_is_left from_ _them one. **31** And_ the_king _he/it_rose_up and_he_tore ÐOM garments_of_his and_he_lay_down ground_to_the and_all servants_of_his were_standing torn_of garments. **32** And_he_ _answered Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Shim'āh the_ _brother_of Dāvid and_he/it_said not my_master let_him_say

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outer garment.)

So the servant pushed her outside and locked the door behind her. **19** Then Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that she was wearing. She put her hand on her head and wailed as she walked home.[72] **20** Her brother Avshalom (Absalom) asked her, "Did your half-brother Amnon mess with you? But now, my sister, don't tell anyone since he's your brother and don't let it upset you." So Tamar lived in a state of desolation in her brother Avshalom's house.

21 When King David heard about all that, he got very angry. **22** Also, Avshalom said nothing to Amnon (either good or bad) because he hated him for humiliating his sister Tamar.

Avshalom kills Amnon · Full kingdom

23 Two years passed, then Avshalom's (Absalom's) shearers were in Ba'al-Hatsor (near Efrayim (Ephraim)) and Avshalom invited all the king's sons. **24** Avshalom went to the king and asked him, "Listen, please, the shearers are working for your servant. Please, let the king and his servants come with your servant."

25 "No, my son," the king replied. "There's too many of us—it would be too expensive for you." Avshalom he urged him, but he wouldn't go, however he did bless him.

26 "But if you don't come," Avshalom insisted, "please let my brother Amnon come with us."

"Why should *he* go with you?" the king asked. **27** But Avshalom insisted, so the king agreed to send Amnon and his other sons. **28** Then Avshalom prepared his young men, "Listen now, when Amnon gets a bit drunk from the wine and I tell you all, 'Strike Amnon!' then you'll kill him. You all don't need to be afraid because I myself am the one commanding you. Be courageous warriors." **29** At the right time, Avshalom's servants did to Amnon what Avshalom commanded them. All the rest of the king's sons jumped up and onto their mules and fled away.

30 While they were still on the way, David heard the news that Avshalom had struck all of his sons and killed them, and none were left alive. **31** The king stood up and tore his clothes, then he laid down on the ground. Meanwhile, all his servants there were tearing their clothes. **32** Then Yonadav (David's brother Shimeah's son) spoke up, "My master, don't imagine that all those young men, the king's sons, have been murdered. I suspect

72 RV 13:19 · Note The ashes, tearing of clothes, putting hand on head, and wailing, were all cultural signs of mourning and distress.

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that only Amnon is dead, because Avshalom has been determined to do this ever since his sister Tamar was humiliated.
33 So my master, don't believe the report that all your sons are dead. It's probably only Amnon who's dead.

34 Meanwhile, Avshalom had fled.

Suddenly the watchman turned and saw, wow, many people coming around the hill along the road behind him. **35** "Look," Yonadav told the king. "The king's sons are coming! It's just what I said." **36** He'd hardly finished speaking when, wow, the king's sons came in. Then they all cried loudly, and the king and his servants joined them in their wailing.

37 But Avshalom had fled, and he went to Geshur to stay with King Amihud's son, Talmay.[74] But David mourned for his son every day. **38** After Avshalom fled to Geshur, he stayed there for three years. **39** By then, King David was no longer grieving over Amnon's death and longed to go to see Avshalom.

Avshalom returns to Yerushalem · Full kingdom

14:1 Now Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son) realised that the king missed Avshalom (Absalom), **2** so he sent for a wise woman from Tekoa and told her, "Now, please put on mourning clothes and don't put on any make-up. Act like a woman who has been mourning for the dead for several days, **3** and go to the king and give him this message." Then Yoav told her what to say to the king.

4 So the Tekoei woman went to the king and fell onto her knees with his face down to the ground, saying, "Your majesty, help me."

5 "What's the matter?" the king asked.

"Alas, I'm a widow," she replied. "My husband has died. **6** Your female servant had two sons, and the two of them fought each other out in the countryside. There wasn't anyone there who could stop them, and then one son struck the other and killed him. **7** Now listen, the entire clan has turned against your female servant and demanded, 'Give us the one who killed his brother, and we'll kill him in exchange for the life of the brother that he killed. Also, it would mean that this evil thing couldn't be passed on.' But that would leave me with no descendants to continue my husband's name."

8 "Go home," the king told the woman, "and I'll make a decision about what to do."

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~~DOM~~ all_of the_young_men the_sons_of the_king they_have_ _killed if/because 'Amnōn for_him/it_being_alone he_has_died if/because on the_mouth_of 'Avīshālōm determined it_has_ _been from_the_day_of humbled_he ~~DOM~~ Tāmār sister_of_his. **33** And_now not my_master the_king let_him_set to his/its_ _heart a_message to_say all_of the_sons_of the_king they_have_ _died if/because (if) 'Amnōn for_him/it_being_alone he_has_ _died. **34** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_fled and_ the_servant who_was_ _keeping_watch _he_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ mmm[75] and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_people numerous were_coming from_the_ _road behind_him from_the_side_of the_mountain. **35** And_ Yōnādāv _he/it_said to the_king THERE the_sons_of the_king they_have_come according_to_the_message_of your_servant_ _of_your so it_has_happened. **36** And_he/it_was just_as_he_ _finished to_speak and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_sons_of the_king they_came and_they_lifted_up voice_of_their and_they_wept and_also the_king and_all servants_of_his they_wept a_weeping a_great very. **37** And_'Avīshālōm he_fled and_he/it_went to Talmay the_son_of ʿAmmiyḥūr[76] the_king_of Gəshūr and_he_ _mourned on his/its_son all_of the_days. **38** And_'Avīshālōm he_fled and_he/it_went Gəshūr and_he/it_was there three years. **39** And_ Dāvid the_king _it(f)_completed to_go_out against 'Avīshālōm if/because he_was_comforted on 'Amnōn if/because he_had_died.

14:1 And_ Yō'āvˇ/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūy^āh/(Zeruiah) _he/it_ _knew if/because_that the_heart_of the_king was_towards 'Avīshālōm. **2** And_ Yō'āvˇ _he_sent to_Təqōʿī and_he/it_took from_there a_woman wise and_he/it_said to_her/it play_the_ _mourner please and_put_on please garments_of mourning and_do_not anoint_yourself oil and_you_will_be like_a_woman this days many who_has_been_mourning on a_dead_person. **3** And_you_will_go to the_king and_you_will_speak to_him/it according_the_message the_this and_ Yō'āvˇ _he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages in_mouth_of_her. **4** And_ the_woman (the)_Təqōʿī _she/it_said to the_king and_she_fell on face_of_ _her towards_land and_she_bowed_down and_she/it_said save Oh_king. **5** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_king what is_to_ _you and_she/it_said indeed am_a_woman a_widow I and_ husband_of_my _he/it_died. **6** And_belonged_to_maidservant_ _of_your two_of_sons and_ both_of_them _they_struggled_ _together in_the_field and_there_was_not a_deliverer between_ _them and_he_struck_him the_one ~~DOM~~ the_one and_he_killed ~~DOM~~_him/it. **7** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_clan it_has_ _risen_up on maidservant_of_your and_they_said deliver_up ~~DOM~~ the_one_who_struck_down_of his/its_brother so_that_we_ _may_put_him_to_death for_the_life_of his/its_brother whom he_killed and_so_that_we_may_destroy also ~~DOM~~ the_heir and_ _they_will_extinguish ~~DOM~~ coal_of_my which it_is_left to_not to_establish[79] for_husband_of_my a_name and_a_remnant on the_surface_of the_soil. **8** And_ the_king _he/it_said to the_ _woman go to_house_of_your and_I I_will_command on_you.

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74 **RV 13:37 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 3:3.

75 **LV 13:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/נִיע**: (x-qere) 'וְ/נָיַע': lemma_5869 a n_0.1 morph_HNcbdc/Sp3ms id_10hPq **ו/נָיַע**

76 **LV 13:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רוחימע**: (x-qere) 'דְוִהִימַע': lemma_5989 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_109ZJ **דְוִהִימַע**

79 **LV 14:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם֥וש**: (x-qere) 'סִישׁ': lemma_7760 a morph_HVqc id_10mps **סִישׁ**

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9 And_ the_woman (the)_Təqō'ī _she/it_said to the_king be_on_ _me my_master the_king the_iniquity and_on the_house_of my_father_of_my and_the_king and_throne_of_his be_ _innocent. **10** And_ the_king _he/it_said the_one_who_speaks to_you and_you_will_bring_him to_me and_not he_will_repeat again to_touch on/over_you(fs). **11** And_she/it_said let_him_ _remember please the_king ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your mmm[80] the_avenger_of (the)_blood to_destroy and_not they_will_ _destroy ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my and_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if one_of_the_hair[s]_of your_son_of_your it_will_fall ground_to_ _the. **12** And_ the_woman _she/it_said let_her_speak please maidservant_of_your to my_master the_king a_message and_ _he/it_said speak. **13** And_ the_woman _she/it_said and_for_ _what have_you_planned like_this on the_people_of god and_ _because_ the_king _has_spoken the_message the_this like_a_ _guilty_person to_not the_king to_bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ his_ _banished_of_son. **14** If/because certainly_(die) we_will_die and_we_like_(the)_waters which_are_spilled towards_land which not they_will_be_gathered and_not god he_takes_away life and_he_plans plans to_not he_will_be_throw_out from_ _him/it a_banished_one. **15** And_now when I_have_come to_ _speak to the_king my_master ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this if/because they_have_made_me_afraid the_people and_ maidservant_of_your _she/it_said let_me_speak please to the_ _king perhaps the_king he_will_do ᴅᴏᴍ the_message_of his_ _maidservant_of_his. **16** If/because the_king he_will_hear to_ _deliver ᴅᴏᴍ maidservant_of_his from_the_palm_of the_man to_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my together from_the_ _inheritance_of god. **17** And_ maidservant_of_your _she/it_said may_it_become please the_message_of my_master the_king (into)_rest if/because like_the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm is_so my_master the_king to_hear (the)_good and_(the)_bad and_ _**YHWH** god_of_your may_he_be with_you. **18** And_ the_king _ _he_answered and_he/it_said to the_woman do_not please hide from_me anything which I am_asking you and_ the_woman _ _she/it_said let_him_speak please my_master the_king. **19** And_ the_king _he/it_said is_the_hand_of Yō'āv/(Joab) with_you in_ _all this and_ the_woman _she_answered and_she/it_said by_ _the_life your_self_of_your my_master the_king if there_is to_ _go_to_the_right and_to_go_to_the_left from_all that my_ _master the_king he_has_spoken if/because servant_of_your Yō'āv he he_commanded_me and_he he_put in_the_mouth_of your_maidservant_of_your ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages the_ _these. **20** (To)_in_order to_change ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of the_matter servant_of_your Yō'āv he_did ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing the_this and_ _master_of_my is_wise like_the_wisdom_of the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm to_know ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that on_the_earth. **21** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said to Yō'āv HERE please I_do ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing the_ _this and_go bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_man ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm. **22** And_ Yō'āv _he_fell to his/its_faces/face towards_land and_ _he_bowed_down and_he/it_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_ Yō'āv _ _he/it_said the_day he_knows servant_of if/because_that I_ _have_found favour in_eyes_of_your my_master the_king that

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9 But the Tekoei woman continued, "The blame,[77] my master the king, will be on me and my extended family, but the king and his throne will be innocent."

10 "Anyone who speaks against you," said the king, "bring them to me, and then they won't trouble you any more."

11 "Please," she insisted, "may the king ask your god Yahweh to prevent the avenger of blood from increasing the tragedy, so my son won't be destroyed."

"As surely as Yahweh lives," he vowed, "not a hair from your son's head will fall to the ground."

12 Then the woman said, "Please, let your female servant ask my master the king a question."

"Speak," he replied.

13 So the woman asked, "Why have you acted like this against God's people? When the king says that to me, isn't he convicting himself since he hasn't brought back *his own* banished son? **14** It's certain that we'll all die. Water that's spilt on the ground can't be gathered together again but God's not like that. Rather than taking away life, he devises plans so that the one who was banished can be gathered back in. **15** The reason that I've come now to tell this to the king my master, is because the people have frightened me. So your servant said to herself, 'I will speak, please, to the king. Perhaps the king will honour the request of his female servant. **16** Maybe the king will listen in order to save his female servant from the man who's cutting me and my son together off from the inheritance given by God.' **17** And your female servant thought, 'Please, let the word of my master the king become my assurance, because my master the king is like God's messenger when it comes to understanding good and evil.[78] And may Yahweh your god be with you.' "

18 "Hang on," the king told the woman. "I want you to answer this question honestly."

"Please, let my master the king speak." she responded.

19 "Did Yoav (Joab) perhaps have anything to do with all this?" he asked.

The woman answered, "By the life of your spirit, my master the king, there's no avoiding anything that my master the king has said. Yes, your servant Yoav—he himself commanded me, and he himself told your female servant what I should say. **20** Your servant Yoav set this up to try to remedy the situation. But my master is wise like the wisdom of one of God's messengers to know everything that's going on here on earth."

21 Then the king summoned Yoav and told him, "All right then, I'll sort this out. Now go and bring back the young man Avshalom (Absalom)."

22 Yoav fell onto his knees and bowed his face to the ground, and blessed the king, then he said, "Today, your servant knows that I have found favour in your eyes, my master the king, since

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77 RV 14:9 · Note Presumably for not putting the murderer to death.

78 RV 14:17 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 19:27.

80 LV 14:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תיברה/מ: (x-qere) 'תֻּבְּרַהְ/מ': lemma_m/7235 a n_1.1.0.0 morph_HR/Vhc id_10RKz תֻּבְּרַהְ/מ

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the king is going to do what his servant asked." 23 Then Yoav got up and went to Geshur to get Avshalom and bring him back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 24 but the king said, "He can go around to his house, but he's to stay right away from me." So Avshalom lived in his own house, but wasn't allowed into the palace.

Avshalom and David reconcile · Full kingdom

25 Now Avshalom (Absalom) was admired as the most handsome man in all Yisrael (Israel)—from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet, you wouldn't be able to find a blemish on his skin. 26 He had his hair cut once a year when it got too heavy on him, and when the hair was weighed using standard weights, it would be over two kilograms. 27 Avshalom had three sons and a daughter named Tamar—a very attractive woman.

28 Avshalom lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for two years without ever getting to see the king, 29 so he sent a message to Yoav (Joab) about getting an invitation to see the king, but Yoav wouldn't come to him. He sent another message, but Yoav still wouldn't come, 30 so he instructed his servants, "Listen, Yoav's piece of land with a barley crop is nearby. Go and set fire to it." So Avshalom's servants burnt Yoav's barley.[82]

31 Then Yoav went to Avshalom's house and demanded, "Why did your servants destroy my barley crop?"

32 "Listen, I tried to contact you," Avshalom replied. "I asked you to come here so that I could send you to the king to ask what the point was of bringing me here from Geshur if I can't see him—I might as well have stayed back there. So now, help me to get invited to see the king, and then if I'm considered guilty of a crime, then let him kill me."

33 So Yoav went and informed the king, and he called for Avshalom. When he entered, he knelt and bowed his face to the ground in front of the king, and then the king kissed him.

Avshalom plans his rebellion · Full kingdom

15:1 Sometime after all that, Avshalom (Absalom) acquired a chariot and horses and hired fifty men to run ahead of him. 2 He would get up early and stand on the side of the road going in and out of the city. Every time that someone came into the city to take a dispute to be settled by the king, Avshalom would ask them where they were from, and they'd reply with their city and tribe, 3 then he'd say, "Listen, No doubt what you're saying is sensible and right, but the king hasn't appointed anyone to

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the_king he_has_done ÐOM the_message_of mmm[81]. 23 And_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_Gəshūr and_ _he/it_brought ÐOM 'Avīshālōm Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 24 And_ the_king _he/it_said he_will_turn to house_of_his and_ _face_of_my not he_will_see and_ 'Avīshālōm _he_turned to house_of_his and_the_face_of the_king not he_saw.

25 And_like_'Avīshālōm not he_was a_man handsome in_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_praise exceedingly from_the_sole_of his_ _foot_of_his and_unto of_his_head_of_the_crown not it_was in_ _him/it a_blemish. 26 And_when_shaved_he ÐOM his/its_head and_it_was from_the_end/extremity[83] days to_days when he_ _shaved if/because it_was_heavy on/upon/above_him/it and_ _he_shaved_it and_he_weighed ÐOM the_hair_of his/its_head two_hundred shekels by_the_weight_of the_king. 27 And_they_ _were_born to_'Avīshālōm three sons and_a_daughter one and_ _name_of_her was_Tāmār she she_was a_woman beautiful_of appearance. 28 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) two_ _years days and_the_face_of the_king not he_saw. 29 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_sent to Yō'āv to_send ÐOM_him/it to the_king and_not he_was_willing to_come to_him/it and_he_sent again a_second_time and_not he_was_willing to_come. 30 And_he/it_ _said to servants_of_his see the_portion_of_land_of Yō'āv/(Joab) is_to hand_of_my and_to/for_him/it there barley(s) go and[84] with_fire and_ the_servants_of 'Avīshālōm _ _they_set_on_fire ÐOM the_portion_land with_fire. 31 And_ Yō'āv _he/it_rose_up and_he_went to 'Avīshālōm to_the_house and_he/it_said to_him/it to/for_what servants_of_your have_ _they_set_on_fire ÐOM the_portion_land which to_me with_fire. 32 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to Yō'āv HERE I_sent to_you to_ _say come here so_that_I_may_send you[85] to the_king to_say to/for_what have_I_come from_Gəshūr was_good to_me still I was_there and_now let_me_see the_face_of the_king and_if there_is in_me iniquity and_he_will_kill_me. 33 And_ Yō'āv _ _he_went to the_king and_he_told to_him/it and_he/it_called (to) 'Avīshālōm and_he_came to the_king and_he_bowed_down to_him/it on face_of_his towards_land to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_king and_ the_king _he_kissed (to)_ _'Avīshālōm.

15:1 And_he/it_was from_after thus and_he/it_made to_him/it 'Avīshālōm a_chariot and_horses and_fifty man who_ran before_him. 2 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_rose_early and_he_stood at the_side_of the_road_of the_gate and_he/it_was every_of the_ _man whom it_belonged for_him/it a_case_at_law to_come to the_king for_judgement and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_called to_ _him/it and_he/it_said where from_this city are_you and_ _he/it_said is_from_one_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_your. 3 And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Avīshālōm see matter_of_your are_good and_straightforward and_one_who_

81 **LV 14:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דבע: (x-qere) 'הָ/דְּבָע': lemma_5650 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_10pWC הָ/דְּבָע

82 **RV 14:30 · Note** TC: The Septuagint translation adds the following words here: "And Avshalom's servants burnt them up. Then Yoav's servants came to him, tearing their garments. They said..."

83 **LV 14:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

84 **LV 14:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יתצוה/ה: (x-qere) 'ו/וּתְיִצַּהָ/ה'; lemma_c/3341 morph_HC/Vhv2mp/Sp3fs id_10E6M ו/וּתְיִצַּהָ/ה

85 **LV 14:32 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_hears there_is_not to/for_yourself(m) from_with the_king.
4 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said who will_he_make_me a_judge on_the_earth and_to_me every_of person whom it_belongs for_ _him/it a_case_at_law and_a_judgement he_will_come and_I_ _will_do_him_justice. **5** And_it_was when_ anyone _drew_near to_bow_down to_him/it and_he_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _hand and_he_took_hold_of to_him/it and_he_kissed to_him/it.
6 And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_made according_the_manner the_ _this to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_ _came for_judgement to the_king and_ 'Avīshālōm _he_stole ᴅᴏᴍ the_heart_of the_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity forty year[s] and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_ _said to the_king let_me_go please so_that_I_may_pay ᴅᴏᴍ vow_of_my which I_vowed to/for_**YHWH** in_Ḥevrōn.
8 If/because a_vow servant_of_your he_vowed when_dwelt_I at_Gəshūr in_'Arām to_say if indeed_(dwell)[87] bring_back_will_ _bring_me_back **YHWH** Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_will_ _serve ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **9** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king go in_ _peace and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_Ḥevrōn. **10** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_sent spies in_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say just_as_you(pl)_hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn and_you(pl)_will_say 'Avīshālōm he_has_become_king in_ _Ḥevrōn. **11** And_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm two_hundred man they_went from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who_had_been_invited and_ _who_were_going to_innocence_of_their and_not they_knew any_of thing. **12** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_sent ᴅᴏᴍ 'Aḥītofel the_ _Gilonī the_counsellor_of Dāvid from_city_of_his from_Giloh when_sacrificed_he ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacrifices and_ the_conspiracy _ _he/it_was strong and_the_people was_going and_numerous with 'Avīshālōm.
13 And_ the_messenger _he_came to Dāvid to_say the_heart_of the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_is after 'Avīshālōm. **14** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every servants_of_his who with_him/it in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) arise and_let_us_ _flee if/because not it_will_belong to/for_ourselves an_escape from_face/in_front_of 'Avīshālōm hurry to_go lest he_should_ _hurry and_he_will_overtake_us and_he_will_thrust on_us ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_calamity and_he_will_strike_down the_city to_the_ _mouth_of the_sword. **15** And_ the_servants_of the_king _they_ _said to the_king according_to_all that my_master the_king he_ _will_choose HERE servants_of_are_your. **16** And_ the_king _ _he/it_went_out and_all household_of_his was_at_feet_of_his and_ the_king _he_left ᴅᴏᴍ ten women concubines to_ _guard/protect the_house. **17** And_ the_king _he/it_went_out and_all the_people was_at_feet_of_his and_they_stood the_ _house_of the_distance. **18** And_all servants_of_his were_ _passing_by at his/its_hand and_all the_Kerethite[s] and_all the_Pelethite[s] and_all Gittiys six hundred(s) man who they_ _had_come at_foot_of_his from_Gat were_passing_by on the_ _face_of the_king. **19** And_ the_king _he/it_said to 'Ittay the_ _Gittiy to/for_what also you will_you_go with_us return and_ _dwell with the_king if/because are_a_foreigner you and_also are_an_exile you to_place_of_your. **20** Was_yesterday coming_

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listen to people from your area." **4** Then Avshalom would add, "If I was appointed as judge, then every person with a dispute or case could come to me and obtain justice." **5** Whenever anyone approached him to bow respectfully to him, he would put out his hand and embrace them and kiss them. **6** Avshalom acted that way towards every Israeli who came for a dispute to be settled by the king, and in doing that he stole the hearts of the Israeli people.

7 Four[86] years later, Avshalom begged the king, "Please, release me to go and fulfill the vow that I made to Yahweh in Hevron, **8** because when I was living in Geshur (in Aram (Syria)) I promised Yahweh that if he brought me back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), then I'd worship him in Hevron."

9 "Go in peace," the king responded, so Avshalom left for Hevron. **10** From there, he sent sleeper groups into all areas of Yisrael (Israel), telling them, "When you all hear the trumpet blasts, then shout, 'Avshalom has become king from Hevron!' "
11 Avshalom had invited two hundred men from Yerushalem to go with him to Hevron, but they were innocent and didn't know what was about to happen. **12** Then while he was offering sacrifices, Avshalom also sent for David's adviser Ahitofel from Giloh. By now the conspiracy was strengthening, and Avshalom was becoming popular with more and more people.

The fleeing of David · Full kingdom

13 Eventually, someone went and told David, "The loyalty of the Israeli people is turning towards Avshalom (Absalom)."

14 So David told his servants, "Pack up quickly and let's get out of here, or else we won't be able to escape from Avshalom. Be fast in case he's heading here soon and overtakes us. That would be a massacre and the whole city would die from their swords."

15 "Your servants here will do everything you tell us," they replied to the king. **16** So the king left ten of his slave-wives to look after the palace, but he left with all his family.

17 So the king departed with all his people, and they stopped at the last house. **18** Then all his servants passed beside him to go ahead, along with his bodyguards (the Kereti and the Peletim) and six hundred Gitim (from Gat). **19** Then the king said to Itay the Giti, "You don't have to come with us. You're a foreigner and an exile from your place, so you could go back and stay with the new king. **20** You haven't been here long, and we don't even know where we're going. I certainly need to leave but you can return with your relatives. May Yahweh show kindness and faithfulness to you all."

86 RV 15:7 · Note The Hebrew says forty years, but this is interpreted here as a scribal error. (David's entire reign was only forty years, see 1 Kings 2:11.)

87 LV 15:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **בישי**: (x-qere) **'בּוֹשֵׁי'**: lemma_7725 morph_HVqa id_10poz **בּוֹשֵׁי**

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21 "As Yahweh lives, and as my master the king lives," Itay answered the king, "wherever my master the king goes, your servant will certainly be there also, whether it means life or death."
22 "Okay, go ahead then," David told Itay. So Itay and all his men and their families went with David. 23 All the people along the road cried when they saw them walking by. The king and all the others crossed the Kidron riverbed and went up the hill toward the wilderness.
24 What a sight! Even Tsadok and all the Levites with him were carrying the box with God's agreement in it, and when they put it down again, the priest Evyatar caught up to them and waited until all the people had finished exiting the city. 25 But the king told Tsadok, "Take the sacred chest back into the city. If Yahweh favours me, then he'll help me return, and he'll let me see it and his place of residence again. 26 But if Yahweh says that he isn't pleased with me, then he'll do to me whatever he thinks best. 27 Aren't you a prophet? Return to the city in peace, along with your son Ahima'ats and Evyatar's son Yonatan (Jonathan). 28 Listen, I'll wait at the fords in the wilderness until I get your message." 29 So Tsadok and Evyatar carried the sacred chest back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), then they remained there.
30 As David was going up the Mt. of Olives, he was walking barefoot with his head covered. He was weeping as were the people with him—they too had their heads covered and were weeping. 31 David knew that Ahitofel was among the people conspiring with Avshalom (Absalom), so he prayed, "Please, Yahweh, make Ahitofel give foolish advice."
32 When David reached the summit (where people frequently worship God), Hushay (the Arki) met him there. He had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head. 33 David told him, "If you come with me, you'll be a burden to me, 34 but if you return to the city and tell Avshalom, 'I'm your servant, my king. I was your father's servant in the past, but now I'll be your servant,' then you'll be able to oppose Ahitofel's counsel for me. 35 The priests Tsadok and Evyatar are already there, so tell them everything you hear in the palace. 36 Also Tsadok's son Ahima'ats and Evyatar's son Yonatan (Jonathan) are there. Tell them everything you hear, then send them to report it to me.
37 So David's friend Hushay slipped back into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) just as Avshalom was entering the city.

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_your and_this_day mmm[88] with_us to_go and_I am_going to where I am_going return and_take_back ÐØM brothers_of_your be_with_you covenant_loyalty and_truth. 21 And_ 'Ittay _he_ _answered ÐØM the_king and_he_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_the_life_of my_master the_king if/because (if) in_the_ _place_of (of)_where he_will_be there my_master the_king whether for_death or for_life if/because there he_will_be servant_of_your. 22 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Ittay come and_ _pass_on and_ 'Ittay the_Gittiy and_all men_of_his and_all the_ _little_one[s] who with_him/it _he_passed_on. 23 And_all the_ _earth/land were_weeping a_voice great and_all the_people were_passing_by and_the_king was_passing in_the_wadi_of Qidrōn and_all the_people were_passing_on on the_face_of the_ _road ÐØM the_wilderness. 24 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE also Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_all the_Lēviyyiy with_him/it they_were_ _carrying ÐØM the_box_of the_covenant_of the_'Elohīm and_ _they_set_down ÐØM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_ 'Evyātār _ _he/it_ascended until all_of the_people was_finished to_pass_ _out from the_city. 25 And_ the_king _he/it_said to_Tsādōq take_back ÐØM the_box_of the_'Elohīm the_city if I_will_find favour in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_bring_back_will_bring_ _me_back and_he_will_show_me ÐØM_him/it and_ÐØM habitation_of_his. 26 And_if thus he_will_say not I_delight on/over_you(fs) HERE_I_am let_him_do to/for_me just_as is_ _good in_eyes_of_his. 27 And_ the_king _he/it_said to Tsādōq the_priest/officer a_seer are_you return the_city in_peace and_ _'Aḥīma'ats son_of_your and_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of 'Evyātār the_two_of sons_of_your(pl) with_you(pl). 28 See I will_be_delaying in/on/at/with[89] of_the_wilderness until message comes from_with_you(pl) to_announce to_me. 29 And_ Tsādōq and_'Evyātār _he_took_back ÐØM the_box_of the_'Elohīm Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_lived there. 30 And_Dāvid was_going_up on_the_ascent_of the_olive_trees going_up and_weeping and_head to_him/it was_covered and_ _he was_walking barefoot and_all the_people which with_ _him/it they_covered each his/its_head and_they_went_up going_up and_weeping. 31 And_Dāvid someone_told to_say 'Aḥītofel is_among_conspirators with 'Avīshālōm and_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said make_foolish please ÐØM the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel Oh_**YHWH**. 32 And_he/it_was Dāvid coming to the_top where he_bowed_down there to_god and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_meet_ _him Ḥūshay the_Arkite tunic_of_his was_torn and_earth was_ _on his/its_head. 33 And_he/it_said to_him/it Dāvid if you_ _pass_over with_me and_you_will_become on_me (into)_a_ _burden. 34 And_if the_city you_will_return and_you_will_say to_'Avīshālōm servant_of_your[90] I the_king I_will_be was_the_ _servant_of your_father_of_your (and)_I from_then and_now (and)_I be_your_servant_of_will and_you_will_frustrate to_me ÐØM the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel. 35 And_not with_you there are_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_'Evyātār the_priests and_it_was every_of (the)_message which you_will_hear from_the_house_of the_ _king you_will_tell to_Tsādōq and_to_'Evyātār the_priests. 36 THERE there are_with_them the_two_of sons_of_their

88 **LV 15:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/עונא**: (x-qere) **אֲדֹנִיָּא**: lemma_5128 morph_HVhi1cs/Sp2ms id_10NXX **אֲדֹנִיָּא**

89 **LV 15:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תורבע/ב**: (x-qere) **תֹּוְבֵרֹעַ**: lemma_b/6160 n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncfpc id_10cj2 **תֹּוְבֵרֹעַ/ב**

90 **LV 15:34 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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'Aḥīma'ats of_Tsādōq and_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) of_
_'Evyātār and_you(pl)_will_send by_hand_of_their to_me
every_of message which you(pl)_will_hear. **37** And_ Ḥūshay
the_friend_of Dāvid _he_came the_city and_'Avīshālōm he_
_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
16:1 And_Dāvid he_passed_on a_little from_the_top and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Tsīvā'/(Ziba) the_servant_of Mephi- boshet
to_meet_him and_a_pair_of donkeys saddled and_were_on_
_them two_hundred bread[s] and_one_hundred bunches_of_
_raisins and_one_hundred summer_fruit and_a_jar_of wine.
2 And_ the_king _he/it_said to Tsīvā' what are_these_things to_
you and Tsīvā' _he/it_said the_donkeys are_for_the_
_household_of the_king to_ride and_the[93] and_the_summer_
_fruit are_to_ the_young_men _eat and_the_wine is_to_ the_
_weary_person _drink in_wilderness. **3** And_ the_king _he/it_
_said and_where is_the_son_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your and_
Tsīvā' _he/it_said to the_king THERE he_is_remaining in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because he_said the_day they_
_will_restore to_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_kingship_of my_father_of_my. **4** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_
_Tsīvā' HERE to/for_yourself(m) all that belonged_Mephi-
boshet and_ Tsīvā' _he/it_said I_bow_down may_I_find favour
in_eyes_of_your my_master the_king.

5 And_ the_king Dāvid _he_came to Baḥurīm and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from_there a_man was_coming_out from_
_the_clan_of the_house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_his/its_name was_
_Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' he_was_coming_out coming_out and_
_cursing. **6** And_he_stoned with_stones ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_
_of the_servants_of the_king Dāvid and_all the_people and_all
the_powerful/mighty(pl) were_from_right_of_his and_from_
_left_of_his. **7** And_thus Shim'ī he_said when_cursed_he get_out
get_out Oh_man_of (the)_blood(s) and_Oh_man_of (the)_
_worthlessness. **8** He_has_brought_back on_you **YHWH** all_of
the_blood(s)_of the_house_of Shā'ūl whom you_have_reigned
place_of_him[95] and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_royalty in_
_the_hand_of 'Avīshālōm son_of_your and_here_you are_in_
_calamity_of_your if/because are_a_man_of blood(s) you.
9 And_ 'Avīshay the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) _he/it_said to
the_king to/for_what the_dog (the)_dead the_this will_he_
_curse ᴅᴏᴍ my_master the_king let_me_pass_over please and_
_let_me_remove ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_head. **10** And_ the_king _he/it_said
what to/for_me and_to_you(pl) Oh_sons_of Tsərūyāh thus[96] he_
_is_cursing and[97] **YHWH** he_has_said to_him/it curse ᴅᴏᴍ
Dāvid and_who will_he_say why have_you_done thus. **11** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Avīshay and_near/to all_of servants_of_
_his HERE son_of_my who he_went_out from_inward_parts_of_
_my is_seeking ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my and_indeed if/because now the_
_Ben-_of (the)_jaminite leave_alone to_him/it and_let_him_

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Dishonest Tsiva helps David · Full kingdom

16:1 David hadn't gone far past the summit when, wow, he was meet by Mefiboshet's servant Tsiva[91] with a pair of saddled donkeys loaded with two hundred bread rolls, one hundred cakes of raisins, one hundred pieces of fresh fruit, and a leather container of wine. **2** "What's all that?" the king asked.

"The donkeys are for the king's family to ride," Tsiva answered, "and the bread and fruits are for the young men to eat, and the wine is for the people to drink who feel faint in the wilderness."

3 "So where's your master's grandson Mefiboshet?" asked the king.

Ha, he stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because he thought that the Israelis might give back control of his grandfather's kingdom," Tsiva lied.[92]

4 "Well then," the king told Tsiva, "everything that belonged to Mefiboshet now belongs to you."

"I'm honoured," Tsiva responded, "that I've found favour in the eyes of my master the king."

Shimei curses David · Full kingdom

5 When King David got to Bahurim, wow, a man from Sha'ul's (Saul's) extended family came out. He was Gera's son Shimei, and he came out and cursed David. **6** Then he threw stones at David and all his servants, and all the people and warriors on both sides of the king. **7** "Go away, go away, you worthless man of much bloodshed!" Shimei yelled. **8** "Now Yahweh's returning to you all the blood of Sha'ul's household. You took over as king in his place, but Yahweh's giving the kingdom into the hand of your son Avshalom (Absalom). Look at you, you're evil because you're a man of much bloodshed."

9 The Tseruyah's son Avishay asked the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my master the king? Please, let me cross over and lop off his head."

10 "What does it matter to me, or to you two sons of Tseruyah?" the king replied. "He's cursing because Yahweh told him to curse me, so who has any right to ask him why he's saying it?" **11** Then David told Avishay and all his servants, "Look, my own biological son is trying to kill me. Now on top of that, this Benyamite. Leave him and let him curse, because Yahweh told him to. **12** Perhaps Yahweh will see my suffering and return good on me, instead of this cursing today." **13** As David and his

91 RV 16:1 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 9:9-10.

92 RV 16:3 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 19:25-27.

93 LV 16:2 · Note OSHB variant note: חל/ה/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'סֶחֱלֵ/ה/וֹ': lemma_c/d/3899 morph_HC/Td/Ncbsa id_102wq סֶחֱלֵ/ה/וֹ

95 LV 16:8 · Note OSHB variant note: תחת/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְחַת': lemma_8478 n_1.2 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10dSa וְ/יִתְחַת

96 LV 16:10 · Note OSHB variant note: כי: (x-qere) 'הָכִי': lemma_3541 morph_HD id_10Qq5 הָכִי

97 LV 16:10 · Note OSHB variant note: כי/ו: (x-qere) 'יְכִי': lemma_3588 a morph_HC id_10Cyg יְכִי

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men continued along the road, Shimei walked along the hillside beside him—walking and cursing, and throwing stones and dirt at him. **14** Later, the king and all the people with him arrived,[94] and feeling very tired, they rested.

The conflicting advice of Hushay and Ahitofel · Full kingdom

15 Meanwhile, Avshalom (Absalom) and all his followers arrived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and Ahitofel was among them. **16** When David's friend Hushay (the Arki) came to Avshalom, he greeted him, "May the king live. May the king live."

17 "Is that how you show kindness to your friend David?" Avshalom responded. "Why didn't you go with him?"

18 "No," Hushay replied. "I'll serve whoever Yahweh and these people and all the men of Yisrael (Israel) have chosen. So I'll stay with you. **19** Besides that, who should I serve? Why shouldn't I serve my master's son? Just as I've served your father, similarly, I'll serve you."

20 Then Avshalom turned to Ahitofel, "Give us advice. What should we do next?"

21 "Go to your father's slave-wives that he left to guard the house," Ahitofel replied. "Lie with them then all Yisrael will hear that you've made your father stink, and then everyone with you will be encouraged." **22** So they set up a tent for Avshalom on the palace roof and he had sex with his father's slave-wives where everyone would know what was going on.[99]

23 In those days, Ahitofel's advice was just as good as inquiring directly from God, so David in the past, and now Avshalom, accepted what he said.

Hushay argues against Ahitofel's advice · Full kingdom

17:1 Then Ahitofel asked Avshalom (Absalom), "Please, let me choose twelve thousand men, then let me go and pursue after David tonight. **2** I'll attack him while they're tired and lacking energy. Once I panic them, all the people with him will flee and I'll be able to strike the king by himself. **3** Then I'll bring all the people back to you, like a reunion. You'll have the man you're wanting, and all the people will be in peace." **4** That seemed very sensible to Avshalom and all the Israeli elders.

5 But Avshalom insisted, "Now, call Hushay the Arki as well, and let's also listen to his suggestions." **6** So when Hushay ar-

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_curse if/because he_has_spoken to_him/it **YHWH**. **12** Perhaps **YHWH** he_will_look my[98] and_ **YHWH** _he_will_repay to_me good in_place_of curse_of_his the_day (the)_this. **13** And_ Dāvid and_men_of_his _he/it_went on_road and_Shim'ī was_going on_the_side_of the_mountain parallel_with_of_him he_went and_he_cursed and_he_stoned_them with_stones parallel_ _with_of_him and_he_dusted_them with_dust. **14** And_ the_king and_all the_people which with_him/it _he_came exhausted and_he_refreshed_himself there.

15 And_'Avīshālōm and_all the_people the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _'Aḥītofel with_him/it. **16** And_he/it_was when_then Ḥūshay the_Arkite the_friend_of Dāvid he_came to 'Avīshālōm and_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm the_king may_he_live the_ _king may_he_live. **17** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to Ḥūshay is_this loyalty_of_your with friend_of_your to/for_what not did_you_go with friend_of_your. **18** And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm no if/because the_one_whom **YHWH** and_the_ _people the_this and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_ _chosen to_him[100] I_will_belong and_with_him I_will_remain. **19** And_the_second_thing (to)_whom I will_I_serve am_not to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before son_of_his just_as I_served to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before father_of_your so I_will_be before_you. **20** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to 'Aḥītofel give to/for_you(pl) counsel what will_we_do. **21** And_ 'Aḥītofel _ _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm go into the_concubines_of your_ _father_of_your whom he_left to_keep the_house and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_will_hear if/because_that you_have_made_ _yourself_odious with father_of_your and_ the_hands_of all_of those_who are_with_you _they_will_be_strong. **22** And_people_ _pitched for_'Avīshālōm the_tent on the_roof and_ 'Avīshālōm _he_went into the_concubines_of his/its_father to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel which he_counselled in_the_days the_those just_as he_enquires[101] by_ _the_message_of the_'Elohīm was_so all_of the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel both to_Dāvid as_well_as to_'Avīshālōm.

17:1 And_ 'Aḥītofel _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm let_me_choose please two_plus ten thousand man and_I_will_arise and_I_will_ _pursue after Dāvid the_night. **2** And_I_will_come on/upon/above_him/it and_he will_be_weary and_slack_of hands and_I_will_terrify ~~DOM~~_him/it and_ all_of the_people which with_him/it _it_will_flee and_I_will_strike_down ~~DOM~~ the_king for_him/it_being_alone. **3** And_I_will_bring_back all_ _of the_people to_you as_ (the)_everything _returns the_man whom you are_seeking all_of the_people it_will_be peace. **4** And_ the_message _it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of 'Avīshālōm and_in_the_eyes_of all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said summon please also (to)_Ḥūshay the_Arkite so_that_we_may_hear what is_in_ _mouth_of_his also he. **6** And_ Ḥūshay _he_came to 'Avīshālōm

94 RV 16:14 · Note Probably at the fords mentioned in 15:28.

98 LV 16:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/נוע/י: (x-qere) ב/נִיעַ/י': lemma_b/5869 n_1 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp1cs id_10Xn7 ב/נִיעַ/י

99 RV 16:22 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 12:11-12.

100 LV 16:18 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) ו/לֹ/': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_10yrN ו/לֹ

101 LV 16:23 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) שְׁיָא': lemma_376 n_1.0 morph_HNcmsa id_10Gmc שְׁיָא

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and_ 'Avīshālōm _he/it_said to_him/it to_say according_the_ _message the_this 'Aḥītofel he_has_spoken will_we_do ᴅᴏᴍ message_of_his if not you speak. **7** And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to 'Avīshālōm not is_good the_counsel which 'Aḥītofel he_has_ _counselled at_time (the)_this. **8** And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ men_of_his if/because_ _that are_warriors they and_are_bitter_of soul they like_a_bear robbed_of_cubs in_the_field and_father_of_your is_a_man_of war and_not he_will_pass_the_night with the_people. **9** THERE now he is_hiding_himself in_one_of the_pit or in_one_of the_ _places and_it_was just_ (is)_in_them _as_falls at_first and_ the_ _one_who_hears _he_will_hear and_saying(ms) a_slaughter it_ _has_been among_people which is_after 'Avīshālōm. **10** And_he also a_son_of strength whom his/its_heart is_like_the_heart_of (the)_lion surely_melt he_will_melt if/because all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_knowing if/because_that is_a_warrior father_ _of_your and_the_sons strength those_who with_him/it. **11** If/because I_counsel fully_(be_gathered) let_it_be_gathered to_you all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevʿa´ like_sand which is_at the_sea to_increase_in_number and_ _presence_of_your will_be_going in_battle. **12** And_we_will_ _come to_him/it in/on/at/with[102] of_the_places where he_is_ _found there and_we on/upon/above_him/it just_as the_dew it_will_fall on the_soil and_not it_will_be_left in/on/over_ _him/it and_on/over_all the_men who with_him/it also one. **13** And_if into a_city he_will_be_gathered and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_cause_to_bring to the_city (the)_that ropes and_we_will_drag ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_wadi until that not it_has_been_found there also a_pebble. **14** And_ 'Avīshālōm and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said is_good the_ _counsel_of Ḥūshay the_Arkite more_than_the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel and_**YHWH** he_had_commanded to_frustrate ᴅᴏᴍ the_counsel_of 'Aḥītofel (the)_good (to)_in_order **YHWH** to_ _bring to 'Avīshālōm ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_calamity.

15 And_ Ḥūshay _he/it_said to Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_near/to 'Evyātār the_priests like_this and_like_this 'Aḥītofel he_has_ _counselled ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_like_this and_like_this I I_have_counselled. **16** And_now send quickly and_tell to_Dāvid to_say do_not pass_ _the_night the_night at_the_wilderness_plains_of the_ _wilderness and_also definitely_(pass_over) you_will_pass_over lest it_should_be_swallowed_up to/for_the_king and_to/for_all the_people which with_him/it. **17** And_ _Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_'Aḥīma´ats were_ _remaining at_En- rogel and_ the_maidservant _she_went and_ _she_told to/for_them and_they they_went and_they_told to/for_the_king Dāvid if/because not they_were_able to_be_ _seen to_go to_the_city. **18** And_ a_young_man _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ_ _them and_he_told to_'Avīshālōm and_ both_of_them _they_ _went quickly and_they_came to the_house_of a_man in_ _Baḥurīm and_to/for_him/it a_well in_courtyard_of_his and_ _they_went_down there. **19** And_ the_woman _she/it_took and_ _she_spread ᴅᴏᴍ the_covering over the_face_of the_well and_ _she_spread_out on/upon/above_him/it the_grain(s) and_not

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rived, Avshalom asked him, "Ahitofel has suggested so and so. Should we do what he said? If not, what would you recommend?"

7 "This time, Ahitofel's suggestion isn't such good advice," Hushay replied. **8** You yourself know your father and his men—and do remember that they're powerful warriors—they're still furious like a bear in the countryside that's been robbed of its cubs. And your father is an experienced man of war, and he won't spend the night there with the people. **9** Listen, he's probably already hiding in a cavern or some other place. Also, if some of your men were killed early in the fighting, then the rumour would go around that Avshalom's already lost many men. **10** Then even your bravest warriors might lose heart, because all Yisrael (Israel) knows that your father is a powerful warrior, and also that the men with him are very experienced. **11** So this is what I suggest: Call warriors from all Yisrael—from Dan in the far north to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the far south. They'll be as numerous as sand grains on the beach and you personally will be able to lead them into battle. **12** Then we'll be able to find him wherever he is, and attack him like dew blankets the entire area, and neither him nor any of the men with him will survive, not even one. **13** If he escaped into some city, we'd all bring ropes to that city and drag the stones into the valley until even a pebble couldn't be found there."

14 Avshalom and all the Israeli elders agreed that Hushay's advice was better than Ahitofel's. (Yahweh had influenced them to reject Ahitofel's good advice so he could bring disaster onto Avshalom.)

The warning to David to flee · Full kingdom

15 Then Hushay told the two priests Tsadok and Evyatar what Ahitofel had suggested to Avshalom (Absalom) and the Israeli elders and what he'd countered it with. **16** Then he told them, "Get that message to David quickly. Tell him not to overnight at the fords in the wilderness, but to cross over otherwise he'll be killed along with everyone else with him."

17 Their sons Yonatan (Jonathan) and Ahima'ats were waiting at Eyn-Rogel where a female servant would come and pass the message onto them, because it wouldn't be safe for them to be seen entering the city. Then they themselves would go and inform King David. **18** But a young man saw them and informed Avshalom, but meanwhile the two of them went quickly and got to the house of a man in Bahurim where they went down into the well in his courtyard. **19** The woman there stretched a covering over the top of the well, and then spread grain over it to dry, so it wasn't obvious. **20** Some of Avshalom's servants arrived at the house and asked the woman, "Where's Ahima'ats and

102 LV 17:12 · Note OSHB variant note: תחא/ב: (x-qere) 'דָּחַאְ/ב': lemma_b/259 morph_HR/Acmsc id_10DE1 דָּחַאְ/ב

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Yonatan?"

"They crossed over the creek," she replied.

So they continued searching for them, but gave up after a while and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

21 After they'd gone, the two men climbed out of the well, and went on and informed King David, "Pack up and quickly cross over the river, because Ahitofel suggested attacking you all immediately." **22** So David and everyone with him moved on and crossed the Yarden (Jordan) in the night, and by dawn there were all across.

23 When Ahitofel saw that his advice hadn't been taken, he saddled his donkey and rode to his city. He gave instructions to his household, then he hanged himself. His body was buried in his father's tomb.

24 Meanwhile, David arrived at Mahanayim, but Avshalom and all his men had crossed over the Yarden. **25** As the replacement for Yoav (Joab) as army commander, Avshalom had appointed Amasa. (He was Yeter's son, and his mother was Nahash's daughter Avigayil who was the sister of Yoav's mother Tseruyah.) **26** Avshalom and his men camped in the Gilead region.

27 While David was in Mahanayim, Shovi (Nahash's son from Rabah), Makir (Amiyel's son from Lo-Devar), and Barzilay (the Giladi from Roglim) **28** brought bedding and basins, clay pots, wheat and barley, flour and roasted grain, beans and lentils, **29** honey and yogurt, sheep and cheese for David and the people with him to eat because they knew that they'd be hungry and tired and thirsty there in the wilderness.

Avshalom's defeat and death · Full kingdom

18:1 David divided his warriors into units and appointed commanders of hundreds and of thousands. **2** He sent them out in three groups under Yoav (Joab), Avishay (son of Yoav's brother Tseruyah) and Itay (the Giti), then promised that he'd also join them in battle.

3 But the people complained, "No, don't go out, because if we have to flee, they won't be worried about us. Even if half of us die, they won't be worried about us, because you count more to them than ten thousand of us. So it's better that you stay to help us from the city."

4 "I'll do whatever seems best to you," the king responded. So the king stayed beside the city gate while the men went out by their hundreds and thousands. **5** Then he commanded Yoav and Avishay and Itay, "For my sake, don't harm my son Avshalom

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anything it_was_known. **20** And_ the_servants_of 'Avīshālōm _ _they_came to the_woman to_the_house and_they_said where are_'Aḥīma'aṣ and_Yōnātān and_she/it_said to/for_them the_ _woman they_have_passed_over the_brook_of the_waters and_ _they_sought_them and_not they_found_them and_they_ _returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **21** And_he/it_was after they_had_gone and_they_came_up from_the_well and_they_ _went and_they_told to/for_the_king Dāvid and_they_said to Dāvid arise and_pass_over quickly ~~DOM~~ the_waters if/because thus he_has_counselled on_you(pl) 'Aḥītofel. **22** And_ Dāvid and_all the_people which with_him/it _he/it_rose_up and_ _they_passed_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) until the_light_of the_morning up_to one_person not one_who not he_had_ _passed_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn was_missing. **23** And_'Aḥītofel he_saw if/because_that not counsel_of_his it_was_done and_ _he_saddled ~~DOM~~ the_donkey and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_ _went to house_of_his to city_of_his and_he/it_commanded concerning household_of_his and_he_hanged_himself and_ _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_the_tomb_of his/its_father. **24** And_Dāvid he_had_gone to_Maḥₐnāyim and_'Avīshālōm he_ _had_passed_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn he and_all (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it. **25** And_~~DOM~~ ʹAmāsā' 'Avīshālōm he_had_appointed in_place_of Yō'āv/(Joab) over the_army and_ʹAmāsā' was_a_son_of a_man and_his/its_name was_ _Yeter/(Jether) the_Israelite who he_had_gone into 'Avīgayil the_daughter_of Nāḥāsh the_sister_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) the_ _mother_of Yō'āv. **26** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_'Avīshālōm _it_ _encamped the_land_of (the)_Gilʹād. **27** And_he/it_was just_ Dāvid _as_came to_Maḥₐnāyim and_Shovī the_son_of Nāḥāsh from_Rabāh of_the_people_of of_ʹAmmōn and_Mākīr the_son_ _of ʹAmmiy'ēl from_Lo- debar and_Barzillay the_Gilʹādite from_ _Roglīm. **28** Bed[s] and_basins and_a_vessel_of a_potter and_ _wheat(s) and_barley(s) and_flour and_roasted_grain and_ _bean[s] and_lentils and_roasted_grain. **29** And_honey and_ _curd[s] and_sheep and_cheese_of the_herd they_brought for_ _Dāvid and_for_people which with_him/it to_eat if/because they_said the_people is_hungry and_weary and_thirsty in_ _wilderness.

18:1 And_ Dāvid _he_mustered ~~DOM~~ the_people which with_ _him/it and_he/it_assigned over_them commanders_of thousands and_commanders_of hundreds. **2** And_ Dāvid _he_ _sent_out ~~DOM~~ the_people the_third was_in_the_hand_of Yō'āv and_the_third was_in_the_hand_of 'Avīshay the_son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_the_third was_in_ _the_hand_of 'Ittay the_Gittiy and_ the_king _he/it_said to the_ _people certainly_(go_out) also I I_will_go_out with_you(pl). **3** And_ the_people _he/it_said not you_must_go_out if/because if actually_(flee) we_will_flee not they_will_set to_us heart and_ _if of_us_of_half they_will_die not they_will_set to_us heart if/because now like_us ten thousand(s) and_now is_good that/for/because/then/when you_will_be to/for_ourselves from_the_city mmm[103]. **4** And_he/it_said to_them the_king that_which it_will_be_good in_eyes_of_your(pl) I_will_do and_ the_king _he_stood to the_side_of the_gate and_all the_people they_went_out to_hundreds and_to_thousands. **5** And_ the_king

103 LV 18:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ריזע/ל: (x-qere) 'רוָזְע/ל': lemma_l/5826 n_0 morph_HR/Vqc id_10FQw רוָזְע/ל

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_he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Yō'āv and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshay and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ittay to_say to_gentleness to_me to_man to_'Avīshālōm and_ _all the_people they_heard when_ the_king _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_commanders on the_matter_of 'Avīshālōm. **6** And_ the_people _he/it_went_out the_field to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_battle _it_became in_the_forest_of 'Efrayim. **7** And_ _they_were_defeated there the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_servants_of Dāvid and_ _it_became there the_slaughter great in_the_day (the)_that twenty thousand. **8** And_it_became there the_battle scattered[104][105] over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_ the_forest _it_increased to_consume among_people more_ _than_those_whom the_drought//sword/knife it_consumed in_the_day (the)_that. **9** And_ 'Avīshālōm _he_was_met to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_servants_of Dāvid and_ _'Avīshālōm was_riding on the_mule and_ the_mule _it_went under the_branche[s]_of the_terebinth (the)_great and_ his/its_ _head _it_was_firm in_terebinth and_he_was_put between the_ _heavens and_between the_earth/land and_the_mule which was_under_him it_passed_on. **10** And_ a_man one _he/it_saw and_he_told to_Yō'āv/(Joab) and_he/it_said THERE I_saw ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm hung_up in_terebinth. **11** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_said to_man who_had_told to_him/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE you_saw and_why not did_you_strike_him_down there ground_to_the and_on_me to_give to/for_yourself(m) ten silver and_a_belt one. **12** And_ the_man _he/it_said to Yō'āv and[106][107] I was_ _weighing on palms_of_my a_thousand silver not I_will_ _stretch_out hand_of_my against the_son_of the_king if/because in_ears_of_our the_king he_commanded you and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshay and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ittay to_say protect whoever (in)_the_ _man (in)_'Avīshālōm. **13** Or I_had_done in/on/at/with[108] falsehood and_all thing not it_is_hidden from the_king and_ _you(ms) you_will_stand from_in_front. **14** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_ _said not thus I_will_wait to_your_face and_he/it_took three spears in_palm_of_his and_he_thrust_them in_the_heart_of 'Avīshālōm still_he was_alive in_the_heart_of the_terebinth. **15** And_ ten young_men the_bearers_of the_armour(s)_of Yō'āv/(Joab) _they_surrounded_him and_they_struck ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm and_they_killed_him. **16** And_ Yō'āv _he_gave_a_ _blast on_trumpet and_ the_people _it_turned_back from_ _pursuing after Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because Yō'āv he_restrained ᴅᴏᴍ the_people. **17** And_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshālōm and_they_ _threw ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_forest into the_pit (the)_great and_they_ _set_up on/upon/above_him/it a_heap_of stones great very and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_fled each his[109]. **18** And_ _'Avīshālōm he_had_taken and_he_had_set_up to_him/it his[110] ᴅᴏᴍ a_pillar which is_in_the_valley_of the_king if/because he_ _said there_belongs_not to_me a_son in_account_of to_cause_ _to_be_remembered name_of_my and_he/it_called (to)_pillar

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(Absalom)." All the people heard the king give this command about Avshalom to all the leaders.

6 So David's people went out to the countryside to meet the rest of Yisrael (Israel). The battle was in the Efrayim (Ephraim) forest **7** and David's men defeated the rest—twenty thousand men died that day, **8** but as the battle had spread over the entire area, the forest killed more people that day than the sword.

9 Avshalom happened to meet some of David's men. He was riding his mule, and when it darted under the think branches of a large terebinth tree, his head got caught in the branches and he was left hanging in the air as the mule kept going. **10** Someone noticed him and informed Yoav that he'd seen Avshalom hanging in a tree.

11 "What!. You saw him but didn't strike him down?" Yoav challenged. "I would have given you ten silver coins and a leather belt."

12 "Even if you'd placed one thousand silver coins in my hands," he replied, "I wouldn't have harmed the king's son, because we heard the king's command with our own ears about looking out for Avshalom. **13** Even if I'd ignored my good sense, the king would have found out about it, then even you wouldn't have stood up for me."

14 "I'm not going to waste time arguing with you," Yoav responded, then he took three spears and went and thrust them into Avshalom's abdomen while he was still alive and dangling from the tree. **15** Then ten young men who carried Yoav's weapons surrounded Avshalom and finished him off.

16 Then Yoav blew the trumpet to signal the end of the fighting and the people returned from chasing Avshalom's men. **17** They took Avshalom's body and threw it into a large pit in the forest and covered it with a large pile of stones. Meanwhile his men fled back to their homes.

18 During his lifetime, Avshalom had setup a pillar in the King's Valley because he had no sons to preserve his name. He put his name on the pillar and it's known as 'Avshalom's hand' to this day.

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104 LV 18:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **תיצפנ**: (x-qere) 'תֻּצְּפָ֑נָּ': lemma_6327 a n_1.0 morph_HVNsfsa id_10YV4 תֻּצְּפָ֑נָּ

105 LV 18:8 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

106 LV 18:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) 'אוֹל֖/וְ': lemma_c/3863 morph_HC/C id_10uD3 אוֹל֖/וְ

107 LV 18:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

108 LV 18:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **שפנ/ב/ו**: (x-qere) 'שְׁפָ֣נִי/בְ': lemma_b/5315 n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Ncbsc/Sp1cs id_10NhT שְׁפָ֣נִי/בְ

109 LV 18:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **להא/ל/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָלְהֹא֣/לְ': lemma_l/168 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_10S4c וְ/יָלְהֹא֣/לְ

110 LV 18:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **יח/ב/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יַיִּ֣ח/בְ': lemma_b/2416 e n_1.2.1 morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_10zkp וְ/יַיִּ֣ח/בְ

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David learns about Avshalom's death · Full kingdom

19 Then Tsadok's son Ahima'ats requested, "Please, let me run and let me take the news to the king, because Yahweh has rescued him from his enemies."

20 "No, not today," Yoav (Joab) replied. "Some other time I'll allow you to take some news, but not today because the king's son is dead." 21 Then Yoav instructed a Kushi man, "Go and tell the king what you saw.". The man bowed to Yoav and ran off.

22 But Ahima'ats begged Yoav again, "Regardless of what might happen, please, let me also run myself after the Kushi."

"Why would you do that, my boy?" Yoav asked. "There won't be any reward for bad news."

23 "No matter what, I want to run," he replied.

"Okay then, run," Yoav told him. So Ahima'ats took a different route through the Yarden (Jordan) valley and arrived before the Kushi.

24 Now David was sitting between the outer and inner gates. When the watchman had gone over the gate roof to the wall, he looked out and saw, wow, a man was running towards them alone. 25 The watchman called down and informed the king, and the king said, "If he's alone, he'll be bringing news."

As the runner got closer, 26 the watchman looked and saw another man running. He called down to the gatekeeper and said, "Look, there's another man running alone."

"He'll also be bringing news," said the king.

27 "The gait of the first runner is like that of Tsadok's son Ahima'ats," the watchman said.

"He's a good man and he'll be bringing good news," said the king.

28 Then Ahima'ats called ahead to the king, "Peace!" And he knelt down with his face to the ground and said, "Blessed be Yahweh your god, who's stopped the men who acted against my master the king."

29 "Is the young man Avshalom (Absalom) all right?" the king asked.

"When Yoav (Joab) sent me, your servant," Ahima'ats answered, "I noticed a big commotion, but I don't know what it was about."

30 "Go and stand over there," the king ordered, so he stepped aside and stood there.

31 Then, wow, the Kushi man arrived and said, "May my master the king receive the good news, because Yahweh has rescued you today from all those who rose up against you."

32 "Is the young man Avshalom all right?" the king asked him.

The man replied, "May the enemies of my master the king and

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on his/its_name and_it_has_been_called to/for_her/it the_ _monument_of 'Avīshālōm until the_day (the)_this.

19 And_'Aḥīma'ats the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) he_said let_me_ _run please and_let_me_bear_the_news ᴅᴏᴍ the_king if/because_that he_has_vindicated_him **YHWH** from_the_ _hand_of his_enemies_of_his. 20 And_he/it_said to_him/it Yō'āv/(Joab) not are_a_man_of news you the_day the_this and_ _you_will_bear_news in/on_day another and_the_day the_this not you_will_bear_the_news if/because therefore[111][112] the_ _son_of the_king he_has_died. 21 And_ Yō'āv _he/it_said to_ _Kūshiy/(Cushite) go tell to/for_the_king that_which you_ _have_seen and_ the_Kūshiy _he_bowed_down to_Yō'āv and_ _he_ran. 22 And_he_repeated again 'Aḥīma'ats the_son_of Tsādōq and_he/it_said to Yō'āv and_ whatever _let_it_be let_ _me_run please also I after the_Kūshiy and_ Yō'āv _he/it_said to/for_what this are_you running my_son_of_my and_for_you there_will_not_be news which_will_find. 23 And_ whatever _ _let_it_be I_will_run and_he/it_said to_him/it run and_ 'Aḥīma'ats _he_ran the_way_of the_plain and_he_passed_by ᴅᴏᴍ the_Kūshiy. 24 And_Dāvid was_sitting between the_two_of the_gates and_ the_watchman _he/it_went to the_roof of_the_ _gate to the_wall and_he_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his and_he/it_ _saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_running for_him/it_ _being_alone. 25 And_ the_watchman _he/it_called and_he_told to/for_the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said if for_him/it_being_ _alone news is_in_mouth_of_his and_he/it_went coming and_ _approaching. 26 And_ the_watchman _he/it_saw a_man another running and_ the_watchman _he/it_called to the_ _gatekeeper and_he/it_said THERE a_man is_running for_ _him/it_being_alone and_ the_king _he/it_said also this_one is_ _bearing_news. 27 And_ the_watchman _he/it_said I am_seeing ᴅᴏᴍ the_running_of the_first_one like_the_running_of 'Aḥīma'ats the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_ the_king _he/it_ _said is_a_man good this and_near/to news good he_is_coming. 28 And_ 'Aḥīma'ats _he/it_called and_he/it_said to the_king peace and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king to_face_of_his ground_to_the and_he/it_said **YHWH** god_of_your who he_has_ _delivered_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_men who they_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_ _their against_master_of_my the_king be_blessed. 29 And_ the_ _king _he/it_said does_peace belong_to_man to_'Avīshālōm and_ 'Aḥīma'ats _he/it_said I_saw the_multitude (the)_great to_ _send ᴅᴏᴍ the_servant_of the_king Yō'āv/(Joab) and_ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your and_not I_know whatever. 30 And_ the_king _ _he/it_said go_around stand thus and_he_went_around and_ _he_stood. 31 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) was_ _coming and_ the_Kūshiy _he/it_said my_master the_king let_ _him_receive_the_news if/because he_has_vindicated_you **YHWH** the_day from_the_hand_of all_of those_who_rose_up on_you. 32 And_ the_king _he/it_said to the_Kūshiy does_peace belong_to_man to_'Avīshālōm and_ the_Kūshiy _he/it_said let_ _them_be like_man the_enemies_of my_master the_king and_ _all/each/any/every those_who they_have_risen_up on_you

111 **LV 18:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: לֹע: (x-qere) 'לָע': lemma_5921 b morph_HR id_10HX9 וָכִי־ לָע': lemma_3651 b morph_HTm id_10SHe וָכִ.

112 **LV 18:20 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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for_harm.
19:1 [113] And_ the_king _he_was_agitated and_he/it_ascended to the_upper_room_of the_gate and_he_wept and_thus he_said when_went_he my_son_of_my ʼAvīshālōm son_of_my son_of_ _my ʼAvīshālōm who will_he_give died_I I in_place_of_you Oh_ _ʼAvīshālōm son_of_my son_of_my.

2 [114] And_it_was_told to_Yōʼāv HERE the_king is_weeping and_ _he_mourned on ʼAvīshālōm. **3** [115] And_ the_deliverance _it_ _became in_the_day (the)_that (into)_mourning to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_people if/because the_people it_ _heard in_the_day (the)_that to_say the_king he_is_grieved on his/its_son. **4** [116] And_ the_people _it_acted_stealthily in_the_ _day (the)_that to_enter the_city just_as (the)_people who_are_ _ashamed it_acts_stealthily when_flee_they in_battle. **5** [117] And_the_king he_covered ~~DOM~~ his/its_faces/face and_ the_king _he_cried_out a_voice great my_son_of_my ʼAvīshālōm ʼAvīshālōm son_of_my son_of_my. **6** [118] And_ Yōʼāv/(Joab) _he_ _went to the_king the_house and_he/it_said you_have_put_to_ _shame the_day ~~DOM~~ the_faces_of all_of your_servants who_ _rescued ~~DOM~~ life_of_your the_day and_~~DOM~~ the_life_of your(pl)_sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your and_the_life_of your(pl)_wives_of_your and_the_life_of your(pl)_concubines_ _of_your. **7** [119] By_loving ~~DOM~~ those_of_who_hate_you and_by_ _hating ~~DOM~~ those_of_who_love_you if/because you_have_ _made_known the_day if/because_that there_are_not to/for_ _yourself(m) commanders and_servants if/because I_know the_ _day if/because_that if[120] ʼAvīshālōm was_alive and_all_of_of_ _us the_day were_dead if/because_that then it_would_be_right in_eyes_of_your. **8** [121] And_now arise go_out and_speak to the_ _heart_of your_servants if/because by_**YHWH** I_swear if/because_that not_you are_coming_out if a_man he_will_ _lodge with_you the_night and_it_will_be_bad to/for_ _yourself(m) this from_all the_harm which it_has_come on_you since_youth(s)_of_your until now. **9** [122] And_ the_king _he/it_ _rose_up and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_gate and_ _to/for_all the_people people_told to_say HERE the_king is_ _sitting in_gate and_ all_of the_people _it_came to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_king and_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) it_had_ _fled each to_tents_of_his.

10 [124] And_ all_of the_people _he/it_was quarrelling in_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_say the_king he_delivered_us from_the_palm_of our_enemies_of_our and_he he_rescued_us from_the_palm_of the_Pəlishtiy and_now he_has_fled from the_

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all those who rose up against you for evil, be like that young man is."

33 Then the king started trembling, and he went up to the room over the gate, and started weeping, saying, "Oh my son Avshalom, my son. Oh my son Avshalom, I wish I'd died instead of you."

Yoav scolds David · Full kingdom

19:1 Soon Yoav (Joab) was told that the king was weeping and mourning over Avshalom's (Absalom's) death, **2** and so the victory of that day became mourning for all the people, because they'd heard that the king was grieving for his son. **3** The people started quietly heading back into the city, like people would do when they're ashamed of having to *flee* from a battle. **4** But the king covered his face and kept crying out loudly, "Oh my son Avshalom. Oh Avshalom, my son, my son."

5 Then Yoav went to the house where the king was and said, "Today you've made your followers feel ashamed—the ones who saved your life today and the lives of your sons and daughters, and the lives of your wives and your slave-wives. **6** By loving those who hate you and hating those who love you, you've effectively declared today that your officers and men mean nothing to you. It seems to us that if Avshalom was still alive today and we were all dead, then it would have all been okay to you. **7** So get up now and go and speak sincerely to your servants, because as Yahweh lives, if you don't then you won't have a single warrior still with you by the end of the night, and that would result in more trouble for you than anything else that's happened to you since you were just a lad." **8** So the king got up and went and sat at the city gate , and the news quickly got around and all the people came to support the king.

David returns to Yerushalem · Full kingdom

But Avshalom's (Absalom's) warriors had all returned to their homes **9** and over time, people all across Yisrael (Israel) be-

113 **LV 19:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.18.33
114 **LV 19:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.1
115 **LV 19:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.2
116 **LV 19:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.3
117 **LV 19:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.4
118 **LV 19:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.5
119 **LV 19:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.6
120 **LV 19:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: אֶל: (x-qere) וְיֶל: lemma_3863 morph_HC id_10FK5 וְל
121 **LV 19:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.7
122 **LV 19:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.8
124 **LV 19:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.9

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gan to quarrel and say, "The king rescued us from the plans of our enemies including the Pelishtim, but now he's left Yisrael and fled away from Avshalom. **10** We anointed Avshalom to be over us, but he died in the battle. So why aren't we doing something about returning David as king?"

11 So King David sent the two priests Tsadok and Evyatar to the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) to ask, "Why are you the last group to return the king to the palace since the king has heard that the rest of Yisrael want it? **12** Tell them, 'You're all my relatives—my own flesh and blood, so why would you be the last to support me again?' " **13** And tell Amasa, 'Aren't you my own flesh and bone? May God make me suffer if you don't become my army commander from now on, to replace Yoav (Joab).' " **14** In that way, David united all the people of Yehudah and they notified the king, "We all want you and all your servants to return here."

15 So the king headed back and reached the Yarden (Jordan) River, and men from Yehudah went to Gilgal to meet the king and help him across.

16 Shimei (son of Gera the Benyamite from Bahurim)[123] hurried down with the Yehudah men to meet King David. **17** A thousand Benyamite men came with him, as well as Tsiva (formerly Sha'ul's (Saul's) servant) and fifteen of his sons and twenty of his servants, and they hurried to the Yarden to meet the king. **18** They crossed the ford to help bring the king's household back across and anything else the king wanted.

David's mercy to Shimei · Full kingdom

Shimei (Gera's son) fell onto his knees in front of the king when he crossed the Yarden (Jordan) **19** and begged the king, "May my master not consider me guilty, and don't keep thinking about the terrible thing your servant dig on the day that my master the king left Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—don't brood over it

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_earth/land from_under 'Avīshālōm. **11** [125] And_'Avīshālōm whom we_anointed over_us he_has_died in_battle and_now why are_you(pl) keeping_silent to_bring_back ÐOM the_king. **12** [126] And_the_king Dāvid he_sent to Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_ _near/to 'Evyātār the_priests to_say speak to the_elders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say to/for_what will_you(pl)_be the_last_ _people to_bring_back ÐOM the_king to house_of_his and_the_ _message_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_come to the_king to house_of_his. **13** [127] Brothers_of_are_my you(pl) bone_of_are_ _my and_flesh_of_my you(pl) and_for_what will_you(pl)_be the_last_people to_bring_back ÐOM the_king. **14** [128] And_to_ _'Amāsā' you(pl)_will_say am_not bone_of_my and_flesh_of_my are_you thus may_he_do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if not commander_of the_army you_will_be to/for_my_ _face/front all_of the_days in_place_of Yō'āv/(Joab). **15** [129] And_he_turned ÐOM the_heart_of every_of (the)_man_of Yəhūdāh like_a_man one and_they_sent to the_king you and_all servants_of_your return. **16** [130] And_ the_king _he_returned and_he_came to the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) it_came to_(the)_Gilgal to_go to_meet the_king to_bring_over ÐOM the_king ÐOM the_Yardēn. **17** [131] And_ Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' the_Ben-_of (the)_jaminite who was_from_Baḥurīm _he_ _hurried and_he/it_descended with the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_meet the_king Dāvid. **18** [132] And_one_ _thousand man with_him/it of_Binyāmīn and_Tsīvā'/(Ziba) the_servant_of the_house_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_five_of teen sons_of_his and_twenty servants_of_his with_him/it and_they_ _rushed_ahead the_Yardēn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **19** [133] And_ the_ford _it_passed_over to_bring_over ÐOM the_household_of the_king and_to_do the_good his[134] and_ _Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' he_fell to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king passed_he in_Yardēn.

20 [135] And_he/it_said to the_king not may_he_reckon to_me my_master guilt and_do_not remember ÐOM that_which servant_of_your he_did_perversely in_the_day when he_went_ _out[136] my_master the_king from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ the_king _set_it to his/its_heart. **21** [137] If/because servant_of_ _your he_knows if/because_that I I_have_sinned and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_have_come the_day first to/from_

123 **RV 19:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 16:5-13.

125 **LV 19:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.10

126 **LV 19:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.11

127 **LV 19:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.12

128 **LV 19:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.13

129 **LV 19:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.14

130 **LV 19:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.15

131 **LV 19:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.16

132 **LV 19:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.17

133 **LV 19:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.18

134 **LV 19:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְנִיעַ/ב: (x-qere) וְנָיֵעַ/ב': lemma_b/5869 a n_1 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_10CSF וְנָיֵעַ/ב

135 **LV 19:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.19

136 **LV 19:20 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

137 **LV 19:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.20

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_all/each/any/every the_house_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) to_come_
_down to_meet my_master the_king. **22** [138] And_ 'Avīshay the_
_son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) _he_answered and_he/it_said in_
_place_of this not Shim'ī will_he_be_put_to_death if/because
he_cursed ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_anointed_of **YHWH**. **23** [139] And_ Dāvid _
_he/it_said what to/for_me and_to_you(pl) Oh_sons_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ
that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_become to_me the_
_day (into)_an_adversary the_day anyone will_he_be_put_to_
_death in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because am_not do_I_know
if/because_that the_day I am_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** [140]
And_ the_king _he/it_said to Shim'ī not you_will_die and_he_
_swore_an_oath to_him/it the_king.

25 [142] And_Mephiboshet the_son_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) he_went_
_down to_meet the_king and_not he_had_done feet_of_his and_
_not he_had_done moustache_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his
not he_had_washed (to)_from the_day the_king went until the_
_day when he_came in_peace. **26** [143] And_he/it_was if/because
he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_meet the_king and_
_he/it_said to_him/it the_king to/for_what not did_you_go
with_me Oh_Mephiboshet. **27** [144] And_he_said my_master the_
_king servant_of_my he_betrayed_me if/because servant_of_
_your he_said let_me_saddle to/for_me the_donkey so_that_I_
_may_ride on/upon_it(f) and_so_that_I_may_go with the_king
if/because is_lame servant_of_your. **28** [145] And_he_has_
_slandered (in)_servant_of_your to my_master the_king and_
_master_of_my the_king is_like_the_messenger_of the_'Elohīm
and_do the_good in_eyes_of_your. **29** [146] If/because not all_of
the_house_of my_father_of_my it_was if/because (if) men_of
death to_master_of_my the_king and_you_put ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_
_your among_those_who_eat_of table_of_(of)_your and_what
is_there to_me still righteousness and_to_cry_out still to the_
_king. **30** [147] And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king to/for_what
are_you_speaking still words/messages_of_your I_say you and_
_Tsīvā'/(Ziba) you(pl)_will_divide ᴅᴏᴍ the_field. **31** [148] And_
Mephiboshet _he/it_said to the_king also ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_everything
let_him_take after that my_master the_king he_has_come[149]
in_peace to house_of_his.

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20 because your servant knows that I myself have sinned, and look, I have come today, first of all the Yosef's (Joseph's) clans to come down to meet my master, the king."

21 But Avishay (Tseruyah's son) answered instead, "Rather than that, shouldn't Shimei be killed because he cursed Yahweh's anointed one?"

22 "You sons of Tseruyah!" David responded. "Who asked you two to accuse others to me today? Should today be a time to kill other Israelis? Actually, I think it might be *me* who's Yisrael's (Israel's) king?" **23** Then the king promised Shimei, "You won't die for that."

David's mercy to Mefiboshet · Full kingdom

24 Then Sha'ul's (Saul's) grandson Mefiboshet[141] came down to meet the king. He hadn't shaved or washed his feet, and he hadn't washed his clothes since the king had left Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **25** He came from Yerushalem down to the Yarden (Jordan) to meet the king who asked him, "Why didn't you not come with me, Mefiboshet?"

26 "My master the king," Mefiboshet replied, "my servant deceived me. I, your servant, had said to get my donkey saddled so I could ride it and go with you, because as you know, your servant is lame. **27** Then my servant lied to you about me. But my master the king is like God's messenger, so do whatever you consider to be appropriate. **28** All my grandfather's household expected that we'd be executed, yet to placed me, your servant, among those who eat at your table, so I don't have the right to request anything further from the king."

29 "Say no more," said the king. "That land will be divided for you and Tsiva."

30 Actually, let him take everything," Mefiboshet responded. "since my master the king has been able to return safely."

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138 **LV 19:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.21

139 **LV 19:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.22

140 **LV 19:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.23

141 **RV 19:24 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 9:1-13; 16:1-4.

142 **LV 19:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.24

143 **LV 19:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.25

144 **LV 19:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.26

145 **LV 19:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.27

146 **LV 19:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.28

147 **LV 19:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.29

148 **LV 19:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.30

149 **LV 19:31 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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David's kindness to Barzilay · Full kingdom

31 Barzilay the Giladi[150] had also come down from Roglim to help the king cross the Yarden (Jordan). 32 At eighty, he was very old, but being very wealthy, he'd provided food and supplies to the king while he'd stayed at Mahanayim, 33 so the king told him, "You cross over with me, and I'll provide for you to be with me in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)."

34 "How much longer am I likely to live?" Barzilay pondered. "Would it really be worth me moving to Yerushalem with the king? 35 Your servant is eighty years old. My mind isn't the same as it was, and I can't really taste what I eat or drink. I can barely hear the sounds of the men and women singing. So why would your servant become an extra burden to my master the king?" 36 As a token privilege, your servant will cross the Yarden with the king, but why should the king reward me with that generous reward? 37 Please, let your servant return, and let me die in my city near the graves of my parents. But look, here's your servant Kimham—let him cross over with my master the king, and do whatever you consider to be appropriate for him."

38 "Kimham can cross over with me," the king said, "and I myself will do for him whatever *you* consider to be appropriate—everything that you choose concerning me, I'll do for you." 39 So all the people crossed the Yarden, and then the king crossed over. The king kissed Barzilay and blessed him, and then Barzilay returned home.

Yehudah and Yisrael disagree · Full kingdom

40 Then the king crossed over to Gilgal, and Kimham crossed over with him. All the people of Yehudah (Judah) brought the king over and also about half of the people of Yisrael (Israel). 41 Then, wow, all the men of Yisrael went to the king and demanded, "Why did our relatives from Yehudah secret you away without inviting us? They took you and your household over the Yarden (Jordan), and all your men as well."

42 All the men of Yehudah answered the men of Yisrael, "Be-

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32 [151] And_Barzillay the_Gil'ādite he_had_come_down from_ _Rogelim and_he/it_passed_through with the_king the to_ _send_him_off ÐOM in/on/at/with[152]. 33 [153] And_Barzillay he_ _was_old very a_son_of eighty year[s] and_he he_had_supplied ÐOM the_king in_dwelling_of_his in_Maḥ$_a$nāyim if/because was_ _a_man great he very. 34 [154] And_ the_king _he/it_said to Barzillay you pass_over with_me and_I_will_supply you with_ _me in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 35 [155] And_ Barzillay _he/it_ _said to the_king how_many are_the_days_of the_years_of my_ _life_of_my that/for/because/then/when I_will_go_up with the_king Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 36 [156] Am_a_son_of eighty year[s] I the_day do_I_know between good and_evil or servant_ _of_your will_he_taste ÐOM that_which I_will_eat and_ÐOM that_ _which I_will_drink or will_I_hear still (in)_the_voice_of male_ _singers and_female_singers and_for_what will_he_become servant_of_your still (into)_a_burden to my_master the_king. 37 [157] Like_a_little servant_of_your he_will_pass_over ÐOM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) with the_king and_for_what will_he_reward_ _me the_king the_reward (the)_this. 38 [158] Let_him_return please servant_of_your so_that_I_may_die in_my_own_of_city near the_grave_of my_father_of_my and_mother_of_my and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE servant_of_your Kimham let_him_pass_over with my_master the_king and_do to_him/it ÐOM that_which is_ _good in_eyes_of_your. 39 [159] And_ the_king _he/it_said with_ _me Kimham he_will_pass_over and_I I_will_do for_him/it ÐOM the_good in_eyes_of_your and_all/each/any/every that you_ _will_choose on_me I_will_do for_you. 40 [160] And_ all_of the_ _people _he/it_passed_through ÐOM the_Yardēn and_the_king he_passed_over and_ the_king _he_kissed (to)_Barzillay and_ _he_blessed_him and_he_returned to_his_own_of_place. 41 [161] And_ the_king _he/it_passed_through to_(the)_Gilgal and_Kimhan he_passed_over with_him/it and_all the_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and[162] ÐOM the_king and_also (the)_half_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 42 [163] And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_coming to the_king and_they_said to the_king why did_they_steal_you brothers_of_ _our the_man_of Yəhūdāh and_they_brought_over ÐOM the_ _king and_ÐOM household_of_his ÐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ _all the_men_of Dāvid with_him/it. 43 [164] And_ every_of (the)_ _man_of Yəhūdāh _he_answered to the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)

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150 **RV 19:31 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 17:27-29.

151 **LV 19:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.31

152 **LV 19:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְדִרֵי/ב: (x-qere) וְדִרֵי/ה: lemma_d/3383 n_0 morph_HTd/Np id_10Gd9 וְדִרֵי/ה

153 **LV 19:33 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.32

154 **LV 19:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.33

155 **LV 19:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.34

156 **LV 19:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.35

157 **LV 19:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.36

158 **LV 19:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.37

159 **LV 19:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.38

160 **LV 19:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.39

161 **LV 19:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.40

162 **LV 19:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורבעי/ו: (x-qere) וְרִבֶּעָה: lemma_5674 a morph_HVhp3cp id_10JTf וְרִבֶּעָה

163 **LV 19:42 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.41

164 **LV 19:43 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.42

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if/because is_close the_king to_me and_for_what this has_it_ _burnt to/for_yourself(m) on the_matter the_this ever_(eat) have_we_eaten from the_king or ever_(be_taken_away) has_it_ _been_taken_away to/for_us. **44** [165] And_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered ĐOM the_man_of Yəhūdāh and_ _he/it_said ten hands to_me in_king and_also in_Dāvid I more_ _than_you and_why did_you_treat_me_with_contempt and_not message_of_my was_it first to_me to_bring_back ĐOM king_of_ _my and_ the_message of the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_ _was_hard more_than_the_message of the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

20:1 And_there a_man_of worthlessness he_was_met and_ _his/its_name was_Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri a_man a_Jaminite and_he_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_he/it_said there_is_not to/for_us a_portion in_Dāvid and_not an_inheritance to/for_us in_the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) everyone to_tents_of_his Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended from_after Dāvid after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri and_the_man_of Yəhūdāh they_clung to_king_of_their from the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_unto Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_ Dāvid _he_came to house_of_his Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_king _he/it_took ĐOM the_ _ten women concubines whom he_had_left to_guard/protect the_house and_he_put_them a_house_of confinement and_he_ _sustained_them and_into_them not he_went and_they_were locked_up until the_day_of died_they widowhood_of living. **4** And_ the_king _he/it_said to ʿAmāsāʾ summon to_me ĐOM the_ _man_of Yəhūdāh three_of days and_you(ms) here stand. **5** And_he/it_went ʿAmāsāʾ to_summon ĐOM Yəhūdāh and[168] from the_appointed_time which he_had_appointed_for_him. **6** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to ʾAvīshay now he_will_be_bad to/for_us Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri more_than ʾAvīshālōm you take ĐOM the_servants_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your and_ _pursue after_him lest he_has_found to_him/it cities fortified and_he_will_tear_out eye_of_our. **7** And_they_went_out after_ _him the_men_of Yōʾāv/(Joab) and_the_Kerethite[s] and_the_ _Pelethite[s] and_all the_powerful/mighty(pl) and_they_went_ _out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_pursue after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri. **8** They were_near the_stone (the)_great which is_in_Givʿōn and_ʿAmāsāʾ he_came before_them and_Yōʾāv was_girded garment_of_his clothing_of_his it[169] a_belt_of a_ _sword was_fastened on loins_of_his in_sheath_of_its and_he he_went_forward and_it_fell. **9** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_said to_ _ʿAmāsāʾ peace are_you my_brother/kindred and_ the_hand_of the_right_side_of Yōʾāv _it_took_hold on_the_beard_of ʿAmāsāʾ to_kiss to_him/it. **10** And_ʿAmāsāʾ not he_took_heed to_sword which was_in_the_hand_of Yōʾāv and_he_struck_him with_it into the_belly and_ bowels_of_his _he_poured_out towards_ _land and_not he_repeated to_him/it and_he/it_died and_ _Yōʾāv and_ʾAvīshay his/its_brother he_pursued after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri. **11** And_a_man he_stood on/upon/above_

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cause the king is from our tribe—our close relative. Why should that make you all angry? Do you all think that the king has rewarded us with fancy food or other privileges?"

43 The men of Yisrael answered the men of Yehudah, "Our ten tribes give us ten shares in the king—more than you. So why do you look down on us? Weren't we the first to talk about bringing our king back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?"

But what the men of Yehudah said was harsher than what the ten other tribes said.

Sheva rebels against David · Full kingdom

20:1 Now there was a good-for-nothing Benyamite man named Sheva who was Bikri's son, and he blasted on the trumpet, then said,

"We have no interest in David,
and no claim in Yishay's (Jesse's) son.
Go home every man from Yisrael (Israel)."[166]

2 So all the men of Yisrael left David and went with Sheva (Bikri's sons), but the men of Yehudah (Judah) stayed with their king from the Yarden (Jordan) river and uphill to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

3 When David got back to his Yerushalem palace, the ten slave-wives that he'd left behind to guard the palace,[167] he moved them into a separate house. That place was guarded and he provided for them, but he didn't sleep with them—thus they were locked up until they died living as widows.

4 One day the king told Amasa (his new army commander), "Summon the men of Yehudah to be here in three days, and you be with them." **5** So Amasa went to summon them, but he took longer than the given time. **6** Meanwhile David told Avishay, "Bikri's son Sheva will do more harm to us now than Avshalom (Absalom). Take some of my warriors and chase him down, in case he finds some fortified city to hide in and gets away from us." **7** So Yoav's (Joab's) men and the king's bodyguards and all the best warriors left Yerushalem to hunt Sheva down. **8** When they were approaching the huge rock at Giveon, they met Amasa. Yoav was dressed for battle with a dagger strapped to his waist under his robe. As he stepped forward, he allowed his sword to drop to the ground from his hand. **9** Yoav greeted Amasa, "Is all well with you, my brother?" Then he used his right hand to hold Amasa's beard to kiss him, **10** but Amasa wasn't aware of the dagger that was in Yoav's other hand. Yoav thrust it into his stomach and his intestines poured out on the ground. There was no need to stab him again and Amasa died right there.

Then Yoav and his brother Avishay continued their hunt for Bikri's son Sheva. **11** One of Yoav's young men stood beside

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165 LV 19:44 · Note Note: KJB: 2Sam.19.43

166 RV 20:1 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 12:16; 2Ch 10:16.

167 RV 20:3 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 16:22.

168 LV 20:5 · Note OSHB variant note: רחיו/ו: (x-qere) 'רֵחֹוֵי/ו': lemma_c/309 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_10qhb רֵחֹוֵי/ו

169 LV 20:8 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/לע/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יֶלַע/ו': lemma_c/5921 a n_0.1.1.0 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_10bus ו/יֶלַע/ו

Readers' Version

Amasa's body and called out, "All those who favour Yoav and are for David, follow Yoav." **12** Amasa's bloody body was in the middle of the road, and when the young man saw that everyone was stopping to look at it, he dragged it off the road onto the grass and threw a cloth over it. **13** After the body had been removed from the road, all the men followed after Yoav to chase Sheva.

14 Meanwhile Sheva crossed through all the tribal regions of Yisrael (Israel) to Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah where all his relatives gathered together and agreed to back him. **15** Yoav's men arrived and Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah. They heaped a siege ramp up against the city, and also pounded the wall to try to make it collapse. **16** Then a wise woman called out from the city, "Listen, listen, please tell Yoav to come closer so I can speak to him." **17** Yoav went in closer and she asked, "Are you Yoav?"

"I am," he replied.

"Listen to what your servant has to say," she said.

"I'm listening," he answered.

18 Then she told him, "Long ago people used to tell others to come here to Avel to get advice, and they'd do that and then be able to settle the matter. **19** I'm a peaceable and faithful citizen of Yisrael. You're trying to destroy this city and a mother in Yisrael. Why would you wipe out our inheritance from Yahweh?"

20 "Far be it, far be it for me that I would destroy or wipe it out," Yoav replied. **21** That's not what we're here for. We're here for a man from the Efrayim (Ephraim) hills named Sheva, the son of Bikri. He took a stand against the king—against David. Just hand him over to us, and then we'll leave your city."

"Wait," the woman told Yoav. "His head will be thrown over the wall to you." **22** So the woman went to all the people with her wisdom, and they decapitated Sheva, and threw his head down to Yoav. Then he signalled on the trumpet, and his men left the area and went back to their homes, and Yoav returned to the king at Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

David's officials · Full kingdom

23 Now Yoav (Joab) was over the entire Israeli army, and Benayah (Yehoyada's son) was over the kings bodyguards. **24** Adoniram[172] was over the forced labour, and Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the secretary and **25** Sheva was the scribe. Tsadok and Evyatar were the priests, **26** and Ira (the Yairi) was David's priest.

Literal Version

_him/it one_of_the_young_men_of Yō'āv and_he/it_said who is_the_one_who he_delights in_Yō'āv/(Joab) and_who is_the_one_who belongs_to_Dāvid after Yō'āv. **12** And_ʿAmāsā' was_rolling in_blood in_the_middle of_the_highway[170] and_ the_man _he/it_saw if/because_that all_of the_people it_stopped and_he_brought_round ÐOM ʿAmāsā' from the_highway the_field and_he_threw on/upon/above_him/it a_garment just_as every_of (the)_one_who_came on/upon/above_him/it he_saw and_he_stopped. **13** Just_as he_had_removed_him from the_highway every_of person he_passed_on after Yō'āv to_pursue after Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri. **14** And_he_passed in_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_'Āvēl and_Bēyt- maʿₐkāh and_all the_Berites and[171] and_they_came also after_him. **15** And_they_came and_they_laid_siege on/upon/above_him/it in_of house_of maʿₐkāh and_they_poured_out a_mound against the_city and_it_stood by_rampart and_all the_people which was_with Yō'āv were_about_to_destroy to_make_fall the_wall. **16** And_ a_woman wise _she/it_called/named from the_city listen listen say please to Yō'āv/(Joab) draw_near to here so_that_I_may_speak to_you. **17** And_he_drew_near to_her/it and_ the_woman _she/it_said are_you Yō'āv and_he/it_said I_am and_she/it_said to_him/it listen_to the_words/messages_of your(ms)_female_slave and_he/it_said I am_listening. **18** And_she/it_said to_say surely_(speak) they_spoke at_time to_say really_(ask) they_will_ask at_'Āvēl and_thus/so/as_follows they_ceased. **19** I am_the_peaceful_ones_of the_faithful_ones_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you are_seeking to_kill a_city and_a_mother in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_what will_you_swallow_up the_inheritance_of **YHWH**. **20** And_ Yō'āv _he_answered and_he_said far_be_it far_be_it to_me if I_will_swallow_up and_if I_will_destroy. **21** Is_not so the_matter if/because a_man from_hill of_'Efrayim who_is_Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri his/its_name he_has_lifted_up his/its_hand against_king against_Dāvid give ÐOM_him/it for_him/it_being_alone and_I_will_go from_under the_city and_ the_woman _she/it_said to Yō'āv HERE his/its_head is_about_to_be_thrown to_you behind the_wall. **22** And_ the_woman _she_went to all_of the_people with_wisdom_of_her and_they_cut_off ÐOM the_head_of Shevaʿ the_son_of Bicri and_they_threw_it to Yō'āv/(Joab) and_he_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_they_were_scattered from_under the_city each to_tents_of_his and_Yō'āv he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_king.

23 And_Yō'āv was_to all_of the_army of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) was_over the[173] and_over the_Pelethite[s]. **24** And_'Adorām was_over the_forced_labour and_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_the_recorder. **25** And[174] was_secretary and_Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_'Evyātār were_priests. **26** And_also ʿĪrā' the_Jairite he_was a_priest of_Dāvid.

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170 **LV 20:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

171 **LV 20:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְהלקי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְלָקֵחַ/ו': lemma_c/6950 n_0.1 morph_HC/VNw3mp id_10n34 וְלָקֵחַ/ו

172 **RV 20:24 · Note** 'Adoram' is a shortened form of his name.

173 **LV 20:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: ירכ/ה: (x-qere) 'יְתֵרְכִ/ה': lemma_d/3774 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Ngmsa id_10N2F יְתֵרְכִ/ה

174 **LV 20:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: איש/ו: (x-qere) 'אֱוָשׁ/ו': lemma_c/7724 n_1.0 morph_HC/Np id_10buz אֱוָשׁ/ו

Literal Version

21:1 And_he/it_was a_famine in_the_days_of Dāvid three years year after year and_ Dāvid _he/it_sought ĐOM the_face_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said because_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ _near/to the_house_of (the)_blood(s) on that he_put_to_death ĐOM the_Giv˝ōnites. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_called (to)_ _Giv˝ōnites and_he/it_said to_them and_the_Giv˝ōnites not from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they if/because (if) from_ _the_remnant_of the_'Amorī and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_sworn_an_oath to/for_them and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _sought to_strike_them_down because_he_was_zealous for_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **3** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to the_Giv˝ōnites what will_I_do to/for_ _you(pl) and_how will_I_make_amends and_bless ĐOM the_ _inheritance_of **YHWH**. **4** And_they_said to_him/it the_ _Giv˝ōnites there_is_not mmm[179] silver and_gold with Shā'ūl and_with house_of_his and_there_is_not to/for_us a_man to_ _put_to_death in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said what are_ _you(pl) saying I_will_do for_you(pl). **5** And_they_said to the_ _king the_man who he_made_an_end_of_us and_which he_ _planned to/for_us we_were_destroyed from_standing in_all the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Let_it_be_given[180] to/for_us seven men of_descendants_of_his and_we_will_impale_them to/for_**YHWH** at_Gibeah of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_chosen_one_of **YHWH** and_ the_king _he/it_said I I_will_give_them. **7** And_ the_king _he_had_compassion on Mephi- boshet the_son_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shā'ūl on the_ _oath_of **YHWH** which was_between_them between Dāvid and_ _between Yōnātān the_son_of Shā'ūl. **8** And_ the_king _he/it_ _took ĐOM the_two_of the_sons_of Ritspāh the_daughter_of 'Ay^{yāh} whom she_had_borne to_Shā'ūl ĐOM 'Armonī and_ĐOM Mephiboshet and_ĐOM the_five_of the_sons_of Mīkāl the_ _daughter_of Shā'ūl whom she_had_borne to_'Adrī'ēl the_son_of Barzillay the_Məḥolātī. **9** And_he_gave_them in_the_hand_of the_Giv˝ōnites and_they_impaled_them on_mountain to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_fell the_seven_of_ _of_them[181] together and[182] they_were_put_to_death days_of harvest in_first at_the_beginning_of[183][184] of_the_harvest_of barley(s). **10** And_ Ritspāh the_daughter_of 'Ay^{yāh} _she/it_took ĐOM (the)_sackcloth and_she_spread_it_out to/for_her/it to the_rock from_the_beginning_of harvest until water it_was_ _poured_out on_them from the_heavens and_not she_ _permitted the_bird[s]_of the_heavens to_rest on_them by_day and_ĐOM the_animal[s]_of the_field night. **11** And_it_was_told to_Dāvid ĐOM that_which Ritspāh the_daughter_of 'Ay^{yāh} the_ _concubine_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) she_had_done. **12** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_went and_he/it_took ĐOM the_bones_of Shā'ūl and_ĐOM

Readers' Version

The Givonim' claim on Sha'ul's descendants · Full kingdom

21:1 During David's reign, there was a three-year famine. David inquired from Yahweh who said, "Sha'ul (Saul) and his family have blood on their hands, because he killed the Givonim." **2** (The Givonim were not native Israelis, but were a remnant of the Amorim. The Israelis had promised to protect them,[175] but Sha'ul had attempted to eliminate them in his zeal for the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah).) So the king summoned the Givonim and asked them, **3** "What can I do for all of you? How can I remedy what was done in the past so that you all would bless Yahweh's people?"

4 "We have no claim to gold or silver from Sha'ul or his household," the Givonim replied, "And we don't wish to have anyone in Yisrael put to death."

"Then what are you saying that I can do for you all?" he asked.

5 "That man who crushed us," they replied, "and who intended that we be annihilated from within Yisrael's borders, **6** give us seven of his descendants and we'll hang them before Yahweh in Giveah where Yahweh's chosen king Sha'ul lived.

"Okay, I'll give them to you," the king responded.

7 However, the king spared Yonatan's (Jonathan's) son (and Sha'ul's grandson) Mefiboshet because of the promises that he and Yonatan had made to each other before Yahweh.[176] **8** Instead he took two of the sons (Armoni and Mefiboshet) of Ritspah (Ayah's daughter and one of Sha'ul's slave-wives), as well as five sons of Sha'ul's daughter Mikal, that she'd bore to Adriel (the son of Barzilay, the Meholati).[177] **9** He handed them over to the Givonim, and they hung them on a hill before Yahweh, and the seven of them died together. This happened at the beginning of the barley harvest.

10 Then Ayah's daughter Ritspah took sackcloth and she spread it on the rock where the corpses were. She kept the birds away during the day and the animals at night—staying there from the beginning of the harvest until the beginning of the rainy season.

11 David was told what Ritspah had done, **12** and he went and got the bones of Sha'ul and his son Yonatan from the leaders of Yavesh-Gilead, who had stolen them from the square of Beyt-Shean where the Pelishtim had hung them there on the day the Pelishtim had defeated Sha'ul at Gilboa.[178] **13** David took Sha'ul and Yonatan's bones along with the bones of the seven men who'd been hung, **14** and his men buried them in the tomb

175 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. Josh 9:3-15.

176 RV 21:7 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 20:15-17; 2Sam 9:1-7.

177 RV 21:8 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 18:19.

178 RV 21:12 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 31:8-13.

179 LV 21:4 · Note OSHB variant note: יל/: (x-qere) 'וּנְל': lemma_l n_1.1.0.0 morph_HR/Sp1cp id_10njs וּנְל

180 LV 21:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ותני: (x-qere) 'וְתִי': lemma_5414 morph_HVQj3ms id_10YGC וְתִי

181 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: מיתעבש: (x-qere) 'ם/תְעַבְּשׁ': lemma_7651 n_1.0 morph_HAcmsc/Sp3mp id_10o59 ם/תְעַבְּשׁ

182 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: מה/ו: (x-qere) 'הָמֵּה/ו': lemma_c/1992 morph_HC/Pp3mp id_10ZbA הָמֵּה/ו

183 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: תלחת: (x-qere) 'תַלְחַת/ב': lemma_b/8462 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncfsc id_10zBH תַלְחַת/ב

184 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

Readers' Version

of Sha'ul's father Kish in Tsela (in the Benyamite region), doing everything that the king had commanded. After that, God answered their prayers for the country.

Battles against Pelishti giants · Full kingdom[187]

15 The Pelishtim started attacking Yisrael (Israel) again, and David and his men went down towards the coast and fought back, but David became exhausted. 16 The Pelishtim had a champion named Yishbi-Benov who was a descendant of giants. He wore new armour and his bronze spear weighed over three kilograms. He intended to kill David 17 but Tseruyah's son Avishay helped David, and he struck the Pelishti and killed him. Then, David's men made a decision, saying, "You won't go out to battle with us anymore because we don't want Yisrael's lamp to be extinguished."[188]

18 Some time after that, there was another battle with the Pelishtim at Gov, and Sibkay (the Hushati) killed Saf who was another descendant of the giants.

19 Then in another battle with the Pelishtim at Gov, Elhanan (son of Ya'are-Oregim, from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)) killed Galyat (Goliath) the Giti even though his spear handle was like a weaver's beam.

20 In a different battle in Gat, there was a fierce man there with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot who was also a descendant of the giants, 21 but when he taunted Yisrael, Yonatan (Jonathan) (son of David's brother Shimeah) killed him. 22 Those four men were descendants of the giants in Gat, but they were killed by David and his men.

David's song of praise · Full kingdom[193]

22:1 Then after Yahweh had rescued David from Sha'ul (Saul) and all his enemies, David sang this song for Yahweh,

2 "Yahweh is my rock and my fortress
and the one who rescues me, yes, even me.

Literal Version

the_bones_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) his/its_son from_with the_citizens_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) who they_had_ _stolen ÐØM_them from_the_open_square_of Bēyt Shan where mmm[185] wwww the[186] in/on_day struck_down Pelishtim ÐØM Shā'ūl on_Gilbo'a. 13 And_he/it_ascended from_there ÐØM the_ _bones_of Shā'ūl and_ÐØM the_bones_of Yōnātān his/its_son and_they_gathered ÐØM the_bones_of the_impaled_men. 14 And_they_buried ÐØM the_bones_of Shā'ūl and_Yōnātān his/its_son in_land of_Binyāmīn at_Zela in_the_tomb_of Qīsh his/its_father and_they_did all that the_king he_commanded and_ god _he_was_entreated for_land after thus.

15 And_it_became again war to_Pəlishtiy with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Dāvid _he/it_descended and_servants_of_his with_him/it and_they_fought with the_Pəlishtiy and_ Dāvid _he_was_weary. 16 And[189] benob who was_among_those_born_of the_Raphah and_the_weight_of_his_spear_of_his was_three hundred(s) the_ _weight_of bronze and_he was_girded a_new_weapon and_ _he/it_said to_strike_down ÐØM Dāvid. 17 And_he_helped to_ _him/it 'Avīshay the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) and_he_struck ÐØM the_Philistine and_he_killed_him then the_men_of Dāvid they_swore to_him/it to_say not you_will_go_out again with_us for_battle and_not you_will_extinguish ÐØM the_lamp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 18 And_he/it_was after thus and_it_became again (the)_battle at_Gov with the_Pəlishtiy then Şibkay the_ _Ḥushātī he_struck_down ÐØM Şaf who was_among_those_ _born_of the_Raphah. 19 And_it_became again (the)_battle at_ _Gov with the_Pəlishtiy and_he_struck_down 'Elḥānān the_ _son_of Jaare-[190] Oregim the_Bēyt- lehemite ÐØM Golyat the_ _Gittiy and_tree his_spear_of_his was_like_a_beam_of weavers. 20 And_it_became again a_battle at_Gat and_he/it_was a_man_ _of strife[191] and_the_fingers_of his_hands_of_his and_the_toes_ _of his_feet_of_his were_six and_six twenty and_four number and_also he he_was_born to_the_Raphah. 21 And_he_taunted ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_struck_him_down Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shimeah[192] the_ _brother_of Dāvid. 22 ÐØM four_of these they_were_born to_ _the_Raphah in_Gat and_they_fell by_the_hand_of Dāvid and_ _by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his.

22:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_spoke to/for_**YHWH** ÐØM the_ _words/messages_of the_song (the)_this in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_delivered ÐØM_him/it from_the_palm_of all_of enemies_of_his and_from_the_palm_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). 2 And_he_ _said **YHWH** rock_of_is_my and_stronghold_of_my and_ _deliverer_of_my to_me. 3 Oh_god_of my_rock_of_my I_take_

185 **LV 21:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ם/ולת: (x-qere) ם/וְאָלְתּ: lemma_8518 morph_HVqp3cp/Sp3mp id_102PP ם/וְאָלְתּ

186 **LV 21:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ם/יתשלפ/ה משׁ: (x-qere) ה/מָּשׁ: lemma_8033 n_0.1.0 morph_HD/Sd id_10gnL ה/מָּשׁ ם/יִתְשְׁלְפ: lemma_6430 n_0.1 morph_HNgmpa id_10u2Q ם/יִתְשְׁלְפ

187 **RV 21:15 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 20:4-8

188 **RV 21:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 11:36; Psa 132:17.

189 **LV 21:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/בשי: (x-qere) ו/יִבְשִׁי: lemma_c/3430_ morph_HC/Np id_1079S ו/יִבְשִׁי

190 **LV 21:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

191 **LV 21:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ן/ידמ: (x-qere) ן/וֹדָמ: lemma_4067 n_0.1.2 morph_HNcmsa id_10FaA ן/וֹדָמ

192 **LV 21:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: יעמשׁ: (x-qere) הָ/עָמְשׁ: lemma_8092 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_103y6 הָ/עָמְשׁ

193 **RV 22:1 · Parallel** Psa. 18

Literal Version

_refuge in/on/over_him/it shield_of_my and_the_horn_of my_
_salvation_of_my refuge_of_my and_my_place_of_of_escape
my_deliverer_of_my from_violence you_deliver_me. **4** The_one_
_to_be_praised I_call_out_to **YHWH** and_from_enemies_of_my
I_am_delivered. **5** If/because they_encompassed_me breakers_
_of death torrents_of worthlessness they_overwhelmed_me.
6 The_cords_of Shə'ōl they_surrounded_me they_confronted_
_me snares_of death. **7** In_distress to_me I_called_out_to **YHWH**
and_near/to god_of_my I_called_out and_he/it_listened from_
_temple_of_his my_sound/voice and_my_cry_of_for_help was_
_in_ears_of_his. **8** And[196][197][198] and_it_quaked the_earth/land
the_foundations_of the_heavens they_trembled and_they_
_shook_back_and_forth if/because it_burnt to_him/it. **9** Smoke
it_went_up in_nose_of_his and_fire from_mouth_of_his it_
_consumed coals they_burnt from_him. **10** And_he_bent_down
the_heavens and_he_came_down and_thick_darkness was_
_under feet_of_his. **11** And_he_rode on a_cherub and_he_flew
and_he_appeared on the_wings_of the_wind. **12** And_he_put
darkness around_of_him shelters a_sieve_of waters dark_
_clouds_of clouds. **13** From_the_brightness before_him coals_of
fire they_burnt. **14** He_thundered from heaven **YHWH** and_the_
_Most_High he_gave_forth voice_of_his. **15** And_he_sent_out
arrows and_he_scattered_them lightning and[199]. **16** And_ the_
_channels_of the_sea _they_appeared the_foundations_of the_
_world they_were_uncovered at_the_rebuke_of **YHWH** from_
_the_breathing_of the_breath_of his_nose_of_his. **17** He_
_stretched_out from_a_high_place he_took_hold_of_me he_
_drew_me from_waters many. **18** He_rescued_me from_enemy_
_of_my mighty from_those_of_who_hate_me if/because they_
_were_too_strong for_me. **19** They_confronted_me in/on_day
my_calamity_of_my and_he/it_was **YHWH** a_support to_me.
20 And_he_brought_out to_(the)_place ~~DOM~~_me he_rescued_me
if/because he_delighted in_me. **21** He_dealt_with_me **YHWH**
according_to_of_my_righteousness according_to_the_
_cleanness_of my_hands_of_my he_repaid to_me. **22** If/because
I_have_kept the_ways_of **YHWH** and_not I_have_acted_
_wickedly from_god_of_my. **23** If/because all_of his[200] are_to_
_before_me and_regulations_of_his not I_turn_aside from_it.
24 And_I_have_been blameless to_him/it and_I_have_kept_
_myself from_iniquity_of_my. **25** And_ **YHWH** _he_repaid to_me
according_to_of_my_righteousness according_to_of_my_
_cleanness to_before eyes_of_his. **26** With a_faithful_person
you_show_yourself_faithful with a_mighty_man blameless you_
_show_yourself_blameless. **27** With one_who_purifies_himself
you_show_yourself_pure and_with a_perverse_person you_
_show_yourself_twisted. **28** And_~~DOM~~ a_people afflicted you_
_save and_eyes_of_your are_on haughty_ones you_bring_them_
_low. **29** If/because you lamp_of_are_my Oh_**YHWH** and_**YHWH**
he_illuminates darkness_of_my. **30** If/because by_you I_run a_
_marauding_band by_god_of_my I_leap_over a_wall. **31** (The)_

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3 God of my rock—I find safety in him,
my shield and my powerful saviour,
my high fort and my refuge,
my saviour—you save me from violence.
4 I call out to Yahweh who deserves to be praised.
I was kept safe from my enemies.
5 Death was enveloping me like a wave.
Torrents of worthlessness were overwhelming me.
6 Sheol's ropes tightened around me.
Deadly traps confronted me.
7 In my distress I called to Yahweh,
and to my god I called out.
He listened to my voice from his temple,
and he heard my cry for help.
8 The earth reeled and it shook.
The foundations of the heavens trembled,
and they shook because he became angry.
9 Smoke went up from his nose,
and burning coals and fire from his mouth.
10 He stretched out the heavens,
then he came down and it was dark below him.
11 He rode on a winged creature, and he flew.
Yes, he was seen on the wings of the wind.
12 He placed darkness all around him as a covering—
a collection of dark clouds holding water in them.
13 From the brightness in front of him,
coals of fire burnt.
14 Yahweh thundered from the sky.
The most high God made his voice known.
15 He sent out arrows, and he scattered them.
He sent out lightning, and he confused them.
16 The channels of the sea became visible.
The foundations of the world were uncovered
at Yahweh's rebuke,
from the blast from his nostrils.
17 He reached down from above and picked me up.
He pulled me up out of the surging waters.
18 He rescued me from my powerful enemy—
from the people who hated me—
because they were stronger than me.
19 They confronted me when I was experiencing difficulties,
but Yahweh supported me.
20 He brought me out into a wide area.
He rescued me because he was pleased with me.
21 Yahweh has rewarded me because of my obedience.

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196 **LV 22:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: שעגת/ו: (x-qere) 'שַׁעֲנָתִי/ו': lemma_c/1607 morph_HC/Vtw3ms id_10acR שַׁעֲנָתִי/ו

197 **LV 22:8 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

198 **LV 22:8 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

199 **LV 22:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מהי/ו: (x-qere) 'מְהֻמָּי/ו': lemma_c/2000 n_0 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_10DVe מְהֻמָּי/ו

200 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: טפשמ/ו: (x-qere) 'יְטַפְּשֻׁמַּי/ו': lemma_4941 n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_10K9C יְטַפְּשֻׁמַּי/ו

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He's repaid me because my hands were clean,
22 because I've followed Yahweh's paths,
and I haven't acted wickedly by turning away from my god.
23 I'm aware of all his regulations,
and I haven't turned away from his decrees.
24 I've done nothing that he can accuse me of,
and I've stopped myself when I wanted to disobey.
25 Yahweh rewarded me for my obedience,
because he saw my innocence.
26 With a faithful person, you show yourself faithful.
with a blameless warrior, you prove yourself blameless.
27 With someone who purifies themself, you show yourself pure,
^but you show yourself deceptive to a crooked person.
28 You save afflicted people,
^but you dislike the proud—you bring them down.
29 Because you are my lamp, Yahweh,
and you lighten my darkness.
30 Because by you, I can charge against a troop of warriors.
With my god's help I can leap over a city wall.
31 God's path is perfect.
Yahweh's message is tried and tested.
→He keeps everyone safe who requests his protection.
32 Who could be God other than Yahweh?
And who is a rock apart from our god?
33 This god is my strong fortress,
and he keeps my pathways cleared.
34 The one who makes my feet nimble like a deer,
and places me securely up on the heights.[194]
35 The one who trains me how to win in battle,
and strengthens my arms to pull back a powerful bow.
36 You saved me from death like a shield,
and you helped me become well-known by answering my prayers.
37 You helped me make large strides,
and stopped my feet from slipping.
38 Let me chase down my enemies and destroy them.
Then I won't return until they're all defeated.
39 I will attack them and smash them.
They won't stand again—they'll fall under my feet.
40 You give me extra strength for the war.
You make the people who rebelled against me submit.
41 You make my enemies flee away from me.
You help me destroy the people who hate me.
42 They look, but there's no one to rescue them.
They call out to you, Yahweh, but you don't answer them.
43 I crush them as finely as the dust on the ground.
I trample them like the mud on the streets and flatten them.

Literal Version

_god is_blameless its_road/course the_message_of **YHWH** is_
_refined is_a_shield he to_all/each/any/every those_who_take_
_refuge in/on/over_him/it. **32** If/because who is_god (from)_
_except **YHWH** and_who is_a_rock (from)_except god_of_our.
33 (The)_god place_of_refuge_of strength and_he_has_set_free
a_blameless_person mmm[201]. **34** He_is_making mmm[202] like_
_does and_on places_of he_makes_me_stand_firm. **35** He_is_
_training hands_of_my for_battle and_ arms_of_my _it_
_stretches a_bow_of bronze. **36** And_you_have_given to_me the_
_shield_of your_salvation_of_your and_answering_your you_
_make_me_great. **37** You_enlarge step[s]_of_my under_me and_
_not ankles_of_my they_slip. **38** Let_me_pursue enemies_of_my
and_I_destroyed_them and_not I_returned until brought_them_
_to_an_end. **39** And_I_brought_them_to_an_end and_I_
_smashed_them and_not they_rose and_they_fell under feet_
_of_my. **40** And_you_girded_me strength for_battle you_made_
_bow_down those_of_who_rose_against_me under_me. **41** And_
_enemies_of_my you_gave to/for_me neck those_of_who_
_hated_me and_I_destroyed_them. **42** They_looked and_there_
_was_not a_deliverer to **YHWH** and_not he_answered_them.
43 And_I_beat_them_fine like_the_dust_of the_earth like_the_
_mud_of the_streets I_pulverised_them I_beat_them_out.
44 And_you_delivered_me from_the_strifes_of my_people_of_
_my you_kept_me to_the_head_of nations a_people which_not
I_knew they_served_me. **45** Sons_of foreignness they_cringed
to_me to_the_ an_ear _hearing they_became_obedient to_me.
46 Sons_of foreignness they_withered and_they_girded_
_themselves from_strongholds_of_their. **47** Is_living **YHWH**
and_be_ rock_of_my _blessed and_ the_god_of the_rock_of my_
_salvation_of_my _may_he_be_exalted. **48** (The)_god is_the_
_one_who_gives vengeance(s) to_me and_he_is_bringing_down
peoples under_me. **49** And_he_of_is_bringing_me_out from_
_enemies_of_my and_more_than_of_those_who_rise_against_
_me you_exalt_me from_man violence(s) you_rescue_me.
50 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_give_thanks_to_you
Oh_**YHWH** among_nations and_to_name_of_your I_will_sing_
_praises. **51** The_tower_of[203] the_salvation(s)_of his_king_of_his
and_he_is_doing covenant_loyalty to_his_of_anointed to_Dāvid
and_to_offspring_of_his until perpetuity.

194 **RV 22:34 · Cross-ref.** Hab 3:19.

201 **LV 22:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: כרד/ו: (x-qere) יְכַרְּדֵ֑נִי: lemma_1870 n_0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp1cs id_109MF יְכַרְּדֵ֑נִי

202 **LV 22:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ילנר/ו: (x-qere) יְלַגְּרֵ֑נִי: lemma_7272 n_1.0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp1cs id_10LH8 יְלַגְּרֵ֑נִי

203 **LV 22:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: לידנמ: (x-qere) לְוֹדְּגֵ֑מִי: lemma_4024 a n_1.0 morph_HNcmsc id_10BX2 לְוֹדְּגֵ֑מִי

Literal Version

23:1 And_these are_the_words/messages_of Dāvid (the)_last the_utterance_of Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) and_the_ _utterance_of the_man who_he_was_raised_up height the_one_ _anointed_of the_god_of Ya′$_{a}$qov/(Jacob) and_the_pleasant_ _one_of the_songs_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **2** The_spirit_of **YHWH** he_has_spoken by_me and_speech_of_his is_on tongue_of_my. **3** The_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_said to_me the_rock_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_spoke one_who_rules over_humankind righteous one_who_rules the_fear_of god. **4** And_like_the_light_ _of morning the_sun he_dawns morning not clouds from_ _brightness from_rain fresh_grass from_the_earth. **5** If/because not thus house_of_is_my with god if/because a_covenant_of perpetuity he_has_made to_me arranged in_everything and_ _preserved if/because all_of salvation_of_my and_all desire if/because not will_he_make_grow. **6** And_a_worthless_person is_like_thorn[s] of_them_of_all which_is_chased_away if/because not in_a_hand people_will_take. **7** And_anyone who_ _he_will_touch (is)_in_them he_will_arm_himself iron and_tree a_spear and_with_fire completely_(burn) they_will_be_burnt at_dwelling.

8 These are_the_names_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) who belonged_to_Dāvid Josheb- Basshebeth a_Tahkemonite was_ _the_chief_of the_officer[s] he Adino_his the[205] on eight

Readers' Version

44 You rescue me from the arguments of my people.
You help me remain as the head of nations.
People serve me even if I don't even know them.
45 Foreigners are afraid of me.
When they hear me, they obey me.
46 They lose heart,
and come out of their fortresses trembling.
47 Yahweh is alive—may my secure rock be blessed.
May the god of the rock of my salvation be praised.
48 He's the god who avenges me,
and the one who makes the people who rebelled against me submit.
49 He's the one who helps me escape from my enemies.
You hold me up away from the ones who rise up against me.
You rescue me from violent men.
50 Therefore I praise you, Yahweh, among the nations,
and I sing praises about who you are.[195]
51 The one who helps his king to save the people,
and the one who shows loyalty to the one he chose—
to David and to his descendants forever."

David's ending speech · Full kingdom

23:1 These are David's final words:
"The message from Yishay's (Jesse's) son David—
a message from the man who rose through the ranks—
who was selected by Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god—
singer of Yisrael's (Israel's) pleasant songs.
2 Yahweh's spirit spoke through me.
His message came out of my mouth.
3 Yisrael's god spoke to me.
The rock of Yisrael told me.
The one who rules people with justice,
→rules out of his respect for God.
4 He's like the rising sun bringing the morning light—
a cloudless morning.
Glistening after the rain that grows fresh grass from the soil.
5 My household is aligned with God,
because he made a perpetual agreement with me—
all arranged and secured.
He'll make my salvation and every desire grow. ???
6 But evil people are like thorns—
they're all thrown away.
because they injure your hands.
7 Anyone who wants to move them
must use a metal tool or a wooden stick.
They'll be incinerated right there."

David's top warriors · Full kingdom[204]

8 These are the names of David's top warriors:

195 **RV 22:50 · Cross-ref.** Rom 15:9.

204 **RV 23:8 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 11:10-41

205 **LV 23:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: נצע/ו: (x-qere) יְנִצָּעֵ/ה': lemma_d/6112 n_0.1 morph_HTd/Ngmsa id_10PsY יְנִצָּעֵ/ה

Readers' Version

Yoshev-Bashevet the Tahkemoni was the head of 'The Three'. One time he attacked and killed eight hundred men with his spear.

9 Next after him was **Eleazar**, the son of Ahohi's son Dodo. Once he was among the three powerful warriors with David when they taunted the Pelishtim who were gathered there for battle. The Israeli warriors retreated back up their hill, **10** but Eleazar moved forward and attacked the Pelishtim until his arm became weak, and his hand cramped around his sword. Yahweh achieved a great victory that day, and the other warriors only returned afterwards to plunder the dead.

11 Then there was Agge's son **Shama**, the Harari. The Pelishtim had assembled in formation where there happened to be a field full of lentils. The Israelis fled from the Pelishtim **12** but Shama remained there in the middle of the field and killed many Pelishtim. So the field was saved, and Yahweh achieved a great victory.

13 Once as it was approaching harvest time, three of 'The Thirty' went to where David had been staying at Adulam's cave. There was a Pelishti unit camped in the Refaim valley. **14** At the time, David was in the fortress, and there was another Pelishti unit in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem). **15** David was thirsty one day and asked, "Who'll get me a drink of water from the Beyt-Lehem well by the gate?" **16** So the three powerful warriors broke through the Pelishti camp and got water from the Beyt-Lehem well near the gate. They carried it back to David, but he wouldn't drink it—pouring it out instead as an offering to Yahweh, **17** saying, "Far be it for me, Yahweh, to drink this—the blood of the men who risked their lives." So he wasn't willing to drink it.

Those were some of the things done by 'The Three' powerful warriors.

18 Yoav's (Joab's) brother **Avishay** (Tseruyah's sons) was the head over 'The Three'. Once he was used his spear to kill three hundred fighters, so he was more famous than 'The Three'. **19** He was more honoured than 'The Three' and became their leader even though he wasn't one of 'The Three'.

20 Yehoyada's son **Benayah** from Kavtse'el was a man of military prowess with many actions to his name. Once he killed 'The Two' from Moav (Moab), and another time he went down in a pit on a snowy day and killed the lion in the pit. **21** He also killed an impressive Mitsri (Egyptian) warrior with a spear, even though Benayah only held a staff. First he snatched the spear from the Mitsri's hand, then he killed him with his own spear. **22** Those

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hundred(s) slain at_a_time one[206]. **9** Him[207] 'El'āzār the_son_of Dōdō[208] the_son_of Ahoah among_three the_warriors[209] with Dāvid when_defied_they (in)_Pəlishtiy who_they_were_ _gathered there for_battle and_ the_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_went_up. **10** He he_arose and_he_struck_down among_ _Pəlishtiy until if/because his/its_hand it_was_weary and_ his/its_hand _it_cleaved to the_drought//sword/knife and_ **YHWH** _he/it_made a_victory great in_the_day (the)_that and_ _the_people they_returned after_him only to_strip. **11** And_ _was_after_him Shammā' the_son_of 'Āgē' the_Haarārī and_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_were_gathered to_community and_it_became there the_portion_of the_field full lentils and_the_people it_ _fled from_face/in_front_of the_Pəlishtiy. **12** And_he_took_his_ _stand in_the_middle of_the_portion and_he_delivered_it and_ _he_struck_down ĐΘM the_Pəlishtiy and_ **YHWH** _he/it_made a_victory great. **13** And_they_went_down three[210] of_the_thirty chief[s] and_they_came to the_harvest to Dāvid to the_cave_of Adullam and_a_community_of Pəlishtiy was_encamping in_ _the_valley_of Rəfā'īm. **14** And_Dāvid then was_in_stronghold and_a_garrison_of Pəlishtiy then was_Bēyt- leḥem. **15** And_ Dāvid _he_desired and_he_said who will_he_give_me_to_drink water from_the_well_of Bēyt- leḥem which is_at_gate. **16** And_ the_three_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) _they_broke_through in_the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_drew water from_the_ _well_of Bēyt- leḥem which was_at_gate and_they_carried_ _them and_they_brought_them to Dāvid and_not he_was_ _willing to_drink_them and_he_poured_out ĐΘM_them to/for_ _**YHWH**. **17** And_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_me Oh_**YHWH** from_doing_my this_thing the_blood_of the_men who_went with_lives_of_their and_not he_was_willing to_drink_them these_things the_three_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) they_did. **18** And_'Avīshay the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūyāh/(Zeruiah) he was_the_chief_of the[211] and_he he_ _wielded ĐΘM spear_of_his on three hundred(s) slain and_ _to/for_him/it a_name among. **19** More_than the_three if/because was_he_honoured and_he/it_was to/for_them (into)_a_commander and_unto the_three not he_came. **20** And_ _Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) was_a_son_of a_ _man_of strength[212] great_of deeds from_Qavtsə'ēl he he_ _struck_down ĐΘM the_two_of the_warrior[s] of_Mō'āv and_he he_went_down and_he_struck_down ĐΘM the[213] in_the_middle of_the_pit in/on_day of_the_snow. **21** And_he he_struck_down ĐΘM a_man from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) wwww[214] appearance and_was_in_the_hand_of the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) a_spear and_he/it_descended to_ _him/it with_club and_he_seized ĐΘM the_spear from_the_

206 LV 23:8 · Note OSHB variant note: דחא: (x-qere) 'תָּחֵא': lemma_259 n_0 morph_HAcfsa id_10koV תָּחֵא

207 LV 23:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רחא/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יָרֵחַא/ו': lemma_c/310 a n_1.0.0 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_10BuR וְיָרֵחַאְו

208 LV 23:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ידד: (x-qere) 'יוֹדִי': lemma_1734 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_10J1k יוֹדִי

209 LV 23:9 · Note OSHB variant note: סירבנ: (x-qere) 'סַ֫רְבִּנִ/ה': lemma_d/1368 n_0.1.0.0 morph_HTd/Aampa id_10J7S סַ֫רְבִּנִה

210 LV 23:13 · Note OSHB variant note: סישלש: (x-qere) 'שָׁלְשׁ': lemma_7969 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HAcmsa id_10saZ שָׁלְשׁ

211 LV 23:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ישלש/ה: (x-qere) 'הַשְּׁלִשִׁ/ה': lemma_d/7969 n_1.2 morph_HTd/Acmsa id_10aPi הַשְּׁלִשִׁה

212 LV 23:20 · Note OSHB variant note: יח: (x-qere) 'לַיְ֫חִ': lemma_2428 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_10KNk לַיְ֫חִ

213 LV 23:20 · Note OSHB variant note: הירא/ה: (x-qere) 'יְרֵאָ֫/ה': lemma_d/738 a n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_10zyS יְרֵאָ֫ה

214 LV 23:21 · Note OSHB variant note: רשא: (x-qere) 'שַׁיְ֫אִ': lemma_376 morph_HNcmsc id_10ycr שַׁיְ֫אִ

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_hand_of the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_he/it_killed_ _him/it with_his_own_of_spear. **22** These_things Bənāy^yāh the_ _son_of Yəhōyādāʿ he_did and_to/for_him/it a_name among_ _the_three the_powerful/mighty(pl). **23** More_than the_thirty he_was_honoured and_near/to the_three not he_came and_he_ _appointed_him Dāvid to bodyguard_of_his. **24** ʿAsāh-ʾēl the_ _brother_of Yōʾāv/(Joab) was_among_thirty ʾElḥānān the_son_ _of Dōdō Bēyt- leḥem. **25** Shammāh the_Ḥarodī ʾElīqāʾ the_ _Ḥarodī. **26** Ḥelets the_Palṭī ʿĪrāʾ the_son_of ʿIqqēsh the_Təqōʿī. **27** ʾAvīʿezer the_ʿAnnətotī Məvunnay the_Ḥushātī. **28** Tsalmōn/(Zalmon) the_ʾAḥōḥī Maharay the_Nəṭofātī. **29** Ḥēlev the_son_of Baʿanāh the_Nəṭofātī ʾIttay the_son_of Rīvay from_Gibeah of_the_descendants_of of_Binyāmīn. **30** Bənāy^yāh the_Pirʿātōnī Hidday from_the_wadis_of Gaʿash. **31** Abi- Albon the_ʿArvātī ʿAzmāvet the_Barḥumī. **32** ʾElyaḥbāʾ the_Shaʿalvonī the_sons_of Yāshēn/(Jashen) Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)). **33** Shammāh the_Harārī ʾAḥīʾām the_son_of Shārar the_Harārī. **34** ʾElīfeleṭ the_son_of ʾAḥaşbay the_son_of the_Maʿakāhite ʾElīʿām the_son_of ʾAḥītofel the_Gilonī. **35** Hezrai[215] the_Karməlī/(Carmelite) Paʿaray the_ _ʾArbiy. **36** Yigʾāl/(Igal) the_son_of Nātān from_Tsōvāh/(Zobah) Bānī the_Gādī. **37** Tseleq/(Zelek) the_ʿAmmōnī Naḥaray the_ _Bəʾērōtite the_bearer_of[216] of_the_armour(s)_of of_Yōʾāv the_ _son_of Tsərūy^yāh/(Zeruiah). **38** ʿĪrāʾ the_Yitrī/(Ithrite) Gārēv the_Yitrī. **39** ʾŪriy^yāh the_Ḥittiy all_of were_thirty and_seven.

24:1 And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_repeated to_burn on_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_incited ĐOM Dāvid (is)_in_them to_say go count ĐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to Yōʾāv/(Joab) the_commander_of the_army who with_him/it go_about please in_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_Dān and_unto Bəʾēr Shevaʿ and_enrol ĐOM the_people and_I_will_know ĐOM the_number_of the_people. **3** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_said to the_king and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _ _may_he_add to the_people like_them and_like_them a_ _hundred times and_the_eyes_of my_master the_king be_ _seeing_it and_master_of_my the_king to/for_what does_he_ _delight in_thing (the)_this. **4** And_ the_message_of the_king _ _it_prevailed to Yōʾāv and_over the_commanders_of the_army

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were some of the things that Benayah did. He became famous alongside 'The Three'. **23** (He was more honoured than 'The Thirty' but never entered 'The Three'.) David appointed him over his bodyguard.

24 The following were among 'The Thirty':
Yoav's other brother Asahel,
Dodo's son Elhanan from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem),
25 Shamah and Elika the Harodim,
26 Helets the Palti,
Ikesh's son Ira the Tekoei,
27 Aviezer the Antoti,
Mevunay the Hushati,
28 Tsalmon the Ahohi,
Maharay the Netofati,
29 Ba'anah's son Helev the Netofati,
Rivay's son Itay from Giveah (in Benyamin),
30 Benayah the Pireatoni,
Hiday from the Ga'ash valleys,
31 Avi-Alvon the Arvati,
Azmavet the Barhumi,
32 Elyahba the Sha'alvoni,
Yashen's sons,
Yonatan (Jonathan),
33 Shamah the Harari,
Sharar's son Ahiam the Harari,
34 Ahasbay's son Elifelet the Ma'akati,
Ahitofel's son Eliam the Giloni,
35 Hetsro the Karmeli,
Pa'aray the Arbi,
36 Natan's (Nathan's) son Yigal from Tsovah,
Bani the Gadi,
37 Tselek the Amoni,
Naharay the Be'eroti who carried the weapons for Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab),
38 the Yitrim Ira and Garev,
39 and Uriyah the Hiti.
There were thirty-seven of them in total.

David takes a census · Full kingdom[217]

24:1 Then Yahweh was angry against Yisrael (Israel) again and he incited David to cause problems for them by saying, "Go and order a census of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah)." **2** So the king told Yoav (Joab), the commander of his army, who was with him at the time, "Travel throughout all the regions of the Israeli tribes, from Dan (in the far north) down to Be'er-Sheva (Beer-sheba) (in the far south), and count the people so that I'll know the number of fighting men."

3 "May your god Yahweh multiply the people a hundred times over," Yoav responded, "add may my master the king see that

215 **LV 23:35 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ורצח**: (x-qere) **יְרֻצָּח**: lemma_2695 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_10Rhi **יְרֻצָּח**

216 **LV 23:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יאשנ**: (x-qere) **אֶשֶׁת**: lemma_5375 n_0.1 morph_HVqrmsc id_10Ucz **אֶשֶׁת**

217 **RV 24:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 21:1-27

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happen, but why would my master the king want to do that?"
4 However, the king insisted, so even though Yoav and the army commanders disagreed, at the king's command they set off to count the Israeli people.

5 They crossed the Yarden (Jordan) river and camped in Aroer, south of the city in the middle of the Gad valley, then proceeded to Yazer. **6** Then they went north to Gilead and the land of Tahtim-Hodshi, before coming to Dan-Yaan and around to Tsidon (Sidon). **7** Then they came to the Tsor (Tyre) fortress and all the cities of the Hivim and the Kena'anim (Canaanites) before going east to Be'er-Sheva in the Negev wilderness (part of Yehudah). **8** So they travelled throughout the land for nine months and twenty days before returning to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **9** Then Yoav reported the census results to the king: 800,000 fighting swordsmen in Yisrael (Israel), and 500,000 in Yehudah.

10 However, David had a guilty conscience after he'd had the people counted and he told Yahweh, "I've disobeyed you badly, but now, Yahweh, please take away the iniquity of your servant because I've been very foolish."

11 When David got up in the morning, Yahweh gave the prophet Gad this message **12** to take to David, "I, Yahweh, am offering you three choices. You decide which one I should carry out against you." **13** Then Gad asked him, "Do you want seven years of famine in your country, or three months of fleeing from your enemies, or three days of deadly disease in your country? Consider those and let me know which option to pass back to the one who sent me."

14 David answered Gad, "This is very distressing, but please let Yahweh be the one to punish me because he's very merciful—don't let other men be the ones."

15 So Yahweh sent a deadly disease to Yisrael (Israel) from the morning and until the time he'd decided. Seventy thousand people died from Dan in the north down to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south. **16** When Yahweh's messenger stretched out his hand to destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with the deadly disease, Yahweh relented concerning the disaster and told the messenger who was destroying many people, "Now lower your hand." When he said that, his messenger was near the threshing floor of Aravnah the Yevusi.

17 David had complained to Yahweh when he saw the messenger afflicting the people, saying, "Listen, it's me alone who sinned, and I myself who disobeyed you. But these innocent people—what have they done? Please, just punish only me and my relatives."

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and_ Yō'āv and_commanders_of the_army _he/it_went_out to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king to_enrol ÐØM the_ _people ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_they_passed_over ÐØM the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_encamped at_ʹArōʹēr the_south_of the_city which in_the_middle of_the_wadi (the)_Gād and_ _near/to Yaʹzēr/(Jazer). **6** And_they_came to_(the)_Gilʹād and_ _near/to the_land_of Tahtim and_they_came to_Dān Jaan and_ _around to Tsīdōn/(Sidon). **7** And_they_came[218] the_fortress_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_all the_cities_of the_Ḥiūī and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_they_went_out to the_Negev_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Bə'ēr Shevaʹ. **8** And_they_went_about in_all the_earth/land and_they_came from_the_end_of nine months and_twenty day[s] Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he/it_gave ÐØM the_number_of the_muster_of the_people to the_king and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_became eight hundred(s) thousand man_of strength who_drew a_sword and_ _the_man_of Yəhūdāh was_five hundred(s) thousand man. **10** And_ the_heart_of Dāvid _it_struck ÐØM_him/it after thus he_had_counted ÐØM the_people and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to **YHWH** I_have_sinned exceedingly that_which I_have_done and_now Oh_**YHWH** take_away please ÐØM the_iniquity_of your_servant_of_your if/because I_have_acted_foolishly exceedingly. **11** And_ Dāvid _he/it_rose_up in_morning and_ _the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Gād the_prophet the_seer_ _of Dāvid to_say. **12** Go and_you_will_speak to Dāvid thus **YHWH** he_says three_things I am_laying on_you choose to/for_ _yourself(m) one from_them and_I_will_do_it to_you. **13** And_ Gād _he_went to Dāvid and_he_told to_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it will_it_come to/for_yourself(m) seven years famine in_land_of_your or three months fleeing_your[219] to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before foes_of_your and_he will_of_be_ _pursuing_you and_if to_be three_of days pestilence in_land_ _of_your now know and_see what will_I_bring_back the_one_ _of_who_sent_me message. **14** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Gād it_ _is_distress to_me exceedingly let_us_fall please in_the_hand_of **YHWH** if/because are_great his[220] and_in_the_hand_of a_ _human not let_me_fall. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave a_ _pestilence on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_morning and_unto a_ _time_of an_appointed_time and_he/it_died of the_people from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shevaʹ seventy thousand person[s]. **16** And_ the_messenger _he_stretched_out his/its_hand Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_destroy_it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _sighed/regretted concerning harm and_he/it_said to_ _messenger who_was_destroying among_people enough now let_drop hand_of_your and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_was near the_threshing_floor_of the[221] the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite). **17** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to **YHWH** when_saw_he ÐØM the_ _messenger who_was_striking_down (on)_people and_he/it_ _said HERE I I_have_sinned and_I I_have_done_wrong and_ _these the_sheep what have_they_done let_it_be please hand_ _of_your on_me and_on_the_house_of my_father_of_my.

218 LV 24:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
219 LV 24:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
220 LV 24:14 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מחר: (x-qere) 'ו/יָמֵחַר': lemma_7356 b n_0.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_10MWL ו/יָמֵחַר
221 LV 24:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הנרוא/ה: (x-qere) 'הָנָּוְרֶאָ/ה': lemma_d/728 morph_HTd/Np id_10dix הָנָּוְרֶאָ/ה

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18 And_ Gād _he_came to Dāvid in_the_day (the)_that and_ _he/it_said to_him/it go_up set_up to/for_**YHWH** an_altar on_ _the_threshing_floor_of 'Aravnāh[222] the_Yəvūşī. **19** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended according_to_the_message_of Gād just_as **YHWH** he_had_commanded. **20** And_ 'Aravnāh _he_looked_ _down and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his passing_over on/upon/above_him/it and_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_ _went_out and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king face_of_his ground_to_the. **21** And_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_said why my_master the_king has_he_come to servant_of_his and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_buy from_with_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshing_floor to_build an_ _altar to/for_**YHWH** and_ the_plague _it_will_be_restrained from_under the_people. **22** And_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_said to Dāvid let_him_take_it and_let_him_offer_up my_master the_king the_ _good his[223] see the_ox[en] for_offering and_the_ _threshing-sledges and_the_equipment(s)_of the_ox[en] for_ _wood(s). **23** (The)_everything 'Aravnāh he_gives the_king to/for_the_king and_ 'Aravnāh _he/it_said to the_king **YHWH** god_of_your may_he_accept_you_favourably. **24** And_ the_king _he/it_said to 'Aravnāh no[224] if/because certainly_(buy) I_will_ _buy_it from_with_you for_a_price and_not I_will_offer_up to/for_**YHWH** god_of_my burnt_offerings without_paying and_ Dāvid _he_bought ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshing_floor and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ox[en] for_silver shekels fifty. **25** And_he/it_built there Dāvid an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_ascended burnt_offerings and_peace_ _offerings and_ **YHWH** _he_was_entreated for_land and_ the_ _plague _it_was_restrained from_under Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

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David builds an altar

18 Gad came to David that day, and instructed him, "Go to the Yevusi Aravnah's threshing floor and build an altar to Yahweh there." **19** So David went there just as Yahweh had instructed him through Gad's message. **20** When Aravnah looked out and saw the king and his servants approaching, he went out and fell to his knees in front of the king and bowed his face to the ground. **21** "Why would my master the king come to his servant?" Aravnah asked.

"I want to buy your threshing floor to build an altar for Yahweh," David answered. "So that the deadly disease afflicting the people can be stopped."

22 "May my master the king take it," Aravnah responded. "Use it in whatever way you think best. See, you can use the oxen for the burnt offering, and the threshing instruments and the oxen's equipment for firewood. **23** I give it all to you, the king. May your god Yahweh accept your offering."

24 "No," the king answered. "I'll definitely buy it from you. I couldn't offer something to my god Yahweh that cost me nothing." **25** So David built an altar there to Yahweh, and he instructed for burnt offerings and peace offerings to be made. Then Yahweh accepted prayers for the country and the deadly disease afflicting Yisrael (Israel) was stopped.

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222 LV 24:18 · Note OSHB variant note: הינרא: (x-qere) 'הָנָוְרֵא': lemma_728 morph_HNp id_10TEw הָנָוְרֵא

223 LV 24:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/ניע/ו: (x-qere) 'ב/וְנִיעִ/ו': lemma_b/5869 a n_1 morph_HR/Ncbdc/Sp3ms id_10pLt ב/וְנִיעִ/ו

224 LV 24:24 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Songs

Introduction

This collection of *Songs* includes songs, poems, chants, and prayers, that the Ivrim used in their meditation and worship, and then those eventually got added to this collection. We have chosen not to use the name 'Psalms' which comes from the Greek word 'ψαλμός' which means 'a song sung to the harp', because most English readers don't even know that meaning. The title 'Songs' isn't perhaps ideal, but does at least suggest that they were sung, read, or chanted with music.

There are many classes of the songs for believers in Yahweh: there are songs of praising and worshipping Yahweh, there are prayers requesting help or rescue from situations, requesting forgiveness, songs thanking or blessing Yahweh, and requests to curse their enemies. These prayers are sometimes personal and sometimes on behalf of the entire nation.

Seven of these songs/poems are acrostic poems, i.e., the first verse starts with the first Hebrew letter (alef) and the second with the second Hebrew letter (beyt), etc. We have chosen to display those Hebrew letters to help the English reader understand that there is that acrostic background to the poem. The seven songs are Song 25 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C25.htm#Top), Song 34 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C34.htm#Top), Song 37 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C37.htm#Top), Song 111 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C111.htm#Top), Song 112 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C112.htm#Top), the longest Song 119 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C119.htm#Top), and Song 145 (https://Freely-Given.org/OBD/OET/byC/PSA_C145.htm#Top).

Yeshua (Jesus) and other contributors to *The Messianic Update* (The New Testament) used these songs and valued this collection for use in church worship since the beginning.

The one hundred and fifty songs are divided into five sub-collections.

Main components of this collection

First collection: Songs *1–41*
Second collection: Songs *42–72*
Third collection: Songs *73–89*
Fourth collection: Songs *90–106*
Fifth collection: Songs *107–150*

There are a hundred and fifty songs, poems, and prayers in this collection that were used by the Ivrim in their worship. Many seem to have been written in the time of King David and others around the time of the end of David's kingdom. These songs and prayers are still important today for use by Jewish believers in their worship. These songs reveal the inner emotions of the author like anger and sorrow, happiness and trusting, and hope.

Chapter label: Song

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.

Struck words are untranslated. The ◘ sign marks a verse with no text.

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1:1 How_blessed the_man[4] who not he_walks in_the_counsel_of wicked_people and_in_the_way_of sinners not he_stands and_ _in_the_seat_of mockers not he_sits. **2** If/because (if) is_in_the_ _law_of **YHWH** delight_of_his and_in_law_of_his he_meditates by_day and_night. **3** And_it_was like_a_tree planted at streams_ _of water which fruit_of_its it_gives at_its_appropriate_of_time and_leafage_of_its not it_withers and_all/each/any/every that he_does it_succeeds. **4** Not are_so the_wicked_people if/because (if) like_chaff which it_drives_it_about wind. **5** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not wicked_people they_will_ _stand in_judgement and_sinners in_the_congregation_of righteous_people. **6** If/because **YHWH** is_knowing the_way_of righteous_people and_the_way_of wicked_people it_will_ _perish.

2:1 To/for_what nations do_they_plot and_peoples do_they_ _devise emptiness. **2** They_take_their_stand the_kings_of the_ _earth and_rulers they_seat_themselves together on **YHWH** and_on his_of_anointed. **3** Let_us_tear_apart ~~DOM~~ fetters_of_ _their and_let_us_throw from_him/it ropes_of_their. **4** The_ _one_who_sits in_heavens he_laughs my_master he_mocks (to)_ _them. **5** Then he_speaks to_them in_anger_of_his and_in_fury_ _of_his he_terrifies_them. **6** And_I I_have_installed king_of_my on Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my. **7** I_ _will_recount concerning the_decree_of **YHWH** he_said to_me son_of_are_my you I the_day I_have_begotten_you. **8** Ask from_ _me and_I_will_make nations inheritance_of_your and_ _possession_of_your the_ends_of the_earth. **9** You_will_break_ _them with_a_rod_of iron like_a_vessel_of a_potter you_will_ _smash_them. **10** And_now Oh_kings act_prudently let_ _yourselves_be_instructed Oh_rulers_of the_earth. **11** Serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** with_fear and_rejoice with_trembling. **12** Kiss the_son lest he_should_be_angry and_you(pl)_will_perish way if/because it_burns like_a_little anger_of_his how_blessed are_ _all_of those_who_seek_refuge_of in_him/it.

Readers' Version

First collection[1] · Wicked and godly roads

1:1 A person will gain the benefits
if they don't take advice from wicked people,
and don't stand around where sinners go,
and don't sit and join all the scoffers.
2 Instead, they enjoy Yahweh's instructions
and think about them day and night.
3 Those people are like trees that are planted by a stream
and which produce fruit in season.
Their leaves don't wither,[2]
and they prosper in everything they do.[3]
4 But wicked people won't prosper—
they're like straw that gets blown away by the wind.
5 The wicked people won't be able to stand when God judges them,
and sinners won't be able to join in the assembly of all the godly people,
6 because Yahweh knows the path chosen by godly people,
but the path of wicked people will be destroyed.

God's chosen king

2:1 Why do nations make plans,
and people groups devise empty schemes?[5]
2 The kings of this world take their stand
and the rulers collaborate against Yahweh and his chosen one,
3 saying, "Let's break their chains off us.
Let's throw off their ropes."
4 The one who sits in the heavens laughs.
The master ridicules them.
5 Then he'll speak to them in his anger,
and terrify them in his fury.
6 Yahweh says, "I myself have placed my king on Tsiyon (Zion)—
the hill I've chosen to be my holy place."
7 I'll explain Yahweh's decree.
He told me, "You're my son. Today I've become your father.[6]
8 Ask me and I'll give the nations to you for your inheritance.
The whole world will be owned by you.
9 You'll break those nations with an iron bar.
You'll smash them to pieces like a clay pot."[7]
10 So act wisely all you kings.
Be warned all you rulers of the earth.
11 Serve Yahweh with fear.
Be happy for his goodness but tremble because of his power.
12 Honour the son or he might get angry
and you'll perish on the way.

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1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** Songs 1–41

2 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** Jer 17:8.

3 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 29:2-3.

4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

5 **RV 2:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 4:25-26.

6 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:33; Heb 1:5; 5:5.

7 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 2:26-27; 12:5; 19:15.

Readers' Version

His severe anger can ignite any moment.
Everyone who goes to him to be safe will gain the benefits.

A prayer when under attack

A song by David when he fled from his son Avshalom (Absalom).
3:1 Yahweh, how did I get so many enemies?
Many people are rising up against me.
2 Many people are talking about me,
saying that God won't help me. (Instrumental break.)[8]
3 But you, Yahweh, protect me like a shield.
You honour and encourage me.
4 I called out with my voice to Yahweh,
and he answered me from his sacred mountain. (Instrumental break.)
5 I laid down and slept.
I awoke, because Yahweh sustains me.
6 I won't be afraid even of tens of thousands of people—
those all around who've taken a stand against me.
7 Take action, Yahweh.
Save me, my god.
Yes, you've slapped all my enemies on the cheek—
you've broken the teeth of the wicked people.
8 Salvation belongs to Yahweh.
Your blessing goes to your people. (Instrumental break.)

A night-time prayer

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
4:1 God of my righteousness, answer me when I call out.
You who granted me relief from distress.
Be gracious to me and listen to my prayer.
2 How long will you mortal people keep shaming me instead of honouring me?
Why do you all love meaninglessness and enjoy dishonesty? (Instrumental break.)
3 But be aware that Yahweh has treats people who are faithful

Literal Version

3:1 A_song of_Dāvid when_fled_he from_face/in_front_of 'Avīshālōm his/its_son. **2** [9] Oh_**YHWH** how foes_of_my they_ _are_many many_people are_rising_up on_me. **3** [10] Many_ _people are_saying of_self_of_my there_is_not deliverance for_ _him/it in_god Ṣelāh. **4** [11] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** are_a_shield behind_me honour_of_my and_the_one_who_lifts_up my_head. **5** [12] My_sound/voice to **YHWH** I_called_out and_he_answered_ _me from_hill his_holiness_of_his Ṣelāh. **6** [13] I I_lay_down and_ _I_slept I_awoke if/because **YHWH** he_sustains_me. **7** [14] Not I_ _will_be_afraid from_ten_thousands_of people who all_around they_have_taken_a_stand on_me. **8** [15] Arise Oh_**YHWH** save_me my_god_of_my if/because you_have_struck ~~DOM~~ all_of enemies_ _of_my jaw the_teeth_of wicked_people you_have_broken. **9** [16] To/for_**YHWH** (the)_deliverance is_towards people_of_your blessing_of_your Ṣelāh.

4:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [18] When_call_I answer_me Oh_god_of my_righteousness_of_ _my in_distress you_have_made_wide to/for_me show_favour_ _to_me and_hear prayer_of_my. **3** [19] Oh_sons_of man until when honour_of_will_my become_(into)_ignominy will_you_love emptiness will_you(pl)_seek falsehood Ṣelāh. **4** [20] And_know if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_made_separate the_faithful to_ _him/it **YHWH** he_will_hear when_call_I to_him/it. **5** [21] Tremble and_do_not sin speak in_heart_of_your(pl) on bed_of_ _your(pl) and_be_silent Ṣelāh. **6** [22] Sacrifice sacrifices_of righteousness and_trust to **YHWH**. **7** [23] Many_people are_ _saying who will_he_show_us[24] good lift_up on_us the_light_of

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8 RV 3:2 · Note Many older translations place the word 'Selah' (the transliteration of the Hebrew word 'סֶלָה' which we're not completely sure of the meaning of) here, but that's meaningless to most modern-English readers so the *OET* makes an informed attempt at a translation. 'Pause and reflect' would also have been a likely meaning. For more information, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selah.

9 LV 3:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.1

10 LV 3:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.2

11 LV 3:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.3

12 LV 3:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.4

13 LV 3:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.5

14 LV 3:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.6

15 LV 3:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.7

16 LV 3:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.3.8

18 LV 4:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.1

19 LV 4:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.2

20 LV 4:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.3

21 LV 4:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.4

22 LV 4:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.5

23 LV 4:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.4.6

24 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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your(pl)_face_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. **8** [25] You_have_put joy in_
_heart_of_my more_than_a_time_of grain_of_when_their and_
_their_new_of_wine they_abound. **9** [26] In_peace together I_will_
_lie_down and_I_will_sleep if/because you Oh_**YHWH** alone_
_alone to_security you_caused_me_to_dwell.

5:1 To_choirmaster to the_flutes a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [28] words_of_
_my give_ear_to Oh_**YHWH** consider sighing_of_my. **3** [29] Pay_
_attention to_sound/voice my_cry_for_help_of_my my_king_
_of_my and_god_of_my if/because to_you I_pray. **4** [30] Oh_
_**YHWH** morning[31] you_hear my_sound/voice morning I_
_arrange to/for_yourself(m) and_I_watch. **5** [32] If/because not
are_a_god desiring_of wickedness you not it_sojourns_with_you
evil. **6** [33] Not those_who_boast they_will_take_their_stand to_
_before eyes_of_your you_hate all_of those_who_do_of (of)_
_wickedness. **7** [34] You_destroy those_who_speak_of (of)_
_falsehood everyone_of blood(s) and_deceit he_abhors **YHWH**.
8 [35] And_I in_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_of_your
I_will_enter house_of_your I_will_bow_down to the_temple_of
your_holiness_of_your in_fear_of_your. **9** [36] Oh_**YHWH** lead_me
in_righteousness_of_your on_account_of enemies_of_my make_
_straight[37] to/for_my_face/front way_of_your. **10** [38] If/because
there_is_not in_mouth_of_his a_reliable_thing being_of_their_
_inner is_destruction(s) is_a_grave open throat_of_their
tongue_of_their they_make_smooth. **11** [39] Hold_them_guilty
Oh_god may_they_fall from_their_own_of_schemes for_the_
_multitude_of their_transgressions_of_their banish_them
if/because they_have_rebelled against_you. **12** [40] And_ all_of
those_who_seek_refuge_of in_you _let_them_rejoice forever_
_perpetuity let_them_shout_for_joy and_you_will_cover over_
_them and_let_them_exult in_you(ms) those_who_love_of

Readers' Version

to him as special to him.
Yahweh pays attention when I call out to him for help.
4 Respect Yahweh and don't sin.[17]
Meditate silently on your bed. (Instrumental break.)
5 Sacrifice to him by obeying him,
and keep trusting him.
6 Many people ask, "Who can show us anything that's good?"
Yahweh, shower your favour down on us.
7 You've made me very happy,
even more so than when there's plenty of food and drink.
8 I can lie down and sleep in peace,
because you, Yahweh, and only you, let me life in safety.

A prayer for protection

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by flutes.
5:1 Listen to what I say, Yahweh.
Give consideration to my groans of distress.
2 Listen to my cry for help,
my king and my god, because it's you that I pray to.
3 Yahweh, you hear my voice each morning.
In the morning I look in your direction and wait.
4 You're not a god who takes pleasure in wickedness.
Evil people can't live with you.
5 Arrogant people can't stand in your presence.
You hate everyone who does wicked things.
6 You destroy those who tell lies.
Yahweh despises murderers and fraudsters.
7 Because of your loyal commitment, I'm able to enter your house.
I will bow down in awe towards your sacred temple.
8 Yahweh, help me to do what is right because my enemies are watching.
Show me clearly how to stay on your path.
9 Their lips are always flapping.
Their minds are their destruction.

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17 **LV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Eph 4:26.
25 **LV 4:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.4.7
26 **LV 4:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.4.8
28 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.1
29 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.2
30 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.3
31 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
32 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.4
33 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.5
34 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.6
35 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.7
36 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.8
37 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: רשוה: (x-qere) 'רַשָּׁיה': lemma_3474 morph_HVhv2ms id_192gM רַשָּׁיה
38 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.9
39 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.10
40 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.11

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Their throats are open graves
Their tongues are full of flattery.[27]
10 My god, make them feel guilty.
May their own plans lead to their downfall.
Drive them out because of their frequent disobedience
because they've rebelled against you.
11 May those who find safety in you be glad.
Let them shout in happiness forever.
Spread your blanket of protection over them.
May those who love your authority praise you.
12 Because you, Yahweh, bless those who do what's right.
You protect them with your favour like a shield.

A prayer in time of distress

A song by David for the singing director to be accompanied by the eight-stringed instrument.

6:1 Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your rage.[42]
2 Be gracious to me, Yahweh, because I'm frail.
Heal me, Yahweh, because my bones are aching.
3 I'm emotionally distressed.
How much longer, Yahweh?
4 Turn around, Yahweh, and save my life
to demonstrate your loyal commitment.
5 Once we're dead we can't honour you.
Who will give thanks to you from Sheol?
6 I'm worn out from groaning.
Every night I make my bed swim with my tears.
I melt away on my couch.
7 I can barely open my eyes because of my grief.
My enemies make me weak with grief.
8 Keep away from me, all you who do evil things,[43]
because Yahweh has heard the sound of my weeping.
9 Yahweh has heard my requests—
Yahweh will answer my prayer.
10 Let my enemies be shamed and severely dismayed.
Let them retreat and feel ashamed for a while.

Literal Version

name_of_(of)_your. 13 [41] If/because you you_bless the_
righteous Oh**YHWH** like_shield favour you_surround_him.

6:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments on the_shəmīnīt
a_song of_Dāvid. 2 [44] Oh_**YHWH** do_not in_anger_of_your
rebuke_me and_do_not in_severe_anger_of_your discipline_me.
3 [45] Show_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because am_frail I heal_
_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because bones_of_my they_are_disturbed.
4 [46] Self_of_my it_is_disturbed exceedingly and[47] Oh_**YHWH**
until when. 5 [48] Return Oh_**YHWH** rescue life_of_my save_me
on_account_of loyalty_of_your_covenant. 6 [49] If/because there_
_is_not in_death remembrance_of_your in_Shə'ōl who will_he_
_give_thanks to_you. 7 [50] I_have_become_weary by_groaning_
_of_my I_make_swim in_every_of night bed_of_my with_
_tear[s]_of_my couch_of_my I_melt. 8 [51] It_has_wasted_away
from_grief eye_of_my it_has_grown_weak in_all foes_of_my. 9 [52]
Turn_away from_me Oh_all_of those_who_do_of (of)_
_wickedness if/because **YHWH** he_has_heard the_sound_of my_
_weeping_of_my. 10 [53] **YHWH** he_has_heard supplication_of_my
YHWH prayer_of_my he_will_accept. 11 [54] They_will_be_
_ashamed and_they_will_be_disturbed exceedingly all_of
enemies_of_my they_will_turn_back they_will_be_ashamed a_
_moment.

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27 **RV 5:9 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:13.
41 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.5.12
42 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** Psa 38:1.
43 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:23; Luk 13:27.
44 **LV 6:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.1
45 **LV 6:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.2
46 **LV 6:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.3
47 **LV 6:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תא/ו**: (x-qere) **הָתַּא/וְ**': lemma_c/859 c morph_HC/Pp2ms id_19tc4 **הָתַּא/וְ**
48 **LV 6:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.4
49 **LV 6:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.5
50 **LV 6:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.6
51 **LV 6:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.7
52 **LV 6:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.8
53 **LV 6:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.9
54 **LV 6:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.6.10

Literal Version

7:1 A_shiggaion of_Dāvid which he_sang to/for_**YHWH** on the_ _words/messages_of Kūsh/(Cush) a_Ben-_of jaminite. **2** [56] Oh_ _**YHWH** god_of_my in_you I_have_sought_refuge save_me from_all those_of_who_pursue_me and_deliver_me. **3** [57] Lest he_should_tear_to_pieces like_a_lion self_of_my tearing and_ _there_is_not a_deliverer. **4** [58] Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my if I_have_ _done this if there_is unrighteousness in_palms_of_my. **5** [59] If I_ _have_repaid one_of_who_is_at_peace_with_me evil and_I_ _have_rescued foe_of_my without_cause. **6** [60] An_enemy may_ _he_pursue life_of_my and_may_he_overtake_it and_may_he_ _trample to_earth life_of_my and_honour_of_my to_dust may_ _he_lay Ṣelāh. **7** [61] Arise Oh_**YHWH** in_anger_of_your raise_ _yourself on_the_furi(es)_of my_foes and_awake to_me justice you_have_commanded. **8** [62] And_an_assembly_of nations may_ _it_surround_you and_over_it to_height return. **9** [63] **YHWH** judges peoples vindicate_me Oh_**YHWH** according_to_of_my_ _righteousness and_according_to_of_my_integrity on_me. **10** [64] May_it_come_to_an_end please the_evil_of wicked_people and_ _may_you_establish the_righteous and_ Oh_god righteous _ _you_who_test hearts and_kidneys. **11** [65] Shield_of_my is_on god a_deliverer of_people_upright_of heart. **12** [66] god is_a_judge righteous and_god is_indignant in_all day. **13** [67] If not anyone_ _will_repent sword_of_his he_will_sharpen bow_of_his he_has_ _bent and_he_has_prepared_it. **14** [68] And_to/for_him/it he_has_ _prepared weapons_of death arrows_of_his into_burning_ _things he_will_make. **15** [69] THERE he_is_in_labour_with wickedness and_he_conceives mischief and_he_brings_forth falsehood. **16** [70] A_pit he_digs and_he_has_dug_it and_he_has_ _fallen in_the_pit which_he_made. **17** [71] Mischief_of_his it_ _returns on_his_own_of_head and_on of_his_head_of_the_ _crown violence_of_his it_comes_down. **18** [72] I_will_give_ _thanks_to **YHWH** according_to_of_his_righteousness and_I_ _will_sing_praises_to the_name_of **YHWH** the_Most_High.

Readers' Version

A prayer for justice

A song by David which he sang to Yahweh concerning the Benyamite, Kush.

7:1 I've taken refuge in you, Yahweh, my god.
Save me from those who are trying to get me,
2 or else they'll rip me apart like a lion—
tearing me apart without anyone to rescue me.
3 Yahweh my god, if I'm the cause of this,
if it's my hands that have done wrong,
4 if I repaid my friend with evil instead of good,
or stole from my enemy for no good reason,
5 allow my enemy to chase me and overtake me,
and trample my life into the ground,
and allow my honour to disappear into the dust. (Instrumental break.)
6 Take action, Yahweh.
Take out your anger on my enemies
Wake up for my sake—it's you who demands justice.
7 The countries have gathered around you—
return to ruling them from on high.
8 Yahweh, judge those people groups.
See my obedience and integrity,
and declare me innocent.
9 Bring the evil activities of wicked people to an end,
and establish those who do good instead.
The righteous God examines inner thoughts and motives.[55]
10 I trust God as my shield—
the one who rescues people who desire to do good.
11 God is a judge who never does wrong.
He's always against evil.
12 If anyone doesn't repent, he'll sharpen his bow,
then bend it back ready to use,
13 because he's prepared weapons of death—
he makes fiery arrows.
14 Look at that person who's pregnant with wickedness

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55 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 2:23.
56 **LV 7:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.1
57 **LV 7:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.2
58 **LV 7:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.3
59 **LV 7:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.4
60 **LV 7:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.5
61 **LV 7:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.6
62 **LV 7:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.7
63 **LV 7:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.8
64 **LV 7:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.9
65 **LV 7:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.10
66 **LV 7:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.11
67 **LV 7:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.12
68 **LV 7:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.13
69 **LV 7:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.14
70 **LV 7:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.15
71 **LV 7:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.16
72 **LV 7:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.7.17

Readers' Version

and conceives trouble
and gives birth to lies.
15 He digs a pit then makes it deeper,
but he'll fall into the very hole that he made.
16 His trouble returns on his own head,
and his violence crushes his own skull.
17 I thank Yahweh for how he always does what's right,
and sing praises to Yahweh the highest one.

God's splendour and mankind's status

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by a stringed instrument.[73]

8:1 Our master Yahweh, your reputation all over the earth is magnificent.
Your splendour is displayed across the sky
2 for even infants and children to notice.
You have established strength because of your enemies[74]—to put an end to the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I look up at the sky, I see your handiwork—
the moon and the stars that you placed there.
4 How come that you even notice humankind?[75]
Why would you even pay attention to any descendant of ours?[76]
5 You've made him a little lower than God (or 'gods'),
and poured splendour and majesty over him.[77]
6 You've established him as ruler over your creation—
you've put him in charge of everything:[78]
7 All the sheep and cows,
as well as the animals in the countryside,
8 the birds that fly and the fish in the sea—
everything that moves along the ocean currents.
9 Our master, Yahweh,
your magnificent reputation has spread around the whole world.

Literal Version

8:1 To_choirmaster on the_Gittith a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [79] Oh_
_**YHWH** master(s)_of_our how majestic name_of_is_your in_all
the_earth/land the_one_who set splendour_of_your above the_
_heavens. **3** [80] From_the_mouth_of children and_sucking_
_children you_have_established strength on_account_of foes_
_of_your to_put_an_end_to an_enemy and_an_avenger. **4** [81]
If/because I_will_see heavens_of_your the_works_of fingers_of_
_your the_moon and_the_stars which you_have_established.
5 [82] What is_humankind that/for/because/then/when you_
_will_remember_him and_a_son_of humankind
that/for/because/then/when you_will_pay_attention_to_him.
6 [83] And_you_have_made_him_lack little from_god and_honour
and_majesty you_crown_him. **7** [84] You_make_him_rule over_
_the_works_of your_two's_hands_of_your everything you_have_
_put under feet_of_his. **8** [85] sheep and_cattle(s) of_them_of_all
and_also the_animals_of the_field. **9** [86] The_bird[s]_of the_
_heavens and_the_fish(es)_of the_sea that_which_passes_
_through the_paths_of the_seas. **10** [87] Oh_**YHWH** master(s)_of_
_our how majestic name_of_is_your in_all the_earth/land.

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73 **RV 8:0 · Note** Hebrew: 'gittit' instrument or style.
74 **RV 8:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:16.
75 **RV 8:4 · Note** It's important to use singular nouns in this verse, otherwise it would fail to match the singular in the next verse.
76 **RV 8:4 · Cross-ref.** Yob 7:17-18; Psa 144:3; Heb 2:6-8.
77 **RV 8:5 · Note** Although this is referring directly to humankind, we've strived to keep this segment in the singular, as many students of these songs also see messianic implications here.
78 **RV 8:6 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:27; Eph 1:22; Heb 2:8.
79 **LV 8:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.1
80 **LV 8:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.2
81 **LV 8:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.3
82 **LV 8:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.4
83 **LV 8:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.5
84 **LV 8:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.6
85 **LV 8:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.7
86 **LV 8:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.8
87 **LV 8:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.8.9

Literal Version

9:1 To_choirmaster alumoth_of labben a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [88] I_ _will_give_thanks_to **YHWH** in_all heart_of_my I_will_recount all_of wonders_of_your. **3** [89] I_will_rejoice and_I_will_exult in_ _you I_will_sing_praises_to name_of_your Oh_Most_High. **4** [90] When_ enemies_of_my _turn backwards they_stumble and_ _they_perish from_before_of_you. **5** [91] If/because you_have_ _done justice_of_my and_cause_of_my you_have_sat to_a_ _throne judging_of (of)_righteousness. **6** [92] You_have_rebuked nations you_have_destroyed the_wicked their_name you_have_ _wiped_out forever_perpetuity and_ever. **7** [93] The_enemy they_ _have_come_to_an_end ruins to_perpetuity and_cities you_ _have_plucked_up remembrance_of_their they it_has_perished. **8** [94] And_**YHWH** forever_perpetuity he_remains he_has_ _established for_judgement throne_of_his. **9** [95] And_he he_will_ _judge the_world with_righteousness he_will_judge the_ _nations with_uprightness(es). **10** [96] And_ **YHWH** _let_it_be a_ _refuge for_oppressed a_refuge to_times trouble. **11** [97] And_ _they_will_trust in_you(ms) those_who_know_of your(ms)_ _name if/because not you_have_abandoned those_of_who_ _seek_you Oh_**YHWH**. **12** [98] Sing_praises to/for_**YHWH** who_ _dwells_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) declare among_peoples deeds_of_his. **13** [99] If/because one_who_seeks blood(s) them he_has_ _remembered not he_has_forgotten the_cry_of_distress_of humble_people[100]. **14** [101] Show_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH** see affliction_of_my from_those_of_who_hate_me Oh_of_you_who_ _raise_me from_the_gates_of death. **15** [102] So_that I_may_ _recount all_of praises_of_your in_the_gates_of the_daughter_ _of Tsiyyōn I_will_rejoice in_deliverance_of_your. **16** [103] Nations they_have_sunk in_the_pit which_they_made in_the_net which they_had_hidden foot_of_their it_has_been_caught. **17** [104] He_ _has_made_himself_known **YHWH** justice he_has_done by_the_ _work_of his_hands_of_his the_wicked he_is_striking_down Higgāyōn Ṣelāh. **18** [105] Wicked_people they_will_return to_ _Shā'ūl/(Saul)_Shə'ōl all_of the_nations forgetful_of god. **19** [106] If/because not to_perpetuity the_needy he_will_be_forgotten

Readers' Version

Thanking Yahweh for his justice

For the musical director: David's song about the death of the son

9:1 I will thank Yahweh with all of my being.
I will tell others all about your miracles.
2 I will be happy and celebrate you,
I will sing praise to your name, the highest one.
3 When my enemies are forced to retreat,
they stumble and die as they run away from you
4 because you have accepted my claim and decided the case in my favour.
You have sat on your throne—a judge who always decides fairly.
5 You scolded countries and destroyed the wicked ones—
making their names disappear, never to return.
6 The enemy are finished—just ruins remaining from now on.
You also uprooted cities—they too will be forgotten.
7 However, Yahweh will reign forever.
He's established his throne as a platform for justice,
8 so he'll judge the world without bias,
and he will solve cases for the peoples with fairness.
9 Anyone who's oppressed can go to Yahweh for safety—
he's a safe refuge in times of trouble.
10 Those who know your reputation put their trust in you,
because you don't abandon those who make the effort to find you, Yahweh.
11 Sing praises to Yahweh who lives in Tsiyon (Zion).
Tell all the peoples about the good things he's done,
12 because the god who avenges those who've been murdered,
doesn't forget the cries of those who suffered.
13 Have mercy on me, Yahweh.
See my suffering because of those who hate me.

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88 **LV 9:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.1
89 **LV 9:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.2
90 **LV 9:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.3
91 **LV 9:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.4
92 **LV 9:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.5
93 **LV 9:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.6
94 **LV 9:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.7
95 **LV 9:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.8
96 **LV 9:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.9
97 **LV 9:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.10
98 **LV 9:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.11
99 **LV 9:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.12
100 **LV 9:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) '**מֵיְנֵֽנָּע**': lemma_6035 n_0 morph_HAampa id_19y7z **מֵיְנֵֽנָּע**
101 **LV 9:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.13
102 **LV 9:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.14
103 **LV 9:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.15
104 **LV 9:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.16
105 **LV 9:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.17
106 **LV 9:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.18

Readers' Version

You're the one who pulls me away from the gates of death
14 so that I can keep praising you at the gates of Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter.
I'll celebrate the salvation that comes from you.
15 The nations have sunk down into the pit they themselves made.
Their foot is caught in the hidden net that they themselves had put there.
16 Yahweh has revealed himself—he's served justice—
the wicked people were trapped by their own actions. (Meditation break.) (Instrumental break.)
17 Wicked people will turn back to Sheol,
all nations are forgetful of God.
18 But the needy won't always be forgotten,
and those who are suffering won't always find their hopes dashed.
19 Take action, Yahweh. Don't let evil people prevail.
Let the nations face you for judgement.
20 Put some fear in them, Yahweh.
Remind the nations that they're human. (Instrumental break.)

A prayer for relief from bullies

10:1 Why do you seem so distant, Yahweh?
Why can't we see you helping us in times of trouble?
2 Wicked people just arrogantly bully the poor and needy.
May they be caught up by the very schemes that they planned for others.
3 Indeed, the wicked people boast about everything they want
and they say that the greedy person is a fine guy, but they despise Yahweh.
4 In their pride, wicked people don't seek him.
In their minds, they convince themselves that there's no god.
5 Their don't want to change their ways.
Your judgements are high above out of their sight.
As for all their enemies, they sigh at them.
6 They tell themselves, "No one's going to change me.
No one will trouble me, even through all the generations."
7 Their mouths are full of curses and lies,[110] and they oppress others.
Mischief and evil are under their tongues.
8 They sit in ambush near the villages.
In isolated places they murder the innocent.
Their eyes stealthily watch for any vulnerable people.

Literal Version

the_hope_of afflicted_people[107] it_will_be_lost forever_ever.
20 [108] Arise Oh_**YHWH** not humankind let_it_prevail the_
_nations let_them_be_judged on face_of_your. **21** [109] Appoint
Oh_**YHWH** terror to/for_them the_nations may_they_know
are_human_being[s] they Ṣelāh.

10:1 Why Oh_**YHWH** do_you_stand at_a_distance do_you_hide
to_times trouble. **2** In_the_pride_of the_wicked he_hotly_
_pursues the_afflicted they_are_caught by_schemes which
they_have_planned. **3** If/because a_wicked_person he_boasts on
the_desire_of his_self_of_his and_one_greedy_for_unjust_gain
he_blesses he_spurns **YHWH**. **4** A_wicked_person according_to_
_the_haughtiness_of his_nose_of_his not he_seeks are_there_is_
_not a_god all_of thoughts_of_his. **5** They_endure mmm[111] in_
_all time are_height judgements_of_your from_before_him all_
_of foes_of_his he_breathes_out at_them. **6** He_says in_heart_
_of_his not I_will_be_shaken to_a_generation and_a_generation
who not in_distress. **7** A_curse mouth_of_his it_is_full and_
_deceit(s) and_oppression are_under tongue_of_his mischief
and_wickedness. **8** He_sits in_an_ambush_of villages in_(the)_
_places he_kills the_innocent eyes_of_his for_an_unfortunate_
_person they_lie_hidden. **9** He_lies_in_wait in_(the)_place like_
_a_lion in_lair_of_its he_lies_in_wait to_seize the_afflicted he_
_seizes the_afflicted when_he_drags_him_away in_net_of_his.
10 And[112] he_is_bowed_down and_he_falls among_his_mighty_
_of_ones an_army_of[113]. **11** He_says in_heart_of_his god he_has_
_forgotten he_has_hidden his/its_faces/face not he_sees to_
perpetuity. **12** Arise Oh**YHWH** Oh_god lift_up hand_of_your
do_not forget humble_people[114]. **13** Concerning what the_
_wicked has_he_spurned god has_he_said in_heart_of_his not
you_will_seek. **14** You_have_seen if/because you mischief and_

107 **LV 9:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיונע**: (x-qere) 'מִיֻּנֵּ֑ע': lemma_6041 n_0.0 morph_HAampa id_19twL **מִיֻּנֵּ֑ע**
108 **LV 9:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.19
109 **LV 9:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.9.20
110 **RV 10:7 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:14.
111 **LV 10:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **כרד/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְעָכְרֵ֥ד': lemma_1870 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_19Fkx **וְעָכְרֵ֥ד**
112 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הכד/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְהֻפְּדֵ֥י': lemma_1794 morph_HVqi3ms id_19GV7 **וְהֻפְּדֵ֥י**
113 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיאכלח**: (x-qere) 'לֵֽיחַ': lemma_2426 morph_HNcmsc id_19Jb3 **לֵֽיחַ** 'מֵיאָ֗ךְ': lemma_3512 b n_0 morph_HAampa id_19XXt **מֵיאָ֗ךְ**
114 **LV 10:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) 'מֵיֻּנֵּ֑ע': lemma_6035 n_0 morph_HAampa id_19zbA **מֵיֻּנֵּ֑ע**

Literal Version

_vexation you_pay_attention to_put in_hand_of_your on_you an_unfortunate_person he_abandons the_fatherless you you_ _are a_helper. **15** Break the_arm_of the_wicked and_bad/evil you_will_seek wickedness_of_his not you_will_find. **16** **YHWH** is_king_of forever and_ever the_nations they_have_perished from_land_of_his. **17** The_desire_of humble_people you_have_ _heard Oh_**YHWH** you_establish heart_of_their you_cause_to_ _pay_attention ear_of_your. **18** To_vindicate the_fatherless and_ _the_oppressed not he_will_repeat again to_terrify humankind from the_earth/land.

11:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid[115] in_**YHWH** I_have_taken_refuge how will_you(pl)_say to_self_of_my take_flight[116] mountain_of_ _your(pl) a_bird. **2** If/because THERE[117] the_wicked they_bend a_bow they_have_prepared arrow_of_their on the_bowstring to_shoot in gloom to_people_upright_of heart. **3** If/because the_foundations they_will_be_torn_down the_righteous what does_he_do. **4** **YHWH** in_(the)_palace his_holiness_of_his **YHWH** is_in_heavens throne_of_his eyes_of_his they_see eyelids_of_his they_test the_children_of humankind. **5** **YHWH** the_righteous he_tests and_the_wicked and_one_who_loves_of (of)_violence self_of_his it_hates. **6** He_will_rain_down on wicked_people snares will_be_fire and_sulfur and_spirit burning_heat(s) the_portion_of their_cup_of_their. **7** If/because is_righteous **YHWH** righteousness(es) he_loves the_upright they_will_see face_of_his.

12:1 To_choirmaster on the_shəmīnīt a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [118] Save Oh_**YHWH** if/because the_faithful he_has_come_to_an_ _end if/because faithful_people they_have_vanished from_ _(the)_sons humankind. **3** [119] Falsehood they_speak each with

Readers' Version

9 They ambush in a hidden places like a lion in cover.
They hide so they can seize helpless people.
They capture the weak by pulling in their nets.
10 They stoop then crouch,
and unfortunate people succumb to their strength.
11 They tell themselves, "God has gone on strike—
he looks away so he never notices."
12 Yahweh, take action.
God, do something.
Don't forget those who are poor or needy.
13 Why do wicked people despise God?
They tell themselves, "You'll never come looking for me."
14 But you have seen—indeed, you notice mischief and grief to do something about it.
The victims trust you to work on their behalf.
You are a helper for the fatherless.
15 Break the hold of wicked and evil people.
Prevent them from being able to implement their wicked schemes.
16 Yahweh is king forever and ever.
He drove those other nations out of his land.
17 You've heard the request of those in need, Yahweh.
You encourage them. You pay close attention
18 to judge the orphan and oppressed,
so that mere humans will no longer be able to terrify them.

Trusting God for fair process

For the musical director: a song by David.
11:1 I've taken refuge in Yahweh.
How can you tell me,
Flutter away to your mountain like a bird?
2 Because, look, wicked people are getting their bows ready.
They've got their arrows lined up on the strings
to shoot at the godly people in the darkness.
3 If the foundations get destroyed,
what can good people do then?
4 Yahweh's in his sacred temple.
His eyes watch—his eyes examine humanity's children.
5 Yahweh examines both good people and the wicked,
but he hates those who love to inflict violence.
6 He rains burning coals and sulfur onto the wicked.
He'll send scorching hot winds to punish them
7 because Yahweh loves what is right, and that's what he does.
Godly people will get to stand in front of him.

The requesting of God

For the musical director: a song by David to be played on the eight-stringed instrument.

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115 **LV 11:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.11.1

116 **LV 11:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּדוּנ: (x-qere) יִדֹּונ֑: lemma_5110 n_0.0 morph_HVqv2fs id_195pP יִדֹּונ.

117 **LV 11:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

118 **LV 12:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.1

119 **LV 12:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.2

Readers' Version

12:1 Help, Yahweh, because faithful people seem to have disappeared.
Those who have integrity have vanished from among humanity.
2 Everyone says empty words to their neighbours.
Everyone speaks with flattering lips and deceitful motives.
3 Yahweh, cut off all those flattering lips,
and every tongue that exaggerates.
4 These are those who have said, "With our tongues we'll get whatever we want.
When *our* lips speak, who can tell us what to do?"
5 Yahweh says, "I'll take action
because of the violence against the poor and the groans of the needy.
I'll provide the safety that they've been longing for."
6 Yahweh's words are pure words,
like silver purified in a furnace on the earth—
refined seven times over.
7 Yahweh, you will protect them.
Yes, forever protect us from this violent generation.
8 Wicked people prowl all around
when evil is promoted for humanity.

A prayer for help

For the musical director: a song by David.
13:1 Yahweh, for how long will you keep forgetting about me?
For how long will you hide yourself from me?
2 How long must I worry?
Must I have grief in my heart all day?
How long will my enemy gloat over me?
3 Look at me and answer me, Yahweh my god.
Restore my strength, or I'll die in my sleep.
4 Don't let my enemy boast that they've defeated me,
otherwise my enemies will celebrate when I'm defeated.
5 But I've trusted in your loyal commitment.
I'm happy inside because you've saved me.
6 I'll sing to Yahweh because he's been generous to me.

Literal Version

his/its_neighbour a_lip_of flattering_words/messages with_a_
_heart and_a_heart they_speak. **4** [120] **YHWH** may_he_cut_off
all_of the_lips_of flattering_words/messages a_tongue which_
_speaks great_things. **5** [121] Which they_say (to)_tongue_of_our
we_will_make_strong lips_of_our are_with_us who is_master
to/for_us. **6** [122] From_the_devastation_of afflicted_people from_
_the_groaning_of needy_people now I_will_arise **YHWH** he_
_says I_will_set in_the_safety which_he_pants to_him/it. **7** [123]
The_words/messages_of **YHWH** are_words/messages pure
silver refined in_a_crucible of_earth refined sevenfold. **8** [124]
You Oh_**YHWH** you_will_keep_them you_will_guard_him from
the_generation this forever_perpetuity. **9** [125] All_around
wicked_people they_walk_about just_ vileness _as_is_exalted
by_the_children_of humankind.

13:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [126] Until when Oh_
_**YHWH** will_you_forget_me perpetuity until when will_you_
_hide ~~DOM~~ face_of_your from_me. **3** [127] Until when will_I_set
counsel(s) in_soul_of_my sorrow in_heart_of_my by_day until
when enemy_of_my will_he_be_exalted over_me. **4** [128] Pay_
_attention answer_me Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my give_light_to
eyes_of_my lest I_should_sleep the_death. **5** [129] Lest enemy_of_
_my he_should_say I_have_prevailed_over_him foes_of_my
they_will_rejoice if/because I_am_shaken. **6** [130] And_I in_your_
_covenant_of_loyalty I_have_trusted heart_of_my may_it_
_rejoice in_deliverance_of_your[131] I_will_sing to/for_**YHWH**
if/because he_has_dealt_bountifully towards_me.

120 **LV 12:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.3
121 **LV 12:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.4
122 **LV 12:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.5
123 **LV 12:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.6
124 **LV 12:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.7
125 **LV 12:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.12.8
126 **LV 13:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.1
127 **LV 13:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.2
128 **LV 13:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.3
129 **LV 13:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.4
130 **LV 13:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.5
131 **LV 13:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.13.6

Literal Version

14:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid[134] a_fool he_says in_heart_of_his there_is_not a_god they_behave_corruptly they_do_abominably deed[s] there_is_not one_who_does_of (of)_good. **2** **YHWH** from_heaven he_looks_down on the_children_of humankind to_see is_there one_who_has_insight one_who_seeks ~~DOM~~ god. **3** (The)_everyone he_turns_aside all_together they_are_corrupt there_is_not one_who_does_of (of)_good there_is_not also one. **4** Not all_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness do_they_know those_who_devour_of people_of_(of)_my they_eat bread **YHWH** not they_call_on. **5** There they_fear a_fear if/because god is_ _with_a_generation righteous. **6** The_plan_of the_poor you(pl)_ _will_put_to_shame if/because **YHWH** refuge_of_is_his. **7** Who will_he_give will_be_from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_salvation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ **YHWH** _turns_back the_captivity_of his_ _people_of_his Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) let_it_be_glad Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_rejoice.

15:1 A_song of_Dāvid[135] Oh_**YHWH** who will_he_sojourn in_ _tent_of_your who will_he_dwell on_the_mountain_of your_ _holiness_of_your. **2** one_who_walks blameless and_one_who_ _does righteousness and_one_who_speaks truth in_heart_of_ _his. **3** Not he_takes_slander on tongue_of_his not he_does to_ _neighbour_of_his evil and_reproach not he_lifts_up on his_of_ _kinsman. **4** Is_despised in_eyes_of_his a_rejected_person and_ _~~DOM~~ those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** he_honours he_swears to_ _do_harm and_not he_changes. **5** Money_of_his not he_gives for_interest and_a_bribe on the_innocent not he_takes one_ _who_does_of (of)_these_things not he_will_be_shaken forever_ _perpetuity.

16:1 A_miktam of_Dāvid[138] protect_me Oh_god if/because I_ _have_taken_refuge in_you. **2** You(f)_said to/for_**YHWH** my_ _master you good_of_my not is_on_you. **3** To_the_holy_ones who on_the_earth they and_the_majestic_ones_of (of)_whom_ _all_of delight_of_my is_in_them. **4** Sorrows_of_their another_ _god they_have_acquired they_will_increase not I_will_pour_ _out offerings_of_their_drink from_blood and_not I_will_take ~~DOM~~ names_of_their on lips_of_my. **5** **YHWH** is_the_portion_of my_possession_of_my and_cup_of_my you are_holding lot_of_ _my. **6** Boundary_lines they_have_fallen to_me in_(the)_places

Readers' Version

Responding to evil people[132]

For the musical director: a song by David.

14:1 Godless people convince themselves that there is no god.
They behave corruptly and do evil things.
No one really does what is good.[133]
2 Yahweh looks down at humanity from the heavens
to see if there are any who understand—who make an effort to discover him.
3 They've all turned away.
Together they've become corrupt.
There isn't anyone who does good—no one.
4 Don't those evil people know anything—
those who eat up my people just like they'd eat bread,
but they don't request help from Yahweh?
5 They tremble with dread,
because God is with those who desire to obey him.
6 You want to humiliate poor people,
even though they go to Yahweh to find safety.
7 If only help would come from Tsiyon (Zion) to rescue Yisrael (Israel).
When Yahweh brings back his people from where they were taken as captives,
then Ya'akov (Jacob) will rejoice and Yisrael will be glad!

Who does Yahweh like?

A song by David.
15:1 Who's allowed to stay in your tent?
Who can live on your sacred hill?
2 Anyone who's innocent because they do what is right
and speaks truth with integrity.
3 Those who don't use their tongues to slander others.
Those who don't harm others,
and who don't insult their neighbours.
4 Those godly people despise those rejected by Yahweh,
but they honour those who respect him.
They do what they've promised, even at their own expense.
5 They don't charge interest when they lend money.
They don't take bribes to testify against innocent people.
Those who do those things will never be rejected.

Yahweh is my security

A song by David.
16:1 Protect me, God,
because you are the one I trust for my safety.
2 I tell Yahweh, "You are my master. Anything good I do means nothing without you.
3 As for the godly people who live here, they are noble people.
I really enjoy being with them.
4 Their troubles will increase—
those who choose to worship other gods.

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132 **RV 14:1 · Parallel** Psa. 53

133 **RV 14:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:10-12.

134 **LV 14:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.14.1

135 **LV 15:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.15.1

138 **LV 16:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.16.1

Readers' Version

I won't pour out their drink offerings of blood
or even use my lips to name their gods.
5 Yahweh is all I want as my inheritance and my cup.
You ensure my future security.
6 I've had a nice piece of land measured out for me—
it's definitely a good inheritance that I received.
7 I will praise Yahweh who gives me good advice.
Even at night, my conscience teaches me what's right.
8 I made a decision to always keep Yahweh on my mind.
Nothing will worry me, because he's right here beside me
9 so I can relax and be happy,
Also I can live in safety
10 because you won't abandon my soul to Sheol.
You wouldn't permit your faithful follower to see the pit.[136]
11 You show me the path that leads to life.
I'm always happy in your presence.
I'll have pleasure forever when I'm with you."[137]

A prayer for protection

A prayer by David.
17:1 Listen to my plea for justice, Yahweh.
Pay attention to my call for help.
Take notice of my prayer coming from honest lips.
2 Consider my case and confirm that I'm innocent.
Let your eyes see what is just.
3 If you test my inner motives,
if you come to me in the night to test me,
you won't find any evil plans—
my mouth won't say anything evil.
4 As for people's actions,
it is at the word from your mouth
that I've kept myself from the ways of lawless people.
5 I've kept myself consistently on your paths.
My feet haven't slipped.
6 I call to you, God, because you answer me.
Take notice of me and listen when I speak.
7 Show your loyal commitment in a wonderful way,
you who use your power to protect
those who take refuge in you from their enemies.
8 Protect me as carefully as the pupil is protected in the eye.
Hide me like a chick under the shadow of your wings.
9 Protect me from the wicked people who assault me—
from my enemies who surround me.
10 They've closed their minds to pity.
Their mouths speak with pride.
11 They have closed in on me.
They have decided to throw me to the ground.

Literal Version

also an_inheritance_of it_is_beautiful on_me. **7** I_will_bless ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** who he_has_counselled_me also nights they_have_ _instructed_me kidneys_of_my. **8** I_have_placed **YHWH** to_ _before_me continually if/because he_is_of_from_my_right_ _hand not I_will_be_shaken. **9** For_so/thus/hence heart_of_my it_rejoices and_ honour_of_my _it_was_glad also flesh_of_my it_ _will_dwell to_security. **10** If/because not you_will_abandon life_of_my to_Shə'ōl not you_will_permit your_faithful_of_one to_see the_pit.[139] **11** You_will_make_known_to_me the_path_of life abundance_of gladness(es) are_with presence_of_your pleasant_things are_at_your_right_of_hand perpetuity.

17:1 A_prayer of_Dāvid[140] hear Oh_**YHWH** righteousness pay_ _attention_to of_entreaty_of_my_cry give_ear_to prayer_of_my with_not lips_of deceit. **2** From_before_face_of_you judgement_ _of_my may_it_come_forth eyes_of_your may_they_see uprightness(es). **3** You_have_tested heart_of_my you_have_ _visited night you_have_tested_me not you_will_find I_have_ _resolved not mouth_of_my it_will_transgress. **4** To_the_deeds_ _of humankind by_the_message_of your_two's_lips_of_your I I_ _have_watched the_paths_of the_violent. **5** They_have_held_ _firm steps_of_my in_tracks_of_your not footsteps_of_my they_ _have_been_shaken. **6** I I_call_out_to_you if/because you_will_ _answer_me Oh_god incline ear_of_your to_me hear my_ _speech/discourse. **7** Make_wonderful loyalti(es)_of_your_ _covenant Oh_deliverer those_who_take_refuge from_those_ _who_rise_up by_your_right_of_hand. **8** Keep_me like_the_ _pupil_of the_daughter_of an_eye in_the_shadow_of your_ _two's_wings_of_your you_will_hide_me. **9** From_face/in_front_ _of wicked_people who they_have_assailed_me enemies_of_my with_soul they_surround (on)_me. **10** Fat_of_their they_have_ _closed_up mouth_of_their they_have_spoken with_pride. **11** Steps_of now mmm[141] eyes_of_their they_set to_bend_down on_the_earth. **12** Likeness_of_his is_like_a_lion which_it_longs to_tear_to_pieces and_like_a_young_lion which_sits in_secret_ _places. **13** Arise Oh_**YHWH** confront face_of_his make_him_ _bow_down deliver life_of_my from_the_wicked sword_of_your. **14** From_men hand_of_your Oh_**YHWH** from_men from_the_ _world portion_of_who_their is_in_life and[142] you_fill belly_of_ _their they_are_satisfied sons and_they_leave abundance_of_ _their to_children_of_their. **15** I in_righteousness I_will_see face_of_your I_will_be_satisfied when_awake form_of_your.

136 **RV 16:10 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:35.

137 **RV 16:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 2:25-28.

139 **LV 16:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

140 **LV 17:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.17.1

141 **LV 17:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: יג/ובבס: (x-qere) יג/וְבָבְסֹ: lemma_5437 n_1 morph_HVqp3cp/Sp1cp id_19dV3 יג/וְבָבְסֹ

142 **LV 17:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/ניפצ/ו: (x-qere) ד/נוֹפְצָ/ו: lemma_c/6845 n_2.0 morph_HC/Vqsmsc/Sp2ms id_19oGS ד/נוֹפְצָ/ו

Literal Version

18:1 To_choirmaster of_the_servant_of of_**YHWH** of_Dāvid who he_spoke to/for_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages_of the_song (the)_this in/on_day **YHWH** when_he_delivered him from_the_ _palm_of all_of enemies_of_his and_from_the_hand_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). **2** [147] And_he_said I_love_you Oh_**YHWH** strength_of_my. **3** [148] **YHWH** rock_of_is_my and_stronghold_of_ _my and_deliverer_of_my god_of_my rock_of_is_my I_take_ _refuge in/on/over_him/it shield_of_my and_the_horn_of my_ _salvation_of_my refuge_of_my. **4** [149] The_one_who_is_to_be_ _praised I_call_out_to **YHWH** and_from enemies_of_my I_am_ _delivered. **5** [150] They_encompassed_me cords_of death and_ _torrents_of worthlessness they_overwhelmed_me. **6** [151] The_ _cords_of Shə'ōl they_surrounded_me they_confronted_me snares_of death. **7** [152] In_distress to_me I_called_out_to **YHWH** and_near/to god_of_my I_cried_for_help he_heard from_ _temple_of_his my_sound/voice and_my_cry_of_for_help before_him it_came in_ears_of_his. **8** [153] And_it_shook and_it_ _quaked the_earth/land and_the_foundations_of the_ _mountains they_trembled and_they_shook_back_and_forth if/because it_burnt to_him/it. **9** [154] Smoke it_went_up in_nose_ _of_his and_fire from_mouth_of_his it_consumed coals they_ _burnt from_him. **10** [155] And_he_bent_down the_heavens and_ _he_came_down and_thick_darkness was_under feet_of_his. **11** [156] And_he_rode on a_cherub and_he_flew and_he_swooped_ _down on the_wings_of the_wind. **12** [157] He_made darkness covering_of_his around_of_him canopy_of_his darkness_of waters dark_clouds_of clouds. **13** [158] From_the_brightness before_him clouds_of_his_dark they_passed_through hail and_

Readers' Version

12 They're like a lion eager for a victim—
like a young lion crouching in ambush.
13 Take action, Yahweh.
Confront them.
Knock them down.
Rescue my life from wicked people by your sword!
14 Use your strength, Yahweh, to rescue me from men—
from people in this world whose prosperity is in this life alone.
You'll fill the bellies of your treasured ones with riches—
they'll have many children and will leave their wealth to them.
15 Because I'm obedient, I'll see your face.
When I wake up, I'll be satisfied at seeing you.

David's song of victory[143]

For the musical director: a song by Yahweh's servant David, when he sang the words of this song to Yahweh on the day that Yahweh rescued him from Sha'ul (King Saul) and all his other enemies.

18:1 He said:
I love you, Yahweh, my source of strength.
2 Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, the one who brings me to safety.
He's my god, my rock. I take refuge in him.
He's my shield, the power that saves me, my fortress.
3 I will call for help from Yahweh
who deserves all the praise he gets,
and then I'll be rescued from my enemies.
4 I felt like I was about to die,
and torrents of worthlessness overwhelmed me.
5 The grave seemed to be putting its ropes around me.
The snares of death trapped me.
6 In my distress I called out to Yahweh.
I cried for help to my god.
He heard my voice from his temple.
My call for help entered his presence.
It reached his ears.
7 Then the earth quaked and shook.
The foundations of the mountains trembled
and were shaken because God was angry.

143 **RV 18:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 22:1-51
147 **LV 18:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.1
148 **LV 18:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.2
149 **LV 18:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.3
150 **LV 18:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.4
151 **LV 18:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.5
152 **LV 18:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.6
153 **LV 18:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.7
154 **LV 18:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.8
155 **LV 18:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.9
156 **LV 18:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.10
157 **LV 18:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.11
158 **LV 18:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.12

Readers' Version

8 Smoke went up from out of his nostrils,
and blazing fire came out of his mouth.
Coals were ignited by it.
9 He opened the skies and came down,
and heavy darkness was under his feet.
10 He rode on a winged creature and flew.
He glided on the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness into a tent around him—
heavy rain clouds in the skies.
12 Hail and burning coals fell from the brightness in front of him.
13 Yahweh thundered from the heavens.
The voice of the highest one shouted.[144]
14 He shot his arrows and scattered his enemies—
many lightning bolts, and forced them to disperse.
15 Then the water channels appeared.
The foundations of the world were exposed
at your rebuke, Yahweh—
at the blast of the breath from your nostrils.
16 He reached down from above and took hold of me.
He pulled me out of the surging waters.
17 He rescued me from my powerful enemy—
from those who hated me,
because they were too strong for me.
18 They confronted me when I was in distress,
but Yahweh was my support.
19 He brought me out to a wide open place.
He saved me because he was pleased with me.
20 Yahweh has rewarded me because I've done nothing wrong.
He has restored me because I'm innocent.
21 because I've followed Yahweh's instructions

Literal Version

_coals_of fire. 14 [159] And_he_thundered in_heavens **YHWH** and_ _the_Most_High he_gave_forth voice_of_his hail and_coals_of fire. 15 [160] And_he_sent_out arrows_of_his and_he_scattered_ _them and_lightning_flashes he_shot and_he_confused_them. 16 [161] And_they_appeared channels_of water and_ the_ _foundations_of the_world _they_were_uncovered from_ _rebuke_of_your Oh_**YHWH** from_the_breathing_of the_breath_ _of your_nose_of_your. 17 [162] He_stretched_out from_a_high_ _place he_took_hold_of_me he_drew_me from_waters many. 18 [163] He_rescued_me from_enemy_of_my mighty and_from_ _those_of_who_hate_me if/because they_were_too_strong for_ _me. 19 [164] They_confronted_me in_the_day_of my_calamity_ _of_my and_he/it_was **YHWH** (into)_a_support to_me. 20 [165] And_he_brought_me_out to_(the)_place he_rescued_me if/because he_delighted in_me. 21 [166] He_dealt_with_me **YHWH** according_to_of_my_righteousness according_to_the_ _cleanness_of my_hands_of_my he_repaid to_me. 22 [167] If/because I_have_kept the_ways_of **YHWH** and_not I_have_ _acted_wickedly from_god_of_my. 23 [168] If/because all_of judgements_of_his are_to_before_me and_regulations_of_his not I_turn_aside from_me. 24 [169] And_I_have_been blameless with_him/it and_I_have_kept_myself from_iniquity_of_my. 25 [170] And_ **YHWH** _he_repaid to_me according_to_of_my_ _righteousness according_to_the_cleanness_of my_hands_of_ _my to_before eyes_of_his. 26 [171] With a_faithful_person you_ _show_yourself_faithful with a_man blameless you_show_ _yourself_blameless. 27 [172] With one_who_purifies_himself you_show_yourself_pure and_with a_perverse_person you_ _show_yourself_tortuous. 28 [173] If/because you a_people afflicted you_save and_eyes uplifted you_bring_low. 29 [174] If/because you you_light lamp_of_my **YHWH** god_of_my he_ _illuminates darkness_of_my. 30 [175] If/because in_you(ms) I_ _run a_marauding_band and_by_god_of_my I_leap_over a_wall. 31 [176] (The)_god is_blameless its_road/course the_message_of **YHWH** is_refined is_a_shield he to_all/each/any/every those_

144 **RV 18:13 · Note** 'hail and burning coals' has been omitted from this translation as the Hebrew words are assumed to have been accidentally copied from the previous verse.

159 **LV 18:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.13

160 **LV 18:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.14

161 **LV 18:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.15

162 **LV 18:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.16

163 **LV 18:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.17

164 **LV 18:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.18

165 **LV 18:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.19

166 **LV 18:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.20

167 **LV 18:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.21

168 **LV 18:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.22

169 **LV 18:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.23

170 **LV 18:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.24

171 **LV 18:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.25

172 **LV 18:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.26

173 **LV 18:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.27

174 **LV 18:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.28

175 **LV 18:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.29

176 **LV 18:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.30

Literal Version

_who_take_refuge in/on/over_him/it. **32** [177] If/because who is_ _god (from)_except **YHWH** and_who is_a_rock except_except god_of_our. **33** [178] The_god who_girds_of_me strength and_ _he/it_gave blameless way_of_my. **34** [179] He_is_making feet_of_ _my like_does and_on places_of_my_high he_makes_me_stand_ _firm. **35** [180] He_is_training hands_of_my for_battle and_ arms_ _of_my _it_stretches a_bow_of bronze. **36** [181] And_you_have_ _given to_me the_shield_of your_salvation_of_your and_your_ _right_of_hand it_supports_me and_humility_of_your you_ _make_me_great. **37** [182] You_enlarge step[s]_of_my under_me and_not ankles_of_my they_slip. **38** [183] I_pursued enemies_of_ _my and_I_overtook_them and_not I_returned[184] until brought_them_to_an_end. **39** [185] I_smashed_them and_not they_were_able to_rise they_fell under feet_of_my. **40** [186] And_ _you_girded_me strength for_battle you_made_bow_down those_of_who_rose_against_me under_me. **41** [187] And_enemies_ _of_my you_gave to/for_me neck and_those_of_who_hated_me I_destroyed_them. **42** [188] They_cried_for_help and_there_was_ _not a_deliverer to **YHWH** and_not he_answered_them. **43** [189] And_I_beat_them_fine like_dust on the_face_of the_wind like_ _the_mud_of the_streets I_poured_them_out. **44** [190] You_ _delivered_me from_the_strifes_of a_people you_appointed_me to_the_head_of nations a_people which_not I_knew they_ _served_me. **45** [191] To_the_hearing_of an_ear they_became_ _obedient to_me sons_of foreignness they_cringed to_me. **46** [192] Sons_of foreignness they_withered and_they_came_trembling from_strongholds_of_their. **47** [193] Is_living **YHWH** and_be_ rock_of_my _blessed and_ the_god_of my_salvation_of_my _ _may_he_be_exalted. **48** [194] The_god who_gives vengeance(s) to_me and_he_has_subdued peoples under_me. **49** [195] He_of_is_ _delivering_me from_enemies_of_my also more_than those_of_ _who_rise_against_me you_exalt_me from_man violence you_

Readers' Version

and haven't acted wickedly towards my god.
22 I keep all his instructions in mind,
and I haven't refused to follow any of his rules.
23 I've done nothing that he could blame me for
and I've kept myself from disobeying him.
24 So Yahweh has restored me because of my obedience,
because I was innocent in his sight.
25 To the faithful, you show yourself faithful.
To the blameless, you show yourself blameless.
26 To the pure, you show yourself pure,
but you're shrewd towards anyone who's crooked,
27 because you save people who are suffering,
but you bring down those with proud, uplifted eyes.
28 You give light to my lamp.
Yahweh my god lights up my darkness.
29 With your help, I can run forward into the invaders.
With my god's assistance, I can leap over a wall.
30 As for God, his ways are perfect.
Yahweh's message has been refined.
He is a shield to everyone who goes to him to stay safe,
31 because who is God except Yahweh?
Who is a reliable place of safety except our god?
32 It is God who puts strength onto me like a belt around me—
who makes my path clear of obstacles.
33 He makes me sure-footed like a deer,
and places me in the hills.[145]
34 He trains my hands for battle,
and my arms to use a bronze bow.
35 You protect and save me with your shield.

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145 **RV 18:33 · Cross-ref.** Hab 3:19.

177 **LV 18:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.31

178 **LV 18:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.32

179 **LV 18:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.33

180 **LV 18:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.34

181 **LV 18:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.35

182 **LV 18:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.36

183 **LV 18:38 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.37

184 **LV 18:38 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

185 **LV 18:39 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.38

186 **LV 18:40 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.39

187 **LV 18:41 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.40

188 **LV 18:42 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.41

189 **LV 18:43 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.42

190 **LV 18:44 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.43

191 **LV 18:45 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.44

192 **LV 18:46 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.45

193 **LV 18:47 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.46

194 **LV 18:48 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.47

195 **LV 18:49 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.48

Readers' Version

You use your power to support me,
and your favour has made me strong.
36 You've made the path for my feet wide beneath me
so that my feet haven't slipped.
37 I chased my enemies and overtook them.
I didn't turn back until they were destroyed.
38 I smashed them so that they were unable to regroup.
They have fallen under my feet.
39 You put strength on me for battle like a belt around me.
You made my enemies bow down to me.
40 You allowed me to kill my enemies.
I annihilated those who hated me.
41 They called for help, but no rescuer came.
They called out to Yahweh, but he didn't answer them.
42 I hammered them into fine pieces like dust in the wind.
I emptied them out like mud in the streets.
43 You rescued me from people's feuds.
You've made me the head over nations.
People serve me that I never knew before.
44 As soon as they heard about me, they obeyed me.
Foreigners cower down to me.
45 The foreigners lose heart,
and came trembling out of their fortresses.
46 Yahweh lives—may my place of security be praised.
Praise the god who saved me.
47 He's the god who executes vengeance on my behalf—
who subdues the nations under me.
48 I'm set free from my enemies.
Indeed, you helped me stay ahead of those who opposed me.
You rescued me from violent men.
49 Therefore I'll give thanks to you among the nations, Yahweh,
I'll sing praises to your name.[146]
50 God gives great victory to his king,
and he shows his loyal commitment to his anointed one—
to David and to his descendants forever.

For the musical director: a song by David.

God's splendour displayed

19:1 The skies declare God's talent and splendour,
and outer space shows off his handiwork.
2 Speech pours out day after day.
Night after night it reveals knowledge.
3 There's no speech or words spoken.

Literal Version

_rescue_me. **50** [196] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_give_
_thanks_to_you among_nations Oh_**YHWH** and_to_name_of_
_your I_will_sing_praises. **51** [197] He_is_making_great[198] the_
_salvation(s)_of his_king_of_his and_he_is_doing covenant_
_loyalty to_his_of_anointed to_Dāvid and_to_offspring_of_his
until perpetuity.

19:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [200] The_heavens are_
_recounting the_glory_of god and_the_work_of his_hands_of_
_his the_firmament is_telling. **3** [201] Day to_day it_pours_forth
speech and_night to_night it_declares knowledge. **4** [202] There_
_is_not speech and_there_are_not words/messages not voice_
_of_their is_heard. **5** [203] In_all the_earth/land measuring-line_
_of_their it_has_gone_out and_at_the_end_of the_world
words/messages_of_their for_sun he_has_put a_tent in_them.

146 **RV 18:49 · Cross-ref.** Rom 15:9.
196 **LV 18:50 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.49
197 **LV 18:51 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.18.50
198 **LV 18:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: לדגמ: (x-qere) 'לִיד֫גַמ': lemma_1431 n_2.0 morph_HVhrmsa id_19F23 לִיד֫גַמ
200 **LV 19:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.1
201 **LV 19:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.2
202 **LV 19:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.3
203 **LV 19:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.4

Literal Version

6 [204] And_he is_like_a_bridegroom who_comes_forth from_ _chamber_of_his it_rejoices like_a_mighty_man to_run a_path. **7** [205] Is_from_the_end_of the_heavens forth_of_its_going and_ _circuit_of_its is_to ends_of_their and_there_is_not a_thing_ _hidden from_heat_of_its.[206] **8** [207] The_instruction_of **YHWH** is_ _perfect restoring_of (of)_life the_transcript_of **YHWH** is_ _reliable making_wise_of (of)_a_simple_person. **9** [208] The_ _precepts_of **YHWH** are_upright making_glad_of (of)_the_heart the_command_of **YHWH** is_pure enlightening_of (of)_eyes. **10** [209] The_fear_of **YHWH** is_pure enduring forever_forever the_ _judgements_of **YHWH** are_truth they_are_righteous altogether. **11** [210] (The)_desirable more_than_gold and_more_ _than_pure_gold much and_sweet more_than_honey and_the_ _honey_of honeycombs. **12** [211] Also servant_of_your is_warned (is)_in_them is_in_keeping_them consequence great. **13** [212] Errors who will_he_discern from_hidden_sins acquit_me. **14** [213] Also from_presumptuous_sins keep_back servant_of_your not may_they_rule over_me then I_will_be_blameless and_I_will_ _be_acquitted from_transgression great. **15** [214] Let_them_be for_acceptance the_words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my and_ _the_meditation_of my_heart_of_my to_your_face Oh_**YHWH** rock_of_my and_redeemer_of_my.

20:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [215] May_he_answer_you **YHWH** in/on_day trouble may_it_set_you_on_high the_name_ _of the_god_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob). **3** [216] May_he_send help_of_ _your from_the_sanctuary and_from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) may_he_

Readers' Version

No voice can be heard
4 yet their words go out over all the earth,
and their speech to the end of the world.[199]
He's placed the sun in its home in the sky.
5 The sun is like a bridegroom coming out of his room.
It's like a strong man who's glad when he can run along his path.
6 The sun rises from side of our view
and crosses the sky to the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.
7 Yahweh's instructions are perfect, restoring our motivation.
Yahweh's testimony is reliable, making simple people wise.
8 Yahweh's instructions are right, bringing inner fulfillment.
Yahweh's commands are pure, bringing light to the eyes.
9 Respect for Yahweh is pure, enduring forever.
Yahweh's rules are correct and always right.
10 They're more valuable than gold, even fine gold.
They're sweeter than honey, even the honey that drips from the honeycomb.
11 Yes, your servant is warned by Yahweh's rules.
A worthwhile reward comes from obeying them.
12 Who can discern all their own errors?
Cleanse me from hidden faults.
13 Also, keep your servant from willful sins—
don't let them not rule over me.
Then I'll be perfect,
and I will be innocent of terrible disobedience.
14 Let the words from my mouth
and even my inner thoughts
be acceptable in your sight, Yahweh—
the secure place that I can run to,
and the one who paid for my release from slavery.

A prayer for victory

For the musical director: a song by David.
20:1 May Yahweh help you whenever trouble comes.

199 **RV 19:4 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:18.
204 **LV 19:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.5
205 **LV 19:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.6
206 **LV 19:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
207 **LV 19:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.7
208 **LV 19:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.8
209 **LV 19:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.9
210 **LV 19:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.10
211 **LV 19:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.11
212 **LV 19:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.12
213 **LV 19:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.13
214 **LV 19:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.19.14
215 **LV 20:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.1
216 **LV 20:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.2

Readers' Version

Then may Ya'akov's (Jacob's) God protect you
2 and send help from his sanctuary,
to support you from Tsiyon (Zion).
3 May he call to mind all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice. (Instrumental break.)
4 May he give you your desires that you've thought about the most,
and make all the plans that you've hoped for come to pass.
5 Then we will celebrate your victory,
and we'll raise banners in the name of our god.
May Yahweh grant all your requests.
6 Now I know that Yahweh will rescue his anointed one.
He will answer him from his sacred heaven
and use all his strength to save him.
7 Various leaders trust in various different military units,
but we will put our trust in our god Yahweh.
8 They will stumble and fall,
but we will be strong and stand firm.
9 Yahweh, rescue the king.
Answer us when we call for help.

For the musical director: a song by David.

Praise for victory

21:1 The king's glad about your strength, Yahweh.
He's very happy about the salvation you provide.
2 You've given him what he really wanted,
and haven't held back from answering his requests. (Instrumental break.)
3 You went to meet him with blessings of good things.
You placed a crown of purest gold on his head.
4 He asked you for life and you gave it to him.
You extended his life and gave him an eternal dynasty.
5 He receives great respect because of your victory.
You've given him splendour and majesty.

Literal Version

_support_you. **4** [217] May_he_remember all_of offerings_of_your and_your_burnt_of_offering may_he_accept Ṣelāh. **5** [218] May_ _he_give to/for_yourself(m) according_to_of_your_heart and_ _all plan_of_your may_he_fulfill. **6** [219] We_will_shout_for_joy at_ _victory_of_your and_in_the_name_of our_god_of_our we_will_ _raise_a_banner **YHWH** may_he_fulfill all_of requests_of_your. **7** [220] Now I_know if/because_that he_delivers **YHWH** his_of_ _anointed he_answers_him from_the_heavens_of his_holiness_ _of_his with_(the)_mighty_deeds_of (the)_salvation_of his_ _right_hand_of_his. **8** [221] These (in)_chariotry and_these (in)_ _horses and_we in/on_name_of **YHWH** god_of_our we_bring_ _to_remembrance. **9** [222] They they_bow_down and_they_fall and_we we_arise and_we_have_helped_one_another_up. **10** [223] Oh_**YHWH** save the_king may_he_answer_us on_the_day_of we_ _call_out.

21:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [224] Oh_**YHWH** in_ _strength_of_your the_king he_rejoices and_in_deliverance_of_ _your how he_exults[225][226] exceedingly. **3** [227] The_desire_of his/its_heart you_have_given for_him/it and_the_request_of his_lips_of_his not you_have_withheld Ṣelāh. **4** [228] If/because you_meet_him blessings_of good_thing[s] you_set to_head_of_ _his a_crown_of pure_gold. **5** [229] Life he_asked from_you you_ _gave_it for_him/it length_of days forever and_ever. **6** [230] Is_ _great[231] honour_of_his by_victory_of_your splendour and_ _majesty you_place on/upon/above_him/it. **7** [232] If/because you_give_him blessings forever_eternity you_make_him_rejoice with_gladness with presence_of_your. **8** [233] If/because the_king is_trusting in_**YHWH** and_in_the_covenant_loyalty_of the_ _Most_High not he_will_be_shaken. **9** [234] Hand_of_your it_will_ _find to/from_all/each/any/every enemies_of_your hand_of_

217 **LV 20:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.3
218 **LV 20:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.4
219 **LV 20:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.5
220 **LV 20:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.6
221 **LV 20:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.7
222 **LV 20:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.8
223 **LV 20:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.20.9
224 **LV 21:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.1
225 **LV 21:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לִינִי**: (x-qere) 'לֶגֶ': lemma_1523 morph_HVqi3ms id_19vBq **לֶגֶ**
226 **LV 21:2 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
227 **LV 21:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.2
228 **LV 21:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.3
229 **LV 21:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.4
230 **LV 21:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.5
231 **LV 21:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
232 **LV 21:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.6
233 **LV 21:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.7
234 **LV 21:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.8

Literal Version

_your_right it_will_find those_of_who_hate_you. **10** [235] You_ _will_make_them like_a_furnace_of fire to_the_time_of your(pl)_presence_of_your **YHWH** in_anger_of_his he_will_ _swallow_them_up and_it_will_consume_them fire. **11** [236] Descendant[s]_of_their from_the_earth you_will_destroy and_ _offspring_of_their from_(the)_sons humankind. **12** [237] If/because they_have_extended on_you harm they_have_ _planned a_scheme not they_will_succeed. **13** [238] If/because you_will_make_them a_shoulder on_bowstrings_of_your you_ _will_prepare on faces_of_their. **14** [239] Rise_up Oh_**YHWH** in_ _strength_of_your we_will_sing and_we_will_sing_praises might_of_your.

22:1 To_choirmaster on the_doe_of the_dawn a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [246] My_god_of_my god_of_my why have_you_abandoned_me are_far from_deliverance_of_my the_words/messages_of my_ _cry_of_distress_of_my. **3** [247] My_god_of_my I_call_out by_ _day[248] and_not you_answer and_night and_not silence to_me. **4** [249] And_you(ms) are_holy sitting_of the_praises_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** [250] In_you ancestors_of_our they_trusted they_trusted and_you_delivered_them. **6** [251] To_you they_cried_ _out and_they_were_delivered in_you they_trusted and_not they_were_ashamed. **7** [252] And_I am_a_worm and_not a_man a_ _reproach_of humankind and_despised_of a_people. **8** [253] All_of those_of_who_see_me they_mock to_me they_make_a_ _separation with_a_lip they_shake a_head. **9** [254] Roll to **YHWH** let_him_rescue_him let_him_deliver_him if/because he_ _delights in/on/over_him/it. **10** [255] If/because you were_ _drawing_of_me_forth from_the_belly you_of_were_making_ _me_trust on the_breasts_of my_mother_of_my. **11** [256] On_you

Readers' Version

6 When you grant him lasting blessings,
you make him glad with the excitement of your presence.
7 The king trusts in Yahweh.
He won't waver as he experiences the loyal commitment of the highest one.
8 Your energy will find all your enemies.
Your strength will reach as far as those who hate you.
9 When you get angry, you'll burn them up like in a flaming furnace.
Yahweh will consume them in his fury, and the fire will devour them.
10 You'll destroy their offspring from the earth
and their descendants from among humankind
11 because they intended to do evil against you.
They conceived a plot, but they won't succeed
12 because you will turn them back.
You'll draw your bow in front of them.
13 Yahweh, show us your strength and we'll praise you.
We'll sing, and praise your power.

A cry of pain then a praise song

For the musical director: a song by David to the tune 'The doe of the dawn'.
22:1 My god, my god, why have you abandoned me?[240]
Why are you so far from saving me
and far from my plea for help?
2 My god, I call out in the daytime for help, but you don't answer me,
and at night I'm not silent either.
3 Yet you are sinless—
accepting Yisrael's (Israel's) praises.
4 Our ancestors trusted in you.
They trusted in you, and you rescued them.
5 They called out to you for help and they were rescued.
They trusted in you and were not disappointed.
6 But I'm a worm and not a man—

235 **LV 21:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.9
236 **LV 21:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.10
237 **LV 21:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.11
238 **LV 21:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.12
239 **LV 21:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.21.13
240 **RV 22:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:46; Mrk 15:34.
246 **LV 22:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.1
247 **LV 22:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.2
248 **LV 22:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
249 **LV 22:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.3
250 **LV 22:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.4
251 **LV 22:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.5
252 **LV 22:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.6
253 **LV 22:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.7
254 **LV 22:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.8
255 **LV 22:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.9
256 **LV 22:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.10

Readers' Version

a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.
7 Everyone who sees me, taunts me.
They make faces at me.
They shake their heads at me.[241]
8 Go to Yahweh—he'll save him.
He'll rescue him because he likes him.[242]
9 You brought me out from the womb.
You made me trust you when I was at my mother's breasts.
10 I was forced to be dependant on you since birth.
You are my god since I was in my mother's womb.
11 Don't distance yourself from me, because trouble is near.
There's no one else who can help.
12 Many enemies surround me like angry bulls.
Strong bulls from Bashan have surrounded me.
13 They open their mouths wide against me
like a roaring lion tearing its victim apart.
14 I am being poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart is like wax—it melts away within my chest.
15 My strength has dried up like a piece of fired clay.
My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
You're about to let me die and return to dust
16 because dogs have surrounded me.
A band of evil men has encircled me.
They've pierced my hands and my feet.[243]
17 I can count all my bones.
They stand looking, and stare at me.
18 They divide my clothes up among themselves,
They cast lots for my garments.[244]
19 Yahweh, don't just stand at a distance.

Literal Version

I_was_throw from_the_womb from_the_belly_of my_mother_ _of_my been_my_god_of_have you. **12** [257] Do_not be_far from_ _me if/because trouble is_near if/because there_is_not a_ _helper. **13** [258] They_have_surrounded_me bulls many mighty_ _bulls_of Bāshān they_have_surrounded_me. **14** [259] They_have_ _opened on_me mouth_of_their a_lion tearing and_roaring. **15** [260] Like_water I_have_been_poured_out and_ all_of bones_of_ _my _they_have_become_dislocated heart_of_my it_has_ _become like_wax it_has_melted in_the_middle my_inward_ _parts_of_my. **16** [261] It_has_dried_up like_earthenware strength_of_my and_tongue_of_my[262] has_been_made_to_ _cling_to jaws_of_my and_to_the_dust_of death you_put_me. **17** [263] If/because they_have_surrounded_me dogs a_company_ _of evil-doers they_have_encircled_me like_lion hands_of_my and_feet_of_my. **18** [264] I_count all_of bones_of_my they they_ _look they_look on_me. **19** [265] They_distribute clothes_of_my to/for_them and_on clothing_of_my they_throw a_lot. **20** [266] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** do_not be_distant my_strength_of_my to_help_of_my make_haste. **21** [267] Deliver from_the_sword life_ _of_my from_the_hand_of a_dog my_only_of_life. **22** [268] Save_ _me from_the_mouth_of a_lion and_from_the_horns_of wild_ _oxen you_have_answered_me. **23** [269] I_will_recount name_of_ _your to_brothers_of_my in_the_middle the_assembly I_will_ _praise_you. **24** [270] Oh_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** praise_him Oh_all_of the_offspring_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) honour_him and_ _be_afraid from_him/it Oh_all_of the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** [271] If/because not he_has_despised and_not he_has_detested the_affliction_of an_afflicted_person and_not he_has_hidden his/its_faces/face from_him/it and_when_he_ _cried_for_help to_him/it he_heard. **26** [272] Is_from_with_you praise_of_my in_the_assembly great vows_of_my I_will_pay before those_fearing_of_him. **27** [273] Humble_people they_will_ _eat and_they_will_be_satisfied those_of_who_seek_him they_

241 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:39; Mrk 15:29; Luk 23:35.
242 **RV 22:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:43.
243 **RV 22:16 · Note** In this last line, we're following the ancient Septuagint translation rather than the difficult-to-understand Hebrew text.
244 **RV 22:18 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:35; Mrk 15:24; Luk 23:34; Yhn 19:24.
257 **LV 22:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.11
258 **LV 22:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.12
259 **LV 22:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.13
260 **LV 22:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.14
261 **LV 22:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.15
262 **LV 22:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
263 **LV 22:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.16
264 **LV 22:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.17
265 **LV 22:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.18
266 **LV 22:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.19
267 **LV 22:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.20
268 **LV 22:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.21
269 **LV 22:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.22
270 **LV 22:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.23
271 **LV 22:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.24
272 **LV 22:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.25
273 **LV 22:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.26

Literal Version

_will_praise **YHWH** heart_of_your(pl) may_it_live forever_
_forever. **28** [274] They_will_remember and_they_will_turn to
YHWH all_of the_ends_of the_earth and_they_will_bow_down
to_your_face all_of the_clans_of the_nations. **29** [275] If/because
to/for_**YHWH** the_royalty and_he_is_ruling over_nations. **30** [276]
They_have_eaten and_they_have_bowed_down[277] all_of the_
_fat_people_of the_earth before_him all_of those_who_go_
_down_of dust they_will_bow_down and_one_of_who_his_life
not he_has_preserved_alive. **31** [278] Offspring it_will_serve_him
it_will_be_recounted of_the_of_master to_generation. **32** [279]
They_will_come and_they_will_declare righteousness_of_his
to_a_people about_to_be_born if/because_that he_has_acted.

23:1 A_song of_Dāvid[280] **YHWH** is_my_of_shepherd not I_lack.
2 In_pastures_of fresh_grass he_makes_me_lie_down at waters_
_of rest(s) he_leads_me. **3** Self_of_my he_restores he_guides_me
in_tracks_of righteousness for_the_sake_of his/its_name. **4** Also
if/because I_will_go in_a_valley_of deep_darkness not I_will_
_fear harm if/because you with_me rod_of_your and_staff_of_
_your they they_comfort_me. **5** You_arrange to/for_my_
_face/front a_table before foes_of_my you_have_refreshed
with_oil my_head cup_of_my is_saturation. **6** Surely good and_
_covenant_loyalty they_will_pursue_me all_of the_days_of my_

Readers' Version

Please hurry to help me, my strength.
20 Save my life from the sword—
my very existence from the clutch of wild dogs.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth.
Rescue me from the horns of the wild bulls.
22 I'll promote your name among my brothers.
I'll praise you in front of all the assembled people.[245]
23 You all who fear Yahweh, praise him.
All you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob), honour him.
Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Yisrael (Israel),
24 because he hasn't despised or detested the suffering of the one who's going through it.
Yahweh hasn't hidden away from him.
When the suffering one called out to him, he heard.
25 You're the reason that I offer praise when all the people gather.
I'll fulfill my vows publicly in front of those who fear him.
26 The oppressed people will eat and be satisfied.
Those who are interested in Yahweh will praise him.
May you all live forever.
27 Peoples from each end of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh.
All the families of the nations will bow down before you,
28 because Yahweh is the king
and rules over the nations.
29 All the prosperous people in the world will celebrate and worship him.
All mortal people will bow before him—those who can't extend their own lives.
30 Our future offspring will serve him.
They'll tell the next generation about the master.
31 They will come and tell about his righteousness.
They'll tell what he's done to people not yet born.
A song by David.

Protected and blessed by the shepherd

23:1 Yahweh is my shepherd
so I won't lack anything.
2 He lies me down in paddocks of fresh grass.
He leads me beside a peaceful stream.
3 He refreshes my inner being.
He guides me along paths of obedience so that he'll be honoured.
4 Even when I walk through a valley in deep darkness,

245 **RV 22:22 · Cross-ref.** Heb 2:12.
274 **LV 22:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.27
275 **LV 22:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.28
276 **LV 22:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.29
277 **LV 22:30 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
278 **LV 22:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.30
279 **LV 22:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.22.31
280 **LV 23:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.23.1

Readers' Version

I won't be afraid of being harmed.
Your rod and staff will protect and comfort me.
5 You prepare a meal for me while my enemies watch.
You give me olive oil to soothe my head.
I have so many blessings.
6 I'm certain that your goodness and your mercy will pursue me for my whole life,
and then I'll live in Yahweh's house forever.

God the powerful King

A song by David.
24:1 The earth and all its content belong to Yahweh—
the world, and everything that lives in it,
2 because he founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
3 Who will ascend Yahweh's mountain?
Who will stand in his sacred place?
4 The one with clean hands and a pure heart,
who hasn't falsely declared to be following me,
and hasn't made a promise in order to deceive others.
5 He'll receive a blessing from Yahweh
and he God of his salvation will declare him innocent.
6 Such is the generation of those who try to discover him—
those who want to imitate Ya'akov (Jacob). (Instrumental break.)
7 Look up, you gates.
Open up, everlasting doors,
so that the incredible king can come in.
8 Who's that incredible king?
Yahweh, strong and powerful.
Yahweh, victorious in battle.
9 Look up, you gates.
Open up, everlasting doors,
so that the incredible king can come in.
10 Who's that incredible king?
Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
He's that incredible king. (Instrumental break.)

The praying so that get to teach

A song by David.
א (Alef)
25:1 I offer my life to you, Yahweh.
ב (Beyt)
2 My god, I trust in you.
Don't let me be humiliated.
Don't let my enemies defeat me and then celebrate.
ג (Gimel)
3 Don't let anyone be disgraced because they'd put their trust in you.

Literal Version

_life_of_my and_I_will_return in_house_of **YHWH** for_length_of days.

24:1 Of_Dāvid a_song[281] to/for_**YHWH** the_earth/land and_ _what_of_fills_it the_world and_those_who_dwell_of in_it. **2** If/because he[282] on the_seas he_founded_it and_on the_rivers he_established_it. **3** Who will_he_go_up on_the_mountain_of **YHWH** and_who will_he_stand in_the_place_of his_holiness_of_ _his. **4** A_person_innocent_of palms and_a_person_pure_of heart who not he_has_lifted_up to_falsehood desire_of_my and_not he_has_sworn_an_oath to_deceit. **5** He_will_lift_up blessing from_with **YHWH** and_righteousness from_the_god_of his_salvation_of_his. **6** This is_the_generation_of those_who_ _seek_him[283] those_who_seek_of face_of_(of)_your Oh_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) Ṣelāh. **7** Lift_up Oh_gates heads_of_your(pl) and_be_lifted_up Oh_doors_of antiquity so_ the_king_of (the)_ _glory _that_he_may_come. **8** Who this is_the_king_of (the)_ _glory **YHWH** strong and_mighty **YHWH** mighty_of battle. **9** Lift_up Oh_gates heads_of_your(pl) and_lift_up Oh_doors_of antiquity so_ the_king_of (the)_glory _that_he_may_come. **10** Who that this is_the_king_of (the)_glory **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he is_the_king_of (the)_glory Ṣelāh.

25:1 Of_Dāvid[284] to_you Oh_**YHWH** desire_of_my I_lift_up. **2** My_ _god_of_my in_you I_trust not let_me_be_ashamed not enemies_of_my may_they_exult to_me. **3** Also all_of those_of_ _who_wait_for_you not they_will_be_ashamed those_who_act_ _treacherously without_cause they_will_be_ashamed. **4** ways_ _of_your Oh_**YHWH** make_known_to_me paths_of_your[285] teach_me. **5** Lead_me in_truth_of_your and_teach_me if/because you are_the_god_of my_salvation_of_my you I_have_ _waited_for all_of the_day. **6** Remember compassion(s)_of_your Oh_**YHWH** and_your(pl)_covenant_of_loyalti(es) if/because from_long_ago/eternity they. **7** The_sins_of my_youth(s)_of_my and_transgressions_of_my do_not remember according_to_of_

281 **LV 24:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.24.1

282 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

283 **LV 24:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: שרד/ו: (x-qere) יִשְׁרֹ֣ד/ו': lemma_1875 n_1 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp3ms id_195e6 יִשְׁרֹ֣ד/ו

284 **LV 25:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.25.1

285 **LV 25:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_your_covenant_loyalty remember to_me you on_account_of goodness_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. **8** Is_good and_upright **YHWH** therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_teaches sinners (in)_way. **9** He_leads humble_people in_justice and_he_teaches humble_ _people its_road/course. **10** All_of the_paths_of **YHWH** are_ _covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness to_those_who_keep_of covenant_of_(of)_his and_testimonies_of_his. **11** For_the_sake_ _of name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** (and)_you_will_forgive (to)_ _iniquity_of_my if/because is_great it. **12** Who this the_man (the)_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** he_teaches_him (in)_the_way which_he_will_choose. **13** Self_of_his in_good it_will_remain and_offspring_of_his it_will_possess the_land. **14** The_counsel_ _of **YHWH** belongs_to_those_fearing_of_him and_covenant_of_ _his to_make_known_to_them. **15** Eyes_of_my continually are_ _to **YHWH** if/because he he_will_bring_out from_the_net feet_ _of_my. **16** Turn to_me and_show_favour_to_me if/because am_ _solitary and_afflicted I. **17** The_distresses_of my_heart_of_my they_have_made_wide from_troubles_of_my deliver_me. **18** Consider affliction_of_my and_trouble_of_my and_forgive to/from_all/each/any/every sins_of_my. **19** Consider enemies_ _of_my if/because_that they_have_become_many and_hatred_ _of violence they_have_hated_me. **20** Preserve life_of_my and_ _deliver_me not let_me_be_put_to_shame if/because I_have_ _taken_refuge in_you. **21** Integrity and_uprightness may_they_ _preserve_me if/because I_have_waited_for_you. **22** Redeem Oh_god ~~DOM~~ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_all troubles_of_its.[286]

Readers' Version

On the other hand, may those who act treacherously without cause be ashamed.

ד (Dalet)

4 Make your ways known to me, Yahweh.
Teach me your paths.

ה (He)

5 Guide me into your truth and teach me,
because you're the god who saves me.
I wait all day long to experience your presence.

ו (Vav)

6 Call your acts of compassion and loyal commitment to mind, Yahweh,
because they've always existed.

ז (Zayin)

7 Don't think about my youthful disobedience or my rebelliousness.
Call me to mind with loyal commitment because of your goodness, Yahweh.

ח (Het)

8 Yahweh is both honest and good,
therefore he teaches sinners the way.

ט (Tet)

9 He guides the humble in what is right
and he teaches them his way.

י (Yod)

10 All Yahweh's ways are loyal commitment and faithfulness
to those who keep his agreement and his solemn commands.

כ (Kaf)

11 For the sake of your reputation, Yahweh,
forgive my disobedience because it's pretty bad.

ל (Lamed)

12 Who are those who respect Yahweh?
The master will instruct them in the path that they should choose.

מ (Mem)

13 They'll enjoy a life of goodness,
and their descendants will live peacefully in the land.

נ (Nun)

14 Yahweh's friendship is for those who respect him,
and he makes his promises known to them.

ס (Samek)

15 My eyes are always on Yahweh,
because he'll untangle my feet from the net.

ע (Ayin)

16 Turn towards me and have mercy on me,
because I'm alone and suffering.

פ (Pe)

17 My worries keep increasing—
rescue me from my distress.

צ (Tsade)

286 LV 25:22 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

18 Take note of my suffering and troubles.
Forgive all my sins.
ק (Qof)
19 Look at my enemies because there's so many of them.
They hate me with cruel hatred.
ר (Resh)
20 Protect my life and rescue me.
Don't let me be humiliated, because I always take refuge in you.
ש (Sin/Shin)
21 May integrity and godliness preserve me,
because I wait for you to help me.
ת (Tav)
22 Rescue Yisrael (Israel), God,
from all its troubles.

A prayer of a godly person

A song by David.
26:1 Declare me innocent, Yahweh, because I have walked with integrity.
I've trusted in Yahweh without wavering.
2 Examine me, Yahweh, and test me.
Check out my mind and my motives.
3 I keep my eyes on your loyal commitment,
and I walk about in your faithfulness.
4 I don't associate with deceitful people,
or with those who are dishonest.
5 I avoid the gatherings of evildoers,
and I don't meet with the wicked.
6 I wash my hands in innocence,
and I go around your altar, Yahweh,
7 to sing a praise song
and to tell about all the wonderful things you've done.
8 Yahweh, I love the house where you live,
the place where your power and splendour is continually displayed.
9 Don't remove me along with sinners,
or my life with people blood on their hands—
10 people who are plotting wickedness,
and whose pockets are full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I'll walk with integrity.
Release me from my slavery and have mercy on me.
12 My feet stand on level ground.
I will bless Yahweh at our gatherings.

A prayer of praise

A song by David.
27:1 Yahweh is my light and the one who saves me—why should I be afraid of anyone?
Yahweh is where my life is safe—why should I be worrying?
2 When evil people approached me to wear me down,
those adversaries and enemies stumbled and fell.

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26:1 Of_Dāvid[287] vindicate_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because I in_
_integrity_of_my I_have_walked and_in_**YHWH** I_have_trusted
not I_will_slip. **2** Test_me Oh_**YHWH** and_put_me_to_the_test
mmm[288] kidneys_of_my and_heart_of_my. **3** If/because loyalty_
_of_your_covenant is_to_before eyes_of_my and_I_walk_about
in_faithfulness_of_your. **4** Not I_sit with men_of falsehood and_
_with those_who_conceal_themselves not I_go. **5** I_hate the_
_assembly_of evil-doers and_with wicked_people not I_sit. **6** I_
_wash in_innocence palms_of_my and_I_go_around ~~DOM~~ altar_
_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. **7** To_make_heard (in)_a_sound_of
thanksgiving and_to_recount all_of wonders_of_your. **8** Oh_
_**YHWH** I_love the_habitation_of your_house_of_your and_the_
_place_of the_dwelling_of your_glory_of_your. **9** Do_not remove
with sinners life_of_my and_with people_of blood(s) life_of_my.
10 Who is_in_hands_of_their wickedness and_their_right_of_
_hand it_is_full a_bribe. **11** And_I in_integrity_of_my I_will_walk
redeem_me and_show_favour_to_me. **12** Foot_of_my it_has_
_stood on_level_ground in_assemblies I_will_bless **YHWH**.

27:1 Of_Dāvid[289] **YHWH** light_of_is_my and_salvation_of_my
from_whom will_I_be_afraid **YHWH** is_the_refuge_of my_life_
_of_my from_whom will_I_be_in_dread. **2** When_drew_near on_
_me evil-doers to_devour ~~DOM~~ flesh_of_my foes_of_my and_
_enemies_of_my to_me they they_stumbled and_they_fell.
3 Though it_will_encamp on_me a_camp not heart_of_my it_
_will_fear though it_will_arise on_me warfare in_this I will_be_

287 LV 26:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.26.1

288 LV 26:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **ה/פורצ**: (x-qere) **'ה/פָּרָצ'**: lemma_6884 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_196Zy **ה/פָּרָצ**

289 LV 27:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.27.1

Literal Version

_trusting. **4** one_thing I_have_asked from_with **YHWH** it I_will_ _seek I_to_dwell in_house_of **YHWH** all_of the_days_of my_life_ _of_my to_look on_the_kindness_of **YHWH** and_to_contemplate in_temple_of_his. **5** If/because he_will_conceal_me in_refuge_ _of_his in/on_day trouble he_will_hide_me in_the_hiding_ _place_of his_tent_of_his on_a_rock he_will_raise_me_up. **6** And_now my_head it_will_rise above enemies_of_my around_ _of_me and_I_will_sacrifice in_tent_of_his sacrifices_of a_shout_ _of_joy I_will_sing and_I_will_sing_praises to/for_**YHWH**. **7** Hear Oh_**YHWH** my_sound/voice I_call_out and_show_ _favour_to_me and_answer_me. **8** To/for_yourself(m) heart_of_ _my it_has_said seek face_of_my ~~DOM~~ face_of_your Oh_**YHWH** I_ _will_seek. **9** Do_not hide face_of_your from_me do_not turn_ _aside in_anger servant_of_your help_of_my you_have_been do_not abandon_me and_do_not abandon_me Oh_god_of my_ _salvation_of_my. **10** If/because father_of_my and_mother_of_ _my they_have_abandoned_me and_**YHWH** he_will_receive_me. **11** Teach_me Oh_**YHWH** way_of_your and_lead_me in_a_path_ _of level_ground on_account_of enemies_of_my. **12** Do_not give_me in_the_desire_of my_foes_of_my if/because they_have_ _arisen on_me witnesses_of falsehood and_a_witness_of violence. **13** If_not[290] I_had_believed to_see on_the_goodness_of **YHWH** in_land living_people. **14** Wait to **YHWH** be_strong and_ heart_of_your _let_it_show_strength and_wait to **YHWH**.

28:1 Of_Dāvid[291] to_you Oh_**YHWH** I_call_out my_rock_of_my do_not be_deaf from_me lest you_should_be_silent from_me and_I_will_be_equal with those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **2** Hear the_sound_of my_supplications_of_my when_I_cry_for_ _help to_you when_I_lift_up hands_of_my to the_innermost_ _room_of your_holiness_of_your. **3** Do_not drag_me_away with wicked_people and_with those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness who_speak_of (of)_peace with neighbours_of_their and_evil is_ _in_heart_of_their. **4** Requite to/for_them according_to_of_ _their_work and_according_to_the_wickedness_of their_deeds_ _of_their according_to_the_work_of their_hands_of_their requite to/for_them repay recompense_of_their to/for_them. **5** If/because not they_consider (to) the_deeds_of **YHWH** and_ _near/to the_work_of his_hands_of_his he_will_tear_them_ _down and_not he_will_rebuild_them. **6** **YHWH** be_blessed

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3 Even when I'm surrounded by an enemy army, I won't be scared.
Although war breaks out against me, even then I'll remain confident.
4 There's one thing that I've Yahweh and that I'll aim for:
that I'll be able to stay in the house of Yahweh as long as I live.
to see Yahweh's beauty and to meditate in his temple.
5 He'll hide me in his shelter when trouble comes—
He'll conceal me under the cover of his tent .
He'll lift me high to a safe place up on a rock.
6 Then I'll be helped to achieve victory over my enemies all around me,
and I will offer celebratory sacrifices in his tent.
I'll make music and sing to Yahweh.
7 Yahweh, listen to me when I call out for help.
Have mercy on me, and answer me.
8 My gut feelings tell me that I should follow you,
so I'll strive to relate to you, Yahweh.
9 Don't stay away from me.
Don't turn your servant away in anger.
You've been my helper.
Don't leave or abandon me, God who saves me.
10 Even if my parents were to abandon me,
Yahweh would take me in.
11 Teach me your way, Yahweh.
Lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
12 Don't let my enemies do what they want to me,
because fraudulent cases have been brought against me,
and those people thrive on violence.
13 What would've happened to me
if I hadn't believed that I would see Yahweh's goodness in the land of the living?
14 Keep expecting Yahweh to act.
Be strong and courageous. Wait for Yahweh.

A song by David. **Prayer of requesting**

28:1 Yahweh, I call out to you for help, my rock of safety.
Don't refuse to hear me
because if you're silent, I'll soon be with those who are heading down to their graves.
2 Hear my pleading when I call for help from you—
when I raise my hands toward your most sacred room.
3 Don't drag me away along with the wicked—those who do evil things,
who talk about peace with their neighbours but have evil plans in their minds.
4 Give them what their actions deserve
and repay them what their wickedness demands.

290 **LV 27:13 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

291 **LV 28:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.28.1

Readers' Version

Repay them what they've done
and give them what they deserve.
5 Because they don't understand what Yahweh does,
he'll tear them down and never rebuild them.
6 Blessed be Yahweh
because he's heard my requests.
7 Yahweh makes me strong and protects me like a shield.
I trust in him, and he helps me.
That's why I'm so happy inside,
and I'll praise him by singing.
8 Yahweh gives strength to his people,
and he is the place of safety for his anointed one.
9 Rescue your people
and bless your inheritance.
Be their shepherd and carry them always.

A praise song by David.

The incredible power of God's voice

29:1 Acknowledge Yahweh you sons of the mighty one,
acknowledge that greatness and power are his alone.
2 Honour the authority of Yahweh,
worship him in his pure beauty.
3 The voice of Yahweh commands the oceans,
his power thunders over many waters.
4 Yahweh's voice is so powerful,
his voice sounds so majestic.
5 Yahweh's voice splits huge trees,
it shatters the cedar trees in Levanon.
6 He makes them skip around like a calf,
Levanon and Siryon acting like a wild, young bull.
7 Yahweh's voice produces flames of fire.
8 Yahweh's voice makes the land shake,
he shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 Yahweh's voice makes the deer give birth in fright,
it strips the leaves from the trees,
while all the people in his temple praise him.
10 Yahweh sits on his throne conquering the flood,
he reigns forever from his seat as king.
11 Yahweh gives strength to his people,
he grants tranquil peace to his own.

A song by David for the temple dedication.

Thanking Yahweh after sickness

30:1 I'll praise you, Yahweh, because you've helped me succeed
and haven't allowed my enemies to take advantage of me.
2 Yahweh my god, I called out to you for help,

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if/because he_has_heard the_sound_of my_supplications_of_
_my. **7** **YHWH** strength_of_is_my and_shield_of_my in/on/over_
_him/it heart_of_my it_has_trusted and_I_was_helped and_
heart_of_my _it_exulted and_from_song_of_my I_will_give_
_thanks_to_him. **8** **YHWH** is_strength their and_is_the_refuge_
_of the_salvation(s)_of his_anointed he. **9** Save ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ people_of_
_your and_bless ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ inheritance_of_your and_shepherd_them
and_carry_them until (the)_perpetuity.

29:1 A_song of_Dāvid[292] ascribe to/for_**YHWH** Oh_sons_of gods
ascribe to/for_**YHWH** glory and_strength. **2** Ascribe to/for_
_**YHWH** the_glory_of his/its_name bow_down to/for_**YHWH**
in_adornment_of holiness. **3** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_over the_
_waters the_god_of (the)_glory he_thunders **YHWH** is_over
waters many. **4** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_with_strength the_
_voice_of **YHWH** is_with_majesty. **5** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_
breaking cedars and **YHWH** _he_broke_in_pieces ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_
_cedars_of (the)_Lə✓ānōn. **6** And_he_made_them_leap_about
like a_calf Lə✓ānōn and_Shiryōn like a_young_one_of wild_
_oxen. **7** The_voice_of **YHWH** is_striking flames_of fire. **8** The_
_voice_of **YHWH** it_causes_to_tremble the_wilderness **YHWH**
he_causes_to_tremble the_wilderness_of Qādēsh. **9** The_voice_
_of **YHWH** it_causes_labour_pains_to does and_it_stripped_bare
forests and_in_temple_of_his of_it_of_all is_saying glory.
10 **YHWH** to_flood he_sat and_ **YHWH** _he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived king forever_perpetuity. **11** **YHWH**
strength[293] to_people_of_his he_will_give **YHWH** he_will_bless
~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ people_of_his with_peace.

30:1 A_song the_song_of the_dedication_of the_house of_Dāvid.
2 [294] I_will_exalt_you Oh_**YHWH** if/because you_have_drawn_
_me_up and_not you_have_allowed_to_rejoice enemies_of_my
to_me. **3** [295] Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my I_cried_for_help to_you and_
_you_healed_me. **4** [296] Oh_**YHWH** you_brought_up from Shə'ōl
life_of_my you_preserved_me_alive mmm[297] (of)_the_pit. **5** [298]

292 **LV 29:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.29.1
293 **LV 29:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
294 **LV 30:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.2
295 **LV 30:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.3
296 **LV 30:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.4
297 **LV 30:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ירדוי/מ: (x-qere) יְרָדָיִ֑/מ: lemma_m/3381 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp1cs id_192Bh יְרָדָיִ֑/מ
298 **LV 30:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.30.4

Literal Version

Sing_praises to/for_**YHWH** Oh_of_his_faithful_people and_
_give_thanks to_the_remembrance_of his_holiness_of_his. **6** [299]
If/because a_moment is_in_anger_of_his life is_in_favour_of_his
in_evening weeping it_passes_the_night and_belongs_to_
_morning a_shout_of_joy. **7** [300] And_I I_said in_prosperity_of_
_my not I_will_be_shaken forever_perpetuity. **8** [301] Oh_**YHWH**
in_favour_of_your you_made_stand to_mountain_of_my
strength you_hid face_of_your I_was disturbed. **9** [302] To_you
Oh_**YHWH** I_called_out and_near/to my_master I_sought_
_favour. **10** [303] What is_the_profit in_blood_of_my in_my_going_
_down to the_pit will_it_give_thanks_to_you dust will_it_
_declare faithfulness_of_your. **11** [304] Hear Oh_**YHWH** and_show_
_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH**[305] be a_helper to_me. **12** [306] You_
_turned wailing_of_my into_dancing to_me you_loosened
sackcloth_of_my and_you_girded_me joy. **13** [307] So_that it_may_
_sing_praises_to_you honour and_not it_may_be_silent Oh_
_**YHWH** god_of_my forever_perpetuity I_will_give_thanks_to_
_you.

31:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [308] In_you Oh_**YHWH** I_
_have_taken_refuge not let_me_be_ashamed forever_perpetuity
in_righteousness_of_your deliver_me. **3** [309] Incline to_me ear_
_of_your quickly deliver_me become to_me (into)_a_rock_of
refuge (into)_a_house_of strongholds to_save_me. **4** [310]
If/because rock_of_are_my and_stronghold_of_my you and_for_
_the_sake_of name_of_your you_guide_me and_you_lead_me.
5 [311] You_will_bring_me_out from_the_net which people_have_
_hidden to_me if/because you place_of_refuge_of_are_my. **6** [312]
In_hand_of_your I_entrust my_breath/wind/spirit you_have_

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and you healed me.
3 Yahweh, you've saved me from death.
You've kept me alive from going down into the grave.
4 Sing praises to Yahweh, you who are faithful to him.
Give thanks to the sinless one
5 because his anger is only for a moment, but his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping comes for a night, but happiness comes in the morning.
6 When things were going well, I said,
"Nothing will ever shake me."
7 Yahweh, by your favour you established me as a strong mountain,
but when you moved out of sight from me, I got worried.
8 I called out to you for help, Yahweh,
and tried to win my master's favour.
9 What advantage would there be in my death,
if I go down to the grave?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it declare your faithfulness?
10 Listen to me, Yahweh, and have mercy on me
Yahweh, be my helper.
11 You've turned my mourning into dancing for me.
You've removed my mourning clothes and dressed me with gladness instead.
12 So now my glory will sing praise to you and not be silent;
Yahweh my god, I will give thanks to you forever.

Trusting Yahweh despite enemies

For the musical director: a song by David.
31:1 I go to you, Yahweh, to be safe.
Never let me be humiliated.
Rescue me, because you always do what's right.
2 Listen to me—rescue me quickly.
Be my rock that I can be secure behind—
a fortress to keep me safe.
3 Yes, you're my rock and my fortress,

299 LV 30:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.5
300 LV 30:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.6
301 LV 30:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.7
302 LV 30:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.8
303 LV 30:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.9
304 LV 30:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.10
305 LV 30:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
306 LV 30:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.11
307 LV 30:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.30.12
308 LV 31:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.1
309 LV 31:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.2
310 LV 31:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.3
311 LV 31:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.4
312 LV 31:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.31.5

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and you lead and guide me in order to maintain your reputation.
4 Pluck me out of the net that they've hidden for me,
because you're my place of safety.
5 I entrust my spirit into your capable hands.
You'll redeem me, Yahweh, God of faithfulness.
6 I hate those who follow worthless trends,
but I trust in Yahweh.
7 I'll be glad and celebrate your loyal commitment,
because you saw my suffering—
you knew my internal troubles.
8 You didn't allow any enemy to get the upper hand over me.
You've set my feet in a wide open place.
9 Have mercy on me, Yahweh, because I'm distressed.
My eyes grow weary with the grief I feel in my body and soul.
10 Yes my life is weary with sorrow
and my years with groaning.
My strength fails because of my disobedience,
and my bones are wasting away.
11 People disdain me because of all my enemies.
My neighbours are appalled at my situation,
and those who know me are horrified.
Those who see me in the street cross to the other side.
12 I am forgotten like a dead person that no one thinks about any more.
I'm discarded like a broken pot.
13 I've heard the whispering of many—
terrifying news from every side
as they plot together against me.
They plot to take my life.
14 But I trust in you, Yahweh.
I declare that you're my god.

Literal Version

redeemed me Oh**YHWH** god_of faithfulness. **7** [313] I_hate those_who_keep vanities_of falsehood and_I to **YHWH** I_trust. **8** [314] I_will_be_glad and_I_will_rejoice in_your_covenant_of_ _loyalty that you_saw ~~DOM~~ affliction_of_my you_knew (in)_the_ _troubles_of my_self_of_my. **9** [315] And_not you_delivered_me_ _up in_the_hand_of an_enemy you_made_stand in_(the)_place feet_of_my. **10** [316] Show_favour_to_me Oh_**YHWH** if/because it_ _is_distress to_me it_has_wasted_away with_grief eye_of_my being_of_my and_belly_of_my. **11** [317] If/because they_have_ _wasted_away in_sorrow life_of_my and_years_of_my with_ _groaning it_has_failed by_iniquity_of_my strength_of_my and_ _bones_of_my they_have_wasted_away. **12** [318] From_all foes_of_ _my I_have_become a_reproach and_to_neighbours_of_my exceedingly and_a_dread to_acquaintances_of_my those_of_ _who_see_me in_street they_flee from_me. **13** [319] I_have_been_ _forgotten like_a_dead_person from_the_heart I_have_become like_a_vessel which_is_destroyed. **14** [320] If/because I_have_ _heard the_whispering_of many_people terror is_from_around_ _about when_they_seated_themselves together on_me to_ _take/accept/receive life_of_my they_planned. **15** [321] And_I on_ _you I_rely Oh_**YHWH** I_say god_of_are_my you. **16** [322] Are_in_ _hand_of_your times_of_my deliver_me from_the_hand_of my_ _enemies_of_my and_from_those_of_who_pursue_me. **17** [323] Make_shine face_of_your on servant_of_your save_me in_your_ _covenant_of_loyalty. **18** [324] Oh_**YHWH** not let_me_be_ashamed if/because I_have_called_out_to_you wicked_people may_they_ _be_ashamed may_they_be_silent to_Shə'ōl. **19** [325] Lips_of falsehood which_speak on the_righteous arrogant with_pride and_contempt may_they_be_dumb. **20** [326] How great goodness_ _of_is_your which you_have_stored_up for_those_fearing_of_ _you you_have_done for_who]_take_refuge on/over_you(fs) before the_children_of humankind.[327] **21** [328] You_hide_them in_ _the_hiding_place_of your(pl)_presence_of_your from_the_ _conspiracies_of man you_hide_them in_a_shelter from_strife_ _of tongues. **22** [329] **YHWH** be_blessed if/because he_has_made_ _wonderful loyalty_of_his_covenant to_me in_a_city_of siege.

313 **LV 31:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.6
314 **LV 31:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.7
315 **LV 31:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.8
316 **LV 31:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.9
317 **LV 31:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.10
318 **LV 31:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.11
319 **LV 31:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.12
320 **LV 31:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.13
321 **LV 31:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.14
322 **LV 31:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.15
323 **LV 31:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.16
324 **LV 31:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.17
325 **LV 31:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.18
326 **LV 31:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.19
327 **LV 31:20 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
328 **LV 31:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.20
329 **LV 31:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.21

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23 [330] And_I I_said when_I_was_making_haste I_have_been_cut_
_off from_before eyes_of_your nevertheless you_heard the_
_sound_of my_supplications_of_my when_I_cried_for_help to_
_you. **24** [331] Love ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_all_of his_faithful_of_people
faithful_people **YHWH** is_preserving and_he_is_repaying on
excess one_who_does_of (of)_pride. **25** [332] Be_strong and_
heart_of_your(pl) _let_it_show_strength Oh_all_of you_who_
wait to/for**YHWH**.

32:1 Of_Dāvid a_poem[334] how_blessed is_one_who_is_forgiven_
_of transgression is_one_who_is_covered_of sin. **2** How_blessed
is_a_person whom_not **YHWH** he_reckons to_him/it iniquity
and_there_is_not in_spirit_of_his deceit.[335] **3** If/because I_kept_
_silent bones_of_my they_became_worn_out in_my_cry_of_of_
_distress all_of the_day. **4** If/because by_day and_night it_was_
_heavy on_me hand_of_your juice_of_my it_was_changed by_
_the_dry_heat(s)_of summer Ṣelāh. **5** Sin_of_my I_made_
_known_to_you and_iniquity_of_my not I_covered I_said I_will_
_confess on transgressions_of_my to/for_**YHWH** and_you(ms)
you_forgave the_guilt_of my_sin_of_my Ṣelāh. **6** On this every_
_of faithful_person let_him_pray to_you to_the_time_of finds
certainly to_a_flood_of waters many to_him/it not they_will_
_reach. **7** You are_a_hiding_place to_me from_distress you_will_
_preserve_me shouts_of deliverance you_will_surround_me
Ṣelāh. **8** I_will_instruct_you and_I_will_teach_you (in)_the_way
which you_will_go I_will_give_counsel will_be_on_you eye_of_
_my. **9** Do_not be like_a_horse like_a_mule which_there_is_not

Readers' Version

15 You control my future.
Rescue me from my enemies
and from those who are trying to get me.
16 Act kindly towards me, your servant.
Rescue me due to your loyal commitment.
17 Don't let me be humiliated, Yahweh, because I've called out to you for help.
Let the wicked be the ones who are humiliated.
Send them down to Sheol where they'll be silent.
18 Let the lying lips be silenced
that speak against the righteous defiantly
with arrogance and contempt.
19 You've stored up great goodness for those who revere you,
that you perform for those who take refuge in you
in plain sight of all humanity.
20 In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from people's evil plots.
You hide them in a shelter from the violence of people's words.
21 Praise Yahweh, because he showed me his incredible loyal commitment
when I was trapped in a besieged city.
22 In my alarm I thought, "I've gone out of your sight,"
yet you did hear my plea for help when I called out to you.
23 Love Yahweh, all you godly people.
Yahweh protects faithful people,
but he pays back the arrogant in full.
24 Be strong and confident,
all you who trust in Yahweh for help.

A song[333] by David.

Admitting sin and requesting forgiveness

32:1 Blessed is the person whose transgression is forgiven,
whose disobedience is covered.
2 Blessed is the person who Yahweh counts as guiltless
and in whose spirit there's no deceit.
3 When I remained silent,
my bones ached inside
while I groaned all day long.
4 You kept the pressure on me day and night.
My strength withered up like in a summer drought. (Instrumental break.)
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I no longer hid my iniquity.
I said, "I'll confess my transgressions to Yahweh,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Instrumental break.)

330 **LV 31:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.22

331 **LV 31:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.23

332 **LV 31:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.31.24

333 **RV 32:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

334 **LV 32:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.32.1

335 **LV 32:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

6 Every one of your faithful followers should pray to you at a time of great distress,
so that when the surging waters overflow, the waters will not reach them.
7 You're my hiding place—you'll guard me from trouble.
You surround me with victory songs. (Instrumental break.)
8 I'll instruct you and teach you in the way that you should follow.
I'll instruct you and keep my eye on you.
9 Don't be like a horse or a mule which lacks understanding—
it's only with a bridle and bit that they can be controlled
so they'll go where you want them to.
10 The wicked have many sorrows,
but Yahweh's loyal commitment will surround anyone who trusts in him.
11 Be glad in Yahweh, and celebrate, you righteous people.
Shout for joy, all of you who are honest on the inside.
33:1 Rejoice in Yahweh, you godly people. **A praise song**
Praise is appropriate for those who are honest on the inside.
2 Give thanks to Yahweh with the harp.
Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed instrument.
3 Sing a new song to him.
Play skillfully and with loud shouts,
4 because Yahweh means what he says,
and everything he does is fair.
5 He loves what is right and just.
Yahweh's loyal commitment can be seen all over the world.
6 At Yahweh's command, the heavens were made,
and all the stars were made by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap.
He puts the oceans into storehouses.
8 Let the whole planet respect Yahweh.
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him
9 because he spoke, then it came to be.
He commanded, and it stood in place.
10 Yahweh frustrates the alliances of nations.
He overrules the plans of the peoples.
11 Yahweh's plans stand forever—
the plans in his mind continue for all generations.
12 This nation will thrive because Yahweh is their god—
the people who he's chosen as his own inheritance.
13 Yahweh looks from heaven—he sees all the people.
14 From his residence, he looks down on all the earth's inhabitants.
15 He who formed the insides of all of them, observes everything that they do.
16 No king is saved by a huge army.
A warrior isn't saved by his great strength.
17 A horse is a false hope for victory—
in spite of his great strength, he can't rescue anyone.
18 See, Yahweh's eye is on those who respect him—

Literal Version

understanding with_bridle and_halter trapping[s]_of_its to_
_restrain not to_draw_near to_you. 10 Many pains belong_to_
_(the)_person and_the_one_who_trusts in_**YHWH** covenant_
_loyalty it_will_surround_him. 11 Rejoice in_**YHWH** and_be_
_glad Oh_righteous_people and_shout_for_joy Oh_all_of
people_upright_of heart.

33:1 Shout_for_joy Oh_righteous_people in_**YHWH** for_(the)_
_people is_suitable praise. 2 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** with_
_harp with_lyre_of ten make_music to_him/it. 3 Sing to_
_him/it[336] a_song new do_well to_play with_a_shout_of_joy.
4 If/because is_upright the_message_of **YHWH** and_all work_
_of_his is_in_faithfulness. 5 He_is_loving righteousness and_
_justice the_covenant_loyalty_of **YHWH** the_earth/land it_is_
_full. 6 By_the_message_of **YHWH** the_heavens they_were_
_made and_by_the_breath_of his_mouth_of_his all_of their_
_group/army/objects. 7 He_is_gathering like_heap the_waters_
_of the_sea he_is_putting in_storehouses the_deeps. 8 Let_
_them_fear from_**YHWH** all_of the_earth/land from_him/it all_
_of the_inhabitants_of the_world let_them_be_afraid.
9 If/because he he_spoke and_it_was he he_commanded and_it_
_stood_forth. 10 **YHWH** he_frustrates the_counsel_of nations
he_frustrates the_plans_of peoples. 11 The_counsel_of **YHWH**
forever_perpetuity it_stands the_thoughts_of his/its_heart to_
_a_generation and_a_generation. 12 How_blessed is_the_nation
which **YHWH** his/its_god the_people which_he_has_chosen to_
_an_inheritance to_him/it. 13 From_the_heavens **YHWH** he_
_looks he_sees ~~DOM~~ all_of the_children_of the_humankind.
14 From_the_place_of his_dwelling he_gazes to all_of the_
_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. 15 The_one_who_forms
together heart_of_their the_one_who_attends to all_of deeds_
_of_their. 16 Not the_king is_saved by_greatness_of army a_
_warrior not he_is_delivered by_greatness_of strength. 17 Is_a_
_vain_hope (the)_horse for_victory and_by_the_greatness_of
its_strength_of_his not it_delivers. 18 HERE the_eye_of **YHWH**
is_to those_fearing_of_him to_who_wait for_his_covenant_of_
_loyalty. 19 To_deliver from_death life_of_their and_to_
_preserve_them_alive in_famine. 20 Self_of_our it_waits to/for_
_**YHWH** help_of_is_our and_shield_of_our he. 21 If/because in_
_him/it heart_of_our it_rejoices if/because in_the_name_of his_
_holiness_of_his we_trust. 22 May_it_be loyalty_of_your_
covenant Oh**YHWH** toward_us just_as we_wait to/for_you(fs).

336 **LV 33:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

34:1 Of_Dāvid when_changed_he ~~DOM~~ sense_of_his to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before 'Avīmelek and_he_drove_him_ _away and_he_went. **2** [337] I_will_bless ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** in_all time continually praise_of_his will_be_of_in_my_mouth. **3** [338] In_ _**YHWH** self_of_my it_will_boast humble_people let_them_hear and_let_them_rejoice. **4** [339] Magnify to/for_**YHWH** with_me and_let_us_exalt his/its_name together. **5** [340] I_sought ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_answered_me and_from_all_of fears_of_my he_ _delivered_me. **6** [341] People_look to_him/it and_they_are_ _radiant and_faces_of_their not may_they_be_abashed. **7** [342] This was_poor_person who_he_called_out and_**YHWH** he_ _heard and_from_all_of troubles_of_his he_delivered_him. **8** [343] The_messenger_of **YHWH** is_encamping around (to)_those_ _fearing_of_him and_he_rescued_them. **9** [344] Taste and_see if/because_that is_good **YHWH** how_blessed is_the_man who_ _he_takes_refuge in/on/over_him/it. **10** [345] Fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_of_his_holy_ones if/because there_is_not lack for_those_ _fearing_of_him. **11** [346] Young_lions they_are_in_want and_ _they_are_hungry and_those_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** not they_lack any_of good_thing. **12** [347] Come Oh_children listen to_ _me the_fear_of **YHWH** I_will_teach_you(pl). **13** [348] Who the_ _man (the)_desiring life who_loves days to_see good. **14** [349] Keep tongue_of_your from_evil and_lips_of_your from_ _speaking deceit. **15** [350] Turn_away from_evil and_do good seek peace and_pursue_it. **16** [351] The_eyes_of **YHWH** are_to righteous_people and_ears_of_his are_to for_help_of_their_cry. **17** [352] The_face_of **YHWH** is_on_those_who_do_of (of)_evil to_ _cut_off from_the_earth remembrance_of_their. **18** [353] They_

Readers' Version

on those who put their hope on his loyal commitment
19 to save their lives from death
and to keep them alive whenever there's a famine.
20 We wait for Yahweh's response—
he's our help and our protection.
21 We're happy because of what he's done for us
because we trust in his sacred reputation.
22 Let your loyal commitment, Yahweh, be with us
as we put our hope in you.

Praising Yahweh's goodness together

A song by David who pretended to be insane in front of King Avimelek, causing the king to send him away.

א (Alef)
34:1 I will praise Yahweh at all times.
I'll always be praising him out loud.
ב (Beyt)
2 I will praise Yahweh!
Let those who are oppressed hear and celebrate.
ג (Gimel)
3 Praise Yahweh with me.
Let's compliment him together.
ד (Dalet)
4 I searched for Yahweh and he answered me,
and he helped me overcome all my fears.
ה (He)
5 Those who put their trust in him are radiant,
and have no need to feel ashamed.
ו (Vav)
6 This oppressed man called out for help
and Yahweh heard him and saved him from all his troubles.
ז (Zayin)
7 Yahweh's messenger stands guard around those who fear Yahweh
and rescues them.

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337 **LV 34:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.1
338 **LV 34:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.2
339 **LV 34:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.3
340 **LV 34:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.4
341 **LV 34:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.5
342 **LV 34:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.6
343 **LV 34:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.7
344 **LV 34:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.8
345 **LV 34:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.9
346 **LV 34:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.10
347 **LV 34:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.11
348 **LV 34:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.12
349 **LV 34:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.13
350 **LV 34:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.14
351 **LV 34:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.15
352 **LV 34:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.16
353 **LV 34:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.17

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ח (Het)
8 Taste and see that Yahweh is good.
Anyone who looks to him for their safety will prosper.
ט (Tet)
9 Fear Yahweh, you who belong to him.
There's no lack for those who honour him.
י (Yod)
10 Young lions sometimes lack food and go hungry,
but those who put their trust in Yahweh won't lack anything good.
כ (Kaf)
11 Come and listen to me, my children.
I'll teach you how to honour Yahweh.
ל (Lamed)
12 Anyone who desires life and wants a long life
in order to experience good things
מ (Mem)
13 then don't let evil words come out of your mouth,
and keep your lips from speaking lies.
נ (Nun)
14 Turn away from evil
and do good.
Seek peace
and go after it.
ס (Samek)
15 Yahweh's eyes are on those who try to obey him
and his ears are directed toward their calls for help.
ע (Ayin)
16 Yahweh works against those who do evil—
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
פ (Pe)
17 The godly people cry out and Yahweh hears
and he rescues them from all their troubles.
צ (Tsade)
18 Yahweh is close to the brokenhearted,
and he saves whose spirits feel crushed.
ק (Qof)
19 Godly people have many troubles,
but Yahweh rescues them from them all.
ר (Resh)
20 He keeps all his bones—
not one of them will be broken.
ש (Sin/Shin)
21 Evil will bounce back and kill the wicked.
and those who hate godly people will be condemned.
ת (Tav)
22 Yahweh rescues the lives of his servants.

Literal Version

_cry_out and_**YHWH** he_hears and_from_all_of troubles_of_
_their he_delivers_them. **19** [354] Is_near **YHWH** to_those_who_
_are_broken_of heart and_~~DOM~~ people_crushed_of spirit he_
_delivers. **20** [355] Are_many the_troubles_of a_righteous_person
and_from_all_of_of_them he_delivers_him **YHWH**. **21** [356] He_is_
_keeping all_of bones_of_his one of_them not it_is_broken.
22 [357] Evil it_will_kill the_wicked and_those_who_hate_of (of)_
_the_righteous they_will_be_held_guilty. **23** [358] **YHWH** is_
_redeeming the_life_of his_servants_of_his and_not all_of
those_who_take_refuge in/on/over_him/it they_will_be_held_
_guilty.

354 **LV 34:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.18
355 **LV 34:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.19
356 **LV 34:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.20
357 **LV 34:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.21
358 **LV 34:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.34.22

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35:1 Of_Dāvid[359] contend Oh_**YHWH** with opponents_of_my fight with those_of_who_fight_with_me. **2** Take_hold_of shield and_body_shield and_arise (in)_help_of_my. **3** And_draw_out a_ _spear and_lance to_meet those_of_who_pursue_me say to_ _self_of_my salvation_of_am_your I. **4** May_they_be_ashamed and_ those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_my _may_they_be_ _humiliated may_they_be_turned_back backwards and_ those_ _who_plot_of harm_of_(of)_my _may_they_be_abashed. **5** May_ _they_be like_chaff to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_wind and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** be_pushing. **6** May_it_be way_of_ _their darkness and_slippery_places and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** be_pursuing_of_them. **7** If/because without_cause they_ _have_hidden to_me the_pit_of their_net_of_their without_ _cause they_have_dug for_life_of_my. **8** May_it_come_to_him devastation which_not he_knows and_net_of_his which he_hid may_it_catch_him in_devastation may_he_fall in_it. **9** And_self_ _of_my it_will_rejoice in_**YHWH** it_will_exult in_salvation_of_ _his. **10** All_of bones_of_my they_will_say Oh_**YHWH** who is_ _like_you who_delivers a_poor_person from_a_person_too_ _strong from_him/it and_the_poor and_the_needy from_one_ _of_who_robs_him. **11** They_rise_up witnesses_of violence that_ _which not I_know they_ask_me. **12** They_repay_me harm in_ _place_of good bereavement belongs_to_self_of_my. **13** And_I when_they_were_sick clothing_of_my was_sackcloth I_humbled with_fasting self_of_my and_prayer_of_my to bosom_of_my it_ _returned. **14** Like_a_friend like_a_brother to_me I_went_about like_a_mourner_of a_mother mourning I_bowed. **15** And_at_ _stumbling_of_my they_rejoiced and_they_gathered they_ _gathered on_me stricken_people and_not I_knew they_tore and_not they_were_still. **16** (In)_godless_ones_of mockers_of cake they_gnashed towards_me teeth_of_their. **17** My_master how_long will_you_look bring_back life_of_my from_ravages_ _of_their from_young_lions my_only_of_life. **18** I_will_give_ _thanks_to_you in_the_assembly great among_a_people numerous I_will_praise_you. **19** Not may_they_rejoice to_me enemies_of_my falsehood those_of_who_hate_me without_ _cause let_them_wink an_eye. **20** If/because not peace they_ _speak and_on the_quiet_people_of the_land words/messages_ _of deceit(s) they_plan. **21** And_they_have_opened_wide on_me mouth_of_their they_have_said aha aha eyes_of_our it_has_ _seen. **22** You_have_seen Oh_**YHWH** do_not be_silent my_ _master do_not be_distant from_me. **23** Wake_up and_awake for_judgement_of_my my_god_of_my and_Oh_of_master for_ _cause_of_my. **24** Vindicate_me according_to_of_your_ _righteousness Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my and_not may_they_ _rejoice to_me. **25** Not let_them_say in_heart_of_their aha desire_of_our not may_they_say we_have_swallowed_him. **26** May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_abashed altogether the_people_joyful_of my_distress_of_my those_who_ _magnify_themselves on_me may_they_be_clothed shame and_ _ignominy. **27** May_they_shout_for_joy and_may_they_rejoice the_people_desirous_of my_righteousness_of_my and_may_ _they_say continually **YHWH** (the)_desiring the_welfare_of his_ _servant_of_his may_he_be_great. **28** And_tongue_of_my it_ _will_utter righteousness_of_your all_of the_day praise_of_

359 LV 35:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.35.1

Readers' Version

None of those who go to him for safety will be condemned.

A song by David.

Requesting Yahweh's help

35:1 Yahweh, work against those who work against me.
Fight against those who fight against me.
2 Take hold of your shield and your arm protector,
and come to help me.
3 Use your spear and battle ax against those who chase me.
Tell my soul, "I'm here to save you."
4 May those who seek my life be shamed and dishonoured.
Cause those who plan to harm me to be turned back and confused.
5 May they become like chaff blown around by the wind,
as Yahweh's messenger drives them away.
6 May their path be dark and slippery,
as Yahweh's messenger chases after them.
7 They set their net for me for no good reason.
Without cause they dug a pit to take my life.
8 Let destruction overtake them by surprise.
Let their own net that they set, catch them—
let them fall to their destruction in it.
9 But I'll be happy about Yahweh
and celebrate because he saves me.
10 All my bones will say, "Yahweh, who is like you,
who rescues the oppressed people from those who are too strong for them
and the poor and needy from those who try to rob them?"
11 Violent accusers come out of the woodwork
asking me about things that I know nothing about.
12 They repay me with evil for good—
I feel like I'm dying on the inside.
13 When they were sick, I wore sackcloth
as I fasted for them and prayed with my head bowed on my chest.
14 I went about in grief as if it was my brother.
I bowed my head in mourning as if it was my mother.
15 But any time that I stumbled, they were pleased and gathered together.
They gathered together against me without me knowing.
They tore at me without stopping.
16 With no respect at all, they mocked me.
They grind their teeth at me in rage.
17 My master, how much longer will you just look on for?
Rescue my soul from their destructive attacks—
my life from the lions.
18 Then I'll thank you when everyone's gathered together.
I'll praise you in front of many people.
19 Don't let my deceitful enemies celebrate over my loses.
Don't let those who hate me for no reason wink at each other,
20 because they don't talk peaceably,

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but they devise deceitful stories against those in our land who live in peace.
21 They open their mouths wide against me,
having said, "Aha, Aha, our own eyes have seen it."
22 You've seen it, Yahweh, don't be silent.
My master, don't be distant from me.
23 Arouse yourself and awake to my defence.
My god and my master, defend my cause.
24 Yahweh, my god, vindicate me because you always do what is right.
Don't let my enemies celebrate over my defeat.
25 Don't let them say to themselves, "Aha, we got what we wanted."
Don't let them say, "We've obliterated him."
26 Let anyone who's happy at my distress be put to shame and become confused.
Let those who think they're better than me be clothed with shame and dishonour.
27 Let those who desire my vindication shout happily and be glad.
May they continually say, "Yahweh be praised—
he who gladly ensues the welfare of his servant."
28 Then I'll tell others about your justice
and praise you all day long.

Wicked people and Yahweh's goodness

For the musical director: a song by Yahweh's servant David.
36:1 My heart struggles with the disobedience of evil people.
They see no need to worry about God
2 because they comfort themselves
thinking that their sin won't be discovered and be hated.
3 Their words are sinful and deceitful.
They don't want to be wise and do good.
4 They plot wicked things even when they're lying in bed.
They decide on a path that's no good—not rejecting evil.
5 Your loyal commitment, Yahweh, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the highest[360] mountains.
Your judgements are like the deepest ocean.
Yahweh, you preserve both people and animals.
7 God, your loyal commitment is so valuable.

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_your.

36:1 To_choirmaster of_the_servant_of of_**YHWH** of_Dāvid. **2** [361] The_utterance_of transgression to_(the)_person is_in_the_ _midst_of my_heart_of_my there_is_not fear_of god to_before eyes_of_his. **3** [362] If/because he_flatters to_him/it in_his_own_ _of_eyes to_find iniquity_of_his to_hate_it. **4** [363] The_ _words/messages_of his_mouth_of_his are_wickedness and_ _deceit he_has_ceased to_make_wise/intelligent by_doing_ _good. **5** [364] Wickedness he_plans on bed_of_his he_takes_his_ _stand on a_way not good evil not he_rejects. **6** [365] Oh_**YHWH** is_in_the_heavens loyalty_of_your_covenant faithfulness_of_ _your is_to the_clouds. **7** [366] righteousness_of_your is_like_the_ _mountains_of god judgements_of_your are_the_deep great humankind and_animal[s] you_deliver Oh_**YHWH**. **8** [367] How precious covenant_loyalty_of_is_your Oh_god and_the_sons humankind in_the_shadow_of your_two's_wings_of_your they_ _take_refuge. **9** [368] They_take_their_fill from_the_fatness_of your_house_of_your and_the_river_of your(pl)_delights_of_ _your you_give_them_to_drink. **10** [369] If/because is_with_you a_

360 RV 36:6 · Note Literally 'God's'.
361 LV 36:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.1
362 LV 36:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.2
363 LV 36:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.3
364 LV 36:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.4
365 LV 36:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.5
366 LV 36:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.6
367 LV 36:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.7
368 LV 36:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.8
369 LV 36:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.36.9

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_fountain_of life in_light_of_your we_see light. **11** [370] Prolong loyalty_of_your_covenant to_those_of_who_know_you and_ _righteousness_of_your to_people_upright_of heart. **12** [371] Not may_it_come_to_me the_foot_of pride and_the_hand_of wicked_people not may_it_make_me_wander. **13** [372] There those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness they_have_fallen they_were_ _pushed_down and_not they_were_able to_rise.

37:1 Of_Dāvid[373] do_not fret_yourself in_evil-doers do_not be_ _jealous of_those_who_do_of (of)_unrighteousness.
2 If/because like_grass quickly they_will_wither and_like_the_ _greenery_of fresh_grass they_will_fade. **3** Trust in_**YHWH** and_ _do good dwell the_land and_graze faithfulness. **4** And_take_ _delight on **YHWH** and_he_will_give to/for_yourself(m) the_ _requests_of your_heart_of_your. **5** Roll on **YHWH** way_of_your and_rely on/upon/above_him/it and_he he_will_act. **6** And_he_ _will_bring_forth like_light righteousness_of_your and_justice_ _of_your like_noontide(s). **7** Be_still to/for_**YHWH** and_wait_ _longingly to_him/it do_not fret_yourself in_one_who_makes_ _prosperous_of its_road/course in_a_person who_makes plots. **8** Refrain from_anger and_abandon rage do_not fret_yourself only to_do_evil. **9** If/because evil-doers they_will_be_cut_off and_those_who_wait_for_of (of)_**YHWH** they they_will_possess the_land. **10** And_yet a_little and_not the_wicked_will_be and_ _you_will_look_carefully on place_of_his and_he_will_not_be. **11** And_humble_people they_will_possess the_land and_they_ _will_take_delight on abundance_of well-being. **12** The_wicked is_planning to_righteous and_he_is_grating on/upon/above_ _him/it teeth_of_his. **13** My_master he_laughs to_him/it if/because he_sees if/because_that day_of_his it_will_come. **14** A_sword wicked_people they_have_drawn and_they_have_ _bent bow_of_their to_make_fall the_poor and_the_needy to_ _slaughter people_upright_of way. **15** Sword_of_their it_will_go in_their_own_of_heart and_bows_of_their they_will_be_broken. **16** Is_good the_little of_righteous more_than_the_wealth_of wicked_people many. **17** If/because the_arms_of wicked_people they_will_be_broken and_is_ **YHWH** _sustaining righteous_ _people. **18** **YHWH** is_knowing the_days_of blameless_people and_inheritance_of_their forever_perpetuity it_will_be. **19** Not they_will_be_ashamed in_a_time_of evil and_in_days_of famine they_will_be_satisfied. **20** If/because wicked_people they_will_ _perish and_the_enemies_of **YHWH** will_be_like_a_splendid_ _thing_of pastures they_will_come_to_an_end in_smoke they_ _will_come_to_an_end. **21** The_wicked is_borrowing and_not he_repays and_the_righteous is_showing_favour and_he_is_ _giving. **22** If/because his_blessed_of_ones they_will_possess the_land and_his_cursed_of_ones they_will_be_cut_off.

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You protect us like birds protect their babies under their wings.
8 They feast from the plentiful provisions in your creation.
You let them drink the sweet water from your river.
9 We see light in your light
because you are the fountain of life.
10 Fully show your loyal commitment to those who know you.
Extend your defence to those who are godly.
11 Don't let arrogant people approach me.
Don't let the action of wicked people drive me away.
12 The wicked people have fallen down over there.
They've been knocked down and aren't able to get up.

The endings of godly and wicked people

A song by David.
א (Alef)
37:1 Don't be irritated by those who do evil.
Don't be envious of those who do what is wrong,
2 because they'll soon dry up like the grass
and wither as the green plants.
ב (Beyt)
3 Trust in Yahweh and do what is good.
Settle in the land and appreciate faithfulness.
4 Then delight yourself in Yahweh,
and he'll give you what you really desire.
ג (Gimel)
5 Give your path to Yahweh.
Trust in him, and he'll act on your behalf.
6 He'll display your justice like the daylight
and your innocence like the day at noon.
ד (Dalet)
7 Be still in front of Yahweh and wait patiently for him.
Don't be angry if others succeed in what they do,
or when they make evil plots.
ה (He)
8 Don't be angry and frustrated.
Don't be a worrier—that only makes trouble.
9 Those who do evil will be eliminated,
but those who strive to obey Yahweh will end up owning the land.
ו (Vav)
10 In a little while the evil people will disappear.
You'll look at the place where they were, but they'll be gone.
11 But the meek will inherit the land
and will delight in great prosperity.
ז (Zayin)
12 The wicked people plot against the righteous
and grind their teeth in rage against them.

370 **LV 36:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.36.10
371 **LV 36:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.36.11
372 **LV 36:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.36.12
373 **LV 37:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.37.1

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13 My master laughs at them,
because he knows that their day is coming.
ח (Het)
14 The wicked have drawn out their swords and have bent their bows
to bring the oppressed and needy down—
yes, to kill those who are godly.
15 Their swords will pierce their own hearts,
and their bows will be broken.
ט (Tet)
16 It's better to do right and only have a little,
than to be wicked and rich,
17 because the arms of the wicked people will be broken,
but Yahweh supports people who are righteous.
י (Yod)
18 Yahweh keeps an eye on those who are blameless,
and they won't lose their inheritance.
19 They won't be shamed when times are bad.
When famine comes, they'll have enough to eat,
כ (Kaf)
20 because evil people will die.
Yahweh's enemies will be like the fleeting beauty of the fields—
they'll be consumed and disappear in the smoke.
ל (Lamed)
21 Wicked people borrow but never repay,
but the godly person is generous and gives.
22 Those who are blessed by God will own the land,
but those who are cursed by him will be wiped out.
מ (Mem)
23 It is by Yahweh that a person's steps are established,
and he takes pleasure in observing their path.
24 Even if they stumble, they won't fall on their face,
because Yahweh is right there helping them.
נ (Nun)
25 I was young and now I'm old
and I've never seen the righteous person abandoned
or their children out begging for food.
26 All day long, they're gracious and lend to those more needy,
and their children become a blessing to others.
ס (Samek)
27 Turn away from evil and do what is right.
Then you will go on living,
28 because Yahweh loves justice and doesn't abandon those who are faithful to him.
They're preserved forever, but the descendants of wicked people will be eliminated.
ע (Ayin)
29 The godly people will inherit the land
and always live there.

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23 From_**YHWH** the_steps_of a_man they_are_established and_ _way_of_his he_delights_in. 24 If/because he_will_fall not he_ _will_be_hurled_down if/because **YHWH** is_sustaining his/its_ _hand. 25 A_young_man I_have_been also I_am_old and_not I_ _have_seen the_righteous abandoned and_offspring_of_his seeking food. 26 All_of the_day he_is_showing_favour and_he_ _is_lending and_offspring_of_his become_(into)_a_blessing. 27 Turn_away from_evil and_do good and_dwell forever_ _perpetuity. 28 If/because **YHWH** is_loving justice and_not he_ _will_abandon ÞOM his_faithful_of_people forever_perpetuity they_are_preserved and_the_offspring_of wicked_people it_is_ _cut_off. 29 righteous_people they_will_possess the_land and_ _they_will_dwell forever_forever on_it. 30 The_mouth_of the_ _righteous it_utters wisdom and_tongue_of_his it_speaks justice. 31 The_law_of his/its_god is_in_heart_of_his not steps_ _of_his it_slips. 32 A_wicked_person is_watching for_(the)_ _person and_he_is_seeking to_kill_him.[374] 33 **YHWH** not he_ _will_abandon_him in_hand_of_his and_not he_will_condemn_ _him_as_guilty when_he_is_judged. 34 Wait to **YHWH** and_keep its_road/course and_he_will_exalt_you to_possess the_land when_ wicked_people _are_cut_off you_will_see. 35 I_have_seen a_wicked_person ruthless and_spreading_himself like_a_native_ _tree luxuriant. 36 And_he/it_passed_through and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_not and_I_sought_him and_not he_ _was_found. 37 Watch the_blameless and_see the_upright if/because a_future belongs_to_a_person_of peace. 38 And_ _transgressors they_will_be_destroyed altogether the_future_of wicked_people it_will_be_cut_off. 39 And_the_salvation_of righteous_people is_from_**YHWH** of_refuge_of_their_place in_ _a_time_of trouble. 40 And_he_helped_them **YHWH** and_he_ _delivered_them he_delivers_them from_wicked_people and_ _he_saves_them if/because they_have_taken_refuge in_him/it.

374 **LV 37:32 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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38:1 A_song of_Dāvid to_make_remembrance. **2** [375] Oh_**YHWH** do_not in_anger_of_your rebuke_me and_in_severe_anger_of_ _your chasten_me. **3** [376] If/because arrows_of_your they_have_ _penetrated (in)_me and_it_has_come_down on_me hand_of_ _your. **4** [377] There_is_not soundness in_flesh_of_my from_ _face/in_front_of indignation_of_your there_is_not health in_ _bones_of_my from_face/in_front_of sin_of_my. **5** [378] If/because iniquities_of_my they_have_passed_over my_head like_a_ _burden heavy they_are_too_heavy for_me. **6** [379] They_stink wounds_of_my they_fester from_face/in_front_of folly_of_my. **7** [380] I_am_bent_down I_am_bent_over up_to muchness all_of the_day mourning I_have_gone_about. **8** [381] If/because loins_ _of_my they_are_full burning_pain and_there_is_not soundness in_flesh_of_my. **9** [382] I_am_numb and_I_am_crushed up_to

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פ (Pe)
30 Godly people expound wisdom
and promote justice.
31 God's law is always on their minds.
Their feet won't slip.
צ (Tsade)
32 The wicked person watches the righteous
and seeks to kill them.
33 Yahweh won't abandon them into the evil person's hand
or condemn them when they're judged.
ק (Qof)
34 Wait for Yahweh and stay on the path he showed you,
then he'll assist you to possess the land he promised.
You'll see those who are wicked get eliminated.
ר (Resh)
35 I've seen a wicked and terrifying person
spreading out like a luxuriant tree in its native soil.
36 However, when I passed by again, they weren't there.
I looked for them, but they couldn't be found.
ש (Sin/Shin)
37 Observe the person of integrity, and notice those who are godly.
There's a good future for a peaceful person.
38 Sinners will be totally destroyed;
The future will be cut off for wicked people.
ת (Tav)
39 Yahweh is the one who saves godly people.
He protects them in the times of trouble.
40 Yahweh helps them and rescues them.
He rescues them from evil people and saves them
because they've gone to him as a place of safety.

The requesting of person suffering

A song by David for the memorial offering.
38:1 Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your anger.
Don't punish me in your rage,
2 because your arrows pierce me,
and your hand presses me down.
3 My whole body is weak because of your anger.
There's no health in my bones because of my disobedience,
4 because my sins overwhelm me.
They're a burden that's too heavy for me.
5 My festering wounds smell bad
because of my foolish behaviour.

375 **LV 38:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.1
376 **LV 38:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.2
377 **LV 38:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.3
378 **LV 38:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.4
379 **LV 38:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.5
380 **LV 38:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.6
381 **LV 38:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.7
382 **LV 38:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.38.8

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6 I'm stooped over and humiliated every day.
I go about mourning all day long,
7 because I have burning pain in my bowels.
My body just isn't healthy.
8 I'm numb and completely crushed.
I groan because of the anguish in my heart.
9 My master, you understand my heart's deepest longings,
and my groanings aren't hidden from you.
10 My heart pounds,
my strength fades,
and my eyesight dims.
11 My friends and companions shun me because of my condition.
My relatives keep their distance.
12 Those who want me dead lay snares for me.
They who desire harm for me speak destructive words
and say sprout treachery all day long.
13 But as for me, I'm like a deaf man who can't hear.
I'm like a mute man who says nothing.
14 I'm like a man who can't hear
and so can't so anything in my defence
15 but instead I wait for you, Yahweh.
→My master God, you'll answer me
16 because I prayed, "Hear me, so that they won't gloat over me.
If my foot slips, they'll do terrible things to me,
17 because I'm about to stumble,
and I'm in constant pain.
18 I confess my guilt.
I'm anxious because of my sin.
19 My enemies are numerous.
Those who hate me wrongfully are many.
20 They repay me with evil for good.
They hurl accusations at me although I try to do what's good.
21 Don't abandon me, Yahweh.
My god, don't be distant from me.
22 Come quickly to help me,

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muchness I_roar from_the_groaning_of my_heart_of_my. **10** [383] My_master is_before_you all_of desire_of_my and_groaning_of_ _my from_you not it_is_hidden. **11** [384] Heart_of_my it_palpitates it_has_left_me strength_of_my and_the_light_of my_eyes_of_ _my also they not are_with_me. **12** [385] Friends_of_my and_ _companions_of_my from_before plague_of_my they_stand and_my_of_kinsmen from_a_distance they_have_stood. **13** [386] And_they_set_traps those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_my and_ _those_who_seek_of harm_of_(of)_my they_have_spoken destruction(s) and_deceit(s) all_of the_day they_devise. **14** [387] And_I am_like_a_deaf_person not I_hear and_like_a_dumb_ _person who_not he_opens mouth_of_his. **15** [388] And_I_have_ _become like_a_man who not is_hearing and_there_are_not in_ _mouth_of_his arguments. **16** [389] If/because to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** I_have_waited you you_will_answer my_master god_ _of_my. **17** [390] If/because I_said lest they_should_rejoice to_me when_ foot_of_my _slips on_me they_magnified_themselves. **18** [391] If/because I for_stumbling am_prepared and_pain_of_my is_before_me continually. **19** [392] If/because my_ _perversity/evil/guilt/punishment I_tell I_am_anxious from_ _sin_of_my. **20** [393] And_enemies_of_my life they_are_numerous and_ those_of_who_hate_me falsehood _they_are_many. **21** [394] And_those_who_repay_of (of)_evil in_place_of good they_ _accuse_me in_place_of my[395] good. **22** [396] Do_not abandon_me Oh_**YHWH** my_god_of_my do_not be_distant from_me. **23** [397] Make_haste to_help_of_my my_master salvation_of_my.

383 LV 38:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.9
384 LV 38:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.10
385 LV 38:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.11
386 LV 38:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.12
387 LV 38:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.13
388 LV 38:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.14
389 LV 38:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.15
390 LV 38:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.16
391 LV 38:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.17
392 LV 38:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.18
393 LV 38:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.19
394 LV 38:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.20
395 LV 38:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **יפודר/**: (x-qere) **יפֶדֶר'**: lemma_7291 morph_HVqc/Sp1cs id_19MMh **יפֶדֶר/**
396 LV 38:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.21
397 LV 38:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.38.22

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39:1 To_choirmaster mmm[398] a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [399] I_said I_ _will_guard ways_of_my from_sinning with_tongue_of_my I_ _will_keep to_mouth_of_my a_muzzle while_still the_wicked is_ _to_before_me. **3** [400] I_was_dumb silence I_was_silent from_ _good and_pain_of_my it_was_stirred_up. **4** [401] Heart_of_my it_ _became_warm in_my_inner_of_being in_sighing_of_my fire it_ _burnt I_spoke with_tongue_of_my. **5** [402] Make_known_to_me Oh_**YHWH** end_of_my and_the_measure_of my_days_of_my what is_it let_me_know how transient am_I. **6** [403] HERE handbreadths you_have_made days_of_my and_lifespan_of_my is_like_nothing before_you is_only all_of vanity all_of humankind which_stands Ṣelāh. **7** [404] Only in_(the)_image a_ _person he_goes_about only vanity people_are_in_turmoil he_ _heaps_up and_not he_knows who will_of_be_gathering_them. **8** [405] And_now what do_I_wait_for my_master hope_of_my to/for_yourself(m) it. **9** [406] From_all transgressions_of_my deliver_me a_reproach_of the_foolish do_not make_me. **10** [407] I_ _am_dumb not I_open mouth_of_my if/because you you_have_ _acted. **11** [408] Remove from_on_me plague_of_your from_the_ _hostility_of your_hand_of_your I I_have_come_to_an_end. **12** [409] With_rebukes on iniquity you_have_disciplined a_person and_you_have_melted like_moth his_desired_of_thing is_only vanity all_of humankind Ṣelāh. **13** [410] Hear prayer_of_my Oh_ _**YHWH** and_my_cry_of_for_help give_ear_to to tear[s]_of_my do_not be_silent if/because am_a_sojourner I with_you a_ _resident_alien like_all_of ancestors_of_my. **14** [411] Smear from_ _me so_that_I_may_be_cheerful before_before I_will_go and_I_ _will_not_be.

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my master who saves me.

The telling of sin of person suffering

For the musical director: A song by David for Yedutun.

39:1 I decided that I'll watch what I say
so that I won't sin with my lips.
I'll muzzle my mouth while in the presence of evil people.
2 I kept silent.
I refrained even from saying anything good, and my pain grew worse.
3 My heart became hot when I thought about these things.
It burnt like a fire, then finally I spoke.
4 "Yahweh, make me know when the end of my life will be
and the extent of my days.
Let me see how transient I am.
5 See, you've made my days only the width of my hand,
and my lifetime is like nothing in your sight.
Surely all of humanity is just a single breath. (Instrumental break.)
6 Surely every person walks around like a shadow.
Surely everyone hurries about to accumulate riches although they don't know who'll inherit them.
7 Now, my master, what am I waiting for?
→My hope is in you.
8 Rescue me from my disobedience.
Don't allow fools to be able to mock me.
9 I can't speak and can't even open my mouth,
because it's you who has done it.
10 Stop wounding me.
I'm overwhelmed by the blow of your hand.
11 When you discipline people for disobedience,
like a moth, you consume the things they value.
Surely all people are nothing but vapour. (Instrumental break.)
12 Hear my prayer, Yahweh, and my call for help.
Listen to my weeping.
Don't be deaf to me,
because I'm like a foreigner with you—a refugee like all my ancestors were.
13 Stop staring at me so that I can smile again

398 **LV 39:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְותִידִי/ל: (x-qere) וְוּתוּדִי/לְ': lemma_l/3038 n_1 morph_HR/Np id_19FYp וְוּתוּדִי/ל

399 **LV 39:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.1

400 **LV 39:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.2

401 **LV 39:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.3

402 **LV 39:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.4

403 **LV 39:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.5

404 **LV 39:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.6

405 **LV 39:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.7

406 **LV 39:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.8

407 **LV 39:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.9

408 **LV 39:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.10

409 **LV 39:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.11

410 **LV 39:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.12

411 **LV 39:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.39.13

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before I die.

For the musical director: a song by David.

A song praising Yahweh

40:1 I waited patiently for Yahweh to help me.
He listened to me and heard my cry.
2 He brought me up out of a horrible pit in the sticky clay,
→and he set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure.
3 He's given me a new song to sing, praise to our god.
Many will see it and honour him
and will trust in Yahweh.
4 The person who trusts Yahweh will prosper
and doesn't honour proud people
or those who go astray and follow lies.
5 Yahweh my god, you've done many wonderful things,
and your thoughts about us can't be numbered.
If I declared and spoke about them,
they would be too many to count.
6 Sacrifices and offerings don't give you pleasure,
but you've opened my mind.
You didn't actually want burnt offerings or sin offerings.
7 Then said I, "See, I've come.
I'm written about in the scroll of the document.
8 I enjoy doing what you want, my god.
Your instructions are on my mind."
9 I have told everyone in the national assembly about how you always do what is right.
Yahweh, you know that I haven't shied back from doing that.
10 I haven't hidden your righteousness away in my heart—
I've declared your faithfulness and how you saved me.
I haven't concealed your loyal commitment or your trustworthiness from the national assembly.
11 Don't stop being merciful towards me, Yahweh.
Let your loyal commitment and your trustworthiness always preserve me.
12 More troubles surround me than I can even count.

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40:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song. **2** [412] Patiently_(wait) I_ _waited_for **YHWH** and_he_stretched_out to_me and_he/it_ _listened for_help_of_my_cry. **3** [413] And_he_brought_me_up from_a_pit_of roaring from_the_mud_of the_mire and_he_set on a_rock feet_of_my he_established steps_of_my. **4** [414] And_ _he/it_gave in_mouth_of_my a_song new praise to_god_of_our many_people they_will_see and_they_will_fear and_they_will_ _trust in_**YHWH**. **5** [415] How_blessed is_the_man who he_has_ _made **YHWH** of_confidence_of_his_object and_not he_has_ _turned to proud_people and_those_who_fall_away_of falsehood. **6** [416] Many you_have_made you Oh_**YHWH** god_of_ _my wonders_of_your and_plans_of_your to_us there_is_not to_ _compare to_you I_will_declare and_I_will_speak they_are_too_ _numerous for_recounting. **7** [417] Sacrifice and_offering not you_desired ears you_dug to/for_me burnt_offering and_sin_ _offering not you_asked_for. **8** [418] Then I_said HERE I_have_ _come in_the_scroll_of the_book it_is_written on_me. **9** [419] To_ _do will_of_your my_god_of_my I_desire and_law_of_your[420] in_ _the_middle my_inward_parts_of_my. **10** [421] I_have_borne_news righteousness in_the_assembly great HERE lips_of_my not I_ _restrain Oh_**YHWH** you you_know. **11** [422] righteousness_of_ _your not I_have_concealed in_the_middle my_heart_of_my faithfulness_of_your and_salvation_of_your I_have_spoken not I_have_hidden loyalty_of_your_covenant and_faithfulness_of_ _your to_the_assembly great. **12** [423] You Oh_**YHWH** not you_ _will_withhold compassion(s)_of_your from_me loyalty_of_ _your_covenant and_faithfulness_of_your continually they_ _preserve_me. **13** [424] If/because they_have_encompassed (on)_ _me troubles until there_was_not number they_have_ _overtaken_me iniquities_of_my and_not I_am_able to_see they_are_numerous more_than_the_hairs_of my_head and_ _heart_of_my it_has_abandoned_me. **14** [425] Be_pleased Oh_ _**YHWH** to_deliver_me Oh_**YHWH** to_help_of_my make_haste. **15** [426] May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_abashed altogether those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_my to_snatch_it_ _away may_they_be_turned_back backwards and_ the_people_ _desirous_of my_harm_of_my _may_they_be_humiliated. **16** [427] May_they_be_appalled on the_consequence_of their_shame_of_

412 **LV 40:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.1
413 **LV 40:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.2
414 **LV 40:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.3
415 **LV 40:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.4
416 **LV 40:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.5
417 **LV 40:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.6
418 **LV 40:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.7
419 **LV 40:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.8
420 **LV 40:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
421 **LV 40:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.9
422 **LV 40:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.10
423 **LV 40:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.11
424 **LV 40:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.12
425 **LV 40:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.13
426 **LV 40:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.14
427 **LV 40:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.40.15

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_their those_who_say to_me aha[428] aha. **17** [429] May_they_exult and_may_they_rejoice in_you all_of those_of_who_seek_you may_they_say continually **YHWH** may_he_be_great those_who_ _love_of salvation_of_(of)_your. **18** [430] And_I am_poor and_ _needy my_master may_he_think to_me help_of_are_my and_ _deliverer_of_my you my_god_of_my do_not delay.

41:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [431] How_blessed is_one_ _who_considers (to) the_poor in/on_day trouble he_will_ _deliver_him **YHWH**. **3** [432] **YHWH** he_will_keep_him and_he_ _will_preserve_him_alive and_he_will_be_called_blessed[433] on_ _the_earth do_not give_him in_the_desire_of his_enemies_of_ _his. **4** [434] **YHWH** he_will_support_him on a_couch_of illness all_of bed_of_his you_have_changed in_sickness_of_his. **5** [435] I I_ _said Oh_**YHWH** show_favour_to_me heal self_of_my if/because I_have_sinned to/for_you(fs). **6** [436] Enemies_of_my they_speak evil to_me when will_he_die and_ his/its_name _will_it_perish. **7** [437] And_if someone_came to_see falsehood it_speaks his/its_ _heart it_gathers wickedness to_him/it he_goes_out to_outside he_speaks. **8** [438] Together on_me all_of those_of_who_hate_me they_whisper_to_one_another on_me they_plot trouble to_me. **9** [439] A_thing_of worthlessness has_been_poured_out in/on/over_him/it and_which he_lay_down not he_will_repeat to_rise. **10** [440] Also a_person_of my_peace_of_my whom I_ _trusted in_him/it[441] who_ate food_of_my he_has_made_great on_me a_heel. **11** [442] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** show_favour_to_

Readers' Version

My disobedience has caught up with me so that I'm no longer able to see anything else.

They're more than the hairs on my head, and my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, Yahweh, to rescue me.

Hurry to help me, Yahweh.

14 Let those who chase me to take my life be ashamed and completely disappointed.

Let those who delight in hurting me be turned back and brought to dishonour.

15 Let those who cheer because of my fate be shocked because of their shame.

16 But may all those who seek you celebrate and be glad because of you.

Let everyone who appreciates how you rescued them, say continually, "May Yahweh be praised."

17 I'm poor and needy, yet my master thinks about me.

You're my help and you come to my rescue.

Don't delay, my god.

A prayer for healing

For the musical director: a song by David.

41:1 People who are concerned for the weak will be blessed—
→in the day of trouble, Yahweh will rescue them.
2 Yahweh will protect them and keep them alive,
and they will be blessed on the earth.
Yahweh will not hand them over to their enemies.
3 Yahweh will support them on the bed of suffering.
You'll make their bed of sickness into a bed of healing.
4 I said, "Yahweh, have mercy on me.
Heal my soul, because I've sinned against you."
5 My enemies speak evil against me, saying,
'When will he die and be forgotten?'
6 If my enemy comes to see me, he speaks hollow words.
He plots in his mind how to destroy me.
When he leaves me, he tells others about it.
7 All who hate me, whisper together against me.

428 LV 40:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
429 LV 40:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.40.16
430 LV 40:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.40.17
431 LV 41:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.1
432 LV 41:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.2
433 LV 41:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **רשא׳**: (x-qere) 'רָשָׁא֥וְ': lemma_c/833 morph_HC/VPq3ms id_19P34 רָשָׁא֥וְ
434 LV 41:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.3
435 LV 41:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.4
436 LV 41:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.5
437 LV 41:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.6
438 LV 41:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.7
439 LV 41:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.8
440 LV 41:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.9
441 LV 41:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
442 LV 41:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.41.10

Readers' Version

They plot how to make trouble for me.
8 They say, "An evil disease has badly affected him.
Now that he's down flat, he'll never get up again."
9 Indeed, even my own close friend who I trusted,
who had meals at my place,
has betrayed me.
10 But Yahweh, you have mercy on me and help me up
so that I can pay them back.
11 Because my enemy doesn't defeat me,
that's how I know that you're pleased with me.
12 As for me, you support me in my integrity
and will keep me in your mind forever.
13 May Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh be praised from everlasting to everlasting.
Let it be so, yes, let it be.

Second collection[446] · Hope when depressed

For the musical director: a song[447] by Korah's descendants.
42:1 As a deer thirsts for streams of water,
so too my soul longs for you, God.
2 My soul thirsts for God—for the living God.
When will I go and appear before God?
3 My tears are my food day and night,
as people are asking me every day, "Where's your god?"
4 These things I remember, and I pour out my soul within myself.
I travelled with the crowd and accompanied them to God's residence
with shouts of joy and praise—a multitude celebrating a festival.
5 Why are you bowed down, my soul,
and upset within me?
Put your hope in God, because I'll praise him again—
praise him for how my god's presence leads to my being saved.
6 My soul is bowed down within me,

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_me and_raise_me_up so_that_I_may_repay to/for_them. **12** [443] By_this I_know if/because_that you_delight in_me that/for/because/then/when not enemy_of_my he_shouts_in_ _triumph over_me. **13** [444] And_I in_integrity_of_my you_have_ _supported (in)_me and_you_have_set_me to_your_face forever_perpetuity. **14** [445] Be_blessed **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_(the)_antiquity and_unto (the)_perpetuity amen and_amen.

42:1 To_choirmaster a_poem of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ. **2** [448] Like_a_deer which_it_pants towards channels_of water so being_of_my it_pants to_you Oh_god. **3** [449] Being_of_my it_is_ _thirsty for_god for_the_god living when will_I_go and_will_I_ _present_myself the_presence_of god. **4** [450] It_has_been to/for_ _me tear[s]_of_my food by_day and_night when_say to_me all_ _of the_day where god_of_is_your. **5** [451] These_things I_will_ _remember and_I_will_pour_out on_myself soul_of_my if/because_that I_passed_on with_crowd I_led_them to the_ _house_of god with_the_sound_of a_shout_of_joy and_ _thanksgiving a_multitude celebrating_a_festival. **6** [452] Why are_you_bowed_down my_soul_of_my and_were_you_in_ _turmoil on_me wait for_god if/because again I_will_give_ _thanks_to_him the_salvation(s)_of his/its_faces/face. **7** [453] My_ _god_of_my on_me being_of_my it_is_bowed_down therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_remember_you from_the_land_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_Ḥermōn(s) from_hill Mizar. **8** [454] Deep to deep is_calling to_sound/voice waterfalls_of_your all_of breakers_of_your and_waves_of_your over_me they_have_ _passed. **9** [455] By_day **YHWH** he_commands loyalty_of and_in_ _the_night mmm[456] is_with_me a_prayer to_the_god_of my_ _life_of_my. **10** [457] I_will_say to_god rock_of_my why have_you_ _forgotten_me to/for_what mourning do_I_walk in_the_

443 **LV 41:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.41.11
444 **LV 41:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.41.12
445 **LV 41:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.41.13
446 **RV 42:1 · Parallel** Songs 42–72
447 **RV 42:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
448 **LV 42:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.1
449 **LV 42:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.2
450 **LV 42:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.3
451 **LV 42:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.4
452 **LV 42:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.5
453 **LV 42:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.6
454 **LV 42:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.7
455 **LV 42:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.8
456 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: הָרִישׁ: (x-qere) יְרִישֵׁנִי: lemma_7892 a morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_196iZ יְרִישֵׁנִי
457 **LV 42:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.9

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_oppression_of an_enemy. **11** [458] With_a_shattering in_bones_ _of_my they_have_taunted_me foes_of_my when_say_they to_ _me all_of the_day where god_of_is_your. **12** [459] Why are_you_ _bowed_down my_soul_of_my and_why are_you_in_turmoil on_ _me wait for_god if/because again I_will_give_thanks_to_him the_salvation(s)_of my_face_of_my and_god_of_my.

43:1 Vindicate_me Oh_god and_conduct case_of_my from_a_ _nation not faithful from_man deceit and_injustice you_will_ _deliver_me. **2** If/because you are_the_god_of my_refuge_of_my why have_you_rejected_me to/for_what mourning do_I_go_ _about in_the_oppression_of an_enemy. **3** Send light_of_your and_truth_of_your they may_they_lead_me may_they_bring_ _me to the_mountain_of your_holiness_of_your and_near/to place(s)_of_your_dwelling. **4** And_I_will_go to the_altar_of god to the_god_of the_joy_of my_rejoicing_of_my and_I_will_give_ _thanks_to_you with_a_harp Oh_god god_of_my. **5** Why are_ _you_bowed_down my_soul_of_my and_why are_you_in_ _turmoil on_me wait for_god if/because again I_will_give_ _thanks_to_him the_salvation(s)_of my_face_of_my and_god_ _of_my.

44:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_poem. **2** [462] Oh_ _god with_ears_of_our we_have_heard ancestors_of_our they_ _have_recounted to/for_us the_deed[s] which_you_did in_days_ _of_their in_days_of antiquity. **3** [463] You hand_of_your nations you_dispossessed and_you_planted_them you_did_harm_to peoples and_you_set_them_free. **4** [464] If/because not by_sword_ _of_their they_took_possession_of the_land and_arm_of_their not it_saved (to)_them if/because hand_of_your_right and_ _arm_of_your and_the_light_of your(pl)_face_of_your

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therefore I remember you from the land of the Yarden (Jordan) river
and Mt. Hermon's heights and from Mt. Mits'ar.
7 Deep is calling to deep with the roar of your waterfalls;
All your waves and gusts flow over me.
8 During the day, Yahweh exercises his loyal commitment,
and in the night, his song is with me—
a prayer to the god who gave me life.
9 I'll ask God, my place of safety, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I walk around mourning because of an enemy's oppression?"
10 When those who are hostile to me rebuke me, asking me all day long, "Where's your god?"
it feels like my bones are crushed.
11 My soul, why are you bowed down?
And why are you upset within me?
Put your hope in God, because I'll thank him again—
my god's presence leads to my being saved.

Asking God for help[460]

43:1 God, declare me to be innocent,
and defend my case against an unfaithful nation.
Deliver me from deceitful and evil people.
2 For you are the god who's my place of safety.
Why have you rejected me?
Why do I walk around mourning because of an enemy's oppression?
3 Send out your light and your truth—let them lead me.
Let them bring me to your sacred mountain
and to your residence.
4 I will go to God's altar—
to the god who gives me great fulfillment.
I will praise you with the harp, oh God, my god.
5 My soul, why are you bowed down?
And why are you upset within me?
Put your hope in God, because I'll thank him again—
my god's presence leads to my being saved.

A prayer for help

For the musical director: a song[461] by Korah's descendants.
44:1 God, we have listened with our ears.
Our ancestors have told us about the miracles you did in their time—in the old days.
2 You drove out the other nations with your power, but you planted our ancestors.
You caused suffering for other people groups, but you sent our

458 **LV 42:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.10
459 **LV 42:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.42.11
460 **RV 43:1 · Parallel** Continuation of Song 42
461 **RV 44:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
462 **LV 44:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.1
463 **LV 44:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.2
464 **LV 44:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.3

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ancestors into the land.
3 Yes, they didn't take over the land with their swords, and their power didn't save them,
^but it was your power and your direction, because you were pleased with them.
4 God, you are my king who plans victories for Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
5 Through you we will destroy our adversaries.
In your name we will trample those who come against us,
6 because I won't trust in my bow,
and my sword won't save me.
7 Yes, you have saved us from our enemies,
and have humiliated those who hate us.
8 We've boasted in God every day,
and we will praise your name forever. (Instrumental break.)
9 Yet you've rejected and humiliated us,
and you don't go out with our armies.
10 You made us turn back from the enemy,
and those who hate us take plunder for themselves.
11 You've made us like sheep to be eaten,
and you scattered us among the nations.
12 You've sold your people for virtually nothing—
You haven't profited from their sale.
13 You've made us a reproach to our neighbours—
a contempt and a scorn to those around us.
14 You made us an insult among the other nations—
a shaking of the head among the peoples.
15 My dishonour is on my mind all day,
and my shame has overwhelmed me

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if/because you_took_pleasure_in_them. 5 [465] You he king_of_
_are_my Oh_god ordain the_victories_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). 6 [466]
By_you foes_of_our we_gore in_name_of_your we_tread_down
those_of_who_rise_against_us. 7 [467] If/because not in_bow_of_
_my I_trust and_sword_of_my not it_saves_me. 8 [468] If/because
you_have_saved_us from_foes_of_our and_those_of_who_hate_
_us you_have_put_to_shame. 9 [469] In_god we_have_boasted[470]
all_of the_day and_name_of_your forever_perpetuity we_will_
_praise Ṣelāh. 10 [471] Also you_have_rejected and_you_have_
_humiliated_us and_not you_have_gone_out with_armies_of_
_our. 11 [472] You_have_made_us_turn_back backwards from the_
_foe and_those_of_who_hate_us they_have_plundered for_
_themselves. 12 [473] You_have_made_us like_sheep_of food and_
_among_nations you_have_scattered_us. 13 [474] You_have_sold
people_of_your for_not wealth and_not you_have_made_great
by_price(s)_of_their. 14 [475] You_have_made_us a_reproach to_
_neighbours_of_our mockery and_derision to_those_around_of_
_us. 15 [476] You_have_made_us a_byword among_nations a_
_shaking_of head not peoples. 16 [477] All_of the_day ignominy_
_of_my is_before_me and_the_shame_of my_face_of_my it_has_
_covered_me. 17 [478] From_the_sound_of one_who_taunts and_
_one_who_reviles from_face/in_front_of an_enemy and_an_
_avenger. 18 [479] All_of this it_has_come_to_us and_not we_had_
_forgotten_you and_not we_had_dealt_falsely with_covenant_
_of_your. 19 [480] Not it_had_turned_back backwards heart_of_
our and steps_of_our _it_had_turned_aside from path_of_
_your. 20 [481] If/because you_have_crushed_us in_a_place_of
jackals and_you_have_covered over_us with_deep_darkness.
21 [482] If we_had_forgotten the_name_of our_god_of_our and_
_we_had_spread_out palms_of_our to_a_god strange. 22 [483] Not
god will_he_search_out this if/because he is_knowing the_
_secrets_of the_heart. 23 [484] If/because on_you we_have_been_
_killed all_of the_day we_have_been_regarded like_sheep_of

465 **LV 44:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.4
466 **LV 44:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.5
467 **LV 44:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.6
468 **LV 44:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.7
469 **LV 44:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.8
470 **LV 44:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
471 **LV 44:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.9
472 **LV 44:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.10
473 **LV 44:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.11
474 **LV 44:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.12
475 **LV 44:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.13
476 **LV 44:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.14
477 **LV 44:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.15
478 **LV 44:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.16
479 **LV 44:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.17
480 **LV 44:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.18
481 **LV 44:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.19
482 **LV 44:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.20
483 **LV 44:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.21
484 **LV 44:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.22

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slaughter. **24** [485] Awake to/for_what do_you_sleep my_master awake do_not reject_us to_perpetuity. **25** [486] To/for_what face_ _of_your do_you_hide do_you_forget affliction_of_our and_ _oppression_of_our. **26** [487] If/because it_has_sunk_down to_dust self_of_our it_has_clung to_earth belly_of_our. **27** [488] Arise help_ _of_(to)_a to/for_ourselves and_redeem_us for_the_sake_of loyalty_of_your_covenant.

45:1 To_choirmaster on Shoshannim of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_ _poem a_song_of love(s). **2** [490] Heart_of_my it_is_aroused a_ _message good I am_speaking work(s)_of_my to_the_king tongue_of_my is_a_stylus a_scribe skilled. **3** [491] You_are_ _handsome from_(the)_sons humankind grace it_has_been_ _poured on_lips_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_ _has_blessed_you god forever_perpetuity. **4** [492] Gird sword_of_ _your on a_thigh Oh_mighty_one splendour_of_your and_ _majesty_of_your(pl). **5** [493] And_majesty_of_your prosper ride_ _forth on a_matter_of truth and_humility righteousness and_ _let_it_teach_you awesome_deeds hand_of_your_right. **6** [494] Arrows_of_your are_sharpened peoples under_you they_will_ _fall in_the_heart_of the_enemies_of the_king. **7** [495] Throne_of_ _your Oh_god is_forever and_ever is_a_scepter_of uprightness the_scepter_of your_kingdom_of_your. **8** [496] You_have_loved righteousness and_you_have_hated wickedness therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_anointed_you god god_of_your

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16 because of hearing those who taunt and insult me—
facing those vengeful enemies.
17 All of this has come against us,
although we haven't forgotten you and we haven't violated your agreement.
18 Our heart hasn't turned back.
Our steps haven't strayed from your way.
19 But you've crushed us out where the jackals live,
and you've covered over us with dark blackness.
20 If we'd forgotten the name of our god
and spread out our hands towards a foreign god,
21 wouldn't God have discovered that
because he even knows our hearts' secrets?
22 Indeed, because of you we're killed all day long—
we're considered to be like sheep to be slaughtered.
23 My master, wake up. Why are you sleeping?
Do something—don't reject us forever.
24 Why do you hide away
and forget our oppression and suffering?
25 Yes, our life has sunk down into the dust—
it just as if we're lying face down on the ground.
26 Take action as our helper
and buy our freedom for us because of your loyal commitment.

A royal wedding song

For the musical director: a song[489] by Korah's descendants. A love song to be sung to the tune of 'Lilies'.
45:1 My heart is stirred with an excellent message.
I'll read aloud the words I've composed about the king.
My tongue is like the pen of a skilled secretary.
2 You are more perfect to look at than the children of humanity.
Your lips move with grace,
so we know that God has blessed you forever.
3 Strap your sword to your side, mighty warrior,
in your splendour and majesty.
4 Ride on triumphantly in your majesty because of trustworthiness, humility, and innocence.
Your powerful actions display your awesome abilities.

485 **LV 44:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.23
486 **LV 44:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.24
487 **LV 44:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.25
488 **LV 44:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.44.26
489 **RV 45:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
490 **LV 45:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.1
491 **LV 45:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.2
492 **LV 45:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.3
493 **LV 45:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.4
494 **LV 45:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.5
495 **LV 45:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.6
496 **LV 45:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.7

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5 Your arrows are sharp—the peoples fall under you.
Your arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies.
6 Your reign, God, will continue forever.
Your kingdom is renowned for its true justice.
7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness,
therefore God, your god, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions.
8 All your clothes smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia.
Stringed instruments playing from of ivory palaces have made you glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among your honourable women.
The queen stands on your right, clothed in gold from Ofir.
10 Listen, daughter, turn this way and take notice.
Forget your own people and your father's house.
11 Just like that, the king will desire your beauty.
→He's your master—submit to him.
12 The princess from Tsor (Tyre) will be there with a gift.
The rich people will beg for your favour.
13 The princess in the palace is just splendid—
her clothing is embroidered with gold thread.
14 She will be led to the king in an embroidered dress.
The virgins, her companions who'll follow her, will be brought to him.
15 They'll be led by gladness and celebration.
They'll enter the king's palace.
16 Your children will be in the positions that your ancestors used to hold—
you'll make them princes across the whole country.
17 I'll ensure that your name will be remembered by all generations,
therefore the peoples will give you thanks forever.

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants. To be sung by soprano[508] voices.

God's right here

46:1 God is our protection and our strength,
always ready to help when troubles come.
2 That's why we won't be afraid, even if the earth were to

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the_oil_of joy more_than_of_your_companions. 9 [497] Are_myrrh and_aloes cassia(s) all_of clothes_of_your from palaces_of ivory stringed_instrument they_have_made_you_glad. 10 [498] Daughters_of kings are_among_your_noble_of_women a_ _queen-consort she_stands to_your_right_of_hand in_(the)_ _gold_of 'Ōfīr. 11 [499] Listen Oh_daughter and_see and_incline ear_of_your and_forget people_of_your and_the_house_of your_ _father_of_your. 12 [500] So_ the_king _that_he_may_desire beauty_of_your if/because he master(s)_of_is_your and_bow_ _down to_him/it. 13 [501] And_the_daughter_of Tsor/(Tyre) with_ _a_gift face_of_your rich_ones_of a_people they_will_entreat. 14 [502] Is_all_of glorious a_daughter_of a_king within is_from_ _settings_of gold clothing_of_her. 15 [503] To_multicoloured_ _material she_is_brought to/for_the_king virgins are_behind_ _her companions_of_her_female are_being_brought to/for_ _you(fs). 16 [504] They_are_brought[505] with_joy(s) and_rejoicing they_go in_(the)_palace the_king. 17 [506] In_place_of ancestors_ _of_your they_will_be children_of_your you_will_make_them into_princes in_all the_earth/land. 18 [507] I_will_cause_to_be_ _remembered name_of_your in_all generation and_a_ _generation therefore yes/correct/thus/so peoples they_will_ _praise_you to_vanishing_point and_ever.

46:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ on alamoth a_ _song. 2 [509] god to/for_us is_a_refuge and_strength a_help in_ _troubles he_is_found exceedingly. 3 [510] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not we_will_fear when_ the_earth _ _changes and_when_ mountains _shake in_the_heart_of the_ _seas. 4 [511] They_will_roar waters_of_its they_will_foam

497 **LV 45:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.8
498 **LV 45:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.9
499 **LV 45:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.10
500 **LV 45:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.11
501 **LV 45:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.12
502 **LV 45:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.13
503 **LV 45:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.14
504 **LV 45:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.15
505 **LV 45:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
506 **LV 45:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.16
507 **LV 45:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.45.17
508 **RV 46:0 · Note** In Hebrew, like 'alamot'.
509 **LV 46:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.1
510 **LV 46:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.2
511 **LV 46:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.3

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mountains they_will_shake at_swelling_of_its Ṣelāh. **5** [512] A_
_river streams_of_its they_make_glad the_city_of god the_holy_
_place_of the_dwellings_of the_Most_High. **6** [513] god is_in_
_midst_of_its not it_will_be_shaken he_will_help_it god to_the_
the_morning _turning. **7** [514] Nations they_were_in_a_tumult[515]
kingdoms they_shook he_gave_forth with_voice_of_his the_
_earth it_melted. **8** [516] **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_with_us
is_a_refuge to/for_us the_god_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) Ṣelāh. **9** [517]
Come see the_works_of **YHWH** who he_has_appointed
desolations on_the_earth. **10** [518] He_is_making_cease wars to
the_end_of the_earth/land bow[s] he_breaks and_he_cuts_in_
_two spear[s] carts he_burns with_fire. **11** [519] Be_quiet and_
_know if/because_that I am_god I_will_be_exalted among_
_nations I_will_be_exalted on_the_earth. **12** [520] **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers is_with_us is_a_refuge to/for_us the_god_
_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ Ṣelāh.

47:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_song. **2** [522] Oh_
_all_of the_peoples strike a_palm shout_for_joy to_god with_
_the_sound_of a_shout_of_joy. **3** [523] If/because **YHWH** the_
_Most_High is_to_be_feared a_king great over all_of the_
_earth/land. **4** [524] He_subdues peoples under_us and_peoples
under feet_of_our. **5** [525] He_chooses to/for_us ~~ÐOM~~ inheritance_
_of_our ~~ÐOM~~ the_pride_of Ya´ₐqoⱱ whom he_loved Ṣelāh. **6** [526]
god he_has_gone_up with_a_shout_of_joy **YHWH** with_the_
_sound_of a_ram's_horn. **7** [527] Sing_praises_to god sing_praises
sing_praises to_king_of_our sing_praises. **8** [528] If/because is_
_the_king_of all_of the_earth/land god sing_praises a_poem.
9 [529] god he_reigns over nations god he_sits on the_throne_of

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change—
even if the mountains were shaken into the ocean depths,
3 making its waters roar and rage,
as the mountains shake against the surging waters. (Instrumental break.)
4 There's a river whose streams make God's city happy—
the sacred place where the highest one lives.
5 God is in the middle of that city—she won't be affected.
God will help her, and he will do so at dawn.
6 The nations raged and the kingdoms were shaken.
He spoke out and the earth melted.
7 Commander-in-chief Yahweh is with us.
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god is our protection. (Instrumental break.)
8 Come and see what Yahweh has done—
the destruction he's caused on earth.
9 He stops wars all over the world.
He breaks bows and cuts spears into pieces.
He incinerates the shields.
10 Stay quiet and be aware that I am God.
I will be honoured among the nations.
I will be honoured throughout the world.
11 Commander-in-chief Yahweh is with us.
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god is our protection. (Instrumental break.)

God the king of entire world

For the musical director: a song[521] by Korah's descendants.
47:1 Clap your hands, all you peoples.
Shout to God with a cheerful voice.
2 For Yahweh the highest one can be terrifying.
He is a great king over the whole world.
3 He subdues peoples under us
and puts nations under our control.
4 He chooses our inheritance for us—
→the land which Ya'akov (Jacob) (who he loved) was proud of.

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512 **LV 46:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.4
513 **LV 46:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.5
514 **LV 46:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.6
515 **LV 46:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
516 **LV 46:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.7
517 **LV 46:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.8
518 **LV 46:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.9
519 **LV 46:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.10
520 **LV 46:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.46.11
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523 **LV 47:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.2
524 **LV 47:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.3
525 **LV 47:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.4
526 **LV 47:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.5
527 **LV 47:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.6
528 **LV 47:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.7
529 **LV 47:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.8

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(Instrumental break.)
5 God has gone up with a shout,
Yahweh ascended with a trumpet blast.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises.
Sing praises to our king, sing praises,
7 because God is the king over the whole world.
Sing praises with understanding.
8 God reigns over the nations.
God sits on his sacred throne.
9 The nations' leaders have gathered together to the people of Avraham's god,
because God controls the nations' defences.
He is greatly honoured.
A song by Korah's descendants.

Yerushalem, God's city

48:1 Yahweh is incredible and deserves to be praised a lot,
in our god's city on his sacred hill.
2 Beautiful on the high hills,
making the whole world happy,
is Mt. Tsiyon (Zion), on the northern sides—
the great king's city.
3 God has made himself known in her towers as protector,
4 because, look, the kings assembled themselves.
They passed by together.
5 They saw it, then they were astounded.
They were dismayed, and they hurried away.
6 Trembling took hold of them there—
pain like woman who's in labour.
7 You smash the ships from Tarshish
with the east wind.
8 We've now seen what we'd heard about in Commander-in-chief Yahweh's city—
in the city of our god.
God will establish it forever. (Instrumental break.)
9 We thought about your loyal commitment, God,
when we were in the middle of your temple.
10 Your praise reaches the ends of the earth

Literal Version

his_holiness_of_his. **10** [530] Noble_people_of peoples they_have_ _gathered the_people_of the_god_of 'Avrāhām if/because belong_to_god the_shields_of earth exceedingly he_is_exalted.

48:1 A_song a_song of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ. **2** [531] Is_great **YHWH** and_he_is_to_be_praised exceedingly is_in_the_city_of our_god_of_our the_mountain_of his_holiness_of_his. **3** [532] It_ _is_beautiful_of height the_joy_of all_of the_earth/land the_ _mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_remotest_parts_of Zaphon is_the_town_of the_king great. **4** [533] god is_in_fortresses_of_its he_has_made_himself_known to_a_refuge. **5** [534] If/because THERE the_kings they_assembled they_passed_on together. **6** [535] They they_saw thus they_were_astonished they_were_ _terrified they_hurried_away. **7** [536] Trembling it_seized_them there anguish like_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **8** [537] With_a_wind_ _of the_east you_shatter (the)_ships_of Tarshiysh. **9** [538] Just_as we_have_heard so we_have_seen in_the_city_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_the_city_of our_god_of_our god he_ _will_establish_it until perpetuity Ṣelāh. **10** [539] We_have_ _reflected_on Oh_god loyalty_of_your_covenant in_the_midst_ _of your_temple_of_your. **11** [540] Like_name_of_your Oh_god so praise_of_your is_over the_ends_of the_earth righteousness hand_of_your_right it_is_full. **12** [541] It_will_rejoice the_ _mountain_of Tsiyyōn the_daughters_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_be_glad on_account_of judgements_of_your. **13** [542] Go_around Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_go_round_it count towers_of_ _its. **14** [543] Set heart_of_your(pl) to_rampart_of_its walk_ _through fortresses_of_its so_that you(pl)_may_recount to_a_ _generation later. **15** [544] If/because_that this is_god god_of_our forever and_ever he he_will_guide_us on dying.

530 **LV 47:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.47.9
531 **LV 48:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.1
532 **LV 48:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.2
533 **LV 48:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.3
534 **LV 48:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.4
535 **LV 48:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.5
536 **LV 48:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.6
537 **LV 48:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.7
538 **LV 48:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.8
539 **LV 48:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.9
540 **LV 48:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.10
541 **LV 48:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.11
542 **LV 48:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.12
543 **LV 48:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.13
544 **LV 48:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.48.14

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49:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_song. **2** [545] Hear this Oh_all_of the_peoples give_ear Oh_all_of the_inhabitants_ _of the_world. **3** [546] Both the_children_of humankind as_well_as the_children_of man alike the_rich and_the_needy. **4** [547] Mouth_of_my it_will_speak wisdom(s) and_the_meditation_of my_heart_of_my will_be_understanding(s). **5** [548] I_will_incline to_a_proverb ear_of_my I_will_open with_a_harp riddle_of_my. **6** [549] To/for_what will_I_fear in_days_of trouble the_iniquity_of my_heels_of_my it_surrounds_me. **7** [550] Those_who_rely on wealth_of_their and_in_the_greatness_of their_rich[es]_of_their they_boast. **8** [551] A_brother not certainly_(ransom) anyone he_ _will_ransom not he_will_give to_god ransom_of_his. **9** [552] And_ the_ransom_of their_life_of_their _it_is_precious and_he_will_ _cease forever_perpetuity. **10** [553] And_he_will_live still to_ _perpetuity not he_will_see the_pit. **11** [554] If/because anyone_ _will_see wise_people they_die alike a_fool and_a_stupid_ _person they_perish and_they_leave to_other_people wealth_ _of_their. **12** [555] Being_of_their_inner houses_of_are_their forever_perpetuity places_of_their_dwelling to_a_generation and_a_generation they_called with_names_of_their on lands. **13** [556] And_human/'Ādām in_honour not he_remains he_is_like like_animals which_they_are_destroyed. **14** [557] This way_of_is_ _their stupidity belongs_to_them and_after_them in_mouth_of_ _their they_take_delight Ṣelāh. **15** [558] Like_sheep for_Shə'ōl they_have_been_appointed death it_will_shepherd_them and_ _they_ruled over_them upright_people to_morning their[559] is_

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as does your reputation, God.
→You rule with power and with justice.
11 Let Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) be glad.
Let Yehudah's (Judah's) daughters celebrate
→because of your righteous decrees.
12 Walk around Mt. Tsiyon.
Go round about her.
→Count her towers,
13 Take good notice of her walls,
and look at her palaces
→so that you can tell it to the next generation,
14 because this god is our god forever and ever.
He will be our guide all the way through to death.

Trusting in wealth is foolishness

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants.
49:1 Hear this, all you peoples.
Listen to this, all you inhabitants of the world,
2 both low and high—
rich and poor together.
3 I'll talk about wisdom
and my inner thoughts will be about understanding.
4 I'll listen to a proverb.
I'll introduce my riddle with a harp piece.
5 Why should I fear in evil times?
Why should I be afraid when I'm surrounded by wickedness?
6 Why should I fear those who trust in their riches
and boast about their extensive wealth?
7 It is certain that no one can redeem his brother
or pay God a ransom for him,
8 because it's very expensive to buy back someone's life,
and no one can pay what we owe.
9 No one can live forever
so that they wouldn't experience the grave,
10 because he will see decay—even wise people die.
The fool and the brute alike come to an end
→and leave their wealth to others.

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545 **LV 49:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.1
546 **LV 49:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.2
547 **LV 49:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.3
548 **LV 49:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.4
549 **LV 49:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.5
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552 **LV 49:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.8
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554 **LV 49:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.10
555 **LV 49:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.11
556 **LV 49:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.12
557 **LV 49:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.13
558 **LV 49:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.49.14
559 **LV 49:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: ם/ריצ/ו: (x-qere) ם/רוצ֫/ו': lemma_c/6697 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp3mp id_19T67 ם/רוצ֫/ו

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11 Their inner thought is that their families will continue forever,
and the places where they live, for all future generations.
They name their lands after themselves,
12 yet people don't remain alive despite their wealth.
People die just like the animals.
13 That's the way of foolish people,
yet after they're gone, people approve of their sayings. (Instrumental break.)
14 Like sheep, they're destined for slaughter,
and death will be their shepherd.
The upright will rule over them in the morning,
and their bodies will rot in the grave,
far from their fancy homes.
15 But God will buy back my life from the power of the grave,
because he'll receive me. (Instrumental break.)
16 Don't be afraid when someone gets rich,
and if their family becomes very prominent,
17 →because when they die, they'll take nothing with them.
Their splendour can't follow them down.
18 They looked after themselves well while they lived
(and people do praise you when you live for yourself),
19 but they'll go to join their ancestors
and won't ever see the light again.
20 Anyone who has prestige but no understanding
is like the wild animals that will die.

The true/correct worshipping

A song by Asaf.
50:1 Yahweh, God, has spoken
and summoned the world from the sun's rising to its setting.
2 God has shone out of Tsiyon (Zion)—
the perfection of beauty.
3 Our god comes and doesn't stay silent.
A fire devours ahead of him,
and it's very stormy around him.
4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth
→so that he can judge his people.
5 "Bring my faithful ones together to me—
those who've made an agreement with me by sacrificing."
6 The heavens will declare his righteousness,
because God himself is judge. (Instrumental break.)
7 "My people, listen and I'll speak.
I'll bring accusations against you, Yisrael (Israel).
I'm God, your god.
8 I won't scold you for your sacrifices.

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for of_Shə'ōl _the_consuming from_a_lofty_residence to_
_him/it. **16** [560] Surely god he_will_redeem life_of_my from_the_
_hand_of Shə'ōl if/because he_will_take_me Ṣelāh. **17** [561] Do_
_not fear if/because anyone he_will_become_rich if/because
the_honour_of his_house_of_his it_will_increase. **18** [562]
If/because not in_death_of_his he_will_take (the)_anything not
it_will_go_down after_him honour_of_his. **19** [563] If/because
self_of_his in_life_of_his he_blessed and_people_praise_you
if/because you_will_do_well to/for_you(fs). **20** [564] It_will_go to
the_generation_of his_ancestors_of_his until perpetuity not
they_will_see light. **21** [565] Humankind with_honour and_not
he_understands he_is_like like_animals which_they_are_
_destroyed.

50:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[566] god_of god **YHWH** he_has_spoken and_
_he/it_called the_earth from_the_rising_of the_sun to setting_
_of_its. **2** From_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) perfection_of beauty god he_
_has_shone_forth. **3** god_of_our he_comes and_not let_him_be_
_silent fire before_him it_consumes and_around_of_him it_is_
_tempestuous exceedingly. **4** He_summons (to) the_heavens
(from)_above and_near/to the_earth/land to_judge people_of_
_his. **5** Gather to_me Oh_of_my_faithful_people those_who_
_made_of covenant_of_(of)_my with sacrifice. **6** And_ the_
_heavens _they_declared righteousness_of_his if/because god
is_judge he Ṣelāh. **7** Hear my_people_of_my and_I_will_speak
Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_warn on/over_you(fs) am_god
god_of_your I. **8** Not on sacrifices_of_your I_rebuke_you and_
_your(pl)_burnt_of_offerings are_to_before_me continually.
9 Not I_will_accept from_household_of_your a_young_bull
from_folds_of_your goats. **10** If/because to_me every_of
creature_of_living the_forest the_animals on_hills_of a_
_thousand. **11** I_know every_of bird_of the_mountains and_
_moving_creature[s]_of the_field with_me. **12** If I_will_be_
_hungry not I_will_tell to/for_you(fs) if/because to_me the_

560 LV 49:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.15
561 LV 49:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.16
562 LV 49:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.17
563 LV 49:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.18
564 LV 49:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.19
565 LV 49:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.49.20
566 LV 50:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.50.1

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_world and_what_of_fills_it. **13** Do_I_eat the_flesh_of mighty_ _bulls and_the_blood_of goats do_I_drink. **14** Sacrifice to_god a_ _thank-offering and_pay to_the_Most_High vows_of_your. **15** And_call_out_to_me in/on_day trouble I_will_rescue_you and_you_will_honour_me. **16** And_to_wicked god he_says what is_to_you to_recount decrees_of_my and_you_have_taken covenant_of_my on mouth_of_your. **17** And_you(ms) you_hate discipline and_you_have_thrown words/messages_of_my behind_you. **18** If you_saw a_thief and_you_were_pleased with_ _him/it and_was_with adulterers portion_of_your. **19** Mouth_ _of_your you_let_untie/release in_evil and_tongue_of_your it_ _frames deceit. **20** You_sit on_brother_of_your you_speak on_ _the_child_of your_mother_of_your you_give a_fault. **21** These_ _things you_have_done and_I_kept_silent you_imagined exactly_(be) I_am like_you I_will_rebuke_you and_I_will_ _arrange to_eyes_of_your. **22** Consider please this Oh_you(pl)_ _who_forget_of (of)_god lest I_should_tear_to_pieces and_ _there_will_not_be a_deliverer. **23** one_who_sacrifices a_ _thank-offering he_honours_me and_one_who_sets a_way I_ _will_let_him_look on_the_salvation_of god.

51:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** When_came to_him/it Nātān the_prophet when_when he_had_gone into Bath- sheba. **3** [567] Show_favour_to_me Oh_god according_to_of_your_ _covenant_loyalty according_to_the_greatness_of your(pl)_ _compassion(s)_of_your wipe_out transgressions_of_my. **4** [568] Increase[569] wash_me from_iniquity_of_my and_from_sin_of_my cleanse_me. **5** [570] If/because transgressions_of_my I I_know and_sin_of_my is_before_me continually. **6** [571] To/for_ _yourself(m) you_alone I_have_sinned and_the_evil in_eyes_of_ _your I_have_done so_that you_may_be_just when_speak_you

Readers' Version

You're continually sacrificing burnt offerings to me.
9 I won't accept any bull off your property,
or any billy goats out of your pens,
10 because every animal in the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds in the hills,
and the wild animals in the countryside are mine.
12 I wouldn't bother telling you if I was hungry
because the world is mine including everything in it.
13 Do I eat the meat from bulls that have been sacrificed,
or drink the blood from the goats?
14 Present a thank offering to God
and honour your promises to the highest one.
15 Call out to me whenever you get into trouble.
I'll rescue you, and you'll honour me."
16 But God tells the wicked people,
"What do you have to do with reciting my instructions,
that you've taken telling others about my agreement,
17 since you hate correction
and just toss my warnings back over your shoulders?
18 When you see a thief, you think it's fine,
and you participate with those who commit adultery.
19 You allow evil to come out of your mouth,
and you use your words to deceive others.
20 You sit and speak against your brother.
You slander your own mother's son.
21 You've done these things, but I've stayed silent,
so you thought that I was someone just like yourself.
However, I'll scold you
and bring up all the things you have done, right in front of your eyes.
22 Give this careful consideration, all of you who forget God,
otherwise I will tear you to pieces,
and there'll be no one to rescue you.
23 Anyone who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me,
and anyone who decides to follow God will experience his salvation."

A prayer for forgiveness

For the musical director: a song by David from when the prophet Natan had gone to him after David had committed adultery with Bat-Sheva.
51:1 Have mercy on me, God, because of your loyal commitment.
Blot out my disobedience, because you're so merciful.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
and make me clean from my sin
3 because I'm aware of my transgressions,

567 **LV 51:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.1
568 **LV 51:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.2
569 **LV 51:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִבְרֵה: (x-qere) בְּרֵהּ: lemma_7235 a n_1.0 morph_HVhv2ms id_19M4p בְּרֵהּ
570 **LV 51:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.3
571 **LV 51:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.4

Readers' Version

and my sin is always on my mind.
4 It's you and only you that I've sinned against,
and done what's evil in your sight.
You are right when you speak.
You are correct when you judge.
5 Yes, I was born in iniquity.
As soon as my mother conceived me, I was in sin.
6 You desire integrity in my inner self,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret place within.
7 Purify me with blood (applied to the doorway with a sprig of hyssop), and I'll be clean.
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness
→so that the bones that you've broken can be happy again.
9 Look away from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create a clean heart in me, God,
and renew an unwavering spirit within me.
11 Don't drive me away from your presence,
and don't take your holy spirit away from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain me with a willing spirit.
13 Then I'll teach other transgressors your ways,
and sinners will be converted to you.
14 God of my salvation, forgive me for shedding blood,
→and I'll happily shout about how good and righteous you are.
15 Open my lips, my master,
and my mouth will express praise to you
16 because a sacrifice wouldn't make you happy or I would give it.
You get no pleasure from burnt offerings.
17 The sacrifices that God wants are a broken spirit—
a humbled and repentant heart won't be despised by you, God.
18 Express your pleasure at Tsiyon (Zion) by doing good to us.
Rebuild Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) walls.
19 Then you'll delight in the sacrifices of righteousness,
in burnt offerings and completely burnt offerings.

572 **LV 51:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.5
573 **LV 51:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.6
574 **LV 51:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.7
575 **LV 51:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.8
576 **LV 51:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.9
577 **LV 51:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.10
578 **LV 51:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.11
579 **LV 51:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.12
580 **LV 51:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.13
581 **LV 51:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.14
582 **LV 51:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.15
583 **LV 51:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.16
584 **LV 51:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.17
585 **LV 51:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.18
586 **LV 51:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.51.19

Literal Version

you_will_be_pure when_judge_you. **7** **572** HERE in_iniquity I_ _was_brought_forth and_in_sin she_conceived_me mother_of_ _my. **8** **573** HERE faithfulness you_desire in_parts and_in_a_ _place_kept_secret wisdom you_cause_me_to_know. **9** **574** You_ _will_cleanse_me_from_sin with_hyssop so_that_I_may_be_pure you_will_wash_me and_more_than_snow I_will_become_white. **10** **575** You_will_make_me_hear joy and_gladness the_bones which_you_have_crushed let_them_rejoice. **11** **576** Hide face_of_ _your from_sins_of_my and_all iniquities_of_my wipe_out. **12** **577** A_heart pure create to_me Oh_god and_spirit steadfast renew in_my_inner_of_being. **13** **578** Do_not throw_me from_ _before_face_of_you and_spirit your_holiness_of_your do_not take from_me. **14** **579** Restore to/for_me the_joy_of your_ _salvation_of_your and_spirit willing you_will_sustain_me. **15** **580** I_will_teach transgressors ways_of_your and_sinners to_ _you they_will_return. **16** **581** Deliver_me from_blood(s) Oh_god the_god_of my_salvation_of_my tongue_of_my it_will_shout_ _for_joy righteousness_of_your. **17** **582** My_master lips_of_my you_will_open and_mouth_of_my it_will_declare praise_of_ _your. **18** **583** If/because not you_desire sacrifice and_I_will_ _give_it burnt_offering not you_are_pleased_with. **19** **584** The_ _sacrifices_of god are_a_spirit_of broken a_heart broken and_ _crushed Oh_god not you_despise. **20** **585** Do_good_to in_favour_ _of_your ~~ĐǾM~~ Tsiyyōn/(Zion) you_will_build the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **21** **586** Then you_will_delight_in sacrifices_of righteousness burnt_offering and_whole_offering then people_will_offer_up on altar_of_your young_bulls.

Literal Version

52:1 To_choirmaster a_poem of_Dāvid. **2** When_came Do'ēg the_ _'Edōmite and_he_told to_Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_he/it_said to_ _him/it Dāvid he_has_gone to the_house_of 'Aḥīmelek. **3** [588] Why do_you_boast in_evil Oh_mighty_man the_covenant_ _loyalty_of god is_all_of the_day. **4** [589] Destruction(s) tongue_of_ _your it_plots like_a_razor sharpened Oh_you_who_do_of (of)_ _deceit. **5** [590] You_love evil more_than_good falsehood more_ _than_speaking righteousness Ṣelāh. **6** [591] You_love all_of words/messages_of swallowing a_tongue_of deceit. **7** [592] Also god he_will_tear_you_down to_perpetuity he_will_snatch_you_ _away and_he_will_tear_you_away from_a_tent and_he_will_ _root_you_up[593] from_the_land_of living_people Ṣelāh. **8** [594] And_ righteous_people _they_will_see and_they_will_fear and_ _on_him they_will_laugh. **9** [595] THERE the_man who_not he_ _made god refuge_of_his and_he_trusted in_the_greatness_of his_rich[es]_of_his he_sought_safety in_destruction_of_his. **10** [596] And_I am_like_an_olive_tree luxuriant in_house_of god I_ _trust in_the_covenant_loyalty_of god forever and_ever. **11** [597] I_will_give_thanks_to_you forever_perpetuity if/because you_ _have_acted and_I_will_wait_for name_of_your if/because it_is_ _good before your_faithful_of_people.

53:1 To_choirmaster on machalath a_poem of_Dāvid. **2** [601] A_ _fool he_says in_heart_of_his there_is_not a_god they_behave_ _corruptly and_they_do_abominably unrighteousness there_is_ _not one_who_does_of (of)_good. **3** [602] god from_heaven he_ _looks_down on the_children_of humankind to_see is_there one_who_has_insight one_who_seeks ~~DOM~~ god. **4** [603] Of_it_of_all he_backslides all_together they_are_corrupt there_is_not one_

Readers' Version

Then our people will offer bulls on your altar.

God's judgement and mercy

For the musical director: a song[587] by David written when Doeg the Edomi reported to King Sha'ul that, "David went there to Ahimilik."

52:1 Why are you proud of making trouble, you powerful man?
God's loyal commitment comes every day.
2 Your tongue plans destruction—
working deceitfully like a sharp razor.
3 You love evil more than good
and lying rather than speaking the truth. (Instrumental break.)
4 You love saying anything that destroys other people, you deceitful tongue,
5 so God will also destroy you forever.
He'll snatch you up and pluck you out of your tent
and root you out of the land of the living. (Instrumental break.)
6 Godly people will also see it and fear.
They'll laugh at him and say,
7 "Look, that's a man who didn't rely on God for his protection,
but instead trusted in the abundance of his wealth,
and he was strong when he destroyed others."
8 But as for me, I'm like a flourishing olive tree in God's house.
I'll trust in God's loyal commitment forever.
9 I'll continually thank you for what you've done.
I'll rely on your reputation, because it's good,
in the presence of your faithful followers.

Fools and human wickedness

For the musical director: a song[598] by David to be sung to the tune of 'Mahalat'.[599]

53:1 Fools tell themselves that there is no god.
They are corrupt and have done disgusting acts of evil.
There's no one who does good.[600]

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587 **RV 52:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
588 **LV 52:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.1
589 **LV 52:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.2
590 **LV 52:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.3
591 **LV 52:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.4
592 **LV 52:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.5
593 **LV 52:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
594 **LV 52:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.6
595 **LV 52:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.7
596 **LV 52:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.8
597 **LV 52:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.52.9
598 **RV 53:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
599 **RV 53:0 · Note** The 'Mahalat' could be a tune or an instrument or a voice style.
600 **RV 53:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:10-12.
601 **LV 53:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.1
602 **LV 53:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.2
603 **LV 53:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.3

Readers' Version

2 God looks down from heaven on the children of humanity
to see if there are any with insight—
who strive to obey him.
3 They've all turned away.
Together they have become corrupt.
There's not one who does good, not even one.
4 Do those who do evil have no understanding—
those who devour my people as if they were eating bread,
and it's not God that they trust in to help them?
5 They were very worried even though it was quite irrational
because God will scatter the bones of any army that comes to attack you.
Those people will be put to shame because God has rejected them.
6 If only Yisrael's (Israel's) rescue would come from Tsiyon (Zion).
When God brings his people back from the captivity,
then Ya'akov (Jacob) will celebrate
and Yisrael will be glad.

For the musical director: a song[607] by David written when some people from Zif went to King Sha'ul and told him that David was hiding in their area.[608] To be accompanied by stringed instruments.

God is my helper

54:1 Use the strength that's part of your reputation to rescue me, God,
and use your power to declare me innocent.
2 Hear my prayer, God.
Listen to what I'm saying
3 because strangers have acted against me,
and pitiless men have tried to eliminate me.
They don't have any respect for God. (Instrumental break.)
4 But yes, God is my helper.
My master is the one who supports me.
5 He will repay my enemies with evil.
In your faithfulness, destroy them.
6 I'll sacrifice a freewill offering to you.
I'll give thanks for your reputation, Yahweh, because it's good,
7 because he's rescued me from every trouble.
I've seen my enemies being defeated.

Literal Version

_who_does_of (of)_good there_is_not also one. **5** [604] Not those_ _who_do_of (of)_wickedness do_they_know those_who_devour_ _of people_of_(of)_my they_eat bread god not they_call_on. **6** [605] There they_fear a_fear not fear it_is if/because god he_ _has_scattered the_bones_of one_who_encamped_against_you you_have_put_them_to_shame if/because god he_has_rejected_ _them. **7** [606] Who will_he_give will_be_from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_salvation(s)_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ god _turns_back the_ _captivity_of his_people_of_his Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) let_it_be_glad Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_rejoice.

54:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_poem of_ _Dāvid. **2** When_ the_Ziphites _came and_they_said to_ _Shā'ūl/(Saul) not is_Dāvid hiding_himself with_us. **3** [609] Oh_ _god by_name_of_your save_me and_by_strength_of_your you_ _will_vindicate_me. **4** [610] Oh_god hear prayer_of_my give_ear to_the_words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my. **5** [611] If/because strangers they_have_risen_up on_me and_ruthless_people they_have_sought life_of_my not they_have_set god to_before_ _themselves Şelāh. **6** [612] HERE god is_a_helper to_me my_ _master is_(in)_those_who_sustain_of life_of_(of)_my. **7** [613] May_he_bring_back[614] the_evil to_enemies_of_my in_ _faithfulness_of_your destroy_them. **8** [615] In_voluntariness I_ _will_sacrifice to_you I_will_give_thanks_to name_of_your Oh_ _**YHWH** if/because it_is_good. **9** [616] If/because from_all trouble he_has_delivered_me and_on_enemies_of_my eye_of_my it_ _has_looked.

604 **LV 53:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.4
605 **LV 53:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.5
606 **LV 53:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.53.6
607 **RV 54:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
608 **RV 54:0 · Cross-ref.** 1Sa 23:19-20.
609 **LV 54:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.1
610 **LV 54:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.2
611 **LV 54:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.3
612 **LV 54:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.4
613 **LV 54:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.5
614 **LV 54:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בושׁ**: (x-qere) 'בֵּישָׁ': lemma_7725 morph_HVhi3ms id_19imY **בֵּישָׁ**
615 **LV 54:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.6
616 **LV 54:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.54.7

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55:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_poem of_ _Dāvid. **2** [618] Give_ear_to Oh_god prayer_of_my and_do_not hide_yourself from_supplication_of_my. **3** [619] Pay_attention to/for_me and_answer_me I_am_restless in_complaint_of_my and_I_am_distraught. **4** [620] From_the_sound_of an_enemy from_face/in_front_of the_pressure_of the_wicked if/because they_drop on_me wickedness and_in_anger they_are_hostile_ _towards_me. **5** [621] Heart_of_my it_trembles within_me and_ _the_terrors_of death they_have_fallen on_me. **6** [622] Fear and_ _trembling it_comes on_me and_it_has_covered_me shuddering. **7** [623] And_I_said who will_he_give to/for_me wing[s] like_dove I_want_to_fly_away and_I_want_to_settle_ _down. **8** [624] HERE I_want_to_be_far_away to_flee I_want_to_ _lodge in_wilderness Şelāh. **9** [625] I_want_to_make_haste a_ _place_of_escape to_me from_a_wind rushing from_a_storm. **10** [626] Confuse my_master divide tongue_of_their if/because I_ _have_seen violence and_strife in_city. **11** [627] By_day and_night they_go_around_it on walls_of_its and_wickedness and_trouble are_in_midst_of_its. **12** [628] Destruction(s) are_in_midst_of_its and_not it_departs from_its_public_of_square oppression and_ _deceit. **13** [629] If/because not an_enemy he_taunts_me and_I_ _will_endure not one_of_who_hates_me on_me he_magnified_ _himself and_I_will_hide_myself from_him. **14** [630] And_you(ms) a_man according_to_of_my_value friend_of_my_close and_ _acquaintance_of_my. **15** [631] Who together we_made_sweet counsel in_house_of god we_walked_about in_a_crowd. **16** [632] May_it_deceive[633] on_them may_they_go_down Sha'ōl alive if/because evil_deeds are_in_sojourning-place_of_their in_ _their_inner_of_being. **17** [634] I to god I_will_call_out and_**YHWH** he_will_save_me. **18** [635] Evening and_morning and_noon(s) I_ _will_complain and_I_will_murmur and_he/it_listened my_ _sound/voice. **19** [636] He_will_ransom in_peace life_of_my from_ _battle to_me if/because (in)_many_people they_are with_me.

Readers' Version

A prayer for a person betrayed by a friend

For the musical director: a song[617] by David to be accompanied by stringed instruments.

55:1 Listen to my prayer, God,
and don't ignore my request.
2 Pay attention to me and answer me.
I'm restless and overwhelmed by my problems
3 because of what my enemy is saying.
Yes, because of the oppression by wicked people—
because they bring trouble on me and angrily persecute me.
4 My stomach has gone into a knot,
and thoughts of death terrify me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling have hit me,
and horror has overwhelmed me.
6 I said, "Oh, if only I had wings like a dove
→then I'd fly away and find a peaceful place.
7 See, then I would wander far away.
I would stay in the wilderness. (Instrumental break.)
8 I would hurry to a safe spot,
away from the stormy wind and tempest."
9 Confuse them, my master, so their words don't make sense,
because I've seen violence and strife in the city.
10 Day and night they wander around the city walls.
Wickedness and trouble are in the middle of it.
11 Destruction is right there among it,
and oppression and deceit never leave its marketplace,
12 because it wasn't an enemy who taunted me. (Then I could have borne it.)
It wasn't my opponent who set himself up against me. (Then I

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617 RV 55:0 · Note In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
618 LV 55:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.1
619 LV 55:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.2
620 LV 55:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.3
621 LV 55:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.4
622 LV 55:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.5
623 LV 55:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.6
624 LV 55:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.7
625 LV 55:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.8
626 LV 55:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.9
627 LV 55:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.10
628 LV 55:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.11
629 LV 55:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.12
630 LV 55:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.13
631 LV 55:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.14
632 LV 55:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.15
633 LV 55:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **תומישי**: (x-qere) 'יְשַׁי': lemma_5377 morph_HVhj3ms id_19LQP **תָּמֹ'יְשַׁי**': lemma_4194 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_19aiP תָּמֹו׀׀
634 LV 55:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.16
635 LV 55:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.17
636 LV 55:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.55.18

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would have hidden myself from him.)
13 But it was you—a man of similar status to myself.
My companion and close friend.
14 We'd had good times together.
We'd walked among the crowd in God's residence.
15 Let death hit them suddenly.
Let them go down alive to Sheol,
because wickedness is where they live, right among them.
16 As for me, I'll trust God to help me,
and Yahweh will save me.
17 I complain and moan morning, noon, and evening.
→He will hear my voice.
18 He'll peacefully rescue my life from those who approach me,
because there's many who fight against me.
19 God, the one who's ruled from eternity, will hear them and answer them with what they deserve. (Instrumental break.)
They never change, and they don't respect God.
20 My friend took action against those who were at peace with him.
He hasn't respected the agreement that we had.
21 His mouth was as smooth as butter, but his heart was hostile.
His words were softer than oil, but they were actually drawn swords.
22 Give your problems to Yahweh, and he'll sustain you.
He'll never allow a righteous person to be toppled.
23 But you, God, will send the wicked down into the pit of destruction.
Bloodthirsty and deceitful people won't live even half as long as others,
but I will trust in you.

The praying due trusting of God

For the musical director: a song[642] by David, written when the Pelishtim captured him at Gat.[643] To be sung to the tune of "A dove on distant oak trees".
56:1 Be merciful to me, God, because men are attacking me.
Those who fight me press their assault all day long.
2 My enemies trample me all day long,
because there are many who proudly fight against me.

Literal Version

20 [637] He_will_hear god and_he_will_answer_them and_he_is_ _sitting antiquity Ṣelāh whom there_are_not changes for_them and_not they_fear god. **21** [638] He_stretched_out hands_of_his on_allies_of_his he_violated covenant_of_his. **22** [639] They_were_ _smooth the_creamy_things_of his_mouth_of_his and_was_war his/its_heart words/messages_of_his they_were_soft more_ _than_oil and_they were_drawn_swords. **23** [640] Cast on **YHWH** burden_of_your and_he he_will_sustain_you not he_will_permit forever_perpetuity shaking to_righteous. **24** [641] And_you(ms) Oh_god you_will_bring_them_down to_the_pit_of the_pit people_of blood(s) and_deceit not they_will_divide_in_half days_of_their and_I I_will_trust on/over_you(fs).

56:1 To_choirmaster on yonath-_of elem- rechokim of_Dāvid a_ _miktam when_ the_Pəlishtiy _seized ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it in_Gath. **2** [644] Show_favour_to_me Oh_god if/because he_has_trampled_on_ _me man all_of the_day one_who_fights he_oppresses_me. **3** [645] Enemies_of_my they_have_trampled_on_me all_of the_day if/because many_people are_fighting to_me height. **4** [646] A_day when_I_will_fear I to_you I_will_trust. **5** [647] In_god who_I_praise message_of_his in_god I_have_trusted not I_am_afraid what flesh will_it_do to_me. **6** [648] All_of the_day words/messages_of_

637 **LV 55:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.19
638 **LV 55:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.20
639 **LV 55:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.21
640 **LV 55:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.22
641 **LV 55:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.55.23
642 **RV 56:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
643 **RV 56:0 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 21:11-15.
644 **LV 56:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.1
645 **LV 56:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.2
646 **LV 56:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.3
647 **LV 56:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.4
648 **LV 56:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.5

Literal Version

_my they_twist are_on_me all_of plans_of_their for_evil. **7** [649] They_stir_up_trouble they_lie_hidden[650] they heels_of_my they_watch_for just_as they_have_waited_for life_of_my. **8** [651] On wickedness deliver (to)_them in_anger peoples bring_down Oh_god. **9** [652] Wandering_of_my you_have_taken_account_of you put tear[s]_of_my in_skin-bottle_of_your not is_it_of_in_ _your_scroll. **10** [653] Then enemies_of_my they_will_turn_back backwards in/on_day when_I_will_call_out this I_know if/because_that god to_me. **11** [654] In_god who_I_praise a_ _message in_**YHWH** who_I_praise a_message. **12** [655] In_god I_ _have_trusted not I_am_afraid what anyone will_he_do to_me. **13** [656] Are_on_me Oh_god vows_of_your I_will_pay thank-offerings to/for_you(fs). **14** [657] If/because you_have_ _delivered life_of_my from_death not feet_of_my from_ _stumbling to_go_about to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god in_the_light_of (the)_life.

57:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth of_Dāvid a_miktam when_ _fled_he from_face/in_front_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) in_cave. **2** [659] Show_favour_to_me Oh_god show_favour_to_me if/because in_ _you(ms) self_of_my it_takes_refuge and_in_the_shadow_of your_two's_wings_of_your I_take_refuge until destruction(s) it_ _will_pass_by. **3** [660] I_call_out to_god Most_High to_god who_ _avenges on_me. **4** [661] He_will_send from_heaven and_he_will_ _save_me he_will_reproach the_of_one_who_tramples_on_me Şelāh god he_will_send loyalty_of_his_covenant and_ _faithfulness_of_his. **5** [662] Self_of_my in_the_middle lions I_lie_ _with those_who_devour the_children_of humankind teeth_of_ _their are_a_spear and_arrows and_tongue_of_their is_a_sword sharp. **6** [663] Be_exalted above the_heavens Oh_god be_over all_

Readers' Version

3 Any time I'm afraid, I'll put my trust in you— **4** in God, whose message I praise.
I've put my trust in God—I won't be afraid of what people can do to me?
5 All day long they twist my words.
They're always thinking about how to harm me.
6 They conspire then lie hidden—watching my steps
as they just wait for the opportunity to take my life.
7 Don't let them escape when they've done evil things.
In your anger, God, bring down those people groups.
8 You keep track of my wanderings
and put my tears into your bottle.
Aren't they recorded in your book?
9 Then my enemies will pull back when call out to you for help.
I know that because God is for me.
10 In God—whose message I praise,
in Yahweh—whose message I praise,
11 in God I trust.
I'm not scared—what can anyone do to me?
12 The duty to fulfill my promises to you is on me, God.
I'll give thank offerings to you
13 because you've rescued my life from death.
You've kept me from falling into danger,
so that I can walk in front of God in the light of the living.

A prayer for protection from predators

For the musical director: a song[658] by David written when he was fleeing from Sha'ul and hid in a cave. To be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
57:1 Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me,
because I come to you to be safe until these troubles are over.
I stay under your wings for protection until this destruction is over.
2 I will cry to the highest God—
to God, who ensures that I get justice.
3 He will send help from heaven and rescue me,

649 **LV 56:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.6
650 **LV 56:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וניפצי**: (x-qere) **ונֹופְצִי**': lemma_6845 n_1.1 morph_HVqi3mp id_19Djm **וּנֹופְצִי**
651 **LV 56:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.7
652 **LV 56:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.8
653 **LV 56:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.9
654 **LV 56:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.10
655 **LV 56:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.11
656 **LV 56:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.12
657 **LV 56:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.56.13
658 **RV 57:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
659 **LV 57:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.1
660 **LV 57:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.2
661 **LV 57:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.3
662 **LV 57:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.4
663 **LV 57:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.5

Readers' Version

He's angry with those who crush me. (Instrumental break.)
God will let me experience his loyal commitment and his faithfulness.
4 My life is among lions.
I'm among those who are ready to devour me.
I'm among people whose teeth are spears and arrows,
and whose tongues are sharp swords.
5 May you be lifted up, God, above the skies.
May your splendour be seen by the whole world.
6 They spread out a net to catch my feet—I was distressed.
They dug a pit in front of me. They themselves have fallen into it. (Instrumental break.)
7 My heart is fixed, God, I've made my decision.
I will sing, yes, I'll sing praises.
8 Wake up, my honoured heart. Wake up, harp and other stringed instrument.
I'll wake up the dawn.
9 My master, I'll give thanks to you among the peoples.
I'll sing praises to you among the nations.
10 because your loyal commitment is great—reaching to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
11 May you be lifted up, God, above the skies.
May your splendour be seen by the whole world.

Punishment for the wicked

For the musical director: a song[670] by David. To be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
58:1 When you rulers speak, do you actually say what is right?
Do you give justice, you people?
2 No, you plan wicked schemes in your mind.
You use your hands to distribute violence throughout the land.
3 From the womb, the wicked turn from what's right.
They go astray from birth, speaking lies.
4 Their poison is like snake venom.
They're like a deaf cobra that blocks its own ears

Literal Version

_of the_earth/land glory_of_your. **7** [664] A_net they_prepared for_feet_of_my self_of_my it_bowed_down they_dug to/for_my_ _face/front a_pit they_have_fallen in_the_midst_of_of_it Ṣelāh. **8** [665] Heart_of_my is_steadfast Oh_god heart_of_my is_steadfast I_will_sing and_I_will_sing_praises. **9** [666] Awake my_honour_of_ _my awake Oh_lyre and_harp I_will_waken the_dawn. **10** [667] I_ _will_give_thanks_to_you among_peoples my_master I_will_ _sing_praises_to_you not nations. **11** [668] If/because is_great to the_heavens loyalty_of_your_covenant and_unto the_clouds faithfulness_of_your. **12** [669] Be_exalted above the_heavens Oh_ _god be_over all_of the_earth/land glory_of_your.

58:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth of_Dāvid a_miktam. **2** [671] Really silence righteousness do_you_speak uprightness(es) do_ _you(pl)_judge the_children_of humankind. **3** [672] Also in_the_ _heart injustice(s) you(pl)_do on_the_earth the_violence_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) you(pl)_weigh_out. **4** [673] Wicked_ _people they_turn_aside from_the_womb they_go_astray from_ _the_belly those_who_speak_of (of)_falsehood. **5** [674] Venom_of them is_like_the_likeness_of the_venom_of a_snake like a_cobra deaf which_it_shuts ear_of_its. **6** [675] Which not it_listens to_ _sound/voice charmers one_who_throws_of spells skillful. **7** [676] Oh_god break_away teeth_of_their in_mouth_of_their the_ _teeth_of young_lions break_off Oh_**YHWH**. **8** [677] May_they_ _flow like waters which_they_go_about (for)_themselves may_

664 **LV 57:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.6
665 **LV 57:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.7
666 **LV 57:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.8
667 **LV 57:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.9
668 **LV 57:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.10
669 **LV 57:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.57.11
670 **RV 58:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
671 **LV 58:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.1
672 **LV 58:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.2
673 **LV 58:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.3
674 **LV 58:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.4
675 **LV 58:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.5
676 **LV 58:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.6
677 **LV 58:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.58.7

Literal Version

_he_bend his[678] like let_them_be_cut_off. **9** [679] Like a_snail_of which_melting_away it_goes a_miscarriage_of a_woman_of (of)_which_not they_have_seen the_sun. **10** [680] Before_before pots_of_your(pl) they_will_perceive a_thorn_bush like alive like burning he_will_sweep_it_away. **11** [681] The_righteous he_will_ _rejoice if/because he_has_seen vengeance feet_of_his he_will_ _bathe in_the_blood_of the_wicked. **12** [682] And_ anyone _he_ _will_say surely fruit belongs_to_righteous surely there_is a_ _god who_judges on_the_earth.

59:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth of_Dāvid a_miktam when_ Shā'ūl/(Saul) _sent and_people_watched ~~DOM~~ the_house to_kill_ _him. **2** [684] Deliver_me from_enemies_of_my my_god_of_my from_those_of_who_rise_against_me may_you_set_me_on_high. **3** [685] Deliver_me from_those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness and_ _from_men_of blood(s) save_me. **4** [686] If/because HERE they_ _lie_in_wait for_life_of_my they_stir_up_trouble on_me fierce_ _people not transgression_of_my and_not sin_of_my Oh_ _**YHWH**. **5** [687] Not iniquity they_run and_they_are_established awake to_meet_me and_see. **6** [688] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** god soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) awake to_ _punish all_of the_nations do_not show_favour_to all_of those_ _who_act_treacherously_of wickedness Şelāh. **7** [689] They_return to_evening they_growl like_dog and_they_go_around the_city. **8** [690] HERE they_pour_forth with_mouth_of_their swords are_ _on_lips_of_their if/because who is_hearing. **9** [691] And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_laugh to_them you_mock to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_nations. **10** [692] Strength_of_his to_you I_will_watch if/because god refuge_of_is_my. **11** [693] The_god_of

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5 then pays no attention to the snake-charmer's voice
no matter how skillful they are.
6 Break their teeth in their mouths, God.
Yahweh, break off the fangs of the young lions.
7 Let them melt away like water.
When they shoot their arrows, let them be as though they were cut in half.
8 Let them be like a snail that quietly disappears.
Like a woman's still-born child that never sees the sunlight.
9 Before your pots can feel the heat of the burning thorn twigs,
he'll sweep the branches away.
10 The godly people will celebrate when they see God's vengeance.
They'll wash their feet in the blood of the wicked
11 so that people will say, "There's definitely a reward for the righteous person.
Truly there is a god who judges the world."

A prayer for safety

For the musical director: a song[683] by David written when King Sha'ul (Saul) had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him. To be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
59:1 Rescue me from my enemies, my god.
Protect me from those who want to attack me.
2 Keep me safe from those who do evil,
and save me from the bloodthirsty men.
3 For, see, they wait in ambush to take my life.
Fierce men gather themselves together against me,
but not because of my disobedience or my sin, Yahweh.
4 They prepare to rush me even though I've done nothing wrong.
Wake up and look, and help me.
5 You, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel),
Take action and punish all the nations.
Don't be merciful to any wicked people who've been treacher-

678 LV 58:8 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/צֻחָה: (x-qere) וְ/יִּצְּחוּ: lemma_2671 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_19oxz וְ/יִּצְּחוּ
679 LV 58:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.8
680 LV 58:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.9
681 LV 58:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.10
682 LV 58:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.58.11
683 RV 59:0 · Note In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
684 LV 59:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.1
685 LV 59:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.2
686 LV 59:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.3
687 LV 59:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.4
688 LV 59:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.5
689 LV 59:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.6
690 LV 59:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.7
691 LV 59:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.8
692 LV 59:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.9
693 LV 59:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.59.10

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ous. (Instrumental break.)
6 They return in the evening, growling like dogs
and prowl around the city.
7 Wow, they belch out with their mouths.
They use their lips like daggers
because they say, "Who can hear us?"
8 But Yahweh, you laugh at them—
you mock all the pagan nations.
9 God, my strength, I'll pay attention to you.
You are my high fortress.
10 My god will meet me with his loyal commitment.
God will allow me to see my enemies defeated.
11 Don't just kill them, or my people will forget.
Use your power to scatter them and make them fall, my master, our shield.
12 Despite their pride, let them be caught
for the sins of their mouths and the words of their lips,
and for the curses and lies that they express.
13 Eliminate them in your anger
Consume them so that they'll no longer exist.
Let them know that God rules in Ya'akov (Jacob),
→and to the ends of the earth. (Instrumental break.)
14 At evening they return,
howling like dogs prowling around the city.
15 They wander around looking for food
and they growl if they're not satisfied.
16 But I'll sing about your strength,
and in the morning I'll sing about your loyal commitment.
because you've been my high fortress
and a place of safety at the time of my distress.
17 To you, my strength, I'll sing praises
because God is my high fortress—the god who demonstrates loyal commitment.

A prayer for military help

For the musical director: a song[703] by David for teaching written when he fought with Aram-Naharayim and with Aram-Tsovah, and Yoav returned and killed twelve thousand Edomim in the Salt Valley. To be sung to the tune of 'The Lily of Testimony'.
60:1 God, you've abandoned us—you've broken through our de-

Literal Version

mmm[694] he_will_meet_me god he_will_let_me_look on_
_enemies_of_my. **12** [695] Do_not kill_them lest people_of_my
they_should_forget make_them_wander_about by_strength_of_
_your and_bring_them_down our_shield_of_Oh my_master.
13 [696] The_sin_of their_mouth_of_their the_message_of their_
_lips_of_their and_let_them_be_caught in_pride_of_their and_
_from_a_curse and_from_lying which_they_speak. **14** [697] Make_
_an_end in_anger make_an_end and_they_will_not_be so_that_
_people_may_know if/because_that god is_ruling over_
_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) to_the_ends_of the_earth/land Şelāh. **15** [698]
And_they_return to_evening they_growl like_dog and_they_go_
_around the_city. **16** [699] They make_wander_about[700] to_eat if
not they_are_satisfied and_they_passed_the_night. **17** [701] And_I
I_will_sing strength_of_your and_I_will_sing_for_joy to_
_morning loyalty_of_your_covenant if/because you_have_been
a_refuge to_me and_a_place_of_escape in/on_day when_it_is_
_distress to_me. **18** [702] My_strength_of_my to_you I_will_sing_
_praises if/because god refuge_of_is_my the_god_of my_
_covenant_loyalty_of_my.

60:1 To_choirmaster on shushan-_of eduth a_miktam of_Dāvid
to_teach. **2** When_struggled_he with 'Arām Nahₐrayim and_~~ḍǫm~~
'Arām Tsōvāh/(Zobah) and_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he_turned_back
and_he_struck_down ~~ḍǫm~~ 'Edōm in_the_Valley_of Salt two_plus
ten thousand. **3** [704] Oh_god you_have_rejected_us you_have_
_broken_out_against_us you_have_been_angry you_will_restore
to/for_us. **4** [705] You_have_made_quake the_land you_have_

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694 **LV 59:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּ/דסח: (x-qere) יָ֫/דְּסָח֥': lemma_2617 a morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_19CmJ יָ֫/דְּסָח֥

695 **LV 59:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.11

696 **LV 59:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.12

697 **LV 59:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.13

698 **LV 59:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.14

699 **LV 59:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.15

700 **LV 59:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/ועוני: (x-qere) וְ/וְעִינְי': lemma_5128 morph_HVhi3mp/Sn id_199Hn וְ/וְעִינְי

701 **LV 59:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.16

702 **LV 59:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.59.17

703 **RV 60:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'miktam' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

704 **LV 60:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.1

705 **LV 60:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.2

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_split_it_open repair fractures_of_its if/because it_is_shaking.
5 [706] You_have_made_see people_of_your a_hard_thing you_
_have_made_us_drink wine staggering. **6** [707] You_have_set_up
for_those_fearing_of_you a_standard to_be_displayed from_
_face/in_front_of the_bow Ṣelāh. **7** [708] So_that they_may_be_
_rescued your_beloved_of_ones save hand_of_your_right
and[709]. **8** [710] god he_has_spoken in_sanctuary_of_his I_will_
_exult I_will_divide_up Shəkem and_the_Valley_of Ṣukkōt I_
_will_measure_off. **9** [711] To_me Gil'ād and_belongs_to_me
Mənashsheh and_'Efrayim is_the_protection_of my_head
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) is_my_of_commander's_staff. **10** [712] Mō'āv is_
_the_pot_of my_washing_of_my over 'Edōm I_throw sandal_of_
_my on_me Oh_Pəleshet shout. **11** [713] Who will_he_bring_me a_
_city_of fortification who has_he_led_me to 'Edōm. **12** [714] Not
you Oh_god have_you(pl)_rejected_us and_not you_go_out Oh_
_god with_armies_of_our. **13** [715] Come_NOW to/for_ourselves
help_of from_the_foe and_is_worthlessness the_deliverance_of
humankind.[716] **14** [717] In_god we_will_do strength and_he he_
_will_tread_down foes_of_our.

61:1 To_choirmaster on a_stringed_instrument_of Dāvid. **2** [718]
Hear Oh_god of_entreaty_of_my_cry pay_attention_to prayer_
_of_my. **3** [719] From_the_end_of the_earth/land to_you I_call
when_ heart_of_my _grows_faint on_a_rock which_it_is_high
more_than_me you_will_lead_me. **4** [720] If/because you_have_
_been a_refuge to_me a_tower_of strength from_face/in_front_

Readers' Version

fenses.
You've been angry—restore us again.
2 You've made the land tremble—you've torn it apart.
→Heal its fissures, because it's shaking.
3 You've made your people see difficult things.
You've given us wine to drink that makes us stagger.
4 You've set up a banner for those who honour you,
to be displayed against those who flee from the battle. (Instrumental break.)
5 Use your strength to rescue those you love
and answer us
6 God has spoken from his sacred place, "I'll celebrate.
I'll divide Shekem
and apportion out the Sukot Valley.
7 Gilead is mine,
and Menasheh (Manasseh) is mine.
Efrayim (Ephraim)/Yisrael (Israel) also is my helmet.
Yehudah (Judah) is my scepter.
8 Moav (Moab) is my wash-basin.
I'll toss my shoe on Edom to indicate my ownership of it.
I'll shout triumphantly because of Peleshet."
9 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
10 But it seems that you've rejected us, God?
You don't join our army when they go into battle.
11 Give us help against our enemy,
because human help is worthless.
12 We'll win with God's help.
He'll trample our enemies down.

A prayer for protection

For the musical director: a song by David to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
61:1 Hear my call for help, God.
Answer my prayer.

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706 **LV 60:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.3
707 **LV 60:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.4
708 **LV 60:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.5
709 **LV 60:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְנַעְנֵי: (x-qere) וְיִנָּעֲנוּ': lemma_c/6032 n_0 morph_HC/Vqv2ms/Sp1cs id_19LQV וְיִנָּעֲנוּ
710 **LV 60:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.6
711 **LV 60:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.7
712 **LV 60:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.8
713 **LV 60:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.9
714 **LV 60:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.10
715 **LV 60:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.11
716 **LV 60:13 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
717 **LV 60:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.60.12
718 **LV 61:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.61.1
719 **LV 61:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.61.2
720 **LV 61:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.61.3

Readers' Version

2 I call to you from the ends of the earth when I feel faint.
→Lead me to the rock of stability that's high above me
3 because you've been a place of protection for me—
a tower that's fortified from the enemy.
4 Let me live in your tent forever.
Let me find protection under the shelter of your wings. (Instrumental break.)
5 because you, God, have heard my promises.
You've given me the inheritance that's given to those who honour you.
6 You'll prolong the king's life—
his years will be like generation after generation.
7 May he sit enthroned in God's presence forever.
May loyal commitment and faithfulness preserve him.
8 I'll sing praise to you forever
so that I can fulfil my promises every day.

For the musical director: a song by David Hidutun.

Trusting in God

62:1 I wait in silence for God alone.
He's the only one who can rescue me.
2 He alone is my rock and the one who rescues me.
He's my fortified tower—no enemy will get me out of there.
3 How long, all of you, will you attack a man?
All of you will be murdered INVESTIGATE
like a leaning wall or a wobbling fence.
4 They plan to bring him down from his high position.
They love to tell lies—
they bless him with their mouths, but in their minds they curse him. (Instrumental break.)
5 I wait in silence for God alone
because I've placed my hope in him.
6 He alone is my rock and the one who rescues me.
He's my fortified tower—no enemy will get me out of there.
7 It's God who saves and honours me.

Literal Version

_of the_enemy. 5 [721] Let_me_sojourn in_tent_of_your forever let_me_take_refuge in_the_shelter_of your_two's_wings_of_ _your Şelāh. 6 [722] If/because you Oh_god you_have_listened to_ _vows_of_my you_have_given the_possession_of those_fearing_ _of name_of_(of)_your. 7 [723] Days to the_days_of the_king you_ _will_add years_of_his be_like a_generation and_a_generation. 8 [724] May_he_sit forever to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness appoint they_will_ _preserve_him. 9 [725] Thus I_will_sing_praises_to name_of_your forever_ever I_to_pay vows_of_my day day.

62:1 To_choirmaster on Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) a_song of_Dāvid. 2 [726] Only to god is_silence being_of_my from_him/it salvation_ _of_my. 3 [727] Only he rock_of_is_my and_salvation_of_my refuge_of_my not I_will_be_shaken much. 4 [728] Until when will_ _you(pl)_attack on[729] a_person of_you_of_all you(pl)_will_be_ _murdered like_a_wall bent_down a_wall (the)_pushed_down. 5 [730] Surely from_loftiness_of_his they_have_planned to_ _thrust_him_down they_are_pleased_with falsehood with_ _mouth_of_his they_bless and_in_their_inner_of_being they_ _curse Şelāh. 6 [731] Only to_god be_silent my_self_of_my if/because from_him/it hope_of_my. 7 [732] Only he rock_of_is_ _my and_salvation_of_my refuge_of_my not I_will_be_shaken. 8 [733] Is_on god salvation_of_my and_honour_of_my the_rock_of my_strength_of_my refuge_of_my is_in_god. 9 [734] Trust in_ _him/it at_every_of time Oh_people pour_out before_him heart_of_your(pl) god is_a_refuge to/for_ourselves Şelāh. 10 [735] Only are_a_breath the_children_of humankind are_falsehood the_children_of everyone in_the_balances to_go_up they are_ _more_than_a_breath together. 11 [736] Do_not trust in_extortion and_in_robbery do_not put_vain_hope wealth if/because it_

721 LV 61:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.4
722 LV 61:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.5
723 LV 61:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.6
724 LV 61:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.7
725 LV 61:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.61.8
726 LV 62:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.1
727 LV 62:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.2
728 LV 62:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.3
729 LV 62:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
730 LV 62:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.4
731 LV 62:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.5
732 LV 62:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.6
733 LV 62:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.7
734 LV 62:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.8
735 LV 62:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.9
736 LV 62:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.62.10

Literal Version

_will_bear_fruit do_not set heart. **12** [737] one_time god he_has_ _spoken two_times this I_have_heard if/because_that strength belongs_to_god. **13** [738] And_belongs_to_you my_master covenant_loyalty if/because you you_repay to_a_person according_to_of_his_work.

63:1 A_song of_Dāvid when_was_he in_the_wilderness_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** [739] Oh_god god_of_are_my you I_am_ _seeking_you_earnestly it_is_thirsty to/for_yourself(m) self_of_ _my it_longs to/for_yourself(m) flesh_of_my in_land_of dryness and_weary not water. **3** [740] Thus in_sanctuary I_have_seen_you to_see strength_of_your and_glory_of_your. **4** [741] If/because is_ _good loyalty_of_your_covenant more_than_life lips_of_my they_will_extol_you. **5** [742] Thus I_will_bless_you in_life_of_my in_name_of_your I_will_lift_up palms_of_my. **6** [743] Like fat and_ _fatness self_of_my it_will_be_satisfied and_lips_of cries_of_joy mouth_of_my it_will_praise_you. **7** [744] If I_have_remembered_ _you on beds_of_my in_the_night-watches I_meditate on/over_ _you(fs). **8** [745] If/because you_are help_of_(to)_a to/for_me and_ _in_the_shadow_of your_two's_wings_of_your I_shout_for_joy. **9** [746] Self_of_my it_clings after_you (in)_me hand_of_your_right it_supports. **10** [747] And_they to_devastation they_are_seeking life_of_my they_will_go in_the_lower_parts_of the_earth/land. **11** [748] People_will_pour_him over the_hands_of the_sword the_ _portion_of foxes they_will_be. **12** [749] And_the_king he_will_ _rejoice in_god every_of (the)_one_who_swears_an_oath in/on/over_him/it he_will_boast if/because the_mouth_of those_who_speak_of (of)_falsehood it_will_be_shut_up.

737 **LV 62:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.62.11
738 **LV 62:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.62.12
739 **LV 63:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.1
740 **LV 63:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.2
741 **LV 63:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.3
742 **LV 63:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.4
743 **LV 63:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.5
744 **LV 63:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.6
745 **LV 63:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.7
746 **LV 63:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.8
747 **LV 63:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.9
748 **LV 63:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.10
749 **LV 63:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.63.11

Readers' Version

I find my safe place in God and he's the source of my strength.
8 Trust him at all times, you people.
Tell him all your troubles.
God is a place where we can be protected. (Instrumental break.)
9 Humans are nothing but a puff of wind.
They don't weigh much on the scales.
→Even when weighed together, they're lighter than air.
10 Don't rely on extortion or robbery.
Don't hope uselessly in your wealth,
→because it'll bear no fruit—don't fix your heart on them.
11 God has spoken once.
Twice I've heard this:
→all power comes from God.
12 Also, loyal commitment comes from you, my master,
because you pay back every person for what they've done.

Staying close to God

A song by David when he was in the Yehudah wilderness.
63:1 God, you're my god. I'm eager to get to know you.
My inner being thirsts for you, and my body needs you
in a dry and depressing land where there's no water,
2 so I've been to the sanctuary to see you—
to see your power and your splendour
3 because your loyal commitment is better than life itself.
My lips will praise you.
4 So I will use my life to bless you.
I will lift up my hands to honour you.
5 My mind will be satisfied as if it's had a good meal.
My mouth will gladly praise you
6 on my bed as I think about you.
I will meditate about you during the night
7 because you have helped me.
Under your protection, I sing with happiness
8 I stay close to you—
you use your power to support me.
9 Those who are trying to destroy me
will end up down deep under the earth instead.
10 They'll experience the wrong end of the sword—
they'll become food for jackals.

Readers' Version

11 But the king will express his happiness about God.
Everyone who trusts in God will boast,
but he won't allow liars to say anything.

Trusting God for protection

For the musical director: a song by David.
64:1 Hear my voice of complaint, God.
Save my from my enemies that I fear.
2 Protect me from the secret plots of wicked people—
from the scheming of those who do evil.
3 They have sharpened their tongues like swords.
They have targeted their bitter words like aiming arrows
4 to shoot at innocent people from their ambush—
they shoot suddenly and don't fear any consequences.
5 They encourage each other with their wicked plans.
They talk about secretly laying their traps,
asking who will notice them.
6 They plot crimes, conceiving the 'perfect plan'.
Humankind's inner thoughts and desires run deep.
7 But God will shoot them—
suddenly they'll be wounded by arrows.
8 Their own tongues will bring them to ruin.
Everyone who sees them will just shake their heads.
9 All of humankind will fear God
and talk about what he's done.
Yes, they'll ponder what happened.
10 Those who do what is right will be glad about Yahweh
and take shelter in him.
Every godly person will praise him.

Praising and thanking God

For the musical director: a song by David.
65:1 Our praise is ready for you, God in Tsiyon (Zion).
We've fulfilled our vows.
2 You hear prayers.
Everyone goes to you.
3 Our sinful activities hold us back,
but you forgive our disobedience.

Literal Version

64:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [750] Hear Oh_god my_ _sound/voice in_complaint_of_my from_dread_of an_enemy you_will_preserve life_of_my. **3** [751] You_will_hide_me from_the_ _secret_counsel_of evil-doers from_the_unrest_of those_who_ _do_of (of)_wickedness. **4** [752] Who they_sharpen like_sword tongue_of_their they_bend arrow_of_their a_message bitter. **5** [753] To_shoot in_(the)_places the_blameless suddenly they_ _shoot_at_him and_not they_are_afraid. **6** [754] They_strengthen (for)_themselves a_matter evil they_speak to_hide snares they_ _say who will_he_see (to)_them. **7** [755] They_plot injustice(s) we_ _have_finished a_plot plotted and_the_inner_being_of a_person and_the_heart is_deep. **8** [756] And_he_shot_at_them god an_ _arrow suddenly they_will_be wounds_of_their. **9** [757] And_they_ _caused_him_to_stumble over_them tongue_of_their every_of one_who_looks on_them they_will_shudder. **10** [758] And_ all_of humankind _they_were_afraid and_they_declared the_deed[s]_ _of god and_work_of_his they_will_consider. **11** [759] The_ _righteous let_him_rejoice in_**YHWH** and_he_will_take_refuge in_him/it and_ all_of people_upright_of heart _let_them_boast.

65:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid a_song. **2** [760] To/for_ _yourself(m) silence is_praise Oh_god in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_ _to_you a_vow it_will_be_paid. **3** [761] Oh_you_who_hear_of prayer to_you all_of flesh they_will_come. **4** [762] Things_of iniquities they_are_too_strong for_me transgressions_of_our you you_atone_for_them. **5** [763] How_blessed is_the_one_whom_ _you_choose and_whom_you_bring_near he_dwells courts_of_ _your may_we_be_satisfied by_the_goodness_of your_house_of_ _your the_holy_place_of your_temple_of_your. **6** [764] Awesome_

750 **LV 64:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.1
751 **LV 64:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.2
752 **LV 64:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.3
753 **LV 64:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.4
754 **LV 64:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.5
755 **LV 64:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.6
756 **LV 64:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.7
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758 **LV 64:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.9
759 **LV 64:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.64.10
760 **LV 65:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.1
761 **LV 65:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.2
762 **LV 65:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.3
763 **LV 65:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.4
764 **LV 65:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.65.5

Literal Version

_deeds in_righteousness you_answer_us Oh_god_of our_
_salvation_of_our the_object_of_confidence of_all_of the_ends_
_of the_earth and_the_sea distant. **7** [765] Who_established
mountains by_strength_of_his who_is_girded with_might. **8** [766]
Who_calms the_uproar_of the_seas the_uproar_of their_waves_
_of_their and_the_tumult_of the_peoples. **9** [767] And_they_were_
_afraid the_inhabitants_of the_ends from_signs_of_your the_
_going(s)_out_of morning and_evening you_make_shout_for_
_joy. **10** [768] You_visit the_earth/land and_you_made_it_overflow
much_of you_make_it_rich the_stream_of god is_full water you_
_prepare grain_of_their if/because thus you_prepare_it. **11** [769]
Furrows_of_its you_water_abundantly you_press_down ridges_
_of_its with_showers you_soften_it growth_of_its you_bless.
12 [770] You_crown the_year_of your_goodness_of_your and_
_tracks_of_your they_drip fatness. **13** [771] The_pastures_of the_
_wilderness they_drip and_rejoicing the_hills they_gird_on.
14 [772] The_pastures they_are_clothed (the)_flock[s] and_the_
_valleys they_cover_themselves grain they_shout_for_joy also
they_sing.

66:1 To_choirmaster a_song a_song[775] shout_for_joy to_god Oh_
_all_of the_earth/land. **2** Sing_praises the_glory_of his/its_
_name make glory praise_of_his. **3** Say to_god how awesome
deeds_of_are_your in_the_greatness_of your_strength_of_your
they_cringe to/for_yourself(m) enemies_of_your. **4** All_of the_
_earth/land they_bow_down to/for_yourself(m) and_they_
_sing_praises to/for_you(fs) they_sing_praises_to name_of_
_your Ṣelāh. **5** Come and_see the_works_of god awesome_of
deed on the_children_of humankind. **6** He_turned the_sea into_
_dry_ground in_river they_passed on_foot there let_us_rejoice
in/on/over_him/it. **7** He_is_ruling by_might_of_his forever
eyes_of_his on_nations they_keep_watch those_who_are_

Readers' Version

4 Anyone you choose to bring near to you is honoured,
then they can live in your courtyards.
We'll be satisfied with the goodness of your house—
your holy temple.
5 God of our salvation, answer us
by awesome acts of justice—
yes, you who are hope of all this entire region,
as well as the hope of those who are far across the sea.
6 You created the mountains with your power.
You have plenty of strength.
7 You calm the roaring oceans—
the roaring of their waves
and the turmoil of the nations.
8 Those who live all around the world
are amazed by the evidence of your activities.
You make them happy from the east to the west.
9 You look after the world and water it.
You greatly enrich it.
God's river is full of water.
You've prepared the earth to produce grain.
10 You generously water its ploughed furrows—
your rain flattens down the ridges between them.
You make the soil soft with rain showers
then you bless what grows there.
11 You crown the yearly harvest with your bounty,
and your farm-wagons overflow with plenty.
12 The pastures in the wilderness drip with dew,
and the hills are cloaked with gladness.
13 The pastures are blanketed with sheep and goats.
The valleys also are covered over with grain;
They shout with gladness and sing.

For the musical director: a song.

Praising and thanking God

66:1 Shout happily to God you people all over the world.
2 Sing about his incredible reputation.
Make your praise of him sound great.
3 Tell God, "It's awesome what you do.
Your incredible power causes your enemies to cower.
4 The whole world will bow down to you.
They'll sing to praise you and your reputation." (Instrumental break.)

765 LV 65:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.6
766 LV 65:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.7
767 LV 65:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.8
768 LV 65:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.9
769 LV 65:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.10
770 LV 65:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.11
771 LV 65:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.12
772 LV 65:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.65.13
775 LV 66:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.66.1

Readers' Version

5 Come and see what God's done.
His activities among humanity are awesome.
6 He turned the sea into dry land.[773]
They walked through the river on foot.[774]
Let's keep celebrating what he did there.
7 He rules forever with his strength.
His eyes keep watch on the nations.
Don't let rebellious people pat themselves on the back. (Instrumental break.)
8 Be a blessing to God, you people groups.
Let the sounds of praising him be heard.
9 He maintains us among the living,
and doesn't allow our feet to slip.
10 For you, God, have tested us.
You've purified us like refined silver.
11 You led us like fish into a net.
You made us carry a heavy load on our backs.
12 You let enemy horsemen ride over our heads.
We went through fire and through water,
but you brought us out to a wide-open place.
13 I will enter your temple with burnt offerings.
I will give the amount that I promised
14 with my own lips—
that vow that I made when I was in a predicament.
15 I'll offer burnt offerings of fattened animals to you
with the sweet aroma of rams.
I will offer bulls and goats. (Instrumental break.)
16 All of you who respect God, come and listen
and I'll tell you about what he's done for me.
17 I called out to him for help with my mouth,
then I praised him with my tongue.
18 If I had considered doing evil,
my master wouldn't have listened to me.
19 Nevertheless God listened to me.
He paid attention to my prayers.
20 God deserves praise—he hasn't turned away from my prayer
or withheld his loyal commitment to me.

A song thanking God

For the musical director: a praise song to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and show kindness towards us (Instrumental break.)
2 so that those living on earth will know what you're like.
All the nations will learn about your salvation.
3 Let the peoples praise you, God.

Literal Version

_rebellious not let_them_be_exalted[776] (to)_themselves Ṣelāh.
8 Bless Oh_peoples god_of_our and_make_heard the_sound_of his_praise_of_his. 9 Who_placed self_of_our in_life and_not he_ _has_permitted to_slip foot_of_our. 10 If/because you_have_ _tested_us Oh_god you_have_refined_us as_refine silver. 11 You_ _have_brought_us in_net you_have_put affliction on_hips_of_ _our. 12 You_have_made_ride a_man to_head_of_our we_have_ _gone in_fire and_in_water and_you_have_brought_us_out to_ _saturation. 13 I_will_come house_of_your with_burnt_ _offerings I_will_pay to/for_yourself(m) vows_of_my. 14 Which lips_of_my they_opened and_ mouth_of_my _it_spoke in_ _distress to_me. 15 Burnt_offerings_of fatlings I_will_offer_up to_you with the_smoke_of rams I_will_offer cattle with goats Ṣelāh. 16 Come listen and_I_will_recount Oh_all_of those_ _fearing_of (of)_god that_which he_has_done for_self_of_my. 17 To_him/it mouth_of_my I_called_out and_exaltation was_ _under tongue_of_my. 18 Wickedness if I_had_considered in_ _heart_of_my not he_will_listen my_master. 19 Nevertheless god he_has_heard he_has_paid_attention to_the_sound_of my_ _prayer_of_my. 20 god who not he_has_turned_aside prayer_of_ _my and_his_covenant_of_loyalty from_with_me be_blessed.

67:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_song a_song.
2 [777] god may_he_show_favour_to_us and_may_he_bless_us may_he_make_shine his/its_faces/face with_us Ṣelāh. 3 [778] To_ _know on_the_earth way_of_your in_all nations salvation_of_ _your. 4 [779] May_they_praise_you peoples Oh_god may_they_ _praise_you peoples of_them_of_all. 5 [780] May_they_rejoice and_may_they_sing_for_joy nations if/because you_judge peoples uprightness and_nations on_the_earth you_guide_

773 **RV 66:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.
774 **RV 66:6 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:14-17.
776 **LV 66:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִרְרִי: (x-qere) 'וּמְרֻרָי': lemma_7311 a morph_HVqj3mp id_19NBj וּמְרֻרָי
777 **LV 67:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.1
778 **LV 67:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.2
779 **LV 67:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.3
780 **LV 67:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.4

Literal Version

_them Ṣelāh. **6** [781] May_they_praise_you peoples Oh_god may_ _they_praise_you peoples of_them_of_all. **7** [782] Earth it_gives produce_of_its he_will_bless_us god god_of_our. **8** [783] He_will_ _bless_us god and_ all_of the_ends_of the_earth _they_will_fear ~~DOM~~_him/it.

68:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song a_song. **2** [784] god may_he_ _arise enemies_of_his may_they_be_scattered and_ those_of_ _who_hate_him _may_they_flee from_before_of_him. **3** [785] As_ smoke _is_driven_about may_you_drive_them_about as_ wax _ _melts from_face/in_front_of a_fire wicked_people may_they_ _perish from_face/in_front_of god. **4** [786] And_righteous_people may_they_rejoice may_they_exult to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before god and_may_they_rejoice with_gladness. **5** [787] Sing to_god sing_praises_to his/its_name lift_up to_rider in_clouds Yah his/its_name and_exult before_him. **6** [788] Is_a_father_of fatherless_ones and_a_judge_of widows god in_the_dwelling_ _place_of his_holiness_of_his. **7** [789] god is_causing_to_dwell solitary_people household_(to)_a he_is_bringing_out prisoners in_prosperiti(es) only those_who_are_rebellious they_dwell a_ _parched_land. **8** [790] Oh_god when_you_went_out to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before people_of_your when_marched_you in_ _a_desolate_place Ṣelāh. **9** [791] The_earth it_quaked also the_ _heavens they_dropped from_face/in_front_of god this Ṣīnay from_face/in_front_of god the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** [792] Rain_of voluntariness(es) you_shed_abroad Oh_god inheritance_of_your (and)_weary you you_established_it. **11** [793] Community_of_your they_dwelt in_it you_prepared in_ _goodness_of_your for_(the)_person Oh_god. **12** [794] My_master he_gives a_message the_women_who_bear_the_news are_a_ _soldier/messenger great. **13** [795] kings_of armies they_flee they_flee and_the_beautiful_woman_of the_house she_divides the_plunder. **14** [796] If you(pl)_will_lie_down between two_

Readers' Version

Let all the people groups praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing happily,
because you'll judge the peoples with impartiality,
and govern the nations around the world. (Instrumental break.)
5 Let the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the people groups praise you.
6 The earth has yielded its harvest.
God, our god, has blessed us.
7 May God bless us,
and may people all around the world respect him.

A song of victory

For the musical director: a song by David.
68:1 Let God take action so his enemies get scattered.
Let those who hate him flee away from him
2 like smoke is driven away.
Drive them away like wax melts beside a flame,
Let the wicked perish in God's presence.
3 However let the godly people be glad.
Let them be happy in God's presence.
May they celebrate with gladness.
4 Sing to God—sing praises about his reputation.
Praise the one who rides on the clouds.
His name is Yah, so celebrate in front of him.
5 A father of the fatherless,
a protector of the widows,
is God in the sin-free place where he lives.
6 God puts solitary people into homes.
He brings out the prisoners to live in prosperity,
but those who are rebellious live in a dry, barren land.
7 God, when you went out ahead of your people,
you marched through the wilderness. (Instrumental break.)
8 The earth trembled and the skies also dropped rain in God's presence—
in the presence of God at Sinay,

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781 **LV 67:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.5
782 **LV 67:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.6
783 **LV 67:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.67.7
784 **LV 68:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.1
785 **LV 68:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.2
786 **LV 68:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.3
787 **LV 68:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.4
788 **LV 68:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.5
789 **LV 68:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.6
790 **LV 68:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.7
791 **LV 68:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.8
792 **LV 68:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.9
793 **LV 68:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.10
794 **LV 68:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.11
795 **LV 68:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.12
796 **LV 68:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.13

Readers' Version

in the presence of Yisrael's (Israel's) god.
9 You sent plentiful rain around.
You strengthened your inheritance when it was famished.
10 Your people lived in that land.
You, God, gave to the poor out of your goodness.
11 My master gave an order
and a large army proclaimed it.
12 Kings of armies flee—they take off—
she who waits at home divides out the loot.
13 Although you lie down out there among the sheepfolds,
you'll be like the wings of a dove covered with silver,
and her feathers covered with yellow gold
14 The powerful one scattered kings there.
It was as when it snowed on Mt. Tsalmon.
15 Mt. Bashan is one of God's large mountains.
The hill country of Bashan has many mountain peaks.
16 Why do you look in envy, you high hill country,
at the mountain which God desires for the place he will live?
Indeed, Yahweh will live in it forever.
17 God has many thousands of chariots—thousands of thousands.
My master is among them in the sacred place,
like he was at Sinay.
18 You have ascended on high.
You have led away captives.
You have received gifts from among men,
even from those who were rebellious,
so that you, Yahweh God, might live there.
19 Blessed be my master, who carries a load for us each day—
the god who's our salvation. (Instrumental break.)
20 God is a god who saves people.
My master Yahweh is the one who is able to rescue us from death.

Literal Version

_saddlebags the_wings_of a_dove are_covered with_silver and_
_pinions_of_its with_greenish_of gold. **15** [797] When_ the_
_almighty _scatters kings in_it let_it_snow on_Zalmon. **16** [798]
Oh_mountain_of god Oh_mountain_of Bāshān Oh_mountain_of
peaks Oh_mountain_of Bāshān. **17** [799] To/for_what do_you_
_watch_with_envy Oh_mountains peaks the_mountain god
which_he_desired he_to_dwell_in also **YHWH** he_will_dwell to_
_perpetuity. **18** [800] The_chariotry_of god is_twice_ten_thousand
thousands_of repetition[s] my_master is_among_them Ṣīnay is_
_in_holiness. **19** [801] You_went_up height you_took_captive
captive[s] you_took gifts among_humankind and_even those_
_who_are_rebellious to_dwell Yah god. **20** [802] My_master be_
_blessed day day he_carries_a_load to/for_us (the)_god
salvation_of_our Ṣelāh. **21** [803] (The)_god to/for_us is_a_god of_
_saving_acts and_belong_to_**YHWH** my_master to_death
escapes. **22** [804] Surely god he_will_smash the_head_of his_
_enemies_of_his the_crown_of_head_of hair one_who_goes_
_about in_guilt(s)_of_his. **23** [805] My_master he_has_said from_
_Bāshān I_will_bring_back I_will_bring_back from_the_depths_
_of the_sea. **24** [806] So_that foot_of_your it_may_smash in_blood
the_tongue_of your(pl)_dogs_of_your will_be_from_the_
_enemies portion_of_its. **25** [807] People_have_seen processions_
_of_your Oh_god the_processions_of my_god_of_my king_of_my
in_place. **26** [808] Singers they_went_in_front were_behind
musicians in_the_middle young_women who_were_playing_
_tambourines. **27** [809] In_assemblies bless god **YHWH** from_the_
_fountain_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **28** [810] There Binyāmīn
insignificant is_ruling_of_over_them the_princes_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) of_stones_of_their_heap the_princes_of
Zəvūlūn the_princes_of Naftālī. **29** [811] god_of_your he_has_
_ordained strength_of_your be_strong Oh_god who you_have_
_acted to/for_ourselves. **30** [812] From_temple_of_your at
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to/for_yourself(m) kings they_will_
_bring a_gift. **31** [813] Rebuke the_animal[s]_of the_reed[s] a_
_herd_of mighty_bulls with_calves_of peoples trampling on_
_pieces_of silver he_has_scattered peoples which_wars they_
_delight_in. **32** [814] Envoys they_will_come from

797 LV 68:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.14
798 LV 68:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.15
799 LV 68:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.16
800 LV 68:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.17
801 LV 68:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.18
802 LV 68:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.19
803 LV 68:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.20
804 LV 68:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.21
805 LV 68:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.22
806 LV 68:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.23
807 LV 68:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.24
808 LV 68:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.25
809 LV 68:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.26
810 LV 68:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.27
811 LV 68:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.28
812 LV 68:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.29
813 LV 68:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.30
814 LV 68:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.68.31

Literal Version

Mitsrayim/(Egypt) Kūsh/(Cush) it_will_cause_to_run hands_of_
_its to_god. **33** [815] Oh_kingdoms_of the_earth/land sing to_god
sing_praises_to my_master Ṣelāh. **34** [816] To_rider in_the_
_heavens_of heavens_of ancient_time THERE he_gives_forth
with_voice_of_his a_voice_of strength. **35** [817] Ascribe strength
to_god is_over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) majesty_of_his and_strength_of_
_his is_in_clouds. **36** [818] god is_to_be_feared from_sanctuari(es)_
_of_your the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he is_giving strength and_
_power(s) to_people god be_blessed.

69:1 To_choirmaster on Shoshannim of_Dāvid. **2** [819] Save_me
Oh_god if/because waters they_have_come to the_neck. **3** [820] I_
_have_sunk in_mire_of depth and_there_is_not a_foothold I_
_have_come in_depths_of water and_a_flood it_has_overflowed_

Readers' Version

21 But God will smash the heads of his enemies—
the hair on the head of those who continue with their guilty acts.
22 My master said, "I'll bring my enemies back from Bashan.
I'll bring them back from the depths of the ocean
23 so that you can crush your enemies—dipping your foot in blood,
and so that your dogs' tongues can have their share too from your enemies."
24 People have seen your processions, God—
the processions of my god, my King, into the sacred place.
25 The singers went first with the musicians behind them,
and the girls playing tambourines were in the middle.
26 Bless God in the large congregation.
Praise Yahweh, you who are from the fountain of Yisrael (Israel).
27 First there's Benyamin, the smallest tribe,
then the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) with their large numbers,
then the leaders of Zevulun and the leaders of Naftali (Naphtali).
28 Yisrael, your god has predetermined your strength.
Reveal your power to us, God, as you have done in times past
29 because of your temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
where kings bring gifts to you.
30 Shout in battle against the wild animals in the reeds,
against the peoples, that multitude of bulls and calves.
Humiliate them and make them bring you gifts.
Scatter the people groups who love to attack other countries.
31 Princes will come out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
Kush (Ethiopia) will hurry to reach out to God with her hands.
32 Sing to God, you kingdoms around the world. (Instrumental break.)
33 To him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which exists from ancient times.
See, he lifts up his voice with strength.
34 Acknowledge God's strength—
His sovereignty is over Yisrael (Israel) and his power in the skies.
35 God, you are awesome in your sacred place.
Yisrael's god—he's the one who gives power and strength to his people.
Praise God.

A request for help

For the musical director: a song by David to be sung to the tune of 'Lilies'.
69:1 Save me, God, because the waters have reached my neck.

815 **LV 68:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.32
816 **LV 68:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.33
817 **LV 68:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.34
818 **LV 68:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.68.35
819 **LV 69:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.1
820 **LV 69:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.2

Readers' Version

2 I sink in deep mud where there's nowhere to stand.
I have come into deep waters where the floods flow over me.
3 I'm exhausted from my crying for help—my throat is dry.
My eyes have failed while I've been waiting for my god.
4 There's more people who hate me without even knowing why, than there are hairs on my head.
I have many enemies who want to destroy me, but for no good reason.
I'm forced to 'give back' what I didn't steal in the first place.
5 God, you know the silly things that I do,
and none of my sins can be hidden from you.
6 Don't let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
Don't let those who need your help be humiliated because of me, God of Yisrael (Israel).
7 I've been ridiculed for following you—
shame has covered my face.
8 I've become a stranger to my siblings—
yes, a foreigner to my mother's children
9 because my zeal for your temple has eaten me up,
and the rebukes of those who rebuke you have fallen on me.
10 When I wept and chose not to eat,
they insulted me.
11 When I put on rough sackcloth,
they just turned me into a joke.
12 Those who sit around the community court talk about me,
and drunkards sing about me.
13 Even so, my prayer is to you, Yahweh,
when you're feeling favourable towards me.
From the strength of your loyal commitment,
answer me for sure by rescuing me.
14 Pull me out of the mud, and don't let me sink.
Rescue me from those who hate me, and from deep waters.

Literal Version

_me. **4** [821] I_have_become_weary by_my_calling_out throat_of_
_my it_has_become_parched eyes_of_my they_have_failed
waiting for_god_of_my. **5** [822] They_are_many more_than_the_
_hairs_of my_head those_of_who_hate_me without_cause
those_of_who_destroy_me enemies_of_my falsehood they_are_
_numerous that_which not I_stole then I_will_return. **6** [823] Oh_
_god you you_know (to)_folly_of_my and_guilt(s)_of_my from_
_you not they_are_hidden. **7** [824] Not let_them_be_ashamed in_
_me those_of_who_wait_for_you my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers not let_them_be_humiliated in_me those_
_of_who_seek_you Oh_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** [825] If/because
on_you I_have_borne reproach ignominy it_has_covered face_
_of_my. **9** [826] Estranged[827] I_have_become to_brothers_of_my
and_a_foreigner to_the_children_of my_mother_of_my. **10** [828]
If/because the_zeal_of your_house_of_your it_has_consumed_
_me and_the_reproaches_of those_who_reproach_you they_
_have_fallen on_me. **11** [829] And_I_wept with_fasting self_of_my
and_it_became (into)_reproach(es) to_me. **12** [830] And_I_made
clothing_of_my sackcloth and_I_became to/for_them (into)_a_
_byword. **13** [831] They_speak in_me those_who_sit_of the_gate
and_taunt_songs of_drinkers_of strong_drink. **14** [832] And_I
prayer_of_my to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** a_time_of favour
Oh_god in_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_of_your
answer_me in_the_faithfulness_of your_salvation_of_your.
15 [833] Deliver_me from_the_mud and_not let_me_sink may_I_
_be_delivered from_those_of_who_hate_me and_from_depths_
_of water. **16** [834] Not let_it_overflow_me a_flood_of water and_
_not let_it_swallow_me_up the_deep and_not let_it_close over_
_me the_pit her/its_mouth. **17** [835] Answer_me Oh_**YHWH**
if/because is_good loyalty_of_your_covenant according_to_the_
_greatness_of your(pl)_compassion(s)_of_your turn to_me.
18 [836] And_do_not hide face_of_your from_servant_of_your
if/because it_is_distress to_me hurry answer_me. **19** [837] Draw_
_near to self_of_my redeem_it on_account_of enemies_of_my
ransom_me. **20** [838] You you_know reproach_of_my and_shame_
_of_my and_ignominy_of_my are_before_you all_of foes_of_my.

821 **LV 69:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.3
822 **LV 69:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.4
823 **LV 69:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.5
824 **LV 69:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.6
825 **LV 69:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.7
826 **LV 69:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.8
827 **LV 69:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
828 **LV 69:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.9
829 **LV 69:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.10
830 **LV 69:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.11
831 **LV 69:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.12
832 **LV 69:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.13
833 **LV 69:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.14
834 **LV 69:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.15
835 **LV 69:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.16
836 **LV 69:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.17
837 **LV 69:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.18
838 **LV 69:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.69.19

Literal Version

21 [839] Reproach it_has_broken heart_of_my and_I_have_ _become_sick and_I_waited to_show_sympathy and_there_was_ _not and_for_comforters and_not I_found_them. **22** [840] And_ _they_put in_food_of_my poison and_for_thirst_of_my they_ _gave_me_to_drink vinegar. **23** [841] May_it_become table_of_ _their before_them (into)_a_trap and_for_allies (into)_a_snare. **24** [842] Eyes_of_their may_they_grow_dim from_seeing and_ _loins_of_their continually make_to_shake. **25** [843] Pour_out on_ _them indignation_of_your and_the_burning_of your_anger_of_ _your may_it_overtake_them. **26** [844] May_it_be encampment_of_ _their made_desolate in_tents_of_their not may_anyone_be dwelling. **27** [845] If/because you those_whom you_struck they_ _have_harassed and_near/to the_pain_of your_fatally_ _wounded_ones they_have_recounted. **28** [846] Put iniquity to iniquity_of_their and_not let_them_come in_righteousness_of_ _your. **29** [847] May_they_be_wiped_out from_the_scroll_of life and_with righteous_people not may_they_be_written_down. **30** [848] And_I am_afflicted and_am_in_pain salvation_of_your Oh_god may_it_set_me_on_high. **31** [849] I_will_praise the_name_ _of god with_a_song and_I_will_magnify_him with_ _thanksgiving. **32** [850] And_it_will_be_good to/for_**YHWH** more_ _than_an_ox a_young_bull having_horns having_hooves. **33** [851] Humble_people they_will_see they_will_rejoice Oh_you(pl)_ _who_seek_of (of)_god and_ heart_of_your(pl) _may_it_live. **34** [852] If/because is_listening to needy_people **YHWH** and_~~DOM~~ prisoners_of_his not he_despises. **35** [853] May_they_praise_him heaven and_earth the_seas and_all thing_which_moves in_ _them. **36** [854] If/because god he_will_save Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_ _he_will_rebuild the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_will_ _dwell there and_they_will_take_possession_of_it. **37** [855] And_ _the_offspring_of his_servants_of_his they_will_inherit_it and_ _those_who_love_of his/its_name they_will_dwell in_it.

Readers' Version

15 Don't let the floods of water overwhelm me,
or let the deep swallow me up.
Don't let the pit close its mouth over me.
16 Answer me, Yahweh, because your loyal commitment is good.
Turn to me because you've shown so much mercy towards me.
17 Don't hide from me, your servant.
Answer me quickly, because I'm in distress.
18 Come to me and redeem me.
Ransom me because of my enemies.
19 You know my rebuke, my shame, and my dishonour.
All my adversaries report my failings to you.
20 Their insults have broken my heart—I'm full of heaviness.
I looked for someone to take pity, but no one was there.
I looked for someone to encourage me, but I didn't find anyone.
21 They gave me poison to eat.
When I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.
22 Let their table become a snare to catch them in their own schemes.
When they think they're safe, let it become a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened so they won't be able to see anything,
and make their legs continually shake.
24 Pour your indignation out on them,
and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.
25 Let their place become uninhabited.
Don't let anyone live in their tents
26 because they persecuted the one you struck down.
They multiplied the pain of those that you had already wounded.
27 Add sin after sin to their record.
Don't let them try to tell you about their 'innocence'.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life
and not have their names written down along with the names

839 LV 69:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.20
840 LV 69:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.21
841 LV 69:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.22
842 LV 69:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.23
843 LV 69:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.24
844 LV 69:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.25
845 LV 69:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.26
846 LV 69:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.27
847 LV 69:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.28
848 LV 69:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.29
849 LV 69:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.30
850 LV 69:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.31
851 LV 69:33 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.32
852 LV 69:34 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.33
853 LV 69:35 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.34
854 LV 69:36 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.35
855 LV 69:37 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.69.36

Readers' Version

of the godly.
29 As for me, I'm suffering and in pain.
Yes God, protect me and rescue me.
30 I'll praise God with a song
and with thankfulness, I'll tell about his goodness.
31 That will please Yahweh better than sacrificing a cow,
or a physical bull that has horns and hooves.
32 Humble people will see it and be glad.
You who want to obey God, let your hearts live
33 because Yahweh listens to the poor,
and he doesn't despise his people when they're imprisoned.
34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
including the seas and everything in them that moves.
35 For God will save Tsiyon (Zion)
and will rebuild the cities of Yehudah (Judah).
The people will live there and have it for their own.
36 The descendants of his people will inherit it,
and those who love him will live there safely.

A prayer for help[856]

For the musical director: a song by David for the memorial offering.
70:1 Save me, God.
Yahweh, hurry here to help me.
2 Let those who try to take my life be ashamed and humiliated.
Let those who take pleasure in my pain be turned back and brought to dishonour.
3 Let those who say, "Aha, aha," be turned back because of their shame.
4 Let all those who strive to follow you, celebrate and be glad about you.
Let those who rely on you to rescue them always say, "May God be praised."
5 But I'm poor and needy. Hurry to me, God.
You're my help and you rescue me. Yahweh, don't delay.

Prayer for long-term protection

71:1 I find my safety in you, Yahweh.
Let me never be put to shame.
2 Rescue me and make me safe in your righteousness.
Turn your ear to me and save me.
3 Be a rock of safety for me, where I can always go.
You've given the command to save me because you're my rock and my fortress.
4 Rescue me, my god, out of the control of wicked people—
out of the grasp of the unrighteous and cruel
5 because you're my hope, Yahweh my master.

Literal Version

70:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid to_make_remembrance. **2** [857] Oh_ _god to_deliver_me Oh_**YHWH** to_help_of_my make_haste. **3** [858] May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_abashed those_who_ _seek_of life_of_(of)_my may_they_be_turned_back backwards and_ the_people_desirous_of my_harm_of_my _may_they_be_ _humiliated. **4** [859] May_they_turn_back on the_consequence_of their_shame_of_their those_who_say aha aha. **5** [860] May_they_ _exult and_may_they_rejoice in_you all_of those_of_who_seek_ _you and_may_they_say continually god may_he_be_great those_who_love_of salvation_of_(of)_your. **6** [861] And_I am_poor and_needy Oh_god make_haste to/for_me help_of_are_my and_ _deliverer_of_my you Oh_**YHWH** do_not delay.

71:1 In_you Oh_**YHWH** I_have_taken_refuge not let_me_be_ _ashamed forever_perpetuity. **2** In_righteousness_of_your you_ _will_rescue_me and_you_will_deliver_me incline to_me ear_of_ _your and_save_me. **3** Become to_me (into)_a_rock_of dwelling to_go continually you_have_given_command to_save_me if/because rock_of_are_my and_stronghold_of_my you. **4** My_ _god_of_my deliver_me from_the_hand_of the_wicked from_ _the_palm_of one_who_acts_unjustly and_one_who_is_ _ruthless.[862] **5** If/because you hope_of_are_my my_master **YHWH** of_confidence_of_my_object since_youth(s)_of_my. **6** On_you I_have_supported_myself from_the_womb from_the_ _inward_parts_of my_mother_of_my you were_of_the_one_

856 **RV 70:1 · Parallel** Psa. 40:13-17
857 **LV 70:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.1
858 **LV 70:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.2
859 **LV 70:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.3
860 **LV 70:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.4
861 **LV 70:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.70.5
862 **LV 71:4 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_who_cut_me_off is_in_you praise_of_my continually. **7** Like_a_ _portent I_have_become for_many_people and_you(ms) refuge_ _of_are_my strength. **8** Mouth_of_my it_is_filled praise_of_your all_of the_day splendour_of_your. **9** Do_not throw_me_away to_ _a_time_of old_age just_ strength_of_my _as_fails do_not abandon_me. **10** If/because enemies_of_my they_have_spoken to_me and_those_who_watch_of my_life_of_my they_have_ _consulted together. **11** To_say god he_has_abandoned_him pursue and_seize_him if/because there_is_not a_deliverer. **12** Oh_god do_not be_far from_me my_god_of_my to_help_of_ _my haste[863]. **13** May_they_be_ashamed those_who_accuse_of self_of_(of)_my may_they_come_to_an_end those_who_seek_of harm_of_(of)_my may_they_be_covered reproach and_ _ignominy. **14** And_I continually I_will_wait and_I_will_add to all_of praise_of_your. **15** Mouth_of_my it_will_recount righteousness_of_your all_of the_day salvation_of_your if/because not I_know numbers. **16** I_will_come with_the_ _mighty_deeds_of my_master **YHWH** I_will_bring_to_ _remembrance righteousness_of_your yours_alone. **17** Oh_god you_have_taught_me since_youth(s)_of_my and_unto now I_ _declare wonders_of_your. **18** And_also until old_age and_grey_ _hair Oh_god do_not abandon_me until I_will_declare strength_ _of_your to_a_generation to/from_all/each/any/every one_ _who_he_will_come might_of_your. **19** And_righteousness_of_ _your Oh_god is_to the_height who you_have_done great_ _things Oh_god who is_like_you. **20** Who mmm[864] troubles many and_calamities you_will_return mmm[865] and_from_the_ _depths_of the_earth/land you_will_return you. **21** May_you_ _increase greatness_of_my and_you_will_turn you_will_ _comfort_me. **22** Also I I_will_praise_you with_an_instrument_ _of a_lyre faithfulness_of_your my_god_of_my I_will_make_ _music to/for_yourself(m) with_a_harp Oh_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** Lips_of_my they_will_sing_for_joy if/because I_will_make_music to_you and_self_of_my which you_have_redeemed. **24** Also tongue_of_my all_of the_day it_ _will_utter righteousness_of_your if/because they_are_ _ashamed if/because those_who_seek_of harm_of_(of)_my they_are_abashed.

Readers' Version

I've trusted in you ever since I was a child.
6 I've been supported by you from the womb.
It was you who took me out of my mother's belly.
→My praise will be always about you.
7 I'm a marvel to many people.
You're my secure shelter.
8 My mouth will be filled with praise for you,
filled all day with your honour.
9 Don't throw me away in my time of old age.
Don't abandon me when my strength fails,
10 because my enemies are talking about me.
Those who watch for my life are plotting together.
11 They say, "God's abandoned him now.
Pursue him and capture him, because there's no one to rescue him."
12 Don't stay far away from me, God.
My god, hurry to help me.
13 Let those who are hostile to my life be put to shame and destroyed.
Let those who seek my hurt be covered with rebuke and dishonour.
14 Meanwhile, I'll always be expecting you to help me
and will praise you more and more.
15 I'll tell about your righteousness and your salvation all day,
although I can't count your goodness.
16 I will talk about the powerful actions by Yahweh my master.
I'll make mention of your righteousness, yours alone.
17 God, you have taught me from my youth.
Even now I'm excited to tell about the wonderful things you've done.
18 Indeed, even when I'm old and grey, God, don't abandon me,
as I've been declaring your strength to the next generation—
your power to everyone who is to come.
19 Your justice and fairness is unable to be challenged.
You who've done great things, God, who else is like you?
20 You who made me see many troubles, will revive us again,
and will bring us back up from the depths of the earth.
21 May you increase my honour.
Turn again and comfort me.
22 I'll also praise you for your trustworthiness with the harp, my god.
I'll make music for you with the harp, holy one of Yisrael (Israel).
23 When I sing praise to you, my lips will shout for joy,
along with my soul which you have paid to have released.
24 My tongue will also talk about your righteousness all day long,
→because those who tried to hurt me have been put to shame and are confused.

863 **LV 71:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/שיח: (x-qere) 'הָשִׂיחַ': lemma_2363 a n_0 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_19RA2 הָשִׂיחַ
864 **LV 71:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונ/תיארה: (x-qere) 'יִנְ/תִיאֲרֵהּ': lemma_7200 n_2.0.0 morph_HVhp2ms/Sp1cs id_19Zc7 יִנְ/תִיאֲרֵהּ
865 **LV 71:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונ/ייחת: (x-qere) 'יִנְ/יַיְחִתֵּת': lemma_2421 n_1 morph_HVpi2ms/Sp1cs id_19TPj יִנְ/יַיְחִתֵּת

Readers' Version

A prayer to bless the king

A song by Shelomoh (Solomon).
72:1 Give the king your righteous decrees, God,
your righteousness to the king's son.
2 May he judge your people fairly
and your poor with justice.
3 May the mountains produce peace for the people.
May the hills produce godliness.
4 May he vindicate the poor among the people.
May he save the children of the needy
and crush the oppressors.
5 May they honour you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon lasts throughout all the generations.
6 May he come down like rain on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
7 May godly people flourish throughout his days as king,
and may there be an abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the Perat (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth.
9 May those who live in the wilderness bow down before him.
May his enemies lick the dust.
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands be forced to pay tribute.
May the kings of Sheva and Seva offer gifts.
11 Indeed, may all kings bow down to him.
May all nations serve him
12 because he helps any needy person who cries out
and the poor person who has no other helper.
13 He has pity on the poor and needy,
and he saves the lives of needy people.
14 He redeems their lives from oppression and violence.
Their life is precious to him.
15 May he live—may Sheva's gold be given to him.
May people always pray for him.
May God bless him all day long.
16 May there be abundance of grain in the land—on the mountaintops may their crops wave.
May the fruit of it be like Levanon.
May the people flourish in the cities like the grass across the land.
17 May his good reputation endure forever.
May his fame continue as long as the sun.
May people be blessed in him.
May all nations call him blessed.
18 May Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh, be blessed.
He alone does wonderful things.
19 May his wonderful name be blessed forever,
and may the whole earth be filled with his splendour. May it be so.

Literal Version

72:1 Of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon)[866] Oh_god judgements_of_your to_the_king give and_righteousness_of_your to_the_son_of the_ _king. **2** He_will_judge people_of_your with_righteousness and_ _your_poor_of_people with_justice. **3** Mountains they_will_ _carry peace to_people and_hills in_righteousness. **4** He_will_ _judge the_poor_people_of the_people he_will_save (to)_the_ _children_of the_needy and_he_will_crush the_oppressor. **5** People_will_fear_you with the_sun and_before_of the_moon generation_of generations. **6** He_will_come_down like_rain on mown_grass like_showers dropping_of the_earth. **7** He_will_ _flourish in_days_of_his the_righteous and_abundance_of well-being will_be_until not the_moon. **8** And_may_he_rule from_sea to sea and_from_the_river to the_ends_of the_earth. **9** Before_him wilderness-dwellers they_will_bow_down and_ _enemies_of_his dust they_will_lick_up. **10** The_kings_of Tarshiysh and_the_islands tribute they_will_pay the_kings_of Shəvā' and_Ṣəvā' a_gift they_will_bring_near. **11** And_they_ _will_bow_down to_him/it all_of kings all_of nations they_will_ _serve_him. **12** If/because he_will_deliver the_needy who_ _cries_for_help and_the_poor and_one_who_there_is_not a_ _helper to_him/it. **13** He_will_have_compassion on the_poor and_the_needy and_the_lives_of needy_people he_will_save. **14** From_oppression and_from_violence he_will_redeem life_of_ _their and_ blood_of_their _it_will_be_precious in_eyes_of_his. **15** And_may_he_live and_may_someone_give to_him/it some_ _of_the_gold_of Shəvā' and_may_someone_pray for_him continually all_of the_day may_someone_bless_him. **16** May_it_ _be an_abundance_of grain on_the_earth on_the_top_of the_ _mountains may_it_wave like_Ləvānōn fruit_of_its and_may_ _people_flourish from_the_city like_the_vegetation_of the_ _earth/land. **17** His/its_name may_it_be forever_perpetuity to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_sun may_it_increase[867] his/its_name and_may_they_bless_themselves in_him/it all_of nations may_they_call_him_blessed. **18** Be_blessed **YHWH** god the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_does_of (of)_wonders for_ _him/it_being_alone. **19** And_be_blessed the_name_of his_ _glory_of_his forever_perpetuity and_may_it_be_filled glory_ _of_his ~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land amen and_amen. **20** The_ _prayers_of Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) they_are_finished.

866 LV 72:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.72.1

867 LV 72:17 · Note OSHB variant note: יִנֹּ֑ין: (x-qere) יִנֹּ֣ין: lemma_5125 morph_HVNj3ms id_19LfY יִנֹּ֣ין

Literal Version

73:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[872] surely is_good to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) god to_
_people_pure_of heart. **2** And_I like_a_little they_had_turned_
_aside[873] feet_of_my like_nothing they_had_been_poured_
_out[874] steps_of_my. **3** If/because I_was_jealous of_who]_boast
the_well-being_of wicked_people I_saw. **4** If/because there_are_
_not pains to_death_of_their and_is_fat body_of_their. **5** Are_in_
_the_trouble_of humankind not_they and_with humankind not
they_are_stricken. **6** For_so/thus/hence it_is_a_necklace_for_it
pride a_garment_of violence it_covers (to)_them. **7** It_comes_
_out from_fat eye_of_their the_imaginations_of heart they_
_pass_over. **8** They_mock and_they_speak with_evil oppression
from_a_high_place they_speak. **9** They_set in_the_heavens
mouth_of_their and_tongue_of_their it_walks on_the_earth.
10 For_so/thus/hence it_turns_back[875] people_of_his here and_
_waters_of full they_are_drained by_them. **11** And_they_say
how god does_he_know and_is_there knowledge with_the_
_Most_High. **12** HERE these are_wicked_people and_people_at_
_ease_of perpetuity they_increase wealth. **13** Surely emptiness
I_have_kept_pure heart_of_my and_I_have_washed in_
_innocence palms_of_my. **14** And_I_have_been stricken all_of
the_day and_rebuke_of_my has_to_the_mornings. **15** If I_had_
_said I_will_speak like HERE the_generation_of your(pl)_
_children_of_your I_dealt_treacherously_with. **16** And_I_
_thought to_know this was_trouble it[876] in_eyes_of_my. **17** Until
I_went into the_sanctuari(es)_of god I_considered (to)_end_of_
_their. **18** Surely on_smooth_places you_set (to)_them you_
_make_them_fall to_deceptions. **19** How they_have_become
(into)_a_waste like_a_moment they_come_to_an_end they_are_
_finished from sudden_terror(s). **20** Like_a_dream from_when_
_awakes my_master when_waken image_of_their you_will_
_despise. **21** If/because heart_of_my it_was_embittered and_
_kidneys_of_my I_was_pierced. **22** And_I was_stupid and_not I_
_knew animals I_was with_you. **23** And_I continually am_with_
_you you_take_hold on_the_hand_of my_right_side_of_my.
24 With_counsel_of_your you_guide_me and_after honour you_
_will_take_me. **25** Who to_me in_heavens and_with_you not I_
_take_pleasure in/on_the_earth. **26** Flesh_of_my and_heart_of_
_my it_had_come_to_an_end is_the_rock_of my_heart_of_my
and_portion_of_my god forever_perpetuity. **27** If/because
THERE people_far_of_from_you they_will_perish you_destroy
every_of one_who_acts_as_a_prostitute from_you. **28** And_I the_
_approach_of god to_me is_good I_have_made in_the_of_master
YHWH refuge_of_my to_recount all_of works_of_your.

Readers' Version

20 This ends the prayers of Yishay's (Jesse's) son, David.
A song by Asaf.

Third collection[868] · The need for justice

73:1 Surely God is good to Yisrael (Israel)—
to those with pure motives
2 but as for me, my feet almost slipped.
My steps were caused to nearly slide out from under me
3 because I was envious of arrogant people
when I saw how wicked people prosper,
4 because they live without pains
and their bodies are strong and healthy.
5 They are free from normal human struggles,
and they don't suffer along with everyone else.
6 Therefore pride is a necklace for them—
violence covers them like a coat.
7 Their eyes bulge out from their fatness.
Their heads are full of imaginative schemes.
8 They mock and speak with oppressive evil.
They speak from an elevated place.[869]
9 They set their mouth in the heavens,
and their tongue goes through the earth.[870]
10 Therefore his people turn here,
and full waters are drained in/by them.[871]
11 Then they say, "How does God know?
Does the highest one notice what's going on?"
12 Look at these wicked people.
They're always at ease—increasing in wealth.
13 Surely I wasted my time keeping my mind pure
and washing my hands in innocence,
14 because I've been stricken throughout the day,
and punished every morning.
15 If I'd said that I'd speak like that,
wow, I would have betrayed your children's generation.
16 And when I thought about how to understand this,
it was very difficult for me to figure it out
17 until I went into God's sanctuaries,
then I discerned their end.
18 Surely you put them onto slippery places.
You make them fall to destruction.
19 How they are brought down to nothing as in a moment.
They're finished—they come to a terrifying end
20 My master, when you rouse yourself, you'll despise their image,

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868 **RV 73:1 · Parallel** Songs 73–89

869 **RV 73:8 · Note** It's not clear from the Hebrew, if this refers to somewhere physical, or to an attitude like 'arrogance'.

870 **RV 73:9 · Note** Left literal because meaning/application is unclear.

871 **RV 73:10 · Note** Left literal because meaning/application is unclear.

872 **LV 73:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.73.1

873 **LV 73:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יוטנ**: (x-qere) '**וַיָּטֶנּ**': lemma_5186 morph_HVqp3cp id_19KDJ **וַיָּטֶנּ**

874 **LV 73:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הכפש**: (x-qere) '**וְכִפְּשׁ**': lemma_8210 morph_HVQp3cp id_19ATb **וְכִפְּשׁ**

875 **LV 73:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בישי**: (x-qere) '**בִּוֹשָׁי**': lemma_7725 morph_HVqi3ms id_19h5B **בִּוֹשָׁי**

876 **LV 73:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איה**: (x-qere) '**אַוָּה**': lemma_1931 morph_HPp3ms id_19kMS **אַוָּה**

Readers' Version

like a dream after the person wakes up.
21 When my heart was embittered,
and my organs felt like they had a knife in them,
22 I was stupid and ignorant.
I acted toward you like an animal.
23 Yet I'm with you continuously—
you take hold of my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you'll receive me with honour.
25 Who else do I have I in heaven to help me other than you?
And there's nothing on the earth that I desire more than you.
26 My muscles and my heart fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my fulfilment forever.
27 Yes, listen, those who are far from you must die.
You destroy every one who's unfaithful to you.
28 As for me, approaching God is good for me.
I have made my master Yahweh my safe place
so that I can tell everyone about what you've done.

A song[877] by Asaf.

Requesting God's help

74:1 Why God, have you rejected us forever?
Why are you so angry at the sheep in your pasture?
2 Remember your congregation that you acquired in times past,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance.
This Mt. Tsiyon (Zion), where you've lived.
3 Take your feet to see the perpetual ruins.
All the damage that the enemy has done to the sanctuary.
4 Your adversaries have roared in the middle of your meeting place.
They've set up their banners as signs.
5 They acted like men chopping down a forest with axes.
6 And now, with axe and hammers,
they smash up all its carved panels.
7 They have burnt your sanctuary to the ground.
They have profaned the place where your name is attached.
8 They said in their hearts, "We'll totally crush them."
They've burnt all of the meeting places of God in the country.
9 There aren't any signs for us to watch.
There's no longer any prophet,
and there's no one among us who knows how long this will last.
10 How much longer, God, will the enemy be able to mock for?
Will the enemy be able to treat your name with contempt forever?

Literal Version

74:1 A_poem of_'Āṣāf[879] why Oh_god have_you_rejected_us to_
_perpetuity anger_of_your does_it_smoke on_the_sheep_of
your_pasture_of_your. **2** Remember congregation_of_your
which_you_acquired antiquity which_you_redeemed the_tribe_
_of your_inheritance_of_your the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
which you_have_dwelt in/on/over_him/it. **3** Lift_up footsteps_
_of_your to_the_ruins_of perpetuity everything_of the_enemy
he_has_done_harm_to in_sanctuary. **4** Foes_of_your they_
_roared in_the_midst_of your_appointed_place_of_your they_
_set_up signs_of_their signs. **5** It_was_known like_one_who_
_brings (to)_upwards in_a_thicket_of tree[s] axes. **6** And[880]
engravings_of_its altogether with_axe[s] crowbars they_struck.
7 They_sent in_fire sanctuary_of_your to_ground they_
_profaned the_dwelling_place_of your_name_of_your. **8** They_
_said in_heart_of_their let_of_us_oppress_them altogether
they_burnt all_of the_appointed_places_of god on_the_earth.
9 Signs_of_our not we_have_seen there_is_not still a_prophet
and_not is_with_us one_who_knows until when. **10** Until when
Oh_god the_foe will_he_taunt the_enemy will_he_spurn name_
_of_your to_perpetuity. **11** To/for_what do_you_draw_back
hand_of and_your_right_of_hand from_the_midst_of mmm[881]
destroy. **12** And_god been_my_king_of_has from_east who_does
salvation(s) in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **13** You you_
_divided by_strength_of_your the_sea you_shattered the_
_heads_of_sea_monsters on the_waters. **14** You you_crushed
the_heads_of Livyātān you_gave_it food to_a_people to_
_wilderness-dwellers. **15** You you_broke_open a_spring and_a_
_torrent you you_dried_up rivers_of ever-flowing. **16** To/for_
_yourself(m) day also to/for_yourself(m) night you you_
_prepared a_luminary and_the_sun. **17** You you_established all_

877 **RV 74:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil', is perhaps the name of this class of song.
879 **LV 74:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.74.1
880 **LV 74:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תע/ו: (x-qere) 'הָתַּעֲוּ': lemma_c/6258 n_1.0 morph_HC/D id_19ZbA הָתַּעֲוּ
881 **LV 74:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/קוח: (x-qere) 'דְּקִיחַ': lemma_2436 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_19ngQ דְּקִיחַ

Literal Version

_of the_borders_of the_earth summer and_winter you you_
_formed_them.[882] **18** Remember this the_enemy he_taunted
Oh_**YHWH** and_a_people foolish they_spurned name_of_your.
19 Do_not give to_an_animal_of the_life_of your_turtle-dove_of_
_your the_life_of your_poor_people do_not forget to_
_perpetuity. **20** Pay_attention to_covenant if/because the_dark_
_places_of the_land they_are_full settlements_of violence.
21 Not the_oppressed let_him_turn_back humiliated the_poor
and_the_needy may_they_praise name_of_your. **22** Arise Oh_
_god conduct case_of_your remember reproach_of_your from
a_fool all_of the_day. **23** Do_not forget the_sound_of your_foes
the_uproar_of those_who_rise_against_you which_goes_up
continually.

75:1 To_choirmaster al- tashcheth a_song of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [883]
We_give_thanks to_you Oh_god we_give_thanks and_is_near
your(ms)_name people_recount wonders_of_your. **3** [884]
If/because I_will_take an_appointed_time I uprightness(es) I_
_will_judge. **4** [885] The_earth and_all inhabitants_of_its are_
_melting_away I I_put_in_order pillars_of_its Ṣelāh. **5** [886] I_say
to_who_boast do_not boast and_to_people do_not lift_up a_
_horn. **6** [887] Do_not lift_up to_height horn_of_your(pl) speak
with_a_neck arrogant. **7** [888] If/because not is_from_the_going_
_out and_from_the_setting_place and_not is_from_the_
_wilderness_of exaltation. **8** [889] If/because god is_the_one_who_
_judges this_one he_brings_low and_this he_lifts_up. **9** [890]
If/because a_cup is_in_the_hand_of **YHWH** and_wine it_is_
_foaming full spiced_drink and_he_has_poured_out some_of_
_this surely dregs_of_its they_will_drain all_of the_wicked_

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11 Why do you withdraw your hand of power?
Take it out of your pocket and destroy them.
12 Yet God is my king from times past,
rescuing us in a range of locations.
13 You divided the sea by your strength.
You smashed the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
14 You crushed the sea dragon's heads.[878]
You fed him to those living in the wilderness.
15 You broke open springs and streams.
You dried up flowing rivers.
16 The day is yours, and the night is also yours.
You set the sun and moon in place.
17 You have set all the borders of the earth.
You have made summer and winter.
18 Call to mind how the enemy hurled insults at you, Yahweh,
and that a foolish nation has belittled your name.
19 Don't just allow a wild animal to take your dove's life.
Don't forget the life of your oppressed people forever.
20 Remember your promises as part of our agreement,
because the dark regions of the country are full of places of violence.
21 Don't let the oppressed be turned back in shame.
Let the poor and oppressed have good reason to praise you.
22 Take action, God; defend your own honour.
Take notice of how fools insult you all day long.
23 Don't forget the voice of your enemies
or the uproar of those who continually defy you.

God the judge

For the musical director: a song by Asaf
to be sung to the tune of 'Don't destroy'.
75:1 We give thanks to you, God.
We thank you because you reveal your presence.
People talk about the amazing things you've done.
2 At the appointed time I will judge fairly.
3 Although the earth and all its inhabitants shake in fear,
I'll steady the earth's foundations. (Instrumental break.)
4 I told the arrogant, "Stop bragging,"
and the wicked, "Don't blow your own trumpet.
5 Don't raise your head ready to charge.
Don't speak with your nose in the air."
6 It's not from the east or from the west,

878 RV 74:14 · Cross-ref. Job 41:1-34.

882 LV 74:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

883 LV 75:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.1

884 LV 75:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.2

885 LV 75:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.3

886 LV 75:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.4

887 LV 75:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.5

888 LV 75:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.6

889 LV 75:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.7

890 LV 75:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.75.8

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and it is not from the wilderness that lifting up comes
7 because God is the judge.
He brings one down one and lifts up another
8 because Yahweh has a full cup of foaming wine mixed with spices
that he holds in his hand and pours it out.
Surely all the wicked people across the earth will drink it to the last drop.
9 But I will continually talk about what you've done;
I'll sing praises to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god.
10 He says, "I'll destroy the power of the wicked,
but will increase the strength of the righteous."

God is victorious

For the musical director: a song by Asaf to be accompanied by stringed instruments.
76:1 God has made himself known in Yehudah (Judah).
His reputation is great in Yisrael (Israel).
2 His tent is in Shalem.
His residence is in Tsiyon (Zion).
3 There he broke the arrows that were for the bow,
the shield, the sword, and the other weapons of war. (Instrumental break.)
4 You shine brightly and reveal your splendour,
above the hills where you killed your victims.
5 The brave warriors were plundered.
They slept their last sleep.
All the warriors were helpless.
6 At your rebuke, God of Ya'akov (Jacob),
both rider and horse fell asleep.
7 You, yes you, are to be feared.
Who can stand in your sight when you are angry?
8 You made your judgement heard from heaven.
The earth was afraid and silent
9 when you, God, took action to execute judgement
and to save all oppressed people across the world. (Instrumental break.)
10 Surely your angry judgement against humanity will bring you praise.
You cloak yourself with what's left of your anger.

Literal Version

_people_of the_earth they_will_drink. **10** [891] And_I I_will_ _declare to_vanishing_point I_will_sing_praises to_the_god_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob). **11** [892] And_all the_horns_of wicked_people I_ _will_cut_off the_horns_of the_righteous they_will_be_lifted_ _up.

76:1 To_choirmaster with_stringed_instruments a_song of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [893] Is_known in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) god in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_great his/its_name. **3** [894] And_he/it_was in_ _Salem lair_of_his and_den_of_his in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **4** [895] There_(to) he_shattered flames_of a_bow shield and_sword and_battle Ṣelāh. **5** [896] Are_lighted_up you are_majestic more_ _than_mountains_of prey. **6** [897] They_were_plundered people_ _mighty_of heart they_slumbered sleep_of_their and_not all_of the_men_of strength they_found hands_of_their. **7** [898] From_ _rebuke_of_your Oh_god_of Ya'ₐqovˇ and_chariot and_horse was_sleeping. **8** [899] You you are_to_be_feared and_who will_he_ _stand to_your_face from_then anger_of_your. **9** [900] From_ _heaven you_proclaimed judgement the_earth it_was_afraid and_it_was_quiet. **10** [901] When_arose for_judgement god to_ _save all_of the_humble_people_of the_earth Ṣelāh. **11** [902] If/because the_anger_of humankind it_will_praise_you the_ _remainder_of anger(s) you_will_gird_on. **12** [903] Make_vows and_pay_them to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) all_of those_ _around_of_him let_them_bring a_gift to_fear. **13** [904] He_ _humbles the_spirit_of rulers he_is_to_be_feared by_the_kings_ _of the_earth.

891 **LV 75:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.75.9
892 **LV 75:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.75.10
893 **LV 76:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.1
894 **LV 76:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.2
895 **LV 76:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.3
896 **LV 76:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.4
897 **LV 76:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.5
898 **LV 76:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.6
899 **LV 76:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.7
900 **LV 76:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.8
901 **LV 76:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.9
902 **LV 76:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.10
903 **LV 76:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.11
904 **LV 76:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.76.12

Literal Version

77:1 To_choirmaster on Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun)[905] of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [906] My_sound/voice to god and_I_will_cry_out my_ _sound/voice to god and_he_will_give_ear to_me. **3** [907] In/on_ _day my_distress_of_my my_master I_sought hand_of_my night it_was_stretched_out and_not it_grew_numb it_refused to_be_ _comforted self_of_my. **4** [908] I_will_remember god and_I_will_ _murmur I_will_complain and_ my_breath/wind/spirit _it_will_ _faint_away Ṣelāh. **5** [909] You_held the_eyelids_of my_eyes_of_ _my I_was_troubled and_not I_spoke. **6** [910] I_thought_about days from_east years_of antiquiti(es). **7** [911] I_will_remember song_of_my in_night with heart_of_my I_will_meditate and_ my_breath/wind/spirit _it_searched. **8** [912] To_forever will_he_ _reject my_master and_not will_he_repeat to_show_favour again. **9** [913] Has_it_come_to_an_end to_perpetuity loyalty_of_ _his_covenant a_message has_it_come_to_an_end to_a_ _generation and_a_generation. **10** [914] Has_ god _he_forgotten to_have_compassion or has_he_shut_off in_anger compassion(s)_of_his Ṣelāh. **11** [915] And_I_said is_my_wounding it of_the_right_hand_of the_Most_High the_changing. **12** [916] I_ _will_remember[917] the_deeds_of Yah if/because I_will_ _remember from_east wonder[s]_of_your. **13** [918] And_I_will_ _meditate on_all_of work_of_your and_on_deeds_of_your I_will_ _meditate. **14** [919] Oh_god is_in_holiness way_of_your who is_a_ _god great like_'Elohīm. **15** [920] You are_the_god who_does_of (of)_wonder[s] you_have_made_known among_peoples strength_of_your. **16** [921] You_redeemed by_an_arm people_of_ _your the_descendants_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) Ṣelāh. **17** [922] They_saw_you the_waters Oh_god they_saw_you the_waters they_writhed_in_agony also the_deeps they_

Readers' Version

11 Make promises to your god Yahweh, then keep them.
May all who surround him bring gifts to him who expects to be obeyed.
12 He humbles the spirit of the princes.
He's feared by the kings across the world.

For the musical director: a song for Yedutun by Asaf. **God's leadership**

77:1 I will call out to God with my voice.
I'll call with my voice to God, and my god will hear me.
2 When I had troubles, I asked my master for help.
At night I stretched my hands out, and they didn't get tired.
The knot in my stomach wouldn't go away.
3 I thought of God as I groaned.
I thought about him as I grew faint. (Instrumental break.)
4 You held my eyes open.
I was too troubled to speak.
5 I thought about the days of old,
about times long past.
6 I call my song to remembrance in the night.
I meditate within my heart,
and my spirit makes searches around diligently.
7 Will my master reject me forever?
Will he never again show me favour?
8 Was his loyal commitment gone forever?
Had his promise failed forever?
9 Had God forgotten to be gracious?
Had his anger masked his compassion? (Instrumental break.)
10 I said, "This is what saddens me:
→the highest one no longer using his power to help us."
11 But I will call to mind what you've done previously, Yahweh.
I will think about the wonderful things that you did in the

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905 LV 77:1 · Note OSHB variant note: וְותִידִי: (x-qere) 'וְֽותִידִֽי': lemma_3038 n_1 morph_HNp id_19GNT וְותִידִי
906 LV 77:2 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.1
907 LV 77:3 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.2
908 LV 77:4 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.3
909 LV 77:5 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.4
910 LV 77:6 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.5
911 LV 77:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.6
912 LV 77:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.7
913 LV 77:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.8
914 LV 77:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.9
915 LV 77:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.10
916 LV 77:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.11
917 LV 77:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ריכזא: (x-qere) 'רְוֹכֶזֵא': lemma_2142 morph_HVqi1cs id_19pcc רְוֹכֶזֵא
918 LV 77:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.12
919 LV 77:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.13
920 LV 77:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.14
921 LV 77:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.15
922 LV 77:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.77.16

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past.
12 I will ponder all your activities
and will reflect on them.
13 Your way, God, is without imperfection.
What god compares to our terrific God?
14 You are the god who does miracles.
You've revealed your strength among the peoples.
15 You gave your people victory by use of your great power—
the descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) and Yosef (Joseph). (Instrumental break.)
16 The waters saw you, God.
The waters saw you, and they were afraid.
The ocean depths trembled.
17 The clouds poured down water.
The cloudy skies also emitted a thunderous sound.
Your arrows of lightning flew about.
18 Your thunderous voice was heard in the wind.
The lightning lit up the world.
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Your path went through the sea
and your trail through the surging waters,
but your footprints couldn't be seen.
20 You led your people like a flock
under the supervision of Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron).

A song[929] by Asaf.

God's past goodness

78:1 Hear my teaching, my people.
Listen to what I'm saying.
2 I will speak out in parables;
I will sing about hidden things about the past.[930]
3 These are things that we have heard and learnt—
things that our ancestors have told us.
4 We won't keep them from their descendants.
We'll tell the next generation about Yahweh's praiseworthy actions,
his strength, and the miracles that he has done.
5 Also he established a rule in Ya'akov (Jacob)
and appointed a law in Yisrael (Israel).
He commanded our ancestors
→that they were to teach them to their children.
6 He commanded this so that the generation to come might know his decrees—
the children not yet born who should tell them in turn to their

Literal Version

_trembled. **18** [923] They_poured_forth water clouds a_sound[924] clouds they_gave_forth also arrows_of_your they_went_about. **19** [925] The_sound_of your_thunder_of_your was_in_whirlwind lightning_flashes they_lit_up the_world it_trembled and_it_ _shook the_earth/land. **20** [926] Was_in_sea way_of_your and[927] was_in_waters many and_footprints_of not they_were_known. **21** [928] You_led like_flock people_of_your by_the_hand_of Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron.

78:1 A_poem of_'Āṣāf[935] give_ear_to my_people_of_my instruction_of_my incline ear_of_your(pl) to_the_ _words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my. **2** I_will_open in_a_ _parable mouth_of_my I_will_pour_forth riddles from antiquity. **3** Which we_have_heard and_we_have_known_them and_ _ancestors_of_our they_have_recounted to/for_us. **4** Not we_ _will_hide from_descendants_of_their to_a_generation later we_will_recount the_praises_of **YHWH** and_might_of_his and_ _wonders_of_his which he_has_done. **5** And_he_established a_ _transcript in_Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) and_a_law he_appointed in_ _Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) which he_commanded ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_our to_make_them_known to_children_of_their. **6** So_that they_ _may_know a_generation later children who_they_will_be_born they_will_arise and_they_will_recount_them to_children_of_ _their. **7** And_they_will_put in_god confidence_of_their and_not they_will_forget the_deeds_of god and_commands_of_his they_ _will_observe. **8** And_not they_will_be like_ancestors_of_their a_generation stubborn and_rebellious a_generation which_not his/its_heart it_directed and_not it_was_faithful with god his/its_breath/wind/spirit. **9** The_people_of 'Efrayim were_

923 **LV 77:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.17
924 **LV 77:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
925 **LV 77:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.18
926 **LV 77:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.19
927 **LV 77:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/יָלִיבֵשׁ/ך: (x-qere) וְ/דְּלִיבְּשָׁ/ו': lemma_c/7635 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_19tv5 וְ/דְּלִיבְּשָׁ/ו
928 **LV 77:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.77.20
929 **RV 78:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
930 **RV 78:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:35.
935 **LV 78:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.78.1

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_equipped_of shooters_of a_bow they_turned_back in/on_day battle. **10** Not they_kept the_covenant_of god and_in_law_of_his they_refused to_walk. **11** And_they_forgot deeds_of_his and_ _wonders_of_his which he_had_shown_them. **12** Before ancestors_of_their he_did wonder[s] in_land of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) the_region_of Tso´an/(Zoan). **13** He_split_ _open the_sea and_he_brought_them_through and_he_made_ _to_stand_up the_waters like a_heap. **14** And_he_guided_them by_cloud by_day and_all the_night by_the_light_of a_fire. **15** He_split_open rocks in_wilderness and_he_gave_them_to_ _drink like_deeps much. **16** And_he_brought_out streams from_ _a_rock and_he_made_to_flow_down like_rivers water. **17** And_ _they_repeated again[936] to_sin to_him/it by_rebelling_against the_Most_High in_region. **18** And_they_put_to_the_test god in_ _heart_of_their by_requesting food for_selves_of_their. **19** And_ _they_spoke against_god they_said is_ god _he_able to_arrange a_table in_wilderness. **20** THERE he_struck a_rock and_ waters _ _they_flowed_out and_torrents they_overflowed also food is_ _he_able to_give or will_he_prepare meat for_people_of_his. **21** For_so/thus/hence **YHWH** he_heard and_he_was_furious and_fire it_was_kindled in_Ya´ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) and_also anger it_ _went_up in_Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **22** If/because not they_trusted in_ _god and_not they_trusted in_salvation_of_his. **23** And_he/it_ _commanded clouds (from)_above and_the_doors_of heaven he_opened. **24** And_he_rained_down on_them manna to_eat and_the_grain_of heaven he_gave to_them. **25** bread_of mighty_ _ones everyone he_ate provision[s] he_sent to/for_them to_ _abundance. **26** He_led_out an_east_wind in_heavens and_he_ _led_forth by_strength_of_his a_south_wind. **27** And_he_rained_ _down on_them like_dust meat and_like_the_sand_of the_seas bird[s]_of wing. **28** And_he/it_made_fall/lie_down in_the_ _midst_of his_camp_of_his around (to)_dwelling(s)_of_his. **29** And_they_ate and_they_were_satisfied exceedingly and_ _desire_of_their he_brought to/for_them. **30** Not they_had_ _become_estranged from_desire_of_their still food_of_their was_in_mouth_of_their. **31** And_the_anger_of god it_went_up in/among_them and_he_killed among_their_fat_of_ones and_ _the_young_men_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) he_made_bow_down. **32** In_ _all this they_sinned again and_not they_believed in_wonders_ _of_his. **33** And_they_were_ended/finished in_futility days_of_ _their and_years_of_their in_(the)_terror. **34** If he_killed_them and_they_sought_him and_they_returned and_they_sought_ _earnestly god. **35** And_they_remembered if/because_that god rock_of_was_their and_god Most_High was_their_of_redeemer. **36** And_they_deceived_him with_mouth_of_their and_with_ _tongue_of_their they_lied to_him/it. **37** And_heart_of_their not was_steadfast with_him/it and_not they_were_faithful in_ _covenant_of_his. **38** And_he was_compassionate he_atoned_for iniquity and_not he_destroyed_them and_he_increased to_ _turn_back anger_of_his and_not he_stirred_up all_of rage_of_ _his. **39** And_he_remembered if/because_that were_flesh they a_wind which_goes and_not it_returns. **40** How_often they_ _rebelled_against_him in_wilderness they_grieved_him in_a_ _desolate_place. **41** And_they_returned and_they_put_to_the_

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own children.
7 Then they would place their hope in God
and not forget what he's done
but obey his commands.
8 Then they would not be like their ancestors,
who were a stubborn and rebellious generation—
a generation who didn't control their hearts,
and whose spirits were not committed and faithful to God.
9 The Efrayimim had many archers,
but they turned back on the day of battle.
10 They didn't keep their agreement with God,
and they refused to obey his law.
11 They forgot about what he'd done—
the wonderful things that he had shown them.
12 They forgot the marvellous things that he'd done
in the sight of their ancestors in Mitsrayim (Egypt) in the Tsoan region.
13 He divided the sea and led them across it.
He made the water on each side stand up like walls.
14 In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
^and throughout the night with the light from fire.
15 He split the rocks in the wilderness,
and he gave them plenty of water—enough to fill the ocean.
16 He made streams flow out of the rock
and made the water flow like rivers.
17 Yet they continued to sin against him,
rebelling against the highest one in the wilderness.
18 They challenged God in their hearts
by asking for food to satisfy their appetites.
19 They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God really lay out food on a table for us in the wilderness?
20 See, when he struck the rock, water gushed out
and streams overflowed.
But can he give food also?
Will he provide meat for his people?"
21 When Yahweh heard that, he was angry
and his fire burnt against Ya'akov (Jacob).
His anger attacked Yisrael (Israel),
22 because they didn't believe in God
and didn't trust that he would save them.
23 Yet he commanded the skies above
and opened the doors in the sky.
24 He rained down manna for them to eat.
He gave them the grain from heaven.[931]
25 People ate angels' bread.
He sent them plenty of food.
26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky,

931 **RV 78:24 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:4,14-15; Yhn 6:31.

936 **LV 78:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and by his power he guided the south wind.
27 He rained meat down on them like dust—
→birds as numerous as the sand on the seashore.
28 They fell in the middle of their camp—
all around their tents.
29 So they ate and were full.
He gave them what they craved.
30 But they hadn't filled their stomachs yet—
their food was still in their mouths
31 and then God's anger attacked them
and killed the strongest of them.
He brought down Yisrael's (Israel's) young men.
32 Despite that, they continued to sin
and wouldn't trust in the wonderful things he would do.
33 So their days were ended uselessly.
Their years were filled with terror.
34 Whenever God afflicted them, they would start to search for him,
and they would return and earnestly look for him.
35 They would call to mind that God was their security
and that the highest God was their rescuer.
36 But they'd flatter him with their mouth,
and lie to him with their words.
37 Their hearts weren't firmly fixed on him,
and they weren't faithful to his agreement.
38 Yet he, being merciful, forgave their disobedience and didn't destroy them.
Yes, many times he held back his anger
and didn't stir up all his rage.
39 He called to mind that they were only made of flesh—
a breath of wind that passes away and doesn't return.
40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness,
and grieved him in those barren regions.
41 Again and again they challenged God
and offended the holy one of Yisrael (Israel).
42 They didn't think about his power,
or about how he'd rescued them from their enemy,
43 when he performed his miracles in Mitsrayim (Egypt)
and his wonders in the Tsoan region.
44 He turned the Mitsrim' (Egyptians') rivers into blood
so that they couldn't drink from their streams.
45 He sent swarms of flies that bit them
and frogs that overran their land.
46 He gave their crops to the grasshoppers
and the results of their labour to the locusts.
47 He destroyed their grapevines with hail
and their sycamore fig trees with frost.
48 He rained hail on their cattle
and hurled lightning bolts at their livestock.

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_test god and_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_pained.[937]
42 Not they_remembered ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand the_day when he_
_ransomed_them from the_foe. **43** When he_performed in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) signs_of_his and_wonders_of_his in_the_
_region_of Tso'an/(Zoan). **44** And_he_turned into_blood canals_
_of_their and_streams_of_their not they_drank. **45** He_sent (is)_
_in_them a_swarm_of_flies and_it_devoured_them and_frog[s]
and_it_ruined_them. **46** And_he/it_gave to_locust produce_of_
_their and_the_result_of_of_their_toil to_locust. **47** He_killed
with_hail vine[s]_of_their and_sycamores_of_their with_a_
_flood. **48** And_he_delivered_up to_hail cattle_of_their and_
_livestock_of_their to_(the)_bolts. **49** He_sent on_them the_
_burning_of his_anger_of_his fury and_indignation and_trouble
a_deputation_of messengers_of calamities. **50** He_made_level a_
_path for_anger_of_his not he_kept_back from_death life_of_
_their and_life_of_their to_pestilence he_delivered_up. **51** And_
_he_struck_down every_of firstborn in_Mitsrayim the_
_beginning_of generative_power(s) in_the_tents_of Ḥām.
52 And_he_led_out like_sheep people_of_his and_he_led_them
like_flock in_wilderness. **53** And_he_guided_them to_security
and_not they_were_afraid and_~~DOM~~ enemies_of_their the_sea
it_covered. **54** And_he/it_brought_them to the_territory_of his_
_holiness_of_his the_mountain_of which hand_of_his_right it_
_had_acquired. **55** And_he/it_drove_out from_their_face/front
nations and_he_made_fall_them by_a_measuring-line_of an_
_inheritance and_he/it_made_stay/reside in_tents_of_their
the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **56** And_they_put_to_the_test
and_they_rebelled_against ~~DOM~~ god Most_High and_
_testimonies_of_his not they_kept. **57** And_they_turned_back
and_they_acted_treacherously like_ancestors_of_their they_
_changed like_a_bow_of deceit. **58** And_they_provoked_him_to_
_anger by_their_high_of_places and_by_idols_of_their they_
_made_him_jealous. **59** god he_heard and_he_was_furious and_
_he_rejected exceedingly (in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **60** And_he_
_abandoned the_tabernacle_of Shiloh the_tent which_he_had_
_pitched among_humankind. **61** And_he/it_gave to_captivity
strength_of_his and_splendour_of_his in_the_hand_of the_foe.
62 And_he_delivered_up to_sword people_of_his and_with_
_inheritance_of_his he_was_furious. **63** Men_of_its_young fire
it_consumed and_its_young_of_women not they_were_praised.
64 Priests_of_its by_sword they_fell and_widows_of_its not
they_wept. **65** And_he_awoke like_a_sleeper my_master like_a_
_warrior overcome from_wine. **66** And_he_struck foes_of_his
backwards a_reproach_of perpetuity he_gave to_them. **67** And_
_he_rejected (in)_the_tent_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_(in)_the_
_tribe_of 'Efrayim not he_chose. **68** And_he_chose ~~DOM~~ the_
_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ~~DOM~~ the_mountain_of
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) which he_loved. **69** And_he/it_built like the_
_high_things sanctuary_of_his like_the_earth which_he_
_founded_it forever_perpetuity. **70** And_he_chose (in)_Dāvid
servant_of_his and_he_took_him from_the_folds_of sheep.
71 From_after nursing_ewes he_brought_him to_shepherd (in)_
_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) people_of_his and_(in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
inheritance_of_his. **72** And_he_shepherded_them according_to_

937 LV 78:41 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_the_integrity_of his_heart_of_his and_with_the_skill_of his_
_hands_of_his he_led_them.

Readers' Version

49 The fierceness of his anger lashed out against them.
He sent rage, fury, and trouble
like agents to bring disaster.
50 He levelled a path for his anger.
He didn't spare them from death
but allowed deadly disease to ravage them.
51 He killed all the firstborn in Mitsrayim (Egypt)—
the firstborn of their reproductive strength in Ham's tents.
52 He led his own people out like sheep
and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.
53 He led them secure and unafraid,
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 Then he brought them to the border of his holy land—
to this mountain that he acquired with his power.
55 He drove out the nations ahead of them
and assigned them their inheritance.
He settled the Israeli tribes in their tents.[932]
56 Yet they challenged and defied the highest God
and didn't obey his solemn commands.
57 They were unfaithful and acted treacherously like their ancestors.
They were as unreliable as a faulty bow.
58 They made him angry with their hilltop shrines
and provoked him to jealous anger with their idols.
59 When God heard this, he was angry
and completely rejected Yisrael (Israel).
60 He abandoned the sanctuary at Shiloh—
the tent where he had lived among people.[933]
61 He allowed his strength[934] to be captured
and gave control of his splendour to the enemy.
62 He handed his people over to the sword,
and he was angry with his heritage.
63 Fire devoured their young men,
and their young women had no wedding songs.
64 Their priests fell by the sword,
and their widows had no opportunity to weep.
65 Then my master awakened like someone who'd been asleep—
like a warrior who shouts because he's been drinking.
66 He drove his opponents back.
He put them to perpetual shame.
67 He rejected Yosef's (Joseph's) tent,
and he didn't choose the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim).
68 He chose the tribe of Yehudah (Judah)
and Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) that he loved.
69 He built his sanctuary like the heavens—
like the earth that he has established forever.
70 He chose his servant David,

932 **RV 78:55 · Cross-ref.** Josh 11:16-23.

933 **RV 78:60 · Cross-ref.** Josh 18:1; Jer 7:12-14; 26:6.

934 **RV 78:61 · Note** Probably referring to the sacred chest containing the tablets with the Sinay agreement written on them. But there's also connotations of Shimshon's/Samson's capture in this line.

Readers' Version

and took him from the sheep pens.
71 He took him from following the ewes with their young,
and he brought him to shepherd Ya'akov (Jacob), his people,
and Yisrael (Israel), his heritage.
72 David shepherded them with sincere integrity,
and he guided them with his skillful hands.

A prayer for national restoration

A song by Asaf.
79:1 God, foreign nations have come into the land you gave as an inheritance.
They have defiled your holy temple.
They have turned Yerushalem (Jerusalem) into a heap of ruins.
2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds in the skies—
the bodies of your faithful ones to the animals on the ground.
3 They've shed their blood around Yerushalem like water,
and there wasn't anyone to bury them.
4 We have become a reproach for our neighbours—
mocked and scorned by those around us.
5 How long, Yahweh? Will you stay angry forever?
For how long will your jealous anger burn like fire?
6 Pour out your rage on the nations that don't know you
and on the kingdoms that don't pray to you,
7 because they've devoured Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning Yisrael's (Israel's) people)
and destroyed his villages.
8 Don't hold the sins of our ancestors against us.
May we experience your acts of mercy, because we're very discouraged.
9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the sake of the glory of your name.
Save us and forgive our sins for the sake of your reputation.
10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their god?"
Let your servants' blood that was shed
be avenged on the nations before our eyes.
11 May the groans of the prisoners come before you.
Keep those condemned to death alive with the greatness of your power.
12 Pay back seven times as much into the laps of our neighbouring countries
as repayment for the insults with which they have insulted you, Lord.
13 So we your people, and sheep of your pasture,
will give you thanks forever.
We will tell your praises to all generations.

A prayer for national restoration

For the musical director: a song by Asaf to be sung to the tune of 'Lilies of Agreement.'

Literal Version

79:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[938] Oh_god the_nations they_have_come in_
_inheritance_of_your they_have_made_unclean ~~DOM~~ the_
_temple_of your_holiness_of_your they_have_made ~~DOM~~
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) into_heaps_of_ruins. **2** They_have_
_given ~~DOM~~ the_corpse[s]_of your_servants food to_the_bird[s]_
_of the_heavens the_flesh_of your_faithful_of_people to_the_of_
_animal[s] the_earth. **3** They_have_poured_out blood_of_their
like_water round_about_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_there_was_not one_who_buried_them. **4** We_have_become a_
_reproach to_neighbours_of_our mockery and_derision to_
_those_around_of_us. **5** Until when Oh_**YHWH** will_you_be_
_angry to_perpetuity will_it_burn like fire jealousy_of_your.
6 Pour_out anger_of_your against the_nations which not they_
_know_you and_on kingdoms which on_name_of_your not
they_call. **7** If/because it_has_consumed ~~DOM~~ Ya'ₐqov and_~~DOM~~
habitation_of_its they_have_devastated. **8** Do_not remember
to/for_us the_iniquities the_forefathers quickly may_they_
_come_to_meet_us compassion(s)_of_your if/because we_have_
_become_low exceedingly. **9** Help_us Oh_god_of our_salvation_
_of_our on the_matter_of the_glory_of your(ms)_name and_
_deliver_us and_atone on sins_of_our for_the_sake_of name_of_
_your. **10** To/for_what will_they_say the_nations where god_of_
_is_their let_it_be_known in/on/at/with[939] to_eyes_of_our the_
_vengeance_of the_blood_of your_servants (the)_poured_out.
11 May_it_come to_your_face the_groaning_of the_prisoner
according_to_the_greatness_of your_arm_of_your leave_over
the_sons_of death. **12** And_repay to_neighbours_of_our
sevenfold into bosom_of_their reproach_of_their which they_
_reproached_you my_master. **13** And_we people_of_your and_
_the_sheep_of your_pasture_of_your we_will_give_thanks to_
_you forever_perpetuity to_a_generation and_a_generation we_
_will_recount praise_of_your.

80:1 To_choirmaster to Shoshannim eduth of_'Āṣāf a_song. **2** [940]
Oh_shepherd_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) give_ear Oh_you_who_lead
like_flock Yōṣēf/(Joseph) Oh_you_who_sit_of the_cherubim
shine_forth. **3** [941] To_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Efrayim

938 **LV 79:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.79.1

939 **LV 79:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם֣יִג/ב**: (x-qere) '**סָּיוֹג/ב**': lemma_b/1471 a morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_19XXo **סָּיוֹג/ב**

940 **LV 80:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.1

941 **LV 80:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.2

Literal Version

and_Binyāmīn and_Mənashsheh stir_up ~~DOM~~ might_of_your and_come for_salvation_salvation to/for_ourselves. **4** [942] Oh_ _god restore_us and_make_shine face_of_your so_that_we_may_ _be_delivered. **5** [943] Oh_**YHWH** god soldiers/messengers until when have_you_smoked at_the_prayer_of your_people_of_your. **6** [944] You_have_fed_them bread_of tear[s] and_you_have_made_ _them_drink (in)_tears a_third_of_a_measure. **7** [945] You_make_ _us a_contention to_neighbours_of_our and_enemies_of_our they_mock (to)_themselves. **8** [946] Oh_god soldiers/messengers restore_us and_make_shine face_of_your so_that_we_may_be_ _delivered. **9** [947] A_vine from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) you_uprooted you_drove_out nations and_you_planted_it. **10** [948] You_made_ _clear before_it and_it_took_root roots_of_its and_it_filled the_ _land. **11** [949] Mountains they_were_covered shade_of_its and_ _branches_of_its the_cedars_of god. **12** [950] It_stretched_out branch[es]_of_its to the_sea and_near/to the_river shoots_of_ _its_young. **13** [951] To/for_what have_you_broken_down walls_ _of_its and_they_have_plucked_it all_of those_who_pass_by_of the_road. **14** [952] It_eats_it_away wild_boar from_the[953] and_ _moving_creature[s]_of the_field it_grazes_on_it. **15** [954] Oh_god soldiers/messengers return please pay_attention from_heaven and_see and_attend_to vine this. **16** [955] And_the_root which hand_of_your_right it_planted and_on the_son whom_you_ _made_strong for_yourself. **17** [956] It_is_burnt with_fire it_is_ _cut_down from_the_rebuke_of your(pl)_face_of_your they_ _will_perish. **18** [957] May_it_be hand_of_your on the_man_of your_right_hand_of_your on the_son_of humankind whom_ _you_have_made_strong for_yourself. **19** [958] And_not we_will_ _turn_back from_you you_will_give_us_life and_on_name_of_ _your we_will_call. **20** [959] Oh_**YHWH** god soldiers/messengers restore_us make_shine face_of_your so_that_we_may_be_ _delivered.

Readers' Version

80:1 Pay attention, Yisrael's (Israel's) shepherd.
You who lead Yosef (Joseph) (meaning Yisrael) like a flock;
You who sit above the winged creatures on the sacred chest, shine on us!
2 In the sight of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Benyamin and Menasheh (Manasseh), stir up your power.
Come and save us.
3 God, restore us;
Show us your favour and then we'll be saved.
4 Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
how long will you be angry at your people when they pray?
5 You have fed them with bread made from tears
and given them tears to drink in great quantities.
6 You make us something for our neighbours to argue over,
and our enemies laugh about us among themselves.
7 Commander-in-chief God, restore us.
Show us your favour and then we'll be saved.
8 You brought a grapevine out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
You drove out nations then transplanted it.
9 You cleared the land for it,
→and the grapevine took root and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered with its shade.
God's cedars were covered by its branches.
11 It sent out its branches as far as the sea
and its shoots to the Perat (Euphrates) River.
12 Why have you broken down the walls around it
→so that all who pass by along the road pick its fruit?
13 The boars out of the forest ruin it,
and the animals in the countryside feed on it.
14 Turn back, Commander-in-chief God.
Look down from heaven and take notice and take care of this grapevine.
15 This is the root that you planted by your power—
the shoot that you made grow.

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942 **LV 80:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.3
943 **LV 80:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.4
944 **LV 80:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.5
945 **LV 80:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.6
946 **LV 80:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.7
947 **LV 80:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.8
948 **LV 80:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.9
949 **LV 80:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.10
950 **LV 80:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.11
951 **LV 80:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.12
952 **LV 80:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.13
953 **LV 80:14 · Note** OSHB note: Suspended letter(s). Shown as suspended letters without a superscript note number.
954 **LV 80:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.14
955 **LV 80:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.15
956 **LV 80:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.16
957 **LV 80:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.17
958 **LV 80:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.18
959 **LV 80:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.80.19

Readers' Version

16 It has been cut down and burnt.
They perish at your rebuke.
17 May your hand be on the man you've given your power to—
on the son of humanity who you made strong for yourself.
18 Then we won't turn away from you.
Revive us, and we'll always pray to you.
19 Commander-in-chief Yahweh God, restore us.
Show us your favour and then we'll be saved.

Thanking God for relief

For the musical director: a song by Asaf to be accompanied by stringed instruments.[960]

81:1 Sing aloud to God our strength.
Shout out to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god with happiness.
2 Sing a song and play the tambourine—
the pleasant lyre with the harp.
3 Blow the trumpet on the day of the new moon,
on the day of the full moon, when our celebration begins,
4 because it's a statute for Yisrael (Israel)—
a decree given by Ya'akov's god.
5 He issued it as a regulation in Yosef (Joseph) (Yosef, but referring to Yisrael)
when he went against Mitsrayim (Egypt),
where I heard a voice that I didn't recognize:
6 "I removed the burden from his shoulder.
His hands were freed from having to hold the basket.
7 In your distress you called out, and I helped you.
I answered you from a dark thundercloud.
I tested you at the waters of Merivah. (Instrumental break.)
8 Listen, my people, yes, I'll warn you, Yisrael (Israel).
If you would only listen to me.
9 There mustn't be any foreign god among you.
You mustn't worship any foreign god.
10 I'm your god Yahweh who brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
Open your mouth wide, and I'll fill it.

Literal Version

81:1 To_choirmaster on the_Gittith of_'Āṣāf. 2 961 Sing_for_joy to_god strength_of_our shout_for_joy to_the_god_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob). 3 962 Lift_up music and_beat a_tambourine a_ _harp pleasant with a_lyre. 4 963 Blow at_moon a_ram's_horn at_moon to_the_day_of our_festival_of_our. 5 964 If/because is_ _a_decree for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it an_ordinance of_the_god_of of_ _Ya'aqov. 6 965 A_transcript in_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_established_it in_his/its_coming_out on the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) a_ _language_of (of)_which_not I_knew I_heard. 7 966 I_removed from_a_burden shoulder_of_his palms_of_his from_a_basket they_passed_away. 8 967 In_trouble you_called_out and_I_ _rescued_you I_answered_you in_the_hiding_place_of thunder I_tested_you at the_waters_of Mərīvāh Ṣelāh. 9 968 Listen my_ _people_of_my and_let_me_warn on/over_you(fs) Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if you_will_listen to_me. 10 969 Not it_will_be in_you(ms) a_god strange and_not you_must_bow_down to_a_ _god_of foreignness. 11 970 I am_**YHWH** god_of_your who_ _brought_up_of_you from_the_land_of Mitsrayim make_large mouth_of_your and_I_will_fill_it. 12 971 And_not people_of_my it_listened to_voice_of_my and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not it_yielded to_me. 13 972 And_I_gave_it_over in_the_stubbornness_of their_ _heart_of_their they_walked in_their_own_of_schemes. 14 973 If people_of_my will_be_listening to_me Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ways_ _of_my they_will_walk. 15 974 Like_a_little enemies_of_their I_ _will_subdue and_on foes_of_their I_will_turn hand_of_my. 16 975 Those_who_hate_of (of)_**YHWH** they_will_cringe to_ _him/it and_ time_of_their _let_it_be forever_perpetuity. 17 976 And_he_fed_him from_the_best_of the_wheat and_from_a_rock honey I_will_satisfy_you.

960 **RV 81:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'Gitit' could be an instrument or type of voice.
961 **LV 81:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.1
962 **LV 81:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.2
963 **LV 81:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.3
964 **LV 81:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.4
965 **LV 81:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.5
966 **LV 81:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.6
967 **LV 81:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.7
968 **LV 81:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.8
969 **LV 81:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.9
970 **LV 81:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.10
971 **LV 81:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.11
972 **LV 81:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.12
973 **LV 81:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.13
974 **LV 81:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.14
975 **LV 81:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.15
976 **LV 81:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.81.16

Literal Version

82:1 A_song of_'Āṣāf[978] god is_taking_his_stand in_the_ _congregation_of god in_the_midst_of the_gods he_gives_ _judgement. **2** Until when will_you(pl)_judge injustice and_the_ _face_of wicked_people will_you(pl)_lift_up Ṣelāh. **3** Give_ _judgement_for the_poor and_the_fatherless the_afflicted and_ _the_poor vindicate. **4** Deliver the_poor and_the_needy from_ _the_hand_of wicked_people rescue_them. **5** Not they_know and_not they_understand in_darkness they_walk_about all_of the_foundations_of the_earth they_are_shaken. **6** I I_said are_ _gods you(pl) and_the_sons the_Most_High of_you_of_all. **7** Nevertheless like_humankind you(pl)_will_die and_like_one_ _of the_princes you(pl)_will_fall. **8** Arise Oh_god judge the_ _earth/land if/because you you_have_an_inheritance in_all the_nations.

83:1 A_song a_song of_'Āṣāf. **2** [981] Oh_god let_not rest to/for_ _you(fs) do_not be_silent and_do_not be_inactive Oh_god. **3** [982] If/because HERE enemies_of_your they_are_in_an_uproar and_ _those_of_who_hate_you they_have_lifted a_head. **4** [983] On people_of_your they_make_crafty counsel and_they_consult_ _together on your(pl)_treasured_of_ones. **5** [984] They_have_said come and_let_us_annihilate_them from_a_nation and_not the_ _name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be_remembered again. **6** [985] If/because they_have_consulted heart together on_you a_ _covenant they_are_making. **7** [986] The_tents_of 'Edōm and_the_ _Yishmā'ēlī Mō'āv and_the_Hagrī. **8** [987] Gebal and_'Ammōn and_Amalek Pəleshet with the_inhabitants_of Tsor/(Tyre). **9** [988] Also 'Ashshūr it_has_joined_itself with_them they_have_

977 **RV 82:6 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 10:34-36.

978 **LV 82:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.82.1

981 **LV 83:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.1

982 **LV 83:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.2

983 **LV 83:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.3

984 **LV 83:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.4

985 **LV 83:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.5

986 **LV 83:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.6

987 **LV 83:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.7

988 **LV 83:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.8

Readers' Version

11 But my people didn't listen to my words.
Yisrael (Israel) didn't obey me.
12 So I let them go their own stubborn way
so that they could do whatever seemed okay to them.
13 If only my people would listen to me.
If only my people would follow my ways.
14 If they did, I'd quickly subdue their enemies
and use my strength against those who oppress them.
15 May those who hate Yahweh cringe in fear before him.
May they be humiliated forever.
16 I would feed Yisrael (Israel) with the finest bread.
I would satisfy you with honey out of the rock."

God the defender

A song by Asaf.
82:1 God stands in the divine assembly.
He renders judgement among the gods.
2 For how long will you judge unjustly
and show favouritism to the wicked? (Instrumental break.)
3 Defend the poor and the fatherless.
Maintain the rights of those who are afflicted and destitute.
4 Rescue the poor and needy—
help them escape from the control of the wicked people.
5 They neither know nor understand.
They wander around in the darkness.
All the earth's foundations crumble.
6 I said, "You are 'gods',
and all of you are sons of the highest one.[977]
7 Nevertheless you will die like men
and fall like one of the leaders."
8 Take action, God, judge the earth,
because you have an inheritance in all the nations.

Praying for victory over enemies

A song by Asaf.
83:1 God, don't be silent.
Don't ignore us and remain unmoved, God.
2 Look, your enemies are making a commotion,
and those who hate you starting to cause trouble.
3 They conspire against your people,
and plan together against your protected ones.
4 They've said, "Come, and let's destroy them as a nation,
→then the name of Yisrael (Israel) will soon be forgotten."
5 They schemed together with a unified strategy.
they made an alliance against you—

Readers' Version

6 the tents of Edom and the Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites),
of Moav (Moab) and the Hagrim,
7 Geval, Amon, Amalek,
and also Peleshet and the inhabitants of Tsor (Tyre).
8 Ashur (Assyria) also has joined with them.
They have become an arm for the descendants of Lot. (Instrumental break.)
9 Do to them as you did to Midyan,[979]
as you did to Sisera and to Yavin at the Kishon River.[980]
10 They perished at Eyn-Dor
→and became like dung on the ground.
11 Make their leading citizens like Orev and Ze'ev,
and all their princes like Zevah and Tsalmuna.
12 They said, "Let's take God's pastures for ourselves."
13 My god, make them like the whirling dust.
Make them like chaff blown around by the wind,
14 like the fire that burns a forest,
or like a flame that sets mountains on fire.
15 Chase them with your strong wind,
and terrify them with your windstorm.
16 Cause them to be very ashamed
so that they might want to find out more about you, Yahweh.
17 May they be put to shame and be terrified forever.
May they perish in disgrace.
18 Then they will know that you alone, Yahweh,
are to be honoured as the highest one over all the earth.

Longing to be in Yahweh's courtyards

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants to be accompanied by stringed instruments.[999]
84:1 How lovely is the place where you live,
Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
2 I long to be in Yahweh's temple courtyards—my desire for them has made me exhausted.
My heart and all of my being call out to the living God.

Literal Version

_become an_arm for_the_children_of Lōṭ Ṣelāh. 10 989 Do to/for_them like_Midyān like_Ṣīṣərā' like_Yāvīn/(Jabin) at_the_ _wadi_of Qīshōn. 11 990 They_were_destroyed at_En- dor they_ _became dung for_ground. 12 991 Make_them their_noble_of_ _people like_ʹOrēvˇ and_like_Zə'ēvˇ and_like_Zevˇaḥ and_like_ _Tsalmunnāʹ/(Zalmunna) all_of princes_of_their. 13 992 Who they_said let_us_take_possession_of to/for_ourselves ~~ĐØM~~ the_ _pastures_of god. 14 993 My_god_of_my make_them like_(the)_ _dust like_chaff to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_wind. 15 994 Like_a_fire which_it_burns a_forest and_like_a_flame which_it_sets_ablaze mountains. 16 995 So you_will_pursue_ _them with_storm_of_your and_with_storm-wind_of_your you_ _will_terrify_them. 17 996 Fill faces_of_their shame so_that_ _they_may_seek name_of_your Oh_**YHWH**. 18 997 May_they_be_ _ashamed and_may_they_be_dismayed until_of perpetuity and_ _may_they_be_abashed and_may_they_perish. 19 998 And_may_ _they_know if/because_that you name_of_who_your is_**YHWH** you_alone are_the_Most_High over all_of the_earth/land.

84:1 To_choirmaster on the_Gittith of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_ _song. 2 1000 How lovely dwelling_place(s)_of_are_your Oh_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers. 3 1001 It_has_longed and_also it_ _is_exhausted being_of_my for_the_courts_of **YHWH** heart_of_ _my and_flesh_of_my they_shout_for_joy to god living. 4 1002 Also a_bird it_has_found a_home and_a_swallow a_nest to/for_ _her/it which it_has_put ones_of_its_young with altars_of_your Oh_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers king_of_my and_god_of_my. 5 1003 How_blessed are_those_who_dwell_of your_house_of_

979 **RV 83:9 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 7–8.
980 **RV 83:9 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 4–5.
989 **LV 83:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.9
990 **LV 83:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.10
991 **LV 83:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.11
992 **LV 83:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.12
993 **LV 83:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.13
994 **LV 83:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.14
995 **LV 83:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.15
996 **LV 83:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.16
997 **LV 83:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.17
998 **LV 83:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.83.18
999 **RV 84:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'Gitit' could be an instrument or type of voice.
1000 **LV 84:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.1
1001 **LV 84:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.2
1002 **LV 84:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.3
1003 **LV 84:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.4

Literal Version

_your still they_praise_you Ṣelāh. **6** [1004] How_blessed is_a_
_person who_strength to_him/it in_you who_highways are_in_
_heart_of_their. **7** [1005] Those_who_pass_of in_the_valley_of
(the)_Baca a_spring they_make_it also blessings early_rain it_
_covers_it. **8** [1006] They_go from_strength to strength he_
_presents_himself to god in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **9** [1007] Oh_**YHWH**
god soldiers/messengers hear prayer_of_my give_ear Oh_god_
_of Ya′ₐqov/(Jacob) Ṣelāh. **10** [1008] Shield_of_our look_at Oh_god
and_pay_attention_to the_face_of your_anointed. **11** [1009]
If/because is_good a_day in_courts_of_your more_than_a_
_thousand I_have_chosen to_stand_at_the_threshold in_house_
_of my_god_of_my more_than_to_dwell in_the_tents_of
wickedness. **12** [1010] If/because is_a_sun and_a_shield **YHWH**
god favour and_honour **YHWH** he_gives not he_withholds good
to_who_walk in_blamelessness. **13** [1011] Oh_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers how_blessed is_anyone who_trusts
on/over_you(fs).

85:1 To_choirmaster of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ a_song. **2** [1013]
You_showed_favour_to Oh_**YHWH** land_of_your you_turned_
_back the_captivity_of[1014] of_Ya′ₐqov. **3** [1015] You_forgave the_
_iniquity_of your_people_of_your you_covered all_of sin_of_
_their Ṣelāh. **4** [1016] You_withdrew all_of fury_of_your you_
_turned_back from_the_burning_of your_anger_of_your. **5** [1017]
Restore_us Oh_god_of our_salvation_of_our and_break anger_
_of_your with_us. **6** [1018] Forever will_you_be_angry with_us
will_you_prolong anger_of_your to_a_generation and_a_

Readers' Version

3 Even the sparrow has found herself a house,
and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young
near your altars, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, my King, and my god.
4 Blessed are they who live in your house;
They praise you continually. (Instrumental break.)
5 Blessed is the person who trusts you for their strength—
who thinks about how to travel to Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).
6 Passing through the Valley of Tears, they find springs of water to drink.
The early rains cover it with blessings.
7 They go from strength to strength.
Every one of them appears before God in Tsiyon.
8 Commander-in-chief God Yahweh, hear my prayer.
God of Ya'akov (Jacob), listen to what I'm saying. (Instrumental break.)
9 God, watch over our defender.
Show concern for your anointed one.
10 Yes, one day in your courtyards is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in my god's house,
than to live in the tents of the wicked,
11 because Yahweh God is our sun and shield.
Yahweh will give grace and glory.
He doesn't withhold any good thing from those who walk in integrity.
12 Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
blessed is the person who trusts in you.

Prayer for national peace

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants.
85:1 Yahweh, you've shown favour to your country.
You have restored Ya'akov's (Jacob's) well-being.
2 You have forgiven your people's disobedience.
You've covered over all their sin. (Instrumental break.)
3 You have withdrawn all your rage.
You've turned back from your hot anger.

1004 **LV 84:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.5
1005 **LV 84:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.6
1006 **LV 84:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.7
1007 **LV 84:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.8
1008 **LV 84:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.9
1009 **LV 84:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.10
1010 **LV 84:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.11
1011 **LV 84:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.84.12
1013 **LV 85:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.1
1014 **LV 85:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוּבשׁ: (x-qere) 'תְּשִׁיבְ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_19opW תְּשִׁיבְ
1015 **LV 85:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.2
1016 **LV 85:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.3
1017 **LV 85:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.4
1018 **LV 85:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.85.5

Readers' Version

4 Restore us, God who saves us,
and don't stay upset with us.
5 Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you remain angry throughout future generations?
6 Won't you revive us again?
Then your people could be happy about you.
7 Show us your loyal commitment, Yahweh.
Grant us your salvation.
8 I will listen to what Yahweh God says,
because he will make peace with his people—his faithful ones,
yet they mustn't turn back again to doing foolish things.
9 Certainly he must be close to rescuing those who strive to obey him,
then glory[1012] will remain in our land.
10 Loyal commitment and trustworthiness have met together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Trustworthiness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
12 Yes, Yahweh will give his good blessings,
→and then our land will yield its crops.
13 Righteousness will go before Yahweh,
→and make a way for his footsteps.

A prayer of David's.

God's great love

86:1 Turn this way and listen, Yahweh,
and answer me because I'm weak and needy.
2 Protect me, because I'm faithful.
My god, save your servant who trusts in you.
3 Be merciful to me, my master,
because I call out to you for help all day long.
4 Make your servant glad,
because I sincerely offer myself to you, my master.
5 You, my master, are good, and ready to forgive,
and you show loyal commitment to everyone who calls out to you for help.
6 Yahweh, listen to my prayer.
Hear the sound of my pleas.
7 In my times of trouble, I call to you for help,
because you'll answer me.
8 There isn't any other god who's comparable with you, my master.

Literal Version

_generation. **7** [1019] Not you will_you_return will_you(pl)_give_
_us_life and_people_of_your they_will_rejoice in_you. **8** [1020]
Show_us Oh_**YHWH** loyalty_of_your_covenant and_salvation_
_of_your you_will_give to/for_us. **9** [1021] I_will_listen_to
whatever he_will_say (the)_god **YHWH** if/because he_will_
_speak peace to people_of_his and_near/to his_faithful_of_
_people and_not let_them_return to_folly. **10** [1022] Surely is_near
to_those_fearing_of_him salvation_of_his to_ glory _dwell in_
_land_of_our. **11** [1023] Covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness they_
_meet_one_another righteousness and_peace they_kiss. **12** [1024]
Faithfulness from_the_earth it_springs_up and_righteousness
from_heaven it_looks_down. **13** [1025] Also **YHWH** he_will_give
the_good and_land_of_our it_will_give produce_of_its. **14** [1026]
righteousness before_him it_will_go and_it_will_make into_a_
_way_of footsteps_of_his.

86:1 A_prayer of_Dāvid[1027] incline Oh_**YHWH** ear_of_your
answer_me if/because am_poor and_needy I. **2** Preserve life_of_
_my if/because am_faithful I save servant_of_your Oh_you god_
_of_my who_trusts to_you. **3** Show_favour_to_me my_master
if/because to_you I_call_out all_of the_day. **4** Make_glad the_
_self_of your_servant_of_your if/because to_you my_master
being_of_my I_lift_up. **5** If/because you my_master are_good
and_ready_to_forgive and_great_of covenant_loyalty to/from_
_all/each/any/every those_of_who_call_out_to_you. **6** Give_
_ear_to Oh_**YHWH** prayer_of_my and_pay_attention to_the_
_sound_of my_supplications_of_my. **7** In/on_day my_distress_
_of_my I_call_out_to_you if/because you_will_answer_me.
8 There_is_not like_you among_gods my_master and_there_
_are_not like_works_of_your. **9** All_of the_nations which you_
_have_made they_will_come and_they_will_bow_down to_your_
_face my_master and_they_will_glorify (to)_name_of_your.
10 If/because are_great you and_you_are_doing_of (of)_
_wonders you are_god you_alone. **11** Teach_me Oh_**YHWH** way_
_of_your I_will_walk in_truth_of_your unite heart_of_my to_
_fear name_of_your. **12** I_will_give_thanks_to_you my_master

1012 RV 85:9 · Note Many translations add 'his' to explain that it's God's glory, but we've left it ambiguous because it could also refer to the people's glory/honour.

1019 LV 85:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.6

1020 LV 85:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.7

1021 LV 85:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.8

1022 LV 85:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.9

1023 LV 85:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.10

1024 LV 85:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.11

1025 LV 85:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.12

1026 LV 85:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.85.13

1027 LV 86:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.86.1

Literal Version

god_of_my in_all heart_of_my and_I_will_glorify name_of_your forever_perpetuity. **13** If/because loyalty_of_your_covenant is_ _great towards_me and_you_have_delivered life_of_my from_ _Shə'ōl lowest. **14** Oh_god arrogant_people they_have_risen_up on_me and_a_company_of ruthless_people they_have_sought life_of_my and_not they_have_set_you to_before_themselves. **15** And_you(ms) my_master are_a_god compassionate and_ _gracious long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_ _faithfulness. **16** Turn to_me and_show_favour_to_me give strength_of_your to_servant_of_your and_save (to)_the_son_of your_maidservant_of_your. **17** Do with_me a_sign of_goodness so_ those_of_who_hate_me _that_they_may_see and_so_that_ _they_may_be_ashamed if/because you Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _helped_me and_you_have_comforted_me.

87:1 Of_the_sons_of Qoraḥ a_song a_song[1028] foundation_of_his is_among_the_mountains_of holiness. **2** **YHWH** is_loving the_ _gates_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) from_all the_dwelling_places_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob). **3** Glorious_things is_spoken on/over_you(fs) Oh_city_of the_'Elohīm Ṣelāh. **4** I_will_bring_to_remembrance Rahav and_Bāvel to_those_of_who_know_me THERE Pəleshet and_Tsor/(Tyre) with Kūsh/(Cush) this_one it_was_born there. **5** And_of_Tsiyyōn it_will_be_said a_person and_a_person he_ _was_born in_it and_he he_will_establish_it the_Most_High. **6** **YHWH** he_will_count when_records peoples this_one he_was_ _born there Ṣelāh. **7** And_singers like_dancers all_of springs_of_ _my on/over_you(fs).

88:1 A_song a_song of_the_sons_of of_Qoraḥ to_choirmaster on machalath- leannoth a_poem of_Hēymān the_Ezrachite. **2** [1030] Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of my_salvation_of_my day I_have_cried_ _out in_night before_you. **3** [1031] May_it_come to_your_face prayer_of_my incline ear_of_your to_my_cry_of_of_entreaty. **4** [1032] If/because it_is_surfeited with_troubles being_of_my

Readers' Version

No one else does the things that you do.
9 All the nations that you've made will come and bow before you, my master.
They will honour your name
10 because you are powerful and do wonderful things.
You alone are God.
11 Teach me your ways, Yahweh, then I'll walk in your truth.
Give me an undivided heart to revere you.
12 My master God, I'll praise you with my entire being.
I'll praise you forever
13 because your loyal commitment to me is so great.
You have rescued my life from the depths of the grave.
14 God, the arrogant have risen up against me.
A gang of violent men seek my life—
they don't care what you might do to them.
15 But you, my master, are a merciful and gracious God,
slow to get angry, and generous with loyal commitment and trustworthiness.
16 Turn toward me and have mercy on me.
Give your strength to your servant.
Save the son of your servant woman.
17 Show me a sign of your favour,
then those who hate me will see it and be put to shame
because you, Yahweh, have helped me and comforted me.

Praising Tsiyon (Zion)

A song by Korah's descendants.
87:1 On the sacred hill stands the city he founded.
2 Yahweh loves Tsiyon's (Zion's) gates
more than all of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) tents.
3 Wonderful things are said about you, city of God. (Instrumental break.)
4 "I mention Rahav and Bavel (Babylon) to my followers.
See, there are Peleshet, and Tsor (Tyre), along with Kush (Ethiopia)—
and will say, 'This one was born there.' "
5 It will be said about Tsiyon, "Each of those was born in her,
and the highest one himself will establish her."
6 Yahweh writes in the census book of the nations,
"That one was born there." (Instrumental break.)
7 So also the singers and the dancers say together,
"All my fountains are in you."

A depressed cry for help

For the musical director: a song by Korah's descendants. To be sung to the tune of 'Mahalat-Le'annot' a song[1029] by Heyman, one of Ezra's descendants.
88:1 Yahweh God who rescues me,

1028 **LV 87:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.87.1
1029 **RV 88:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.
1030 **LV 88:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.1
1031 **LV 88:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.2
1032 **LV 88:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.3

Readers' Version

I call out day and night to you for help.
2 Let my prayer be noticed by you.
Pay attention to my cry
3 because I'm filled with troubles,
and my life is approaching the grave.
4 People treat me like those who are going down into the pit.
I'm a man with no strength left.
5 I'm abandoned among the dead.
I'm like the dead who lie in the grave,
about whom you don't care any more
because they're cut off from your power.
6 You place me in the lowest part of the pit—
in the dark and deep places.
7 Your rage lies heavy on me,
and all your waves crash over me. (Instrumental break.)
8 Because of you, my acquaintances avoid me.
You have made me a shocking sight to them.
I am hemmed in and I cannot escape.
9 My eyes grow weary from trouble.
All day long I call out to you for help, Yahweh—
I spread out my hands to you.
10 Will you do wonders for the dead?
Will those who've died rise and praise you? (Instrumental break.)
11 Will your loyal commitment be proclaimed in the grave—
your loyalty in the place of the dead?
12 Will your wonderful activities be known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the place of forgetfulness?
13 But I cry to you for help, Yahweh—
in the morning my prayer goes before you.
14 Yahweh, why do you reject me?
Why do you hide yourself from me?
15 Since my youth, I've always been afflicted and close to death.
I have suffered from your terrors—I'm in despair.
16 Your severe anger has swept over me,
and your terrifying actions have annihilated me.

Literal Version

and_life_of_my to_Shə'ōl they_have_approached. **5** **1033** I_am_
_reckoned with those_who_go_down_of the_pit I_am like_a_
_man who_there_is_not strength. **6** **1034** Among_people set_free
like those_slain who_lie_of the_grave whom not you_
_remember_them again and_they from_hand_of_your they_
_are_cut_off. **7** **1035** You_have_put_me in_a_pit_of lowest_parts
in_the_dark_places in_the_depths. **8** **1036** On_me anger_of_your
it_has_lain and_all breakers_of_your you_have_afflicted_me
Ṣelāh. **9** **1037** You_have_removed_far_away acquaintances_of_my
from_me you_have_made_me abominations to_them I_am_
_shut_up and_not I_will_go_out. **10** **1038** Eye_of_my it_has_
_become_faint from affliction I_have_called_out_to_you Oh_
_**YHWH** in_all day I_have_spread_out to_you palms_of_my.
11 **1039** For_the_people will_you_do wonder[s] or the_shades
will_they_arise will_they_give_thanks_to_you Ṣelāh. **12** **1040**
Will_it_be_recounted in_grave loyalty_of_your_covenant
faithfulness_of_your in_'Avaddōn. **13** **1041** Will_it_be_known in_
_darkness wonder[s]_of_your and_righteousness_of_your in_
_land forgetting. **14** **1042** And_I to_you Oh_**YHWH** I_cry_for_help
and_in_morning prayer_of_my it_comes_to_meet_you. **15** **1043**
Why Oh_**YHWH** do_you_reject self_of_my do_you_hide face_of_
_your from_me. **16** **1044** Have_been_afflicted I and_about_to_die
from_youth I_have_borne terrors_of_your I_am_perplexed.
17 **1045** Over_me anger(s)_of_your they_have_passed terrors_of_
_your they_have_destroyed_me. **18** **1046** They_have_surrounded_
_me like_water all_of the_day they_have_surrounded (on)_me
altogether. **19** **1047** You_have_removed_far_away from_me one_
_who_loves and_a_friend acquaintances_of_my is_a_dark_place.

1033 **LV 88:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.4
1034 **LV 88:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.5
1035 **LV 88:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.6
1036 **LV 88:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.7
1037 **LV 88:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.8
1038 **LV 88:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.9
1039 **LV 88:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.10
1040 **LV 88:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.11
1041 **LV 88:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.12
1042 **LV 88:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.13
1043 **LV 88:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.14
1044 **LV 88:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.15
1045 **LV 88:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.16
1046 **LV 88:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.17
1047 **LV 88:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.88.18

Literal Version

89:1 A_poem of_'Ēytān the_Ezrachite. **2** [1051] The_covenant_ _loyalti(es)_of **YHWH** forever I_will_sing to_a_generation and_ _a_generation I_will_make_known faithfulness_of_your with_ _mouth_of_my. **3** [1052] If/because I_have_said forever covenant_ _loyalty it_will_be_built the_heavens you_establish faithfulness_of_your in_them. **4** [1053] I_have_made a_covenant to_my_chosen_of_one I_have_sworn_an_oath to_Dāvid servant_ _of_my. **5** [1054] Until perpetuity I_will_establish offspring_of_ _your and_I_will_build to_a_generation and_a_generation throne_of_your Ṣelāh. **6** [1055] And_ the_heavens _they_praise wonder[s]_of_your Oh_**YHWH** also faithfulness_of_your in_the_ _assembly_of the_holy_ones. **7** [1056] If/because who in_cloud[s] is_he_comparable to/for_**YHWH** is_he_like to/for_**YHWH** among_the_sons_of gods.[1057] **8** [1058] god is_awesome in_the_ _council_of the_holy_ones much and_he_is_to_be_feared above all_of those_around_of_him. **9** [1059] Oh_**YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers who like_you is_mighty Oh_Yah and_ _faithfulness_of_your is_around_of_you. **10** [1060] You are_ruling over_the_rising_up_of the_sea when_ waves_of_its _rise_up you you_calm_them. **11** [1061] You you_crushed like_(the)_slain Rahab with_the_arm_of your_strength_of_your you_scattered enemies_of_your. **12** [1062] To/for_yourself(m) heaven also to/for_yourself(m) the_earth the_world and_what_of_fills_it you you_founded_them. **13** [1063] The_north and_the_south you you_created_them Tāvōr and_Ḥermōn at_name_of_your they_ _shout_for_joy. **14** [1064] To/for_yourself(m) an_arm with strength hand_of_your it_is_strong hand_of_your_right it_is_ _exalted. **15** [1065] Is_righteousness and_justice the_foundation_of your_throne_of_your covenant_loyalty and_faithfulness they_

Readers' Version

17 They surround me like water all the day long.
They've all encircled me.
18 You've taken all my friends and acquaintances away from me.
Now my only acquaintance is the darkness.

A song[1048] of Eytan, one of Ezra's descendants.

To be sung my the goodness of God

89:1 I will sing of Yahweh's acts of loyal commitment forever.
I will proclaim your truthfulness to future generations.
2 because I've said, "Loyal commitment has been established forever.
You have established your truthfulness in the heavens."
3 "I have made an agreement with my chosen one,
I've made a promise to my servant David.
4 I will establish your descendants forever,
and I will establish your throne through all generations."[1049]
(Instrumental break.)
5 The heavens praise your wonders, Yahweh.
Your truthfulness is praised in the assembly of the holy ones
6 because who in the heavens can be compared to Yahweh?
Who among the sons of the gods is like Yahweh?
7 He's a god who is greatly honoured in the council of the holy ones
and is awesome among all who are around him.
8 Commander-in-chief Yahweh, God,
who is strong like you, Yahweh?
Your truthfulness surrounds you.
9 You rule the raging sea—
when the waves surge, you calm them.
10 You crushed the proud one,[1050] like someone that's killed.
You scattered your enemies with your strong arm.

1048 **RV 89:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

1049 **RV 89:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-16; 1Ch 17:11-14; Psa 132:11; Acts 2:30.

1050 **RV 89:10 · Note** Heb. 'Rahav'. The second part of this line implies that it's not referring to a person here, but probably 'Egypt' (or possibly even 'the huge sea monster').

1051 **LV 89:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.1

1052 **LV 89:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.2

1053 **LV 89:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.3

1054 **LV 89:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.4

1055 **LV 89:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.5

1056 **LV 89:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.6

1057 **LV 89:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

1058 **LV 89:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.7

1059 **LV 89:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.8

1060 **LV 89:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.9

1061 **LV 89:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.10

1062 **LV 89:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.11

1063 **LV 89:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.12

1064 **LV 89:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.13

1065 **LV 89:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.14

Readers' Version

11 The heavens belong to you, and the earth as well.
You made the world and all it contains.
12 You created the north and the south.
Mt. Tavor and Mt. Hermon happily shout your name.
13 You have a powerful fighting arm
and a strong hand, and your sword hand is held high.
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
Loyal commitment and trustworthiness come before you.
15 The people who know the happy shout are fortunate.
Yahweh, they live knowing that you are always watching over them.
16 They celebrate your reputation all day long,
and they praise you for always doing what is right.
17 You are their majestic strength,
and by your favour our strength turns into victory.
18 because our shield belongs to Yahweh—
our king belongs to Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.
19 Long ago you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones.
You said, "I've helped a warrior."
I've raised up one chosen from among the people.
20 I have chosen David my servant—
I've anointed him with my sacred oil.
21 My hand will support him.
My arm will also be with him to strengthen him.
22 No enemy will deceive him.
No wicked man will oppress him.
23 I will crush his enemies in front of him.
I will kill those who hate him.
24 My truth and my loyal commitment will be with him.
He will win victories with my help.

Literal Version

_come_to_meet your(ms)_faces/face. **16** [1066] How_blessed is_
_the_people which_know_of (of)_a_shout_of_joy Oh_**YHWH** in_
_the_light_of your(pl)_face_of_your they_walk. **17** [1067] In_name_
_of_your they_rejoice all_of the_day and_in_righteousness_of_
_your they_are_exalted. **18** [1068] If/because are_the_splendour_
_of their_strength_of_their you and_in_favour_of_your it_is_
_exalted[1069] horn_of_our. **19** [1070] If/because to/for_**YHWH**
shield_of_our and_belongs_to_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
king_of_our. **20** [1071] Then you_spoke in_a_vision to_your_
_faithful_of_people and_she/it_said I_have_placed help on a_
_warrior I_have_raised_up a_chosen_one from_the_people.
21 [1072] I_have_found Dāvid servant_of_my with_the_oil_of my_
_holiness_of_my I_have_anointed_him. **22** [1073] Whom hand_of_
_my it_will_be_steadfast with_him/it also arm_of_my it_will_
_strengthen_him. **23** [1074] Not an_enemy he_will_deceive
in/on/over_him/it and_a_son_of injustice not he_will_afflict_
_him. **24** [1075] And_I_will_crush from_before_of_him foes_of_his
and_those_of_who_hate_him I_will_strike_down. **25** [1076] And_
_faithfulness_of_my and_my_covenant_of_loyalty with_him/it
and_in_name_of_my horn_of_his it_will_be_exalted. **26** [1077]
And_I_will_set on_sea his/its_hand and_on_rivers hand_of_his_
_right. **27** [1078] He he_will_call_out_to_me father_of_are_my you
god_of_my and_the_rock_of my_salvation_of_my. **28** [1079] Also I
firstborn I_will_make_him most_high to_the_kings_of the_
_earth. **29** [1080] Forever_perpetuity I_will_keep[1081] to_him/it
loyalty_of_my_covenant and_covenant_of_my will_be_reliable
to_him/it. **30** [1082] And_I_will_establish forever_forever his/its_
_seed and_throne_of_his like_the_days_of the_heavens. **31** [1083]
If sons_of_his they_will_abandon law_of_my and_in_
_judgements_of_my not they_will_walk. **32** [1084] If regulations_
_of_my they_will_violate and_commands_of_my not they_will_
_keep. **33** [1085] And_I_will_punish with_a_rod transgression_of_
_their and_with_plagues iniquity_of_their. **34** [1086] And_my_
_covenant_of_loyalty not I_will_break_off from_with_him and_

1066 LV 89:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.15
1067 LV 89:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.16
1068 LV 89:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.17
1069 LV 89:18 · Note OSHB variant note: מירת: (x-qere) 'מָגִנָּתֵנוּ': lemma_7311 a morph_HVqi3fs id_19JGx מָגִנָּתֵנוּ
1070 LV 89:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.18
1071 LV 89:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.19
1072 LV 89:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.20
1073 LV 89:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.21
1074 LV 89:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.22
1075 LV 89:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.23
1076 LV 89:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.24
1077 LV 89:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.25
1078 LV 89:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.26
1079 LV 89:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.27
1080 LV 89:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.28
1081 LV 89:29 · Note OSHB variant note: רומשא: (x-qere) 'אָרִים': lemma_8104 morph_HVqi1cs id_19b8w אָרִים
1082 LV 89:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.29
1083 LV 89:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.30
1084 LV 89:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.31
1085 LV 89:33 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.32
1086 LV 89:34 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.89.33

Literal Version

_not I_will_deal_falsely with_faithfulness_of_my. **35** **1087** Not I_
_will_violate covenant_of_my and_the_utterance_of my_lips_
_of_my not I_will_change. **36** **1088** one_time I_have_sworn_an_
_oath by_holiness_of_my if to_Dāvid I_will_lie. **37** **1089** His/its_
_seed forever_perpetuity it_will_be and_throne_of_his like_sun
before_me. **38** **1090** Like_the_moon it_will_be_established
forever and_a_witness in_cloud[s] which_is_reliable Şelāh.
39 **1091** And_you(ms) you_have_spurned and_you_have_rejected
you_have_been_furious with your_of_anointed. **40** **1092** You_
_have_repudiated the_covenant_of your_servant_of_your you_
_have_profaned to_ground crown_of_his. **41** **1093** You_have_
_broken_through all_of walls_of_his you_have_made
strongholds_of_his a_ruin.**1094** **42** **1095** They_have_plundered_
_him all_of those_who_pass_by_of the_road he_has_become a_
_reproach to_neighbours_of_his. **43** **1096** You_have_exalted the_
_right_hand_of his_foes_of_his you_have_allowed_to_rejoice
all_of enemies_of_his. **44** **1097** Also you_turn_back the_flint_of
his_sword_of_his and_not you_have_raised_him_up in_battle.
45 **1098** You_have_made_cease from_luster_of_his and_throne_
_of_his to_ground you_have_thrown. **46** **1099** You_have_cut_
_short the_days_of his_youth(s)_of_his you_have_wrapped
on/upon/above_him/it shame Şelāh. **47** **1100** Until when Oh_
_**YHWH** will_you_hide_yourself to_perpetuity will_it_burn like
a_fire anger_of_your. **48** **1101** Remember I what is_lifespan
concerning what emptiness have_you_created all_of the_
_children_of humankind. **49** **1102** Who is_the_man who_he_will_
_live and_not he_will_see death who_he_will_deliver life_of_his
from_the_hand_of Shəʾōl Şelāh. **50** **1103** Where covenant_
_loyalti(es)_of_are_your (the)_former my_master which_you_
_swore_an_oath to_Dāvid in_faithfulness_of_your. **51** **1104**
Remember my_master the_reproach_of your_servants bearing_
_my in_bosom_of_my all_of many peoples. **52** **1105** Which
enemies_of_your they_have_reproached Oh_**YHWH** which

Readers' Version

25 I will place his hand over the sea
and his right hand over the rivers.
26 He will call out to me, 'You are my father,
my god, and the reliable one who rescues me.'
27 I also will place him as my firstborn son,
the highest king on the earth.
28 I will extend my loyal commitment to him forever,
and my agreement with him will be secure.
29 I will make his descendants endure forever
and his throne as enduring as the skies above.
30 If his children forsake my law
and don't follow my regulations,
31 if they break my rules
and don't keep my commands,
32 then will I punish their rebellion with a rod
and their disobedience with stripes from a whip.
33 But I won't break off my loyal commitment to him
or be unfaithful to my promise.
34 I won't break my agreement
or change the words of my lips.
35 Once and for all I have made an oath by my holiness—
I won't lie to David:
36 his descendants will continue forever
and his throne as long as the sun before me.
37 It will be established forever like the moon,
the faithful witness in the sky." (Instrumental break.)
38 But you have refused and rejected—
you've been angry with your anointed king.
39 You have renounced the agreement with your servant.
You have desecrated his crown in the dust.

1087 **LV 89:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.34
1088 **LV 89:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.35
1089 **LV 89:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.36
1090 **LV 89:38 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.37
1091 **LV 89:39 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.38
1092 **LV 89:40 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.39
1093 **LV 89:41 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.40
1094 **LV 89:41 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
1095 **LV 89:42 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.41
1096 **LV 89:43 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.42
1097 **LV 89:44 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.43
1098 **LV 89:45 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.44
1099 **LV 89:46 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.45
1100 **LV 89:47 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.46
1101 **LV 89:48 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.47
1102 **LV 89:49 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.48
1103 **LV 89:50 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.49
1104 **LV 89:51 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.50
1105 **LV 89:52 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.51

Readers' Version

40 You have broken down all his walls.
You have ruined his fortresses.
41 Everyone who goes past on the road rob him.
He's become an object of disgust to his neighbours.
42 You have given strength to his enemies;
You've made all his enemies celebrate.
43 You turn back the edge of his sword
and haven't supported him in the battle.
44 You have brought his splendour to an end.
You've thrown his throne down to the ground.
45 You have shortened the days of his youth.
You have covered him with shame. (Instrumental break.)
46 How long, Yahweh? Will you hide yourself forever?
How long will your anger burn like fire?
47 Oh, think about how short my time is,
and for what emptiness you've created all of humanity's children.
48 Who can live and not see death,
or rescue his own life from the clutch of the grave? (Instrumental break.)
49 Lord, where are your former acts of loyal commitment
that you sincerely promised to David?
50 My master, call to mind the mocking directed against your servants
and how I bear so many insults from the nations in my heart.
51 Your enemies hurl insults, Yahweh.
They mock the footsteps of your anointed one.
52 Blessed be Yahweh forever. Yes, indeed, let it be so.

Fourth collection[1107] · The people and the god

A prayer by God's man Mosheh (Moses).
90:1 My master, you've been our protection
throughout all generations.
2 Before the mountains were formed or you formed the earth and the world,
from the entire past through to all the future, you are God.
3 You return man to dust,
and you say, "Return, you descendants of humanity,"
4 because a thousand years in your sight
are just like yesterday when it's over,
and like a watch of several hours in the night.
5 You sweep them away as with a flood and they sleep.
In the morning they are like the grass that sprouts up:
6 In the morning it blooms and grows up,
but by the evening, it has withered and dried up.
7 Certainly we're consumed in your anger,
and in your rage we're terrified.
8 You've placed our disobedience in front of you—

Literal Version

they_have_reproached the_footprints_of your_anointed. 53 [1106] **YHWH** be_blessed forever_perpetuity amen and_amen.

90:1 A_prayer of_Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm[1108] my_ _master a_dwelling_place you you_have_been to/for_ourselves in_a_generation and_a_generation. 2 Before_before mountains they_were_born and_you_brought_forth the_earth and_the_ _world and_from_antiquity until perpetuity you are_god. 3 You_return humankind to crushed_matter and_she/it_said return Oh_children_of humankind. 4 If/because a_thousand years in_eyes_of_your are_like_a_day yesterday if/because it_ _passes and_a_watch in_night. 5 You_flood_them sleep they_are in_morning like_grass which_it_sprouts_up. 6 In_morning it_ _flourishes and_it_sprouts_up to_evening it_withers and_it_ _dries_up. 7 If/because we_come_to_an_end in_anger_of_your and_by_rage_of_your we_are_terrified. 8 You_set[1109] iniquities_ _of_our to_before_you our_concealed_of_sins to_the_light_of your(pl)_face_of_your. 9 If/because all_of days_of_our they_ _turn in_fury_of_your years_of_our we_finish like a_sigh. 10 The_days_of our_years_of_our in/among_them are_seventy year[s] and_if by_strength(s) eighty year[s] and_pride_of_their is_toil and_trouble if/because it_passes_away quickly and_we_ _flew_away. 11 Who is_knowing the_strength_of your_anger_of_ _your and_is_like_fear_of_your fury_of_your. 12 To_count days_ _of_our right teach_us so_that_we_may_bring a_heart_of

1106 **LV 89:53 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.89.52

1107 **RV 90:1 · Parallel** Songs 90–106

1108 **LV 90:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.90.1

1109 **LV 90:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: תש: (x-qere) 'הָתַשׁ': lemma_7896 morph_HVqp2ms id_19nDP הָתַשׁ

Literal Version

wisdom. **13** Return Oh_**YHWH** until when and_have_
_compassion on servants_of_your. **14** Satisfy_us in_morning
loyalty_of_your_covenant so_that_we_may_shout_for_joy and_
_so_that_we_may_rejoice in_all days_of_our. **15** Make_us_rejoice
according_to_the_days_of (of)_which_you(pl)_afflicted_us the_
_years_of (of)_which_we_saw trouble. **16** May_it_appear to
your_servants deed[s]_of_your and_majesty_of_your to
children_of_their. **17** And_let_it_be the_kindness_of my_master
god_of_our towards_us and_the_work_of our_both_hands
establish on_us and_the_work_of our_both_hands establish_it.

91:1 one_who_dwells in_the_shelter_of the_Most_High in_the_
_shadow_of the_almighty he_will_lodge. **2** I_will_say to/for_
_**YHWH** refuge_of_my and_stronghold_of_my god_of_my
whom_I_trust in/on/over_him/it. **3** If/because he he_will_
_deliver_you from_the_snare_of a_fowler from_a_plague_of
destruction(s). **4** With_pinion_of_his he_will_cover to/for_
_you(fs) and_under wings_of_his you_will_take_refuge is_a_
_shield and_a_wall faithfulness_of_his. **5** Not you_will_be_afraid
from_the_dread_of night from_an_arrow which_it_will_fly by_
_day. **6** From_a_plague which_in_gloom it_will_walk from_
_destruction which_it_will_devastate noon(s). **7** It_will_fall
from_side_of_your a_thousand and_ten_thousand from_your_
_right_of_hand to_you not it_will_draw_near. **8** Only with_your_
_two's_own_of_eyes you_will_look and_the_retribution_of
wicked_people you_will_see. **9** If/because you **YHWH** refuge_
_of_my the_Most_High you_have_made place_of_your_dwelling.
10 Not it_will_happen to_you harm and_plague not it_will_
_draw_near in_tent_of_your. **11** If/because messengers_of_his
he_will_command to_you to_guard_you in_all ways_of_your.
12 On palms they_will_lift_you_up lest you_should_strike on_
_stone foot_of_your. **13** On a_lion and_a_cobra you_will_tread
you_will_trample a_young_lion and_a_serpent. **14** If/because
(in)_me he_loves and_I_will_deliver_him I_will_set_him_on_
_high if/because he_knows name_of_my. **15** He_will_call_out_
_to_me and_I_will_answer_him with_him/it I in_trouble I_will_
_rescue_him and_I_will_honour_him. **16** Length_of days I_will_
_satisfy_him and_I_will_let_him_look on_salvation_of_my.

Readers' Version

our hidden sins in the light of your presence,
9 because our life passes away under your rage—
our years pass quickly like a sigh does.
10 We might reach the age of seventy,
or even eighty if we're healthy,
but even our best years are marked by trouble and sorrow.
Yes, they pass quickly, then we 'fly away'.
11 Who knows the intensity of your anger,
and your rage that's equal to the respect that we should have had for you?
12 So teach us to consider the fragility of our lives
so that we might live wisely.
13 Turn back, Yahweh.
How long will this last?
Have pity on your servants.
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your loyal commitment
so that we can celebrate and be glad for the rest of our lives.
15 Make us glad in proportion to the days you made us suffer,
and to the years we have experienced trouble.
16 Let your servants see your actions,
and let our children see your splendour.
17 May the favour of my master God be ours.
Prosper the work of our hands.
Yes, prosper the work that we do.

God our protector

91:1 Anyone who stays where they're sheltered by the highest one,
will be able to rest safely in the powerful one's shadow.
2 I will tell people that Yahweh is my safe place and my fortress,
my god that I'll put my trust in.
3 He will keep you safe from the hunter's traps,
and from deadly diseases.
4 He'll cover you with his wings,
and you'll feel safe underneath them.
His faithfulness is a shield and protection.
5 You won't be afraid of the terror of the night,
or of a flying arrow hitting you in the day.
6 You won't be afraid of the forces that roam around in the darkness,
or of the destruction that causes devastation at noon time.
7 A thousand warriors might fall dead at your side,
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet you still won't be reached by the enemy.
8 Just look with your own eyes,
and you'll see the wicked people being punished.
9 Yes, Yahweh is my safe place.
Make every effort to stay with the highest one.
10 Then nothing will be able to harm you.
No evil will approach your home
11 because he'll command his messengers about you—
to guard you wherever you're going.[1110]

1110 RV 91:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 4:6; Luk 4:10.

Readers' Version

12 They'll lift you up in their hands,
so that you won't hit your foot on a rock.[1111]
13 You'll beat back the lion and the cobra with your feet.
You'll trample on the young lion and the snake.[1112]
14 I'll rescue those who are devoted to me.
I'll protect them because they know my name.
15 When anyone calls out to me, I'll answer them,
I'll be with them in times of trouble.
I'll rescue and honour them.
16 I'll satisfy them with a long life,
and I'll show them how I can save them.

An accompanied song for Rest Days.

A praise song

92:1 It's good when people thank you, Yahweh,
and sing praises to you, the highest one
2 to proclaim your loyal commitment in the morning,
and your truthfulness every night,
3 using the ten-stringed instrument,
and the melody from a harp.
4 Yes, you, Yahweh, have made me happy by your actions.
I will cheerfully sing because of what you've done.
5 Yahweh, you do incredible things.
Your thoughts are extremely complex.
6 A stupid person doesn't know that,
and a fool can't understand it.
7 Wicked people sprout up like plants,
and wickedness flourishes.
They're doomed to eternal destruction,
8 but you, Yahweh, will always rule on high.
9 Take note of your enemies, Yahweh,
because your enemies will perish.
All those who do evil will be forced to flee.
10 You've made me as powerful as a wild bull.
I've been anointed with fresh oil.

Literal Version

92:1 A_song a_song for_the_day_of the_sabbath. 2 [1113] Is_good to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** and_to_sing_praises to_name_of_ _your Oh_Most_High. 3 [1114] To_announce in_morning loyalty_ _of_your_covenant and_faithfulness_of_your in_nights. 4 [1115] On a_ten and_on a_lyre on a_melody with_a_harp. 5 [1116] If/because you_have_made_me_rejoice Oh_**YHWH** by_deed[s]_ _of_your in_the_works_of your_two's_hands_of_your I_sing_for_ _joy. 6 [1117] How works_of_your they_are_great Oh_**YHWH** exceedingly thoughts_of_your they_are_deep. 7 [1118] A_person stupid not he_knows and_a_fool not he_understands ~~DOM~~ this. 8 [1119] When_ wicked_people _sprout_up like vegetation and_ all_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness _they_flourished they_ _to_be_destroyed until_of perpetuity. 9 [1120] And_you(ms) are_ _height to_vanishing_point Oh_**YHWH**. 10 [1121] If/because THERE enemies_of_your Oh_**YHWH** if/because THERE enemies_ _of_your they_will_perish all_of those_who_do_of (of)_ _wickedness they_will_be_scattered. 11 [1122] And_you_have_ _raised_up like_a_wild_ox horn_of_my I_have_been_anointed with_oil fresh. 12 [1123] And_ eye_of_my _it_has_looked on_walls_ _of_my in_who]_rise on_me evil-doers ears_of_my they_have_ _heard. 13 [1124] The_righteous like_(the)_tree he_will_flourish like_a_cedar in_Ləvānōn he_will_grow. 14 [1125] They_are_ _planted in_house_of **YHWH** in_the_courts_of our_god_of_our they_will_flourish. 15 [1126] Still they_will_bear_fruit in_old_age fat and_fresh they_will_be. 16 [1127] To_announce if/because_that

1111 **RV 91:12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:6; Luk 4:11.
1112 **RV 91:13 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:19.
1113 **LV 92:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.1
1114 **LV 92:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.2
1115 **LV 92:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.3
1116 **LV 92:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.4
1117 **LV 92:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.5
1118 **LV 92:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.6
1119 **LV 92:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.7
1120 **LV 92:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.8
1121 **LV 92:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.9
1122 **LV 92:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.10
1123 **LV 92:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.11
1124 **LV 92:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.12
1125 **LV 92:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.13
1126 **LV 92:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.14
1127 **LV 92:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.92.15

Literal Version

is_upright **YHWH** rock_of_my and_not mmm[1128] in/on/over_
_him/it.

93:1 **YHWH** he_reigns majesty he_is_clothed **YHWH** he_is_
_clothed strength he_has_girded_himself also the_world it_is_
_established not it_will_be_shaken. **2** Throne_of_your has_
_been_established from_then from_long_ago/eternity you.
3 Rivers they_have_lifted_up Oh_**YHWH** rivers they_have_
_lifted_up voice_of_their rivers they_lifted_up pounding_of_
_their. **4** More_than_the_sounds_of waters many majestic the_
_breakers_of the_sea is_majestic in_height[s] **YHWH**.
5 Testimonies_of_your they_are_reliable exceedingly to_house_
_of_your holiness it_is_befitting Oh_**YHWH** for_length_of days.

94:1 Oh_god_of vengeance(s) Oh_**YHWH** Oh_god_of
vengeance(s) shine_forth. **2** Raise_yourself_up Oh_judge_of the_
_earth/land repay recompense to proud_people. **3** Until when
wicked_people Oh_**YHWH** until when wicked_people will_they_
_exult. **4** They_pour_forth they_speak arrogant all_of those_
_who_do_of (of)_wickedness they_boast. **5** People_of_your Oh_
_**YHWH** they_crush and_inheritance_of_your they_afflict.
6 The_widow and_the_sojourner they_kill and_fatherless_ones
they_murder. **7** And_they_said not **YHWH** he_will_see and_not
the_god_of Ya´ₐqov/(Jacob) he_will_perceive. **8** Understand Oh_
_stupid_ones among_people and_Oh_fools when will_you(pl)_
_have_insight. **9** The_planter_of the_ear[1130] not does_he_hear
or the_one_who_formed_of the_eye not does_he_see. **10** The_
_one_who_disciplines_of nations not does_he_rebuke the_one_
_who_teaches humankind knowledge. **11** **YHWH** is_knowing
the_thoughts_of a_person if/because_that they are_a_breath.
12 How_blessed is_the_man whom you_discipline_him Oh_
_**YHWH** and_from_law_of_your you_teach_him. **13** To_give_
_quiet to_him/it[1131] from_days_of trouble until it_will_be_dug
for_wicked a_pit. **14** If/because not **YHWH** he_will_abandon
people_of_his and_inheritance_of_his not he_will_abandon.
15 If/because to righteousness judgement it_will_return and_
_will_be_after_it all_of people_upright_of heart. **16** Who will_
_he_rise_up to_me with evil-doers who will_he_take_his_stand

Readers' Version

11 With my own eyes, I've looked at my enemies.
With my own ears, I've heard the opposition against me.
12 A godly person flourishes like a palm tree.
That person will grow like a cedar tree in Levanon.
13 They'll be planted in Yahweh's house.
They'll flourish in God's courtyards.
14 They'll still bear fruit even when they're old.
They'll be fresh and vigorous.
15 They'll proclaim that Yahweh is an honest judge.
He's reliable and can only ever do what is right.

The god King

93:1 Yahweh reigns—he's robed in majesty.
Yahweh has clothed and girded himself with strength.
The world is firmly established—
it won't be shaken.
2 Your rule was established long ago.
You have always existed.
3 The rivers have filled up, Yahweh.
Their roar has become very loud.
They've lifted up their pounding waves.
4 The breaking ocean waves are even greater than the noisy rivers.
Yahweh is majestic on his high throne.
5 Your commands are very trustworthy.
Your temple is enhanced by your holy presence, Yahweh, forever.

God the judge of all

94:1 Yahweh, God who avenges,
God of vengeance, let your radiance shine.
2 Rise up, judge of the earth.
Give the proud what they deserve.
3 How long will the wicked last, Yahweh,
How long will the wicked rejoice?
4 They blabber out their arrogant words.
All those who do wicked things boast.
5 They crush your people, Yahweh.
They oppress the nation that belongs to you.
6 They kill widows and strangers,
and they murder the fatherless.
7 They say, "Yahweh won't see it.
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god won't take any notice of it."
8 Understand, you stupid people.
You fools, when will you ever learn?
9 Can't the one who made ears, hear?
Why can't the one who formed the eye, see?
10 Can't the one who disciplines the nations, correct them?
He's the one who gives knowledge to humankind.
11 Yahweh knows people's thoughts—

1128 **LV 92:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/תלע: (x-qere) ה/תָלְוַע': lemma_5766 b morph_HNcbsc/Sh id_196wc ה/תָלְוַע
1130 **LV 94:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1131 **LV 94:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

that they're just vapour.[1129]
12 Anyone who you discipline, Yahweh, is fortunate—
those who you teach from your instructions.
13 They get relief in times of trouble
until a pit gets dug for wicked people,
14 because Yahweh won't reject his people,
or abandon those who belong to him.
15 Because justice will be honest and fair again,
and all the people who desire to do what's right will appreciate that.
16 Who will come and defend me against those who do evil things?
Who will stand up for me against wicked people?
17 If Yahweh hadn't helped me,
my soul would have been living in silence at the cemetery by now.
18 When I called out, "Hey, I'm starting to slip,"
your loyal commitment, Yahweh, supported me.
19 Whenever I'm very worried
your comfort encourages me.
20 Can a corrupt king be your ally?
Someone who makes it legal to do what's wrong?
21 They work together to take the lives of good citizens,
and they give the death sentence to innocent people.
22 But Yahweh has been like a fortress for me,
and God has been a place of safety.
23 He will turn their own disobedience back on them
and will destroy them because of their own wickedness.
Yes, our god Yahweh will wipe them out.

A praise song

95:1 Come and join us in singing to Yahweh.
Let's happily sing to our protector and our rescuer.
2 Let's thank him as we come in and face him.
Let's sing praise songs to him
3 because Yahweh is a powerful God,
and a powerful king superior to all gods.
4 The deepest valleys in the earth are under his control,
and the mountain peaks are also his.
5 The oceans are his because he created them.
His hands formed all the dry land.
6 Come on, let's bow down and worship him.
Let's kneel in front of our creator, Yahweh,
7 because he's our god.
We are the people he shepherds.
We are the sheep in his care.
If only all of you would listen to his voice today.[1132]
8 Don't become stubborn like your ancestors did at Merivah,
and like they did in the wilderness at Masah.[1133]
9 Your ancestors tried my patience

Literal Version

to_me with those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. 17 If_not **YHWH** been_(to)_a_help_had to/for_me like_a_little it_dwelt silence self_of_my. 18 If I_said foot_of_my it_has_slipped loyalty_of_ _your_covenant Oh_**YHWH** it_supported_me. 19 In_the_ _multitude_of my_disquieting_thoughts_of_my in_my_inner_ _of_being consolations_of_your they_delighted self_of_my. 20 Will_it_be_joined_to_you a_throne_of destruction(s) one_ _who_fashions mischief on a_decree. 21 They_band_together on the_life_of the_righteous and_blood innocent they_condemn_ _as_guilty. 22 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me (into)_a_refuge and_god_of_my (into)_the_rock_of my_shelter_of_my. 23 And_ _he_brought_back on_them ~~DOM~~ wickedness_of_their and_in_ _evil_of_their he_will_destroy_them he_will_destroy_them **YHWH** god_of_our.

95:1 Come let_us_sing_for_joy to/for_**YHWH** let_us_shout_for_ _joy to_the_rock_of our_salvation_of_our. 2 Let_us_come_to_ _meet face_of_his with_thanksgiving with_songs let_us_shout_ _for_joy to_him/it. 3 If/because is_a_god great **YHWH** and_a_ _king great above all_of gods. 4 Whom in_his/its_hand the_ _depths_of the_earth and_the_peaks_of the_mountains to_ _him/it. 5 Whom to_him/it the_sea and_he he_made_it and_ _the_dry_land hands_of_his they_formed. 6 Come let_us_bow_ _down and_let_us_kneel_down let_us_kneel to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** maker_of_our. 7 If/because he god_of_is_our and_we are_the_people_of his_pasture_of_his and_the_flock_of his/its_hand the_day if to_voice_of_his you(pl)_will_listen. 8 Do_not harden heart_of_your(pl) like_ _Mərīvāh like_the_day_of Massah in_wilderness. 9 When they_ _put_me_to_the_test ancestors_of_your(pl) they_tested_me also they_had_seen work_of_my. 10 Forty year[s] I_felt_loathing at_ _a_generation and_I_said are_a_people who_go_astray_of heart they and_they not they_know ways_of_my. 11 That I_swore_an_ _oath in_anger_of_my if they_will_go into rest_of_my.

1129 **RV 94:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 3:20.

1132 **RV 95:7-11 · Cross-ref.** Heb 3:7-11.

1133 **RV 95:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Exo 17:1-7; Num 20:2-13.

Literal Version

96:1 Sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new sing to/for_**YHWH** Oh_all_ _of the_earth/land. **2** Sing to/for_**YHWH** bless his/its_name bear_news from_day to_day salvation_of_his. **3** Recount among_nations glory_of_his in_all the_peoples wonders_of_his. **4** If/because is_great **YHWH** and_is_to_be_praised exceedingly he is_to_be_feared above all_of gods. **5** If/because all_of the_ _gods_of the_peoples are_worthless_idols and_**YHWH** the_ _heavens he_made. **6** Splendour and_majesty are_before_of_ _him strength and_splendour are_in_sanctuary_of_his. **7** Ascribe to/for_**YHWH** Oh_clans_of peoples ascribe to/for_ _**YHWH** glory and_strength. **8** Ascribe to/for_**YHWH** the_glory_ _of his/its_name lift_up an_offering and_come to_courts_of_his. **9** Bow_down to/for_**YHWH** in_adornment_of holiness tremble from_before_of_him Oh_all_of the_earth/land. **10** Say among_ _nations **YHWH** he_reigns also the_world it_is_established not it_will_be_shaken he_will_judge peoples with_uprightness(es). **11** The_heavens let_them_rejoice and_ the_earth/land _let_it_ _be_glad the_sea and_what_of_fills_it let_it_thunder. **12** The_ _field and_all that in/on/over_him/it let_it_exult then all_of the_trees_of the_forest they_will_shout_for_joy. **13** To_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** if/because he_is_coming if/because he_is_coming to_judge the_earth/land he_will_judge the_world in_righteousness and_peoples in_faithfulness_of_his.

97:1 **YHWH** he_reigns the_earth/land let_it_be_glad islands many let_them_rejoice. **2** Cloud and_thick_darkness are_ _around_of_him is_righteousness and_justice the_foundation_ _of his_throne_of_his. **3** Fire before_him it_goes and_it_sets_ _ablaze all_around foes_of_his. **4** Flashes_of_his_lightning they_ _light_up the_world it_sees and_ the_earth/land _it_trembled. **5** Mountains like_wax they_melt from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** from_to/for_face/front/presence the_master_of all_of the_earth/land. **6** The_heavens they_ _declare righteousness_of_his and_ all_of the_peoples _they_see glory_of_his. **7** Let_them_be_ashamed all_of those_who_serve_ _of (of)_an_image those_who_boast in_(the)_idols bow_down to_him/it Oh_all_of gods. **8** It_hears and_it_rejoiced

Readers' Version

even though they'd seen me perform miracles.
10 I was angry with that generation and said,
'These people are very happy to do their own thing.
They're not really interested in following my instructions.'
11 So I got angry at them and made a decision[1134]
that they would never be allowed to enter the region where I would have given them peace.[1135]

Praise God—he deserves it[1136]

96:1 Sing a new song to Yahweh.
Let the whole world sing to Yahweh.
2 Sing to Yahweh and praise him.
Tell others every day about how he saves us.
3 Talk about his greatness to those in other countries.
Tell all the peoples about the incredible things that he's done,
4 because Yahweh is wonderful and should be highly praised.
He should be revered more than all other gods,
5 because all the gods of the other nations are just idols,
but it's Yahweh who made the universe.
6 There's splendour and majesty in his presence.
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Give honour to God all you various clans.
Praise Yahweh for his splendour and strength.[1137]
8 Give Yahweh the honour that his reputation deserves.
Bring an offering and come into his courtyards.
9 Bow down to Yahweh in your best clothes.
Tremble in front of him, all the earth. TOO LITERAL
10 Tell all the nations that Yahweh reigns.
He put the planet in its place and nothing will shake it.
He will judge each people group with fairness.
11 Let the skies be glad and let the land be happy.
Let the oceans and everything in them roar.
12 Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate.
Let the trees in the forest shout with joy
13 for Yahweh to see as he arrives,
because he's coming to judge the earth.
He'll judge the world with total fairness
and judge all the people with faithfulness.

God's splendour

97:1 Yahweh reigns.
Let the earth be glad.
Let the many islands be happy.
2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him.
Doing what's right and being fair are the foundation of his throne.
3 Fire goes ahead of him,
and burns up his enemies from all around.
4 His lightning lights up the world.
The earth sees it and trembles.
5 The mountains melt like wax when Yahweh comes—

1134 **RV 95:11 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:20-23; Deu 1:34-36; Heb 4:3-5.

1135 **RV 95:11 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:9-10.

1136 **RV 96:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 16:23-33

1137 **RV 96:7-9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 29:1-2.

Readers' Version

the master of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare that he does what is right,
and all the nations can see his splendour.
7 All those who worship carved figures will be shamed—
those who boast about worthless idols.
Bow down to him, all you 'gods'.
8 Tsiyon (Zion) heard and was glad,
and Yehudah's (Judah's) towns celebrated
because your decrees are fair and right, Yahweh.
9 For you, Yahweh, are the most powerful in all the earth.
You are far greater than any other 'gods'.
10 All you who love Yahweh, hate evil.
He protects the lives of his faithful ones—
he rescues them from the schemes of wicked people.
11 Light comes for godly people
and gladness for those with honest hearts.
12 Be glad in Yahweh, you godly people
and thank him for his sinless purity.

A song. **Praising the master**

98:1 Sing a new song to Yahweh because he's done wonderful things.
His power and his purity have given him the victory.
2 Yahweh has displayed how he saves people.
He has revealed his justice to all the nations.
3 He calls to mind his loyal commitment and faithfulness towards the Jewish people.
Every part of the world has seen how he saves them.
4 Shout to Yahweh with happiness, all the earth.
Burst into happy singing and sing praises.
5 Make music to Yahweh using the harp.
Yes, use the harp and melodic sounds.
6 Use trumpets and the sound of the horn.
Shout happily to Yahweh, our king.
7 Let the sea and everything in it roar,
along with the world and everyone living in it.
8 Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing with happiness
9 to Yahweh who's coming to judge the earth.
He'll judge the world with impartiality,
and judge the people groups with fairness.

99:1 Yahweh reigns—let the nations tremble. **The holiness of our god**

He sits above those winged creatures[1141]—the earth quakes.
2 Yahweh is powerful in Tsiyon (Zion).
He's more important than all the nations. NOT SURE
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
He is holy.

Literal Version

Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_ the_daughters_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_
_were_glad on_account_of judgements_of_your Oh_**YHWH**.
9 If/because you Oh_**YHWH** are_most_high over all_of the_
_earth/land exceedingly you_are_exalted above all_of gods.
10 Oh_you(pl)_who_love_of (of)_**YHWH** hate evil he_is_
_protecting[1138] the_lives_of his_faithful_people from_the_
_hand_of wicked_people he_delivers_them. **11** Light[1139] is_sown
for_person and_for_people_upright_of heart joy. **12** Rejoice Oh_
_righteous_people in_**YHWH** and_give_thanks to_the_
_remembrance_of his_holiness_of_his.

98:1 A_song[1140] sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new if/because
wonders he_has_done it_has_given_victory for_him/it hand_of_
_his_right and_the_arm_of his_holiness_of_his. **2** **YHWH** he_
_has_made_known salvation_of_his to_the_eyes_of the_nations
he_has_revealed righteousness_of_his. **3** He_has_remembered
loyalty_of_his_covenant and_faithfulness_of_his to_the_house_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_ends_of the_earth they_have_seen
~~DOM~~ the_salvation_of our_god_of_our. **4** Shout_for_joy to/for_
_**YHWH** Oh_all_of the_earth/land break_forth and_sing_for_joy
and_make_music. **5** Make_music to/for_**YHWH** with_a_harp
with_a_harp and_the_sound_of music. **6** With_trumpets and_
_the_sound_of a_ram's_horn shout_for_joy to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_king **YHWH**. **7** The_sea and_what_of_fills_
_it the_world and_those_who_dwell_of in_it let_it_thunder.
8 Rivers let_them_clap a_palm together mountains let_them_
_sing_for_joy. **9** To_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**
if/because he_is_coming to_judge the_earth/land he_will_judge
the_world with_righteousness and_peoples with_
_uprightness(es).

99:1 **YHWH** he_reigns peoples let_them_tremble he_is_sitting
cherubim the_earth/land let_it_quake. **2** **YHWH** in_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) is_great and_is_ he _exalted over all_of the_
_peoples. **3** Let_them_give_thanks_to name_of_your great and_
_to_be_feared is_holy he. **4** And_the_strength_of a_king who_
_justice he_loves you you_have_established uprightness(es)
justice and_righteousness in_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) you you_have_
_done. **5** Exalt **YHWH** god_of_our and_bow_down to_the_

1138 **LV 97:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1139 **LV 97:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1140 **LV 98:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.98.1
1141 **RV 99:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

Literal Version

_footstool_of his_feet_of_his is_holy he. **6** Mosheh and_'Ah$_a$ron were_among_priests_of_his and_Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) was_ _among_those_who_called_on_of his/its_name they_were_ _calling to **YHWH** and_he he_answered_them. **7** In_a_pillar_of cloud he_spoke to_them they_kept testimonies_of_his and_the_ _decree which_he_gave to_them. **8** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our you you_answered_them a_god forgiving you_were to/for_them and_avenging_yourself on deeds_of_their. **9** Exalt **YHWH** god_ _of_our and_bow_down to_the_mountain_of his_holiness_of_his if/because is_holy **YHWH** god_of_our.

100:1 A_song for_thanksgiving[1144] shout_for_joy to/for_**YHWH** Oh_all_of the_earth/land. **2** Serve ~~ḎǾṂ~~ **YHWH** with_joy come before_him with_a_cry_of_joy. **3** Know if/because_that **YHWH** he is_god he he_made_us and[1145] we people_of_his the_flock_of his_pasture_of_his. **4** Go gates_of_his with_thanksgiving courts_ _of_his with_praise give_thanks to_him/it bless his/its_name. **5** If/because is_good **YHWH** is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant and_unto a_generation and_a_generation faithfulness_of_his.

101:1 Of_Dāvid a_song[1146] covenant_loyalty and_justice I_will_ _sing to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** I_will_sing_praises. **2** I_ _will_give_attention to_a_way blameless when will_you_come to_me I_will_walk_about in_the_integrity_of my_heart_of_my in_the_midst_of my_house_of_my. **3** Not I_will_set to_before eyes_of_my a_thing_of worthlessness the_doing swerving_ _deeds I_hate not it_will_cling to_me. **4** A_heart perverse it_ _will_depart from_me evil not I_will_know. **5** one_who_ _slanders_of[1147] in_secrecy his/its_neighbour him I_will_ _destroy a_person_haughty_of eyes and_a_person_wide_of heart ~~ḎǾṂ~~_him/it not I_will_be_able. **6** Eyes_of_my will_be_on_ _the_faithful_people_of the_earth to_dwell with_me one_who_ _walks in_a_way blameless he he_will_serve_me. **7** Not he_will_

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4 He's a powerful king who loves justice.
You have established fairness.
You have done what is right and fair in dealing with Yisrael (Israel).
5 Praise our god, Yahweh,
and worship him in front of his throne.
He is holy.
6 Mosheh (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) were among his priests,
and Shmuel (Samuel) was among those who prayed to him.
They asked Yahweh for help and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud.[1142]
They followed his instructions
and obeyed the rules that he gave them.
8 You answered them, Yahweh our god.
You were a forgiving God to them,
but one who punished them for their disobedience.
9 Praise our god Yahweh,
and worship at his sacred hill,
because our god Yahweh is sinless.

Let's thank and praise Yahweh

The song of thanking.
100:1 Cheerfully shout to Yahweh, everybody.
2 Serve Yahweh with gladness.
Enter his presence with cheerful songs.
3 Know that Yahweh is God.
He created us, and we are his.
We are his people and he cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.
4 Thank him aloud as you enter his gates.
Praise him as you enter his courtyards.
Thank him and bless him
5 because Yahweh is good.
His loyal commitment to us continues forever,[1143]
and his truthfulness continues through the generations.

A good king's pledge

A song by David.
101:1 I will sing about your loyal commitment and justice.
I'll sing praises to you, Yahweh.
2 I will choose to live a blameless life.
When will you come to me?
I'll walk with integrity within my own home.
3 I won't feast my eyes on worthless things.
I hate deceitful activities—they won't cling to me.
4 I will fight my inner perversity.
I refuse to take part in evil.
5 I'll destroy anyone who slanders their neighbour behind

1142 **RV 99:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 33:9.

1143 **RV 100:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

1144 **LV 100:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.100.1

1145 **LV 100:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) **וֹ/לָ/וֹ**: lemma_c/l morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_19EBF **וֹ/לָ/וֹ**

1146 **LV 101:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.101.1

1147 **LV 101:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ינשולמ**: (x-qere) **יִ/נְ/שָׁ/לְ/מ**: lemma_3960 morph_HVmrmsc id_19ASC **יִ/נְ/שָׁ/לְ/מ**

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their back.
I won't tolerate anyone who has a proud and arrogant attitude.
6 It's the faithful people in the land who'll be my mentors.
Those who walk in the way of integrity will be welcome to serve me.
7 I don't want deceitful people living in my house.
Those who lie aren't welcome in my presence.
8 Morning by morning I'll destroy all the wicked people in the country.
I'll remove everyone who does evil from Yahweh's city.

Prayer for relief from troubles

A prayer of an afflicted person feeling faint and who pours out their sorrows to Yahweh.
102:1 Hear my prayer, Yahweh.
Let my call for help reach you.
2 Don't hide your face from me on my day of distress.
Listen to me when I call you, and answer me quickly,
3 because my days are floating away like smoke,
and my bones feel like they're on fire.
4 My heart is cut and withered like grass,
and I have no interest in eating.
5 My skin clings to me
because of the loud groaning of my bones.
6 I'm like a vulture in the wilderness.
I'm like an owl among the ruins.
7 I lie awake
like a lonely bird sitting on the roof.
8 My enemies taunt me all day long.
They ridicule and curse me
9 because I've eaten ashes for food
and my tears have mixed into my drink.
10 You picked me up and threw me away
because of your indignation and anger.
11 My days are like extending shadows,
and I'm withering away like the grass.
12 But you sit on your throne forever,

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_dwell in_the_midst_of my_house_of_my one_who_does_of (of)_
_deceit one_who_speaks lies not he_will_be_established to_
_before eyes_of_my. **8** To_mornings I_will_destroy all_of the_
_wicked_people_of the_land to_cut_off from_the_city_of **YHWH**
all_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness.

102:1 A_prayer of_an_afflicted_person if/because he_grows_
_faint and_before_of **YHWH** he_pours_out complaint_of_his.
2 [1149] Oh_**YHWH** hear prayer_of_my and_my_cry_of_for_help
to_you let_it_come. **3** [1150] Do_not hide face_of_your from_me
in/on_day when_it_is_distress to_me incline to_me ear_of_your
in/on_day when_I_will_call_out hurry answer_me. **4** [1151]
If/because they_have_come_to_an_end in_smoke days_of_my
and_bones_of_my like_furnace furnace they_have_been_burnt.
5 [1152] It_has_been_struck like_vegetation and_ heart_of_my _it_
_has_withered if/because I_have_forgotten from_eating food_
_of_my. **6** [1153] From_the_sound_of my_groaning_of_my bone[s]_
_of_my it_clings to_flesh_of_my. **7** [1154] I_am_like (to)_a_
_wilderness_owl_of the_wilderness I_am like_an_owl_of the_
_waste_places. **8** [1155] I_am_wakeful and_I_have_become like_a_
_bird isolated on a_roof. **9** [1156] All_of the_day they_have_
_taunted_me enemies_of_my those_of_who_mock_me by_me
they_have_sworn. **10** [1157] If/because ash[es] like_food I_have_
_eaten and_drinks_of_my with_weeping I_have_mixed. **11** [1158]
From_face/in_front_of indignation_of_your and_severe_anger_
_of_your if/because you_have_picked_me_up and_you_have_
_thrown_me_away. **12** [1159] Days_of_my are_like_a_shadow
extended and_I like_vegetation I_am_withering. **13** [1160] And_
you(ms) Oh**YHWH** forever_perpetuity you_sit and_
_remembrance_of_your is_to_a_generation and_a_generation.
14 [1161] You you_will_arise you_will_have_compassion_on
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) if/because it_is_the_time to_show_favour_to_it
if/because the_appointed_time it_has_come. **15** [1162] If/because
your_servants they_take_pleasure_in ᴅᴏᴍ stones_of_its and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ dust_of_its they_show_favour_to. **16** [1163] And_ nations _

1149 **LV 102:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.1
1150 **LV 102:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.2
1151 **LV 102:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.3
1152 **LV 102:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.4
1153 **LV 102:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.5
1154 **LV 102:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.6
1155 **LV 102:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.7
1156 **LV 102:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.8
1157 **LV 102:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.9
1158 **LV 102:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.10
1159 **LV 102:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.11
1160 **LV 102:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.12
1161 **LV 102:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.13
1162 **LV 102:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.14
1163 **LV 102:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.15

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_they_will_fear ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** and_all the_kings_of the_earth/land ~~DOM~~ glory_of_your. **17** **1164** If/because **YHWH** he_has_built Tsiyyōn he_has_appeared in_glory_of_his. **18** **1165** He_has_turned to the_prayer_of the_destitute_person and_not he_has_despised ~~DOM~~ prayer_of_their. **19** **1166** This let_it_be_ _written for_a_generation later and_a_people who_will_be_ _created it_will_praise Yah. **20** **1167** If/because he_has_looked_ _down from_the_height_of his_holiness_of_his **YHWH** from_ _heaven to earth he_has_looked. **21** **1168** To_hear the_groaning_ _of prisoner[s] to_set_free the_sons_of death. **22** **1169** To_ _recount in_Tsiyyōn the_name_of **YHWH** and_praise_of_his in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **23** **1170** When_ peoples _gather together and_kingdoms to_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**. **24** **1171** He_has_ _humbled in_way mmm[1172] he_has_cut_short days_of. **25** **1173** I_ _said my_god_of_my do_not lift_me_up in_the_middle_of my_ _days_of_my are_in_a_generation_of generations years_of_your. **26** **1174** Formerly_beginning the_earth/land you_founded and_ _were_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your the_heavens. **27** **1175** They they_will_perish and_you(ms) you_will_endure and_all_of_of_them like_garment they_will_wear_out like_ _clothing you_will_change_them and_they_will_pass_away. **28** **1176** And_you(ms) are_he and_years_of_your not they_will_ _come_to_an_end. **29** **1177** The_children_of your_servants they_ _will_dwell and_offspring_of_their to_your_face it_will_be_ _established.

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and your reputation endures through the generations.
13 At the right time you'll feel compassion for Tsiyon (Zion).
Now is the time to favour it because the promised moment has come,
14 because your servants admire the stones that it's built with,
and its dust makes them want to request help.
15 The nations respect Yahweh's reputation,
and kings around the world respect your splendour.
16 Yahweh will rebuild Tsiyon.
He'll appear there in his splendour
17 after he's turned to the prayers of the destitute.
No, he hasn't despised their prayers.
18 Let this be written for future generations to read
so that people yet to be created will praise Yah.
19 Because he's looked down from his place that's high and pure.
From heaven, Yahweh has looked down to earth
20 to hear the prisoners groaning—
to release those who've been given the death sentence.
21 Then Yahweh's name will be declared in Tsiyon (Zion),
and he'll be praised in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
22 when all the people groups are gathered together,
and the kingdoms assembled to serve Yahweh.
23 He's sapped my strength right here in mid-life.
He's shortened my life.
24 I said, "My god, don't take me away right in the middle of life.
You live through generation after generation.
25 You founded this planet right at the beginning.
You made the skies with your own hands.[1148]
26 You'll remain even when they perish.
They'll wear out like an old shirt—
like clothes you'll change them and they'll disappear.
27 But you are there,
and your years won't ever come to an end.
28 The children of your servants here will live on,
and their descendants will live in your presence."

1148 **RV 102:25-27 · Cross-ref.** Heb 1:10-12.
1164 **LV 102:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.16
1165 **LV 102:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.17
1166 **LV 102:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.18
1167 **LV 102:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.19
1168 **LV 102:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.20
1169 **LV 102:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.21
1170 **LV 102:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.22
1171 **LV 102:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.23
1172 **LV 102:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: חכ/ו: (x-qere) יִחֹכּ': lemma_3581 b n_1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_19tAh יִחֹכּ'
1173 **LV 102:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.24
1174 **LV 102:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.25
1175 **LV 102:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.26
1176 **LV 102:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.27
1177 **LV 102:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.102.28

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A song by David.

Yahweh's goodness

103:1 Bless Yahweh with my entire self,
and everything that's within me, bless him because he's sinless.
2 Bless Yahweh with my entire self,
and don't forget all of his kindnesses.
3 He forgives all your acts of disobedience.
He heals you from all your diseases.
4 He buys you back from the pit to save your life.
He honours you with his compassion and loyal commitment.
5 He gives you the good things that satisfy you.
He makes you feel young and strong like the eagle.
6 Yahweh does what is right,
and gives justice to all those who are oppressed.
7 He revealed his ways through Mosheh (Moses),
and his activities to the Israelis.
8 Yahweh is gracious and merciful,[1178]
slow to get angry and generous in his loyal commitment to us.
9 He won't keep bringing cases against us,
or hold them open forever.
10 He doesn't give us what our rebellion deserves,
or repay us according to how much we disobeyed.
11 Just as the heavens are far above the earth,
so his loyal commitment is strong towards those who obey him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
he's removed the guilt for our disobedience that far away.
13 Yahweh has compassion on those who obey him,
just like a father has compassion on his children
14 because he knows how we're made—
remembering that we're just dust.
15 As for humankind, their days are like grass that comes and goes.
People are like flowers in the countryside that are here today and gone tomorrow
16 because the wind blows across them and they're finished
then the next day you can't even tell where they were.
17 But Yahweh's loyal commitment to those who honour him continues forever,
and he gives his favour through to their children's children—
18 to the people who keep his agreement,
and all those who are careful to obey his instructions.
19 Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over everyone.
20 Bless Yahweh, you his heavenly messengers,
you heavenly warriors,
obeying whatever he says.
21 Bless Yahweh, all his heavenly warriors—
his servants who do whatever he wants.
22 Bless Yahweh, everything he's made,

Literal Version

103:1 Of_Dāvid[1179] bless my_soul_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_all parts_of_my_inward ~~DOM~~ the_name_of his_holiness_of_his. **2** Bless my_soul_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_do_not forget all_of benefits_of_his. **3** Who_forgives to/from_all/each/any/every iniquity_of_your who_heals to/from_all/each/any/every diseases_of_your. **4** Who_redeems from_a_pit life_of_your who_ _crowns_of_you covenant_loyalty and_compassion(s). **5** Who_ _satisfies with_good ornament[s]_of_your it_renews_itself like_ _eagle youth(s)_of_your. **6** **YHWH** is_doing_of (of)_ _righteousness(es) and_judgements to/from_ _all/each/any/every those_who_are_oppressed. **7** He_made_ _known ways_of_his to_Mosheh to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deeds_of_his. **8** Is_compassionate and_gracious **YHWH** long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty. **9** Not to_perpetuity he_will_conduct_a_case and_not forever_ _perpetuity he_will_keep. **10** Not according_to_of_our_sins he_ _has_done to/for_us and_not according_to_of_our_iniquities he_has_repaid to_us. **11** If/because as_ heaven _is_high above the_earth/land loyalty_of_his_covenant it_is_strong towards those_fearing_of_him. **12** As_ east _is_far_away from_west he_ _has_removed_far_away from_him/it ~~DOM~~ transgressions_of_ _our. **13** As_ a_father _has_compassion on children **YHWH** he_ _has_compassion on those_fearing_of_him. **14** If/because he he_knows form_of_our he_is_remembering if/because_that are_dust we. **15** Humankind are_like_grass his/its_days like_ _the_blossom_of the_field so he_flourishes. **16** If/because a_ _wind it_passes_by in/on/over_him/it and_not_existing_he and_not it_will_recognize_it again place_of_its. **17** And_the_ _covenant_loyalty_of **YHWH** from_long_ago/eternity and_unto perpetuity towards those_fearing_of_him and_righteousness_ _of_his is_to_the_children_of children. **18** To_those_who_keep_ _of covenant_of_(of)_his and_to_those_who_remember_of precepts_of_(of)_his to_do_them. **19** **YHWH** in_heavens he_has_ _established throne_of_his and_kingdom_of_his over_all it_ _rules. **20** Bless **YHWH** his_messengers_of_Oh Oh_mighty_ones_ _of strength who_do_of message_of_(of)_his by_obeying (in)_ _the_sound_of his_message_of_his. **21** Bless **YHWH** Oh_all_of soldiers/messengers_of_his servants_of_his who_do_of will_of_ _(of)_his. **22** Bless **YHWH** Oh_all_of works_of_his in_all the_ _places_of his_dominion_of_his bless my_self_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**.

1178 **RV 103:8 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:11.

1179 **LV 103:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.103.1

Literal Version

104:1 Bless my_self_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my you_are_great exceedingly splendour and_majesty you_are_ _clothed. **2** You_are_wrapping_yourself light like_garment you_ _are_stretching_out the_heavens like_(the)_curtain. **3** The_one_ _who_makes_beams_for on_waters rooms_of_his_upper the_ _one_who_makes clouds chariot_of_his the_one_who_walks on the_wings_of the_wind. **4** He_is_making messengers_of_his winds servants_of_his a_fire blazing. **5** He_established the_ _earth on foundations_of_its not it_will_be_shaken forever and_ _ever. **6** The_deep like_clothing you_covered_it above the_ _mountains the_waters they_stood. **7** From rebuke_of_your they_fled from the_sound_of your_thunder_of_your they_ _hurried_away. **8** They_went_up mountains they_went_down valleys to the_place_of (of)_which you_had_established to/for_ _them. **9** A_boundary you_set not they_will_pass not they_will_ _return to_cover the_earth/land. **10** You_are_the_one_who_ _sends_forth springs in_wadis between the_mountains they_go. **11** They_give_drink_to every_of animal_of_his the_field wild_ _donkeys they_break thirst_of_their. **12** At_them the_bird[s]_of the_heavens it_dwells from_between foliage they_give_forth voice. **13** He_is_watering mountains from_his_upper_of_rooms from_the_fruit your(pl)_works_of_your the_earth/land it_is_ _satisfied. **14** He_is_causing_to_grow grass for_cattle and_ _vegetation for_the_labour_of the_humankind to_bring_forth food from the_earth/land. **15** And_wine which_it_makes_glad the_heart_of humankind to_make_shine faces from_oil and_ _food which_the_heart_of humankind it_sustains. **16** The_trees_ _of **YHWH** the_cedars_of Ləvānōn which he_planted they_are_ _satisfied. **17** Where there birds they_make_nests the_stork is_ _fir_trees home_of_its. **18** The_mountains (the)_high belong_to_ _goats crags are_a_refuge for_badgers. **19** He_made the_moon for_appointed_times the_sun it_knows setting_of_its. **20** You_ _make darkness and_ night _let_it_be in/on/over_him/it every_ _of animal_of_his the_forest it_moves_about. **21** The_young_ _lions are_roaring for_prey and_to_seek from_god food_of_ _their. **22** The_sun it_rises they_gather and_near/to dens_of_ _their they_lie_down. **23** A_person he_goes_out to_work_of_his and_to_labour_of_his until evening. **24** How works_of_your they_are_many Oh_**YHWH** of_them_of_all with_wisdom you_ _have_made the_earth/land it_is_full creature[s]_of_your. **25** This the_sea is_great and_broad_of both_sides are_there moving_thing[s] and_there_is_not a_number living_creatures small with large. **26** There ships they_go_about Livyātān which you_formed to_play in/on/over_him/it. **27** Of_them_of_all to_ _you they_hope to_give food_of_their at_its_appropriate_of_ _time. **28** You_give to/for_them they_gather you_open hand_of_ _your they_are_satisfied good_thing[s]. **29** You_hide face_of_ _your they_are_terrified you_withdraw breath_of_their they_ _die and_near/to dust_of_their they_return. **30** You_send_forth spirit_of_your they_are_created and_you_renew the_surface_of the_ground. **31** The_glory_of **YHWH** may_it_be forever_ _perpetuity **YHWH** may_he_rejoice in_works_of_his. **32** Who_ _looks to_earth and_it_trembled he_touches (in)_mountains and_they_smoke. **33** I_will_sing to/for_**YHWH** in_life_of_my I_

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in all the places where he rules.
Bless Yahweh, my own inner being.

104:1 Bless Yahweh, my own inner being. **Praising the creator**
Yahweh my god, you are very powerful.
You are clothed with splendour and majesty.
2 You wrap yourself in light as if it's a robe.
You stretched out the heavens like a tent.
3 The floor joists for your rooms are laid across the clouds.
You make the clouds your chariot—
you walk on the wings of the wind.
4 He makes the winds his messengers,
and makes flames of fire his servants.[1180]
5 He laid the foundations of this planet,
and it will never be shaken off.
6 You covered it with deep water like a jacket.
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 Then your rebuke made the waters recede.
They hurried away at the thunderous sound of your voice.
8 The mountains rose up and the valleys sunk down—
all into the places that you'd established for them.
9 You set a boundary that the waters won't cross again to cover the earth.
10 Now he sends springs to flow into the valleys,
and that flow between the mountains.
11 They supply water for all the animals in the countryside—
the wild donkeys can break their thirst.
12 The birds build their nests beside them.
They chirp away from among the greenery.
13 He waters the mountains from his rooms above.
The land becomes satisfied because of his work.
14 He makes the grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate,
in order to produce food from the land
15 and wine that makes people's hearts happy,
along with oil that makes faces shine
and bread that sustains the people's bodies.
16 Yahweh's trees have everything they need to prosper—
including Levanon's cedars that he planted,
17 where the birds make their nests.
The storks make the cypress trees their homes.
18 The high hills are for the wild goats.
Their crevices are a safe place for the rock badgers.
19 He made the moon to mark the months.
The sun knows when it's time to go down.
20 You make the darkness at night,
when all the animals in the forest move around.
21 The young lions roar for their prey,
and expect God to supply their food.
22 They slink away when the sun comes up
and lie down in their dens.

1180 RV 104:4 · Cross-ref. Heb 1:7.

Readers' Version

23 Meanwhile people head off to do their work,
and toil away until evening.
24 Yahweh, you've made so many different kinds of things.
You used your wisdom when you made them.
Now the earth is full with your various creatures.
25 The ocean is wide and huge—
Swimming creatures there without number—
both small and large.
26 Ships travel across it.
The sea dragon that you formed plays in it.[1181]
27 All of them look to you
to give them their food at the appropriate time.
28 They gather what you give to them.
When you open your hand, they're satisfied.
29 When you hide yourself away, they're upset.
If you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.
30 When you send out your spirit, they're created,
and you renew the ground's surface.
31 May Yahweh's splendour last forever.
May Yahweh find pleasure in everything he's made and done.
32 He just looks at the world and it trembles.
He touches the mountains and they start smoking.
33 I will sing to Yahweh all my life.
I will sing praises to my god as long as I have breath.
34 May my thoughts please him.
I'm happy about Yahweh.
35 May sinners be destroyed from the world,
and may there be no more wicked people.
I will bless Yahweh with my entire being.
Praise Yah.

Yahweh's faithfulness[1182]

105:1 Give thanks to Yahweh. Ask him when you need help.
Tell every people group about what he's done.
2 Sing to him. Sing praises to him.
Tell about his wonderful miracles.
3 Boast about his sinless reputation.
Let the hearts of those who follow Yahweh be glad.
4 Get your help from Yahweh and his strength.
Always be requesting his attention.
5 Remember the incredible things that he's done—
his miracles and the judgements that he's made
6 you offspring of his servant Avraham,
you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob), his chosen one.
7 He is Yahweh, our god.
His judgements are felt throughout the entire world.
8 He never forgets his agreement with us—
Any promise he made will endure for a thousand generations.

Literal Version

_will_sing_praises to_god_of_my in_my_duration. **34** May_it_be_
_pleasing on/upon/above_him/it musing_of_my I I_rejoice in_
_**YHWH**. **35** Sinners let_them_be_destroyed from the_
_earth/land and_wicked_people be_again not_they bless my_
_self_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** praise Yah.

105:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** call on_name_of_his make_
_known among_peoples deeds_of_his. **2** Sing to_him/it[1212] sing_
_praises to_him/it tell in_all wonders_of_his. **3** Boast in/on_
_name_of his_holiness_of_his let_it_rejoice the_heart_of those_
_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH**. **4** Seek **YHWH** and_strength_of_his
seek face_of_his continually. **5** Remember wonders_of_his
which he_has_done signs_of_his and_the_judgements_of his_
_mouth_of_his. **6** Oh_offspring_of 'Avrāhām servant_of_his Oh_
_descendants_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) ones_of_his_chosen. **7** He is_
_**YHWH** god_of_our in_all the_earth/land judgements_of_his.
8 He_remembers forever_perpetuity covenant_of_his the_
_message which_he_commanded for_a_thousand generation[s].
9 Which he_made with 'Avrāhām and_oath_of_his to_
_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **10** And_he_confirmed_it to_Ya'aqov to_a_
_decree to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_covenant_of perpetuity. **11** To_say
to/for_yourself(m) I_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of
Kəna'an/(Canaan) the_portion_of your_inheritance_of_
_your(pl). **12** On_their_being men_of number like_a_little and_
_they_were_sojourning in_it. **13** And_they_went_about from_

1181 **RV 104:26 · Cross-ref.** Yob 41:1; Psa 74:14; Isa 27:1.

1182 **RV 105:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 16:8-22

1212 **LV 105:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_nation to nation from_a_kingdom to a_people another. **14** Not he_permitted anyone to_oppress_them and_he_rebuked on_ _them kings. **15** Do_not touch (in)_my_anointed_of_ones and_ _to_prophets_of_my do_not do_harm. **16** And_he/it_called a_ _famine on the_earth/land every_of staff_of bread he_broke. **17** He_sent before_them a_man to_a_slave Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_ _was_sold. **18** People_afflicted with_shackle[s] mmm[1213] iron it_ _came neck_of. **19** Until the_time message_of_his came the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_tested_him. **20** A_king he_sent and_he_ _set_him_free a_ruler_of peoples and_he_set_him_free. **21** He_ _appointed_him master of_household_of_his and_ruler in_all acquisition_of_his. **22** To_bind officials_of_his in_will_of_his and_his_of_elders he_taught_wisdom. **23** And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _ _he_came Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) he_ _sojourned in_land_of Ḥām. **24** And_he_made_fruitful ~~DOM~~ people_of_his exceedingly and_he_made_it_strong more_than_ _of_its_foes. **25** He_turned heart_of_their to_hate people_of_his to_deal_cunningly with_servants_of_his. **26** He_sent Mosheh servant_of_his ʾAharon whom he_had_chosen in/on/over_ _him/it. **27** They_performed among_them the_ _words/messages_of his_signs_of_his and_wonders in_land of_ _Ḥām. **28** He_sent darkness and_he_made_dark and_not they_ _rebelled_against ~~DOM~~ mmm[1214].[1215] **29** He_turned ~~DOM~~ water_ _of_their into_blood and_he_caused_to_die ~~DOM~~ fish_of_their. **30** Land_of_their it_swarmed frogs in_the_rooms_of their_ _kings_of_their. **31** He_spoke and_ a_swarm_of_flies _it_came gnats in_all territory_of_their. **32** He_made rains_of_their hail a_fire_of flames was_in_land_of_their. **33** And_he_struck_down vine[s]_of_their and_their_fig_of_tree[s] and_he_broke_down the_tree[s]_of their_territory_of_their. **34** He_spoke and_ locust[s] _it_came and_locust[s] and_there_was_not a_number. **35** And_it_ate all_of the_vegetation in_land_of_their and_it_ate the_fruit_of their_ground_of_their. **36** And_he_struck_down every_of firstborn in_land_of_their the_beginning to/from_ _all/each/any/every power_of_their_generative. **37** And_he_ _brought_them_out with_silver and_gold and_there_was_not among_tribes_of_his one_who_stumbled. **38** Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_rejoiced when_they_went_out if/because of_them_of_dread

Readers' Version

9 like the one he made with Avraham,[1183]
and his oath to Yitshak (Isaac).[1184]
10 Later, he confirmed it again to Ya'akov (Jacob),[1185]
and to Yisrael (Israel) as an agreement with no expiry date,
11 saying, "I'll give you all the Kena'an (Canaan) region,
as your share of your inheritance."
12 That was when they were few in number—
so few, and were strangers to the area.
13 They wandered from country to country
and from one kingdom to another.
14 He didn't allow others to oppress them.
He even scolded kings on their account.[1186]
15 He told them not to touch his chosen leaders,
and not to harm his prophets.
16 He called for a famine in that land[1187]—
all food supply chains were broken.
17 He sent a man on ahead of them,
when Yosef (Joseph) was sold as a slave.[1188]
18 His feet were shackled together.
His neck was placed in an iron collar[1189]
19 until Yahweh's[1190] order came.
Yahweh's promise[1191] tested Yosef.
20 Then the king sent servants to release him.
The people's ruler set him free.[1192]
21 He made him the master of his household,
and the ruler over all his possessions[1193]—
22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure,
and to teach wisdom to his elders.
23 Then Yisrael (Israel) went to Mitsrayim (Egypt),[1194]
yes, Ya'akov (Jacob) lived for a time in the land of Ham.[1195]
24 Then Yahweh made his people have large families,
and made them much more powerful than their enemies.
25 He caused them to hate his people—
to deal craftily with his servants.

1183 RV 105:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:7; 17:8.

1184 RV 105:9 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:3.

1185 RV 105:10-11 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:13.

1186 RV 105:14-15 · Cross-ref. Gen 20:3-7.

1187 RV 105:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 41:53-57.

1188 RV 105:17 · Cross-ref. Gen 37:28; 45:5.

1189 RV 105:18-19 · Cross-ref. Gen 39:20–40:23.

1190 RV 105:19a · Note It's also possible to interpret the pronoun here as referring to Yosef, as in some other translations.

1191 RV 105:19b · Note It's not clear what saying of Yahweh is being referred to here, so other translations will likely differ.

1192 RV 105:20 · Cross-ref. Gen 41:14.

1193 RV 105:21 · Cross-ref. Gen 41:39-41.

1194 RV 105:23 · Cross-ref. Gen 46:6.

1195 RV 105:23 · Cross-ref. Gen 47:11.

1213 LV 105:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ילגר: (x-qere) וְ/לֶגֶר: lemma_7272 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_195wE וְ/לֶגֶר

1214 LV 105:28 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ורבד: (x-qere) וְ/רָבְדֵ: lemma_1697 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_19qs9 וְ/רָבְדֵ

1215 LV 105:28 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

26 He sent his servant Mosheh (Moses),
and Aharon (Aaron) who he'd chosen
so they would deal with it.[1196]
27 They demonstrated signs from Yahweh while with the Mitsrim (Egyptians),
and miracles in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness and the place went dark.[1197]
They couldn't argue against his commands.[1198]
29 He turned their water into blood,
and their fish died.[1199]
30 Their land swarmed with frogs,
even in the palace bedrooms.[1200]
31 He spoke and a swarm of flies came.[1201]
Gnats spread throughout the entire country.[1202]
32 He replaced the rain with hail,
with fire flaming on their land.[12031204]
33 He destroyed their grapevines and fig trees—
shattering all the other trees.
34 He spoke out and the locusts came
and grasshoppers that simply couldn't be counted,[1205]
35 and devoured all of the vegetation in their region—
they ate up all the produce from the soil.
36 He killed every eldest male in their land[1206]—
the star products of their strength. STUD PRODUCTS???
37 He brought his people out carrying gold and silver,[1207]
No one among the tribes stumbled as they left.
38 Mitsrayim (Egypt) was glad when they departed,
because they'd come to very much dread them.
39 He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light at night.[1208]
40 They asked, and he sent quail,
and they filled up on bread from the heavens.[1209]
41 He split a rock and water gushed out—
it flowed in the wilderness like a river,[1210]
42 because he remembered his holy promise to his servant Avraham.
43 His people were happy as he brought them out of Mitsrayim

Literal Version

it_had_fallen on_them. **39** He_spread_out a_cloud to_a_covering and_fire to_give_light night. **40** He_asked and_he/it_brought quail and_bread_of heavens he_satisfied_them. **41** He_opened a_rock and_ waters _they_flowed_out they_went in_regions a_ _river. **42** If/because he_remembered ~~DOM~~ the_message_of his_ _holiness_of_his ~~DOM~~ 'Avrāhām servant_of_his. **43** And_he_ _brought_out people_of_his with_joy with_a_shout_of_joy ~~DOM~~ ones_of_his_chosen. **44** And_he/it_gave to/for_them lands_of nations and_the_labour_of peoples they_took_possession_of. **45** In_account_of they_may_keep decrees_of_his and_laws_of_ _his they_may_observe praise Yah.

1196 RV 105:26 · Cross-ref. Exo 3:1–4:17.
1197 RV 105:28 · Cross-ref. Exo 10:21-23.
1198 RV 105:28 · Note It's not clear who is being talked about here, so other translations will likely differ.
1199 RV 105:29 · Cross-ref. Exo 7:17-21.
1200 RV 105:30 · Cross-ref. Exo 8:1-6.
1201 RV 105:31 · Cross-ref. Exo 8:20-24.
1202 RV 105:31 · Cross-ref. Exo 8:16-17.
1203 RV 105:32 · Note There was no fire mentioned in the Exodus plagues, hence some translations interpret this as lightning.
1204 RV 105:32-33 · Cross-ref. Exo 9:22-25.
1205 RV 105:34-35 · Cross-ref. Exo 10:12-15.
1206 RV 105:36 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:29.
1207 RV 105:37-38 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:33-36.
1208 RV 105:39 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:21-22.
1209 RV 105:40 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:2-15.
1210 RV 105:41 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:1-7; Num 20:2-13.

Literal Version

106:1 Praise Yah[1231] give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_
_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Who
will_he_utter the_mighty_deeds_of **YHWH** will_he_proclaim
all_of praise_of_his. **3** How_blessed are_those_who_keep_of (of)_
_justice one_who_does_of (of)_righteousness at_every_of time.
4 Remember_me Oh_**YHWH** with_the_favour_of your_people_
_of_your visit_me with_salvation_of_your. **5** To_see on_the_
_good_thing[s]_of your_chosen_ones_of_your to_rejoice in_the_
_joy_of your_nation_of_your to_boast with inheritance_of_your.
6 We_have_sinned with ancestors_of_our we_have_done_wrong
we_have_acted_wickedly. **7** Ancestors_of_our in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not they_considered wonders_of_your not
they_remembered ᴅᴏᴍ the_greatness_of your(pl)_covenant_
_loyalti(es)_of_your and_they_rebelled at the_sea at_the_sea_of
reed[s]. **8** And_he_saved_them for_the_sake_of his/its_name to_
_make_known ᴅᴏᴍ might_of_his. **9** And_he_rebuked (in)_the_
_sea_of reed[s] and_it_dried_up and_he_led_them in_deeps like_
_wilderness. **10** And_he_saved_them from_the_hand_of one_
_who_hated and_he_redeemed_them from_the_hand_of an_
enemy. **11** And the_waters _they_covered foes_of_their one
from_them not he_was_left. **12** And_they_believed (in)_
_words/messages_of_his they_sang praise_of_his. **13** They_
_made_haste they_forgot works_of_his not they_waited for_
_counsel_of_his. **14** And_they_craved a_craving in_wilderness
and_they_put_to_the test god in_a_desolate_place. **15** And_
_he/it_gave to/for_them petition_of_their and_he_sent a_
_wasting_disease on_self_of_their. **16** And_they_were_envious
of_Mosheh in_camp of_'Ah$_a$ron the_holy_one_of **YHWH**.
17 The_earth it_opened and_it_swallowed_up Dātān and_it_
_covered over the_company_of 'Avīrām. **18** And_ fire _it_burnt
among_company_of_their flame it_set_ablaze the_wicked_
_people. **19** They_made a_calf at_Ḥorēv and_they_bowed_down
to_a_molten_image. **20** And_they_exchanged ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_
_their for_an_image_of an_ox which_eats vegetation. **21** They_
_forgot god deliverer_of_their who_had_done great_things in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **22** Wonders in_land of_Ḥām awesome_
_deeds at the_sea_of reed[s]. **23** And_he/it_said to_destroy_
_them if_not Mosheh one_of_his_chosen he_had_stood in_
_breach before_him to_turn_back anger_of_his from_
_destroying. **24** And_they_rejected in_land desire not they_
_believed (to)_message_of_his. **25** And_they_murmured in_
_tents_of_their not they_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

(Egypt).
His chosen ones were shouting with joy.
44 He gave them the foreigners' lands,
and they took possession of the peoples' goods,[1211]
45 so that they might follow his instructions
and obey his rules.
Praise Yah.

106:1 Praise Yah. Give thanks to Yahweh **Yahweh's goodness**
because he's good,
because his loyal commitment never ends.
2 Who can recount everything that Yahweh's done?
Can anyone list all his praises?
3 Those who promote justice will be blessed,
as will those who always do what is right.
4 When you help your people, Yahweh, remember me.
Help me when you rescue them.
5 I want to see your chosen people prosper—
be happy that your nation is happy
and share the splendour of your inheritance.
6 We have disobeyed God like our ancestors did.
We have done things that were wrong, and have acted wickedly.
7 Our ancestors didn't appreciate the miracles you did in Mitsrayim (Egypt).
They just forgot about your display of loyal commitment,
and instead they rebelled down there at the Red Sea.[1216]
8 However, he saved them for the sake of his reputation—
to make his incredible power known to the world.
9 He commanded the Red Sea and it dried up,
then he led them through its depths as if it was ordinary land[1217]
10 and saved them from the forces of those who hated them—
yes, he rescued them from their enemy's power.
11 The water came back over their enemies—
there wasn't a single one of them left.
12 Then they finally believed his words,
and they sang praises to him.[1218]
13 But they soon forgot what he'd done.
They didn't bother waiting for his advice.
14 They had intense cravings for meat in the wilderness,
and they challenged God right there in the desert.[1219]
15 So he gave them what they asked for
but he sent them a horrible disease with it.
16 Then in the camp, they became jealous of Mosheh (Moses),

1211 RV 105:44 · Cross-ref. Josh 11:16-23.

1216 RV 106:7 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:10-12.

1217 RV 106:9-12 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:21-31.

1218 RV 106:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 15:1-21.

1219 RV 106:14-15 · Cross-ref. Num 11:4-34.

1231 LV 106:1 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Readers' Version

and Aharon (Aaron), Yahweh's chosen priest.[1220]
17 The earth opened up and swallowed Datan,
and covered over Aviram's followers.
18 Then fire blazed among them,
and the flames burnt up the wicked people.
19 They made a gold calf at Horev,
and worshipped the metal statue there.[1221]
20 They traded the splendour of their God,
with a statue image of a bull that eats grass. ☺
21 They forgot about their saviour god
who'd done incredible miracles in Mitsrayim (Egypt),
22 had done amazing feats in the land of Ham (i.e., Mitsrayim),
and had demonstrated powerful forces at the Red Sea.
23 So he said that he'd destroy them,
except that his chosen servant Mosheh (Moses) stood as intermediary,
to turn him away from his severe anger and plan to destroy.
24 Then they despised that desirable region—
they didn't believe his promise.[1222]
25 Instead they grumbled in their tents
and didn't listen to what Yahweh said.
26 So he made his decision against them:
that they'd drop dead there in the wilderness,
27 and he'd disperse their descendants across many countries
and scatter them in distant lands.[1223]
28 They submitted to the Ba'al of Pe'or,
and ate sacrifices that had been offered to the dead.[1224]
29 They provoked him to anger with their actions,
and a deadly disease broke out among them.
30 Then Pinhas took a stand and intervened
and stopped that plague.
31 That godly action was credited to him,
for all the generations to come.
32 They also made Yahweh angry at the Merivah springs,
and that led to trouble for Mosheh (Moses),[1225]
33 because they'd rebelled against his spirit,
and then he ended up speaking rashly.
34 They didn't destroy those people groups
as Yahweh had told them to do.[1226]
35 Instead they mingled with those other groups,
and imitated their ungodly activities
36 and worshipped their idols

Literal Version

26 And_he_raised his/its_hand to/for_them to_make_fall them in_wilderness. **27** And_to_make_fall offspring_of_their among_ _nations and_to_scatter_them among_lands. **28** And_they_ _joined_themselves to_Ba'al_of Pə'ōr and_they_ate sacrifices_of dead_ones. **29** And_they_provoked_him_to_anger by_deeds_of_ _their and_it_broke_out among_them a_plague. **30** And_ Pinḥās _he_stood_up and_he_mediated and_ the_plague _it_was_ _restrained. **31** And_it_was_reckoned to_him/it to_ _righteousness to_a_generation and_a_generation until perpetuity. **32** And_they_provoked_him_to_anger at the_ _waters_of Mərīvāh and_it_was_bad for_Mosheh because_of_ _them. **33** If/because they_rebelled_toward ~~ḎǪM~~ his/its_ _breath/wind/spirit and_he_spoke_rashly with_lips_of_his. **34** Not they_destroyed ~~ḎǪM~~ the_peoples which **YHWH** he_had_ _said to/for_them. **35** And_they_mixed_themselves with_ _nations and_they_learned deeds_of_their. **36** And_they_served ~~ḎǪM~~ idols_of_their and_they_were to/for_them (into)_a_snare. **37** And_they_sacrificed ~~ḎǪM~~ sons_of_their and_~~ḎǪM~~ daughters_ _of_their to_demons. **38** And_they_shed blood innocent the_ _blood_of their_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their whom they_sacrificed to_the_idols_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_ the_ _earth/land _it_was_polluted by_blood(s). **39** And_they_ _became_unclean by_works_of_their and_they_played_the_ _prostitute[1232] by_deeds_of_their. **40** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_people_of_his and_he_abhorred ~~ḎǪM~~ inheritance_of_his. **41** And_he_gave_them in_the_hand_of nations and_they_ruled in/among_them those_of_who_hated_ _them. **42** And_they_oppressed_them enemies_of_their and_ _they_were_humbled under hand_of_their. **43** Times many he_ _delivered_them and_they they_rebelled by_plan[s]_of_their and_they_became_low by_iniquity_of_their. **44** And_he/it_saw on_distress to/for_them when_heard_he ~~ḎǪM~~ of_entreaty_of_ _their_cry. **45** And_he_remembered to/for_them covenant_of_ _his and_he_relented according_to_the_greatness_of his[1233]. **46** And_he/it_gave them to_compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before all_of captors_of_their. **47** Save_us Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our and_gather_us from the_nations to_give_thanks to_ _the_name_of your_holiness_of_your to_boast in_praise_of_ _your. **48** **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_blessed from (the)_antiquity and_unto (the)_perpetuity and_ all_of the_ _people _saying(ms) amen praise Yah.

1220 **RV 106:16-18 · Cross-ref.** Num 16:1-35.
1221 **RV 106:19-23 · Cross-ref.** Exo 32:1-14.
1222 **RV 106:24-26 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:1-35.
1223 **RV 106:27 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:33.
1224 **RV 106:28-31 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:1-13.
1225 **RV 106:32-33 · Cross-ref.** Num 20:2-13.
1226 **RV 106:34-36 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 2:1-3; 3:5-6.
1232 **LV 106:39 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1233 **LV 106:45 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/רִסָּח: (x-qere) וְ/יִדָּסֵּח': lemma_2617 a n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_19kem וְ/יִדָּסֵּח

Literal Version

107:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Those_ _redeemed_of **YHWH** whom he_has_redeemed_them from_the_ _hand_of the_foe let_them_say. **3** And_from_the_lands he_has_ _gathered_them from_east and_from_west from_north and_ _from_the_sea. **4** They_wandered_about in_wilderness in_a_ _desolate_place_of a_way a_city_of dwelling not they_found. **5** Hungry also thirsty life_of_their (is)_in_them it_was_fainting_ _away. **6** And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_them from_troubles_of_their he_delivered_them. **7** And_he_led_them by_a_way straight to_go to a_city_of_dwelling. **8** Let_them_give_ _thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_his_covenant and_wonders_ _of_his to_the_children_of humankind. **9** If/because he_satisfies a_throat longing and_a_throat hungry he_fills good_thing[s]. **10** Those_who_sat_of darkness and_deep_darkness prisoners_of affliction and_iron. **11** If/because they_had_rebelled_against the_words/messages_of god and_the_counsel_of the_Most_

Readers' Version

which then became the reason for their destruction.
37 They sacrificed their sons and daughters to the demons.[1227]
38 Yes, they shed innocent blood—
the blood of their sons and daughters
that they sacrificed to the idols and polluted the land with blood.[1228]
39 Their actions made them unacceptable to worship God,
having prostituted themselves to other gods.
40 So Yahweh got angry with his own people,
and he despised his own inheritance.[1229]
41 He allowed other countries to control them,
and those who hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies oppressed them,
and subdued them under their control.
43 He rescued them many times,
but they kept rebelling in their minds,
and were brought down by their own sin.
44 Nevertheless, he paid attention to their distress
when he heard their cry for help.
45 He thought about his agreement with them,
and he relented because of the strength of his loyal commitment to them.
46 He caused their conquerors to have pity on them.
47 Save us Yahweh our god,
and gather us back from among other nations
so that we can give thanks for your sacred reputation,
and praise you with real gladness.[1230]
48 May Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh be praised throughout the ages,
and all the people said, "Yes, let it be so."
Praise Yah.

Fifth collection[1234] · Thanking for God's goodness

107:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
and his loyal commitment endures forever.
2 Let the people who've been redeemed by Yahweh speak out—
those he's rescued from the enemy's control.
3 He has gathered them back from foreign lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
4 They wandered through the wilderness on a desert road
and found no city that they could settle in.
5 They were hungry and thirsty—
fading away from exhaustion.
6 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
→and he rescued them out of their distress.

1227 **RV 106:37 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:17.
1228 **RV 106:38 · Cross-ref.** Num 35:33.
1229 **RV 106:40-46 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 2:14-18.
1230 **RV 106:47-48 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:35-36.
1234 **RV 107:1 · Parallel** Songs 107–150

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7 He led them by a direct path
so that they could go to a city to live in.
8 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things he's done for humanity,
9 because he satisfies the longings of those who thirst,
and the desires of those who hunger, he fills up with good things.
10 Some sat in darkness and in gloom—
prisoners chained up and experiencing suffering.
11 This was because they had rebelled against God's messages
and rejected the highest one's instructions.
12 He used hardships to humble them.
They stumbled and there wasn't anyone to help them up.
13 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
and he rescued them out of their distress.
14 He broke off their chains
and brought them out of darkness and gloom.
15 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things he's done for humanity,
16 because he's broken the bronze gates
and cut through the iron bars.
17 They were foolish in their rebellious ways
and made to suffer because of their sins.
18 They lost their desire to eat any food,
and they came close to death's gates.
19 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
and he rescued them out of their distress.
20 He sent his message and healed them,
and he rescued them from their destruction.
21 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things he's done for humanity.
22 Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and write songs about what he's done.
23 Some travel across the ocean in ships
and do business overseas.
24 Those people saw Yahweh's activities
and his miracles on the oceans,
25 because he spoke out his command
and aroused the windstorm that stirred up the waves.
26 Their ships reached up to the sky,
then they sank down into the troughs.

Literal Version

_High they_had_spurned. 12 And_he_humbled with_trouble heart_of_their they_stumbled and_there_was_not a_helper. 13 And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_them from_ _troubles_of_their he_saved_them. 14 He_brought_them_out from_darkness and_deep_darkness and_fetters_of_their he_ _tore_apart. 15 Let_them_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_ _his_covenant and_wonders_of_his to_the_children_of humankind. 16 If/because he_breaks_down gates_of bronze and_bars_of iron he_cuts_down. 17 Fools from_the_way_of their_transgression_of_their and_from_iniquities_of_their they_were_afflicted. 18 All_of food throat_of_their it_loathed and_they_reached to the_gates_of death. 19 And_they_cried_ _out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_them from_troubles_of_their he_saved_them. 20 He_sent message_of_his and_he_healed_ _them and_he_delivered_them from_pits_of_their.[1235] 21 Let_ _them_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_his_covenant and_ _wonders_of_his to_the_children_of humankind.[1236] 22 And_ _let_them_sacrifice sacrifices_of thanksgiving and_let_them_ _recount works_of_his with_a_shout_of_joy.[1237] 23 Those_who_ _went_down_of the_sea in_ships who_did_of (of)_business on_ _the_waters many.[1238] 24 They they_saw the_works_of **YHWH** and_wonders_of_his in_the_deep.[1239] 25 And_he/it_said and_ _he_appointed a_wind_of a_storm and_it_lifted_up waves_of_ _its.[1240] 26 They_went_up the_heavens they_went_down the_ _deeps soul_of_their in_distress it_melted. 27 They_staggered and_they_trembled like_drunkard and_all skill_of_their it_was_ _confused. 28 And_they_cried_out to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_ _them and_from_troubles_of_their he_brought_them_out. 29 He_raised the_storm into_a_whisper and_ waves_of_their _ _they_were_still. 30 And_they_rejoiced if/because they_were_ _quiet and_he_guided_them to the_harbour_of their_desire_of_ _their. 31 Let_them_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** loyalty_of_his_ _covenant and_wonders_of_his to_the_children_of humankind. 32 And_let_them_exalt_him in_the_assembly_of the_people and_in_the_seat_of the_elders let_them_praise_him. 33 He_ _made rivers into_a_wilderness and_springs_of water into_ _thirsty_ground. 34 A_land_of fruit into_saltiness from_the_ _evil_of those_who_dwell_of in_it. 35 He_made a_wilderness into_a_pool_of water and_a_land_of dryness into_springs_of water. 36 And_he_caused_to_dwell there hungry_people and_ _they_established a_city_of dwelling. 37 And_they_sowed fields and_they_planted vineyards and_they_made fruit_of produce. 38 And_he_blessed_them and_they_multiplied exceedingly and_cattle_of_their not he_made_few. 39 And_they_became_few and_they_were_bowed_down from_the_oppression_of calamity and_sorrow.[1241] 40 He_was_pouring_out contempt on noble_ _people and_he_made_them_wander in_a_wasteland_of not a_ _way. 41 And_he_set_on_high the_needy from_affliction and_ _he/it_assigned like_flock families. 42 Upright_people they_see

1235 **LV 107:20 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1236 **LV 107:21 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1237 **LV 107:22 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1238 **LV 107:23 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1239 **LV 107:24 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1240 **LV 107:25 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.
1241 **LV 107:39 · Note** OSHB note: Inverted nun in the text.

Literal Version

and_they_rejoice and_all unrighteousness it_shuts her/its_
_mouth. **43** Who is_wise and_let_him_observe these_things
and_let_them_consider_carefully the_covenant_loyalti(es)_of
YHWH.

108:1 A_song a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [1243] Heart_of_my is_steadfast
Oh_god I_will_sing and_I_will_sing_praises also honour_of_my.
3 [1244] Awake Oh_lyre and_harp I_will_waken the_dawn. **4** [1245] I_
_will_give_thanks_to_you among_peoples Oh_**YHWH** and_I_
_will_sing_praises_to_you not nations. **5** [1246] If/because is_great
from_under the_heavens loyalty_of_your_covenant and_unto
the_clouds faithfulness_of_your. **6** [1247] Be_exalted above the_
_heavens Oh_god and_be_over all_of the_earth/land glory_of_

Readers' Version

Their courage melted away in anguish.
27 They swayed and staggered like drunkards
and had run out of sensible ideas.
28 Then they called out to Yahweh in their time of trouble,
and he rescued them out of their distress.
29 He calmed the storm,
and the waves were stilled.
30 Then they celebrated because it had quietened down,
so he brought them to their desired harbour.
31 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his loyal commitment
and for the amazing things that he's done for humanity.
32 Let them speak about his goodness to the people's assembly
and praise him at the council of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into wilderness,
and springs of water into dry land,
34 and a prosperous land into a barren place
because of the wickedness of those who live there.
35 He turns the wilderness into a pool
and dry land into springs of water.
36 He settles the hungry there,
and they build a city to live in.
37 They sow fields and plant vineyards,
so that they can bring in a profitable harvest.
38 He blesses them so they are very numerous.
He doesn't let their cattle decrease in number.
39 They became less in number and status
through painful distress and suffering.
40 He pours contempt on the leaders
and makes them wander in the wilderness where there's no roads,
41 but he protects the needy from affliction
and cares for his families like a shepherd with his flock.
42 The godly people will see that and celebrate,
and all wicked people will be shamed into silence.
43 Anyone who's wise should take note of those things
and meditate about Yahweh's acts of loyal commitment.

Praise, then prayer for victory[1242]

A song by David.
108:1 I've made my decision, God.
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises with sincerity.
2 Wake up, lute and harp—
I'll wake up the dawn.
3 I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the people groups.
I will sing praises to you among the nations

1242 **RV 108:1 · Parallel** Psa. 57:7-11; 60:5-12
1243 **LV 108:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.1
1244 **LV 108:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.2
1245 **LV 108:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.3
1246 **LV 108:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.4
1247 **LV 108:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.108.5

Readers' Version

4 because your loyal commitment extends to the heavens
and your trustworthiness reaches to the skies.
5 Be honoured, God, above the heavens,
and may your splendour be displayed across all the world.
6 Use your power to answer me
so that those you love will be rescued.
7 God has spoken from his sanctuary, "I will celebrate.
I will divide up Shekem and apportion out the Sukot Valley.
8 Gilead is mine, and Menasheh (Manasseh) is mine.
Efrayim (Ephraim) is my helmet and Yehudah (Judah) is my scepter.
9 Moav (Moab) is my washbasin.
I'll throw my sandal over Edom.
I'll shout in triumph over Peleshet.
10 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom?"
11 It seems that you've rejected us, God?
You don't go into battle with our armies.
12 Give us help against our enemy,
because human help is worthless.
13 We'll win with God's help.
He will trample down our enemies.
A song by David for the choir director.

My god help me

109:1 You're the God that I praise—
don't be silent
2 because the wicked and deceitful attack me.
They tell lies about me.
3 They say hateful things all around me,
and they attack me for no reason.
4 They pay back my love with accusations,
but I pray for them.
5 They repay me evil for good,
and they hate my love.
6 Appoint a wicked man to be over him,
then appoint an accuser to stand on his right.
7 When he's judged, may he be found guilty,
and may his prayer for mercy be considered sinful.
8 May his days be few—
may someone else take his office.
9 May his children become fatherless,

Literal Version

_your. 7 [1248] So_that they_may_be_rescued your_beloved_of_
_ones save hand_of_your_right and_answer_me. 8 [1249] god he_
_has_spoken in_sanctuary_of_his I_will_exult I_will_divide_up
Shəkem and_the_Valley_of Ṣukkōt I_will_measure_off. 9 [1250] To_
_me Gil'ād to_me Mənashsheh and_'Efrayim is_the_protection_
_of my_head Yəhūdāh/(Judah) is_my_of_commander's_staff.
10 [1251] Mō'āv is_the_pot_of my_washing_of_my over 'Edōm I_
_throw sandal_of_my over Pəleshet I_shout_in_triumph. 11 [1252]
Who will_he_bring_me a_city_of fortification who has_he_led_
_me to 'Edōm. 12 [1253] Not Oh_god have_you(pl)_rejected_us
and_not you_go_out Oh_god with_armies_of_our. 13 [1254] Come_
_NOW to/for_ourselves help_of from_the_foe and_is_
_worthlessness the_deliverance_of humankind. 14 [1255] In_god
we_will_do strength and_he he_will_tread_down foes_of_our.

109:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song[1256] Oh_god_of my_
_praise_of_my do_not be_silent. 2 If/because the_mouth_of the_
_wicked and_a_mouth_of deceit on_me they_have_opened
they_have_spoken with_me a_tongue_of falsehood. 3 And_
_words/messages_of hatred they_have_surrounded_me and_
_they_have_fought_against_me without_cause. 4 In_place_of
love_of_my they_accuse_me and_I am_prayer. 5 And_they_
_have_put on_me evil in_place_of good and_hatred in_place_of
love_of_my. 6 Appoint on/upon/above_him/it a_wicked_person
and_an_accuser let_him_stand on hand_of_his_right. 7 When_
_he_is_judged let_him_come_forth guilty and_prayer_of_his let_
_it_become (into)_sin. 8 May_they_be his/its_days few office_
_of_his another may_he_take. 9 May_they_be children_of_his
fatherless_ones and_his/its_woman/wife a_widow. 10 And_
really(wander) children_of_his may_they_wander and_they_
_will_beg and_they_will_seek away_from_of_their_ruins. 11 A_
_creditor may_he_strike to/from_all/each/any/every that to_
him/it and strangers _may_they_plunder property_of_his.
12 Not let_it_belong to_him/it[1257] one_who_prolongs loyalty
and_not let_it_belong one_who_shows_favour to_his_

1248 LV 108:7 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.6
1249 LV 108:8 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.7
1250 LV 108:9 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.8
1251 LV 108:10 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.9
1252 LV 108:11 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.10
1253 LV 108:12 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.11
1254 LV 108:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.12
1255 LV 108:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.108.13
1256 LV 109:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.109.1
1257 LV 109:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_fatherless_of_children. **13** May_it_be posterity_of_his to_cut_
_off in_a_generation another their_name may_it_be_wiped_out.
14 May_it_be_remembered the_iniquity_of his_ancestors_of_his
to **YHWH** and_the_sin_of his/its_mother not may_it_be_wiped_
_out. **15** Let_them_be before **YHWH** continually and_may_he_
_cut_off from_the_earth remembrance_of_their. **16** Because
that not he_remembered to_do loyalty and_he_harassed
anyone poor and_needy and_disheartened_of heart to_put_to_
_them_death. **17** And_he_loved a_curse and_it_came_to_him
and_not he_delighted in_blessing and_it_was_far from_him.
18 And_he_put_on a_curse like_garment_of_his and_it_went
like_water in_his_inward_of_part[s] and_like_oil in_bones_of_
_his. **19** May_it_be to_him/it[1258] like_a_garment which_he_
_wraps_himself and_to_a_waistband which_continually he_
_girds_it_on. **20** This be_the_wage[s]_of those_who_accuse_me
from_with **YHWH** and_those_who_speak evil on self_of_my.
21 And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** my_master deal with_me for_the_
_sake_of your(ms)_name if/because is_good loyalty_of_your_
_covenant deliver_me. **22** If/because am_poor and_needy I and_
_heart_of_my someone_has_pierced in_my_inner_of_being.
23 Like_a_shadow just_as_it_stretches_out I_have_vanished I_
_have_been_shaken_off like_locust. **24** Knees_of_my they_have_
_staggered from_fasting and_flesh_of_my it_has_become_lean
from_fatness. **25** And_I I_have_become a_reproach to/for_them
they_see_me they_shake head_of_their. **26** Help_me Oh_**YHWH**
god_of_my save_me according_to_of_your_covenant_loyalty.
27 So_that_they_may_know if/because_that hand_of_is_your
this you Oh_**YHWH** you_have_done_it. **28** They they_will_curse
and_you(ms) you_will_bless they_have_arisen and_they_have_
_been_ashamed and_servant_of_your he_will_rejoice. **29** Those_
_of_who_accuse_me may_they_be_clothed ignominy and_may_
_they_be_covered like_robe shame_of_their. **30** I_will_give_
_thanks_to **YHWH** exceedingly with_mouth_of_my and_
_among_of many_people I_will_praise_him. **31** If/because he_
_stands to_the_right_hand_of the_needy to_save_him from_
_those_who_judge_of self_of_(of)_his.

Readers' Version

and may his wife become a widow.
10 May his children wander around and beg—
asking for handouts as they leave their ruined home.
11 May the creditor take all he owns.
May strangers plunder what he earns.
12 May no one extend any kindness to him.
May no one have pity on his fatherless children.
13 May his children be eliminated—
may their names be blotted out in the next generation.
14 May his ancestors' sins be mentioned to Yahweh,
and may the sin of his mother not be forgotten.
15 May their guilt always be on Yahweh's mind.
May Yahweh cause their history to be totally forgotten.
16 May Yahweh do this because this man never bothered to show any loyal commitment,
^but instead harassed the oppressed, the needy, and the disheartened to death.
17 He loved cursing—may it come back onto him.
He had no desire to bless others—may no blessing come to him.
18 He wrapped himself with cursing like a cloak,
and his curse entered his inner being like water—
like oil into his bones.
19 May his curses cling to him like the clothes he wears to cover himself—
like the belt he always wears.
20 May this be my accusers' reward from Yahweh—
yes for those who say evil things about me.
21 Yahweh my Lord, deal kindly with me for your reputation's sake.
Because your loyal commitment is good, save me,
22 because I'm oppressed and needy,
and my heart is wounded within me.
23 I'm fading away like a shadow in the late afternoon.
I'm shaken off like a locust.
24 My knees are weak from fasting.
My body is frail from not eating enough.
25 I'm scorned by my accusers.
When they see me, they shake their heads.
26 Help me, Yahweh my god.
Exercise your loyal commitment and save me.
27 May they know that you're involved here—
that you, Yahweh, have done this.
28 Though they curse me, please bless me.
When they attack, may they be put to shame,
but may your servant celebrate.
29 May my opponents be clothed with shame.
May they wear their shame like a coat.
30 With my mouth, I thank Yahweh frequently.
I'll praise him even in the middle of a crowd,

1258 LV 109:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

31 because he'll stand beside any needy person
to save them from those who condemn them.

Yahweh and his chosen king

A song by David.
110:1 Yahweh told my master, "Sit here on my right
until I defeat your enemies."[1259]
2 Yahweh will expand your power as king outwards from Tsiyon (Zion)—
you'll rule in the middle of your enemies.
3 When you exert your strength in battle,
your people voluntarily follow in full battle dress.
From the place where the dawn is birthed, your youth will be like dew to you.
4 Yahweh has promised, and won't change his mind:
"You're a priest forever following the pattern of Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek)."[1260]
5 My master is helping right beside you.
He'll crush kings once he gets angry.
6 He will judge the nations and fill them with corpses.
He will crush the heads of many countries.
7 He will drink from the stream along the road,
therefore, he'll be reenergised.

Praise for what Yahweh's done

111:1 Praise Yah.
א (Alef)
I will give sincere thanks to Yahweh
ב (Beyt)
in the assembly of the godly people—in their gathering.
ג (Gimel)
2 The things that Yahweh does are amazing,
ד (Dalet)
eagerly awaited by all those who desire them.
ה (He)
3 His work is majestic and incredible,
ו (Vav)
and his righteousness endures forever.
ז (Zayin)
4 He does wonderful things that will be remembered.
ח (Het)
Yahweh is gracious and merciful.
ט (Tet)
5 He gives food to his faithful followers.
י (Yod)
He will always call to mind his agreement.
כ (Kaf)
6 He showed his powerful works to his people
ל (Lamed)

Literal Version

110:1 Of_Dāvid a_song[1261] the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_master_
_of_my sit to_my_right_of_hand until I_will_make enemies_of_
_your a_footstool for_feet_of_your. 2 The_staff_of your_
_strength_of_your **YHWH** he_will_stretch_out from_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) rule in_the_midst_of your(pl)_enemies_of_
_your. 3 People_of_your will_be_freewill_offerings in/on_day
your_strength_of_your in_majesti(es)_of holiness[1262] from_the_
_womb_of dawn to/for_yourself(m) the_dew_of your_youth(s)_
_of_your. 4 **YHWH** he_has_sworn_an_oath and_not he_will_
_repent you are_a_priest forever_perpetuity on the_manner_of
Malkī- tsedeq. 5 My_master is_at hand_of_your_right he_
_smashes in/on_day his_anger_of_his kings. 6 He_judges
among_nations it_is_full corpses he_smashes chief[s] over the_
_earth great. 7 From_a_wadi on_way he_drinks therefore
yes/correct/thus/so he_lifts_up a_head.

111:1 Praise Yah I_will_give_thanks_to **YHWH** in_all the_heart
in_the_council_of upright_people and_the_congregation. 2 Are_
_great the_works_of **YHWH** they_are_studied to/from_
_all/each/any/every those_delighting_of_in_them. 3 Is_
_splendour and_majesty work_of_his and_righteousness_of_his
is_enduring forever_forever. 4 Remembrance he_has_appointed
of_wonders_of_his is_gracious and_compassionate **YHWH**.
5 Food he_gives to_those_fearing_of_him he_remembers
forever_perpetuity covenant_of_his. 6 The_power_of his_
_works_of_his he_has_declared to_people_of_his to_give to/for_
_them an_inheritance_of nations. 7 The_works_of his_hands_
_of_his are_faithfulness and_justice are_reliable all_of precepts_
_of_his. 8 They_are_sustained forever_ever forever_perpetuity
they_are_done in_faithfulness and_uprightness. 9 Redemption
he_sent for_people_of_his he_ordained forever_perpetuity
covenant_of_his is_holy and_to_be_feared his/its_name. 10 Is_
_the_beginning_of wisdom the_fear_of **YHWH** an_
_understanding good[1263] to/from_all/each/any/every those_
_of_who_do_them praise_of_his is_enduring forever_eternity.

1259 **RV 110:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 22:41-46; Acts 2:34-36; Heb 1:13.

1260 **RV 110:4 · Cross-ref.** Heb 5:6; 7:17-22.

1261 **LV 110:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.110.1

1262 **LV 110:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

1263 **LV 111:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

112:1 Praise Yah how_blessed is_a_person fearing ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** in_commands_of_his he_delights exceedingly. **2** Mighty on_the_ _earth it_will_be his/its_seed the_generation_of upright_people it_will_be_blessed. **3** Wealth and_rich[es] are_in_house_of_his and_righteousness_of_his is_enduring forever_forever. **4** It_ _rises in_darkness light[1264] for_people he_is_gracious and_ _compassionate and_righteous. **5** Is_good a_person who_shows_ _favour and_who_lends who_he_maintains affairs_of_his with_ _justice. **6** If/because forever_perpetuity not he_will_be_shaken (into)_a_remembrance_of perpetuity he_will_become a_ _righteous_person. **7** From_new[s] bad not he_will_be_afraid his/its_heart is_steadfast trusting in_**YHWH**. **8** His/its_heart is_ _sustained not he_will_be_afraid until that he_will_look on_ _foes_of_his. **9** He_scatters he_gives to_(the)_people righteousness_of_his is_enduring forever_forever horn_of_his it_will_be_exalted in_honour. **10** A_wicked_person he_will_see and_he_will_be_angry teeth_of_his he_will_gnash and_he_will_ _melt_away the_desire_of wicked_people it_will_perish.

Readers' Version

in giving them the inheritance of other nations.
מ (Mem)
7 The works of Yahweh's hands are trustworthy and right.
נ (Nun)
All his instructions are reliable.
ס (Samek)
8 They are established forever,
ע (Ayin)
to be observed faithfully and properly.
פ (Pe)
9 He sent his people out of slavery.
צ (Tsade)
He ordained his agreement forever.
ק (Qof)
His name is holy and awe-inspiring.
ר (Resh)
10 Honouring Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.
ש (Sin/Shin)
Those who carry out his instructions have good understanding.
ת (Tav)
His praise endures forever.

112:1 Praise Yahweh.

The blessing for a godly person

א (Alef)
Any person who respects Yahweh's instructions will be blessed—
ב (Beyt)
anyone who greatly delights in his commands.
ג (Gimel)
2 Their descendants on earth will be powerful.
ד (Dalet)
The descendants of the godly person will be blessed.
ה (He)
3 Wealth and riches are in their house.
ו (Vav)
Their righteousness will endure forever.
ז (Zayin)
4 Light shines in the darkness for the godly person.
ח (Het)
That person is gracious, merciful, and just.
ט (Tet)
5 It goes well for the person who deals graciously and lends money,
י (Yod)
who conducts their affairs with honesty,
כ (Kaf)
6 because they'll never be shaken.
ל (Lamed)
The godly person will be remembered forever.
מ (Mem)
7 That person's not afraid of bad news—

1264 **LV 112:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

נ (Nun)
confidently trusting in Yahweh.
ס (Samek)
8 Their heart is tranquil, without fear,
ע (Ayin)
ending up looking out in triumph over their adversaries.
פ (Pe)
9 That person gives generously to the poor.
צ (Tsade)
Their righteousness endures forever.
ק (Qof)
They will be commended with honour.
ר (Resh)
10 The wicked person will see this and be angry.
ש (Sin/Shin)
That person will grind his teeth in rage and will melt away.
ת (Tav)
The desire of the wicked people will perish.

Praising Yahweh's goodness

113:1 Praise Yahweh.
Praise him, you servants of Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh's name.
2 May Yahweh's name be blessed
both now and forever into the future.
3 Yahweh's name should be praised
from when the sun rises until it sets again.
4 Yahweh is high above all nations,
and his glory reaches above the skies.
5 Who is like our god Yahweh who has his throne on high—
6 who looks down at the sky and at the earth?
7 He raises the poor up out of the dirt
and lifts the needy up from the ash heap,
8 so that he may become one of the leaders—
one of the leaders of his people.
9 He gives a home to the barren woman of the house—
he makes her into a happy mother with children.
Praise Yahweh.

Praising God's past miracles

114:1 When Yisrael (Israel) left Mitsrayim (Egypt)
(Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants leaving a people who spoke a foreign language),
2 Yehudah (Judah) became his sacred place,
and Yisrael his kingdom.
3 The Red Sea looked and fled.[1265]
The Yarden (Jordan) river turned back.[1266]
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like lambs.
5 Why did you flee, sea?
Yarden, why did you turn back?
6 Mountains, why did you skip like rams?
You little hills, why did you skip like lambs?

Literal Version

113:1 Praise Yah praise Oh_servants_of **YHWH** praise ~~DOM~~ the_
_name_of **YHWH**. 2 May_it_be the_name_of **YHWH** blessed
from_now and_unto perpetuity. 3 From_the_rising_of the_sun
to setting_of_its the_name_of **YHWH** is_to_be_praised. 4 Is_
_exalted over all_of nations **YHWH** is_above the_heavens glory_
_of_his. 5 Who is_like_**YHWH** god_of_our who_makes_high_of
to_sit. 6 Who_makes_low_of to_see on_heavens and_on_earth.
7 He_is_raising_of from_the_dust the_poor from_the_ash_heap
he_lifts_up the_needy. 8 To_make_him_sit with noble_people
with the_noble_people_of his_people_of_his. 9 He_is_causing_
_to_dwell_of the_barren_woman_of the_house the_mother_of
the_children joyful praise Yah.

114:1 When_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt)
the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) from_a_people who_spoke_a_
_foreign_language. 2 Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_became (into)_
_sanctuary_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) dominion(s)_of_his. 3 The_
_sea it_saw and_it_fled the_Yardēn/(Jordan) it_turned_around
to_backwards. 4 The_mountains they_leaped_about like_rams
hills like_young_ones_of sheep. 5 What is_to_you the_sea
that/for/because/then/when you_will_flee Oh_Yardēn you_
_will_turn_around to_backwards. 6 Oh_mountains you(pl)_will_
_leap_about like_rams Oh_hills like_young_ones_of sheep.
7 From_to/for_face/front/presence the_master tremble Oh_
_earth from_to/for_face/front/presence the_god_of Ya'aqov.
8 Who_turned_of the_rock a_pool_of water flint into_a_of_
_spring water.

1265 **RV 114:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.
1266 **RV 114:3 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:16.

Literal Version

115:1 Not to/for_us Oh_**YHWH** not to/for_us if/because to_
_name_of_your ascribe glory on loyalty_of_your_covenant on
faithfulness_of_your. **2** To/for_what the_nations will_they_say
where please god_of_is_their. **3** And_god_of_our is_in_heavens
all that he_desires he_does. **4** Idols_of_their are_silver and_gold
the_work_of the_hands_of humankind. **5** A_mouth to/for_them
and_not they_speak eyes to/for_them and_not they_see. **6** Ears
to/for_them and_not they_hear a_nose to/for_them and_not
they_smell. **7** Hands_of_their and_not they_feel feet_of_their
and_not they_walk not they_make_a_sound with_throat_of_
_their. **8** Like_them those_of_who_make_them they_will_be
every one_who is_trusting in_them. **9** Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) trust
in_**YHWH** help_of_is_their and_shield_of_their he. **10** Oh_
_house_of 'Ah$_a$ron trust in_**YHWH** help_of_is_their and_shield_
_of_their he. **11** Oh_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** trust in_
_**YHWH** help_of_is_their and_shield_of_their he. **12** **YHWH** he_
_has_remembered_us he_will_bless he_will_bless ~~DOM~~ the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_bless ~~DOM~~ the_house_of
'Ah$_a$ron. **13** He_will_bless those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** (the)_
_small with the_big(pl). **14** **YHWH** may_he_add to_you(pl) to_
_you(pl) and_to children_of_your(pl). **15** You(pl) be_blessed
to/for_**YHWH** who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth. **16** The_
_heavens are_heavens to/for_**YHWH** and_the_earth he_has_
_given to_the_children_of humankind. **17** Not the_dead_people
they_will_praise Yah and_not all_of those_who_go_down_of
silence. **18** And_we we_will_bless Yah from_now and_unto
perpetuity praise Yah.

116:1 I_love if/because he_has_heard **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ my_
_sound/voice supplications_of_my. **2** If/because he_has_
_inclined ear_of_his to_me and_in_days_of_my I_will_call_out.
3 They_encompassed_me the_cords_of death and_the_
_distresses_of Shə'ōl they_found_me trouble and_sorrow I_
_found. **4** And_on_the_name_of **YHWH** I_called please Oh_
_**YHWH** deliver life_of_my. **5** Is_gracious **YHWH** and_righteous
and_god_of_our is_having_compassion. **6** **YHWH** is_protecting

Readers' Version

7 Tremble, earth, before the master—
at the presence of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god.
8 He turned the rock into a pool of water,
and the hard rock into a spring of water.

Trust in Yahweh

115:1 Not to us, Yahweh, not to us,
but to your name bring honour,
for your loyal commitment and for your trustworthiness.
2 Why should the other nations have to ask,
"Where is their god?"
3 Our god is in heaven—
he does whatever he wants.
4 The other nations' gods are gold and silver idols
that people have made with their own hands.
5 Those idols have mouths, but they can't speak.
They have eyes, but they can't see.
6 They have ears, but they can't hear.
They have noses, but they can't smell.
7 They have hands, but can't feel anything.
They have feet, but can't walk.
They can't make any sounds in their throats.
8 The people who make them are just like them,
as is everyone who trusts them to help them.
9 Yisrael (Israel), trust in Yahweh—
he's your help and protection.
10 You priests, descendants of Aharon (Aaron), trust in Yahweh—
he's your help and protection.
11 You who respect and strive to obey Yahweh, trust in him—
he's your help and protection.
12 Yahweh takes notice of us and will bless us.
He'll bless the descendants of Yisrael (Israel).
He'll bless the descendants of Aharon.
13 He will bless those who honour him—
both young and old.
14 May Yahweh give more and more children to you all,
and also to your descendants.
15 May you all be blessed by Yahweh
who made heaven and earth.
16 The heavens, yes, the heavens belong to Yahweh,
but he's given the earth to humanity.
17 The dead don't praise Yah,
nor do any of those who go down into silence.
18 But we have decided to bless Yahweh
now and forevermore.
Praise Yah.

Praise Yahweh who rescued me

116:1 I love Yahweh because he hears my voice
and my requests for mercy.
2 Because he listened to me,
as long as I live, I'll call him for help.
3 The ropes of death surrounded me,
and the snares of the grave confronted me.

Readers' Version

I was confronted by anguish and sorrow.
4 Then I cried out to Yahweh:
"Please Yahweh, rescue my life."
5 Yahweh is merciful and fair—
our god is compassionate.
6 Yahweh protects those who are helpless.
I was in a desperate situation, and he saved me.
7 My mind can relax again
because Yahweh has been generous to me,
8 because you rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my feet from stumbling.
9 I will walk in front of Yahweh
in the lands of the living.
10 I believed in him,
even when I said, "I'm suffering badly."
11 In my distress I said, "All people are liars."
12 How can I repay Yahweh for all his kindnesses to me?
13 I will raise the cup of salvation,
and call on Yahweh's name.
14 I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh
now in the presence of all his people.
15 The death of his faithful ones
is costly in Yahweh's view.
16 Yahweh, I'm definitely your servant.
I'm your servant—the son of your servant woman.
You've released me from my chains.
17 I will offer thanksgiving to you as a sacrifice,
and I'll call out to Yahweh whenever I need help.
18 I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh
now in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courtyards around Yahweh's residence—
there in the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Praise Yah.

Praising Yahweh's commitment to us

117:1 Praise Yahweh, all you nations.
Speak highly of him, all you people groups
2 because his loyal commitment towards us is extensive,
and Yahweh's trustworthiness endures forever.
Praise Yah.

Not ending the love of God

118:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
because his loyal commitment endures forever.
2 Let Yisrael (Israel) now say,
"His loyal commitment endures forever."
3 Let Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants now say,
"His loyal commitment endures forever."
4 Let Yahweh's loyal followers say,
"His loyal commitment endures forever."
5 In my distress, I called out to Yahweh for help.
→and he answered me and set me free.
6 Yahweh is with me—I won't be afraid.

Literal Version

simple_people I_had_become_low and_(to)_me he_saved.
7 Return my_self_of_my to_your(pl)_resting_of_place(s)
if/because **YHWH** he_has_dealt_bountifully towards_you.
8 If/because you_have_rescued life_of_my from_death ~~DOM~~ eye_
_of_my from tear[s] ~~DOM~~ foot_of_my from_stumbling. **9** I_will_
_walk_about to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_
_the_lands_of the_life. **10** I_believed if/because I_said I I_am_
_afflicted exceedingly. **11** I I_said when_I_was_making_haste
every_of the_humankind is_a_liar. **12** What will_I_return
to/for_**YHWH** all_of benefits_of_his towards_me. **13** A_cup_of
salvation(s) I_will_lift_up and_on_the_name_of **YHWH** I_will_
_call. **14** Vows_of_my to/for_**YHWH** I_will_pay (to)_before
please to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_his. **15** Is_
_precious in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** the_death of_his_faithful_
_of_people. **16** Please Oh_**YHWH** if/because I servant_of_am_
_your I servant_of_am_your the_son_of your(ms)_female_slave
you_have_loosened (to)_fetters_of_my. **17** To/for_yourself(m) I_
_will_sacrifice a_sacrifice_of thanksgiving and_on_the_name_of
YHWH I_will_call. **18** Vows_of_my to/for_**YHWH** I_will_pay
(to)_before please to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_his.
19 In_the_courts_of the_house_of **YHWH** in_the_midst_of_of_
_you Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) praise Yah.

117:1 Praise ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_all_of nations extol_him Oh_all_of
the_peoples. **2** If/because it_is_strong towards_us loyalty_of_
_his_covenant and_the_faithfulness_of **YHWH** is_forever praise
Yah.

118:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good
if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Let_it_say
please Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that is_forever loyalty_of_
_his_covenant. **3** Let_them_say please the_house_of 'Ah$_a$ron
if/because_that is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **4** Let_them_
_say please those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** if/because_that is_
_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **5** From the_distress I_called_
_out_to **YHWH** he_answered_me in_(the)_place Yah. **6** **YHWH**
to_me not I_will_be_afraid what will_he_do to_me anyone.
7 **YHWH** to_me (in)_my_of_helper(s) and_I I_will_look on_
_those_of_who_hate_me. **8** Is_good to_take_refuge in_**YHWH**
more_than_to_trust in_humankind. **9** Is_good to_take_refuge
in_**YHWH** more_than_to_trust in_noble_people. **10** All_of
nations they_surrounded_me in/on_name_of **YHWH** if/because

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I_fended_them_off. **11** They_surrounded_me also they_
_surrounded_me in/on_name_of **YHWH** if/because I_fended_
_them_off. **12** They_surrounded_me like_bees they_were_
_extinguished like_a_fire_of thorns in/on_name_of **YHWH**
if/because I_fended_them_off. **13** Violently_(push) you_pushed_
_me to_fall and_**YHWH** he_helped_me. **14** Might_of_is_my and_
_strength_of Yah and_he/it_was to_me (into)_salvation. **15** The_
_sound_of a_shout_of_joy and_salvation is_in_the_tents_of
righteous_people the_right_hand_of **YHWH** is_doing strength.
16 The_right_hand_of **YHWH** is_exalting the_right_hand_of
YHWH is_doing strength. **17** Not I_will_die if/because I_will_
_live and_I_will_recount the_deeds_of Yah. **18** Severely_
_(discipline) he_has_disciplined_me **YHWH** and_to_death not
he_has_given_me. **19** Open to_me the_gates_of righteousness I_
_will_go in_them I_will_give_thanks_to Yah. **20** This is_the_gate
to/for_**YHWH** righteous_people they_will_go in_him/it. **21** I_
_will_give_thanks_to_you if/because you_answered_me and_it_
_became to_me (into)_salvation. **22** A_stone the_builders
which_they_rejected it_has_become (into)_the_head_of the_
_corner. **23** From_with **YHWH** this it_has_come it it_is_
_wonderful in_eyes_of_our. **24** This the_day **YHWH** which_he_
_has_made let_us_be_glad and_let_us_rejoice in_him/it.
25 Please Oh_**YHWH** save please please Oh_**YHWH** grant_
_success please. **26** The_one_who_comes in/on_name_of **YHWH**
be_blessed we_bless_you(pl) from_the_house_of **YHWH**. **27** Is_
_god_of **YHWH** and_he_has_given_light to/for_us bind a_
_festival_sacrifice with_ropes to the_horns_of the_altar. **28** god_
_of_are_my you and_I_will_give_thanks_to_you my_god_of_my
I_will_exalt_you. **29** Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_
_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant.

Readers' Version

What can anyone do to me?
7 Yahweh's on my side as my helper.
I will look on at those who hate me.
8 It's better to take shelter in Yahweh
than to put confidence in humanity.
9 It's better to make Yahweh your safe place
than to put your trust in your country's leaders.
10 All the nations surrounded me in battle.
In Yahweh's name I destroyed them.
11 They surrounded me—yes, they surrounded me—
but in Yahweh's name I destroyed them.
12 They surrounded me like bees
then disappeared as quickly as fire among brush—
with Yahweh's help we defeated them.
13 They attacked me to knock me down,
but Yahweh helped me.
14 Yahweh is my strength and my song,
and he's the one who rescues me.
15 The cheerful shout of victory can be heard in the tents of the godly people—
Yahweh has demonstrated his power and strength.
16 Yahweh's power overcame—
Yahweh has demonstrated his power and strength.
17 I'm going to live, not die,
and I'll tell everyone about what Yahweh did.
18 Yahweh has punished me harshly,
but he hasn't given me over to death.
19 Open the temple gates for me—
I'll enter through them and then give thanks to Yahweh.
20 This is Yahweh's gate—
→the godly people enter through it.
21 I will give thanks to you,
→because you answered me by rescuing me.
22 The stone that the builders rejected
→has become the very important stone at the corner.
23 That's Yahweh's doing—
→we think it's just wonderful.[1267]
24 Today's the day on which Yahweh has acted.
→We'll celebrate and be happy about it.
25 Please, Yahweh, give us victory.
Please, Yahweh, send now success.
26 Blessed is anyone who comes with Yahweh's authority.
We bless you from Yahweh's residence.
27 Yahweh is God, and he's given us light.
Tie the sacrifice to the corner posts of the altar with ropes.
28 You're my god, and I'll give thanks to you.
You're my god—I will praise you.
29 Yes, give thanks to Yahweh because he's good,
because his loyal commitment endures forever.

1267 RV 118:22-23 · Cross-ref. Mat 21:42; Acts 4:11; 1Pe 2:7.

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Obeying Yahweh's instructions

א (Alef)
119:1 Blessed are those whose behaviour is blameless—
who follow Yahweh's instructions.
2 Blessed are they who keep the rules that he revealed—
who strive to sincerely obey him.
3 Surely they wouldn't promote injustice.
They do what he shows them.
4 You've shown your principles through your instructions
so that we should carefully follow them.
5 If only I could be consistent
in keeping your rules,
6 then I wouldn't be ashamed
when I consider all your commands.
7 I'll give thanks to you because I want to do what's right
when I learn about how you always judge fairly.
8 I'll keep your regulations.
Don't totally desert me.

Internalising Yahweh's principles

ב (Beyt)
9 How can a young man keep his motives pure?
By obeying your message.
10 With my whole heart I search for you with all my being.
Don't let me stray from what you commanded.
11 I've stored your message away in my memory
so that I'll be less likely to sin against you.
12 You deserve praise, Yahweh.
Teach me your regulations.
13 With my lips I've proclaimed
all the judgements that you've pronounced.
14 I get happier about everything you've revealed
rather than any kind of riches.
15 I will meditate about your principles
and keep my eyes on your paths.
16 I take delight in your regulations—
I won't forget what you've said.

Pleased to obey Yahweh's instructions

ג (Gimel)
17 Deal kindly with your servant
so that I can continue to live and obey what you've told us.
18 Uncover my eyes so I can gaze
on the marvellous results from your instructions.
19 I'm a foreigner in the land—
don't prevent me from hearing your commands.
20 My inner being is continually crushed
with longing for your regulations.
21 You rebuke the proud, who are cursed—
who stray from your commands.
22 Spare me from disgrace and humiliation
because I've kept the requirements that you've revealed.
23 Even though rulers gather together against me and slander me,
your servant meditates about your regulations.

Literal Version

119:1 How_blessed are_people_blameless_of way who_walk in_
_the_law_of **YHWH**. **2** How_blessed are_those_who_observe_of
testimonies_of_(of)_his in_all the_heart they_seek_him. **3** Also
not they_do injustice in_ways_of_his they_walk. **4** You you_
_have_commanded precepts_of_your to_guard/protect
exceedingly. **5** Would_that ways_of_my they_will_be_steadfast
to_guard/protect decrees_of_your. **6** Then not I_will_be_
_ashamed when_look_I to all_of commands_of_your. **7** I_will_
_give_thanks_to_you in_uprightness_of heart when_learn_I
the_judgements_of your_righteousness_of_your. **8** ~~DOM~~ decrees_
_of_your I_will_keep do_not abandon_me up_to muchness.

9 How a_youth will_he_keep_pure ~~DOM~~ path_of_his to_
_guard/protect according_to_of_your_message. **10** In_all heart_
_of_my I_seek_you do_not allow_me_to_stray from_commands_
_of_your. **11** In_heart_of_my I_have_hidden message_of_your
so_that not I_may_sin to/for_you(fs). **12** You be_blessed Oh_
_**YHWH** teach_me decrees_of_your. **13** With_lips_of_my I_
_recount all_of the_judgements_of your_mouth_of_your. **14** In_
_the_way_of your(pl)_testimonies_of_your I_exult as_on all_of
wealth. **15** On_precepts_of_your I_will_meditate and_I_will_pay_
_attention_to paths_of_your. **16** In_regulations_of_your I_will_
_delight_myself not I_will_forget message_of_your.

17 Deal_bountifully towards servant_of_your I_will_live and_I_
_will_keep message_of_your. **18** Uncover eyes_of_my so_that_I_
_may_pay_attention_to wonderful_things from_law_of_your.
19 Am_a_sojourner I in/on_the_earth do_not hide from_me
commands_of_your. **20** Self_of_my it_is_crushed for_longing to
judgements_of_your at_every_of time. **21** You_rebuke arrogant_
_people cursed_people who_go_astray from_commands_of_
_your. **22** Roll_away from_on_me reproach and_contempt
if/because testimonies_of_your I_observe. **23** Also officials
they_sit in_me they_speak_together servant_of_your he_
_meditates on_decrees_of_your. **24** Also testimonies_of_your
delight(s)_of_are_my the_people_of my_counsel_of_my.

Literal Version

25 It_clings to_dust self_of_my preserve_me_alive according_to_
_of_your_message. 26 ways_of_my I_recounted and_you_
_answered_me teach_me decrees_of_your. 27 The_way_of
your(pl)_precepts_of_your give_me_understanding_of and_I_
_will_meditate on_wonders_of_your. 28 Self_of_my it_weeps
from_grief strengthen_me according_to_of_your_message.
29 A_way_of falsehood remove from_me and_law_of_your
show_favour_to_me. 30 A_way_of faithfulness I_have_chosen
judgements_of_your I_have_placed. 31 I_have_clung to_
_testimonies_of_your Oh_**YHWH** do_not put_me_to_shame.
32 The_way_of your(pl)_commands_of_your I_run if/because
you_enlarge heart_of_my.

33 Teach_me Oh_**YHWH** the_way_of your(pl)_decrees_of_your
so_that_I_may_observe_it end. 34 Give_me_understanding so_
_that_I_may_observe law_of_your and_so_that_I_may_keep_it
with_all_of the_heart. 35 Lead_me in_the_path_of your(pl)_
_commands_of_your if/because in_him/it I_delight. 36 Incline
heart_of_my to testimonies_of_your and_not to unjust_gain.
37 Take_away eyes_of_my from_looking_at worthlessness in_
_ways_of_your preserve_me_alive. 38 Fulfill to_servant_of_your
message_of_your which is_for_fear_of_your. 39 Take_away
reproach_of_my which I_am_afraid_of if/because judgements_
_of_your are_good. 40 HERE I_long for_precepts_of_your in_
_righteousness_of_your preserve_me_alive.

41 And_may_they_come_to_me loyalti(es)_of_your_covenant
Oh_**YHWH** salvation_of_your according_to_of_your_message.
42 So_that_I_may_answer the_one_of_who_taunts_me a_
_message if/because I_trust in_message_of_your. 43 And_do_not
take_away from_mouth_of_my a_message_of faithfulness up_to
muchness if/because for_judgements_of_your I_wait. 44 And_I_
_will_keep law_of_your continually forever_perpetuity and_
_ever. 45 And_I_will_walk_about in_place if/because precepts_
_of_your I_have_sought. 46 And_I_will_speak in_testimonies_of_
_your before kings and_not I_will_be_ashamed. 47 And_I_will_
_delight_myself in_commands_of_your which I_love. 48 And_I_
_will_lift_up palms_of_my to commands_of_your which I_love
and_I_will_meditate on_decrees_of_your.

Readers' Version

24 Also, your revealed messages are my pleasure.
They are my counsellors.

ד (Dalet) **Choosing Yahweh's way**

25 My inner being clings to the dust.
Speak out and give me life.
26 I talked about my behaviour, and you answered me.
Teach me your regulations.
27 Grant me insight into your principles,
so I can meditate about your wonderful actions.
28 My inner being melts away from grief.
Speak out and strengthen me.
29 Keep me off the path of deceit.
Graciously give me your instructions.
30 I've chosen the way of faithfulness.
I have desired your regulations.
31 I cling to what you've revealed—
Yahweh, don't let me be shamed.
32 I run along the path of your commands,
because you have expanded my mind.

ה (He) **Prayer for guidance**

33 Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your regulations,
and I'll keep them to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I'll keep your teaching.
I'll observe it with all my heart.
35 Guide me in the way of your commands,
because I delight in your way.
36 Help me to want to obey what you've revealed
and not just want unscrupulous gain.
37 Help me not to waste time looking at worthless things.
Encourage me to follow your ways.
38 Fulfill your promises to your servant
so that he will respect and obey you.
39 Help me to be able to avoid the disgrace that I dread,
because your judgements are good.
40 Listen, I long for your principles.
Encourage me to follow your ways that are right.

ו (Vav) **Trusting Yahweh's instructions**

41 May I experience your loyal commitment, Yahweh—
your salvation, according to your promise,
42 then I'll answer the one who mocks me with their words,
because I trust in what you've told us.
43 Don't totally prevent me from talking about your message of truth,
because my hope is based on your judgements.
44 I'll always obey what you taught,
forever and ever.
45 I'll walk freely,
because I strive to know your principles.
46 I will tell kings what you've revealed,
and I won't be ashamed.
47 I take pleasure in obeying your commands,
which I love.

Readers' Version

48 I will respect your commands, which I love.
I will meditate on your regulations.

ז (Zayin)

Comforted by Yahweh's principles

49 Remember your promise to your servant
because you have given me hope.
50 That's my comfort in my suffering.
Yes, your promise keeps me alive.
51 Arrogant people mock me terribly,
but I haven't turned away from your instructions.
52 I remember your judgements from ancient times, Yahweh,
and I take comfort in that.
53 I'm seized by a hot anger
because of the wicked who reject your teaching.
54 Your regulations are songs for me
in the house where I'm staying.
55 I remember your name during the night, Yahweh,
and I follow your instruction.
56 This is for me
because I accept your principles.

ח (Het)

The loving of Law of God

57 Yahweh is who I've chosen.
I promise to obey what you've said.
58 With my whole being, I ask for your favour.
Be merciful to me like you've promised you would be.
59 I carefully evaluate which paths I'll follow
and keep myself following what you've revealed.
60 I hurry and don't put off
obeying your commands.
61 The ropes of the wicked people entangle me.
I don't forget your instructions.
62 I get up in the middle of the night to bring praise to you
because your judgements are always right and fair.
63 I'm a companion to all who strive to obey you
and apply your principles.
64 The world is full of your loyal commitment, Yahweh.
Teach me your regulations.

ט (Tet)

The purpose of Yahweh's instructions

65 You do good to your servant, Yahweh,
as you've said you would.
66 Teach me good discernment and understanding,
because I trust in the wisdom of your commands.
67 Before my troubles came, I went astray,
but now I observe your promises.
68 You are good, and you do good.
Teach me your regulations.
69 The arrogant smear me with lies,
but I myself keep your principles with sincerity.
70 Their hearts are unfeeling like fat,
but I myself delight in your instructions.
71 It is good for me that I've suffered
so that I'd learn your regulations.
72 The instructions that come from your mouth are good for

Literal Version

49 Remember the_message to_servant_of_your on that you_
_have_made_me_hope. 50 This comfort_of_is_my in_affliction_
_of_my that/for/because/then/when message_of_your it_has_
_preserved_me_alive. 51 Arrogant_people they_have_mocked_
_me up_to muchness from_law_of_your not I_have_turned_
_aside. 52 I_remember judgements_of_your from_long_
ago/eternity Oh**YHWH** and_I_have_comforted_myself.
53 Burning_indignation it_has_seized_me from_wicked_people
who_abandon_of law_of_(of)_your. 54 Songs they_have_been to_
_me decrees_of_your in_house_of my_sojournings_of_my. 55 I_
_have_remembered in_night name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** and_I_
_have_kept law_of_your. 56 This it_has_belonged to/for_me
that/for/because/then/when precepts_of_your I_have_
_observed.

57 Portion_of_is_my **YHWH** I_have_said to_guard/protect
words/messages_of_your. 58 I_have_entreated face_of_your
with_all_of the_heart show_favour_to_me according_to_of_
_your_message. 59 I_have_thought_about ways_of_my and_I_
_have_turned_back feet_of_my to testimonies_of_your. 60 I_
_have_made_haste and_not I_have_delayed to_guard/protect
commands_of_your. 61 The_ropes_of wicked_people they_have_
_surrounded_me law_of_your not I_have_forgotten. 62 The_
_middle_of the_night I_arise to_give_thanks to/for_you(fs) on
the_judgements_of your_righteousness_of_your. 63 Am_a_
_companion I to/from_all/each/any/every those_who they_
_fear_you and_of_those_who_keep_of precepts_of_(of)_your.
64 Loyalty_of_your_covenant Oh_**YHWH** the_earth/land it_is_
_full decrees_of_your teach_me.

65 Good you_have_done with servant_of_your Oh_**YHWH**
according_to_of_your_message. 66 Goodness_of discernment
and_knowledge teach_me if/because in_commands_of_your I_
_trust. 67 Before I_was_afflicted I was_going_astray and_now
message_of_your I_keep. 68 Are_good you and_are_doing_good
teach_me decrees_of_your. 69 They_have_smeared on_me
falsehood arrogant_people I in_all the_heart I_observe
precepts_of_your. 70 It_is_insensitive like_fat heart_of_their I
law_of_your I_delight. 71 It_was_good to_me that I_was_
_afflicted so_that I_may_learn decrees_of_your. 72 Is_good to_
_me the_law_of your_mouth_of_your more_than_thousands_of
gold and_silver.

Literal Version

73 Hands_of_your they_made_me and_they_prepared_me give_
_me_understanding so_that_I_may_learn commands_of_your.
74 Those_fearing_of_you may_they_see_me and_may_they_
_rejoice if/because for_message_of_your I_have_waited. **75** I_
know Oh**YHWH** if/because_that are_righteousness
judgements_of_your and_faithfulness you_have_afflicted_me.
76 Let_it_be please loyalty_of_your_covenant to_comfort_me
according_to_of_your_message to_servant_of_your. **77** Let_
_them_come_to_me compassion(s)_of_your so_that_I_may_live
if/because law_of_your delight(s)_of_is_my. **78** Arrogant_people
let_them_be_ashamed if/because falsehood they_have_
_subverted_me I I_will_meditate on_precepts_of_your. **79** Let_
_them_turn to_me those_fearing_of_you and[1268] testimonies_
_of_(of)_your. **80** May_it_be heart_of_my blameless in_decrees_
_of_your so_that not I_may_be_ashamed.

81 It_is_exhausted for_salvation_of_your being_of_my for_
_message_of_your I_wait. **82** Eyes_of_my they_are_exhausted
for_message_of_your to_say when will_you_comfort_me.
83 If/because I_have_become like_a_skin-bottle in_smoke
decrees_of_your not I_have_forgotten. **84** How_many are_the_
_days_of your_servant_of_your when will_you_do in_those_of_
_who_harass_me judgement. **85** They_have_dug to_me
arrogant_people pits which not are_according_to_of_your_law.
86 All_of commands_of_your are_faithfulness falsehood they_
_have_harassed_me help_me. **87** Like_a_little they_have_made_
_an_end_of_me in/on_the_earth and_I not I_have_abandoned
precepts_of_your.[1269] **88** According_to_of_your_covenant_
_loyalty preserve_me_alive and_I_will_keep the_transcript_of
your_mouth_of_your.

89 Forever_perpetuity Oh_**YHWH** message_of_your is_standing
in_heavens. **90** Is_to_a_generation and_a_generation
faithfulness_of_your you_have_established the_earth and_it_
_endures. **91** For_judgements_of_your they_stand_forth the_day
if/because (the)_everything servants_of_are_your. **92** If_not
law_of_your been_my_delight(s)_of_had then I_perished in_
_affliction_of_my. **93** Forever_perpetuity not I_will_forget
precepts_of_your if/because by_them you_have_preserved_me_

Readers' Version

me—
more than thousands of gold and silver coins.

The justice of Yahweh's instructions

י (Yod)
73 Your hands created and formed me.
Give me understanding so that I can learn your commands.
74 May those who respect you see me and be happy
because I put my hope in what you've said.
75 Yahweh, I know that your judgements are fair and right,
and that it's in faithfulness that you make me suffer.
76 Let your loyal commitment be my comfort,
as per your promise to your servant.
77 May your grace come to me so that I may live,
because your instructions are my delight.
78 Let the proud be put to shame,
because they've falsely accused me,
but as for me, I'll meditate on your principles.
79 May those who respect you turn to me,
and get to know what you've revealed.
80 May my conscience be blameless with respect to your regulations,
so that I won't be put to shame.

Requesting Yahweh's intervention

כ (Kaf)
81 My inner being faints with longing for your salvation.
I put my hope in what you've said.
82 My eyes are exhausted with longing for your promise,
saying, "When will you comfort me?"
83 because I've become brittle like a wineskin in the smoke.
I don't forget your regulations.
84 How long must your servant wait—
when will you punish those who persecute me?
85 The proud have dug pits to trap me,
which is not according to your instructions.
86 All your commands are sensible.
Those proud people pursue me with false accusations—help me.
87 They have almost finished me off here,
but as for me, I don't reject your principles.
88 It's your loyal commitment that keeps me alive,
so that I can obey what you've revealed.

Trusting in Yahweh's principles

ל (Lamed)
89 Yahweh, your message stands firm in the heavens.
90 Your faithfulness lasts throughout the generations.
You've established the earth and it endures.
91 The heavens and the earth implement your regulations
because all things are your servants.

1268 LV 119:79 · Note OSHB variant note: ועדי/ו: (x-qere) וְיֵעָדֻ֑י: lemma_c/3045 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqrmpc id_19paC וְיֵעָדֻ֑י/ו

1269 LV 119:87 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

92 If your instructions hadn't been my delight,
then I would have died as a result of my suffering.
93 I'll never forget your principles
because through them, you've preserved my life.
94 I'm yours—save me because I strive to follow your principles.
95 The wicked wait for me in order to kill me,
but I strive to understand what you've revealed.
96 I've seen a limit to all perfection,
but your commands are very wide-ranging.

מ (Mem)

Appreciating Yahweh's principles

97 I really love your instructions—
I spend all day meditating on them.
98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
because I'm always aware of them.
99 I understand more than my teachers do
because I meditate on what you've revealed.
100 I understand more than the elders do
because I've followed your principles.
101 I've avoided all evil behaviour
so that I can obey what you've said.
102 I haven't deviated from your regulations,
because you yourself have taught me.
103 Your promises are sweet to my taste,
yes, even sweeter than honey on my tongue.
104 I gain understanding through your principles
so I hate all the different ways that people deceive others.

נ (Nun)

The peace/prosperity from law of God

105 Your message is a lamp so I can see where I'm stepping
and a light to illuminate my path.
106 I have promised and have confirmed
that I will honour your judgements that are fair and right.
107 I'm suffering badly.
Keep me alive, Yahweh, as you've said you would.
108 Yahweh, please accept the freewill offerings of my praise,
and teach me your regulations.
109 My life is in continual danger,
yet I don't forget your instructions.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I haven't strayed from your principles.
111 I consider what you've revealed as my heritage forever,
because it gives me great happiness.
112 I make your regulations my priority forever—to the end.

ס (Samek)

Safety in Yahweh's instructions

113 I hate people who say one thing and do another,
but I love your instructions.
114 You are my safe place and my protection—
I've set my hopes on what you've said.
115 Get away from me, all you who choose to do evil,
so that I can keep my god's commands.

Literal Version

_alive. 94 To/for_yourself(m) I save_me if/because precepts_of_
_your I_have_sought. 95 To_me wicked_people they_have_
_waited to_destroy_me testimonies_of_your I_will_consider_
_carefully. 96 To/from_all/each/any/every perfection I_have_
_seen an_end is_broad command_of_your exceedingly.

97 How I_love law_of_your all_of the_day it meditation_of_is_
_my. 98 More_than_of_my_enemies it_makes_me_wise
commands_of_your if/because forever_perpetuity it to_me.
99 From_all teachers_of_my I_have_insight if/because
testimonies_of_your are_a_meditation my. 100 More_than_old_
_people I_gain_understanding if/because precepts_of_your I_
_have_observed. 101 From_all path evil I_have_restrained feet_
_of_my so_that I_may_keep message_of_your. 102 From_
_judgements_of_your not I_have_turned_aside if/because you
you_have_taught_me. 103 How they_are_smooth to_palate_of_
_my message_of_your more_than_honey to_mouth_of_my.
104 From_precepts_of_your I_gain_understanding therefore
yes/correct/thus/so I_hate every_of path_of falsehood.

105 Is_a_lamp for_foot_of_my message_of_your and_a_light for_
_pathway_of_my. 106 I_have_sworn_an_oath and_I_have_
_confirmed to_guard/protect the_judgements_of your_
_righteousness_of_your. 107 I_have_been_afflicted up_to
muchness Oh_**YHWH** preserve_me_alive according_to_of_your_
_message. 108 The_freewill_offerings_of my_mouth_of_my
accept please Oh_**YHWH** and_judgements_of_your teach_me.
109 Life_of_my is_in_palm_of_my continually and_law_of_your
not I_forget. 110 Wicked_people they_have_set a_snare to_me
and_from_precepts_of_your not I_have_gone_astray. 111 I_have_
_inherited testimonies_of_your forever_perpetuity if/because
are_the_joy_of my_heart_of_my they. 112 I_have_turned heart_
_of_my for_doing decrees_of_your forever_perpetuity end.

113 Half-hearted_people I_hate and_law_of_your I_love.
114 Hiding_place_of_are_my and_shield_of_my you for_
_message_of_your I_wait. 115 Turn_aside from_me Oh_
_evil-doers so_that_I_may_observe the_commands_of my_god_
_of_my. 116 Sustain_me according_to_of_your_message so_that_
_I_may_live and_do_not put_me_to_shame from_hope_of_my.
117 Support_me so_that_I_may_be_saved and_so_that_I_may_
_have_regard for_decrees_of_your continually. 118 You_reject
all_of those_who_go_astray from_decrees_of_your if/because

Literal Version

is_falsehood deceitfulness_of_their. **119** Dross(es) you_cause_to_
_cease all_of the_wicked_people_of the_earth for_
_so/thus/hence I_love testimonies_of_your. **120** It_bristles_up
from_dread_of_of_you flesh_of_my and_from_judgements_of_
_your I_am_afraid.

121 I_have_done justice and_righteousness not you_will_
_abandon_me to_those_of_who_oppress_me. **122** Stand_surety_
_for servant_of_your for_good not may_they_oppress_me
arrogant_people. **123** Eyes_of_my they_are_exhausted for_
_deliverance_of_your and_for_the_message_of your_
_righteousness_of_your. **124** Do with servant_of_your
according_to_of_your_covenant_loyalty and_decrees_of_your
teach_me. **125** Servant_of_am_your I give_me_understanding
so_that_I_may_know testimonies_of_your. **126** A_time for_doing
to/for_**YHWH** people_have_broken law_of_your. **127** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so I_love commands_of_your more_than_
_gold and_more_than_pure_gold. **128** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so all_of the_precepts_of everything I_
_approve every_of path_of falsehood I_hate.

129 Are_wonders testimonies_of_your therefore
yes/correct/thus/so it_observes_them self_of_my. **130** The_
_opening_of your(pl)_words/messages_of_your it_gives_light
it_is_giving_understanding_to simple_people. **131** Mouth_of_my
I_opened_wide and_I_panted if/because for_commands_of_
_your I_longed. **132** Turn to_me and_show_favour_to_me
according_to_custom to_those_who_love_of name_of_(of)_your.
133 Footsteps_of_my direct by_message_of_your and_not let_it_
_gain_power over_me any_of wickedness. **134** Redeem_me
from_oppression_of humankind so_that_I_may_keep precepts_
_of_your. **135** Face_of_your make_shine on_servant_of_your
and_teach_me ~~DOM~~ decrees_of_your. **136** Streams_of water eyes_
_of_my they_have_gone_down because not people_keep law_of_
_your.

137 Are_righteous you Oh_**YHWH** and_are_upright judgements_
_of_your. **138** You_commanded righteousness_of testimonies_
_of_your and_faithfulness much. **139** It_has_destroyed_me zeal_
_of_my if/because foes_of_my they_have_forgotten
words/messages_of_your. **140** word_of_your is_refined

Readers' Version

116 Sustain me like you promised you would, so that I may live
and don't make me ashamed of my expectation.
117 Support me, and I'll be saved,
and then I'll continually be paying attention to your regulations.
118 You reject all those who stray from your statutes,
because their deceit is a form of lying.
119 You remove all the wicked from the earth like slag is skimmed off—
that's why I love what you've revealed.
120 My body trembles in fear of you,
and I'm afraid of your judgements.

ע (Ayin)

Obeying Yahweh's instructions

121 I've done what's fair and right.
Don't abandon me to my oppressors.
122 Guarantee your servant's well-being—
don't let the proud oppress me.
123 My eyes are exhausted waiting for you to rescue me
and for your promise to free me of guilt.
124 Deal with your servant according to your loyal commitment,
and teach me your regulations.
125 I'm your servant—give me understanding
so that I can understand what you've revealed.
126 It's time for Yahweh to take action—
they disobey your instructions.
127 That's why I love your commands more than gold—
more than fine gold.
128 That's why I consider all your principles to be right in everything.
I hate every path that leads to lies.

פ (Pe)

Wanting to obey Yahweh's instructions

129 What you've revealed is wonderful,
therefore I obey it.
130 The unfolding of your messages gives light—
it gives insight to the untrained.
131 I open my mouth wide and pant
because I long for your commands.
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me as usual—
to those who love your name.
133 Guide me as you promised
and don't let wickedness gain power over me.
134 Pay the ransom to free me from oppression by others
so that I may keep your principles.
135 Look favourably on your servant,
and teach me your regulations.
136 Tears stream down from my eyes
because others don't follow your instructions.

צ (Tsade)

Yahweh demands obedience

137 You always do what is right, Yahweh,
and your regulations are fair.
138 What you've revealed demands obedience

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and much faithfulness.
139 My zeal has consumed me
because my enemies forget your messages.
140 What you said is totally pure
and your servant loves it.
141 I'm unimportant, and despised.
I don't forget your principles.
142 You do right and it's right forever,
and your instructions are true.
143 Distress and anguish have found me.
Your commands are my only delight.
144 What you've revealed is right forever.
Give me understanding so that I may live.

ק (Qof)

Calling to be rescued

145 I cried out with my whole being, "Answer me, Yahweh,
I will keep your regulations."
146 I call out to you—save me,
so that I can keep what you've revealed to us.
147 I rise before the dawn and cry out for help.
I put my hope in your words.
148 I stay awake through the night hours
in order to meditate on what you've said.
149 Apply your loyal commitment to listening to my voice.
Yahweh, preserve my life according to your justice.
150 Those pursuing wickedness are coming near.
They wander far from your instructions.
151 You are near, Yahweh,
and all your commands are reliable.
152 Long ago I learned from the things that you revealed
that you had established them forever.

ר (Resh)

Calling to be rescued

153 Take note of my suffering and rescue me
because I don't forget your instructions.
154 Plead my cause and buy me back.
Give me life as you promised.
155 The wicked have no chance of getting rescued,
because they have no interest in your regulations.
156 Your mercies are many, Yahweh.
Preserve me by means of your judgements.
157 My pursuers and my adversaries are many
but I haven't turned from what you've revealed.
158 I see the treacherous and despise them
because they don't take notice of what you've said.
159 See how I love your principles.
Yahweh, preserve me according to your loyal commitment.
160 The essence of your message is truth,
and all your righteous judgements last forever.

Literal Version

exceedingly and_servant_of_your he_loves_it. **141** Am_
_insignificant I and_am_despised precepts_of_your not I_have_
_forgotten. **142** righteousness_of_your is_righteousness
forever_perpetuity and_law_of_your is_truth. **143** Anxiety and_
_distress they_have_found_me commands_of_your delight(s)_
_of_are_my. **144** Are_righteousness_of testimonies_of_your
forever_perpetuity give_me_understanding so_that_I_may_live.

145 I_call_out with_all_of the_heart answer_me Oh_**YHWH**
decrees_of_your I_will_observe. **146** I_call_out_to_you save_me
and_I_will_keep testimonies_of_your. **147** I_am_early in_twilight
and_I_cried_for_help mmm[1270] I_wait. **148** Eyes_of_my they_
_anticipate the_night-watches to_meditate on_message_of_
_your. **149** My_sound/voice hear according_to_of_your_
_covenant_loyalty Oh_**YHWH** according_to_of_your_
_judgements preserve_me_alive. **150** Those_who_pursue_of
(of)_wickedness they_draw_near from_law_of_your they_are_
_distant. **151** Are_near you Oh_**YHWH** and_all commands_of_
_your are_truth. **152** Antiquity I_have_known from_
_testimonies_of_your if/because_that forever_perpetuity you_
_have_established_them.

153 See affliction_of_my and_rescue_me if/because law_of_your
not I_have_forgotten. **154** Conduct case_of_my and_redeem_me
to_message_of_your preserve_me_alive. **155** Is_far from_wicked_
_people salvation if/because decrees_of_your not they_have_
_sought. **156** Compassion(s)_of_your are_great Oh_**YHWH**
according_to_of_your_judgements preserve_me_alive. **157** Are_
_many those_of_who_harass_me and_foes_of_my from_
_testimonies_of_your not I_have_turned_aside. **158** I_see those_
_who_act_treacherously and_I_felt_loathing that message_of_
_your not they_have_kept. **159** See if/because_that precepts_of_
_your I_love Oh_**YHWH** according_to_of_your_covenant_loyalty
preserve_me_alive. **160** The_head_of your_message_of_your is_
_truth and_is_forever every_of (the)_judgement_of your_
_righteousness_of_your.

1270 LV 119:147 · Note OSHB variant note: ירבד/ל/ד: (x-qere) רָבְדֽוּ/לִ֑י; lemma_l/1697 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_194RR רָבְדֽוּ/לִ֑י,

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161 Officials they_have_harassed_me without_cause and[1271] heart_of_my it_is_in_dread. **162** I am_rejoicing on message_of_ _your like_one_who_brings_out plunder much. **163** Falsehood I_ _hate and_I_abhor law_of_your I_love. **164** Seven_times in_the_ _day I_praise_you on the_judgements_of your_righteousness_ _of_your. **165** Peace great belongs_to_those_who_love_of law_ _of_(of)_your and_there_was_not for_them a_stumbling_block. **166** I_hope for_salvation_of_your Oh_**YHWH** and_commands_ _of_your I_do. **167** Self_of_my it_keeps testimonies_of_your and_ _I_have_loved_them exceedingly. **168** I_keep precepts_of_your and_testimonies_of_your if/because all_of ways_of_my are_ _before_you.

169 Of_entreaty_of_my_cry may_it_draw_near to_your_face Oh_ _**YHWH** according_to_of_your_message give_me_ _understanding. **170** Supplication_of_my may_it_come to_your_ _face according_to_of_your_message deliver_me. **171** Lips_of_ _my may_they_pour_forth praise if/because you_teach_me decrees_of_your. **172** Tongue_of_my may_it_sing message_of_ _your if/because all_of commands_of_your are_righteousness. **173** May_it_be hand_of_your to_help_me if/because precepts_ _of_your I_have_chosen. **174** I_long for_salvation_of_your Oh_ _**YHWH** and_law_of_your delight(s)_of_is_my. **175** Self_of_my may_it_live so_that_it_may_praise_you and_judgements_of_ _your may_they_help_me. **176** I_have_gone_astray like_a_sheep lost seek servant_of_your if/because commands_of_your not I_ _have_forgotten.

120:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1272] to **YHWH** in_distress to/for_ _me I_called_out and_he_answered_me. **2** Oh_**YHWH** deliver self_of_my from_a_lip_of falsehood from_a_tongue_of deceit. **3** What will_he_give to/for_yourself(m) and_what will_he_add to/for_you(fs) Oh_tongue deceit. **4** Arrows_of a_warrior sharpened with burning_coals_of broom_plants. **5** Woe to_me if/because I_have_sojourned Meshek I_have_dwelt with the_ _tents_of Qēdār. **6** Much_of it_has_dwelt (for)_itself self_of_my with one_who_hates_of peace. **7** I am_peace and_because/when I_speak they are_for_war.

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Obeying Yahweh's instructions

ש (Sin/Shin)
161 Officials pursue me without cause,
but my heart trembles with what you've said.
162 I'm happy because of what you've promised,
like someone who discovers a large jackpot.
163 I hate deceit, in fact I loathe it—
^it's your instructions that I love.
164 I praise you seven times a day
on account of your righteous judgements.
165 Those who love your instructions find extensive peace—
nothing causes them to stumble.
166 I put my hope in you, Yahweh, to rescue me,
and I do what you commanded.
167 I sincerely follow all the things that you've revealed,
and I love them a lot.
168 I keep your principles and everything you've revealed,
because you see everything I do.

A prayer for help

ת (Tav)
169 Let my cry for help approach you, Yahweh.
Speak to me to give me understanding.
170 May my request reach your ears.
Rescue me as you promised you would.
171 May my lips pour out praise,
because you teach me your regulations.
172 Let my tongue sing about your promise,
because all your commands are right and fair.
173 Let your hand be ready to help me,
because I've chosen to follow your principles.
174 I long for when you'll rescue me, Yahweh,
and I enjoy your instructions.
175 May I live and praise you,
and may your regulations help me.
176 I've wandered off like a lost sheep.
Come and find your servant because I haven't forgotten your commands.

Asking Yahweh for peace

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
120:1 I called out to Yahweh when I was in distress,
and he answered me.
2 Rescue my life, Yahweh, from lying lips—
from a tongue of deceit.
3 You deceitful tongue of the enemy,
what punishment will Yahweh give to you,
and then what will he add on top of that?
4 Sharpened arrows like a warrior uses,
along with burning coals of broom branches.
5 It was my loss that I stayed at Meshek,
I lived among the tents at Kedar.
6 I've lived my life for a long time

1271 **LV 119:161 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/ירבד/מ/ו: (x-qere) וּ/מִ/רָבְדוּ: lemma_c/m/1697 n_0.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_19ezr וּ/מִ/רָבְדוּ

1272 **LV 120:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.120.1

Readers' Version

with haters of peace.
7 I'm for peace,
but when I speak, they're for war.

Yahweh our protector

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
121:1 I look up towards the hills.
Where will my help come from?
2 My help comes from Yahweh
who made heaven and earth.
3 May he not allow your feet to slip.
May your protector stay alert.
4 Listen, Yisrael's (Israel's) protector doesn't doze or sleep.
5 Yahweh is your bodyguard.
Yahweh is beside you to shelter you.
6 Now the sun won't harm you during the day,
or the moon at night-time.
7 Yahweh will protect you from all harm.
He will protect your life.
8 Yahweh will protect your comings and your goings
both now and then forever.

Wanting peace for Yerushalem

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
122:1 I was happy when they said to me,
"Let's go to Yahweh's house."
2 Yerushalem (Jerusalem), our feet are standing inside your gates—
3 Yerushalem, the city that was built with its protective walls
4 which is where Yahweh's tribes went up to
following what was revealed to Yisrael (Israel) to give thanks to Yahweh,
5 because judgement thrones remained there—
thrones of David's descendants.
6 Pray for Yerushalem to have peace and prosperity.
May those who love Yerushalem live at ease.
7 May there be peace within your walls—
peace within your fortresses.
8 For the sake of my friends and relatives
I'll say, "May there be peace within you."
9 For the sake of the house of our god Yahweh
I'll strive for the good of Yerushalem.

Praying to see mercy

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
123:1 I look up towards you—
you who rule from your throne in the heavens.
2 Just as servants look to their master for his favour,
and the maids look to their mistress,
so we look to our god Yahweh until he has mercy on us.
3 Have mercy on us, Yahweh, have mercy on us,
because we've been very humiliated by our enemies—

Literal Version

121:1 A_song of_ascents[1273] I_lift_up eyes_of_my to the_
_mountains from_where help_of_my will_it_come. **2** Help_of_
_my is_from_with **YHWH** who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth.
3 Not may_he_permit to_slip foot_of_your not protector_of_
_your may_he_slumber. **4** THERE not he_will_slumber and_not
the_protector_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_sleep. **5** **YHWH** is_
_your_of_protector **YHWH** shade_of_is_your at the_hand_of
your_right_side_of_your. **6** By_day the_sun not it_will_strike_
_you and_the_moon in_night. **7** **YHWH** he_will_protect_you
from_all harm he_will_protect ~~DOM~~ life_of_your. **8** **YHWH** he_
_will_protect your_going_out and_coming_your from_now and_
_unto perpetuity.

122:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1274] I_rejoiced in_those_
_who_said to_me the_house_of **YHWH** let_us_go. **2** Standing
feet_of_our they_were in_gates_of_your Oh_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which
_is_built like_a_city which_it_was_joined_together to_itself
together. **4** Where_there tribes the_tribes_of Yah they_went_up
a_transcript to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_give_thanks to_the_name_of
YHWH. **5** If/because there_(to) thrones for_judgement thrones
of_the_house_of of_Dāvid they_sat. **6** Ask_for the_peace_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) those_of_who_love_you may_they_
_be_at_ease. **7** May_it_be peace in_rampart_of_your security in_
_fortresses_of_your. **8** For_the_sake_of brothers_of_my and_
_friends_of_my I_will_speak please peace on/over_you(fs).
9 For_the_sake_of the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_our I_will_seek
good to/for_you(fs).

123:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1275] to_you I_have_lifted_up ~~DOM~~
eyes_of_my who_sit_of in_heavens. **2** HERE like_the_eyes_of
slaves which_are_to the_hand_of their_master(s)_of_their like_
_the_eyes_of a_female_slave which_are_to the_hand_of her_
_mistress_of_her so eyes_of_our are_to **YHWH** god_of_our until
that_he_will_show_favour_to_us. **3** Show_favour_to_us Oh_
_**YHWH** show_favour_to_us if/because much we_have_been_
_surfeited contempt. **4** Much_of it_has_been_surfeited (for)_
_itself self_of_our the_mockery of_(the)_self-confident_people

1273 **LV 121:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.121.1
1274 **LV 122:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.122.1
1275 **LV 123:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.123.1

Literal Version

the_contempt of_arrogant_people.[1276]

124:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1277] if_not it_were_ _**YHWH** who_he_was to/for_us let_it_say please Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** If_not it_were_**YHWH** who_he_was to/for_us when_rose_up on_us anyone. **3** Then alive they_had_ _swallowed_us_up when_ anger_of_their _burnt on_us. **4** Then the_waters they_had_overflowed_us torrent_(to)_a[1278] it_had_ _passed over self_of_our. **5** Then it_had_passed over self_of_our the_waters (the)_raging. **6** **YHWH** who_not he_has_given_us prey to_teeth_of_their be_blessed. **7** Self_of_our like_a_bird it_ _has_escaped from_a_snare_of fowlers the_snare is_broken and_we we_have_escaped. **8** Help_of_our in/on_name_of **YHWH** who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth.

125:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1279] those_who_trust in_**YHWH** are_like_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) which_not it_will_be_ _shaken forever_perpetuity it_will_remain.
2 Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) mountains are_around to/for_ _her/it and_**YHWH** is_around (to)_people_of_his from_now and_unto perpetuity. **3** If/because not the_scepter_of (the)_ _wickedness it_will_rest over the_allotted_portion_of the_ _righteous_people so_that not the_righteous_people they_may_ _stretch_out in_injustice_injustice hands_of_their. **4** Do_good Oh_**YHWH** to_people and_to_people_upright in_hearts_of_ _their. **5** And_those_who_turn_aside their_twisting_of_ways he_ _will_lead_them_away **YHWH** with those_who_do_of (of)_the_ _wickedness peace be_on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

126:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1280] when_ **YHWH** _restored ~~DOM~~ the_restoration_of Tsiyyōn we_were like_those_who_dream.
2 Then it_was_filled laughter mouth_of_our and_tongue_of_our a_shout_of_joy then people_said among_nations **YHWH** he_ _has_made_great for_doing with these_people. **3** **YHWH** he_ _has_made_great for_doing with_us we_were joyful. **4** Turn_ _back Oh_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ mmm[1281] like_stream-beds in_Negev. **5** Those_who_sow with_tear[s] with_a_shout_of_joy they_will_ _reap. **6** Going he_will_go and_weeping carrying (the)_bag_of

Readers' Version

4 in fact we've had way more than enough scoffing from the arrogant
and contempt from the proud.

Thanking for Yahweh's protection

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
124:1 Let Yisrael (Israel) now say,
"If Yahweh hadn't been on our side,
2 yes, when we were attacked
if Yahweh hadn't been on our side,
3 they would have swallowed us up alive
when their anger raged against us.
4 Then the water would have swept us away—
the torrent would have gone right over us.
5 Yes, then the raging waters would have gone over us.
6 We praise Yahweh
who didn't allow our enemies to tear us apart with their teeth.
7 We've escaped like a bird out of a bird-catcher's trap—
the trap's been broken and we've escaped.
8 We rely on Yahweh for our help—
the one who made heaven and earth.

Against wicked rulers

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
125:1 Those who trust in Yahweh
are like Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) which can't be shaken—enduring forever.
2 Just like the mountains surround Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
so too Yahweh surrounds his people, both now and forever.
3 Wicked rulers must not settle on the land allotted to the righteous,
otherwise those righteous people might end up doing something that they shouldn't do.
4 Do good, Yahweh, to those who are good
and to those who strive to do what is right.
5 But as for those who choose to turn to crooked paths,
Yahweh will banish them along with those who do evil.
May peace be on Yisrael (Israel).

The cheerful harvest

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
126:1 When Yahweh restored Tsiyon's (Zion's) fortunes,
we were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter
and our tongues with singing.
Then they said among the nations,
"Yahweh has done great things for them."
3 Yahweh did great things for us.

1276 **LV 123:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

1277 **LV 124:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.124.1

1278 **LV 124:4 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

1279 **LV 125:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.125.1

1280 **LV 126:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.126.1

1281 **LV 126:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונ/תובש: (x-qere) 'ונְ/תִיבְשׁ': lemma_7622 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cp id_19HUR ונְ/תִיבְשׁ

Readers' Version

How glad we were.
4 Restore our fortunes, Yahweh,
like the streams do in the Negev desert.
5 Those who sow in tears will harvest with cheerful shouts.
6 The man who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
will return again with happy shouts—bringing his bundles of grain with him.

A song by Shelomoh while walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Children are a blessing

127:1 If it's not Yahweh who builds the house, those who build it are just wasting their time.
If it's not Yahweh who guards the city, the watchman stands guard uselessly.
2 It's pointless getting up early, then coming home late,
or working so hard to get your food,
because Yahweh provides for those he loves even while they're asleep.
3 Yes, children are a heritage from Yahweh,
and the product of the womb is a reward.
4 The children of a young man
are like arrows in a warrior's hand.
5 The man who has his quiver full of them is blessed.
He won't be put to shame when he confronts his enemies at the community gate.

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Prosperity for those who honour Yahweh

128:1 Blessed is everyone who honours Yahweh—
who strives to follow what he showed us.
2 When you eat the product of your own hard work,
you will be blessed and prosper.
3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in your house.
Your children will be like olive trees as they sit around your table.
4 Yes, indeed, the man who honours Yahweh will be blessed.
5 May Yahweh bless you from Tsiyon (Zion)—
may you see Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) prosperity throughout your whole life.
6 May you live to see your children's children.
May peace be on Yisrael (Israel).

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Praying against haters of Tsiyon

129:1 Let Yisrael (Israel) say:
"My enemies have attacked me often since my youth.
2 Yes, often since my youth they've attacked me,
yet they haven't defeated me.
3 Their ploughmen ploughed on my back—
they made their furrows long.

Literal Version

(the)_seed certainly_(come) he_will_come[1282] with_a_shout_of_ _joy carrying sheaves_of_his.

127:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon)[1283] if **YHWH** not he_will_build a_house vanity builders_of_its they_ _have_toiled in/on/over_him/it if **YHWH** not he_will_watch_ _over a_city vanity the_watchman he_has_kept_awake. **2** Vanity to/for_you(pl) who_rise_early_of (of)_to_rise who_delay_of (of)_to_sit who_eat_of (of)_the_bread_of (the)_hard_labours thus he_gives to_his_beloved_of_one sleep. **3** HERE the_ _inheritance_of **YHWH** is_sons is_a_reward the_fruit_of the_ _womb. **4** Like_arrows in_the_hand_of a_warrior so are_the_ _sons_of (the)_youth(s). **5** How_blessed is_the_man who he_ _has_filled ~~DOM~~ quiver_of_his from_them not they_will_be_ _ashamed if/because they_will_speak with enemies in_gate.

128:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1284] how_blessed is_every_of one_ _fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** who_walks in_ways_of_his. **2** The_toil_ _of your_two's_hands_of_your if/because you_will_eat how_of_ _blessed_are_you and_good to/for_you(fs). **3** Wife_of_your will_ _be_like_a_vine fruitful in_the_innermost_parts_of your_house_ _of_your children_of_your will_be_like_shoots_of olive_trees around (to)_table_of_your. **4** HERE if/because thus a_man fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** he_will_be_blessed. **5** May_he_bless_you **YHWH** from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_look on_the_good_thing[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_of the_days_of your(ms)_life. **6** And_see children of_children_of_your peace be_on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

129:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1286] much_of people_have_ _harassed_me since_youth(s)_of_my let_it_say please Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** Much_of people_have_harassed_me since_ _youth(s)_of_my also not they_have_prevailed to_me. **3** On back_of_my plowmen they_have_plowed they_have_made_long their[1287]. **4** **YHWH** is_righteous he_has_cut_off the_rope_of wicked_people. **5** May_they_be_ashamed and_may_they_be_ _turned_back backward all_of those_who_hate_of (of)_Tsiyyōn.

1282 **LV 126:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1283 **LV 127:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.127.1
1284 **LV 128:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.128.1
1286 **LV 129:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.129.1
1287 **LV 129:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: תונעמ/ל: (x-qere) יתֻנַּעֲמְ/לִ': lemma_l/4618 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfsc/Sp3mp id_19suA יתֻנַּעֲמְ/ל

Literal Version

6 May_they_be like_the_grass_of roofs which_before_of it_has_
_shot_up it_has_withered. 7 Which_not a_reaper he_has_filled
palm_of_his and_bosom_of_his one_who_binds_sheaves. 8 And_
_not they_say those_who_pass_by the_blessing_of **YHWH** be_
_to_you(pl) we_bless you(pl) in/on_name_of **YHWH**.

130:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1289] from_the_depths I_call_out_
_to_you Oh_**YHWH**. 2 My_master listen to_voice_of_my may_
_they_be ears_of_your attentive to_sound/voice my_
_supplications_of_my. 3 If iniquities you_will_keep Oh_Yah my_
_master who will_he_stand. 4 If/because is_with_you (the)_
_forgiveness so_that you_may_be_feared. 5 I_wait_for **YHWH**
self_of_my it_waits and_for_message_of_his I_wait. 6 Self_of_my
for_the_of_master more_than_watchmen for_morning
watchmen for_morning. 7 Wait Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH**
if/because is_with **YHWH** (the)_covenant_loyalty and_great
with_him/it redemption. 8 And_he he_will_redeem ĐǾM
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_all iniquities_of_its.

131:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1290] Oh_**YHWH** not
heart_of_my it_has_been_haughty and_not eyes_of_my they_
_have_been_uplifted and_not I_have_walked in_things_too_
_great and_in_things_too_difficult for_me. 2 If not I_have_
_made_still and_I_have_made_quiet self_of_my like_a_weaned_
_child on his/its_mother is_like_(the)_child on_me soul_of_my.
3 Wait Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH** from_now and_unto
perpetuity.

132:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1294] remember Oh_**YHWH** to_
_Dāvid ĐǾM all_of his_being_afflicted. 2 Who he_swore_an_oath
to/for_**YHWH** he_vowed to_the_mighty_one_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob). 3 If I_will_go in_the_tent_of my_house_of_my
if I_will_go_up on the_couch_of my_beds_of_my. 4 If I_will_give
sleep_of to_eyes_of_my to_eyelids_of_my slumber. 5 Until I_
_will_find a_place to/for_**YHWH** dwelling_place(s) for_the_

Readers' Version

4 Yahweh is righteous.
He's cut the ropes of the wicked."[1285]
5 May all those who hate Tsiyon (Zion)
be humiliated and turned back.
6 May they be like the grass that sprouts up on a roof
then dries up and dies before it can grow tall,
7 so it's no use to the harvester
or to the person tying up the bundles of grain.
8 May no one who's passing by say to those haters of Tsiyon,
"May Yahweh's blessing be on you all,"
or, "We bless you all in Yahweh's name."

Yahweh can redeem us

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.
130:1 I call out to you, Yahweh—
out from the depths.
2 My master, listen to what I'm saying.
Pay attention to my pleas for mercy.
3 Yahweh, if you kept a record of our disobedience,
master, who could stand before you?
4 But you do have a willingness to forgive
so that you might be respected.
5 I wait for Yahweh to rescue me—
I put my trust in what he's said.
6 I wait for my master to help me—
more eagerly than the night guard looks forward to the morning.
7 Yisrael (Israel), put your hope in Yahweh.
Yahweh is merciful and very willing to get us out of our situation.
8 He's the one who'll pay the price for all Yisrael's sins
so we can be free.[1288]

Explaining inner peace

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
131:1 Yahweh, I'm not boastful or full of pride,
nor do I pretend to understand amazing things that are beyond me.
2 Instead, I've worked to maintain inner peace and quietness,
like a child who's been weaned, yet still trusts fully in its mother.
3 Yisrael (Israel), put your hope in Yahweh
from now on and forever.

Yahweh's resting place in Tsiyon

A song to be sung while walking uphill to Yerushalem.
132:1 Yahweh, for David's sake, remember all the hardships he endured.
2 Remember how he made a promise to you, Yahweh—
how he made a vow to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) mighty warrior:

1285 RV 129:4 · Note Probably meaning 'the ropes used to enslave us', but not certain.

1288 RV 130:8 · Cross-ref. Mat 1:21; Tit 2:14.

1289 LV 130:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.130.1

1290 LV 131:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.131.1

1294 LV 132:1 · Note Note: KJB: Ps.132.1

Readers' Version

3 "I won't enter my home,
or lie down in my bed.
4 I won't let my eyes close
or let myself doze away
5 until I've found a place for Yahweh—
a residence for the powerful one that Ya'akov worshipped.
6 Listen, we heard that the sacred box was in Efratah.
We found it in Ya'ar's fields.
7 We'll go into the place where he lives.
We'll bow low in front of him where he sits.
8 Yahweh, come to the place where you can remain—
you and the sacred chest that represents your power.
9 May your priests wrap themselves in integrity.
May your faithful followers shout happily.
10 For your servant David's sake,
don't just ignore the one that you've chosen.[1291]
11 Yahweh, you promised David and you won't break that promise.
You said, "I'll put your descendants on your throne.[1292]
12 If your sons keep my agreement and the instructions that I'll teach them,
then their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."
13 Yes, Yahweh has chosen Tsiyon (Zion)—
that's where he wants to reside.
14 He said, "This is my resting place forever.
I'll live here, because I like this place.
15 I'll bless Tsiyon with generous provisions.
Her poor people will have enough food to be satisfied.
16 I'll have her priests lead the people to be saved.
The faithful people will shout aloud in their happiness.
17 I'll cause one of David's descendants to become a great king there,
and shine the light on the one I've chosen.[1293]
18 I'll cause his enemies to be shamed,
and it's his crown that will shine.

A song by David while walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Living peacefully together

133:1 Listen, it's really good and pleasant
when the nation's people get on well together.
2 It's like having expensive oil on the head,
running down the beard—Aharon's (Aaron's) beard,
and which then runs down onto the collar of his robes.
3 It's like the dew on Mt. Hermon
which falls on the mountains of Tsiyon (Zion),
because Yahweh commanded the blessing there—eternal life.

Literal Version

_mighty_one_of Ya'$_a$qov. 6 HERE we_heard_of_it in_'Efrātāh we_
_found_it in_the_fields_of Ya'ar/(Jaar). 7 Let_us_go to_his_
_dwelling_of_place(s) let_us_bow_down to_the_footstool_of his_
_feet_of_his. 8 Arise Oh_**YHWH** to_your_resting_of_place you
and_the_box_of your_strength_of_your. 9 Priests_of_your let_
_them_be_clothed righteousness and_your_faithful_of_people
let_them_shout_for_joy. 10 In_account_of Dāvid servant_of_
_your do_not turn_away the_face_of your_anointed_one.
11 **YHWH** he_swore_an_oath to_Dāvid faithfulness not he_will_
_turn_back from_her/it from_the_fruit your_belly_of_your I_
_will_set to_throne to/for_you(fs). 12 If sons_of_your they_will_
_keep covenant_of_my and_testimonies_of_my which I_will_
_teach_them also sons_of_their until perpetuity they_will_sit
to_throne to/for_you(fs). 13 If/because **YHWH** he_has_chosen
(in)_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_has_desired_it to_a_dwelling_place to_
_him/it. 14 This resting_place_of_is_my until perpetuity here I_
_will_dwell if/because I_have_desired_it. 15 Food-supply_of_its
abundantly_(bless) I_will_bless its_needy_of_people I_will_
_satisfy food. 16 And_priests_of_its I_will_clothe salvation and_
_its_faithful_of_people certainly_(shout) they_will_shout_for_
_joy. 17 There I_will_make_grow a_horn for_Dāvid I_have_set_
_in_order a_lamp for_my_of_anointed. 18 Enemies_of_his I_will_
_clothe shame and_on_him crown_of_his it_will_shine.

133:1 The_song_of the_ascents of_Dāvid[1295] THERE how good
and_how pleasant brothers is_the_dwelling also together.
2 Like_oil (the)_good on the_head which_runs_down on the_
_beard the_beard_of 'Ah$_a$ron which_is_running_down on the_
_opening_of his_robes_of_his. 3 Like_the_dew_of Ḥermōn
which_is_running_down on the_mountains_of Tsiyyōn
if/because there **YHWH** he_has_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_blessing
life until (the)_perpetuity.

1291 **RV 132:8-10 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 6:41-42.
1292 **RV 132:11 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-16; 1Ch 17:11-14; Psa 89:3-4; Acts 2:30.
1293 **RV 132:17 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 11:36.
1295 **LV 133:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.133.1

Literal Version

134:1 The_song_of the_ascents[1296] HERE bless ĐOM **YHWH** Oh_ _all_of the_servants_of **YHWH** who_stand in_house_of **YHWH** in_nights. **2** Lift_up hands_of_your(pl) the_sanctuary and_bless ĐOM **YHWH**. **3** May_he_bless_you **YHWH** from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) who_made_of (of)_heaven and_earth.

135:1 Praise Yah praise ĐOM the_name_of **YHWH** praise Oh_ _servants_of **YHWH**. **2** Who_are_standing in_house_of **YHWH** in_the_courts_of the_house_of our_god_of_our. **3** Praise Yah if/because is_good **YHWH** sing_praises to_name_of_his if/because it_is_pleasant. **4** If/because Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) he_has_ _chosen to_him/it Yah Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_possession_of_his. **5** If/because I I_know if/because_that is_great **YHWH** and_ _master(s)_of_our from_all gods. **6** All that **YHWH** he_desires he_does in_heavens and_on_earth in_the_seas and_all the_ _deeps. **7** He_is_bringing_up clouds from_the_end_of the_ _earth/land lightning_flashes for_rain he_makes he_is_ _bringing_out wind from_storehouses_of_his. **8** Who_he_ _struck_down the_firstborn(s)_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_ _humankind unto animal[s]. **9** He_sent signs and_wonders in_ _the_midst_of_of_you Oh_Mitsrayim on_Par'oh and_on/over_all servants_of_his. **10** Who_he_defeated nations many and_he_ _killed kings mighty. **11** To_Sihon the_king_of the_'Amorī and_ _to_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_to/for_all the_kingdoms_ _of Kəna'an/(Canaan). **12** And_he/it_gave land_of_their an_ _inheritance an_inheritance to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_his. **13** Oh_**YHWH** name_of_your is_forever Oh_**YHWH** memorial_ _of_your is_to_a_generation and_a_generation. **14** If/because **YHWH** he_vindicates people_of_his and_on servants_of_his he_ _has_compassion. **15** The_idols_of the_nations are_silver and_ _gold the_work_of the_hands_of humankind. **16** A_mouth to/for_them and_not they_speak eyes to/for_them and_not they_see. **17** Ears to/for_them and_not they_give_ear also there_not there_is breath in_mouth_of_their. **18** Like_them those_of_who_make_them they_will_be every one_who is_ _trusting in_them. **19** Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) bless ĐOM **YHWH** Oh_house_of 'Ah$_a$ron bless ĐOM **YHWH**. **20** Oh_house_of the_Lēviyyiy bless ĐOM **YHWH** Oh_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** bless ĐOM **YHWH**. **21** Be_blessed **YHWH** from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) who_dwells Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) praise Yah.

Readers' Version

A song for walking uphill to Yerushalem.

Lift your hands and bless Yahweh

134:1 Listen, bless Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh—
you who stand in Yahweh's house at night.
2 Lift up your hands towards the sacred place and bless Yahweh.
3 May Yahweh, the creator of heaven and earth
bless you from Tsiyon (Zion).

A praise song

135:1 Praise Yahweh—praise his name.
Praise him, you servants of Yahweh,
2 who stand in the house of Yahweh—
in the courtyards around our god's house.
3 Praise Yahweh, because he is good.
Sing praises to his name because it's pleasant,
4 because Yahweh has chosen Ya'akov (Jacob) for himself—
Yisrael (Israel) as his very own.
5 You see, I myself know that Yahweh is great,
yes, our master is greater than all other gods.
6 Yahweh does whatever he wants to do
in heaven and on the earth,
in the seas, including all their deepest parts.
7 He makes the clouds rise up from the end of the earth.
He makes lightning accompany the rain,
and brings the wind out of his storehouse.
8 He struck Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) firstborn males—
both people and animals.[1297]
9 He did miracles and amazing things in your country, Mitsrayim,
against Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his servants.
10 He struck many nations
and killed powerful kings,
11 Sihon king of the Amorim,
and Og king of Bashan,
and all the Kena'ani (Canaanite) kings.
12 He gave their land as an inheritance—
an inheritance to his people Yisrael (Israel).
13 Your reputation lasts forever, Yahweh.
Your renown, Yahweh, endures throughout the generations
14 because Yahweh judges his people,
and he's compassionate towards his servants.
15 The nations' idols are silver and gold—
the work of people's hands.[1298]
16 Those idols have mouths, but they can't speak.
They have eyes, but they can't see.
17 They have ears, but they can't hear,
and there's no breath in their mouths.
18 Those who make them will end up like them,
as will all those who put their trust in them.
19 Descendants of Yisrael (Israel), bless Yahweh.

1296 **LV 134:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.134.1

1297 **RV 135:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 11.

1298 **RV 135:15-18 · Cross-ref.** Psa 115:4-8; Rev 9:20.

Readers' Version

Descendants of Aharon (Aaron), bless Yahweh.
20 Descendants of Levi, bless Yahweh.
All you who respect Yahweh, bless him.
21 Blessed be Yahweh in Tsiyon (Zion)—
he who lives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Praise Yahweh.

A song of thankfulness

136:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
because his loyal affection continues forever.[1299]
2 Give thanks to the god of gods,
because his loyal affection continues forever.
3 Give thanks to the master of masters,
because his loyal affection continues forever.
4 Thank him—the only one who does great miracles—
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
5 Thank him who used his wisdom to make the universe,[1300]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
6 Thank him who spread the earth out over the waters,[1301]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
7 Thank him who made the great lights,[1302]
because his loyal commitment continues forever:
8 the sun to rule over the day,
because his loyal commitment continues forever,
9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
10 Thank him who struck Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) firstborn males,[1303]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
11 He led Yisrael (Israel) out from among the Mitsrim (Egyptians),[1304]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
12 He led them with his powerful hand and outstretched arm,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
13 Thank him who divided the Red Sea in two,[1305]
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
14 Then he made Yisrael go through the middle of that sea,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
15 Then he threw Par'oh (Pharaoh) and his army down into the Red Sea,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
16 Thank him who led his people through the wilderness,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
17 Thank him who struck down great kings,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.

Literal Version

136:1 Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **2** Give_thanks to_the_god_of the_'Elohīm if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **3** Give_thanks to_the_master(s)_of the_masters if/because to_vanishing_point loyalty_of_his_covenant. **4** To_ _one_who_does_of (of)_wonders great for_him/it_being_alone if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **5** To_one_who_ _made_of the_heavens by_understanding if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **6** To_one_who_beat_out_of the_ _earth/land on the_waters if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **7** To_one_who_made_of (of)_the_lights great if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **8** ~~DOM~~ the_sun for_dominion in_the_day if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **9** ~~DOM~~ the_moon and_stars for_dominion(s) in_night if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **10** To_one_who_ _struck_down_of (of)_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) (in)_firstborn(s)_of_ _their if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **11** And_ _he_brought_out Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_among_of_them if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **12** By_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **13** To_one_who_cut_of the_sea_of reed[s] into_pieces if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **14** And_he_made_pass Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_ _middle_of_of_it if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **15** And_he_shook_off Par'oh and_army_of_his in_the_sea_of reed[s] if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **16** To_ _one_who_led_of people_of_his in_wilderness if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **17** To_one_who_struck_down_ _of (of)_kings great if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **18** And_he_killed kings mighty if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **19** To_Sihon the_king_of the_'Amorī if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **20** And_to_'Ōg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_ _covenant. **21** And_he/it_gave land_of_their to_an_inheritance if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **22** An_ _inheritance to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_his if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **23** Who_in_our_low_of_ _condition he_remembered to/for_us if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **24** And_he_tore_us_away from_foes_ _of_our if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **25** He_is_ _giving_of (of)_food to/from_all/each/any/every flesh if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **26** Give_thanks to_the_god_of the_heavens if/because is_forever loyalty_of_

1299 RV 136:1 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; Jer 33:11.
1300 RV 136:5 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:1.
1301 RV 136:6 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:2.
1302 RV 136:7-9 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:16.
1303 RV 136:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:29.
1304 RV 136:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:51.
1305 RV 136:13-15 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:21-29.

Literal Version

_his_covenant.

137:1 At the_rivers_of Bāvel there we_sat also we_wept when_ _remembered_we ᴅᴏᴍ Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **2** On poplars in_the_ _midst_of_of_it we_hung_up harps_of_our. **3** If/because there they_asked_us captors_of_our words/messages_of a_song and_ _mockers_of_our gladness sing to/for_us one_of_the_song[s]_of Tsiyyōn. **4** How will_we_sing ᴅᴏᴍ the_song_of **YHWH** on ground_of foreignness. **5** If I_will_forget_you Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) hand_of_my_right may_it_forget. **6** Tongue_of_my may_it_cleave to_palate_of_my if not I_will_ _remember_you if not I_will_lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) above the_chief_of my_joy_of_my. **7** Remember Oh_**YHWH** to_the_people_of 'Edōm ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who_were_saying lay_bare lay_ _bare to the_foundation in_it. **8** Oh_daughter_of Bāvel which_ _is_about_to_be_destroyed how_blessed is_the_one_who_he_ _will_repay to/for_you(fs) ᴅᴏᴍ dealing_of_your which_you_ _dealt to/for_us. **9** How_blessed is_the_one_who_he_will_seize and_he_will_smash ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_your to the_rock.

138:1 Of_Dāvid[1307] I_will_give_thanks_to_you with_all_of heart_ _of_my before the_gods I_will_sing_praises_to_you. **2** I_will_ _bow_down to the_temple_of your_holiness_of_your and_I_ _will_give_thanks_to ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_name on loyalty_of_your_ _covenant and_on faithfulness_of_your if/because you_have_ _made_great over all_of name_of_your message_of_your. **3** In/on_day when_I_called_out and_you_answered_me you_ _made_me_bold in_soul_of_my strength. **4** They_will_give_

Readers' Version

18 Thank him who killed powerful kings,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
19 Thank him who killed the Amori King Sihon,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
20 Thank him who killed King Og from Bashan,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
21 Thank him who gave them the land as their inheritance,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
22 Thank him who gave an inheritance to his servant Yisrael (Israel),
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
23 Thank him who remembered us when we felt so low,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
24 Then he rescued us from those who set themselves against us,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
25 Thank him who gives food to all living creatures,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.
26 Yes, give thanks to the god of the heavens,
because his loyal commitment continues forever.

Mourning Yerushalem's destruction

137:1 We sat beside the rivers in Bavel (Babylon)—
sat and wept when we thought about Tsiyon (Zion).
2 We hung our harps there on the willow trees
3 because our captors there had demanded that we sing songs,
and those who never stopped mocking us said,
"Sing us one of the songs from Tsiyon."
4 How could we sing a song about Yahweh
while we were captive in a foreign country?
5 If I forget about you, Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
may my right hand forget how to do anything.
6 Let my tongue stick to my palate if I don't keep remembering you—
if I don't prioritise Yerushalem over my favourite pastime.
7 Remember, Yahweh, the day Yerushalem fell,
how the Edomim said,
"Tear it down—tear it down to its foundations."
8 You daughter of Bavel (Babylon) who will be destroyed—
blessed be the one who repays you for what you did to us.[1306]
9 Blessed be the one who seizes your little ones
and smashes them against the rocks.

A prayer of thankfulness

A song by David.
138:1 I will thank you, Yahweh, with my whole being.
I'll sing praises to you in front of the idols.
2 I will bow down toward your sacred temple,
and I'll thank you for your loyal commitment and for your trustworthiness,

1306 **RV 137:8 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:6.

1307 **LV 138:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.138.1

Readers' Version

because you've made your reputation and your message more important than anything else.
3 When I called out for help, you answered me.
→You gave me strength and made me bold.
4 All the kings of the earth will thank you, Yahweh,
→because they will hear what you're saying.
5 Yes, they'll sing about Yahweh's ways,
because Yahweh's honour is outstanding,
6 because although Yahweh is up high, yet he can still see the lowly,
and he knows the proud from far off.
7 Even when I'm walking with danger all around me,
you will preserve my life.
You actively oppose the anger of my enemies,
and you save me with your intervention.
8 Yahweh will get revenge against them for me.
Your loyal affection continues forever.
You don't abandon the work that you started.

God's care and total knowledge

One of David's songs for the choir director.
139:1 Yahweh, you have examined me, and you know me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
You understand my thoughts from far away.
3 You've watched where I go and where I rest,
and you're familiar with everything I do.
4 Before the words even get to my tongue,
Yahweh, you already know everything that I'm going to say.
5 In front of me and behind me, you surround me
to use your power to protect me.
6 That knowledge is too amazing for me.
It's above me and beyond my reach.
7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Where could I run away to—away from your presence?
8 If I ascend up to the heavens, you're there.
If I make my bed in the grave, wow, you're even there.
9 If I flew up high with the dawning sun
or stayed down in a remote part of the ocean,
10 you'd still be there to lead me with your hand
and you would help me.
11 If I said, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light will become night around me,"
12 even the darkness wouldn't be dark to you,
and the night would shine like the day.
The darkness is like the light to you.
13 Yes, you created my internal parts—
you put me together inside my mother's womb.
14 I'll praise you because it's incredible how my body is made.

Literal Version

_thanks_to_you Oh_**YHWH** all_of the_kings_of the_earth if/because they_have_heard the_words/messages_of your_ _mouth_of_your. **5** And_they_will_sing in_the_ways_of **YHWH** if/because is_great the_glory_of **YHWH**. **6** If/because **YHWH** is_ _exalted and_the_lowly he_sees and_the_proud from_a_ _distance he_knows. **7** If I_will_walk in_the_midst_of trouble you_preserve_me_alive on the_anger my_enemies_of_my[1308] you_stretch_out hand_of_your and_it_saves_me hand_of_your_ _right. **8** **YHWH** he_will_avenge for_me Oh_**YHWH** loyalty_of_ _your_covenant is_forever the_works_of your_two's_hands_of_ _your do_not abandon.

139:1 To_choirmaster of_Dāvid a_song[1309] Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _examined_me and_you_have_known_me. **2** You you_know sitting_my and_standing_my you_understand (to)_thought[s]_ _of_my from_a_distance. **3** Travelling_my and_my_lying_down you_sift and_all ways_of_my you_know_intimately. **4** If/because there_is_not a_message on_tongue_of_my THERE Oh_**YHWH** you_know of_it_of_all. **5** Back_part and_front you_enclose_me and_you_have_put on_me palm_of_your. **6** Is_too_wonderful[1310] knowledge for_me it_is_set_on_high not I_am_able to/for_ _her/it. **7** Where will_I_go from_spirit_of_your and_where from_presence_of_your will_I_flee. **8** If I_will_ascend heavens are_there you and_I_will_spread_as_a_bed Shə'ōl there_you_ _are. **9** I_will_rise_up the_wings_of dawn I_dwell in_end/latter the_sea. **10** Also there hand_of_your it_will_lead_me and_it_ _will_grasp_me hand_of_your_right. **11** And_I_said surely darkness it_will_crush_me and_will_be_night the_light behind_ _me. **12** Also darkness not it_is_too_dark for_you and_night like_day it_shines as_darkness as_light. **13** If/because you you_ _created kidneys_of_my you_wove_me_together in_the_womb_ _of my_mother_of_my. **14** I_will_give_thanks_to_you on if/because awesome I_am_wonderful are_wonderful works_of_ _your and_self_of_my is_knowing exceedingly. **15** Not bone[s]_ _of_my it_was_hidden from_you who I_was_made in_place I_ _was_formed in_the_lower_parts_of the_earth. **16** Form_of_my_ _shapeless eyes_of_your they_saw on scroll_of_your of_them_ _of_all they_were_written days which_they_were_ordained and[1311] one was_among_them. **17** And_to_me how thoughts_of_ _your they_are_precious Oh_god how sum(s)_of_their they_are_ _vast. **18** I_will_count_them more_than_sand they_will_be_ _numerous I_awoke and_still_I am_with_you. **19** If you_will_kill Oh_god the_wicked and_Oh_men_of blood(s) depart from_me. **20** Those_who they_speak_of_you to_wickedness they_lift_up to_falsehood enemies_of_your. **21** Am_not those_of_who_hate_

1308 **LV 138:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
1309 **LV 139:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.139.1
1310 **LV 139:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היאלפ**: (x-qere) 'הֶאָיְלְפָ': lemma_6383 morph_HAafsa id_193jA הֶאָיְלְפָ
1311 **LV 139:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/לְ/וֹ': lemma_c/l morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_19xxE וֹ/לְ/וֹ

Literal Version

you Oh**YHWH** do_I_hate and_at_rebels_of_your do_I_feel_
_loathing. **22** Completeness_of hatred I_hate_them (into)_
_enemies they_have_become to_me. **23** Examine_me Oh_god
and_know heart_of_my test_me and_know thoughts_of_my_
_disquieting. **24** And_see if a_way_of an_idol is_in_me and_lead_
_me in_the_way_of antiquity.

140:1 To_choirmaster a_song of_Dāvid. **2** [1313] Rescue_me Oh_
_**YHWH** from_humankind evil from_man violence(s) you_will_
_preserve_me. **3** [1314] Who they_plan evil_things in_the_heart
every_of day they_stir_up_trouble wars. **4** [1315] They_sharpen
tongue_of_their like a_snake the_venom_of a_viper is_under
lips_of_their Ṣelāh. **5** [1316] Keep_me Oh_**YHWH** from_the_hands_
_of the_wicked from_man violence(s) you_will_preserve_me
who they_have_planned to_push_down footsteps_of_my. **6** [1317]
Proud_people they_have_hidden a_trap to_me and_ropes they_
_have_spread a_net to_the_side_of a_track snares they_have_set
to_me Ṣelāh. **7** [1318] I_say to/for_**YHWH** god_of_are_my you
give_ear_to Oh_**YHWH** the_sound_of my_supplications_of_my.
8 [1319] Oh_**YHWH** my_master the_strength_of my_salvation_of_
_my you_cover (to)_head_of_my in/on_day weaponry. **9** [1320] Do_
not grant Oh**YHWH** the_desires_of the_wicked plan_of_his
do_not cause_to_accomplish they_will_arise Ṣelāh. **10** [1321] The_
_head_of my_surroundings_of_my the_mischief_of their_lips_of

Readers' Version

Everything you do is wonderful.
My inner being knows that very well.
15 My bones weren't hidden from you when I was made in private—
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body.
All my history was already recorded in your book
even before any of those days had started.
17 Your thoughts are so precious to me, God.
They add up to something incredible.
18 If I counted them, there'd be more than the sand grains.
When I wake up, I'm still with you.
19 If only you'd kill the wicked, God
(and you violent men, get away from me),
20 because they speak against you due to their evil desires—
your enemies lie about you.
21 Yahweh, I certainly hate those who hate you.
I despise those who rebel against you.
22 I hate them completely—
they've become my enemies.
23 Examine me, God, and know my inner feelings.
Test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me on the timeless path.

A prayer for protection

A song by David for the choir director.
140:1 Yahweh, rescue me from wicked men.
Keep me safe from men of violence,
2 because they plan evil in their hearts.
They assemble for battles every day.
3 They sharpen their tongues like snakes.
Vipers' poison is on their lips.[1312] (Instrumental break.)
4 Keep me from the hands of the wicked, Yahweh.
Protect me from violent men who plan to ruin me.
5 The proud have set a trap for me,
and they've spread a net with ropes.
They've set traps for me along the path. (Instrumental break.)
6 I said to Yahweh, "You're my god.
Yahweh, listen to my cries for mercy."

1312 **RV 140:3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:13.
1313 **LV 140:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.1
1314 **LV 140:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.2
1315 **LV 140:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.3
1316 **LV 140:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.4
1317 **LV 140:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.5
1318 **LV 140:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.6
1319 **LV 140:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.7
1320 **LV 140:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.8
1321 **LV 140:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.9

Readers' Version

7 Yahweh, my master, you're the strong one who can save me.
You protect my head during the battle.
8 Yahweh, don't let the wicked get what they want.
Don't allow their evil plans to succeed, or let them attack. (Instrumental break.)
9 Those who surround me raise their heads.
Let the mischief from their own lips bounce back on them.
10 Let burning coals fall on them.
Throw them into the fire or into muddy pits.
→Never again will they try to attack.
11 May no agitator become established in the land.
May evil speedily hunt down the man planning violence.
12 I know that Yahweh will act with favour for the poor
and with justice to the needy.
13 Surely the godly people will praise your name.
The upright will live peaceably in your presence.

A song by David.

Accepting correction

141:1 Yahweh, I called out to you. Come quickly to me.
Listen to my voice when I call to you.
2 May my prayer rise to your face like incense.[1330]
May my lifted hands be like the evening sacrifice.
3 Yahweh, place a guard over my mouth.
Guard the door which is my lips.
4 Don't let my heart bend toward any evil thing
or participate in sinful activities
with men who behave wickedly.
May I not eat any of their delicacies.
5 Let a righteous person hit me—it would be a kindness.
Let them correct me—it will be soothing like lotion on my head.
Help me not to be defiant,
because my prayer is always against those who do wicked things.
6 When their rulers are thrown down from the cliffs,
the people will listen to my words because they're pleasant.
7 Like when someone ploughs and breaks up the ground,
so our bones have been scattered at the entrance to the grave.
8 My eyes are on you, Yahweh, my master.
You're my place of protection—don't abandon my life.
9 Keep me from the trap that they've laid for me—
from the nets of those who do evil.

Literal Version

mmm[1322].[1323] **11** [1324] May_they_be_dropped[1325] on_them burning_coals in_fire let_someone_make_them_fall in_pits not let_them_arise. **12** [1326] A_person_of tongue not let_him_be_ _established on_the_earth a_person_of violence trouble let_it_ _hunt_him for_blows. **13** [1327] I_know[1328] if/because_that **YHWH** he_will_do the_cause_of the_poor the_justice_of needy_people. **14** [1329] Surely righteous_people they_will_give_thanks to_ _name_of_your upright_people they_will_dwell with presence_ _of_your.

141:1 A_song of_Dāvid[1331] Oh_**YHWH** I_call_out_to_you make_ _haste to/for_me give_ear_to my_sound/voice when_call_I to/for_you(fs). **2** Prayer_of_my may_it_be_established incense to_your_face the_raising_of my_palms_of_my an_offering_of evening. **3** Set Oh_**YHWH** a_guard for_mouth_of_my keep_ _watch over the_door_of my_lips_of_my. **4** Do_not incline heart_ _of_my to_anything evil to_practice practices in_wickedness with people who_do_of (of)_wickedness and_not I_will_eat in_ _delicacies_of_their. **5** Let_him_strike_me a_righteous_person loyalty and_let_him_rebuke_me oil_of head not my_head let_it_ _refuse if/because still and_prayer_of_my is_on_their_evil_of_ _deeds. **6** They_have_been_thrown_down at_the_hands_of a_ _rock judges_of_their and_they_will_hear words/messages_of_ _my if/because_that they_are_pleasant. **7** Like one_who_plows and_one_who_breaks_up on_the_earth bones_of_our they_ _have_been_scattered to_the_mouth_of Shə'ōl. **8** If/because are_to_you Oh_**YHWH** my_master eyes_of_my in_you I_take_ _refuge do_not pour_out life_of_my. **9** Keep_me from_the_ _hands_of the_trap which_they_have_laid to_me and_the_ _snares_of those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **10** Let_them_fall in_his_own_of_nets wicked_people together I until I_will_pass_ _by.

1322 **LV 140:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִ/וסכי: (x-qere) 'וּמִ֫סַּכְּי': lemma_3680 n_0 morph_HVpj3ms/Sp3mp id_19RZH וּמִ֫סַּכְּי

1323 **LV 140:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

1324 **LV 140:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.10

1325 **LV 140:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וטימי: (x-qere) 'וּטְמֹמֵי': lemma_4131 morph_HVNi3mp id_19J2t וּטְמֹמֵי

1326 **LV 140:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.11

1327 **LV 140:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.12

1328 **LV 140:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: תעדי: (x-qere) 'יְתַעֲדֻנִי': lemma_3045 n_1.1 morph_HVqp1cs id_19cRk יְתַעֲדֻנִי

1329 **LV 140:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.140.13

1330 **RV 141:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:8.

1331 **LV 141:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.141.1

Literal Version

142:1 A_poem of_Dāvid when_was_he in_cave a_prayer. **2** [1333] My_sound/voice to **YHWH** I_cry_out my_sound/voice to **YHWH** I_seek_favour. **3** [1334] I_pour_out before_him complaint_ _of_my trouble_of_my before_him I_tell. **4** [1335] When_faints_ _away on_me my_breath/wind/spirit and_you(ms) you_know pathway_of_my in_the_path which I_walk people_have_hidden a_snare to_me. **5** [1336] Look right and_see and_there_is_not to_ _me one_who_pays_regard a_place_of_escape it_has_been_lost from_me there_is_not one_who_cares for_self_of_my. **6** [1337] I_ _cry_out to_you Oh_**YHWH** I_say you refuge_of_are_my portion_of_my in_land the_life. **7** [1338] Pay_attention to of_ _entreaty_of_my_cry if/because I_have_become_low exceedingly deliver_me from_those_of_who_harass_me if/because they_are_too_strong for_me. **8** [1339] Bring_out from_ _prison self_of_my to_give_thanks_to ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_name (in)_ _me righteous_people they_will_surround if/because you_deal_ _bountifully towards_me.

143:1 A_song of_Dāvid[1341] Oh_**YHWH** hear prayer_of_my give_ _ear to supplications_of_my in_faithfulness_of_your answer_me in_righteousness_of_your. **2** And_do_not go in_judgement with servant_of_your if/because not he_is_righteous to_your_face any_of living_person. **3** If/because an_enemy he_has_pursued self_of_my he_has_crushed to_ground life_of_my he_has_ _caused_me_to_dwell in_dark_places like_dead_people_of antiquity. **4** And_it_has_fainted_away on_me my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_the_midst_of_of_me heart_of_my it_is_ _appalled. **5** I_have_remembered days from_east I_have_ _muttered on_every_of deed_of_your on_the_work_of your_ _two's_hands_of_your I_meditate. **6** I_have_spread_out hands_ _of_my to_you throat_of_my like_a_land exhausted to/for_ _yourself(m) Ṣelāh. **7** Hurry answer_me Oh_**YHWH** my_ _breath/wind/spirit it_is_exhausted do_not hide face_of_your from_me and_I_will_be_equal with those_who_go_down_of the_ _pit. **8** Make_me_hear in_morning loyalty_of_your_covenant if/because in_you(ms) I_have_trusted make_known_to_me the_ _way which I_will_go if/because to_you I_lift_up desire_of_my.

Readers' Version

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets
while I escape.

A prayer for protection

A song[1332] and prayer of David when he was hiding in a cave.

142:1 I cry out to Yahweh with my voice.
With my voice I plead to Yahweh for his favour.
2 I pour out my sorrows to him.
I declare my troubles in front of him.
3 When my spirit is weak within me, you yourself know my path.
They've hidden a trap for me along the path that I walk.
4 I look around and see that no one takes any notice of me.
There's no safe place for me to escape to
and there's no one who cares for my life.
5 I called out to you for help, Yahweh.
I said that you're my protection—
my portion in the land of the living.
6 Listen to my cries for help because I've been driven into a bad situation.
Rescue me from my pursuers because they're stronger than I am.
7 Bring my life out of prison in order to praise your name.
The godly people will gather around me because you've been good to me.

A prayer to be rescued

A song by David.

143:1 Hear my prayer, Yahweh—listen to my requests.
On account of your faithfulness, answer me in your righteousness.
2 Don't judge me, your servant,
because no living person is innocent anyway.[1340]
3 The enemy has pursued my life.
He's smashed me into the ground.
He's forced me to live in darkness like those who've been dead a long time.
4 My spirit is getting weaker.
My mind is full of despair.
5 I remember the good old days.
I meditate about your activities.
I consider all the things you've done.
6 I spread my hands out towards you.

1332 **RV 142:0 · Note** In Hebrew, 'maskil' is perhaps the name of this class of song.

1333 **LV 142:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.1

1334 **LV 142:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.2

1335 **LV 142:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.3

1336 **LV 142:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.4

1337 **LV 142:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.5

1338 **LV 142:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.6

1339 **LV 142:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.142.7

1340 **RV 143:2 · Cross-ref.** Rom 3:20; Gal 2:16.

1341 **LV 143:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.143.1

Readers' Version

I long for you like a thirsty person longs for water in the desert. (Instrumental break.)
7 Answer me quickly, Yahweh, because my spirit is weak.
Don't hide yourself from me or I'll become like those going down into the pit.
8 Every morning I want to hear about your loyal commitment
because I've put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go
because I've committed my life to you.
9 Rescue me from my enemies, Yahweh—
I trust you as my protector.
10 Teach me to do what you like
because you're my god.
May your good spirit lead me
out of the valley onto level ground.
11 Yahweh, keep me alive for the sake of your reputation.
Rescue me from trouble because you always do what is right.
12 Apply your loyal commitment and cut off my enemies.
Destroy all those threatening my life, because I'm your servant.

A song by David.

The thanking due to victory

144:1 Blessed be Yahweh, my stable base,
who trains my hands for war
and my fingers for battle.
2 You're my fortress and show your loyal commitment to me.
You're my high tower and the one who rescues me,
my shield and the one I trust for my protection—
the one who subdues other nations under me.
3 Yahweh, what's humankind that you take notice of them?
Why do you even consider humanity?[1342]
4 People are like a puff of air—
here one minute and gone the next.
5 Yahweh, cause your sky to bend over and come down.
Touch the mountains and make them active.
6 Flash your lightning and scatter your enemies.
Send your arrows and drive them away.
7 Reach your hand down from above.
Save me and rescue me from the surging waters—
away from being controlled by foreigners
8 who always tell lies,
even when they promise to tell the truth.
9 I will sing a new song to you, God.
I'll play the ten-stringed instrument for you
10 who saves kings from their enemies—
the one who rescued his servant David from a deadly sword.
11 Rescue me from being controlled by foreigners
who always tell lies,
even when they promise to tell the truth.
12 May our sons be like plants that grow large even when they're still young

Literal Version

9 Deliver_me from_enemies_of_my Oh_**YHWH** to_you I_have_
_covered. **10** Teach_me to_do will_of_your if/because you god_
_of_are_my spirit_of_your good may_it_lead_me in_land level_
_ground. **11** For_the_sake_of name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** you_will_
_preserve_me_alive in_righteousness_of_your you_will_bring_
_out from_trouble life_of_my. **12** And_in_your_covenant_of_
_loyalty you_will_destroy enemies_of_my and_you_will_destroy
all_of the_foes_of my_life_of_my if/because I servant_of_am_
_your.

144:1 Of_Dāvid[1343] be_blessed **YHWH** rock_of_my the_one_who_
_trains hands_of_my for_battle fingers_of_my for_warfare.
2 Loyalty_of_my_covenant and_stronghold_of_my refuge_of_
_my and_deliverer_of_my to_me shield_of_my and_one_whom_
_in_him I_take_refuge the_one_who_subdues people_of_my
under_me. **3** Oh_**YHWH** what is_humankind and_you_have_
_considered_him a_child_of humankind and_you_have_
_regarded_him. **4** Humankind (to)_breath he_is_like his/its_
_days are_like_a_shadow passing. **5** Oh_**YHWH** bend_down
heavens_of_your and_you_will_come_down touch (in)_
_mountains so_that_they_may_smoke. **6** Flash lightning and_
_you_will_scatter_them send arrows_of_your and_you_will_
_confuse_them. **7** Stretch_out hands_of_your from_a_high_
_place set_me_free and_deliver_me from_waters many from_
_the_hand_of sons_of foreignness. **8** Who mouth_of_their it_
_speaks falsehood and_their_right_of_hand is_a_right_hand_of
deception. **9** Oh_god a_song new I_will_sing to_you with_a_
_lyre_of ten I_will_make_music to_you. **10** Who_gives
deliverance to_kings who_sets_free ~~DOM~~ Dāvid servant_of_his
from_a_sword evil. **11** Set_me_free and_deliver_me from_the_
_hand_of sons_of foreignness who mouth_of_their it_speaks
falsehood and_their_right_of_hand is_a_right_hand_of
deception. **12** That sons_of_our will_be_like_plants full_grown
in_youth(s)_of_their daughters_of_our will_be_like_corners
carved the_structure_of a_palace. **13** Granaries_of_our will_be_
_full providing from_kind to kind flocks_of_our will_be_
_producing_thousands increasing_ten_thousandfold in_our_
_open_of_places. **14** Cattle(s)_of_our will_be_loaded there_will_
_not_be a_breach and_there_will_not_be abortion and_there_
_will_not_be an_outcry in_our_open_of_places. **15** How_blessed
is_the_people which_thus for_him/it how_blessed is_the_
people which**YHWH** his/its_god.

1342 **RV 144:3 · Cross-ref.** Yob 7:17-18; Psa 8:4.

1343 **LV 144:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.144.1

Literal Version

145:1 Praise of_Dāvid[1344] I_will_exalt_you my_god_of_my the_ _king and_I_will_bless name_of_your forever_perpetuity and_ _ever. **2** In_all day I_will_bless_you and_I_will_praise name_of_ _your forever_perpetuity and_ever. **3** Is_great **YHWH** and_is_to_ _be_praised exceedingly and_to_greatness_of_his there_is_not searching. **4** Generation to_generation it_will_extol works_of_ _your and_your(pl)_mighty_of_deeds they_will_declare. **5** The_ _majesty_of the_glory_of your_splendour_of_your and_the_ _matters_of your_wonders I_will_meditate_on. **6** And_the_ _might_of your_awesome_deeds they_will_tell and[1345] I_will_ _recount_it. **7** The_remembrance_of the_greatness_of your_ _goodness_of_your they_will_pour_forth and_righteousness_of_ _your they_will_shout_for_joy. **8** Is_gracious and_ _compassionate **YHWH** long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty. **9** Is_good **YHWH** to_all and_compassion(s)_ _of_his are_on all_of works_of_his. **10** They_will_give_thanks_ _to_you Oh_**YHWH** all_of works_of_your and_your_faithful_of_ _people they_will_bless_you. **11** The_glory_of your_kingdom_ _of_your they_will_tell and_might_of_your they_will_speak. **12** To_make_known to_the_children_of the_humankind deeds_ _of_his_mighty and_the_glory_of the_majesty_of his/its_ _kingdom. **13** kingdom_of_your is_a_kingdom_of all_of perpetuity and_dominion_of_your in_all generation and_a_ _generation. **14** **YHWH** is_sustaining to/from_ _all/each/any/every those_who_fall and_he_is_raising_up to/from_all/each/any/every those_who_are_bowed_down. **15** The_eyes_of all to_you they_hope and_you(ms) are_giving to/for_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ food_of_their at_its_appropriate_of_time. **16** You_are_opening ~~ᵭᵯ~~ hand_of_your and_you_are_satisfying to/from_all/each/any/every living_thing desire. **17** Is_ _righteous **YHWH** in_all ways_of_his and_faithful in_all works_ _of_his. **18** Is_near **YHWH** to/from_all/each/any/every those_ _of_who_call_out_to_him to_all/each/any/every those_who they_call_out_to_him in_truth. **19** The_desire_of those_of_ _fearing_him he_brings_about and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ for_help_of_their_cry he_hears and_he_saves_them. **20** **YHWH** is_protecting ~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_ _of those_of_who_love_him and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_of the_wicked_people he_will_destroy. **21** The_praise_of **YHWH** mouth_of_my it_will_ _speak and_ all_of flesh _it_will_bless the_name_of his_ _holiness_of_his forever_perpetuity and_ever.

Readers' Version

and our daughters grow like carved corner pillars in a palace.
13 May our storehouses be full with every kind of produce,
and may the sheep in our fields produce thousands, even tens of thousands.
14 May our oxen have many young.
No one will break through, no one will go out,
and no one will cry in our streets.
15 The people that that happens to are blessed.
Blessed are the people for whom Yahweh is their God.

A praise song

A praise song by David.
א (Alef)
145:1 I will highly commend you, my god, the King.
I will praise your name without ending.
ב (Beyt)
2 Every day I'll make sure to bless you.
I will praise your name forever and ever.
ג (Gimel)
3 Yahweh is great and deserving of a lot of praise—
We can't fully comprehend his greatness.
ד (Dalet)
4 Generation after generation will celebrate because of what you've done
and they'll tell others about your powerful actions.
ה (He)
5 I'll meditate on your incredible splendour and honour
as well as all the marvellous things that you've done.
ו (Vav)
6 They'll tell about how your awesome actions show your power,
and I'll speak about your greatness.
ז (Zayin)
7 They'll remember the fame of your extravagant goodness,
and they'll happily sing about your righteousness.
ח (Het)
8 Yahweh is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and frequently displaying his loyal commitment.
ט (Tet)
9 Yahweh is good to everyone,
and desires the best for everything he made.
י (Yod)
10 Everyone you've made will give thanks to you, Yahweh.
Your faithful supporters will bless you.
כ (Kaf)
11 They'll tell about the splendour of your kingdom,
and they'll speak about your power,
ל (Lamed)
12 making his powerful actions known to humanity's children,
along with the incredible splendour of his kingdom.
מ (Mem)
13 Your kingdom will continue forever,

1344 **LV 145:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ps.145.1

1345 **LV 145:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/יתלודנ/ו: (x-qere) ה/תָלוּדְנ/וי; lemma_c/1420 morph_HC/Ncfsc/Sp2ms id_19QvT ה/תָלוּדְנ/ו

Readers' Version

and you'll rule generation after generation.
(נ) (Nun)
ס (Samek)
14 Yahweh supports all those who are falling
and raises up all those who are bent over under heavy loads.
ע (Ayin)
15 Everyone and everything's eyes are watching out for you.
You give them their food at the proper time.
פ (Pe)
16 You open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
צ (Tsade)
17 Yahweh is righteous in all his ways
and shows kindness in everything he does.
ק (Qof)
18 Yahweh is near to all who call to him—
to all who sincerely request his help.
ר (Resh)
19 For those who strive to obey him, he does what they desire,
and he hears their call for help and saves them.
ש (Sin/Shin)
20 Yahweh protects all those who love him,
but he'll destroy all the wicked.
ת (Tav)
21 My mouth speaks the praise of Yahweh.
Let everybody bless his holy name forever and ever.

Praise Yahweh the liberator

146:1 Praise Yah.
I'll praise Yahweh with my whole being.
2 I'll praise Yahweh with my life.
I'll sing praises to my god as long as I live.
3 Don't trust in politicians
or in people—none of them can save you.
4 When their breath ceases, they return to the ground—
all their plans come to an end at that time.
5 Blessed are the people who have Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god to help them—
whose hope is in their God Yahweh:
6 He's the one who made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.[1346]
He's the one who remains faithful forever.
7 He's the one who executes justice for the oppressed.
He's the one who gives food to the hungry.
Yahweh liberates the prisoners.
8 Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind.
Yahweh straightens up those who are bowed down under heavy loads.
Yahweh loves those who do what is right.
9 Yahweh guards the refugees.
He sustains orphans and widows,
but he subverts the plans of the wicked.
10 Yahweh reigns forever.

Literal Version

146:1 Praise Yah praise my_self_of_my ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**. **2** I_will_
_praise **YHWH** in_life_of_my I_will_sing_praises to_god_of_my
in_my_duration. **3** Do_not trust in_noble_people in_a_child_of
humankind whom_there_is_not to_him/it deliverance.
4 His/its_breath/wind/spirit it_will_go_out he_will_return to_
_earth_of_his in_the_day (the)_that plans_of_his they_have_
_perished. **5** How_blessed is_one_who_the_god_of
Ya'$_{a}$qov/(Jacob) is_(in)_help_of_his hope_of_his is_on **YHWH**
his/its_god. **6** Who_made heaven and_earth ~~DOM~~ the_sea and_
_~~DOM~~ all_of that is_in_them the_one_who_keeps faithfulness
forever_perpetuity. **7** Who_does justice for_oppressed who_
_gives food to_people **YHWH** is_setting_free prisoners. **8** **YHWH**
is_opening blind_people **YHWH** is_raising_up those_who_are_
_bowed_down **YHWH** is_loving righteous_people. **9** **YHWH** is_
_watching_over ~~DOM~~ sojourners the_fatherless and_widow[s]
he_helps_up and_the_way_of wicked_people he_makes_
_crooked. **10** **YHWH** he_will_reign forever_perpetuity god_of_
_your Oh_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_a_generation and_a_generation
praise Yah.

1346 **RV 146:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 4:24; 14:15.

Literal Version

147:1 Praise Yah if/because is_good to_sing_praises_to god_of_ _our if/because is_pleasant is_suitable praise. **2** **YHWH** is_ _building_of (of)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_banished_ones_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_gathers. **3** The_one_who_heals (to)_the_ _people_broken_of heart and_he_is_binding_up (to)_wounds_ _of_their. **4** He_is_counting the_number of_stars to/for_all_ _them names he_calls. **5** Is_great master(s)_of_our and_great_of power to_understanding_of_his there_is_not a_number. **6** **YHWH** is_helping_up humble_people he_is_bringing_low wicked_people to the_ground. **7** Sing to/for_**YHWH** with_ _thanksgiving make_music to_god_of_our with_a_harp. **8** Who_ _covers the_heavens with_clouds who_prepares for_earth rain who_causes_to_sprout mountains grass. **9** He_is_giving to_ _animal[s] food_of_its to_the_young_ones_of a_raven which they_call_out. **10** Not in_the_strength_of (the)_horse he_ _delights not in_the_legs_of the_man he_takes_pleasure. **11** **YHWH** is_taking_pleasure_in ~~ĐOM~~ those_fearing_of_him ~~ĐOM~~ those_who_wait for_his_covenant_of_loyalty. **12** Extol Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** praise god_of_your Oh_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **13** If/because he_has_strengthened the_bars_ _of your(pl)_gates_of_your he_has_blessed children_of_your in_ _midst_of_your. **14** The_one_who_makes territory_of_your peace the_best_of wheat(s) he_satisfies_you. **15** The_one_who_ _sends message_of_his the_earth to quickly message_of_his it_ _runs. **16** The_one_who_gives snow like_wool hoar-frost like_ _ash[es] he_scatters. **17** The_one_who_throws ice_of_his like_ _crumbs to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before coldness_of_his who will_he_stand. **18** He_sends message_of_his and_he_melts_ _them he_makes_blow his/its_breath/wind/spirit waters they_ _flow. **19** The_one_who_declares mmm[1347] to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) decrees_of_his and_judgements_of_his to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** Not he_has_done thus to/from_all/each/any/every nation and_judgements not they_have_known_them praise Yah.

148:1 Praise Yah praise ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** from the_heavens praise_ _him in_heights. **2** Praise_him Oh_all_of messengers_of_his praise_him Oh_all_of mmm[1350]. **3** Praise_him Oh_sun and_moon praise_him Oh_all_of the_stars_of light. **4** Praise_him Oh_

Readers' Version

Tsiyon (Zion), your god reigns throughout the generations.
Praise Yahweh.

Praise Yahweh who's in control

147:1 Praise Yahweh.
How good it is to sing praises to our god,
How pleasant and suitable is a praise song.
2 Yahweh builds up Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
He gathers the Israelis who were taken to other countries.
3 He heals those who are broken-hearted
and bandages their wounds.
4 He counts the stars—
he calls all of them by name.
5 Our master is wonderful and very powerful.
His understanding is unlimited.
6 Yahweh helps the oppressed up.
He brings down the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving.
Make music for our god with a harp.
8 He's the one who covers the skies with clouds.
He's the one who prepares rain for the earth.
He's the one who makes the mountains sprout with grass.
9 He gives food to the animals
and to the ravens' chicks when they squawk.
10 He doesn't delight in the strength of a horse,
He doesn't enjoy a man's legs.
11 Yahweh enjoys those who fear him—
those who know to expect his loyal commitment.
12 Tell about Yahweh's greatness, Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Praise your god, Tsiyon (Zion),
13 because he strengthens the locking bars on your gates.
He blesses your children there in the city.
14 He give peace on your borders.
He satisfies you with excellent grain.
15 He sends out his command to the soil,
His message travels quickly.
16 He makes the snow coat the ground like wool on a sheep.
He scatters the frost across the countryside like people scatter ashes.
17 He sends out his hail like crumbs brushed off a table.
Who can stand before his cold?
18 He sends out his command and melts them.
He makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
19 He declared his message to Ya'akov (Jacob)—
his instructions and his regulations for Yisrael (Israel).
20 He hasn't done that for any other country,
and as for his instructions, they don't know them.
Praise Yahweh.

Praise Yahweh everyone

148:1 Praise Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh from the skies.
Praise him in the heights.

1347 **LV 147:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/רבר**: (x-qere) 'ו/יָרְבְּדוּ': lemma_1697 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_19DMw וְ/יָרְבְּדוּ

1350 **LV 148:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/אבצ**: (x-qere) 'ו/יֵאָבְצוּ': lemma_6635 a n_0 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_19Hac וְ/יֵאָבְצוּ

Readers' Version

2 Praise him, all his messengers.
Praise him, all his armies.
3 Praise him, sun and moon.
Praise him, all you shining stars.
4 Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters that are above the heavens.[1348]
5 Let them praise Yahweh's name,
because he gave the command and then they were created.[1349]
6 He has established them forever and ever.
He made a decree and it won't ever become invalid.
7 Praise Yahweh from the earth,
you sea monsters and all ocean depths,
8 fire and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds doing what he commanded.
9 The mountains and all the hills,
the fruit trees and all the cedars,
10 both wild and all the domestic animals,
reptiles and winged birds.
11 Kings across the world and all the peoples,
princes and all judges across the world,
12 young men and also young women,
the elderly along with the children,
13 let them all praise Yahweh's name,
because his name alone is famous.
His splendour extends over the earth and in the heavens.
14 He has increased his people's military strength.
Praise from all his faithful ones—
from Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants—the people near to him.
Praise Yahweh.

149:1 Praise Yahweh. **A song of praise**
Sing a new song to Yahweh.
Praise him in the assembly of the faithful ones.
2 Let Yisrael's (Israel's) people be glad about the one who made them.
Let Tsiyon's (Zion's) children be glad about their king.
3 Let them praise him with dancing—
making music with tambourines and harps,
4 because Yahweh appreciates his people,
and he honours humble people by saving them.
5 That honour will make the faithful people cheerful,
and they'll happily sing during the night.
6 They should use their mouths to praise God,
but hold sharp swords in their hands
7 to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the people groups,
8 to tie their kings up with chains
and to put their leading citizens into iron shackles.
9 They'll carry out the written judgements against them.
That'll be an honour for all his faithful ones.
Praise Yahweh.

1348 **RV 148:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:7.

1349 **RV 148:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:1-2.

Literal Version

_heaven_of the_heavens and_Oh_waters which from_under the_heavens. **5** Let_them_praise ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** if/because he he_commanded and_they_were_created. **6** And_ _he_established_them forever_ever forever_perpetuity a_ _decree he_gave and_not it_will_pass_away. **7** Praise ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** from the_earth/land Oh_sea_monsters and_all the_deeps. **8** Oh_ _fire and_hail snow and_smoke wind_of storm which_does message_of_his. **9** Oh_mountains and_all hills tree[s]_of fruit and_all cedars. **10** Oh_animal[s] and_all livestock creeping_ _thing[s] and_bird[s]_of wing. **11** Oh_kings_of the_earth and_all peoples Oh_officials and_all rulers_of the_earth. **12** Oh_young_ _men and_also young_women Oh_old_people with youths. **13** Let_them_praise ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** if/because his/its_ _name is_exalted for_him/it_being_alone splendour_of_his is_ _above earth and_heavens. **14** And_he_has_raised_up a_horn for_people_of_his praise to/from_all/each/any/every his_ _faithful_of_people for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_people_ _of near_of_to_him praise Yah.

149:1 Praise Yah sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new praise_of_his in_the_assembly_of faithful_people. **2** Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_ _rejoice in_its_of_maker(s) the_children_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) let_ _them_be_glad in_king_of_their. **3** Let_them_praise his/its_ _name with_dancing with_tambourine and_harp let_them_ _make_music to_him/it. **4** If/because **YHWH** is_taking_pleasure in_people_of_his he_glorifies humble_people with_salvation. **5** Faithful_people let_them_exult in_honour let_them_sing_for_ _joy on beds_of_their. **6** The_exaltation(s)_of god be_in_throat_ _of_their and_a_sword_of edges be_in_hand_of_their. **7** For_ _doing vengeance on_nations rebukes not peoples. **8** To_bind kings_of_their with_fetters and_their_honoured_of_people with_shackles_of iron. **9** For_doing (is)_in_them judgement written is_honour it to/from_all/each/any/every his_faithful_ _of_people praise Yah.

Literal Version

150:1 Praise Yah praise god in_sanctuary_of_his praise_him in_
_the_firmament his_strength_of_his. **2** Praise_him for_his_
_mighty_of_deeds praise_him according_to_the_greatness_of
his_greatness_of_his. **3** Praise_him with_a_blast_of a_ram's_
_horn praise_him with_lyre and_harp. **4** Praise_him with_
_tambourine and_dancing praise_him with_stringed_
_instruments and_reed_instrument/flute. **5** Praise_him with_
_cymbals_of sound praise_him with_cymbals_of shouting.
6 Every_of (the)_breathing_thing let_it_praise Yah praise Yah.

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Readers' Version

Praise Yahweh everyone

150:1 Praise Yahweh.
Praise God in his residence of holiness.
Praise him for his power in heaven.
2 Praise him for his powerful actions.
Praise him because he's so influential.
3 Praise him with a trumpet blast.
Praise him with the ukelele and harp.
4 Praise him with tambourines and dancing.
Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.
5 Praise him with vibrating cymbals.
Praise him with clanging cymbals.
6 Let everything that can breathe praise Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh.

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Amos

(Heb. Amots)

Introduction

Amos/Amos was a shepherd before he became a prophet. There grew up in Tekoa in the province of Yehudah (Judah), but Yahweh commanded him to go to Beyt-El (Bethel) in Yisrael (Israel) in order to preach there. (Yisrael is north of Yehudah.) These events happened around 800 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) He proclaimed God's curses on Aram, Peleshet, Pinisia, Edom, Amon, Moav, and even Yehudah. At that time, the people were prospering and there was no famine like in some other nations, and Yisrael had widened their border. But Amos saw how the rich people prospered because they took advantage of the poor and even abused them through the courts. They had stopped obeying Yahweh' instructions and commands, so Amos didn't hesitate to tell them how Yahweh would punish them and their country. He encouraged them to maintain true justice in their courts, because what if God might just be gracious towards the people remaining in their country (5:15).

Main components of this document

The punishment of nations near Yisrael *1:1–2:5*
The punishment of Yisrael *2:6–6:14*
The five revelations *7:1–9:15*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_words/messages_of ʾĀmōṣ who he_was among_ _sheep-tenders from_Təqōʿa which he_saw on Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_days_of Uzziah[456] the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_ _the_days_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Yōʾāsh/(Joash) the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) two_years to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_earthquake. **2** And_he_said **YHWH** from_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion)[789] he_will_roar and_from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_give_forth voice_of_his and_ the_pastures_of the_shepherds _they_will_dry_up and_ the_ _top_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) _it_will_wither.

3 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Dammeseq and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because threshed_ _they with_(the)_threshing_sledges_of (the)_iron ~~DOM~~ (the)_ _Gilʿād. **4** And_I_will_send_forth a_fire in_house_of Ḥazāʾēl and_ _it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Ben. **5** And_I_will_break the_bar_of Dammeseq and_I_will_cut_off inhabitant[s] from_ _Valley_of Aven and_one_who_holds_of (of)_a_scepter from_ _Bēyt- eden and_ the_people_of ʾArām _they_will_go_into_exile to_Qīr **YHWH** he_says.

6 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of ʿAzzāh and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_carried_away_ _into_exile exile complete to_deliver_up_them to_ʾEdōm. **7** And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_the_wall_of ʿAzzāh and_it_ _will_consume fortresses_of_its. **8** And_I_will_cut_off inhabitant[s] from_ʾAshdōd and_one_who_holds_of (of)_a_ _scepter from_ʾAshqəlōn and_I_will_turn hand_of_my on ʿEqrōn and_ the_remnant_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_will_perish my_ _master **YHWH** he_says.

9 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_ _delivered_up exile complete to_ʾEdōm and_not they_ _remembered the_covenant_of brothers. **10** And_I_will_send_ _forth a_fire on_the_wall_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_it_will_consume fortresses_of_its.

Readers' Version

1:1 This is the message that Amos (who was among the shepherds in Tekoa) saw concerning Yisrael (Israel) in the days of King Uziyah of Yehudah (Judah),[1] and also in the days of Yoash's son King Yarov'am (Jeroboam) of Yisrael,[2] two years before the earthquake.

2 Amos said,
"Yahweh will shout loudly from Tsiyon (Zion).
He will raise his voice from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[3]
The shepherds' pastures will brown off.
The top of Mt. Karmel will dry up."

Judgement of Yisrael's neighbours · Aram

3 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Damesek (Damascus) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
for the cruel things they did to the people of Gilead.[10]
4 I'll send a fire into King Hazael's house,
and it will devour King Ben-Hadad's fortresses.
5 I'll smash the gate bars of Damesek
and eliminate the ruler of the Aven Valley,
and also the leader of Beyt-Eden.
The people of Aram (Syria) will go in captivity to Kir,"
says Yahweh.

Peleshet

6 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Azah (Gaza) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because they carried a whole people group away as captives,
to hand them over to Edom.[11] **7** I'll send fire onto Azah's walls,
and it'll devour her fortresses. **8** I will cut off those from Ashdod
and the ruler of Ashkelon.
I'll cause problems for Ekron,
and the rest of the Pelishtim will die,"
says Yahweh the master.

Tsor

9 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Tsor (Tyre) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because they handed a whole people group over to Edom,
and they didn't take any notice of their brotherhood agreement.[12]

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:1-7; 2Ch 26:1-23.

2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 14:23-29.

3 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:16.

4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

5 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

6 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

7 **LV 1:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 **LV 1:2 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 **LV 1:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

10 **RV 1:3-5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 17:1-3; Jer 49:23-27; Zech 9:1.

11 **RV 1:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:29-31; Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Zeph 2:4-7; Zech 9:5-7.

12 **RV 1:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 23:1-18; Eze 26:1–28:19; Yoel 3:4-8; Zech 9:1-4; Mat 11:21-22; Luk 10:13-14.

Readers' Version

10 I'll send fire onto Tsor's walls,
and it'll devour her fortresses."

Edom

11 This is what Yahweh says,
"Even if Edom was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because he pursued his brother with the sword and abandoned all pity.
His anger raged continually,
and his rage lasted forever.[13]
12 I'll send fire on Teyman,
and it'll devour Batserah's fortresses."

Amon

13 This is what Yahweh says,
"Even if the Amonim were three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away their punishment,
because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead,
in order to grab territory.[14]
14 I'll light a fire in Rabah's walls,
and it'll devour its fortresses,
with a shout in the day of battle,
with a storm in the day of the whirlwind.
15 Their king will go into captivity along with his officials,"
says Yahweh.

Moav

2:1 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Moav (Moab) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away its punishment,
because he completely burnt up the bones of Edom's king.[18]
2 I'll send fire on Moav,
and it will devour Keriyot's fortresses.
Moav will die in an uproar—
with shouting and the sound of the horn. 3 I'll wipe out her judge,
and I'll kill all the leaders along with him,"
says Yahweh.

Yehudah's punishment · Southern kingdom

4 This is what Yahweh says:
"Even if Yehudah (Judah) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away its punishment,
because they rejected Yahweh's instructions
and didn't keep his regulations.
Their lies caused them to go astray,
just like their ancestors had done. 5 I'll send fire on Yehudah,
and it'll devour Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) fortresses."

Literal Version

11 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of ʾEdōm and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because pursued_he with_ _sword his/its_brother and_he_spoiled compassion(s)_of_his and_it_tore forever_continuance anger_of_his and_fury_of_his kept_she perpetuity. 12 And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_ _Tēymān and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Botsrāh.

13 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of the_ _people_of ʿAmmōn and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_ripped_open the_pregnant_women_of (the)_Gilʿād so_as to_enlarge ~~DOM~~ territory_of_their. 14 And_I_will_kindle a_fire on_the_wall_of Rabāh and_it_will_consume fortresses_of_its with_a_shout_of_alarm in/on_day battle with_a_storm in/on_ _day a_storm-wind[151617] 15 and_ king_of_their _he_will_go in_ _exile he and_officials_of_his together **YHWH** he_says.

2:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Mōʾāv and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because burnt_he the_bones_ _of the_king_of ʾEdōm into_lime. 2 And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_Mōʾāv and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of (the)_ _Qəriyyōt and_it_will_die in_uproar Mōʾāv with_a_shout_of_ _alarm with_the_sound_of a_trumpet. 3 And_I_will_cut_off a_ _judge from_midst_of_its and_all officials_of_its I_will_kill with_ _him/it **YHWH** he_says.

4 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because they_have_rejected ~~DOM~~ the_law_of **YHWH** and_regulations_of_ _his not they_have_kept and_they_have_misled_them lies_of_ _their which ancestors_of_their they_walked after_them. 5 And_I_will_send_forth a_fire on_Yəhūdāh and_it_will_ _consume the_fortresses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

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13 **RV 1:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

14 **RV 1:13-15 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 21:28-32; 25:1-7; Zeph 2:8-11.

15 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

16 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

17 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

18 **RV 2:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Isa 15:1–16:14; 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Zeph 2:8-11.

Literal Version

6 Thus **YHWH** he_says on three (the)_transgressions_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_on four not I_will_revoke_it because sold_ _they for_silver the_righteous and_the_needy in_account_of a_ _pair_of_sandals. **7** Those_who_trample on the_dust_of the_ _earth on_the_head_of poor_people and_the_way_of humble_ _people they_turn_aside and_a_man and_father_of_his they_go into the_young_woman so_as to_profane ĐOM the_name_of my_ _holiness_of_my. **8** And_on garments taken_as_pledges they_ _stretch_out beside every_of altar and_wine fines they_drink the_house_of their_god_of_their. **9** And_I I_destroyed ĐOM the_ _'Amorī from_their_face/front who was_like_the_height_of cedars height_of_his and_is_strong he like_oaks and_I_ _destroyed fruit_of_his (from)_above and_roots_of_his (from)_ _beneath. **10** And_I I_brought_up you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_led you(pl) in_wilderness forty year[s] to_take_possession_of ĐOM the_land_of the_'Amorī. **11** And_I_ _raised_up some_of_your(pl)_sons to_prophets and_some_of_ _your_young_men to_Nāzīr also not is_this Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **12** And_you(pl)_made_ _drink ĐOM the_Nāzīr wine and_to the_prophets you(pl)_ _commanded to_say not you(pl)_must_prophesy. **13** HERE I am_ _about_to_make_totter under_you(pl) just_as the_cart (the)_full to/for_her/it cut_grain it_totters. **14** And_ a_place_of_escape _ _it_will_be_lost from_a_swift_person and_a_strong_person not he_will_make_firm power_of_his and_a_mighty_person not he_ _will_save life_of_his. **15** And_the_one_who_handles_of (of)_ _the_bow not he_will_stand and_a_person_swift on_feet_of_his not he_will_save and_the_rider_of the_horse not he_will_save life_of_his. **16** And_the_person_strong_of his/its_heart among_ _warriors naked he_will_flee in_the_day (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

3:1 Hear ĐOM the_message the_this which **YHWH** he_has_ _spoken on_you(pl) Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on all_of the_ _clan which I_brought_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_say. **2** Only you(pl) I_have_known from_all the_clans_of the_ _soil therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_visit on_you(pl) ĐOM all_of iniquities_of_your(pl).

3 Do_ two_people _they_walk together except if they_have_ _met_by_appointment. **4** Does_ a_lion _it_roar in_forest and_ _prey there_is_not to_him/it does_ a_young_lion _it_give_forth voice_of_its from_den_of_its except if it_has_caught_ _something. **5** Does_ a_bird _it_fall on (the)_bird-trap the_ _earth/land and_a_snare there_is_not to/for_her/it does_ a_

Readers' Version

6 This is what Yahweh says:

Yisrael's punishment · Northern kingdom

"Even if Yisrael (Israel) was three or four sins below the threshold,
I wouldn't turn away its punishment,
because they sold the innocent for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals. **7** They trample the heads of the poor into the dust.
They just push the oppressed out of the way.
A man and his father go lie with the same girl
and so profane my sinless reputation. **8** They lie down beside every altar on clothes taken from the poor as pledges,
and in the house of their god they drink the wine of those who were fined.
9 Yet I destroyed the Amorim before them.
They were as tall as of cedars
and as strong as oaks.
Yet I destroyed their fruit up high
and their roots down below.[19] **10** Also, I brought you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)
and led you forty years in the wilderness
so you all could possess the land of the Amorim.
11 I raised prophets up from among your sons
and devoted Nazirites from your young men.[20]
Isn't that right, you Israelis?
This is Yahweh's declaration.
12 But you all persuaded the Nazirites to drink wine[21]
and ordered the prophets not to prophesy.
13 Listen, I'm going to make you lose your stability
just like a cart wobbles when it's carrying a heavy load of grain.
14 Even fast people won't be able to reach a safe place.
The strong won't have enough strength of their own,
and the powerful won't be able to save themselves.
15 The archer holding the bow will be forced to retreat.
Even the fast runner won't be able to escape.
The horse-rider won't escape with his life.
16 Even the bravest warriors will flee naked that day.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
3:1 Hear this message that Yahweh has spoken against you, people of Yisrael (Israel), against Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants that I brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) saying: **2** "I have chosen only you from all the families of the earth, therefore I'll punish you all for all your sins."

Cause and effect · Northern kingdom

3 Do two people walk together, without first agreeing to meet?
4 Would a lion roar in the forest when he doesn't have any prey?
Would a young lion growl from his den if he's caught nothing?

19 RV 2:9 · Cross-ref. Deu 3:8-11.

20 RV 2:11 · Cross-ref. Num 6:1-8.

21 RV 2:12 · Cross-ref. Num 6:2-3.

Readers' Version

5 Would a bird fall into a trap on the ground when no bait has been put in it?
Would a trap just spring up from the ground when it hasn't caught anything?
6 If a warning trumpet sounds in a city, won't the people start to worry?
If disaster comes to a city, wouldn't it be Yahweh who sent it?
7 Surely the master Yahweh wouldn't do anything unless he first reveals his plan to his servants the prophets.
8 The lion has roared—who won't be afraid?
The master Yahweh has spoken—who won't prophesy?

The punishment of Shomron (Samaria) · Northern kingdom

9 Proclaim this in the fortresses at Ashdod,
and those in Mitsrayim (Egypt),
saying, "Assemble yourselves on Shomron's (Samaria's) mountains
and see what great confusion is in her,
and what oppression is in her.
10 Yahweh declares that they don't know how to do right.
They store up violence and destruction in their fortresses."
11 Therefore, this is what the master Yahweh says:
"An enemy will surround the land,
and weaken your powerful grip,
and then your fortresses will be looted."
12 This is what Yahweh says:
"Just as the shepherd rescues out of the lion's mouth two legs only, or a piece of an ear,
so will the Israelis who live in Shomron (Samaria) be rescued with only the corner of a couch or a piece of a bed." 13 Take notice of this and testify against Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
That is the declaration of the master Yahweh, Commander-in-chief God.
14 "On the day that I bring punishment for Yisrael's (Israel's) sins to her, I'll also bring punishment on the altars of Beyt-El (Bethel). The altar's horns will be cut off and fall to the ground.[22]
15 I'll destroy the winter house along with the summer house. The houses of ivory will perish, and the large houses will vanish.
That is Yahweh's declaration."
4:1 Listen to this message, you women like the cows of Bashan on Shomron's (Samaria's) mountain—
you who oppress the poor,
you who crush the needy,
you who say to your husbands,
"Bring us drinks."
2 My master Yahweh has sworn by his own sinlessness saying,
"Listen, the time will come
when they'll take you all away with hooks—
the last of you with fish-hooks.
3 You'll all be taken straight out through breaks in the city wall,
and you'll be thrown out toward Harmon.

22 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:15.

Literal Version

_bird-trap _it_go_up from the_soil and_surely_(catch) not it_ _catches_something. 6 (If) a_trumpet is_it_blown in_a_city and_ _the_people not they_tremble or calamity is_it in_a_city and_ _**YHWH** not he_has_done_it. 7 If/because not my_master **YHWH** he_does anything if/because (if) he_has_revealed counsel_of_his_secret to servants_of_his the_prophets. 8 A_lion it_has_roared who not will_he_be_afraid my_master **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken who not will_he_prophesy.

9 Proclaim to the_fortresses in_'Ashdōd and_to the_fortresses in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_say gather_yourselves on the_mountains_of Shomrōn and_see disturbances great in_the_ _midst_of_of_it and_oppression(s) in_midst_of_its. 10 And_not they_know to_do straightforwardness the_utterance_of **YHWH** those_who_store_up violence and_devastation in_fortresses_of_ _their. 11 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says a_ _foe and_around_of the_earth/land and_he_will_bring_down from_you strength_of_your and_ fortresses_of_your _they_will_ _be_plundered. 12 Thus **YHWH** he_says just_as the_shepherd he_delivers from_the_mouth_of (the)_lion two_of legs or a_ _piece_of an_ear so the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_dwell in_Shomrōn with_a_corner_of a_bed and_with_silk a_couch they_will_be_delivered. 13 Hear and_warn in_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** the_god_ _of (the)_soldiers/messengers. 14 If/because_that in/on_day visit_I the_transgressions_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on/upon/above_ _him/it and_I_will_visit_them on the_altars_of Bēyt-'ēl and_ the_horns_of the_altar _they_will_be_cut_off and_they_will_fall to_ground. 15 And_I_will_strike the_house_of the_winter to the_house_of the_summer and_ the_houses_of (the)_ivory _ _they_will_perish and_ houses great _people_will_snatch_away the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
4:1 Hear the_message the_this Oh_cows_of (the)_Bāshān who are_on_the_mountain_of Shomrōn who_oppress poor_people who_crush needy_people who_say to_masters_of_their bring so_that_we_may_drink. 2 My_master **YHWH** he_has_sworn by_ _holiness_of_his if/because HERE days are_coming on_you(pl) and_someone_will_take_away you(pl) with_barbs and_ _posterity_of_your(pl) with_hooks_of fishing. 3 And_breaches you(pl)_will_go_out each before_herself and_you(pl)_will_ _throw to_(the)_Harmon the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

Literal Version

4 Come Bēyt-ʾēl and_transgress (the)_Gilgal increase to_ _transgress and_bring to_morning sacrifices_of_your(pl) to_ _three_of days tithes_of_your(pl). **5** And_make_smoke from_ _leaven a_thank-offering and_proclaim freewill_offerings make_them_heard if/because thus you(pl)_love Oh_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **6** And_also I I_gave to/for_you(pl) cleanness_of teeth in_all cities_of_ _your(pl) and_lack_of bread in_all_of places_of_your(pl) and_ _not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **7** And_ _also I I_withheld from_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_rain in_yet three months were_to_harvest and_I_sent_rain on a_city one and_on a_city one not I_sent_rain a_portion_of_ground one it_was_ _rained_on and_a_portion_of_ground which not it_sent_rain on/upon_it(f) it_dried_up. **8** And_ two three cities _they_ _staggered to a_city one to_drink water and_not they_were_ _satisfied and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **9** I_struck you(pl) with_blight and_with_mildew to_ _make_many gardens_of_your(pl) and_vineyards_of_your(pl) and_your(pl)_fig_of_trees and_your(pl)_olive_of_trees the_ _locust it_ate and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **10** I_sent among_you(pl) pestilence in_the_manner_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_killed by_sword men_of_your_young with the_capture_of your(pl)_horses_of_your(pl) and_I_caused_to_ _go_up the_stench_of your_camp_of_your(pl) (and)_in_nose_of_ _your(pl) and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **11** I_overthrew among_you(pl) like_the_overthrow_of god ~~DOM~~ Ṣədom and_~~DOM~~ ʿAmorāh/(Gomorrah) and_you(pl)_ _were like_a_piece_of_firewood plucked_out from_the_ _burning[242526] and_not you(pl)_returned to_me the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **12** For_so/thus/hence thus I_will_do to_you Oh_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) consequence if/because this I_will_do to_you be_prepared to_meet god_of_your Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **13** If/because HERE one_who_formed mountains and_one_who_ _created wind and_one_who_tells to/for_ʾĀdām/humankind what thought_of_is_his one_who_makes_of (of)_dawn darkness and_one_who_treads on the_high_places_of the_earth is_ _**YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers his/its_name.

Readers' Version

That is Yahweh's declaration."

The arguing of Israelis · Northern kingdom

4 "Go to the worship centre at Beyt-El (Bethel) and sin,
to the one at Gilgal and multiply sin.
Bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tithes every three days.
5 Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice with bread.
Proclaim freewill offerings.
Announce them,
because that pleases you, you Israelis.
That's my master Yahweh's declaration.
6 I also gave you empty stomachs in all your cities
and lack of bread in all your places.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
7 I also withheld rain from you
when there were still three months to the harvest.
I made it rain on one city,
and didn't send rain to some another city.
One piece of land was rained on,
but the piece of land where he didn't send rain, dried up.
8 People from two or three cities staggered to another city to drink water,
but still weren't able to get enough.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
9 I ruined your crops with blight and mildew.
The multitude of your gardens and your vineyards,
your fig trees and your olive trees,
were all devastated by the locusts.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
10 I sent deadly diseases onto you similar to what I did in Mitsrayim (Egypt).
I killed your young men with the sword, carried away your horses,
and made the stench of your camp reach your noses.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
11 I overthrew cities among you, just like when God overthrew Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah).[23]
You were like a burning stick snatched out of the fire.
Yet you all haven't returned to me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
12 Therefore I'll do something terrible to you, Yisrael (Israel),
and because I'll do something terrible to you,
prepare to meet your god, Yisrael.
13 Now listen. He who formed the mountains and created the

23 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24.

24 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

25 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

26 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

wind
reveals his thoughts to humanity,
makes the morning darkness,
and walks around the highest places in this world.
Commander-in-chief God, Yahweh, is his name."

Encouraging repentance from sin · Northern kingdom

5:1 Hear this message of mourning over you that I take up, people of Yisrael (Israel):
2 The virgin Yisrael has fallen—she won't rise again.
She's abandoned on her land—there's no one to help her up,
3 because this is what the master Yahweh says:
"The city that went out with a thousand warriors will have a hundred left,
and the one that went out with a hundred will have ten left belonging to the nation of Yisrael."
4 This is what Yahweh says to the people of Yisrael:
"Seek me and live!
5 Don't seek Beyt-El (Bethel) (which means 'God's house')
or enter Gilgal;
Don't journey down to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba).
Because Gilgal will surely go into captivity,
and Beyt-El will become nothing.
6 Seek Yahweh and live,
or he will break out like fire among Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants.
It will devour, and there'll be no one to quench it in Beyt-El.
7 Those people turn justice into a bitter thing
and throw righteousness down to the ground."
8 God made the Pleiades and Orion constellations.
He turns darkness into the morning
and he makes the day dark with night
He calls for the waters of the sea
and pours them out on the surface of the earth.
Yahweh is his name.
9 He causes devastation to land on the strong,
and destruction comes down on the fortresses.
10 They hate anyone who corrects them at the community centre,
and they despise anyone who speaks the truth.
11 Therefore, because you trample down the poor
and take a percentage of all their grain—
although you have built houses from nice stone blocks, you won't get to live in them.
You have delightful vineyards, but you won't drink their wine.
12 I know how many your offenses are
and how great your sins are—
you who make honest people suffer, take bribes,
and turn aside the needy at the community centre.
13 Therefore any sensible person should be silent at such a time,
because it's an evil time.
14 Strive to do good and not evil, so that you may live.
So Yahweh, the god with armies, will really be with you,

Literal Version

5:1 Hear ~~DOM~~ the_message the_this which I am_lifting_up on_ _you(pl) a_lamentation Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** She_has_ _fallen not she_will_repeat to_rise the_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) she_has_been_abandoned on land_of_her_own there_is_not one_of_who_raises_her_up. **3** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_city which_goes_out a_thousand it_will_ _have_left a_hundred and_which_goes_out a_hundred it_will_ _have_left ten of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) seek_me and_live. **5** And_do_not seek Bēyt- 'ēl and_(the)_Gilgal not you(pl)_must_go and_Bə'ēr- seven not you(pl)_must_pass_over if/because (the)_Gilgal certainly_(go_into_exile) it_will_go_ _into_exile and_Bēyt- 'ēl it_will_become (into)_trouble. **6** Seek ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_live lest he_should_rush like_fire the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_it_will_consume and_there_is_not one_ _who_extinguishes for_Bēyt- 'ēl. **7** Oh_you(pl)_who_turn into_ _wormwood justice and_righteousness to_ground they_thrust_ _down. **8** The_one_who_made_of (of)_Pleiades and_Orion and_ _the_one_who_turns into_morning deep_darkness and_day night he_makes_dark the_one_who_summons (to)_the_waters_ _of the_sea and_he_poured_them_out on the_surface_of the_ _earth/land is_**YHWH** his/its_name. **9** The_one_who_causes_to_ _flash devastation on the_strong and_devastation on a_fortress it_will_come. **10** They_hate in_gate one_who_reproves and_ _one_who_speaks blameless they_abhor. **11** For_so/thus/hence because trample_you(pl) on the_poor and_tribute_of grain you(pl)_take from_him/it houses_of hewn_stone you(pl)_have_ _built and_not you(pl)_will_dwell in_them vineyards_of desire you(pl)_have_planted and_not you(pl)_will_drink ~~DOM~~ wine_of_ _their. **12** If/because I_know many transgressions_of_your(pl) and_numerous sins_of_your(pl) Oh_foes_of the_righteous Oh_ _you(pl)_who_take_of (of)_a_ransom and_needy_people in_gate they_turn_aside. **13** For_so/thus/hence one_who_has_insight at_time (the)_that he_will_be_silent if/because is_a_time evil it. **14** Seek good and_not evil so_that you(pl)_may_live and_let_it_ _be right **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers will_be_with_ _you(pl) just_as you(pl)_have_said. **15** Hate evil and_love good and_set_up in_gate justice perhaps **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers he_will_show_favour_to the_remnant_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **16** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers my_master he_says in_all the_open_places wailing and_on/over_all the_streets people_will_say alas alas and_people_will_call a_farmer to_mourning and_wailing to those_who_know_of (of)_mourning_song[s]. **17** And_on/over_ _all the_vineyards wailing if/because I_will_pass in_midst_of_ _your **YHWH** he_says.

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18 Woe_to those_who_desire ~~DOM~~ the_day_of **YHWH** to/for_ _what this to/for_you(pl) the_day_of **YHWH** it will_be_darkness and_not light. **19** Just_as someone he_flees from_face/in_front_ _of the_lion and_it_meets_him the_bear and_he_goes the_house and_he_leans his/its_hand on the_wall and_it_bites_him the_ _snake. **20** Not be_darkness will_the_day_of **YHWH** and_not light and_gloomy and_not brightness to_him/it. **21** I_hate I_ _reject feasts_of_your(pl) and_not I_delight in_assemblies_of_ _your(pl). **22** If/because if you(pl)_will_offer_up to_me burnt_ _offerings and_your(pl)_grain_of_offerings not I_will_accept_ _them and_the_peace_offering_of your(pl)_fatlings_of_your(pl) not I_will_pay_attention_to. **23** Remove from_with_me the_ _noise_of your(pl)_songs_of_your and_the_music_of your(pl)_ _lyres_of_your not I_will_listen_to. **24** And_let_it_roll_on like_ _water justice and_righteousness like_a_wadi ever-flowing. **25** Sacrifices and_grain_offering[s] did_you(pl)_bring_near to_ _me in_wilderness forty year[s] Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **26** And_you(pl)_will_lift_up ~~DOM~~ Şikkūt king_of_your(pl) and_ _~~DOM~~ Kīyyūn images_of_your(pl) the_star_of your(pl)_gods_of_ _your(pl) which you(pl)_made for_yourselves. **27** And_I_will_ _send_into_exile you(pl) from_beyond (to)_Dammeseq is_ _**YHWH** he_says god_of soldiers/messengers his/its_name.

6:1 Woe_to the_people_at_ease in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_those_ _who_trust in_the_mountain_of Shomrōn the_dignitaries_of the_first_of the_nations and_they_will_come to/for_them the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** Pass_over Kəlaneh and_see and_go from_there Hamath- Rabāh and_rule(pl) Gath the_Pəlishtiy[30] are_they_good more_than the_kingdoms the_these or great territory_of_is_their more_than_of_your(pl)_territory. **3** Those_ _who_push_away (to)_a_day calamity and_you(pl)_have_ _brought_near a_seat_of violence. **4** Those_who_lie on beds_of

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just like you've all been saying.

15 Hate evil, love good, and establish justice at the community centre.

Perhaps Yahweh, the god with armies, will be gracious to the remnant of Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants.

16 Therefore, this is what Yahweh says, the god with armies, my master,

"Wailing will be in all the town squares,

and in all the streets they'll complain, 'Oh no. Oh no.'

They'll call the farmers to mourning

and the mourners to wail. **17** There'll be wailing in all the vineyards because I'll pass through among you,"

Yahweh says.

Warning about coming judgement · Northern kingdom

18 You who desire the day of Yahweh won't end well.

Why do you long for the day of Yahweh?

It'll be darkness and not light,

19 like when a person flees from a lion and then they run into a bear,

or when a person goes in a house and puts a hand on the wall and gets bitten by a snake.

20 Won't Yahweh's day consist of darkness and not light?

Gloom and no brightness?

21 "I hate, I despise your festivals,

I take no delight in your formal gatherings.[27]

22 Even though you all offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I won't accept them,

nor will I take any notice of your fellowship offerings of fattened animals.

23 Take the noise of your songs away from me.

I won't listen to the sound of your harps.

24 Instead, let justice flow like water,

and righteousness like a constantly flowing stream.

25 You descendants of Yisrael (Israel),

did you bring me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness for forty years?[28]

26 You've all lifted up the images of Sikut, your king,

and Kiyun, your star god that you made for yourselves.

27 Therefore I will exile you far beyond Damesek (Damascus)," says Yahweh, whose name is the god with armies.

Exile for the complacent · Northern kingdom

6:1 Those who are at ease in Tsiyon (Zion) won't end well,

nor will those who feel secure in the hill country of Shomron (Samaria)—

the notable men of the best of the nations—

the ones who Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants come to for help!

2 "Go to Keleneh and look.

From there go to Hamat-Rabah.

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27 **RV 5:21-22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 1:11-14.

28 **RV 5:25-27 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:42-43.

30 **LV 6:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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Then go down to the Pelishti city of Gat.
Are they better than your two kingdoms?
Is their territory larger than yours?"
3 Those who refuse to consider the day of disaster won't end well
and make the seat of violence come closer.
4 They lie on ivory beds
and lounge on their couches.
They eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall.
5 They sing fun songs with the harp as accompaniment.
They improvise on musical instruments like David did.
6 They drink bowls of wine
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but they don't grieve over Yisrael's (Israel's) ruin.
7 Therefore, they'll go into exile now with the first exiles,
and the feasts of those who lounged about will come to an end.
8 This is the declaration of Yahweh, the god with armies:
"I, the master Yahweh, have sworn by myself
that I detest Yisrael's pride.
I hate their fortresses,
therefore I'll hand the city[29] over with everything that's in it."
9 When that happens, if there's ten people left in a house, they'll all die. **10** When a person's relative comes to take their bodies out of the house to be burnt outside, if he asks the person in the house if there's anyone with them and if that person says there's not, then he'll say, "Don't say anything else because we mustn't mention Yahweh's name."
11 Yes, because, listen, Yahweh will give a command,
and the big house will be smashed to pieces,
and the little house turned into rubble.
12 Do horses run on the rocky cliffs?
Would someone plough there with oxen?
Yet you've all turned justice into poison
and the results of doing what's right, into bitterness,
13 you who celebrate about capturing Lo-Devar—
who say, "Didn't we take Karnayim by our own strength?"
14 Therefore, listen, I'll raise up a nation against you people of Yisrael (Israel).
That's the declaration of Yahweh, the god with armies.
They'll afflict you
from Levo-Hamat to the brook in the Aravah."

The locusts vision · Northern kingdom

7:1 This is what my master Yahweh showed me:
Listen, he formed a locust swarm when the spring crop began to come up, and oh no, it was the late crop after the king's initial harvest. **2** When they'd finished eating everything green across

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ivory and_people_sprawled_out on couches_of_their and_ _those_who_eat lambs from_the_flock and_calves from_the_ _midst_of the_stall. **5** Those_who_improvise on the_mouth_of the_lyre like_Dāvid they_have_devised to/for_them instruments_of song. **6** Those_who_drink in_bowls_of wine and_the_best_of oils they_smear and_not they_were_sickened on the_ruin_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph)[313233] **7** for_so/thus/hence now they_will_go_into_exile at_the_head those_who_go_into_exile and_ the_revelry_of sprawled_out_people _it_will_come_to_an_ _end. **8** My_master **YHWH** he_has_sworn by_self_of_his the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** god_of soldiers/messengers I am_ _loathing ᴅᴏᴍ the_pride_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_fortresses_of_ _his I_hate and_I_will_deliver_up the_city and_what_of_fills_it. **9** And_it_was if ten men they_will_remain in_a_house one and_ _they_will_die. **10** And_he_will_lift_him_up one_of_his_loved and_the_one_of_who_burns_him to_bring_out bones from the_ _house and_saying(ms) to_the_one_who is_in_the_innermost_ _parts_of the_house still is_anyone_with_you and_saying(ms) no and_saying(ms) hush if/because not to_bring_to_ _remembrance in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **11** If/because HERE **YHWH** is_commanding and_someone_will_strike the_house (the)_great fragments and_the_house the_small(sg) rubble(s). **12** Do_they_run on_crag[s] horses or does_anyone_plow with_ _oxen if/because you(pl)_have_turned into_poison justice and_ _the_fruit_of righteousness into_wormwood. **13** The_joyful_ _people to_Lo- debar who_say am_not by_our_own_of_strength have_we_taken to/for_us Qarnāyim. **14** If/because HERE_I am_ _about_to_raise_up on_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_god_of (the)_soldiers/messengers a_nation and_they_will_oppress you(pl) from Hamath to the_ _wadi_of (the)_'Arāvāh.

7:1 Thus he_showed_me my_master **YHWH** and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_forming locust[s] at_the_beginning_ _of the_spring-crop of_the_coming_up and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _spring-crop after the_mowings_of the_king. **2** And_it_was if it_ _had_finished to_eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_vegetation_of the_earth/land and_I_said my_master **YHWH** forgive please who

29 RV 6:8 · Note Probably Shomron (Samaria).

31 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

32 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

33 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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Ya′ₐqov/(Jacob) will_he_stand if/because is_small he. **3** **YHWH** he_relented on this not it_will_be **YHWH** he_said.

4 Thus he_showed_me my_master **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_calling for_conducting_a_case by_fire my_master **YHWH** and_she/it_ate ~~DOM~~ the_deep great and_it_consumed ~~DOM~~ the_portion_land. **5** And_I_said my_master **YHWH** cease please who Ya′ₐqov will_he_stand if/because is_small he. **6** **YHWH** he_relented on this also it not it_will_be my_master **YHWH** he_said.

7 Thus he_showed_me and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE my_master was_standing on a_wall_of tin and_was_in_hand_of_his tin. **8** And_**YHWH** _he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing Oh_'Āmōts and_I_said tin and_ my_master _he/it_said HERE_I am_about_to_put tin in_the_midst_of my_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_will_repeat again to_pass_by to_him/it. **9** And_ the_high_places_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _they_will_be_made_desolate and_the_sanctuaries_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_be_waste and_I_will_arise on the_house_of Yārov′ām/(Jeroboam) with_sword.

10 And_ Amaziah the_priest_of Bēyt-'ēl _he_sent to Yārov′ām the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say he_has_conspired on_you 'Āmōts in_the_midst_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not the_earth/land it_is_able to_endure ~~DOM~~ all_of words/messages_of_his. **11** If/because thus 'Āmōts he_has_said by_sword Yārov′ām he_will_die and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) certainly_(go_into_exile) it_will_go_into_exile from_under land_of_its. **12** And_ Amaziah _he/it_said to 'Āmōts Oh_seer go flee to/for_yourself(m) to the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_eat there bread and_there you_will_prophesy. **13** And_Bēyt-'ēl not you_must_repeat again to_prophesy if/because is_a_sanctuary_of a_king it and_is_a_house_of kingdom it. **14** And_ 'Āmōts _he_answered and_he/it_said to Amaziah not am_a_prophet I and_not am_a_son_of a_prophet I if/because was_a_herdsman I and_a_fig_picker_of sycamores. **15** And_he_took_me **YHWH** from_after the_flock and_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** go prophesy to people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **16** And_now hear the_message_of **YHWH** you are_saying not you_must_prophesy on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not you_must_prophesy on the_house_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **17** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says wife_of_your in_city she_will_be_a_prostitute and_sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your by_sword they_will_fall and_land_of_your with_measuring-line it_will_be_divided and_you(ms) on ground unclean you_will_die and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) certainly_(go_into_exile) it_will_go_into_exile from_under land_of_its.

8:1 Thus he_showed_me my_master **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_basket_of summer_fruit. **2** And_he/it_said what are_you seeing Oh_'Āmōts and_I_said a_basket_of summer_fruit and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me the_end it_has_

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the land, then I asked, "My master Yahweh, please forgive me. How will Yisrael (Israel) survive because it's only a small country?"

3 So Yahweh backed off from that and said that he wouldn't do it.

The wildfire vision · Northern kingdom

4 This is what my master Yahweh showed me:
Listen, my master Yahweh called on fire to judge the country. It dried up the vast, deep water under the earth and also would have devoured the land **5** except I said, "My master Yahweh, please stop. How will Yisrael (Israel) survive because it's so small?"

6 So Yahweh also backed off from that and said that he wouldn't do it.

The plumb-line vision · Northern kingdom

7 This is what he showed me:
Listen, my master stood on a wall holding a plumb-line **8** and he asked me, "Amos, what do you see?"

"A plumb line," I answered.

"Listen, I'll drop a plumb-line down to check out my people Yisrael (Israel)," my master said. "Never again will I spare them. **9** The hilltop shrines of Yitshak (Isaac) will be destroyed.
Yisrael's sanctuaries will be ruined,
and I'll take action against the house of Yarov'am (Jeroboam) with the sword."

Amos and Amasiyas · Both kingdoms

10 Then Amatsyah, the priest at Beyt-El (Bethel), sent a message to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yarov'am (Jeroboam), saying: "Amos has conspired against you right among the Israeli people. The country can't handle all his messages. **11** Amos is saying that you, Yarov'am, will die by the sword and that Yisrael will definitely get taken into exile away from this land."

12 Amatsyah ordered Amos, "Hey prophet! Go and run yourself back to the Yehudah (Judah) region, and earn your living and prophesy there. **13** But you must never again prophesy here at Beyt-El because it's the king's sanctuary, and it's the royal residence."

14 "I'm not a prophet," Amos answered the priest. "Nor am I a prophet's son, because I'm a herdsman, plus I take care of an orchard. **15** But Yahweh took me from looking after the flock and told me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Yisrael.' **16** So now listen to Yahweh's message: You say, 'Don't prophesy against Yisrael, and don't speak out against Yitshak's (Isaac's) descendants.'
17 Therefore this is what Yahweh says:
Your wife will become a prostitute in the city.
Your sons and daughters will die by the sword.
Your property will be measured and divided up.
You'll die in a foreign, heathen country,
and Yisrael will certainly be taken into exile from its land."

The basket-of-fruit vision · Northern kingdom

8:1 This is what my master Yahweh showed me: See this basketful of summer fruit. **2** Then he asked, "What do you see,

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Amos?"
"A basket of summer fruit," I said.
Then Yahweh told me, "The end has come for my people Yisrael (Israel). I won't spare them any longer. 3 The songs of the temple will become wailings on that day."
That's the declaration of my master Yahweh.
"Many dead bodies—they're thrown everywhere.
Then silence."

Yisrael's punishment · Northern kingdom

4 Listen to this, you who trample the needy
and take the poor off the land. 5 They say,
"When will the new moon celebrations be over, so we can sell grain again?
When will the Rest Day be over, so we can sell wheat?
We'll make the measure small and increase the price,
as we cheat with false scales.
6 This is so we can sell low-grade wheat.
We can buy the poor people with cash,
and the needy people for a pair of sandals."
7 Yahweh has made an oath on Ya'akov's (Jacob's) pride,
"I certainly won't ever forget any of their evil actions.
8 Won't the land itself quake due to this behaviour,
and every one who lives in it mourn?
All of the ground will come up like the Nile River after the rains,
and it will be tossed about then settle again, like Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river.
9 This is the declaration of my master Yahweh:
"It will come at that time that I'll make the sun set at noon,
and I will darken the earth during the day.
10 I'll turn your festivals into mourning
and all your songs into dirges.
I'll make all of you wear sackcloth
and every head to be shaved.
I'll make it like mourning for an only son,
and a bitter day to its end.
11 This is the declaration of my master Yahweh:
Listen, the days are coming when I'll send a famine to this country.
Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,
but for hearing Yahweh's messages.
12 They'll stagger from sea to sea.
They'll rove around from the north to the east to seek Yahweh's message,
but they won't find it.
13 In that day the beautiful young women
and the young men will faint from dehydration.
14 Those who swear by the guilt of Shomron (Samaria)
and say, 'As your god lives, Dan,'
and, 'As the road to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) exists'—

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_come to people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_will_repeat again to_pass_by to_him/it. 3 And_ songs_of the_temple _they_will_ _wail in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** many the_corpse[s] in_all place someone_will_throw hush.

4 Hear this Oh_you(pl)_who_trample_on the_needy and_to_put_ _an_end_to the_afflicted_people_of[34] the_land. 5 To_say when the_new_moon will_it_pass so_that_we_may_sell_grain grain and_the_sabbath so_that_we_may_open grain to_make_small an_'ēyfāh and_to_make_great a_shekel and_to_falsify balances_ _of deceit. 6 To_buy for_silver poor_people and_the_needy in_ _account_of a_pair_of_sandals and_refuse_of grain we_will_sell_ _grain. 7 **YHWH** he_has_sworn by_the_pride_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) if I_will_forget to_perpetuity all_of deeds_of_their. 8 On this not the_earth/land will_it_tremble and_ every_of one_who_dwells in_it _he_will_mourn and_it_will_rise like_light of_it_of_all and_ _it_will_be_tossed and[35] like_the_River of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 9 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** and_I_will_cause_to_go the_sun at_noon(s) and_I_will_make_dark (to)_earth in/on_day light. 10 And_I_ _will_turn feasts_of_your(pl) into_mourning and_all songs_of_ _your(pl) into_lamentation and_I_will_bring_up on all_of loins sackcloth and_on every_of head baldness and_I_will_make_it like_the_mourning an_only_son and_end_of_its will_be_like_a_ _day bitter. 11 HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** and_I_will_send a_famine on_the_earth not a_ _famine for_bread and_not a_thirst for_water if/because (if) for_hearing ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages_of **YHWH**. 12 And_ _people_will_stagger from_sea to sea and_from_the_north and_ _unto the_east they_will_rove_about to_seek ~~DOM~~ the_message_ _of **YHWH** and_not they_will_find_it. 13 In_the_day (the)_that the_virgins (the)_beautiful and_the_young_men they_will_ _become_faint by_thirst. 14 Those_who_swear by_the_guilt_of Shomrōn and_they_say by_the_life your(pl)_gods_of_your Oh_ _Dān and_by_the_life of_the_way_of of Bə'ēr and_they_will_fall and_not they_will_rise again.

34 **LV 8:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: יונע: (x-qere) 'יֵינֵַע': lemma_6041 morph_HAampc id_305vj יֵינֵַע

35 **LV 8:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: הקשנ/ו: (x-qere) 'הָעְקְשְׁנִ/ו': lemma_c/8257 n_0.0 morph_HC/VNq3fs id_306mC הָעְקְשְׁנִ/ו

Literal Version

9:1 I_saw ~~DOM~~ my_master standing on the_altar and_he/it_said strike the_capital so_ the_thresholds _that_they_may_shake and_break_them_off on_the_head_of all_of_them_of_their and_ _posterity_of_their by_sword I_will_kill not he_will_flee to/for_ _them one_who_flees and_not he_will_escape to/for_them an_ _escapee. **2** If they_will_dig in_Shə'ōl from_there hand_of_my it_will_take_them and_if they_will_go_up the_heavens from_ _there I_will_bring_them_down. **3** And_if they_will_hide_ _themselves on_the_top_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) from_there I_will_search_for_them and_I_will_take_them and_if they_will_ _hide_themselves from_before eyes_of_my at_the_bottom_of the_sea from_there I_will_command ~~DOM~~ the_snake and_it_will_ _bite_them. **4** And_if they_will_go in_captivity to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their[36] from_there I_will_ _command ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife and_it_will_kill_ _them and_I_will_set eye_of_my on_them for_evil and_not for_ _good. **5** And_the_of_master **YHWH** of_(the)_ _soldiers/messengers who_touches on_the_earth and_it_ _melted and_ all_of the_inhabitants_of in_it _they_mourn and_ _it_rises like_River of_it_of_all and_it_sinks like_the_River of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt)[373839] **6** who_builds in_the_heavens his[40] and_vault_of_his on the_earth he_has_founds_it who_summons (to)_the_waters_of the_sea and_he_poured_them_out on the_ _surface_of the_earth/land is_**YHWH** his/its_name. **7** Am_not like_the_sons_of the_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s are_you(pl) to_me Oh_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** am_not ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) did_I_bring_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_the_Pəlishtiy from_Kaftor/(Caphtor) and_'Arām from_Qīr. **8** HERE the_eyes_of my_master **YHWH** are_on_ _kingdom (the)_sinful and_I_will_destroy ~~DOM~~_her/it from_ _under the_surface_of the_soil nevertheless if/because not totally_destroy I_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **9** If/because HERE I am_about_to_command and_I_will_shake among_all_of the_ _nations ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as it_is_shaken in_sieve and_not a_pebble it_will_fall the_ground. **10** By_sword all_of the_sinners_of my_people_of_my who_say not it_will_ _bring_near and_it_will_meet through_us the_calamity they_ _will_die.

Readers' Version

they will die and never live again."

Yahweh's judgement on Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9:1 I saw my master standing beside the altar, and he said,

"Strike the tops of the pillars so that the foundations will shake.

Break them in pieces onto all their heads,
and I will kill the last of them with the sword.
Not one of them will get away.
Not one of them will escape.

2 Though they dig down towards Sheol, my hand will reach in there and pluck them out.

Though they climb up to heaven, I'll bring them back down from there.

3 Even if they hide on the top of Mt. Karmel, I'll search there and take them.

Though they're hidden from my sight at the bottom of the sea, I'll give orders to the serpent there to bite them.

4 Though they go into captivity, driven ahead by their enemies, I'll give orders there to the sword to kill them.

I'll keep my eyes on them for harm and not for good."

5 Master and Commander-in-chief Yahweh touches the land and it melts.

All who live in it mourn.
All of it will rise up like the Nile River,
then go down again like Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river.

6 He builds his steps in the heavens,
and has established his vault over the earth.
He calls for the waters of the sea,
and pours them out on the earth's surface,
Yahweh is his name.

7 This is Yahweh's declaration:

"Aren't you all like Kush's (Ethiopia's) sons to me, you Israelis?
Didn't I bring Yisrael (Israel) out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
the Pelishtim from Kraitai (Crete),
and the Arameans from Kir?

8 Listen, the eyes of my master Yahweh are on the sinful kingdom of Yisrael,
and I will destroy it from the face of the earth,
except that I won't totally wipe out Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

9 Because, listen, I will give a command,
and I'll shake Yisrael among all the nations,
as one shakes grain in a sieve,
but not even a pebble will fall to the ground. **10** All my people who are sinners will die by the sword,
including those who said, 'We're totally immune from any dis-

36 LV 9:4 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

37 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

38 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

39 LV 9:5 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

40 LV 9:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תולעמ: (x-qere) ו/יְתוֹלֲעַמ׳: lemma_4609 b n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_30mM8 ו/יְתוֹלֲעַמ

Readers' Version

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Yisrael's future restoration · Full kingdom

11 At that time, I'll raise up David's shelter that collapsed, and repair where it's split.
I'll raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old.[41]
12 Consequently they may take over what's left of Edom
and all the nations that have decided to follow me.
That is Yahweh's declaration—he'll do it.
13 This is Yahweh's declaration:
Listen, the days will come when the man on the plough will overtake the harvester,
and the treader of grapes will overtake the one planting seed.
The mountains will drip sweet wine,
and all the hills will flow with it.
14 I'll bring my people Yisrael (Israel) back from captivity.
They'll build the ruined cities and inhabit them.
They'll plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they'll make gardens and eat their fruit.
15 I'll plant them onto their land,
and they'll never again be uprooted from the land that I've given them,"
says your god Yahweh.

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Literal Version

11 In_the_day (the)_that I_will_raise_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_booth_of Dāvid (the)_fallen and_I_will_wall_up ~~ĐOM~~ breaches_of_their and_ruins_of_his I_will_raise_up and_I_will_rebuild_it like_the_ _days_of antiquity. **12** So_that they_may_dispossess ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _remnant_of ʾEdōm and_all the_nations which name_of_my it_ _is_called on_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_is_about_to_ _do this. **13** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ the_plowman _he_will_approach (in)_reaper and_the_ _treader_of grapes (in)_the_sower_of the_seed and_ the_ _mountains _they_will_drip sweet_wine and_all the_hills they_ _will_flow_with_it. **14** And_I_will_turn_back ~~ĐOM~~ the_captivity_ _of my_people_of_my Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_will_rebuild cities desolated and_they_will_dwell_in_them and_they_will_ _plant vineyards and_they_will_drink ~~ĐOM~~ wine_of_their and_ _they_will_make gardens and_they_will_eat ~~ĐOM~~ fruit_of_their. **15** And_I_will_plant_them on land_of_their_own and_not they_ _will_be_plucked_up again from_under land_of_their which I_ _have_given to/for_them **YHWH** god_of_your he_says.

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41 RV 9:11-12 · Cross-ref. Acts 15:16-18.

Hoshea

(Hosea)

Introduction

This document is about what was prophesied long ago by the prophet Hoshea (often wrongly known in English as ‘Hosea’) around 800 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) and before Shomron (Samaria) was destroyed by invading armies. The prophets Hoshea and Amos gave similar prophecies to the people in similar period, but Hoshea continued on for several years longer. In those times, Yisrael (Israel) was divided into two countries. The northern part where Hoshea preached continued to be known as Yisrael and was also named as ‘Efrayim’ (the name of a prominent tribe in that northern kingdom). Shomron (Samaria) was its capital city. The smaller, southern part of the former, larger Yisrael was named Yehudah (after the largest tribe in that area).
In this document, Hoshea showed the arguments between those who followed Yahweh, and those who had decided to change their allegiance to idols and other gods. The latter were like Hoshea’s disobedient spouse Gomir who left him behind. Also, Hoshea was very sad about how the people argued and worshipped false gods, and no longer trusted their god Yahweh. But in the ending, God again displayed his love towards his people and wanted to bring them back to him. His love for them was very strong, and he revealed this to them through Hoshea’s sorrowful speeches, “How can I give you up, Efrayim? How can I hand you over, Yisrael? ... My heart is turned over within me—all my compassions are aroused.” (11:8).

Main components of this document

Hoshea’s marriage and family *1:1–3:5*
God’s case against Yisrael *4:1–13:16*
The promise, and the command to repent *14:1-9*

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1:1 This is Yahweh's message that came to Be'eri's son Hoshea (Hosea) in the time of Kings Uziyah,[1] Yotam (Jotham),[2] Ahaz,[3] and Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),[4] of Yehudah (Judah), and was also during the reign of Yoash's son King Yarov'am (Jeroboam)[5] in Yisrael (Israel).

Hoshea's wife and children · Northern kingdom

2 When Yahweh first spoke through Hoshea (Hosea), he told him, "Go and get yourself a prostitute for a wife and have children from her, because the country is committing flagrant prostitution by forsaking Yahweh."

3 So he went and married Divlayim's daughter Gomer, and she got pregnant and bore him a son. **4** Then Yahweh told him, "Name him Yizre'el (Jezreel), because in a little while I'll avenge the blood shed in the Yizre'el valley on Yehu's (Jehu's) family,[6] and I'll put an end to the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel). **5** At that time in the Yizre'el valley, I'll break Yisrael's military power."

6 Then Gomer conceived again and bore a daughter, and Yahweh told Hoshea, "Name her Lo-Ruhamah (which means 'No mercy'), because I'll no longer have mercy on the Israelis, and I won't forgive them at all. **7** But I'll have mercy on Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants, and I'll save them so they'll be able to see that it was their god Yahweh. (I won't save them using bows, swords, battles, horses, or horsemen.)"

8 After she'd weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she got pregnant again and bore a second son. **9** Then Yahweh said, "Name him Lo-Ami (which means 'Not my people') because you're not my people and I'm not your god."

Yisrael's restoration · Northern kingdom

10 Yet the number of Israelis will be like the sand on the seashore, which can't be measured or counted. Then instead of being told, 'You're not my people,' they'll be told, 'You are children of the living god.'[7] **11** The people from both Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel) will be gathered together. They'll appoint one leader for themselves, and they'll come out of the countries where they'd been exiled, because the day of Yizre'el (Jezreel) (which means 'planted by God') will be great.

2:1 "Say to your brothers, 'My people,' and your sisters, 'You've all been shown compassion.' "

Literal Version

1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Hōshēʻa the_son_ _of Bəʾērī in_the_days_of ʻUzziy^{yāh} Yōtām/(Jotham) ʾĀḥāz Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_days_of Yārovʻām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Yōʾāsh/(Joash) the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

2 The_beginning_of **YHWH** (of)_when_he_spoke by_Hōshēʻa and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Hōshēʻa go take to/for_yourself(m) a_wife_of prostitution(s) and_children_of prostitution(s) if/because continually_(prostitute_itself) the_earth/land it_ _prostitutes_itself from_after **YHWH.** **3** And_he/it_went and_ _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ Gomer the_daughter_of Divʻlayim and_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it a_son. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it call his/its_name Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel) if/because yet a_little and_I_will_visit ~~DOM~~ the_blood(s)_of Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel) on the_house_of Yēhūʾ/(Jehu) and_I_will_put_an_end_to the_kingdom_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_I_will_ _break ~~DOM~~ the_bow_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_the_valley_of Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel). **6** And_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_daughter and_he/it_said to_ _him/it call his/its_name Lo- Ruḥāmāh if/because not I_will_ _repeat again I_will_have_compassion_on ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because certainly_(forgive) I_will_forgive to/for_them. **7** And_~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_will_ _have_compassion_on and_I_will_save_them by_**YHWH** god_of_ _their and_not I_will_save_them by_bow and_by_sword and_by_ _battle by_horses and_by_horsemen. **8** And_she_weaned ~~DOM~~ Lo- Ruḥāmāh and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_ _she/it_gave_birth a_son. **9** And_he/it_said call his/its_name Lo- Ammi if/because you(pl) not people_of_are_my and_I not I_ _will_belong to_you(pl).

2:1 **8** And_it_was the_number_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) like_the_sand_of the_sea which not it_will_be_measured and_ _not it_will_be_counted and_it_was in_the_place_of (of)_where it_was_said to/for_them not people_of_are_my you(pl) it_will_ _be_said to/for_them children_of the_god living. **2** **9** And_ the_ _people_of Yəhūdāh and_the_sons of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_ _will_be_gathered together and_they_will_appoint to/for_them a_leader one and_they_will_go_up from the_earth/land if/because will_be_great the_day_of Yizrəʻʾēl/(Jezreel). **3** **10** Say to_brothers_of_your(pl) people_of_my and_to_sisters_of_ _your(pl) she_is_shown_compassion.

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:1-7; 2Ch 26:1-23.
2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:32-38; 2Ch 27:1-8.
3 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:1-20; 2Ch 28:1-27.
4 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 18:1–20:21; 2Ch 29:1–32:33.
5 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 14:23-29.
6 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 10:11.
7 **RV 1:10 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:26.
8 **LV 2:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.1.10
9 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.1.11
10 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.1

Literal Version

4 [11] Conduct_a_case with_mother_of_your(pl) conduct_a_case if/because she not wife_of_is_my and_I not her/its_ _husband/man and_let_her_remove prostitution(s)_of_her from_face_of_her[12] and_adulteries_of_her from_between breasts_of_her. 5 [13] Lest I_should_strip_her naked and_I_will_ _exhibit_her like_the_day_of she_was_born and_I_will_make_ _her like_wilderness and_I_will_make_her like_a_land dryness and_I_should_make_her_die with_thirst. 6 [14] And_~~DOM~~ her/its_ _sons/descendants not I_will_have_compassion_on if/because are_children_of prostitution(s) they. 7 [15] If/because mother_of_ _their she_has_prostituted_herself the_one_of_who_conceived_ _them she_has_acted_shamefully if/because she_said I_will_go after lovers_of_my who_give_of food_of_(of)_my and_water_of_ _my wool_of_my and_flax_of_my oil_of_my and_drinks_of_my. 8 [16] For_so/thus/hence here_I am_about_to_fence_up ~~DOM~~ way_ _of_your with_thorns and_I_will_wall_up ~~DOM~~ wall_of_her and_ _paths_of_her not she_will_find. 9 [17] And_she_will_pursue ~~DOM~~ lovers_of_her and_not she_will_overtake ~~DOM~~_them and_she_ _will_seek_them and_not she_will_find_them and_she_will_say I_will_go and_I_will_return to husband_of_my (the)_former if/because it_was_good to_me then more_than_now. 10 [18] And_ _she not she_knows if/because_that I I_gave to/for_her/it the_ _grain and_the_new_wine and_the_fresh_oil and_silver I_ _multiplied to/for_her/it and_gold which_they_made into_ _Ba´al. 11 [19] For_so/thus/hence I_will_return and_I_will_take grain_of_my at_its_appropriate_of_time and_my_new_of_wine at_its_appointed_of_time and_I_will_take_away wool_of_my and_flax_of_my to_cover ~~DOM~~ nakedness_of_her. 12 [20] And_now I_will_uncover ~~DOM~~ lewdness_of_her to_the_eyes_of her_lovers and_anyone not he_will_deliver_her from_hand_of_my. 13 [21] And_I_will_put_an_end_to all_of joy_of_her festival[s]_of_her moon[s]_of_her_new and_sabbath[s]_of_her and_ _all/each/any/every feast_of_her_appointed. 14 [22] And_I_will_ _devastate vine[s]_of_her and_her_fig_of_tree[s] which she_said are_wage[s] they to_me which they_gave to_me lovers_of_my and_I_will_make_them into_a_thicket and_it_will_consume_ _them the_animal[s]_of the_field. 15 [23] And_I_will_visit on/upon_it(f) ~~DOM~~ the_days_of the_Ba´al when she_made_ _smoke to/for_them and_she_adorned_herself ring[s]_of_her and_jewelry_of_her and_she_went after lovers_of_her and_me she_forgot the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

Yisrael, the prostitute, will be punished · Northern kingdom

2 Contend with your mother, contend,
because she's not my wife,
and nor am I her husband.
Let her turn her face away from prostitution,
and cease her adultery from between her breasts.
3 If she doesn't, I'll strip her naked
and expose her like on the day she was born.
I will make her like the wilderness,
and make her like a sun-baked land,
→and I'll make her die from thirst.
4 I won't have mercy on her children,
→because they're the products of prostitution,
5 because their mother has dabbled in prostitution—
the woman who conceived them has acted shamefully.
Yes, she had said, "I'll go after my lovers,
who give me my bread and my water,
my wool and my flax,
and my oil and my drink."
6 Therefore, I'll fence her paths in with thorns.
I'll build a wall up against her so she can't find her way.
7 She'll try to pursue her lovers, but she won't be able to catch up to them.
She'll search for them, but she won't be able to find them.
Then she'll say, "I'll go and return to my first husband,
→because it was better for me then than it is now."
8 No, she hadn't known that it was me who gave her the grain, the new wine and the oil,
and who lavished gold and silver on her,
→which they then used for Ba'al.
9 Therefore I'll take my grain back in its time,
and my new wine in its season.
I'll take away my wool and my flax
→that were used to cover her nakedness.
10 Now I'll uncover her lewdness as her lovers watch,
but no one can rescue her from my punishment.
11 I'll also put an end to all her mirth,
her feasts, her new-moon celebrations, her rest days, and all her scheduled festivals.

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11 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.2

12 **LV 2:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

13 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.3

14 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.4

15 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.5

16 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.6

17 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.7

18 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.8

19 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.9

20 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.10

21 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.11

22 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.12

23 **LV 2:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.13

Readers' Version

12 "I'll destroy her grapevines and her fig trees,
of which she said, 'Those are my wages that my lovers gave me.'
I'll make them grow wild,
→and then the animals in the countryside will devour them.
13 I'll punish her for the feast days for the Baals,
when she burnt incense to them,
when she adorned herself with her rings and jewellery,
and went after her lovers and forgot me."
That is Yahweh's declaration.

The love of God of his people · Northern kingdom

14 Therefore, listen, I'm going to entice her.
I'll bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.
15 I'll give her back her vineyards,
and the depressing Akor Valley[24] as a gateway for hope.
She'll answer me there as in the days of her youth—
like at the time that she came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt):
16 "Yahweh declares you'll call me, 'My husband,' at the time
^and no longer call me, 'My master (Heb. Ba'al),'
17 because I'll remove the names of the Baals from her mouth,
and they'll no longer be remembered by their names."
18 "On that day I'll make an agreement for them
with the animals in the fields,
with the birds in the sky,
and with the crawling things on the ground.
I'll abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land,
and I'll make you lie down in safety.
19 I'll take you as my wife forever.
I'll marry you to me in righteousness and justice,
in loyal commitment, and in mercy.
20 I'll be faithful to you as my wife,
and you'll know Yahweh.
21 This is Yahweh's declaration:
At that time I'll answer the skies with rain,
and they'll answer the earth.
22 The earth will answer the grain, the new wine and the oil,

Literal Version

16 [26] For_so/thus/hence HERE I am_about_of_to_persuade_her and_I_will_lead_her the_wilderness and_I_will_speak to[272829] her/its_heart. 17 [30] And_I_will_give to/for_her/it ~~ḎǪM~~ vineyards_of_her from_there and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_valley_of_ʼĀkōr to_a_ _door_of hope and_she_will_answer there_(to) like_the_days_of her_youth(s)_of_her and_like_the_day_of[31] she_ascended from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 18 [32] And_it_was in_day (the)_ _that the_utterance_of **YHWH** you_will_call husband_of_my and_not you_will_call to_me again Baʼal_my. 19 [33] And_I_will_ _remove ~~ḎǪM~~ the_names_of the_Baʼal from_mouth_of_her and_ _not they_will_be_remembered again by_name_of_their. 20 [34] And_I_will_make to/for_them a_covenant in_the_day (the)_that with the_animal[s]_of the_field and_with the_bird[s]_of the_ _heavens and_the_creeping_thing[s]_of the_soil and_bow and_ _sword and_battle I_will_break from the_earth/land and_I_will_ _make_them_lie_down to_security. 21 [35] And_I_will_betroth_ _you to_me forever_perpetuity and_I_will_betroth_you to_me in_righteousness and_in_justice and_in_covenant_loyalty and_ _in_compassion(s). 22 [36] And_I_will_betroth_you to_me in_ _faithfulness and_you_will_know ~~ḎǪM~~ **YHWH**. 23 [37] And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that I_will_answer the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_ _will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ the_heavens and_they they_will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ the_earth/land. 24 [38] And_the_earth it_will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _grain and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_new_wine and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_fresh_oil and_they they_will_answer ~~ḎǪM~~ Yizrəʼēl/(Jezreel). 25 [39] And_I_will_sow_ _her to/for_me on_the_earth and_I_will_have_compassion_on ~~ḎǪM~~ Lo- Ruhamah and_I_will_say to_Lo- ammi people_of_are_ _my you and_he he_will_say god_of_my.

24 **RV 2:15 · Cross-ref.** Josh 7:24-26.
26 **LV 2:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.14
27 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
28 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
29 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
30 **LV 2:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.15
31 **LV 2:17 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
32 **LV 2:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.16
33 **LV 2:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.17
34 **LV 2:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.18
35 **LV 2:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.19
36 **LV 2:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.20
37 **LV 2:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.21
38 **LV 2:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.22
39 **LV 2:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.2.23

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3:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me again go love a_woman who_ _is_loved_of a_companion and_who_commits_adultery as_ **YHWH** _loves ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they are_ _turning to gods other and_they_are_loving_of (of)_cakes_of grapes. **2** And_I_bought_her to/for_me for_fif- teen silver and_ _a_homer_of barley(s) and_a_lethech_of barley(s). **3** And_I_said to_her/it days many you_will_dwell to_me not you_must_ _prostitute_yourself and_not you_must_belong to_a_man and_ _also I to_you. **4** If/because days many the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_dwell there_will_not_be a_king and_ _there_will_not_be a_prince and_there_will_not_be a_sacrifice and_there_will_not_be a_pillar and_there_will_not_be an_ _ephod and_teraphim. **5** After the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_return and_they_will_seek ĐOM **YHWH** god_of_their and_ĐOM Dāvid king_of_their and_they_will_be_in_dread to **YHWH** and_near/to goodness_of_his in_end/latter the_days.

4:1 Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because a_case_at_law to/for_**YHWH** with the_inhabitants_ _of the_earth/land if/because there_is_not faithfulness and_ _there_is_not covenant_loyalty and_there_is_not knowledge_of god on_the_earth. **2** Cursing and_deceiving and_murdering and_stealing and_committing_adultery people_have_broken_ _out and_blood(s) (in)_blood(s) they_have_touched. **3** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_earth/land it_will_dry_up and_ every_ _of one_who_dwells in_it _he_will_languish among_the_ _animal[s]_of the_field and_on/over_bird_of the_heavens and_ _also the_fish(es)_of the_sea they_will_be_removed.

4 Nevertheless anyone not let_him_bring_a_case and_not anyone let_him_reprove and_people_of_your is_like_those_ _who_contend_of (of)_a_priest. **5** And_you_will_stumble the_ _day and_ also a_prophet _he_will_stumble with_you night and_I_will_destroy mother_of_your. **6** People_of_my they_have_ _been_destroyed from_not_of (the)_knowledge if/because you the_knowledge you_have_rejected and_I_will_reject_you from_ _serving_as_a_priest to_me and_you_have_forgotten the_law_of your(pl)_god_of_your also I I_will_forget children_of_your. **7** As_ _increased_they so they_sinned to_me glory_of_their for_ _shame I_will_exchange. **8** The_sin_of my_people_of_my they_ _eat and_near/to iniquity_of_their they_lift_up desire_of_its. **9** And_it_was as_people as_priest and_I_will_visit on/upon/above_him/it ways_of_his and_deeds_of_his I_will_ _repay to_him/it. **10** And_they_will_eat and_not they_will_be_ _satisfied they_will_prostitute_themselves and_not they_will_ _increase if/because ĐOM **YHWH** they_have_abandoned to_

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and they'll answer Yizre'el (Jezreel) (which means 'God sows/plants').

23 I will sow her for myself in the land,
and I will have mercy on Lo-Ruhamah ('No mercy').
I will tell Lo-Ami ('Not my people'),
'You are my people,'
and they'll say, 'You're our God.' "[25]

Yahweh's love for his people · Northern kingdom

3:1 Yahweh told me, "Go again and love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as Yahweh loves the Israeli people, even though they turn to other gods and honour them with raisin cakes."

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen silver coins and ten baskets of barley. **3** I told her, "You must stay with me for some time. You mustn't dabble in prostitution or mess with any other man. In the same way, I'll be true to you." **4** Because the Israeli people will continue for many days without a king or prince, a sacrifice or stone pillar, and an ephod or household idols. **5** Afterwards, the Israeli people will return and want to follow Yahweh their god and David their king, and in the final days, they'll come trembling to Yahweh and to his goodness.

Yahweh's case against Yisrael · Northern kingdom

4:1 Listen to Yahweh's message you Israelis,
because Yahweh has brought a lawsuit against the inhabitants of the land,
because there's no faithfulness or loyal commitment—no knowledge of God in the land.
2 There's cursing, lying, murder, stealing and adultery.
They've broken all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.
3 Therefore the land mourns,
and everyone who lives in it is wasting away,
along with the animals in the countryside and the birds in the sky.
Even the fish in the sea will disappear.

Yahweh's warning to priests · Northern kingdom

4 Despite that, don't let anyone bring a lawsuit,
and don't let them accuse.
Your people are like those who would accuse a priest.
5 You'll stumble during the day.
The prophets will also stumble with you at night,
and I'll destroy Yisrael (Israel) your mother.
6 My people are destroyed because of the lack of knowledge
because you have rejected knowledge and I'll reject you from being a priest to me.
Because you've forgotten your god's instructions,
I'll also forget your children.
7 The more the priests multiplied, the more they sinned against me.
→I will change their high status into shame.

25 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:25; 1Pe 2:10.

Readers' Version

8 They feed on the sin of my people.
They are greedy for their wickedness.
9 It will be like people, like priests.
→I will punish them for their ways
and I will repay them for their actions.
10 They'll eat but never be full.
They'll sleep around but not prosper,
because they've abandoned Yahweh as their protector.
11 Drinking and sleeping around destroy the heart.

Yahweh's curse on those worshipping false gods · Northern kingdom

12 My people consult their wooden idols,
and their divining rods inform them,
because a spirit of unfaithfulness has led them astray,
and they've played the loose woman, departing from their god.
13 They sacrifice on the mountaintops
and burn incense on the hills,
under oaks, poplars and terebinths,
→because the shade is good.
Therefore your daughters prostitute themselves,
and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.
14 I won't punish your daughters when they prostitute themselves,
nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery,
because the men themselves go off with loose women,
and they offer sacrifices with cult prostitutes,
→so the people without understanding will be ruined.
15 Though you prostitute yourself, Yisrael (Israel),
don't involve Yehudah (Judah) in what you're doing.
Don't go to Gilgal or to Beyt-Aven,
and don't make an oath, saying, 'As Yahweh lives.'
16 Yisrael is stubborn, like a stubborn heifer.
Can Yahweh now feed them like lambs in a large paddock?
17 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) is joined to idols.
Leave them alone.
18 Even when their drinking is over,
they prostitute themselves continually.
Her rulers dearly love their shame.
19 The wind will wrap them up in its wings,
and they'll be ashamed because of their sacrifices.
5:1 "Hear this, you priests.
Pay attention, you Israelis.
Listen, you household of the king,
because the judgement is for you,
because you have all been a snare at Mitspah
and a net spread over Mt. Tavor.
2 The rebels stand deep in slaughter,
→but I will discipline all of them.
3 I know Yisrael,
and Yisrael (Israel) isn't hidden from me.

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_guard/protect.

11 Prostitution and_wine and_new_wine it_takes_away the_ _heart. **12** People_of_my by_wood_of_his he_enquires and_ _stick_of_his it_tells to_him/it if/because a_spirit_of prostitution(s) it_has_misled and_they_have_prostituted_ _themselves from_under god_of_their. **13** On the_tops_of the_ _mountains they_sacrifice and_on the_hills they_make_smoke under oak and_poplar and_terebinth if/because is_good shade_ _of_its therefore yes/correct/thus/so daughters_of_your(pl) they_prostitute_themselves and_brides_of_your(pl) they_ _commit_adultery. **14** Not I_will_visit_judgement on daughters_ _of_your(pl) if/because they_prostitute_themselves and_on brides_of_your(pl) if/because they_commit_adultery if/because they(m) with the_prostitutes they_go_apart and_with the_ _male_cult_prostitutes they_sacrifice and_a_people which_not it_understands it_will_be_ruined. **15** Though you are_ _prostituting_yourself Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not Yəhūdāh/(Judah) let_it_become_guilty and_do_not go (the)_Gilgal and_do_not go_up Bēyt Aven and_do_not swear by_the_life of_**YHWH**. **16** If/because like_a_heifer stubborn Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_is_ _stubborn now he_will_pasture_them **YHWH** like_a_lamb in_ _(the)_place. **17** Is_joined_of idols 'Efrayim leave_alone to_ _him/it. **18** Drink_of_their it_has_come_to_an_end continually_ _(prostitute_themselves) they_have_prostituted_themselves they_have_loved love shame shields_of_its. **19** A_wind it_has_ _wrapped it in_wings_of_its and_they_will_be_ashamed from_ _sacrifices_of_their[404142]
5:1 hear this Oh_priests and_pay_attention Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Oh_house_of the_king give_ear if/because to/for_you(pl) the_judgement if/because a_trap you(pl)_have_ _been to_Mitspāh and_a_net_of spread_out over Tāvōr. **2** And_ _slaughtering rebels they_have_made_deep and_I am_discipline to/for_all_them. **3** I I_know 'Efrayim and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not it_ _is_hidden from_me if/because now you_have_prostituted_ _yourself Oh_'Efrayim Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_has_made_itself_ _unclean.

40 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

41 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

42 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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4 Not they_permit deeds_of_their to_return to god_of_their if/because a_spirit_of prostitution(s) is_in_their_inner_of_being and_ם֗ **YHWH** not they_know. **5** And_ the_pride_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_testifies in_face_of_its and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_'Efrayim they_will_stumble on_iniquity_of_their also Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_stumble with_them. **6** With_flock[s]_ _of_their and_with_herd[s]_of_their they_will_go to_seek ם֗ **YHWH** and_not they_will_find_him he_has_withdrawn from_ _them. **7** With_**YHWH** they_have_dealt_treacherously if/because children strange they_have_borne now it_will_ _devour_them a_new_moon with portions_of_their.

8 Blow a_horn in_Giv˝āh a_trumpet in_Rāmāh sound_an_alarm Bēyt Aven after_you Oh_Binyāmīn. **9** 'Efrayim (into)_a_waste it_ _will_become in/on_day rebuke among_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_make_known that_which_is_trustworthy. **10** The_leaders_of Yəhūdāh they_have_become like_those_who_ _displace_of (of)_a_boundary on_them I_will_pour_out like_ _water severe_anger_of_my. **11** 'Efrayim is_oppressed it_is_ _crushed_of judgement if/because he_was_determined he_ _walked after a_command. **12** And_I am_like_moth to_'Efrayim and_like_rottenness to_the_house_of Yəhūdāh. **13** And_ 'Efrayim _he/it_saw ם֗ sickness_of_his and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) ם֗ sore[s]_of_his and_ 'Efrayim _he/it_ _went to 'Ashshūr and_he_sent to the_king great and_he not he_is_able to_heal to/for_you(pl) and_not it_will_depart from_ _you(pl) the_sore[s]. **14** If/because I will_like_(the)_lion to_ _'Efrayim and_like_(the)_lion to_the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I I I_will_tear_to_pieces and_I_will_go I_will_ _carry_off and_there_will_not_be a_deliverer. **15** I_will_go I_ _will_return to place_of_my until that they_will_be_held_guilty and_they_will_seek face_of_my in_distress to/for_them they_ _will_seek_me_earnestly.

6:1 Come and_let_us_return to **YHWH** if/because he he_has_ _torn_to_pieces and_he_will_heal_us he_has_struck and_he_ _will_bind_us_up. **2** He_will_restore_us_to_life from_two_days in_the_day the_third he_will_raise_us_up and_we_will_live

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You've prostituted yourself for now, Yisrael.
Yisrael is defiled.

Hoshea's warning against idolatry · Northern kingdom

4 Their past actions won't allow them to return to their god,
because they have a spirit of prostitution within them,
and they don't know Yahweh.
5 Yisrael's (Israel's) arrogance testifies against them,
Yisrael—yes, Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim)—will stumble in their guilt.
Yehudah (Judah) also will stumble with them.
6 They'll go to inquire from Yahweh, taking their flocks and herds for sacrifices,
but they won't hear from him because he's withdrawn from them.
7 They were unfaithful to Yahweh because they've borne illegitimate children.
Now the new moon festivals will devour them along with their fields.

The war between Yehudah and Yisrael · Northern kingdom

8 Blow the horn in Giveah,
and the trumpet in Ramah.
Sound the alarm at Beyt-Aven:
'We'll follow you into battle, Benyamin!'
9 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will become uninhabited in the time of punishment.
Among Yisrael's tribes I declare what will certainly happen.
10 Yehudah's (Judah's) leaders are like thieves who move a boundary.
I'll pour my anger out on them like water from a jug.
11 Yisrael is oppressed.
It's crushed in judgement,
because it was determined to honour idols.
12 So I'll be like a moth to Yisrael,
and like rot to Yehudah's descendants.
13 When Yisrael saw its sickness,
and Yehudah its wound,
then Yisrael went to Ashur (Assyria),
and sent to the great king there.
But he can't cure you
or heal your wound,
14 because I'll be like a lion to Yisrael,
and like a young lion to Yehudah's descendants.
I myself will tear them apart then go away.
I'll carry them off and there'll be no one to rescue them.
15 I'll go and return to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and strive to do what I've told them—
until in their distress, they make a sincere decision to obey me."

Insincere repentance · Northern kingdom

6:1 "Come on, let's return to Yahweh.
He tore us apart, but he'll heal us.
He struck us down, but he'll bandage our

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wounds.
2 After two days he'll revive us.
He'll raise us up on the third day,
so that we can live in his presence.
3 Let us know—let's press on to know Yahweh.
His arrival is certain as the dawn.
He will come to us like the showers—
like the spring rains that water the earth."
4 What will I do with you, Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim)?
Yehudah (Judah), what will I do with you?
Your love is like a morning cloud that doesn't last long—
like the dew that quickly disappears.
5 That's why I've cut them to pieces by means of the prophets.
I've killed them with the messages that I've spoken.
My judgement is like the light that shines out.
6 because I desire loyal commitment rather than sacrifices,[43]
and knowledge about God rather than burnt offerings.
7 Like Adam, they broke the agreement.
They were unfaithful to me.
8 Gilead is a city full of evildoers
leaving behind bloody footprints.
9 Just like a band of raiders lie in wait for a man,
so the priests band together to commit murder on the way to Shekem.
Surely they've committed shameful crimes.
10 I've seen a horrible thing among the Israelis.
Yisrael's prostitution is there—Yisrael (Israel) is defiled.
11 A harvest has been appointed for you also, Yehudah (Judah),
when I restore my people's fortunes.
7:1 Whenever I'd heal Yisrael, Yisrael's sin is exposed,
as well as the evil actions of Shomron (Samaria).
Yes, they're deceitful, plus thieves break in,
and a group of raiders robs people in the streets.
2 But they don't realise in their hearts that I remember all their evil.
Now their past actions surround them—they're staring at me in the face.

The betrayal of people of King and teacher ran · Northern kingdom

3 They make the king glad with their evil,
and the leaders with their lies.
4 They're all adulterers, like an oven overheated by the baker.
He shouldn't have stoked the fire from the kneading of the dough until after it's risen.
5 On our king's day, the leaders became red in the face from the wine.
Then he joined in with those who were mocking.
6 Because with their hearts like an oven, they get closer to implementing their plot.
Their anger smoulders all night—in the morning it bursts into

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before_him. 3 And_let_us_know let_us_pursue to_know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** like_the_dawn forth_of_his_going is_steadfast and_he_ _will_come like_rain to/for_us like_the_spring_rain which_it_ _waters the_land. 4 What will_I_do to_you Oh_'Efrayim what will_I_do to_you Oh_Yəhūdāh and_loyalty_of_your(pl) is_like_a_ _cloud_of the_morning and_like_dew which_rises_early which_ _goes. 5 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_cut_them_in_ _pieces by_prophets I_have_killed_them by_the_ _words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my and_judgements_of_ _your is_light which_it_goes_forth. 6 If/because covenant_ _loyalty I_desire and_not sacrifice and_the_knowledge_of god more_than_burnt_offerings. 7 And_they like_'Ādām they_have_ _transgressed the_covenant there they_dealt_treacherously with_me. 8 Gil'ād is_a_town_of those_who_do_of (of)_ _wickedness tracked from_blood. 9 And_as_ marauding_bands _ _wait a_person an_association_of priests the_way they_murder to_Shəkem if/because wickedness they_have_done. 10 In_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_seen a_horrible_thing[44] there prostitution belongs_to_'Efrayim Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_made_ _itself_unclean. 11 Also Oh_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_harvest he_has_ _appointed to/for_you(fs) when_I_turn_back the_captivity_of my_people_of_my.
7:1 Just_as_I_heal (to)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_iniquity_of 'Efrayim and_the_evil_deeds_of Shomrōn _it_is_revealed if/because they_do falsehood and_a_thief he_comes a_ _marauding_band it_attacks in_street. 2 And_not they_say to_ _heart_of_their all_of evil_of_their I_remember now they_have_ _surrounded_them deeds_of_their before face_of_my they_are.

3 By_evil_of_their they_make_glad the_king and_by_lies_of_ _their princes. 4 Of_them_of_all are_adulterers like an_oven which_burns from_a_baker who_he_ceases stirring_up from_ _kneading the_dough until it_is_leavened. 5 The_day_of our_ _king_of_our princes they_became_sick fever_of from_wine he_ _stretched_out his/its_hand with mockers. 6 If/because they_ _have_brought_near like_oven heart_of_their in_ambush_of_ _their all_of the_night is_sleeping their_of_baker morning it is_ _burning like_a_fire_of flame. 7 Of_them_of_all they_are_hot like_oven and_they_devour ~~DOM~~ rulers_of_their all_of kings_of_ _their they_have_fallen there_is_not one_who_calls in/among_ _them to_me.

43 RV 6:6 · Cross-ref. Mat 9:13; 12:7.

44 LV 6:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הירירעש: (x-qere) 'תָּיְרִוְרֵעַשׁ': lemma_8186 b n_1 morph_HAafsa id_28g5b תָּיְרִוְרֵעַשׁ

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8 'Efrayim among_peoples he he_mixes_himself 'Efrayim he_ _has_become a_bread_cake not turned_over. **9** Strangers they_ _have_consumed strength_of_his and_he not he_knows also grey_hair it_has_sneaked_in in/on/over_him/it and_he not he_ _knows. **10** And_ the_pride_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_testifies in_ _face_of_its and_not they_have_returned to **YHWH** god_of_ _their and_not they_have_sought_him in_all this. **11** And_ 'Efrayim _he/it_was like_a_dove silly there_is_not heart Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_have_called 'Ashshūr they_have_gone. **12** Just_as they_will_go I_will_spread over_them net_of_my like_ _the_bird[s]_of the_heavens I_will_bring_them_down I_will_ _chasten_them according_to_a_report to_assembly_of_their. **13** Woe to/for_them if/because they_have_fled from_me devastation to/for_them if/because they_have_transgressed against_me and_I I_will_redeem_them and_they they_have_ _spoken on_me lies. **14** And_not they_have_cried_out to_me with_heart_of_their if/because they_wail on beds_of_their on grain and_new_wine they_assemble_themselves they_turn_ _aside against_me. **15** And_I I_instructed_them I_strengthened arms_of_their and_against_me they_plot evil. **16** They_turn not height they_have_become like_a_bow_of deceit they_will_fall by_sword leaders_of_their from_the_indignation_of their_ _tongue_of_their this be_their_mockery_of_will in_land of_ _Mitsrayim.

8:1 To mouth_of_your a_horn like_eagle is_over the_house_of **YHWH** because they_have_transgressed covenant_of_my and_ _on law_of_my they_have_rebelled. **2** To_me they_cry_out my_ _god_of_my we_know_you Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_ _has_rejected good an_enemy he_will_pursue_him.[45] **4** They they_have_made_kings and_not from_me they_have_installed_ _leaders and_not I_knew silver_of_their and_gold_of_their they_have_made to/for_them idols so_that it_may_be_cut_off. **5** He_has_rejected calf_of_your Oh_Shomrōn anger_of_my it_ _has_burnt on_them until when not will_they_be_able innocence. **6** If/because it_is_from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he a_ _craftsman he_made_it and_not is_god it if/because fragments it_will_become the_calf_of Shomrōn. **7** If/because a_wind they_ _sow and_a_storm-wind they_will_reap standing_grain there_ _is_not to_him/it growth not it_will_produce flour perhaps it_ _will_produce strangers they_will_swallow_it. **8** Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be_swallowed now they_are among_nations like_a_

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flame.

7 All of them are hot as an oven and they devour those who rule over them.

All their kings have fallen—none of them called to me for help.

Yisrael and the other nations · Northern kingdom

8 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) mixes itself among the peoples.

Yisrael is a flat cake that's only been cooked on one side.

9 Foreigners have devoured his strength, but he hasn't realised that.

Gray hairs are now mixed in, but he hasn't noticed them.

10 Yisrael's pride testifies against it,

yet they haven't returned to their god Yahweh,

nor have they tried to obey all his instructions. **11** Yisrael is like a dove, heartless and foolish,

calling to Mitsrayim (Egypt) for help, then trying Ashur (Assyria).

12 When they go there, I'll spread my net over them.

I'll bring them down like the birds in the sky.

→I'll discipline them according to what they report back to their council.

13 They won't end well because they've strayed from me.

Devastation will hit them because they've rebelled against me.

→I would have bought them back, but they told lies about me.

14 They don't cry to me from their heart, but they wail on their beds.

They gather together for grain and new wine, but they turn away from me.

15 Although I trained them and helped them become strong,

they still plot evil against me.

16 They return, but not upward.

They're like a slack bow.

Their leaders will die by the sword because they've been so insolent.

That's why Mitsrayim (Egypt) will mock them.

Yisrael's rejection of God · Northern kingdom

8:1 "Blow the trumpet—

someone like a vulture is swooping over Yahweh's residence

because Yahweh's people have transgressed my covenant

and rebelled against my law.

2 They call out to me,

'My god, we in Yisrael (Israel) know you.'

3 Yisrael has rejected what's good.

An enemy will chase after them.

4 They appointed kings, but not through me.

They've appointed leaders but I didn't know about it.

They've made idols for themselves with their gold and silver

so they'll end up being destroyed."

5 "Your calf has been rejected, Shomron (Samaria).

My anger burns against them.

45 **LV 8:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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For how long will they be incapable of innocence,
6 because it came from Yisrael (Israel)—a craftsman made it.
It's not God.
That calf in Shomron will end up in pieces,
7 because they sow the wind and harvest the whirlwind.
The standing grain has no heads—it yields no flour.
If it were to produce, strangers would grab it anyway.
8 Yisrael is swallowed up.
Now they're among the nations like a cup that no one likes
9 because they've gone up to Ashur (Assyria)—a wild donkey all alone.
Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) has hired lovers for herself.
10 Even though they hire lovers among the nations, now I'll gather them together.
They'll begin to diminish under the burden of the king of princes.
11 Since Yisrael has set up multiple altars for sin offerings,
they have become altars for their sinning.
12 Even if I wrote down my instructions for them ten thousand times,
they would regard them as something strange.
13 As for my sacrificial gifts, they sacrifice meat and eat it,
but Yahweh doesn't accept their sacrifices.
Now he will remember their disobedience
and punish their sins.
They will return to Mitsrayim (Egypt).
14 Yisrael (Israel) has forgotten his maker and has built palaces.
Yehudah (Judah) has fortified many cities,
but I'll send fire into their cities—
it'll devour their fortresses.

Punishment coming for Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9:1 Don't celebrate, Yisrael (Israel), with joy like the peoples,
because you've prostituted yourself—forsaking your god.
You've loved the wages of a sex-worker on all the threshing floors.
2 The grain threshing floor and the wine-pressing pit won't provide enough
and the grape harvest will fail them.
3 The people won't remain on Yahweh's land,
instead, Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will return to Mitsrayim (Egypt),
and they'll eat non-kosher food in Ashur (Assyria).
4 They won't pour out wine offerings to Yahweh,

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_vessel which_there_is_not pleasure in/on/over_him/it.
9 If/because they they_have_gone_up 'Ashshūr a_wild_donkey isolated to_him/it 'Efrayim they_have_hired loves[464748] **10** also if/because they_will_hire among_nations now I_will_gather_ _them and_they_have_begun a_few from_the_burden_of a_king princes. **11** If/because 'Efrayim he_has_multiplied altars for_ _sinning they_have_become to_him/it altars for_sinning. **12** I_ _wrote[49] to_him/it the_numerous_things_of[50] my_law_of_my like a_strange_thing they_are_regarded. **13** The_sacrifices_of my_gifts_of_my they_sacrifice flesh and_they_ate_it **YHWH** not he_is_pleased_with_them now he_will_remember iniquity_of_ _their and_he_will_punish sins_of_their they Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_will_return. **14** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he_has_forgotten ~~DOM~~ the_of_one_who_made_him and_he/it_ _built palaces and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) he_has_multiplied cities fortified and_I_will_send fire on_cities_of_his and_it_will_ _consume fortresses_of_his.

9:1 Do_not rejoice Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to rejoicing like_peoples if/because you_have_prostituted_yourself from_under god_of_ _your you_have_loved the_hire on all_of threshing_floors_of grain. **2** Threshing_floor and_winepress not it_will_feed_them and_new_wine it_will_fail (in)_it. **3** Not they_will_remain in_ _land of_**YHWH** and_ 'Efrayim _he_will_return Mitsrayim and_ _in_'Ashshūr unclean_food they_will_eat. **4** Not they_will_pour_ _out to/for_**YHWH** wine and_not they_will_be_pleasing to_ _him/it sacrifices_of_their will_be_like_bread_of mourning(s) to/for_them all_of those_of_who_eat_it they_will_make_ _themselves_unclean[53] if/because bread_of_their will_be_of_ _for_their_self not it_will_go the_house_of **YHWH**. **5** What will_ _you(pl)_do to_the_day_of an_appointed_feast and_to_the_day_ _of the_festival_of **YHWH**. **6** If/because THERE they_have_gone from_the_devastation Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_will_gather_them Mof/(Memphis) it_will_bury_them desirable_thing[s]_of silver_

46 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
47 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
48 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
49 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בותכא**: (x-qere) 'בָּתְּכֶ֣א': lemma_3789 morph_HVqi1cs id_28u6Y בָּתְּכֶ֣א
50 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ובר**: (x-qere) 'יֻבַּ֣ר': lemma_7230 n_1.0 morph_HNcbsc id_28uHz יֻבַּ֣ר
53 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_of_their nettle[s] it_will_take_possession_of_them thornbush[es] will_be_of_in_their_tents. **7** They_have_come the_days_of (the)_punishment the_days_of (the)_retribution they_have_come[54] Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_them_know is_a_fool the_prophet the_person_of the_spirit is_mad on the_greatness_ _of your_iniquity_of_your and_great animosity. **8** 'Efrayim was_ _a_watchman with god_of_my a_prophet a_trap_of a_fowler is_ _on all_of ways_of_his animosity in_house_of his/its_god. **9** They_have_made_deep they_have_dealt_corruptly like_the_ _days_of (the)_Giv̌āh he_will_remember iniquity_of_their he_ _will_punish sins_of_their.

10 Like_grapes in_wilderness I_found Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_an_ _early_fig on_a_fig_tree at_beginning_of_its I_saw ancestors_of_ _your(pl) they they_came Ba'al Pə'ōr and_they_separated_ _themselves to_shame and_they_were detestable_things according_to_their_love. **11** 'Efrayim like_bird glory_of_their it_ _will_fly_away from_giving_birth and_from_womb and_from_ _conception. **12** If/because if they_will_bring_up ~~DOM~~ children_ _of_their and_I_will_bereave_them from_humankind if/because also woe to/for_them when_depart_I from_them. **13** 'Efrayim just_as I_have_seen is_to_Tyre planted in_pastureland and_ _'Efrayim is_to_bring_out to one_who_kills children_of_his. **14** Give to/for_them Oh_**YHWH** what will_you_give give to/for_ _them a_womb which_miscarries and_breasts which_dry_up.

15 All_of wickedness_of_their is_in_Gilgal if/because there I_ _hated_them on the_wickedness_of their_deeds_of_their from_ _house_of_my I_will_drive_them_out not I_will_repeat to_love_ _them all_of leaders_of_their are_rebellious. **16** 'Efrayim he_

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and their sacrifices won't please him.
To them, it'll be like the food at a funeral—
everyone who eats it will become defiled.
Their food will only be for themselves to eat—
it won't be allowed into Yahweh's residence.
5 So what will you do on the day of a scheduled celebration,
and on the day of a festival for Yahweh?
6 Listen, even if they avoid destruction,
Mitsrayim (Egypt) will gather them.
Nof (Memphis) city will bury them.
Nettles will possess their valuable silver.
Thornbushes will be in their tents.
7 The days of punishment have come.
The days of retribution have come.[51]
Let Yisrael (Israel) know these things.
The prophet is a fool,
the man of the spirit is insane,
because of the extent of your disobedience
and your intense hostility.
8 The prophet is the watchman over Yisrael with my god,
but the bird-catcher's traps are on all of his paths,
and there's hostility in his god's house.
9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the time of Giveah.[52]
He will remember their iniquity.
He will punish their sins.

The consequences of Yisrael's sin · Northern kingdom

10 I found Yisrael (Israel) like someone finding grapes there in the wilderness.
Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your ancestors.
But they came to Ba'al-Pe'or and they devoted themselves to that shameful thing.
They became detestable like that which they loved.[55]
11 As for Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), their splendour will fly away like a bird—
no birth, no pregnancy, and no conception.
12 Even if they bring up their children, I'll cause them all to die one by one.
Yes, it certainly won't end well when I turn away from them!
13 Yisrael, as I have seen, is like Tsor (Tyre) planted in a meadow,
yet Yisrael will bring his children out to the slaughterman."
14 Give them something, Yahweh—what will you give?
Give them a womb that miscarries, and breasts with no milk.

God's judgement of Yisrael · Northern kingdom

15 "All their evil is in Gilgal—indeed I came to hate them there.
Because of the wickedness of their ac-

51 RV 9:7 · Cross-ref. Luk 21:22.

52 RV 9:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 19:1-30.

54 LV 9:7 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

55 RV 9:10 · Cross-ref. Num 25:1-5.

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tions, I'll drive them out of my house.
I won't love them any more—all their leaders are rebels.
16 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) is stricken—its root has withered so now it can't bear any fruit.
Even if they give birth, I will kill the precious ones of their womb."

The prophet's message about Yisrael · Northern kingdom

17 My god will reject them because they haven't listened to him.
→They will become wanderers among the nations.
10:1 Yisrael (Israel) is a luxuriant vine that produces his fruit.
→The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built.
As his land prospered, he improved his sacred pillars.
2 Their heart is deceitful.
→Now they must bear their guilt.
He will break down their altars.
He'll destroy their pillars.
3 Now they'll say, "We don't have any king,
because we don't respect Yahweh,
and what advantage would it be to us to have a king?"
4 They speak mere words.
They make agreements with worthless promises.
So judgement springs up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of a field.
5 The inhabitants of Shomron (Samaria) will be afraid about what will happen to the calf of Beyt-Aven.
Indeed, its people will mourn over it, as will its idolatrous priests who had rejoiced over it
and over its splendour because it's departed from them.
6 The thing itself will be carried to Ashur (Assyria) as tribute for the great king.
Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will receive shame,
and Yisrael (Israel) will be ashamed of its idol.
7 The king of Shomron will be removed,
like a twig getting carried out of sight by a river.
8 The high places of Aven, the place of Yisrael's sin, will be destroyed.
Thorns and thistles will grow up on their altars.
Then they'll say to the mountains, 'Cover us!'
and to the hills, 'Fall on us.'[57]

God coming punishment for Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9 "Yes, Yisrael (Israel), you've been sinning since the time of Giveah.[60]
There they have remained.
Won't the war against the sons of injustice overtake them in Giveah?

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_has_been_struck root_of_their it_has_dried_up fruit not[56]
they_will_produce also if/because they(m)_will_give_birth and_
_I_will_put_to_death the_desirable_things_of their(m)_womb_
_of_their.

17 He_will_reject_them god_of_my if/because not they_have_
_listened to_him/it and_they_will_be wanderers among_
_nations.
10:1 Was_a_vine luxuriant Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fruit he_made for_
_him/it just_as_became_numerous to_fruit_of_his he_
_multiplied (to)_altars according_to_the_good of_land_of_his
they_made_good sacred_pillars. **2** Heart_of_their it_is_smooth
now they_will_be_held_guilty he he_will_break altars_of_their
he_will_destroy pillars_of_their_sacred. **3** If/because now they_
_will_say there_belongs_not a_king to/for_us if/because not
we_fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH**[5859] and_the_king what will_he_do to/for_
_ourselves. **4** They_have_spoken words/messages they_have_
_sworn_an_oath falsehood they_have_made a_covenant and_it_
_sprouts_up like_(the)_plant justice on the_furrows_of a_field.
5 For_the_heifers_of Bēyt Aven the_inhabitant[s]_of Shomrōn
they_will_be_afraid if/because it_will_mourn on/upon/above_
_him/it people_of_its and_its_pagan_of_priests
on/upon/above_him/it they_will_tremble on glory_of_its
if/because it_has_gone_into_exile from_it. **6** Also it to_'Ashshūr
it_will_be_carried tribute to_the_king great shame 'Efrayim it_
_will_receive and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_will_be_ashamed from_
_its_own_of_counsel. **7** Shomrōn will_be_destroyed king_of_its
like_a_twig on the_surface_of the_waters. **8** And_ the_high_
_places_of wickedness the_sin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_be_
_destroyed thorn[s] and_thorn/thistle it_will_grow_up over
altars_of_their and_they_will_say to_mountains cover_us and_
_to_hills fall on_us.

9 Since_the_days_of (the)_Giv˝āh you_have_sinned Oh_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) there they_have_remained not will_it_
_overtake_them in_Giv˝āh war on sons_of injustice. **10** At_
_desire_of_my and_I_will_discipline_them and_they_will_be_
_gathered on_them peoples when_harness_them to_the_two_of
their[61]. **11** And_'Efrayim was_a_heifer trained which_loved_of

56 LV 9:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ילב: (x-qere) 'לֵב': lemma_1077 morph_HTn id_28mPM לֵב

57 RV 10:8 · Cross-ref. Luk 23:30; Rev 6:16.

58 LV 10:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

59 LV 10:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

60 RV 10:9 · Cross-ref. Jdg 19:1-30.

61 LV 10:10 · Note OSHB variant note: תניע/ם: (x-qere) 'תְּנוּעֵם': lemma_5868 a n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3mp id_28Ua3 תְּנוּעֵם

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to_thresh and_I I_passed over the_goodness_of its_neck_of_her I_will_cause_to_draw 'Efrayim Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_plow it_ _will_harrow to_him/it Ya'aqov/(Jacob). **12** Sow to/for_you(pl) (to)_righteousness reap (to)_a_mouth_of loyalty plow to/for_ _you(pl) unplowed_ground and_it_is_time to_seek ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** until he_will_come and_he_will_rain_down righteousness for_ _you(pl). **13** You(pl)_have_plowed wickedness injustice_of you(pl)_have_reaped you(pl)_have_eaten the_fruit_of lying if/because you_have_trusted in_your_own_of_way in_the_ _multitude_of your_warriors. **14** And_ an_uproar _it_will_arise among_people_of_your and_all fortresses_of_your it_will_be_ _devastated like_the_devastation_of Shalman Bēyt Arbel in/on_ _day battle mother with children she_was_dashed_in_pieces. **15** Thus someone_will_do to/for_you(pl) Oh_Bēyt-'ēl from_ _face/in_front_of the_evil_of your_wickedness_of_your(pl) at_ _dawn utterly_(destroyed) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_ _be_destroyed.

11:1 If/because was_a_youth Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_loved_him and_from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_summoned (to)_son_of_my. **2** They_summoned to/for_them so they_went from_their_ _face/front to_Ba'al they_sacrificed and_to_idols they_made_ _smoke. **3** And_I I_taught_to_walk (to)_'Efrayim he_took_them on arms_of_his and_not they_knew if/because_that I_had_ _healed_them. **4** With_cords_of humankind I_drew_them with_ _ropes_of love and_I_was to/for_them like_those_who_lift_of (of)_a_yoke on jaws_of_their and_I_inclined to_him/it I_fed_ _him. **5** Not he_will_return to the_land_of Mitsrayim and_ _'Ashshūr it be_his_king_of_will if/because they_have_refused to_repent. **6** And_ a_sword _it_will_whirl in_cities_of_his and_it_ _will_put_an_end_to bars_of_his and_it_will_devour_them from_schemes_of_their. **7** And_people_of_my are_hung_up to_ _apostasy_of_my and_near/to a_height they_call_on_him together not he_will_exalt_them.[64] **8** How will_I_give_you_up Oh_'Efrayim will_I_deliver_you_up Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) how will_I_make_you like_'Admāh will_I_make_you like_ _Tsəvo'īm/(Zeboiim) it_has_been_changed on_me heart_of_my together compassions_of_my they_have_grown_warm. **9** Not I_ _will_carry_out the_burning_of my_anger_of_my not I_will_ _repeat to_destroy 'Efrayim if/because am_god I and_not a_ _human in_midst_of_your the_holy_one and_not I_will_come in_rage. **10** After **YHWH** they_will_walk like_a_lion he_will_roar if/because he he_will_roar and_ children _they_will_tremble from_the_west. **11** They_will_tremble like_a_bird from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_like_a_dove from_the_land_of 'Ashshūr and_I_will_cause_them_to_dwell at houses_of_their the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

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10 When I'm ready, I'll discipline them,
and the nations will be gathered against them when they're taken in chains for their two sins.
11 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) is a trained heifer that loves to thresh and I spared her fair neck,
but I will harness Yisrael.
Yehudah (Judah) will plough.
Ya'akov (Jacob) will harrow the ground for himself.
12 Sow righteousness for yourselves.
→Harvest in accordance with loyal commitment.
Break up your fallow ground because it's time to seek Yahweh,
→until he comes and rains righteousness on you.
13 You have ploughed wickedness and harvested injustice.
You've eaten the fruit of lies
because you trusted in your own way—in your many warriors.
14 Therefore a confused alarm will sound among your people and all your fortresses will be destroyed,
just like Shalman destroyed Beyt-Arbel on the day of battle when mothers were dashed to pieces with their children.
15 Then it will also be done to you, Beyt-El (Bethel), because of your great wickedness.
At dawn, Yisrael's (Israel's) king will be destroyed."

God's love for his disobedient people · Northern kingdom

11:1 "When Yisrael (Israel) was a child I loved him,
and I called my son out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[62]
2 The more the godly people called them, the more they went away from them.
They kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning incense for idols.
3 Yet it was me who taught Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) to walk.
I took them by their arms, but they didn't know that I healed them.
4 I led them with ropes of human kindness—
with iron bands of love.
I was to them like someone who loosened the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.
5 They won't return to Mitsrayim (Egypt),
but Ashur (Assyria) will become their king,
because they refused to return to me.
6 The sword will whirl against their cities,
and destroy the locking bars on their gates,
and devour them because of their own plans.
7 My people are insistent on turning away from me.
Though they call to the highest one, he won't lift them up.
8 How can I give you up, Yisrael?
How can I hand you over, Yisrael (Israel)?
How can I make you like Admah?

62 RV 11:1 · Cross-ref. Exo 4:22; Mat 2:15.

64 LV 11:7 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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How can I make you like Tsevoim?[63]
My heart is turned over within me—
all my compassions are aroused.
9 I won't put my fierce anger into action.
I won't destroy Yisrael again,
because I'm God
and not a human,
the holy one among you,
and I won't come in anger.
10 They'll decide to follow Yahweh—he'll roar like a lion.
When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.
11 They will come trembling like a bird from Mitsrayim (Egypt)—
like a dove from Ashur (Assyria).
I'll settle them in their homes
That's what Yahweh declares.
12 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) has surrounded me with lies,
and the people of Yisrael (Israel) with deceit,
but Yehudah (Judah) still goes about with God,
and is faithful to the holy one."

Judgement on Yisrael and Yehudah · Both kingdoms

12:1 Yisrael feeds on the wind
and pursues the east wind all day.
He multiplies lies and violence.
They make a covenant with Ashur (Assyria)
and olive oil is carried to Mitsrayim (Egypt).
2 Yahweh also has a dispute with Yehudah (Judah),
and will punish Ya'akov (Jacob) for what they've done.
He will repay them according to how they behaved.
3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel,[65]
and in his manhood he struggled with God.
4 He struggled with the messenger and prevailed.
He wept and begged for his favour.
He found Yahweh at Beyt-El (Bethel)
and he spoke with us there.
5 Yahweh, the god of armies.
Yahweh is his famous name.
6 But you must return to your god.
Keep loyal commitment and justice,
and wait continually for your god.

Literal Version

12:1 [66] They_have_surrounded_me with_lying 'Efrayim and_ _with_deceit the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) still it_has_roamed_freely with god and_ _with the_holy_one(s) it_is_faithful. **2** [67] 'Efrayim is_feeding wind and_he_is_pursuing an_east_wind all_of the_day falsehood and_violence he_increases and_a_covenant with 'Ashshūr they_are_making and_oil to_Mitsrayim it_is_carried. **3** [68] And_a_case_at_law to/for_**YHWH** with Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_visit_judgement on Ya'aqov/(Jacob) according_to_of_ _his_ways according_to_of_his_deeds he_will_repay to_him/it. **4** [69] In_womb he_took_by_the_heel ~~DOM~~ his/its_brother and_in_ _strength_of_his he_struggled with god. **5** [70] And_he_struggled against an_messenger and_he_prevailed he_wept and_he_ _sought_favour to_him/it Bēyt-'ēl he_found_him and_there he_ _spoke with_us. **6** [71] And_**YHWH** the_god_of (the)_ _soldiers/messengers **YHWH** memorial_of_is_his. **7** [72] And_ _you(ms) in_god_of_your you_will_return loyalty and_justice keep and_wait to god_of_your continually.

63 **RV 11:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 29:23.
65 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:26.
66 **LV 12:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.11.12
67 **LV 12:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.1
68 **LV 12:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.2
69 **LV 12:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.3
70 **LV 12:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.4
71 **LV 12:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.5
72 **LV 12:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.6

Literal Version

8 [76] A_merchant in_his/its_hand balances_of deceit who_to_
_defraud he_loves. **9** [77] And_ 'Efrayim _he/it_said surely I_have_
_become_rich I_have_found wealth to_me all_of toil(s)_of_my
not people_will_find to_me iniquity which is_sin. **10** [78] And_I
have_been_**YHWH** god_of_your from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) again I_will_cause_you_to_dwell in_tents
like_the_days_of an_appointed_feast. **11** [79] And_I_spoke to the_
_prophets and_I vision[s] I_multiplied and_by_the_hand_of the_
_prophets I_gave_parables. **12** [80] (If) is_Gil'ād wickedness surely
worthlessness they_are in_Gilgal bulls they_have_sacrificed
also altars_of_their are_like_heaps_of_stones on the_furrows_of
a_field. **13** [81] And_ Ya'aqov/(Jacob) _he_fled the_region_of
'Arām and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_served for_a_wife and_for_a_
_wife he_kept_flocks. **14** [82] And_by_a_prophet **YHWH** he_
_brought_up ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Mitsrayim and_by_a_
_prophet he_was_kept. **15** [83] 'Efrayim he_has_provoked_to_
_anger bitterness(es) and_blood(s)_of_his on/upon/above_
_him/it he_will_leave and_reproach_of_his he_will_repay to_
_him/it master(s)_of_his.

13:1 Just_ 'Efrayim _as_spoke trembling he he_lifted_up in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_became_guilty by_Ba'al and_he/it_
_died. **2** And_now they_increase to_sin and_they_have_made
to/for_them a_molten_image from_silver_of_their according_
_to_of_their_skill idols is_the_work_of craftsmen of_it_of_all
to/for_them they are_saying those_who_offer_sacrifice_of
humankind calves they_kiss. **3** For_so/thus/hence they_will_
_become like_a_cloud_of the_morning and_like_dew which_
_rises_early which_goes like_chaff which_it_is_storm-driven
from_a_threshing_floor and_like_smoke from_a_window.
4 And_I am_**YHWH** god_of_your from_the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_gods besides_me not you_must_know
and_a_deliverer there_is_not except_me. **5** I I_knew_you in_

Readers' Version

The other still judging · Northern kingdom

7 A merchant has false scales in his hands.
He loves to oppress.
8 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) said, "Fantastic. I've become rich.
I've found wealth for myself.
In all my labours they won't find disobedience in me,
which would be sin."
9 "I'm Yahweh your god since I rescued you from Mitsrayim (Egypt).
I'll make you live in shelters again,
as in the days of that particular festival.[73]
10 I spoke to the prophets,
and gave them many visions.
By the hand of the prophets I gave parables."
11 If there's disobedience in Gilead,
surely they're worthless.
In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls.
Their altars also will be like piles of stones beside the furrows in the fields.
12 Ya'akov (Jacob) fled to Aram (Syria).
Yisrael (Israel) worked to earn a wife,
and for a wife, he kept sheep.[74]
13 Yahweh used the prophet Mosheh (Moses) to bring Yisrael out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),[75]
and so Yisrael was preserved by a prophet.
14 Yisrael has provoked bitter anger,
so his master will hold him to account for bloodshed
and will turn his insults back onto himself.

Final judgement on Yisrael · Northern kingdom

13:1 "When Efrayim (Ephraim) spoke,
there was trembling.
He promoted himself in Yisrael (Israel),
but he became guilty through Ba'al and died.
2 Now they disobey God more and more,
and they make cast metal images for themselves—
idols skillfully made from their silver—
all of them the work of craftsmen.
They say about them, 'Those who sacrifice people, kiss calves.'
3 Therefore they'll be like the morning clouds,
and like the dew that goes away early,

73 **RV 12:9 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:42-43.
74 **RV 12:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 29:1-20.
75 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:50-51.
76 **LV 12:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.7
77 **LV 12:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.8
78 **LV 12:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.9
79 **LV 12:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.10
80 **LV 12:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.11
81 **LV 12:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.12
82 **LV 12:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.13
83 **LV 12:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.12.14

Readers' Version

like the chaff that swirls from the threshing floor,
and like smoke exiting an open window.
4 But I'm your god Yahweh who brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
and you were to consider no god except me,
because there's no saviour other than me.
5 I knew you out there in the wilderness,
in the region of drought.
6 When they had their pasture, then they became full.
They were filled, and their heart became lifted up,
so they just forgot me.
7 So I will become like a lion to them.
Like a leopard, I'll lurk along the path.
8 I'll attack them like a bear that's been robbed of her cubs.
I'll rip open their chests and devour them there like a lion—
like a wild animal would tear them apart.
9 He destroys you, Yisrael (Israel).
because you're against me—against your helper.
10 Where's your king now to save you in all your cities,
and your other leaders
that you'd talked about, saying, 'Give me a king and princes'?[84]
11 I gave you a king in my anger,[85]
then I took him away in my rage.[86]
12 Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) disobedience is wrapped up.
His sin is stored up.
13 Pains of childbirth will come on him,
but he's an unwise son,
because he fails to present himself at the right time when the womb opens.
14 Will I ransom them from the hand of the grave?
Will I redeem them from death?
Death, where are your plagues?
Grave, where is your destruction?[87]
My eyes won't be displaying any compassion."
15 Though he flourishes among his brothers, an east wind will come.
Yahweh's wind will come up from the wilderness.
His fountain will dry up,
and his spring will be parched.
It will plunder every precious object from his treasury.
16 Shomron (Samaria) will be held guilty,
because she's rebelled against her god.
They will fall by the sword.
Their young children will be dashed to pieces,
and their pregnant women will be ripped open.

Literal Version

_wilderness in_land drought(s). **6** According_to_of_their_
_pasture and_they_were_satisfied they_were_satisfied and_
heart_of_their _it_was_exalted therefore yes/correct/thus/so
they_forgot_me. **7** And_I_became to/for_them like a_lion like_
_a_leopard on a_road I_will_watch. **8** I_will_meet_them like_a_
_bear robbed_of_cubs and_I_will_tear the_cavity_of their_
_heart_of_their and_I_will_devour_them there like_a_lion (the)_
_animal_of the_field it_will_tear_them_to_pieces. **9** It_will_
_destroy_you Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because in_me in_helper_
_of_your. **10** Where king_of_is_your then so_that_he_may_save_
_you in_all cities_of_your and_rulers_of_your whom you_said
give to/for_me a_king and_leaders. **11** I_gave to/for_
_yourself(m) a_king in_anger_of_my and_I_took_him_away in_
_severe_anger_of_my. **12** The_iniquity_of 'Efrayim is_bound_up
sin_of_his is_stored_up. **13** The_labour-pains_of one_who_gives_
_birth they_will_come to_him/it he is_a_son not wise
if/because a_time not he_will_present_himself at_the_
_breaking_forth_of children. **14** From_the_hand_of Shə'ōl will_
_I_ransom_them from_death will_I_redeem_them where
plagues_of_are_your[88] Oh_death where destruction_of_is_your
Oh_Shə'ōl compassion it_will_be_hidden from_eyes_of_my.
15 If/because he between_of[89] brothers he_flourishes an_east_
_wind it_will_come the_wind_of **YHWH** from_the_wilderness
which_comes_up and_ spring_of_his _it_will_be_ashamed and_
spring_of_his _it_will_be_dried_up it it_will_plunder the_
_treasury_of every_of article_of preciousness.
14:1 **90** Shomrōn it_will_be_held_guilty if/because it_has_
_rebelled against_god_of_its by_sword they_will_fall children_
_of_their they_will_be_dashed_in_pieces and_its_pregnant_of_
_women they_will_be_ripped_open.

84 **RV 13:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 8:5-6.
85 **RV 13:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 10:17-24.
86 **RV 13:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 15:26.
87 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:55.
88 **LV 13:14 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
89 **LV 13:15 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
90 **LV 14:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Hos.13.16

Literal Version

2 [91] Return Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to **YHWH** god_of_your if/because you_have_stumbled on_iniquity_of_your. 3 [92] Take with_you(pl) words/messages and_return to **YHWH** say to_ _him/it every_of you_will_forgive iniquity and_take good_ _thing[s] so_that_we_may_pay bulls lips_of_our. 4 [93] 'Ashshūr not it_will_save_us on horse[s] not we_will_ride and_not we_ _will_say again gods_of_our to_the_work_of our_both_hands that by_you the_fatherless he_is_shown_compassion. 5 [94] I_ _will_heal apostasy_of_their I_will_love_them voluntariness if/because anger_of_my it_has_turned_back from_him. 6 [95] I_ _will_be like_dew to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_blossom like_lily and_it_will_strike roots_of_its like_Lə·vānōn. 7 [96] Shoots_of_its_ _young they_will_go and_let_it_be like_(the)_tree splendour_of_ _its and_fragrance to_him/it like_Lə·vānōn. 8 [97] Those_who_ _dwell_of in_shade_of_its they_will_return they_will_cause_to_ _grow grain and_they_will_blossom like_vine memorial_of_its will_be_like_the_wine_of Lə·vānōn. 9 [98] Oh_'Efrayim what to/for_me again to_idols I I_will_answer and_I_will_watch_ _over_it I am_like_a_cypress_tree luxuriant from_me fruit_of_ _your it_is_found.

10 [99] Who is_wise and_let_him_understand these_things discerning and_let_him_know_them if/because are_upright the_ways_of **YHWH** and_righteous_people they_walk in_them and_transgressors they_stumble in_them.

HOS · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

Readers' Version

The mercy of Hoshea of Israelis · Northern kingdom

14:1 Yisrael (Israel), return to your god Yahweh,
because you've stumbled as a result of your iniquity.
2 Prepare what you're going to say and return to Yahweh.
Tell him, "Take away all our disobedience and accept what is good,
so that we can offer praise from our lips.
3 Ashur (Assyria) can't save us.
We won't ride on war-horses.
Nor will we say, 'Our god,' again to anything that we've made ourselves
because this fatherless nation finds compassion in you."
4 "I will heal their waywardness.
I'll love them freely
because my anger has turned away from them.
5 To Yisrael (Israel), I will be like the dew.
He will blossom like a lily flower
and take root like a cedar tree in Levanon.
6 His shoots will sprout.
His beauty will be like that of olive trees,
and his fragrance like the cedars in Levanon.
7 Those who live in Yisrael's shadow will return.
They will revive like the grain
and blossom like the grapevine.
His fame will be like the wine of Levanon.
8 Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), what more do I have to do with idols?
It's me who answer and look after him.
I'm like a flourishing cypress tree—
your fruit comes from me."

Conclusion

9 Let those who are wise, understand these things.
Anyone who's discerning, let them know them
because Yahweh's ways are right,
and righteous people will follow them,
but transgressors will stumble in them.

HOS · OET-RV v0.2.4

91 LV 14:2 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.1
92 LV 14:3 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.2
93 LV 14:4 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.3
94 LV 14:5 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.4
95 LV 14:6 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.5
96 LV 14:7 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.6
97 LV 14:8 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.7
98 LV 14:9 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.8
99 LV 14:10 · Note Note: KJB: Hos.14.9

The first summary of the
Kings of Yisrael and Yehudah

Introduction

The first summary of the kings of Yisrael/Israel and Yehudah/Judah is a continuation of the account about the kingdom of Israeli started in the account by *Shmuel*. It's divided into three main parts: 1. Shelomoh (Solomon) takes over as king of the nation of Yisrael after the death of his father David. 2. Shelomoh's kingdom and his prosperity, especially his construction of the temple in Yerushalem. 3. The kingdom of Yisrael becoming split into two: the northern kingdom (which goes on to continue to be called Israel), and the southern kingdom (named Yehudah after the largest of its two tribes), and the accounts about the kings who led them through until around 950 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.)

Here in the first of the two *Summaries of the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah*, each leader is evaluated according to their obedience of God's instructions, and the prosperity of their entire nations depends of that. Worshipping of false gods and the disobedience of God's instructions would lead to destruction. The northern kings failed this testing and didn't prosper, whereas the southern kingdom did have some good leaders and so had times of prosperity.

Also revealed in *The first summary of the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah*, are God's prophets who brought messages from Yahweh—often warning them against the worshipping of false gods and against disobeying God. The most famous of those in this document is Eliyah (Elijah) and the account about his opposition to Ba'al's prophets (chapter 18).

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1:1 And_the_king Dāvid he_was_old he_had_come in_the_days and_they_covered_him with_clothes and_not it_was_warm to_ _him/it. **2** And_they_said to_him/it servants_of_his let_people_ _seek for_master_of_my the_king a_young_woman a_virgin and_she_will_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _king and_let_her_be to_him/it a_nurse and_she_will_lie in_ _bosom_of_your and_it_will_be_warm to_master_of_my the_ _king. **3** And_they_sought a_young_woman beautiful in_all_of the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_found ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avīshag the_Shūnammit and_they_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to_king. **4** And_ _the_young_woman was_beautiful up_to muchness and_it_ _became to/for_the_king a_nurse and_she_served_him and_ _the_king not he_knew_her.

5 And_'Adoniyʸāh the_son_of Ḥaggit was_exalting_himself to_ _say I I_will_become_king and_he/it_made to_him/it a_chariot and_horsemen and_fifty man were_running before_him. **6** And_ _not he_had_rebuked_him his/its_father from_days_of_his to_ _say why thus have_you_done and_also he was_good_of form very and_him someone_bore after 'Avīshālōm. **7** And_ words/messages_of_his _they_were with Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_ _of Tsərūʸāh/(Zeruiah) and_with 'Evyātār the_priest/officer and_they_helped after 'Adoniyʸāh. **8** And_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_ _priest/officer and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) and_Nātān the_prophet and_Shim'ī and_Rē'ī and_the_mighty_ _men who belonged_to_Dāvid not they_were with 'Adoniyʸāh. **9** And_ 'Adoniyʸāh _he/it_sacrificed sheep and_cattle and_ _fatling near the_stone_of (the) which was_beside En Rogel and_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ all_of brothers_of_his the_sons_of the_ _king and_to/for_all the_men_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_ _servants_of the_king. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Nātān the_prophet and_ _Bənāʸāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_mighty_men and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) his/its_brother not he_invited.

11 And_ Nātān _he/it_said to Bath- shevа' the_mother_of Shəlomoh to_say am_not have_you_heard if/because_that 'Adoniyʸāh the_son_of Ḥaggit he_has_become_king and_ _master(s)_of_our Dāvid not he_knows. **12** And_now come let_ _me_counsel_you please counsel and_save ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_life_of your_son_of_your Shəlomoh. **13** Come and_ _go to the_king Dāvid and_you_will_say to_him/it not you my_ _master the_king did_you_swear_an_oath to/for_your(ms)_ _female_slave to_say if/because Shəlomoh son_of_your he_will_ _reign after_me and_he he_will_sit on throne_of_my and_why 'Adoniyʸāh has_he_become_king.[3] **14** THERE still_you will_be_ _speaking there with the_king and_I I_will_come after_you and_I_will_confirm ᴅᴏᴍ words/messages_of_your. **15** And_ Bath- shevа' _she_went to the_king to_the_room and_the_king he_was_old very and_'Avīshag the_Shūnammit was_serving ᴅᴏᴍ the_king. **16** And_ Bath- shevа' _she_bowed_low and_she_ _bowed_down to/for_the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said what is_to_you. **17** And_she/it_said to_him/it my_master you you_ _swore_an_oath by_**YHWH** god_of_your to_maidservant_of_

Readers' Version

David in his old age · Full kingdom

1:1 Now King David had become very old, and he couldn't keep warm even when covered with blankets, **2** so his servants suggested, "Allow us search for a young woman who can wait on you and take care of your needs. She can sleep beside you and keep our master, the king, warm." **3** So they searched throughout Yisrael (Israel) and found a beautiful young woman called Avishag (a Shunamit) and brought her to the king. **4** She was incredibly beautiful and she took care of the king, but he didn't have sexual relations with her.

Adoniyah tries to become king · Full kingdom

5 Then David and Hagit's son Adoniyah[1] promoted himself saying, "I, myself, will reign." He acquired a chariot and horsemen and fifty men who ran along in front. **6** Hagit had given birth to him after Avshalom (Absalom). He was a good-looker, but his father had never disciplined him or ever asked, "Why did you do that?" **7** He had spoken with Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) and the priest Evyatar and they had both agreed to support him. **8** But the priest Tsadok and Yehoyada's son Benayah, the prophet Natan (Nathan), Shimei and Re'i, and David's top warriors were all against Adoniyah.

9 Then Adoniyah sacrificed sheep and cattle and fattened calves near the Zohelet stone (which is beside Eyn-Rogel), and he invited all his brothers (the king's sons), and all the men of Yehudah (Judah) including the king's servants. **10** However, he didn't invite the prophet Natan, Benayah, the top warriors, or his brother Shelomoh (Solomon).

Shelomoh is made king · Full kingdom

11 Then Natan (Nathan) asked Shelomoh's (Solomon's) mother Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba),[2] "Haven't you heard that Hagit's son Adoniyah has made himself king, and our master David doesn't even realise? **12** So please let me advise you now so that you can save your own life and that of your son Shelomoh. **13** Go and ask King David, 'My master the king, didn't you promise your female servant, saying, "Surely your son Shelomoh will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne?" So why has Adoniyah become king?' **14** Then while you're still there talking to the king, I'll come in behind you and confirm what you said."

15 So Bat-Sheva went to the king's bedroom where Avishag (the Shunamit) was attending him in his old age. **16** Bat-Sheva bowed low to show respect to the king, and he asked her what she wanted.

17 "My master," she replied, "you yourself promised to your female servant in front of your god Yahweh that your son Shelo-

1 RV 1:5 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 3:4.

2 RV 1:11 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 12:24.

3 LV 1:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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moh would be the one to reign after you and sit on your throne.
18 But now, listen, Adoniyah has become king instead, and you
haven't even been told about it. **19** He's sacrificing many oxen
and calves and sheep, and he invited the priest Evyatar, and
Yoav (Joab) the commander of the army, and all your sons ex-
cept for your servant Shelomoh. **20** So now everyone's waiting to
see what you'll do, my master the king. They want you to make
it clearly known who'll be the king on the throne after you.
21 Otherwise, as soon as my master the king passes on to join his
ancestors, my son Shelomoh and I will be considered to be 'in
the way'."

22 Just then, while she was still talking with the king, the
prophet Natan (Nathan) appeared **23** and his arrival was an-
nounced to the king. He went into the room and knelt in front of
the king and bowed his face to the floor. **24** Then he asked, "My
master the king, did you announce that Adoniyah will reign af-
ter you and sit on your throne? **25** I ask because today he sacri-
ficed plenty of oxen and calves and sheep. He'd invited all your
sons and army commanders, and Evyatar the priest. They're all
eating and drinking with him and saying, 'Long live King
Adoniyah!' **26** But as for me, I'm *your* servant, and nor did he in-
vite Tsadok the priest or Yehoyada's son Benayah, or Shelomoh
your servant. **27** Did my master the king organise that without
telling your servants who will sit on the throne of my master the
king after him?"

28 Then King David said, "Call Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) back in."
So she came back into the king's room and stood in front of him.
29 Then the king promised, "As Yahweh lives and has rescued me
from every danger, **30** I promise you in front of Yisrael's (Israel's)
god Yahweh that your son Shelomoh will reign after me and will
sit on my throne in my place. I'll put it in action today."

31 Bat-Sheva knelt down and bowed her face to the floor and
said, "May my master, the king David live forever."

32 Then King David called out, "Summon Tsadok the priest for
me, and Natan (Nathan) the prophet, and Yehoyada's son Be-
nayah." So they came into the king's room. **33** "Take some of my
servants," the king instructed them. "and put my son Shelomoh
on my mule and lead him to the Gihon Spring. **34** Then you two,
Tsadok and Natan, must anoint him there as king over Yisrael.
Then blow the horn and shout, 'Let King Shelomoh live!' **35** Then
follow him back here where he must come and sit on my throne.
Then he'll reign in my place as ruler of Yisrael and Yehudah (Ju-
dah)."

36 "Certainly," Benayah replied. "Just as Yahweh, the god of my
master the king has instructed. **37** Just as Yahweh has been with
my master the king, so may he be with Shelomoh. And may his
rule be even greater than that of my master, the king David."

38 So Tsadok the priest and Natan the prophet and Yehoyada's
son Benayah and the kings bodyguards went and put Shelomoh
on the king's mule, and took him to Gihon. **39** Tsadok the priest

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_your if/because Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_your he_will_
_reign after_me and_he he_will_sit on throne_of_my. **18** And_
_now HERE ʾAdoniyʸᵃʰ he_has_become_king and_now my_
_master the_king not you_know. **19** And_he/it_sacrificed ox[en]
and_fatling and_sheep to_increase_in_number and_he/it_called
to/from_all/each/any/every the_sons_of the_king and_(to)_
_ʾEvyātār the_priest/officer and_(to)_Yō'āv/(Joab) the_
_commander_of the_army and_(to)_Shəlomoh servant_of_your
not he_has_invited. **20** And_you(ms) my_master the_king the_
_eyes_of all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) are_on_you to_announce to/for_
_them who will_he_sit on the_throne_of my_master the_king
after_him. **21** And_it_was just_ my_master the_king _as_lies_
_down with ancestors_of_his and_I_will_be I and_son_of_my
Shəlomoh sinners. **22** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE still_she was_
_speaking with the_king and_Nātān the_prophet he_came.
23 And_people_told to/for_the_king to_say HERE Nātān the_
_prophet and_he_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
the_king and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king on face_of_his
ground_to_the. **24** And_ Nātān _he/it_said my_master the_king
you have_you_said ʾAdoniyʸᵃʰ he_will_reign after_me and_he
he_will_sit on throne_of_my. **25** If/because he_has_gone_down
the_day and_he/it_sacrificed ox[en] and_fatling and_sheep to_
_increase_in_number and_he/it_called to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_sons_of the_king and_(to)_the_
_commanders_of the_army and_(to)_ʾEvyātār the_
_priest/officer and_THERE_they are_eating and_drinking
before_him and_they_said the_king ʾAdoniyʸᵃʰ may_he_live.
26 And_(to)_me I servant_of_your and_(to)_Tsādōq/(Zadok)
the_priest/officer and_(to)_Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of
Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_(to)_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) servant_
_of_your not he_has_invited. **27** (If) from_with my_master the_
_king the_matter the_this has_it_occurred and_not you_made_
_known ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[4] who will_he_sit on the_throne_of my_
_master the_king after_him. **28** And_ the_king Dāvid _he_
_answered and_he/it_said summon to_me (to)_Bath- shevaʿ
and_she_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king
and_she_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king.
29 And_ the_king _he_swore_an_oath and_he_said by_the_life
of_**YHWH** who he_has_ransomed ᴅᴏᴍ life_of_my from_all
trouble. **30** If/because just_as I_swore to/for_you(fs) by_**YHWH**
the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say if/because Shəlomoh son_of_
_your he_will_reign after_me and_he he_will_sit on throne_of_
_my in_place_of_me if/because so I_will_do the_day (the)_this.
31 And_ Bath- shevaʿ _she_bowed_low face ground and_she_
_bowed_down to/for_the_king and_she/it_said my_master the_
_king Dāvid may_he_live to_vanishing_point. **32** And_he/it_said
the_king Dāvid summon to_me (to)_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_
priest/officer and(to)_Nātān the_prophet and_(to)_Bənāʸᵃʰ
the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_they_came to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **33** And_ the_king _he/it_said
to/for_them take with_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_servants_of your(pl)_
_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_cause_to_ride ᴅᴏᴍ
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my on the_mule which to_me
and_you(pl)_will_take_down ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Giyḥōn. **34** And_he_
_will_anoint ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it there Tsādōq the_priest/officer and_
_Nātān the_prophet to_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_

4 LV 1:27 · Note OSHB variant note: **ירבע/ך**: (x-qere) **ʾהָבַע/הָ**: lemma_5650 n_0.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_11mrn **ʾהָבַע/הָ**

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_will_give_a_blast on_horn and_you(pl)_will_say the_king Shəlomoh may_he_live. **35** And_you(pl)_will_come_up after_ _him and_he_will_come and_he_will_sit on throne_of_my and_ _he he_will_reign in_place_of_me and_him I_have_appointed to_be ruler over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_over Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **36** And_ Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ _he_answered ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _king and_he/it_said amen thus **YHWH** the_god_of my_master the_king may_he_say. **37** Just_as he_has_been **YHWH** with my_ _master the_king so he_will_be[5] with Shəlomoh and_may_he_ _make_great ᴅᴏᴍ throne_of_his more_than_the_throne_of my_ _master the_king Dāvid. **38** And_ Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_ _priest/officer and_Nātān the_prophet and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_the_Kerethite[s] and_the_ _Pelethite[s] _he/it_descended and_they_caused_to_ride ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh on the_mule_of the_king Dāvid and_they_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to Giyḥōn. **39** And_ Tsādōq the_priest/officer _ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_horn_of (the)_oil from the_tent and_he_ _anointed ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_they_gave_a_blast on_horn and_ all_of the_people _they_said the_king Shəlomoh may_he_live. **40** And_ all_of the_people _they_went_up after_ _him and_the_people were_playing_the_flute with_flutes and_ _they_were_joyful joy great and_ the_earth/land _it_was_split_ _open by_sound_of_their. **41** And_ 'Adoniyʸāh and_all those_ _who_were_invited who with_him/it _he/it_listened and_they they_had_finished to_eat and_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn and_he/it_said why is_the_ _sound_of the_town in_an_uproar. **42** Still_he was_speaking and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) the_son_of 'Evyātār the_priest/officer he_came and_ 'Adoniyʸāh _he/it_ _said come if/because are_a_man_of ability you and_good you_ _bear_news. **43** And_ Yəhōnātān _he_answered and_he/it_said to_'Adoniyʸāh but master(s)_of_our the_king Dāvid he_has_ _made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh. **44** And_he_has_sent with_him/it the_king ᴅᴏᴍ Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer and_ᴅᴏᴍ Nātān the_prophet and_Bənāʸāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) and_the_Kerethite[s] and_the_ _Pelethite[s] and_they_have_caused_to_ride ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it on the_mule_of the_king. **45** And_ Tsādōq the_priest/officer and_ _Nātān the_prophet _they_have_anointed ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_king at_Giyḥōn and_they_have_gone_up from_there joyful and_ the_ _town _it_was_stirred that is_the_sound which you(pl)_have_ _heard. **46** And_also Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_has_sat on the_ _throne_of the_royalty. **47** And_also the_servants_of the_king they_have_come to_bless ᴅᴏᴍ master(s)_of_our the_king Dāvid to_say may_he_make_good mmm[6] ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of Shəlomoh more_than_of_your_name and_may_he_make_great ᴅᴏᴍ throne_of_his more_than_of_your_throne and_ the_king _he_ _bowed_down on the_bed. **48** And_also thus the_king he_has_ _said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_given the_ _day one_who_sits on throne_of_my and_my_own_of_eyes are_ _seeing be_blessed. **49** And_they_trembled and_they_rose_up all_of those_who_were_invited who belonged_to_'Adoniyʸāh and_they_went each to_way_of_his. **50** And_'Adoniyʸāh he_was_ _afraid from_face/in_front_of Shəlomoh and_he/it_rose_up

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took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Shelomoh with it, and they blew the horn and all the people shouted, "Let King Shelomoh live!" **40** Then all the people followed him back uphill to the city, and the people were playing flutes and were so exuberant in their celebrations that the ground shook with the noise.

41 When Adoniyah and all his invited guests had finished eating, they heard the noise, and Yoav (Joab) heard the sound of the horn and asked, "What's all that commotion in the city?" **42** He was still speaking when Yonatan (Jonathan) the son of Evyatar the priest suddenly turned up, and Adoniyah called him, "Come over here because you're a good fellow and you'll bring good news."

43 "Actually, no," Yonatan answered. "Our master the king David has just made Shelomoh king. **44** The king sent Tsadok the priest and Natan the prophet and Yehoyada's son Benayah and the king's bodyguards, and they placed Shelomoh on the king's mule. **45** Then Tsadok and Natan anointed him as king at Gihon. Now they've gone back from there cheering all the way, and the whole city is happily celebrating. That's the noise that you're all hearing. **46** What's more, Shelomoh's sitting on the royal throne right now. **47** As well as that, the king's servants went in to bless our master the king David, saying, 'May God make Shelomoh's reputation even better than yours, and may he make his reign even greater than yours.' Then the king in his bed, bowed down **48** and said, 'Blessed be Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh who has provided a son to sit on my throne today, and I've been able to see it before my death.' "

49 Then all Adoniyah's invited guests started trembling, and they all got up and quietly slipped back to their homes. **50** Adoniyah himself was now afraid of what Shelomoh would do, so he went to the sacred tent and held on to the horns of the altar. **51** Shelomoh was told, "Listen, Adoniyah is afraid of the new king because he's grabbed the horns of the altar and said, 'Let Shelomoh the king promise me as soon as possible, that he won't execute his servant with the sword.' "

52 "If he shows himself as a loyal subject," Shelomoh responded, "then he'll be able to keep his head. But if he's found to be a traitor, then he'll die." **53** So King Shelomoh sent for Adoniyah, and they brought him down from beside the altar. He came and bowed down to Shelomoh the king and Shelomoh told him, "Go home."

5 LV 1:37 · Note OSHB variant note: **יהי**: (x-qere) 'הָיָהְ': lemma_1961 morph_HVqi3ms id_11ER2 הָיָהְ

6 LV 1:47 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יהלא**: (x-qere) 'ם֫יהֹלֶ֥א': lemma_430 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_11H3W ם֫יהֹלֶ֥א

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David's final words to Shelomoh · Full kingdom

2:1 When David knew that his death was close, he instructed his son Shelomoh (Solomon), **2** "I'll soon be coming to my end, but you must be strong and sensible. **3** You must maintain your god Yahweh's charge to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commands, his judgements, and his testimonies, according to what is written in Mosheh's (Moses') instructions, so that you'll be wise in everything you do and everywhere that you turn, **4** so that Yahweh's promise to me that he'd keep one of my descendants on Yisrael's (Israel's) throne, will stand because he gave the condition, 'If your descendants will obey me and worship me in truth with all their hearts and with all their souls.'

5 "Also you're aware of what Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) did to me—what he did to two of the commanders of Yisrael's armies—to Ner's son Avner[7] and to Yeter's son Amasa.[8] He murdered them, shedding blood in peacetime as if it was in a war, and the blood guilt is on him from head to toe. **6** So use your own wisdom, but don't let Yoav get old and die peacefully.

7 However, return loyal kindness to the sons of Barzilay the Giladi, and invite them to join you at your table because they helped me when I was fleeing from your brother Avshalom (Absalom).[9]

8 Then there's Gera's son Shimei, the Benyamite from Bahurim. He cursed me horribly when I was going to Mahanayim. Then he went down to meet me at the Yarden (Jordan), and I promised him by Yahweh that I wouldn't execute him,[10] **9** so don't leave him unpunished now. You're a wise man and you'll know how to handle him. Although he's old, make sure he has a bloody death.

David's death · Full kingdom

10 Then David breathed his last and was buried in the City of David. **11** He had

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and_he/it_went and_he_took_hold on_the_horns_of the_altar.
51 And_it_was_told to_Shəlomoh to_say THERE 'Adoniy^{yāh} he_
_fears ĐOM the_king Shəlomoh and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_has_
_taken_hold on_the_horns_of the_altar to_say let_him_swear
to_me as_day the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) if he_will_put_to_
_death ĐOM servant_of_his by_sword. **52** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_
_said if he_will_become (into)_a_son_of ability not one_of_his_
_hair[s] it_will_fall ground_to_the and_if evil it_will_be_found
in_him/it and_he_will_die. **53** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_
_sent and_they_brought_him_down from_under the_altar and_
_he_came and_he_bowed_down to/for_the_king Shəlomoh and_
_he/it_said to_him/it Shəlomoh go to_house_of_your.
2:1 And_ the_days_of Dāvid _they_drew_near to_die and_he/it_
_commanded ĐOM Shəlomoh son_of_his to_say. **2** I am_about_
_to_go in_the_way_of all_of the_earth/land and_you_will_be_
_strong and_you_will_become (into)_a_man. **3** And_you_will_
_keep ĐOM the_charge_of **YHWH** god_of_your to_go in_ways_of_
_his to_guard/protect regulations_of_his commands_of_his
and_judgements_of_his and_testimonies_of_his according_
_what_is_written in_the_law_of Mosheh so_that you_may_
_cause_to_prosper ĐOM all_of that you_will_do and_ĐOM every_
_of where you_will_turn there. **4** So_that **YHWH** he_may_
_establish ĐOM message_of_his which he_spoke on_me to_say if
descendants_of_your they_will_guard ĐOM way_of_their to_go
to/for_my_face/front in_faithfulness in_all heart_of_their and_
_on/over_all being_of_their to_say not it_will_be_cut_off
to/for_yourself(m) a_man from_under the_throne_of
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **5** And_also you you_know ĐOM that_which he_
_did to_me Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) that_
_which he_did to_the_two_of the_commanders_of the_armies_
of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr and_to_'Amāsā'
the_son_of Yeter/(Jether) and_he_killed_them and_he/it_
_assigned blood(s)_of war in_peace and_he/it_gave blood(s)_of
war on_belt_of_his which was_on_loins_of_his and_on_
_sandal[s]_of_his which was_on_feet_of_his. **6** And_you_will_act
according_to_of_your_wisdom and_not you_must_bring_down
hair_of_his_grey in_peace Shə'ōl. **7** And_to_the_sons_of
Barzillay the_Gil'ādite you_will_do loyalty and_they_will_be
among_those_who_eat_of your_table_of_your if/because thus
they_drew_near to_me when_fled_I from_face/in_front_of
'Avīshālōm your(ms)_brother/kindred. **8** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
is_with_you Shim'ī the_son_of Gērā' the_Ben-_of (the)_jaminite
from_Baḥurīm and_he he_cursed_me a_curse grievous in/on_
_day went_I Maḥ$_a$nāyim and_he he_came_down to_meet_me
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_I_swore to_him/it by_**YHWH** to_say if
I_will_put_you_to_death by_sword. **9** And_now do_not leave_
_him_unpunished if/because are_a_man wise you and_you_
_will_know ĐOM that_which you_will_do for_him/it and_you_
_will_bring_down ĐOM hair_of_his_grey in_blood Shə'ōl.

10 And_ Dāvid _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_
_was_buried in_the_city_of Dāvid. **11** And_the_days which Dāvid
he_reigned over Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) were_forty year[s] in_Ḥevrōn

7 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 3:27.

8 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 20:10.

9 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 17:27-29.

10 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 16:5-13; 19:16-23.

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he_reigned seven years and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_ _reigned thirty and_three years. **12** And_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_sat on the_throne_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ reign_of_his _it_was_established exceedingly.

13 And_ 'Adoniy^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥaggit _he_came[14] to Bath-shevʿa´ the_mother_of Shəlomoh and_she/it_said peace is_ _your_coming and_he/it_said peace. **14** And_he/it_said a_ _message to_me to_you and_she/it_said speak. **15** And_he/it_ _said you you_know if/because_that to_me it_belonged the_ _royalty and_on_me all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_set faces_of_ _their to_become_king and_ the_royalty _it_has_turned_round and_it_became to_brother_of_my if/because from_**YHWH** it_ _belonged for_him/it. **16** And_now a_petition one I am_asking from_with_you do_not turn_away ḌOM face_of_my and_she/it_ _said to_him/it speak. **17** And_he/it_said speak please to_ _Shəlomoh the_king if/because not he_will_turn_away ḌOM face_of_your and_may_he_give to_me ḌOM 'Avīshag the_ _Shūnammit to/for_(a)_woman. **18** And_ Bath- shevʿa´ _she/it_ _said good I I_will_speak on_you to the_king. **19** And_ Bath-shevʿa´ _she_went to the_king Shəlomoh to_speak to_him/it on 'Adoniy^{yāh} and_ the_king _he/it_rose_up to_meet_her and_he_ _bowed_down to/for_her/it and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived on throne_of_his and_he/it_assigned a_throne for_the_mother_of the_king and_she_sat to_his_right_ _of_hand. **20** And_she/it_said a_petition one small I am_asking from_with_you do_not turn_away ḌOM face_of_my and_he/it_ _said to/for_her/it the_king ask my_mother_of_my if/because not I_will_turn_away ḌOM face_of_your. **21** And_she/it_said ḌOM 'Avīshag the_Shūnammit let_it_be_given to_'Adoniy^{yāh} your(ms)_brother/kindred to/for_(a)_woman. **22** And_ the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_answered and_he/it_said to_mother_ _of_his and_why are_you asking ḌOM 'Avīshag the_Shūnammit for_'Adoniy^{yāh} and_ask to_him/it ḌOM the_royalty if/because he my_brother/kindred (the)_old more_than_me and_to/for_ _him/it and_for_'Evyātār the_priest/officer and_for_ _Yō'āv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərūy^{āh}/(Zeruiah). **23** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_swore_an_oath by_**YHWH** to_say thus may_he_ _do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if/because by_his_ _own_of_life 'Adoniy^{yāh} he_has_spoken ḌOM the_message (the)_ _this. **24** And_now by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_appointed_me and[15] on the_throne_of Dāvid father_of_my and_which he_has_ _made to_me a_house just_as he_spoke if/because the_day 'Adoniy^{yāh} he_will_be_put_to_death. **25** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_sent by_the_hand_of Bənāy^{āh} the_son_of Yəhōyādā´/(Jehoiada) and_he_fell in/on/over_him/it and_ _he/it_died.

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reigned over Yisrael (Israel) for forty years—seven years from Hevron and thirty-three years from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[11] **12** Shelomoh (Solomon) replaced his father David on the throne, and his authority was established with firmness.[12]

Adoniyah's provocation and death · Full kingdom

13 Then Hagit's son Adoniyah came to Shelomoh's (Solomon's) mother Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) and she asked him, "Is your coming peaceful?"

"It is," he replied. **14** "Can I ask you something?"

"Go ahead," she answered.

15 "You yourself know that the kingship was for me as the oldest son," he said, "and all Yisrael (Israel) wanted me to reign. But then Yahweh decided that it was for my brother, and then everything got turned around. **16** So now, I have only one thing to request from you—please don't refuse me."

"Go on," she said.

17 He said, "Please speak to Shelomoh the king because he wouldn't refuse you. Ask him to give me Avishag the Shunamit[13] as my wife."

18 "Okay," Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba) agreed, "I'll personally speak to the king for you."

19 So Bat-Sheva went to King Shelomoh to speak to him on Adoniyah's behalf. The king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat on his throne and he had a throne placed on his right for his mother to sit on. **20** Then she said, "I have one small request for you. Please don't say you won't do it"

"What's your request, my mother," the king responded, "because I couldn't refuse you."

21 "Let Avishag the Shunamit," she said, "be given to your brother Adoniyah as a wife."

22 King Shelomoh answered his mother, "You're requesting Avishag the Shunamit for Adoniyah! You might as well request the throne for him, because he's my brother and he's older than I am! And then he'll want Evyatar the priest and Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab)!" **23** Then Shelomoh promised by Yahweh, "May God do to me whatever he wants, unless Adoniyah pays with his life for saying that. **24** And now as Yahweh lives, the one who established me and caused me to sit on the throne of my father David, and who promised David's descendants to continue reigning, Adoniyah will certainly be put to death today."

25 So King Shelomoh instructed Yehoyada's son Benayah and he went and struck Adoniyah down and he died.

11 RV 2:11 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 5:4-5; 1Ch 3:4.

12 RV 2:12 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 29:23.

13 RV 2:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 1:3-4.

14 LV 2:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

15 LV 2:24 · Note OSHB variant note: יבישוו/ן/יב: (x-qere) יִבִישְׁוֵ/נִי/ו: lemma_c/3427 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Vhw3ms/Sp1cs id_11QNk יִבִישְׁוֵ/נִי/ו

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Evyatar's banishment and Yoav's death · Full kingdom

26 Then concerning Evyatar the priest, the king told him, "Go to your fields at Anatot because you're marked for death, but I won't do it today because you carried my master Yahweh's sacred box ahead of my father David,[16] and because you suffered through all that my father suffered."[17] **27** That was how Shelomoh (Solomon) banished Evyatar from being a priest to Yahweh. It was done to fulfill what Yahweh had said at Shiloh said about removing Eli's descendants.[18]

28 When the news of that reached Yoav (Joab), he fled to Yahweh's tent and held onto the horns of the altar, because he had supported Adoniyah (even though he hadn't supported Avshalom (Absalom)). **29** Someone told King Shelomoh that Yoav had fled to Yahweh's tent and was there beside the altar, so Shelomoh instructed Yehoyada's son Benayah, "Go and strike him down." **30** So Benayah entered Yahweh's tent and he told Yoav, "The king said for you to come out."

"No, I'll die here," he replied.

So Benayah went back to the king and reported both sides of the conversation **31** and the king told him, "Just do what he said. Kill him and bury him, and in that way you'll remove the blood guilt from me and my descendants for the blood that Yoav shed without cause. **32** Yahweh will return his blood onto his own head, because he attacked two men more righteous and better than himself: Ner's son Avner, the commander of Yisrael's (Israel's) army, and Yeter's son Amasa, the commander of Yehudah's (Judah's) army. He killed them with the sword and my father David didn't have anything to do with it. **33** Their shed blood will return onto Yoav's head and on the heads of his descendants forever. But for David and his family and his descendants and his throne, Yahweh will give peace forever."

34 So Yehoyada's son Benayah went and struck Yoav at the altar and killed him. Then he was buried on his property in the wilderness. **35** The king appointed Benayah as army commander to replace Yoav, and appointed Tsadok as priest in place of Evyatar.

Shimei's execution · Full kingdom

36 Then the king summoned Shimei and told him, "Build yourself a house here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and live there. But don't go anywhere else **37** because the day that you leave and cross the Kidron valley, you can be certain that you'll die. Your blood will be on your own head."

38 "My master the king," Shimei responded, "your decision is good and your servant will do just what you said."

39 However, three years later, two of Shimei's slaves fled to

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26 And_to_'Evyātār the_priest/officer the_king he_said ʼAnātōt go to fields_of_your if/because are_a_man_of death you and_ _on_day the_this not I_will_put_you_to_death if/because you_ _carried ÐOM the_box_of my_master **YHWH** to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Dāvid father_of_my and_because/when you_were_afflicted in_all that father_of_my he_was_afflicted. **27** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_drove_out ÐOM 'Evyātār from_being a_priest to/for_**YHWH** to_fulfill ÐOM the_message_ _of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken on the_house_of ʼĒlī in_ _Shiloh. **28** And_the_report it_came to Yō'āv/(Joab) if/because Yō'āv he_had_turned_aside after 'Adoniy^{yāh} and_after 'Avīshālōm not he_had_turned_aside and_ Yō'āv _he_fled to the_tent_of **YHWH** and_he_took_hold on_the_horns_of the_ _altar. **29** And_it_was_told to/for_the_king Shəlomoh if/because_that Yō'āv he_had_fled to the_tent_of **YHWH** and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_beside the_altar and_ Shəlomoh _he_ _sent ÐOM Bənā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōyādāʼ to_say go fall in/on/over_him/it. **30** And_ Bənā^{yāh} _he_went to the_tent_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_him/it thus the_king he_says come_ _out and_he/it_said no if/because here I_will_die and_ Bənā^{yāh} _he_brought_back ÐOM the_king message to_say thus Yō'āv he_ _spoke and_thus he_answered_me. **31** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king do just_as he_has_spoken and_fall in/on/over_him/it and_you_will_bury_him and_you_will_remove blood(s)_of without_cause which Yō'āv he_has_shed from_on_me and_ _from_on the_house_of my_father_of_my. **32** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _will_bring_back ÐOM blood_of_his on his/its_head who he_fell on_two_of men righteous and_good from_him/it and_he_ _killed_them with_sword and_father_of_my Dāvid not he_knew ÐOM 'Avnēr the_son_of Nēr the_commander_of the_army_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ÐOM ʼAmāsā' the_son_of Yeter/(Jether) the_ _commander_of the_army_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **33** And_ blood(s)_of_their _they_will_return on_the_head_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_on_the_head_of his/its_seed to_vanishing_ _point and_to_Dāvid and_to_offspring_of_his and_to_house_of_ _his and_to_throne_of_his it_will_belong peace until perpetuity from_with **YHWH**. **34** And_ Bənā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōyādāʼ/(Jehoiada) _he/it_ascended and_he_fell in/on/over_ _him/it and_he_put_him_to_death and_he_was_buried in_his_ _own_of_house in_wilderness. **35** And_ the_king _he/it_gave ÐOM Bənā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōyādāʼ in_place_of_him over the_ _army and_ÐOM Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer the_king he_ _put in_place_of 'Evyātār.

36 And_ the_king _he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_Shimʼī and_ _he/it_said to_him/it build to/for_yourself(m) a_house in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_you_will_dwell there and_not you_must_go_out from_there where and_where. **37** And_it_was in/on_day you_go_out and_you_will_pass_over ÐOM the_wadi_of Qidrōn surely_(know) you_will_know if/because_that surely_ _(die) you_will_die blood_of_your it_will_be on_your_own_of_ _head. **38** And_ Shimʼī _he/it_said to/for_the_king is_good the_ _message just_as my_master the_king he_has_spoken so servant_of_your he_will_do and_ Shimʼī _he/it_sat_

16 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 15:24.

17 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 22:20-23.

18 **RV 2:27 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 2:27-36.

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_down//remained//lived in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) days many. **39** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity three years and_ two_of servants of_Shim´ī _they_fled to 'Akīsh the_son_of Ma´ₐkāh the_king_of Gat and_people_told to_Shim´ī to_say THERE your_servants are_in_Gat. **40** And_ Shim´ī _he/it_rose_up and_he_saddled ᴅᴏᴍ donkey_of_his and_he/it_went to_Gat to 'Akīsh to_seek ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his and_ Shim´ī _he/it_went and_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his from_Gat. **41** And_it_ _was_told to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) if/because_that Shim´ī he_ _had_gone from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Gat and_he_had_ _returned. **42** And_ the_king _he_sent and_he/it_called (to)_ _Shim´ī and_he/it_said to_him/it am_not did_I_make_you_ _swear by_**YHWH** and_did_I_warn (in)_you to_say in/on_day you_go_out and_you_will_go where and_where surely_(know) you_will_know if/because_that surely_(die) you_will_die and_ _she/it_said to_me is_good the_message I_have_heard. **43** And_ _why not have_you_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_oath_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _command which I_commanded to_you. **44** And_ the_king _ _he/it_said to Shim´ī you you_know ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_evil which heart_of_your it_knows which you_did to_Dāvid father_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he_will_return ᴅᴏᴍ evil_of_your on_head_of_your. **45** And_the_king Shəlomoh will_be_blessed and_the_throne_of Dāvid it_will_be established to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** until perpetuity. **46** And_ the_king _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Yəhōyādā´/(Jehoiada) and_he/it_went_out and_he_fell in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_ _died and_the_kingdom it_was_established in_the_hand_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon).

3:1 And_ Shəlomoh _he_became_son-in-law with Par´oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_daughter_ _of Par´oh and_he_brought_her to the_city_of Dāvid until finished_he to_build ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_ _around. **2** Only the_people were_sacrificing at_places if/because not a_house it_had_been_built for_the_name_of **YHWH** until the_days the_those. **3** And_ Shəlomoh _he_loved ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** to_go in_the_regulations_of Dāvid his/its_father only at_places he was_sacrificing and_making_smoke. **4** And_ the_king _he/it_went to_Giv´ōn to_sacrifice there if/because that was_the_high_place (the)_great a_thousand burnt_ _offerings Shəlomoh he_offered_up on the_altar (the)_that. **5** At_Giv´ōn **YHWH** he_appeared to Shəlomoh in_(the)_dream the_night and_ god _he/it_said ask what will_I_give to/for_ _you(fs). **6** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_said you you_have_done with servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my covenant_loyalty great just_as he_walked to_your_face in_faithfulness and_in_ _righteousness and_in_uprightness_of heart with_you and_ _you_have_kept to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_covenant_loyalty (the)_ _great the_this and_you_have_given to_him/it a_son who_sits on throne_of_his as_day (the)_this. **7** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_my you you_have_made_king ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your in_ _place_of Dāvid father_of_my and_I am_a_lad young not I_know to_go_out and_to_come. **8** And_servant_of_your in_the_middle people_of_your which you_have_chosen a_people numerous which not it_will_be_numbered and_not it_will_be_counted

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Ma'akah's son, King Akish of Gat, and Shimei was told where they'd gone. **40** So Shimei saddled his donkey and rode it to Akish at Gat to try to find his slaves and he was able to recover them **41** But Shelomoh (Solomon) was told that Shimei left Yerushalem and gone to Gat and then returned. **42** So the king summoned Shimei and asked him, "Didn't I get you to promise by Yahweh that you heard me say that whenever you leave here, you'll certainly die? And didn't you tell me that it was a good decision? **43** So why didn't you keep the promise by Yahweh and obey what I instructed you? **44** You yourself know all the evil things that you did to my father David, so now Yahweh will return your evil on your head. **45** But despite what you yelled out,[19] Yahweh will bless me as king, and David's throne will be established forever in front of Yahweh."

46 Then the king commanded Yehoyada's son Benayah, and he went out and put Shimei to death.

In those ways, Shelomoh established his control of the kingdom.

Shelomoh requests wisdom · Full kingdom

3:1 Shelomoh (Solomon) made himself the son-in-law of Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) by taking Par'oh's daughter as a wife and bringing her into the city of David (where she stayed until the completion of the construction of his palace and of Yahweh's temple, and the wall around Yerushalem (Jerusalem)). **2** However, the people were sacrificing on various hills because at that time, a temple hadn't yet been built for Yahweh. **3** Shelomoh demonstrated his love for Yahweh by obeying the instructions of his father David. However, he would offer sacrifices and burn incense on various hills.

4 One time, the king went to Giveon to sacrifice there, because it was the most popular high place. Shelomoh offered up a thousand burnt up sacrifices on that altar, **5** and that night in Giveon, Yahweh appeared to Shelomoh in a dream and asked, "What would you like me to give you?"

6 Shelomoh replied, "You yourself showed incredible loyalty to your servant David, my father, because he walked in faithfulness and obedience in front of you, and did what he believed you wanted. And you've maintained this loyalty towards him and you allowed him to have a son sitting on his throne as I am today. **7** So now, Yahweh my god, you yourself have caused your servant to reign in place of my father David, but I'm still young—I don't really know much about anything. **8** Yet your ser-

19 RV 2:45 · Cross-ref. 2Sa 16:5-8.

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vant is among your chosen people—a numerous people who can't be counted because there's so many of us. **9** So please give your servant the ability to listen to your people and to judge them well—discerning between good and evil, because who's able to judge your people—that's a heavy task."

10 Yahweh was very pleased that Shelomoh had requested that **11** and told him, "Because you requested that and didn't request a long life or riches for yourself, or requested the lives of your enemies, but you requested discernment for yourself when listening and dispensing justice, **12** then I've done what you requested. Listen, I've given you a wise and discerning mind unlike anyone who's lived before you or who will live in the future after you. **13** So I've also given you what you didn't request: both riches and honour—there'll be no other king like you for as long as you live, **14** and if you'll obey my statutes and commands like your father David did, then I'll also lengthen your life."

15 Then Shelomoh woke up, and wow, it had been a dream, and he went into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and stood in front of the sacred chest. Then he offered up burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and he held a feast for all his servants.

Shelomoh judges a difficult case · Full kingdom

16 One day two prostitutes came to the king and stood in front of him, **17** and one of them said, "Please, my master, us two women live in the same house, and while she was there in the house, I gave birth to a baby. **18** Three days later, this woman also gave birth to her baby. Only the two of us were there in the house—no one else was around. **19** But then in the night, her son died because she rolled over onto him. **20** So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me, as your female servant was asleep. She left her dead son with me, and took my son to her bed. **21** When I woke up in the morning ready to breastfeed my son, to my horror he was dead. However when I examined him closely in the light, more shock, it wasn't actually my son!"

22 "No, my son is the living one," the other woman said, "and your son is the dead one."

"No, *your* son is the dead one," the first woman countered, "and *my* son is the living one!"

Then they continued to argue in front of the king.

23 The king spoke, "So both of you are claiming that your baby is the one that's alive and that the dead one belongs to the other." **24** Then he ordered, "Get me a sword." So they brought a sword to the king. **25** Then the king commanded, "Cut the living child into two pieces and give them half each."

26 But the mother of the surviving baby felt compassion for her son and yelled, "Please, my master, give the baby to her—you certainly mustn't kill him!"

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from_multitude. **9** And_you_will_give to_servant_of_your a_ _heart which_listens to_judge ÐOM people_of_your to_ _distinguish between good and_evil if/because who is_he_able to_judge ÐOM people_of_your (the)_massive (the)_this. **10** And_ the_thing _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of my_master that/for/because/then/when Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_ _asked ÐOM the_thing (the)_this. **11** And_ god _he/it_said to_ _him/it because that you_asked ÐOM the_thing the_this and_not you_asked for_yourself days many and_not you_asked for_ _yourself wealth and_not you_asked the_life_of your(pl)_ _enemies_of_your and_you_asked for_yourself to_understand to_hear judgement. **12** HERE I_do according_to_of_your_ _words/messages HERE I_give to/for_yourself(m) a_heart wise and_understanding that like_you not anyone_has_been to_ _your_face and_after_you not anyone_will_arise like_you. **13** And_also that_which not you_asked_for I_give to/for_you(fs) both wealth as_well_as honour that not he_has_been like_you anyone among_kings all_of days_of_your. **14** And_if you_will_ _walk in_ways_of_my to_guard/protect regulations_of_my and_ _commands_of_my just_as Dāvid father_of_your he_walked and_I_will_make_long ÐOM days_of_your. **15** And_ Shəlomoh _ _he_awoke and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_a_dream and_he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_box_of the_covenant_of my_master and_ _he/it_ascended burnt_offerings and_he/it_made peace_ _offerings and_he/it_made a_feast to/from_all/each/any/every servants_of_his.

16 Then two women prostitutes they_came to the_king and_ _they_stood before_him. **17** And_ the_woman the_one(f) _ _she/it_said pardon_me my_master I and_the_woman (the)_ _this are_dwelling in_a_house one and_I_gave_birth with_her/it in_house. **18** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third of_my_ _giving_birth and_ also the_woman (the)_this _she/it_gave_ _birth and_we were_together there_was_not a_stranger with_us in_house except two we were_in_house. **19** And_ the_son_of the_woman (the)_this _he/it_died night that she_lay on/upon/above_him/it. **20** And_she/it_arose in_the_middle the_night and_she/it_took ÐOM son_of_my from_beside_me and_maidservant_of_your was_sleeping and_she_made_him_lie in_bosom_of_her and_ÐOM son_of_her (the)_dead she_made_lie in_bosom_of_my. **21** And_I_rose in_morning to_nurse ÐOM son_ _of_my and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_had_died and_I_looked_ _carefully to_him/it in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_ _was son_of_my whom I_had_borne. **22** And_ the_woman (the)_ _other _she/it_said no if/because son_of_is_my the_living_one and_is_son_of_your the_dead_one and_this_one was_saying no if/because son_of_is_your the_dead_one and_is_son_of_my the_ _living_one and_they_spoke to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king. **23** And_ the_king _he/it_said this_one is_ _saying this son_of_is_my the_living_one and_son_of_your is_ _the_dead_one and_this_one is_saying no if/because son_of_ _your is_the_dead_one and_son_of_my is_the_living_one. **24** And_ the_king _he/it_said take to_me a_sword and_they_ _brought the_drought//sword/knife to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king. **25** And_ the_king _he/it_said cut ÐOM the_ _child (the)_living into_two and_give ÐOM (the)_half to_one and_ÐOM (the)_half to_one. **26** And_ the_woman whom son_of_

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_was_her the_living_one _she/it_said to the_king if/because compassion(s)_of_her they_had_grown_warm on son_of_her and_she/it_said pardon_me my_master give to/for_her/it ÐOM the_one_born (the)_living and_certainly_(kill) do_not kill_him and_this_one was_saying neither to_me nor to/for_you(fs) not he_will_belong cut. **27** And_ the_king _he_answered and_he/it_ _said give to/for_her/it ÐOM the_one_born (the)_living and_ _certainly_(kill) not you(pl)_must_kill_him she his/its_mother. **28** And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_heard ÐOM the_judgement which the_king he_had_judged and_they_saw from_face/in_ _front_of the_king if/because they_saw if/because_that the_ _wisdom_of god was_within_of_him for_doing justice.

4:1 And_he/it_was the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) king over all_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_these were_the_officials who to_ _him/it ʹAzaryāh the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer. **3** 'Elīḥoref and_'Aḥiyyāh the_sons_of Shiyshā' were_scribes Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_the_ _recorder. **4** And_Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) was_ _over the_army and_Tsādōq and_'Evyātār were_priests. **5** And_ _ʹAzaryāh the_son_of Nātān was_over the_overseers and_Zāvūd the_son_of Nātān was_a_priest the_friend_of the_king. **6** And_ _'Aḥīshār was_over the_house and_'Adonīrām the_son_of ʹAvdā' was_over the_forced_labour. **7** And_belonged_to_ _Shəlomoh two_plus ten overseers over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_supplied ÐOM the_king and_ÐOM household_of_his a_ _month in_year it_was on the_one[20] to_supply. **8** And_these names_of_are_their son_of hur in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim. **9** Ben-_of Deker in_Māqaṭs and_in_Shaʹalvīm and_Bēyt-shemesh and_Elon- house_of hanan. **10** Ben-_of Hesed in_ _'Arubōt to_him/it Sōkoh and_all the_land_of Ḥēfer. **11** Ben-_of 'Avīnādāv all_of the_height_of Dōr Ṭāfat the_daughter_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) she_became for_him/it to/for_(a)_ _woman. **12** Baʹₐnā' the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd Taʹₐnāk and_Məgiddōn and_all Bēyt Shan which is_beside (to)_Tsₑrətān/(Zarethan) from_under to_Yizrəʹēl/(Jezreel) from_Bēyt- shə'ān to Abel Meholah to from_the_other_side of_Yoqməʹām/(Jokmeam). **13** Ben-_of Geber in_Rāmot- gilʹād to_him/it the_villages_of Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Mənashsheh which are_in_Gilʹād to_ _him/it the_region_of 'Argov which is_in_Bāshān sixty cities large a_wall and_bar[s]_of bronze. **14** 'Aḥīnādāv the_son_of ʹIddō (to)_Maḥₐnāyim. **15** 'Aḥīmaʹats in_Naftālī also he he_took ÐOM Bosmat the_daughter_of Shəlomoh to/for_(a)_woman. **16** Baʹₐnā' the_son_of Ḥūshay in_'Āshēr and_Bəʹālōt. **17** Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of Pārūaḥ in_Issachar. **18** Shimʹī the_son_of 'Ēlāh in_Binyāmīn. **19** Gevor the_son_of Uri in_land of_Gilʹād the_land_of Ṣīḥōn the_king_of the_'Amorī and_ʹŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān and_an_overseer one who on_the_earth.

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Meanwhile the other woman was saying, "Well then, neither of us will have him. Cut him in half!"

27 The king spoke up, "Don't harm the baby. Give the living child to the first woman—she's his mother."

28 All Yisrael (Israel) eventually heard about this case that the king had judged, and they felt an awesome respect for him because they saw that he had God's wisdom to do justice within him.

Shelomoh's officials · Full kingdom

4:1 So Shelomoh (Solomon) was king over all Yisrael (Israel), **2** and these were his officials:

Tsadok's son Azaryah was the priest.

3 Shisha's sons Elihoref and Ahiyah were secretaries.

Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the recorder.

4 Yehoyada's son Benayah was the army commander.

Tsadok and Evyatar were priests.

5 Natan's (Nathan's) son Azaryah was supervisor of the governors,

and his son Zavud was a priest and adviser to the king.

6 Ahishar was in charge of the palace,

and Avda's son Adoniram supervised the forced labourers.

7 Shelomoh (Solomon) appointed twelve governors over all Yisrael (Israel), and they sent in food for the palace—each governor was responsible for one month of the year. **8** Their names were:

Ben-Hur in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim),

9 Ben-Deker in Makats, Sha'alvim, Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), and Elon-Beyt-Hanan,

10 Ben-Hesed in Arubot, Sokoh, and all the land of Hefer,

11 Ben-Avinadav (who was married to Shelomoh's daughter Tafat) in Nafat-Dor,

12 Ahilud's son Ba'ana in Ta'anak and Megidon and all Beyt-Shean next to Tseretan below Yizre'el (Jezreel), from Beyt-Shean to Avel-Meholah, as far as the other side of Yakemeam,

13 Ben-Gever in Ramot-Gilead, including the villages of Menasheh's (Manasseh's) son Yair that were in Gilead, as well as the Argov area in the Bashan region, and including sixty large cities with walls and bronze gate bars.

14 Ido's son Ahinadav in Mahanayim.

15 Ahima'ats (who had married Shelomoh's daughter Basemat) in Naftali (Naphtali),

16 Hushay's son Ba'ana in Asher and Be'alot,

17 Paruah's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) in Yisakar (Issachar),

18 Elah's son Shimei in Benyamin,

19 Uri's son Gever in the Gilead region, including the lands of the Amori King Sihon and King Og of the Bashan.

There was also one district governor over Yehudah (Judah).

20 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **דחא**: (x-qere) 'דָּחֶאָ/ה': lemma_d/259 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Acmsa id_11vua דָּחֶאָ/ה

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Shelomoh's prosperity · Full kingdom

20 Now Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel) had become as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They had plenty to eat and drink and they were contented. **21** Shelomoh (Solomon) controlled all the kingdoms from the Perat (Euphrates) River to the land of the Pelishtim and as far as the Mitsri (Egyptian) border,[21] so they brought tribute to him and followed his orders during his lifetime.

22 The daily requirements for the palace included five tonnes of fine flour and eleven tonnes of coarse flour, **23** ten fattened cattle, twenty pasture cattle, one hundred sheep, wild game including deer, gazelle, and roebuck, and fattened fowls.

24 He controlled all the kingdoms west of the Perat from Tifsah in the north-east to Azah (Gaza) in the south-west, and there was peace with all his neighbours. **25** So all Yehudah and Yisrael lived peacefully, from Dan in the north to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south—everyone focusing on their own property.

26 Shelomoh had forty thousand stalls for his chariot horses, and twelve thousand horsemen.[22] **27** The district governors provided supplies for the palace—one governor for each month. They ensured that nothing was lacking for the king and his visitors. **28** They also provided the barley and straw for the chariot horses and the other horses, delivered to the designated locations.

Shelomoh's wisdom · Full kingdom

29 God gave Shelomoh (Solomon) wisdom and incredible understanding, and the breadth of his interests seemed without limit. **30** He was wiser than anyone in the countries east of Yisrael (Israel) or in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **31** He was wiser than anyone else, including Eytan the Ezrahi[31] and Mahol's son Heyman and Kalkol and Darda, and his reputation spread to all the surrounding countries. **32** He could tell three thousand proverbs and he composed over a thousand songs.[32] **33** He could lecture on plant life from

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20 Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_numerous like_ _sand which is_at the_sea to_increase_in_number they_were_ _eating and_were_drinking and_were_joyful.
5:1 **23** And_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_was ruling in_all the_ _kingdoms from the_river the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_unto the_border_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_were_bringing tribute and_they_were_serving ~~DOM~~ Shəlomoh all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **2** **24** And_he/it_was the_food_of Shəlomoh for_a_ _day one thirty cor[s]_of fine_flour and_sixty cor[s]_of flour. **3** **25** Ten cattle fat and_twenty cattle pasture and_one_hundred sheep apart_apart_from from_deer and_gazelle and_roe-deer and_birds fattened. **4** **26** If/because he was_ruling in_all the_ _other_side_of the_river from_Tiphsah and_unto ʼAzzāh in_all the_kings_of the_other_side_of the_river and_peace it_ _belonged to_him/it from_all sides_of_his from_round_about. **5** **27** And_ Yəhūdāh and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_security everyone under vine_of_ _his_own and_under fig_tree_of_his_own from_Dān and_unto Bə'ēr Shəvā' all_of the_days_of Shəlomoh. **6** **28** And_he/it_was to_Shəlomoh forty thousand stalls_of horses for_chariotry_of_ _his and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen. **7** **29** And_ the_ _overseers the_these _they_supplied ~~DOM~~ the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_~~DOM~~ every_of (the)_person_ _approaching to the_table_of the_king Shəlomoh each month_ _of_his not they_allowed_to_be_missing anything. **8** **30** And_ _the_barley(s) and_the_straw for_horses and_for_steed[s] they_ _brought to the_place where it_was there each according_to_ _of_his_measure.

9 **33** And_ god _he/it_gave wisdom to_Shəlomoh and_ _understanding great very and_breadth_of heart like_sand which is_on the_shore_of the_sea. **10** **34** And_ the_wisdom_of Shəlomoh _it_was_great more_than_the_wisdom_of all_of the_ _people_of the_east and_from_all the_wisdom_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **11** **35** And_he_was_wise from_all the_ _humankind more_than_'Ēytān the_Ezrachite and_Hēymān and_Kalkol and_Darda the_sons_of Mahol and_he/it_was his/its_name among_all_of the_nations around. **12** **36** And_ _he/it_spoke three_of thousand(s) proverb[s] and_ song_of_his

21 **RV 4:21 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:18; 2Ch 9:26.
22 **RV 4:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:26; 2Ch 1:14; 9:25.
23 **LV 5:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.21
24 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.22
25 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.23
26 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.24
27 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.25
28 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.26
29 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.27
30 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.28
31 **RV 4:31 · Cross-ref.** Psa 89 header.
32 **RV 4:32 · Cross-ref.** Prv 1:1; 10:1; 25:1; Song 1:1.
33 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.29
34 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.30
35 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.31
36 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.32

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_he/it_was five and_one_thousand. **13** [37] And_he/it_spoke on the_trees from the_cedar which is_in_Ləvānōn and_unto the_ _hyssop which is_coming_out in_wall and_he/it_spoke on the_ _cattle/livestock and_on the_bird[s] and_on the_creeping_ _(thing) and_on the_fish(es). **14** [38] And_they_came from_all the_ _peoples to_hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_wisdom_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) from_with all_of the_kings_of the_earth/land who they_had_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ wisdom_of_his.

15 [42] And_ Ḥīrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) _he_sent ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his to Shəlomoh if/because he_had_heard if/because_that ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it people_had_anointed to_king in_ _place_of father_of_his if/because a_friend Ḥīrām he_had_been to_Dāvid all_of the_days. **16** [43] And_ Shəlomoh _he_sent to Ḥīrām to_say. **17** [44] You you_know ᴅᴏᴍ Dāvid father_of if/because_that not he_was_able to_build a_house for_the_ _name_of **YHWH** his/its_god from_face/in_front_of the_war which they_had_surrounded_him until **YHWH** gave ᴅᴏᴍ_them under the_soles_of mmm[45]. **18** [46] And_now **YHWH** god_of_my he_has_given_rest to_me from_round_about there_is_not an_ _adversary and_there_is_not an_occurrence evil. **19** [47] And_ _WOW_I am_saying to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_my just_as **YHWH** he_spoke to Dāvid father_of_my to_ _say son_of_your whom I_will_put in_place_of_you on throne_ _of_your he he_will_build the_house for_name_of_my. **20** [48] And_now command so_that_people_may_cut to_me cedars from (the)_Ləvānōn and_servants_of_my they_will_be with your_servants and_the_wage[s]_of your_servants I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) according_to_all that you_will_say if/because you you_know if/because_that there_is_not among_ _us anyone who_knows to_cut wood(s) like_ _Tsīdonī/(Sidonians). **21** [49] And_he/it_was just_ Ḥīrām _as_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_ _he_rejoiced exceedingly and_he/it_said be_blessed **YHWH** the_day who he_has_given to_Dāvid a_son wise over the_people (the)_great (the)_this. **22** [50] And_ Ḥīrām _he_sent to Shəlomoh to_say I_have_heard ᴅᴏᴍ that_which you_sent to_me I I_will_do ᴅᴏᴍ all_of desire_of_your in_wood(s)_of cedar(s) and_in_ _wood(s)_of cypress(es). **23** [51] Servants_of_my they_will_bring_ _them_down from (the)_Ləvānōn sea_to_the and_I I_will_make_ _them rafts on_sea to the_place which you_will_send to_me and_I_will_break_them_up there and_you(ms) you_will_carry_

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the cedars in Levanon to the hyssop that grows on walls. He taught about animals, birds, reptiles, and fish. **34** People from all around came to listen to Shelomoh's wisdom—many having been sent by other kings who'd heard about him.

The preparation of Shelomoh of making the temple · Full kingdom[39]

5:1 Then King Hiram of Tsor (Tyre) sent his servants to Shelomoh (Solomon) when he heard that he'd been anointed as king to replace his father, because Hiram had always been a friend of David. **2** Shelomoh replied to Hiram, **3** "You yourself knew David my father, and you knew that he wasn't able to build a temple for his god Yahweh his god because of the constant state of warfare until Yahweh would allow us to defeat all our enemies. **4** But now, my god Yahweh has enabled us to have peace from all around. We have no enemy, and there's no threat of danger. **5** So listen, I'm planning to build a residence for my god Yahweh, just as Yahweh spoke to my father David, 'Your son who I'll put in your place on your throne, he'll be the one to build the house to honour me.'[40] **6** So now, please give the command to fell cedars for me from the Levanon forest. Let my servants accompany your servants and I'll pay your servants' wages whatever amount you set, because you yourself know that there are no other workers who know how to fell trees like the Tsidonim (Sidonians)."

7 When Hiram got Shelomoh's message, he was very happy and said, "Blessed be Yahweh today, who has given David a wise son to rule over that great nation." **8** He sent this message back to Shelomoh, "I've received the message that you sent me and I myself will supervise everything you want including cedar and cypress logs. **9** My servants will transport them down from the forest to the ocean, and I'll get them tied into rafts and float them to the place you specify and disassemble the rafts. Then it'll be up to you to get them where you need them. All I ask for, is food for my family and workers."

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37 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.33

38 **LV 5:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.4.34

39 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 2:1-18

40 **RV 5:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-13; 1Ch 17:11-12.

42 **LV 5:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.1

43 **LV 5:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.2

44 **LV 5:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.3

45 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: וֹ/לְגַר: (x-qere) יָלְגַר֣וּ: lemma_7272 n_0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp1cs id_11vkx יָלְגַר֣וּ

46 **LV 5:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.4

47 **LV 5:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.5

48 **LV 5:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.6

49 **LV 5:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.7

50 **LV 5:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.8

51 **LV 5:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.9

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10 So Hiram supplied all the cedar and cypress logs that Shelomoh ordered 11 and each year Shelomoh supplied Hiram with three thousand tonnes of wheat and four hundred thousand litres of pure olive oil. 12 Yahweh gave Shelomoh wisdom just like he'd said he would, and there was peace between Hiram and Shelomoh and the two of them made a treaty with each other.

13 King Shelomoh forced thirty thousand men from all over Yisrael (Israel) to become his workers, 14 and each month he sent a group of ten thousand of them to work in Levanon. Each group would spend a month in Levanon and then two months at home again. Adoniram[41] was put in charge of all that. 15 Shelomoh also forced eighty thousand men to cut stones in the hill country and seventy thousand men to haul loads. 16 Then besides Shelomoh's chief officers who were in charge of the work, there were another three thousand three hundred supervisors of the workers. 17 The king commanded them to quarry large, valuable blocks of dressed stone for the temple foundations. 18 Shelomoh's and Hiram's workers and the Givlim shaped the stones and prepared the timber for building the temple.

Shelomoh begins temple construction · Full kingdom

6:1 So it was that four hundred and eighty years after the Israelis left Mitsrayim (Egypt), in the second month of the fourth year of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), he began the construction of Yahweh's residence. 2 It would be twenty-seven metres long, nine metres wide, and fourteen metres high.[61] 3 The five-metre wide porch on the front was the same length as the temple width, so nine metres long. 4 The window openings narrowed towards the outer edge of the wall. 5 Against the outside of the back wall and the two sides, he built three-storey (but lower than the wall) side rooms. 6 The lowest level was just over two metres wide, the middle level was half a metre wider, and the top level the same again (because the tem-

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_them_away and_you(ms) you_will_do ~~ĐƠM~~ desire_of_my by_ _giving the_food_of my_household_of_my. 24 52 And_he/it_was Ḥīrām giving to_Shəlomoh wood(s)_of cedar(s) and_wood(s)_of cypress(es) all_of desire_of_his. 25 53 And_Shəlomoh he_gave to_Ḥīrām twenty thousand cor[s]_of wheat(s) food for_ _household_of_his and_twenty cor[s]_of oil pressed thus Shəlomoh he_gave to_Ḥīrām a_year in_year. 26 54 And_**YHWH** he_gave wisdom to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) just_as he_had_ _spoken to_him/it and_he/it_was peace between Ḥīrām and_ _between Shəlomoh and_ the_two_of_of_them _they_made a_ _covenant. 27 55 And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he/it_ascended forced_labour from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_forced_labour _he/it_was thirty thousand man. 28 56 And_he_sent_them to_ _Ləvānōn ten_of thousand(s) in_month relays a_month they_ _were in_Ləvānōn two months in_home_of_his and_Adoniram was_over the_forced_labour. 29 57 And_he/it_was to_Shəlomoh seventy thousand carrier[s]_of burden-bearer[s] and_eighty thousand stonemason[s] in_country. 30 58 Apart_apart from_ _the_leaders_of the_overseers of_Shəlomoh who were_over the_work three_of thousand(s) and_three hundred(s) who_ _ruled over_people who_were_doing (in)_work. 31 59 And_ the_ _king _he/it_commanded and_they_quarried stones large stones costly to_found the_house stones_of hewn_stone. 32 60 And_ the_builders_of Shəlomoh and_the_builders_of Ḥīrām and_the_Gebalites _they_cut_them_out and_they_prepared the_ _wood(s) and_the_stones to_build the_house.

6:1 And_he/it_was in_eighty year and_four hundred(s) year of_ of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _the_coming_out from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_year (the)_fourth in_the_ _month_of Ziv that was_the_month the_second of_ of_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _the_reigning over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_built the_house to/for_**YHWH**. 2 And_the_house which the_king Shəlomoh he_built to/for_**YHWH** was_sixty cubit[s] length_of_its and_twenty breadth_of_its and_thirty cubit[s] height_of_its. 3 And_the_porch on the_face_of the_temple_of the_house was_twenty cubit[s] length_of_its on the_face_of the_breadth_of the_house was_ten by_cubit breadth_of_its on the_face_of the_house. 4 And_he/it_made for_house windows_ _of frames closed. 5 And_he/it_built on the_wall_of the_house an_extension[62] all_around ~~ĐƠM~~ the_walls_of the_house around (to)_temple and_(to)_the_room and_he/it_made side-chambers

41 **RV 5:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 12:18.
52 **LV 5:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.10
53 **LV 5:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.11
54 **LV 5:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.12
55 **LV 5:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.13
56 **LV 5:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.14
57 **LV 5:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.15
58 **LV 5:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.16
59 **LV 5:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.17
60 **LV 5:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.5.18
61 **RV 6:2 · Note** About the height of a modern five-storey building (and the same height as Noah's barge).
62 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עוצי**: (x-qere) **עִיצָיו**: lemma_3326 b n_1.2.0 morph_HNcmsa id_11vHx **עִיצָיו** _

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all_around. **6** The[63] (the)_lower was_five by_cubit breadth_of_ _its and_the_middle_extension was_six by_cubit breadth_of_its and_(the)_third_extension was_seven by_cubit breadth_of_its if/because ledges he_made for_house around the_outside_to to_not to_have_hold in_the_walls_of the_house. **7** And_the_ _house when_it_was_built stone perfect quarry it_was_built and_hammers and_(the)_axe any_of article_of iron not it_was_ _heard in_house when_it_was_built. **8** The_entrance_of the_ _rib/plank (the)_middle was_to the_side_of the_house (the)_ _right and_by_stairs people_went_up to the_middle_chamber and_from the_middle_chamber to the_thirty. **9** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house and_he_finished_it and_he_panelled ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_ _house beams and_planks with_cedar(s). **10** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the[64] on all_of the_house was_five cubits height_of_its and_he_covered ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house with_wood(s)_of cedar(s). **11** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) to_say. **12** The_house the_this which you are_building if you_will_walk in_regulations_of_my and_~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ judgements_of_my you_will_observe and_you_will_keep ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ all_of commands_of_my to_go (is)_in_them and_I_will_establish ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ message_of_my with_you which I_spoke to Dāvid father_ _of_your. **13** And_I_will_dwell in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not I_will_abandon ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house and_he_ _finished_it. **15** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_walls_of the_house from_inside with_boards_of cedar(s) from_the_floor_of the_ _house to the_walls_of the_ceiling he_overlaid wood from_ _inside and_he_overlaid ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_floor_of the_house with_ _boards_of cypresses. **16** And_he/it_built ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ twenty cubit[s] mmm[69] of_the_house with_boards_of cedar(s) from the_floor to the_walls and_he/it_built to_him/it inside to_an_innermost_ _room to_the_holy_place_of the_holy_places. **17** And_forty by_ _cubit it_was the_house that is_the_temple before_me. **18** And_ _cedar to the_house within was_carving_of gourds and_spread_ _out_things_of blossoms (the)_everything was_cedar there_ _was_not stone visible. **19** And_an_innermost_room in_the_ _middle of_the_house from_within he_prepared to_put there ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH**. **20** And_before_of the_ _innermost_room was_twenty cubit[s] length and_twenty cubit[s] breadth and_twenty cubit[s] height_of_its and_he_ _overlaid_it gold pure_gold and_he_overlaid an_altar cedar. **21** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_overlaid ~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ the_house from_within gold pure_gold and_he_made_pass in/on/at/with[70] gold to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _innermost_room and_he_overlaid_it gold. **22** And_~~ᵭᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_house he_overlaid gold until all_of the_house was_finished and_all the_altar which belonged_to_room he_overlaid gold.

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ple wall got thinner as it went up). The temple walls had ledges built into them for the beams to sit on, so they wouldn't have to go through the walls.

7 While the temple was being built, all of the huge stones were dressed at the quarry site, so there was no noise from any hammer or axe or iron tool at the construction site.

8 The entrance to the bottom level of siderooms was on the south side of the temple, then from there, stairs went up to the middle level, and more stairs to the top level. **9** So he built the temple walls, then it was roofed with cedar beams and planks, **10** and he built the siderooms—each level just over two metres high and attached to the temple with cedar beams.

11 Then Yahweh had this message sent to Shelomoh (Solomon), **12** "This residence that you're building, if you comply with my regulations and follow my judgements and obey all my commands, then I'll ensure that everything I promised your father David will come to pass. **13** I will live among you Israelis and I'll never abandon my people Yisrael (Israel)."

The temple furnishings · Full kingdom[65]

14 So Shelomoh (Solomon) finished the construction of the temple, **15** and on the inside he made walls of cedar boards. The floor was made with cypress boards, and the walls were panelled from the floor to the ceiling. **16** Inside the temple, nine metres at the rear were closed off to make an inner room called 'the very holy place'.[66] That too had walls made of cedar boards. **17** That left the main temple room as eighteen metres long, **18** and it had cedar boards on the walls decorated with carvings of buds and flowers in blossom. All the internal walls were covered with cedar so none of the large stones were visible.

19 The inner room at the back was to house the box containing Yahweh's agreement, **20** and the room (nine metres long and wide and high) was overlaid with pure gold and equipped with an incense altar overlaid with cedar. **21** Then Shelomoh overlaid the main room with pure gold, and he hung gold chains crossing across the entrance to the inner room that was overlaid with gold. **22** He overlaid the interior of the entire temple with gold until it was all finished, including overlaying the altar belonging to the inner room with gold.[67]

23 In the inner room, he made two winged creatures that were

63 LV 6:6 · Note OSHB variant note: עוצי/ה: (x-qere) הָ/עִיצִ֑י: lemma_d/3326 b morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_11FvR הָ/עִיצִ֑י

64 LV 6:10 · Note OSHB variant note: עוצי/ה: (x-qere) הָ/עִיצִ֑י: lemma_d/3326 b n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_11T8G הָ/עִיצִ֑י

65 RV 6:14 · Parallel 2 Chr. 3:8-14

66 RV 6:16 · Cross-ref. Exo 26:33-34.

67 RV 6:22 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:1-3.

69 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יתוכרי/מ: (x-qere) מִ/יְתָכְרֵ֔י: lemma_m/3411 morph_HR/Ncfdc id_11riL מִ/יְתָכְרֵ֔י

70 LV 6:21 · Note OSHB variant note: תוקיתר/ב: (x-qere) בְּ/תָוְקוּתַ֖ר: lemma_b/7572 morph_HR/Ncfpc id_114Gd בְּ/תָוְקוּתַ֖ר

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five metres high and made of olive wood.[68] **24** Each wing was over two metres long, giving each one a total wingspan of four and a half metres. **25** Both creatures were the same size and shape, **26** and they were both five metres high. **27** The two winged creatures were placed across the inner room where their wingtips touched each other in the centre and their outer wings touched the walls. **28** Both of the wooden carvings were overlaid with gold.

29 He had all the interior walls of the temple engraved with winged creatures and palm trees and flowers in bloom, **30** and he overlaid the floor of both rooms with gold.

31 He made doors and doorposts for the inner room with olive wood, **32** and both doors were decorated with carvings of winged creatures and palm trees and flowers in bloom, then they were overlaid with gold that was hammered over the carvings. **33** He made the doorposts for the main temple entrance with olive wood, **34** and the two folding doors themselves each had two folding sections made of cypress. **35** These doors were also decorated with carvings of winged creatures and palm trees and flowers in bloom, and then overlaid with gold smoothed down over the carvings.

36 He built the inner courtyard with three rows of dressed stones and a row of cedar beams.

37 The foundation for Yahweh's residence was laid in the second month of the fourth year of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) reign, **38** and it was completed in the eighth month of his eleventh year—meeting all his specifications and requirements. So it took over seven years to build it.

Shelomoh's palace · Full kingdom

7:1 Shelomoh (Solomon) also spent thirteen years getting his own palace finished. **2** He built the 'Levanon Forest Hall' that was forty-six metres long, twenty-three metres wide, and fourteen metres high, with four rows of cedar pillars and cedar beams sitting across the pillars. **3** It was roofed with cedar boards on forty-five supports set out into three rows of fifteen. **4** There were three rows of window gaps arranged in sets of three. **5** All the entrances and doorposts were made with wood planed with square sides, and they were arranged in sets of three.

6 He made his covered porch with pillars. It was twenty-three metres long and fourteen metres wide.

7 He made a hall for his throne where he would judge

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23 And_he/it_made in_room two_of cherubim wood(s)_of olive was_ten cubits height_of_its. **24** And_was_five cubits the_wing_ _of the_cherub (the)_one and_was_five cubits the_wing_of the_ _cherub the_second(fs) was_ten cubits from_the_ends_of its_ _wings_of_his and_unto the_ends_of its_wings_of_his. **25** And_ _was_ten by_cubit the_cherub the_second a_measurement one and_a_shape one belonged_to_the_two_of the_cherubims. **26** The_height_of the_cherub the_one was_ten by_cubit and_ _thus/so/as_follows the_cherub the_second. **27** And_he/it_gave ᵭᵒᵐ the_cherubim in_the_middle of_the_house (the)_inner and_they_spread_out ᵭᵒᵐ the_wings_of the_cherubims and_ the_wing_of the_one _it_touched (in)_wall and_the_wing_of the_cherub the_second was_touching (in)_wall the_second and_ _wings_of_their to the_middle_of the_house were_touching wing to wing. **28** And_he_overlaid ᵭᵒᵐ the_cherubim gold. **29** And_ᵭᵒᵐ all_of the_walls_of the_house round_about he_ _carved engravings_of carvings_of cherubim and_palm_trees and_spread_out_things_of blossoms from_to_faces and_to_ _outer. **30** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_floor_of the_house he_overlaid gold to_ _within and_to_outer. **31** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_entrance_of the_ _innermost_room he_made doors_of wood(s)_of olive the_pillar doorposts_of fifth. **32** And_two_of doors_of wood(s)_of olive and_he_carved on_them carvings_of cherubim and_palm_trees and_spread_out_things_of blossoms and_he_overlaid_them gold and_he_hammered_out on the_cherubim and_on the_ _palm_trees ᵭᵒᵐ the_gold. **33** And_thus/so/as_follows he_made for_the_entrance_of the_temple doorposts_of wood(s)_of olive from_with a_fourth_of. **34** And_two_of doors_of wood(s)_of cypresses two_of sides the_door the_one(f) were_revolving and_two_of curtains the_door the_second(fs) were_revolving. **35** And_he_carved cherubim and_palm_trees and_spread_out_ _things_of blossoms and_he_overlaid gold made_smooth on the_carved_work. **36** And_he/it_built ᵭᵒᵐ the_court (the)_inner three rows_of hewn_stone and_a_row_of beams_of cedar(s). **37** In_year (the)_fourth the_house_of **YHWH** it_was_founded in_the_month_of Ziv. **38** And_in_year the_one(f) ten in_the_ _month_of Būl that was_the_month (the)_eighth the_house it_ _was_complete to/from_all/each/any/every parts_of_its and_ _to/for_all mmm[71] and_he_built_it seven years.

7:1 And_ᵭᵒᵐ house_of_his_own Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_built thir- teen year[s] and_they_were_ended/finished ᵭᵒᵐ all_of house_of_his. **2** And_he/it_built ᵭᵒᵐ the_house_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləʋānōn was_one_hundred cubit[s] length_of_its and_ _was_fifty cubit[s] breadth_of_its and_thirty cubit[s] height_of_ _its on four rows_of pillars_of cedar(s) and_beams_of cedar(s) were_on the_pillars. **3** And_it_was_panelled with_cedar from_ _above above the_side-chambers which were_on the_pillars forty and_five fif- teen the_row. **4** And_window_frames three rows and_window was_to window three times. **5** And_all the_ _openings and_the_doorposts were_square frame-work and_ _the_front window was_to window three times. **6** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_ _porch_of the_pillars he_made was_fifty cubit[s] length_of_its and_thirty cubit[s] breadth_of_its and_a_porch was_on face_of_ _their and_pillars and_a_canopy were_on face_of_their. **7** And_

68 RV 6:23-28 · Cross-ref. Exo 25:18-20.

71 LV 6:38 · Note OSHB variant note: טמשנ/ו: (x-qere) יְטַפְּשֻׁנ/ו: lemma_4941 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_11edn יְטַפְּשֻׁנ/ו

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_the_porch_of the_seat where he_gave_judgement there the_ _porch_of (the)_judgement he_made and_it_was_panelled with_ _cedar from_the_floor to the_floor. **8** And_his/its_house(hold) where he_dwelt there the_court (the)_other from_inside_of to_ _porch like_workmanship the_this it_was and_a_house he_ _made for_the_daughter_of Par'oh whom Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_taken like_porch (the)_this. **9** All_of these were_stones costly according_to_measurements_of hewn_stone sawn with_ _saw from_inside and_from_outside and_from_the_foundation to the_coping_stone and_from_the_outside to the_court (the)_ _great. **10** And_ stones costly stones large stones_of ten cubits and_stones_of eight cubits _it_was_founded. **11** And_were_ _from_to_above stones costly according_to_measurements_of hewn_stone and_cedar. **12** And_the_courtyard (the)_great all_ _around was_three rows hewn_stone and_a_row_of beams_of cedar(s) and_to_the_court_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_inner and_to_the_porch_of the_house.

13 And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_sent and_he/it_took ÐOM Ḥīrām from_Tsor/(Tyre). **14** Was_a_son_of a_woman a_widow he from_the_tribe_of Naftālī and_father_of_his was_a_man Tyrian a_worker bronze and_he_was_filled ÐOM the_wisdom and_ÐOM the_skill and_ÐOM the_knowledge for_doing any_of work with_bronze and_he_came to the_king Shəlomoh and_ _he/it_made ÐOM all_of their_property/content.

15 And_he/it_laid_siege ÐOM the_two_of the_pillars bronze was_ _eight- teen cubit[s] the_height_of the_pillar the_one and_a_ _line_of two_plus ten cubit[s] it_went_round ÐOM the_pillar the_second. **16** And_two_of capitals he_made to_put on the_ _tops_of the_pillars casting_of bronze was_five cubits the_ _height_of the_capital (the)_one and_was_five cubits the_ _height_of the_capital the_second(fs). **17** Networks work_of a_ _network wreaths work_of chains belonged_to_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pillars seven for_capital (the)_one and_ _seven for_capital the_second(fs). **18** And_he/it_made ÐOM the_ _pillars and_two_of rows all_around were_on the_network (the)_one to_cover ÐOM the_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pomegranates and_thus/so/as_follows he_did for_capital the_second(fs). **19** And_the_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pillars were_a_work_of lili[es] in_porch four cubits. **20** And_ _the_capitals were_on the_two_of the_pillars also from_above from_to_near_of the_bulge which was_to_the_side_of the_ _network[75] and_the_pomegranates two_hundred rows all_ _around were_on the_capital the_second(fs). **21** And_he_set_up ÐOM the_pillars to_the_porch_of the_temple and_he_set_up ÐOM the_pillar (the)_right and_he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name Yākīn/(Jakin) and_he_set_up ÐOM the_pillar (the)_left and_ _he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name Bo'az. **22** And_was_on the_top_ _of the_pillars a_work_of lili[es] and_ the_work_of the_pillars _ _it_was_complete.

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cases—called 'The Judgement Hall'. It was covered with cedar from floor to ceiling.

8 His actual residence behind the hall was constructed in a similar way. Shelomoh (Solomon) also built a house for his wife who was Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter.[72]

9 All these buildings were constructed with expensive stones that had been cut to size and trimmed with saws inside and out. They went from the foundation up to the eaves, and from the outside across to the great courtyard. **10** These large, costly stones in the foundations were cut in two sizes, with the largest almost five metres long. **11** On top of those were other costly stones of various sizes, and then cedar beams. **12** The largest courtyard had three rows of dressed stones and one row of cedar beams, as did the inner temple courtyard and the palace hall.

Huram comes to work · Full kingdom

13 King Shelomoh (Solomon) sent for a craftsman in Tsor (Tyre) called Huram.[73] **14** His mother was a widow with Naftali (Naphtali) ancestry, and his father had been a bronze engraver in Tsor. He was very knowledgeable and skilled in everything to do with bronze, and so he came to work for King Shelomoh.

The two bronze pillars · Full kingdom[74]

15 He cast two hollow bronze pillars—each being just over eight metres tall and measuring over five metres around. **16** Then he made two decorative bronze caps for those pillars—each over two metres high. **17** To hang over them, he made ornamental chains and wreaths—seven sets over the cap on each pillar. **18** Then he made two rows of decorative bronze pomegranates to go around each of the two caps. **19** The two caps were each shaped like lilies that were nearly two metres high **20** and there were two hundred bronze pomegranates in rows around each cap. NEED A DIAGRAM

21 Huram stood the two pillars at the temple entrance porch. (The left pillar got nicknamed 'Yakin' and the one on the right, 'Boaz'.) **22** The two bronze caps shaped like lilies were placed on top of the pillars and so the pillar construction was completed.

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72 **RV 7:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 3:1.

73 **RV 7:13 · Note** Sometimes (including this passage) his named is spelt 'Hiram', but we've opted to consistently name him 'Huram' (as per 2 Chr. 4:11) to conveniently avoid confusion with King Hiram (also from Tsor/Tyre).

74 **RV 7:15 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 3:15-17

75 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: הכבש: (x-qere) 'הַכְּבְשֹׂ/ה': lemma_d/7639 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_11wu9 הַכְּבְשֹׂ/ה

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The bronze water tank · Full kingdom[76]

23 Huram also cast a very large round basin nicknamed 'The sea' that was five metres across (so a circumference of fourteen metres) and over two metres high. **24** Part of the same casting was two rows of decorative buds that went around it under the lip of the basin. There were about eighteen buds for each metre of circumference. **25** Twelve bronze cattle had also been cast and the large basin was sitting on their backs. The cattle were facing outwards with three facing towards each of the four compass points. **26** The basin was about 8cm thick and it had a lip around the outside like a lily blossom. It could contain around forty-four thousand litres of water.

The bronze basin holders · Full kingdom

27 Then Huram cast ten bronze carts for individual water basins. Each one was nearly two metres long and two metres wide and just over a metre tall, **28** and they had frames on the sides with panels between them. **29** There were bronze lions, oxen, and winged creatures in relief on the panels, and above and below those, wreaths were inset into the bronze. **30** Each cart had two bronze axles with four bronze wheels attached to them. At each of the top four corners, there were bronze supports to hold a wash basin, and these were also cast with decorative wreaths. **31** Inside those supports there was a round frame that protruded half a metre upwards and was inset by a quarter of a metre. It also had engravings on it inside square frames. **32** The axles were part of the main casting, and the four 70cm bronze wheels were below the panels. **33** The design of the wheels was similar to chariot wheels, but with their axles, rims, spokes, and hubs all cast from bronze. **34** Each cart had four handles as part of the casting—one projecting from each corner. **35** There was a 25cm bronze band around the top of each cart as well as supports and frames—all part of the main casting. **36** He engraved winged creatures, lions, and palm trees on the flat areas of the carts wherever there was space, and engraved wreaths around them. **37** So that's how he made the ten carts—all the same shape and size using the same mold.

38 Huram also cast ten bronze wash basins for the ten carts—each one was almost two metres across and could hold 900 litres of water.[78] **39** He put five basins on carts on each side of the temple (north and south of the east-facing temple), and he put the huge basin on its bronze cattle near the south-east corner. **40** Huram also made the basins and the ash shovels and the bowls.

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23 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_sea throw_metal was_ten by_cubit from_lip_of_its to lip_of_its round all_around five by_cubit height_of_its and[77] thirty by_cubit it_went_round ~~DOM~~_him/it all_around. **24** And_gourds from_under to_lip_of_its all_around were_going_round ~~DOM~~_him/it ten by_cubit they_were_ _encircling ~~DOM~~ the_sea all_around were_two_of rows the_ _gourds they_were_throw in_casting_of_its. **25** It_was_standing on two_plus_of ten ox[en] three were_turning northward_to and_three were_turning westward_to and_three were_turning southward_to and_three were_turning eastward_to and_the_ _sea was_on_them from_to_above and_all hindquarters_of_ _their inside_were_to_the. **26** And_thickness_of_its was_a_ _hand_breadth and_lip_of_its was_like_the_work_of the_lip_of a_cup the_blossom_of a_lily two_thousand bath[s] it_contained.

27 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_stands ten bronze was_four by_ _cubit the_length_of the_stand (the)_one and_four by_cubit breadth_of_its and_was_three by_cubit height_of_its. **28** And_ _this was_the_work_of the_stand rims to/for_them and_rims were_between the_cross_bars. **29** And_were_on the_rims which were_between the_cross_bars lions ox[en] and_cherubim and_ _was_on the_cross_bars a_base from_above and_were_from_ _under to_the_lions and_to_ox[en] wreaths the_work_of descent. **30** And_four wheels_of bronze belonged_to_stand the_ _one(f) and_axles_of bronze and_four feet_of_its supports to/for_them from_under to_laver the_supports were_throw were_from_the_side_of each wreaths. **31** And_opening_of_its was_from_inside_of to_capital and_upward_upwards by_cubit and_opening_of_its was_round the_work_of a_base a_cubit and_ _(the)_half_of (the)_cubit and_also were_on her/its_mouth carvings and_rims_of_their were_square not round. **32** And_ _the_four_of the_wheels were_to_from_under to_rims and_the_ _hands_of the_wheels were_on_stand and_the_height_of the_ _wheel the_one was_a_cubit and_(the)_half_of (the)_cubit. **33** And_the_work_of the_wheels was_like_the_work_of (the)_ _wheel_of (the)_chariot hands_of_their and_rims_of_their and_ _spokes_of_their and_hubs_of_their (the)_everything was_ _throw. **34** And_four supports were_to the_four the_corners_of the_stand (the)_one were_from the_stand supports_of_its. **35** And_was_at_the_top_of the_stand (the)_half_of (the)_cubit height round all_around and_were_on the_top_of the_stand hands_of_its and_rims_of_its were_from_it. **36** And_he_ _engraved on the_plates hands_of and_on and[79] cherubim lions and_palm_trees according_to_the_clear_space_of each and_ _wreaths were_all_around. **37** Like_this he_made ~~DOM~~ the_ten the_stands casting one a_measurement one a_shape one belonged_to_all_of_of_them. **38** And_he/it_made ten lavers_of bronze forty bath[s] it_contained the_laver the_one was_four by_cubit the_laver the_one a_laver one was_on the_stand the_ _one(f) for_the_ten the_stands. **39** And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _stands five on the_side_of the_house from_the_right and_five on the_side_of the_house from_left_of_its and_~~DOM~~ the_sea he_ _put from_the_side_of the_house (the)_right eastward_toward

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76 **RV 7:23 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 4:2-5

77 **LV 7:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: הוק/ו: (x-qere) וָ֫קְוִ֥י: lemma_c/6961 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_11kSN וָ֫קְוִ֥י

78 **RV 7:38 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:17-21.

79 **LV 7:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/יתרגסמ/ו: (x-qere) הַ֫יִּתְרַגְּסִ֥מִי: lemma_4526 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3fs id_11GoM הַ֫יִּתְרַגְּסִ֥מִי

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from_in_front_of the_south. **40** And_ Ḥīrām _he/it_made ~~ḌOM~~ the_lavers and_~~ḌOM~~ the_shovels and_~~ḌOM~~ the_bowls and_ Ḥīrām _they_were_ended/finished to_do ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_work which he_did to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_house_of **YHWH**.

41 Pillars two and_the_bowls_of the_capitals which were_on the_top_of the_pillars two and_the_networks two to_cover ~~ḌOM~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_capitals which were_on the_top_ _of the_pillars. **42** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_pomegranates four hundred(s) for_the_two_of the_networks two_of rows pomegranates for_ _network (the)_one to_cover ~~ḌOM~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_ _capitals which were_on the_face_of the_pillars. **43** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_stands ten and_~~ḌOM~~ the_lavers ten on the_stands. **44** And_ _~~ḌOM~~ the_sea the_one and_~~ḌOM~~ the_ox[en] two_plus ten under the_sea. **45** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_pots and_~~ḌOM~~ the_shovels and_~~ḌOM~~ the_bowls and_~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_vessels the[8586] which Ḥīrām he_ _made to/for_the_king Shəlomoh the_house_of **YHWH** were_ _bronze polished. **46** In_the_valley_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) he_ _throw_them the_king in_the_thickness_of the_soil between Ṣukkōt and_between Ts$_{e}$rətān/(Zarethan). **47** And_ Shəlomoh _ _he_left ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_vessels from_abundance very very not the_weight_of the_bronze it_was_ascertained. **48** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_made ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_vessels which were_the_house_of **YHWH** ~~ḌOM~~ the_altar_of the_gold and_~~ḌOM~~ the_table which on/upon/above_him/it the_bread_of the_ _presence gold. **49** And_~~ḌOM~~ the_lampstands five from_the_ _right and_five from_the_left to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_innermost_room gold pure_gold and_the_ _blossom and_the_lamps and_the_tongs gold. **50** And_the_ _basins and_the_snuffers and_the_bowls and_the_pans and_ _the_fire-pans gold pure_gold and_the_sockets for_the_doors_ _of the_house (the)_inner to_the_holy_place_of the_holy_places for_the_doors_of the_house of_temple gold. **51** And_ all_of the_ _work which he_did the_king Shəlomoh the_house_of **YHWH** _ _it_was_complete and_ Shəlomoh _he/it_brought ~~ḌOM~~ the_ _holy_things_of Dāvid his/its_father ~~ḌOM~~ the_silver and_~~ḌOM~~ the_gold and_~~ḌOM~~ the_vessels he_put in_the_treasuries_of the_ _house_of **YHWH**.

8:1 Then Shəlomoh he_assembled ~~ḌOM~~ the_elders_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) ~~ḌOM~~ all_of the_chiefs_of the_tribes the_leaders_ _of the_fathers of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to the_king Shəlomoh Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring_up ~~ḌOM~~ the_box_ _of the_covenant_of **YHWH** from_the_city_of Dāvid that is_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **2** And_they_assembled to the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) every_of (the)_person_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel)

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The list of temple objects · Full kingdom[80]

So Huram finished everything that King Shelomoh (Solomon) had requested him to make for Yahweh's residence: **41** two massive pillars with large decorated caps and then networks of chain over the caps, **42** the four hundred pomegranates with each pillar having two strings of one hundred of them placed over them, **43** the ten carts and the ten basins on them, **44** the huge water tank and the twelve cattle supporting it, **45** and the pots and shovels and bowls and all the other containers.

All the above was made from polished bronze by Huram for King Shelomoh for Yahweh's residence. **46** The king had them cast in the clay in the Yarden (Jordan) valley between Sukot and Tseretan. **47** None of the above was weighed, because bronze was so plentiful that it didn't matter.

48 Shelomoh also had the gold items made for Yahweh's residence, including the gold incense altar[81] and the gold table for the sacred bread,[82] **49** the ten pure gold lampstands that were placed five on each side of the entrance to the inner room, along with the gold flowers, lamps, and tongs,[83] **50** the pure gold cups, trimmers, bowls, dishes, and firepans, and also the gold door sockets for the inner holiest room and the main room of the temple.

51 Finally all the work that King Shelomoh did for Yahweh's residence was completed, and he had all the holy things from his father David, including the silver and the gold and the containers, taken into the storerooms of the temple.[84]

The sacred box is taken to the temple · Full kingdom[87]

8:1 So Shelomoh (Solomon) assembled the Israeli leaders, and the tribal and clan heads, in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to celebrate the arrival of the box containing Yahweh's agreement coming from David's city, i.e., Tsiyon (Zion).[88] **2** This all happened during the Celebration in Shelters in the seventh month

80 **RV 7:41 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 4:11–5:1

81 **RV 7:48 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:1-3.

82 **RV 7:48 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:23-30.

83 **RV 7:49 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:31-40.

84 **RV 7:51 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 8:11; 1Ch 18:11.

85 **LV 7:45 · Note** OSHB variant note: לֹהאַ/ה: (x-qere) הֱלֹהִ֣יאָ/ה: lemma_d/428 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Pdxcp id_114qA הֱלֹהִ֣יאָ/ה

86 **LV 7:45 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

87 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 5:2–6:2

88 **RV 8:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:12-16; 1Ch 15:25-29.

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of Etanim.[89] 3 The Israeli elders and the priests lifted the sacred box 4 and carried it to the temple. Other priests and Levites brought all the sacred objects from the sacred tent. 5 King Shelomoh and all the Israelis who were there, walked ahead of the box, sacrificing more sheep and cattle than could be counted, because there were so many.

6 Then the priests brought the box containing the agreement into the inner room in the temple (the very holy place), and placed it beneath the wings of the two wooden winged creatures, 7 The two creatures had their wings stretched out and touching in the middle of the room where the sacred box was placed, so their wings covered over the top of the box and its carrying poles. 8 The poles were very long and the ends of them could be seen from the entrance to that inner room, but otherwise they couldn't be seen from the outside, and they're still there to this day. 9 There was nothing in the box except for the two stone slabs that Mosheh (Moses) had put inside at Mt. Sinay (also called Horev)[90] where Yahweh made the agreement with the Israelis after he'd brought them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).

10 When the priests came back out of the holy place, a cloud filled Yahweh's residence[91] 11 and the priests were unable to stand to minister because of the cloud, because Yahweh's presence had filled his temple. 12 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) said, "Yahweh stated that he would dwell in the cloudy darkness.[92] 13 Actually, I've built a raised house for you—where you can live forever."

Shelomoh's address to the people · Full kingdom[93]

14 Then while all the people stood there, the king turned around and pronounced a blessing on all Yisrael (Israel), 15 saying, "Blessed is Yahweh, the god of Yisrael, who spoke audibly to my father David, and then put into action the promise he'd given, 16 'From the day when I brought my people Yisrael out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), I didn't choose a city from among all the tribes of Yisrael to build a house in so that my name would be established there. Instead I chose David to lead my people Yisrael.' "[94]

17 Shelomoh (Solomon) continued, "My father David wanted to build a temple to confirm Yahweh's power and authority here.[95] 18 However, Yahweh told him that it was good that he wanted to build a temple for him, 19 however he wouldn't be the one to

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in_the_month_of (the)_'Ēytānim at_festival that was_the_ _month the_seventh. 3 And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came and_ the_priests _they_lifted ĐOM the_box. 4 And_ _they_brought_up ĐOM the_box_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM the_tent_of meeting and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of (the)_holiness which were_in_tent and_ the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_ _brought_up ĐOM_them. 5 And_the_king Shəlomoh and_all the_ _congregation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_were_gathered on/upon/above_him/it with_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_box they_were_sacrificing sheep and_cattle which not they_were_counted and_not they_were_numbered from_multitude. 6 And_ the_priests _they_brought ĐOM the_ _box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to place_of_its to the_ _innermost_room_of the_house to the_holy_place_of the_holy_ _places to under the_wings_of the_cherubim. 7 If/because the_ _cherubim were_spreading_out wings to the_place_of the_box and_ the_cherubims _they_covered over the_box and_over poles_of_its from_to_above. 8 And_ the_poles _they_were_long and_ the_heads_of the_poles _they_were_visible from the_holy_ _place on the_face_of the_innermost_room and_not they_were_ _visible to_the_outside and_they_were there until the_day (the)_this. 9 There_was_not in_box only the_two_of the_tablets_ _of (the)_stone(s) which he_had_placed there Mosheh at_Ḥorēv where **YHWH** he_made with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 10 And_he/it_was when_ the_priests _came_out from the_holy_ _place and_the_cloud it_filled ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. 11 And_not the_priests they_were_able to_stand to_serve from_ _face/in_front_of the_cloud if/because the_glory_of **YHWH** it_ _filled ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. 12 Then Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_said **YHWH** he_has_said to_dwell in_(the)_darkness. 13 Indeed_(build) I_have_built a_house_of loftiness to/for_ _you(fs) a_place you_to_dwell_in forever. 14 And_ the_king _he_turned ĐOM his/its_faces/face and_he/it_ _blessed ĐOM all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_standing. 15 And_he/it_ _said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_spoke with_ _mouth_of_his with Dāvid father_of_my and_with_hand_of_his he_has_fulfilled to_say be_blessed. 16 Since the_day when I_ _brought_out ĐOM people_of_my ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _Mitsrayim not I_chose (in)_a_city from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_build a_house to_be name_of_my there and_ _I_have_chosen (in)_Dāvid to_be over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 17 And_he/it_was with the_heart_of Dāvid father_of_my to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 18 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid father_of_my because that it_was with heart_of_your to_build a_house for_name_of_my you_did_well

89 **RV 8:2 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:34.

90 **RV 8:9 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:5.

91 **RV 8:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 40:34-35.

92 **RV 8:12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 18:11; 97:2.

93 **RV 8:14 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 6:3-11

94 **RV 8:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:4-11; 1Ch 17:3-10.

95 **RV 8:17-18 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:1-3; 1Ch 17:1-2.

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that/for/because/then/when it_was with heart_of_your.
19 Only you not you_will_build the_house if/because (if) son_
_of_your who_will_come_out from_loins_of_your he he_will_
_build the_house for_name_of_my. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he_has_
_established ÐOM message_of_his which he_spoke and_I_have_
_arisen in_place_of Dāvid father_of_my and_I_have_sat on the_
_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_spoke and_I_have_
_built the_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **21** And_I_have_appointed there a_place for_box
where is_there the_covenant_of **YHWH** which he_made with
ancestors_of_our when_he_brought_out ÐOM_them from_the_
_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

22 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_altar_of **YHWH** before all_of the_
_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_spread_out palms_of_his
the_heavens. **23** And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) there_is_not like_you a_god in_heavens (from)_
_above and_on the_earth/land (from)_beneath who_keeps the_
covenant and(the)_covenant_loyalty to_servants_of_your
who_walk to_your_face in_all heart_of_their. **24** Who you_have_
_kept to_servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my ÐOM that_which
you_spoke to_him/it and_you_spoke with_mouth_of_your and_
_with_hand_of_your you_have_fulfilled as_day (the)_this.
25 And_now Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) keep to_
_servant_of_your[101] Dāvid father_of_my ÐOM that_which you_
_spoke for_him/it to_say not it_will_be_cut_off to/for_
_yourself(m) a_man from_before_face_of_me who_sits on the_
_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only if descendants_of_your they_
_will_guard ÐOM way_of_their to_go to/for_my_face/front just_
_as you_have_walked before_me. **26** And_now Oh_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) let_it_be_established please mmm[102] which
you_spoke to_servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my.
27 If/because really god will_he_dwell on the_earth/land HERE
the_heavens and_the_heavens_of the_heavens not they_
_contain_you indeed if/because the_house the_this which I_
_have_built. **28** And_you_will_turn to the_prayer_of your_
_servant_of_your and_near/to supplication_of_his Oh_**YHWH**
god_of_my to_listen to the_cry_entreaty and_near/to the_
_prayer which servant_of_your is_praying to_your_face the_
_day. **29** To_be eyes_of_your open to the_house the_this night
and_day to the_place where you_have_said it_will_be name_of_
_my there to_listen to the_prayer which servant_of_your he_
_will_pray to the_place (the)_this. **30** And_you_will_listen to
the_supplication_of your_servant_of_your and_people_of_your
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_will_pray to the_place the_this and_
_you(ms) you_will_hear to the_place_of your_dwelling to the_
_heavens and_you_will_hear and_you_will_forgive. **31** ÐOM that_
_which anyone he_will_sin to_neighbour_of_his and_he_will_

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build it, because it would be his biological son who would do it.[96]
20 Now Yahweh has put his promise into action, and I'm here now having succeeded my father David—sitting on Yisrael's throne just as Yahweh said, and I've been the one to build the residence for Yisrael's god Yahweh. **21** I've included a place for the box containing the two stone tablets with the agreement that Yahweh made with our ancestors when he brought them out of Mitsrayim."

Shelomoh's prayer of dedication · Full kingdom[97]

22 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) stood between Yahweh's altar and all the gathered Israelis, and held his arms up towards the sky **23** and prayed, "Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), there's no god like you in the heavens above or here on the earth below, keeping the agreement and showing loyal affection to your servants, the ones who serve you with honest devotion. **24** You have done what you told your servant David, my father, that you said you'd do—you said it with your mouth and then put it into action with your hands as we can see today. **25** Now, Yahweh, the god of Yisrael, do the other things for your servant David my father, when you told him that there'll always be one of his descendants on Yisrael's throne, provided they follow you like he did.[98] **26** So now, God of Yisrael, show that you're faithful to do what you say, by doing what you told your servant David, my father.

27 "But would God really reside on the earth? The sky and the heavens aren't big enough for you so how could this building I've constructed contain you?[99] **28** But still, please give attention to your servant's prayer and my request for favour, Yahweh my god. Please listen to my humble prayer that your servant is praying to you today **29** that your eyes be on this house night and day—the place that you've said will be associated with your name.[100] May you answer the prayers that your servant will pray towards this place. **30** Listen to your servant's plea for favour, and the prayers that your people Yisrael will pray toward this place. Keep listening from where you live in the heavens, and hear and forgive.

31 "When someone is accused of sinning against his neighbour and says on oath that the accusation is false, and makes that oath in front of your altar here in this temple, **32** then you should listen from the heavens and judge your people Yisrael, so

96 **RV 8:19 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12-13; 1Ch 17:11-12.

97 **RV 8:22 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 6:12-42

98 **RV 8:25 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:4.

99 **RV 8:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 2:6.

100 **RV 8:29 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:11.

101 **LV 8:25 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

102 **LV 8:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִרבד/ךָ: (x-qere) ’רָבְדִּ֔י: lemma_1697 n_0.2 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_11eUw רָבְדִּ֔י

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that wicked people will be condemned and bear the appropriate punishment, and innocent people should be declared not guilty and dealt with appropriately.

33 When your people Yisrael are defeated by an enemy because they've sinned against you, and they turn back to you and confess your name and pray, and plead for favour toward you in this temple, 34 then you should listen from the heavens and forgive the sin of your people Yisrael, and bring them back to this land that you gave to our ancestors.

35 "Or when the rain is held back in the sky because your people have sinned against you, and then they pray towards this place and acknowledge you and turn away from the disobedience that caused the problem, 36 then listen to them from the heavens and forgive the sin of your servants and your people Yisrael, because you'll direct them towards the right way to conduct themselves. Then you'll send rain onto your land that you gave to your people as an inheritance.

37 "Suppose that there was a drought in the land, or diseases like blight or mildew, or swarms of locusts or grasshoppers, or if an enemy besieges them in a gated city, or some other trouble or calamity, 38 then if anyone from your people Yisrael who knows about their own disobedience would spread out their palms toward this temple, 39 then listen to them from your heavenly abode and forgive their sin, and give them what they need. You and you alone are the only one who knows what's inside a human heart. 40 Then the people will want to obey you as long as they're alive here in the land that you gave to our ancestors.

41 "Also the foreigners who are not descendants of Yisrael and who came from distant countries because of your reputation 42 (when they heard about your nature and saw your power in action), and they come and pray toward this temple, 43 then listen to them from your abode in the heavens and do what that foreigner begged of you, so that all the countries will know your reputation and respect you like your people Yisrael do. Then they'll know that your authority is connected with this residence that I've built.

44 "When your people go out to battle against the enemy, and on the road where you sent them they pray to you Yahweh, in this city that you've chosen, with this house that I've built for your honour, 45 Then listen from the heavens to their prayer and their request, and help their situation.

46 "If they disobey you (because everyone sins) and you're angry with them and cause them to be defeated by their enemies, and then they get taken prisoner and led away to the enemy's country (even a far away country), 47 and then they have a change of mind in the land where they were taken to as captives, and while they're still living in that land, they turn back and beg for your favour and confess, 'We've disobeyed and done wrong—we've behaved wickedly,' 48 and they return to you with all their hearts and all their souls in the land of their enemies where they were taken captive, and they pray to you toward the

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_impose in_him/it an_oath to_put_him_under_an_oath and_it_
_will_come an_oath to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before altar_
_of_your in_house (the)_this. 32 And_you(ms) you_will_hear
the_heavens and_you_will_act and_you_will_judge ĐOM your_
_servants to_condemn_as_guilty a_guilty_person to_requite its_
_road/course on_his_own_of_head and_to_declare_righteous a_
_righteous_person to_give to_him/it according_to_of_his_
righteousness. 33 When people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _are_
defeated to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy that
they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_return to_you and_
_they_will_praise ĐOM your(ms)_name and_they_will_pray and_
_they_will_seek_favour to_you in_house (the)_this. 34 And_
_you(ms) you_will_hear the_heavens and_you_will_forgive (to)_
_the_sin_of your_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_
_bring_them_back to the_soil which you_gave to_ancestors_of_
their. 35 When the_heavens _are_shut_up and_not rain it_
_will_be if/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_
_pray to the_place the_this and_they_will_praise ĐOM your(ms)_
_name and_from_sin_of_their they_will_turn_back if/because
you_will_afflict_them. 36 And_you(ms) you_will_hear the_
_heavens and_you_will_forgive (to)_the_sin_of your_servants
and_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because you_will_teach_
_them ĐOM the_way (the)_good which they_will_walk in_it and_
_you(ms)_will_give rain on land_of_your which you_gave to_
_people_of_your to_an_inheritance. 37 Famine if/because it_
_will_be in/on_the_earth pestilence if/because it_will_be blight
mildew locust[s] locust[s] if/because it_will_be if/because he_
_will_lay_siege to_him/it enemy_of_its in_land its_gates_of_his
any_of plague any_of sickness. 38 Every_of prayer every_of
supplication which it_will_belong to/from_all/each/any/every
the_humankind to_all/each/any/every people_of_your
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_will_know everyone the_plague_of
his_own_heart_of_his and_he_will_spread_out palms_of_his to
the_house (the)_this. 39 And_you(ms) you_will_hear the_
_heavens the_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_forgive
and_you_will_act and_you_will_give to_person according_to_
_all_of ways_of_his whom you_will_know ĐOM heart_of_his
if/because you you_know you_alone ĐOM the_heart_of all_of
the_children_of the_humankind. 40 So_that they_may_fear_you
all_of the_days which they will_be_alive on the_surface_of the_
_soil which you_gave to_ancestors_of_our. 41 And_also to the_
_foreigner who not is_one_of_your_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he
and_he_will_come from_a_land distant for_the_sake_of name_
_of_your. 42 If/because people_will_hear ĐOM name_of_your
(the)_great and_ĐOM hand_of_your (the)_mighty and_arm_of_
_your (the)_outstretched and_he_will_come and_he_will_pray
to the_house (the)_this. 43 You you_will_hear the_heavens the_
_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_do according_to_all that
he_will_call to_you the_foreigner so_that they_may_know all_of
the_peoples_of the_earth/land ĐOM your(ms)_name to_fear you
like_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_know if/because_
_that name_of_your it_is_called on the_house the_this which I_
_have_built. 44 If/because people_of_your it_will_go_forth for_
_battle on enemy_of_its by_way which you_will_send_them
and_they_will_pray to **YHWH** the_direction_of the_city which
you_have_chosen (in)_it and_the_house which I_have_built for_
_name_of_your. 45 And_you_will_hear the_heavens ĐOM prayer_
_of_their and_ĐOM supplication_of_their and_you_will_do

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justice_of_their. **46** If/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) if/because there_is_not anyone who not he_sins and_you_will_ _be_angry with_them and_you_will_deliver_them_up to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy and_they_will_take_ _them_captive captors_of_their to the_land_of the_enemy distant or near. **47** And_they_will_bring_back to heart_of_their on_the_earth where they_have_been_taken_captive there and_ _they_will_repent and_they_will_seek_favour to_you in_land of_their_captors to_say we_have_sinned and_we_have_done_ _wrong we_have_acted_wickedly. **48** And_they_will_return to_ _you in_all heart_of_their and_on/over_all being_of_their in_ _land their_enemies_of_their who they_took_captive ~~DOM~~_them and_they_will_pray to_you the_direction_of their_land_of_their which you_gave to_ancestors_of_their the_city which you_ _have_chosen and_the_house which I_have_built[103] for_name_ _of_your. **49** And_you_will_hear the_heavens the_place_of your_ _dwelling ~~DOM~~ prayer_of_their and_~~DOM~~ supplication_of_their and_you_will_do justice_of_their. **50** And_you_will_forgive (to)_ _people_of_your who they_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_ _to/for_all transgressions_of_their which they_have_ _transgressed against_you and_you_will_give_them (to)_ _compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before captors_of_ _their and_they_will_have_compassion_on_them. **51** If/because people_of_are_your and_inheritance_of_your they whom you_ _brought_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_the_midst_of the_ _furnace_of (the)_iron. **52** To_be eyes_of_your open to the_ _supplication_of your_servant_of_your and_near/to the_ _supplication_of your_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_listen to_them in_all calling_their to_you. **53** If/because you you_ _have_separated_them to/for_yourself(m) to_an_inheritance from_all the_peoples_of the_earth/land just_as you_spoke by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh servant_of_your when_you_brought_out ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_our from_Mitsrayim my_master **YHWH**.

54 And_he/it_was just_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _as_had_finished to_pray to **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ all_of the_prayer and_the_supplication (the)_this he_stood_up from_to/for_face/front/presence the_ _altar_of **YHWH** from_bowing_down on knees_of_his and_ _palms_of_his were_spread_out the_heavens. **55** And_he_stood and_he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_voice great to_say. **56** **YHWH** who he_has_given a_resting_ _place to_people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that he_has_spoken not a_message one it_has_fallen from_all message_of_his (the)_good which he_spoke by_the_hand_of Mosheh servant_of_his be_blessed. **57** May_he_be **YHWH** god_ _of_our with_us just_as he_was with ancestors_of_our not may_ _he_abandon_us and_not may_he_abandon_us. **58** To_incline heart_of_our to_him/it to_go in_all ways_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his and_regulations_of_his and_judgements_of_ _his which he_commanded ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_our. **59** And_may_ _they_be words/messages_of_my these which I_have_sought_ _favour to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** near to **YHWH** god_of_our by_day and_night for_doing the_justice_of his_servant_of_his and_the_justice_of his_people_of_his

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direction of their country which you gave to their fathers, the city that you chose, and the residence that I've built for your honour, **49** then listen to their prayers and requests from your abode in the heavens, and help their situation. **50** Forgive your people who've disobeyed you and forgive the wicked things that they've done. Help their captors to be compassionate to them, **51** because they're your people and your special possession who you brought out from Mitsrayim (Egypt)—from the middle of the iron-smelting furnace.

52 "May you notice the plea for favour from your servant and from your people Yisrael (Israel)—to listen to them in all their crying out to you. **53** Because you yourself separated them for yourself as a special possession out of all the people groups in the world, just as you said through your servant Mosheh (Moses) when you brought our ancestors out from Mitsrayim, my master Yahweh."

Shelomoh blesses the people · Full kingdom

54 Once Shelomoh (Solomon) was finished praying this prayer and request for favour to Yahweh, he stood up from bowing on his knees with his palms spread out toward the heavens in front of Yahweh's altar, **55** then stood there and blessed all the Israeli people, saying, **56** "Blessed be Yahweh, who has given peace to his people Yisrael (Israel) like he said he would. He didn't fail to do even one part out of all the good things that he told his servant Mosheh (Moses) that he'd do.[104] **57** May our god Yahweh be with us, just as he was with our ancestors. May he not leave us or abandon us, **58** help us to want to follow him and walk on all his paths and obey his commands and statutes and judgements that he gave our ancestors. **59** May this prayer of mine pleading for Yahweh's favour, be remembered by our god Yahweh day and night—to protect both his servant and his people Yisrael as each day requires, **60** so that all the people groups in the worlds would know that Yahweh is the god—there's no other besides him. **61** And you people, may your purpose be to

103 **LV 8:48 · Note** OSHB variant note: תינב: (x-qere) 'יתִּנָּבְ': lemma_1129 morph_HVqp1cs id_11oHn יתִּנָּבְ

104 **RV 8:56 · Cross-ref.** Deu 12:10; Josh 21:44-45.

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completely follow our god Yahweh, by obeying his statutes, and by keeping his commands like you're doing today."

The temple dedication · Full kingdom[105]

62 Then the king and all the Israelis offered sacrifices to Yahweh, **63** and King Shelomoh (Solomon) sacrificed peace offerings to Yahweh (twenty-two thousand cattle and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep) and the king and the Israelis dedicated Yahweh's residence. **64** On that day the king reserved the middle of the courtyard that was in front of the temple, because that was where he made the burnt up offerings and the grain offerings and the fat pieces of the peace offerings. This was because the bronze altar was too small to handle all those offerings.

65 Then Shelomoh and Israelis from all over the country celebrated in front of Yahweh at that time—people from Levo-Hamat in the far north down to the Mitsri (Egyptian) border in the far south—one week, then a second week—a total of fourteen days. **66** The next day, he instructed the people to go home, and they blessed the king, then went home feeling happy and encouraged because of all the good things that Yahweh had done for his servant David's family and for his people Yisrael (Israel).

Yahweh speaks to Shelomoh again · Full kingdom[106]

9:1 Once Shelomoh (Solomon) had finished the construction of the temple and his palace, and various other projects of his, **2** Yahweh appeared a second time to him, similar to his appearance at Giveon[107] **3** and said, "I've heard your prayer and your plea for favour requested from me. I've declared that this residence that you built is holy by associating my name with it forever, and my eyes and my heart will constantly be there.[108] **4** And as for you, if you'll behave with godliness just like your father David lived with total dedication and honesty, by following everything that I've commanded you including keeping my statutes and my judgements, **5** then I'll continue your dynasty over Yisrael (Israel) forever, just like I told your father David when I said, 'your descendants will never be removed from Yisrael's throne.'[109] **6** If you or your descendants ever turn back from following me and don't keep my commands and statutes,

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **60** So_as all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land to_know if/because_that **YHWH** he the_'Ĕlohīm there_is_not still_more. **61** And_it_was heart_of_ _your(pl) complete with **YHWH** god_of_our to_go in_ _regulations_of_his and_to_keep commands_of_his as_day (the)_this.

62 And_the_king and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it were_ _sacrificing a_sacrifice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **63** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_sacrificed ÐOM the_sacrifice_of (the)_peace_offerings which he_sacrificed to/for_**YHWH** cattle twenty and_two thousand and_sheep one_ _hundred and_twenty thousand and_ the_king and_all the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_dedicated ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **64** In_the_day (the)_that the_king he_consecrated ÐOM the_middle_of the_courtyard which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_house_of **YHWH** if/because he_offered there ÐOM the_burnt_offering[s] and_ÐOM the_grain_offering[s] and_ _ÐOM the_fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings if/because the_altar_of (the)_bronze which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** was_too_small for_containing ÐOM the_burnt_offering[s] and_ _ÐOM the_grain_offering[s] and_ÐOM the_fat(s)_of the_peace_ _offerings. **65** And_he/it_made Shəlomoh at_time (the)_that ÐOM the_festival and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it an_ _assembly great from_Ləvō' ḪamāT to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_our seven_of days and_seven_of days four- teen day[s]. **66** In_the_day (the)_eighth he_sent_away ÐOM the_people and_ _they_blessed ÐOM the_king and_they_went to_tents_of_their joyful and_good_of heart on all_of the_good which **YHWH** he_ _had_done to_Dāvid servant_of_his and_to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_his.

9:1 And_he/it_was just_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _as_had_finished to_build ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_house_of the_ _king and_ÐOM all_of the_desire_of Shəlomoh which he_ _delighted for_doing. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he_appeared to Shəlomoh a_second_time just_as he_had_appeared to_him/it at_Giv˝ōn. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it I_have_heard ÐOM prayer_ _of_your and_ÐOM supplication_of_your which you_have_ _sought_favour to/for_my_face/front I_have_consecrated ÐOM the_house the_this which you_have_built by_putting name_of_ _my there until perpetuity and_they_will_be eyes_of_my and_ _heart_of_my there all_of the_days. **4** And_you(ms) if you_will_ _walk to/for_my_face/front just_as Dāvid father_of_your he_ _walked in_integrity_of heart and_in_uprightness for_doing according_to_all that I_commanded_you(ms) regulations_of_ _my and_judgements_of_my you_will_observe. **5** And_I_will_ _establish ÐOM the_throne_of your_kingdom_of_your over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_vanishing_point just_as I_spoke on Dāvid father_of_your to_say not it_will_be_cut_off to/for_yourself(m)

105 **RV 8:62 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 7:4-10

106 **RV 9:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 7:11-22

107 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 3:5; 2Ch 1:7.

108 **RV 9:3 · Note** 'my eyes and my heart': many translations have something like 'my presence', but we've left it literal here for the reader to interpret rather than oversimplifying what we don't necessarily understand.

109 **RV 9:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:4.

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a_man from_under the_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** If ever_ _(turn_back) you(pl)_will_turn_back you(pl) and_descendants_ _of_your(pl) from_after_me and_not you(pl)_will_keep commands_of_my regulations_of_my which I_have_set before_ _you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_go and_you(pl)_will_serve gods other and_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_them. **7** And_I_will_cut_off ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_surface_of the_soil which I_have_given to/for_them and_ÐOM the_house which I_have_ _consecrated for_name_of_my I_will_send_away from_under face_of_my and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was (into)_a_byword and_ _(into)_a_taunt in_all the_peoples. **8** And_the_house the_this it_ _will_be most_high every_of one_who_passes_by on/upon/above_him/it he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_hiss and_people_will_say concerning what **YHWH** did_he_do thus to_land (the)_this and_to_house (the)_this. **9** And_people_will_ _say on that they_abandoned ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_their who he_ _brought_out ÐOM ancestors_of_their from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_took_hold on_gods other and[111][112] to/for_them and_they_served_them therefore yes/correct/thus/so **YHWH** he_has_brought on_them ÐOM all_ _of the_calamity (the)_this.

10 And_he/it_was from_the_end_of twenty year[s] which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_built ÐOM the_two_of the_houses ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_house_of the_king. **11** Ḫīrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) he_had_supported ÐOM Shəlomoh with_wood(s)_of cedar(s) and_with_wood(s)_of cypresses and_with_gold to/from_all/each/any/every desire_ _of_his then the_king Shəlomoh he_gave to_Ḫīrām twenty citi[es] in_land of_(the)_Gālīl. **12** And_ Ḫīrām _he/it_went_out from_Tsor/(Tyre) to_see ÐOM the_cities which he_had_given to_ _him/it Shəlomoh and_not they_were_pleasing in_eyes_of_his. **13** And_he/it_said what are_the_cities the_these which you_ _have_given to/for_me my_brother/kindred and_he/it_called to/for_them the_land_of Kāvūl/(Cabul) until the_day (the)_ _this. **14** And_ Ḫīrām _he_had_sent to/for_the_king one_ _hundred and_twenty talent[s]_of gold.

15 And_this is_the_message_of the_forced_labour which he_ _raised the_king Shəlomoh to_build ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM house_of_his_own and_ÐOM the_Millō' and_ÐOM the_ _wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ÐOM Ḫātsōr and_ÐOM Məgiddōn and_ÐOM Gezer. **16** Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_had_gone_up and_he_had_captured ÐOM Gezer and_he_had_burnt_it with_fire and_ÐOM the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] who_was_dwelling in_city he_had_ _killed and_he_had_given_it dowri(es) to_daughter_of_his the_ _wife_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **17** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_built ÐOM Gezer and_ÐOM Bēyt Ḫōrōn lower. **18** And_ÐOM Ba'ₐlāth and_ÐOM Tadmor[116] in_wilderness on_the_earth. **19** And_ÐOM all_of the_cities_of (the)_stores which they_belonged to_

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and you go and serve other gods and bow down to them, **7** then I'll cut Yisrael off from the land that I've given them and from the temple that's dedicated to my name—I'll send them far away, and Yisrael will become an example and a laughing stock among all the other countries. **8** As this temple is on a hill and very visible, everyone who passes anywhere nearby will see it and will be appalled and will hiss and they'll say, 'What did the people do that was so bad that Yahweh did that to this country and to this temple?'[110] **9** Then they'll answer, 'It's because they abandoned their god Yahweh who brought their ancestors out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), but they held on to other gods and bowed down to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought all this calamity onto them.' "

King Hiram gains some poor cities · Full kingdom[113]

10 It took twenty years for Shelomoh (Solomon) to construct the temple for Yahweh and the palace for himself. **11** King Hiram from Tsor (Tyre), had supported Shelomoh with cedar and cypress logs, and with gold—as much as he'd needed. So King Shelomoh gave him twenty cities in the Galil region, **12** but when Hiram came down from Tsor to see the cities that Shelomoh had given him, he wasn't very happy about them **13** and asked, "My friend, what sort of cities are these that you've given me?" and he called the area 'Kavul' (meaning 'Worthless'), which it's still called to this day. **14** Hiram had sent four tonnes of gold to Shelomoh.

Shelomoh's other achievements · Full kingdom[114]

15 Now this is the matter of the forced labour that King Shelomoh (Solomon) brought up to build Yahweh's residence and his palace, the raised terraces and the Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city wall, and the cities of Hatsor, Megidon and Gezer. **16** (Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Par'oh (Pharaoh) had seized Gezer and set fire to it and killed the Kena'anim (Canaanites) who had lived in the city. Then he'd given it as a wedding present to his daughter when Shelomoh had married her.) **17** Shelomoh rebuilt Gezer and lower Beyt-Horon, **18** Ba'alat, Tadmor in the Yehudah (Judah) wilderness, **19** all of Shelomoh's store-

110 RV 9:8 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:9; 2Ch 36:19.

111 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **וחתשו/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְוַחֲתְשׁוּ/ו': lemma_c/7812 morph_HC/Vvw3mp id_11iog וְוַחֲתְשׁוּ/ו

112 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

113 RV 9:10 · Parallel 2 Chr. 8:1-2

114 RV 9:15 · Parallel 2 Chr. 8:3-18

116 LV 9:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **רמת**: (x-qere) 'רָמָדַת': lemma_8412 morph_HNp id_11RKz רָמָדַת

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house cities, and the cities for his chariots and horses. They also built whatever else Shelomoh wanted—in Yerushalem, in Levanon, and in the entire area of his dominion. **20** All the remaining Amori, Hiti, Perizi, Hivi, and Yevusi people (they weren't descendants of Yisrael (Israel)), **21** had descendants who continued living in Yisrael. These were people groups that the Israelis hadn't been able to annihilate so Shelomoh used them for forced labour (where they remain to this day). **22** But he didn't consign any Israelis to slavehood, because they were his warriors and servants, and his officers and captains, and the commanders of his chariots and horsemen. **23** Some were commanders of the five hundred and fifty work supervisors.

24 Once Par'oh's daughter moved out of the City of David to the palace that he'd built for her, then he built the raised terraces.

25 Shelomoh offered burnt offerings and peace offerings three times that year[115] on the altar that he'd built for Yahweh, and he burnt incense to Yahweh with it, and he completed the temple.

26 King Shelomoh constructed a fleet of ships in Etsyon-Gever, which is near Eylot on the shore of the Red Sea in the Edom region. **27** King Hiram sent some of his servants who were experienced sailors to serve with Shelomoh's men. **28** They sailed to Ofir and brought back fourteen tonnes of gold that they took to Shelomoh.

The queen from Sheva visits Shelomoh · Full kingdom[118]

10:1 Now the queen from Sheva had heard a report about how Yahweh had blessed Shelomoh (Solomon), and she came to test him with difficult questions.[119] **2** She came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with lots of her top people, camels carrying spices and gemstones and a lot of gold. Then she went to Shelomoh and started asking him everything that had been on her mind. **3** He answered all her questions—there wasn't any topic that he wasn't able to shed light on. **4** When the queen from Sheva saw the extent of Shelomoh's wisdom, the palace that he'd built, **5** the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the uniforms and the service of his waiters, and the burnt offerings that he sacrificed at Yahweh's temple, she was totally lost for words.

6 She told the king, "Wow, everything that I heard about you back in my own country, and about how wise you are, is true. **7** I

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_Shəlomoh and_ĐOM the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_ĐOM the_ _cities_of the_horsemen and_ĐOM the_desire_of Shəlomoh which he_desired to_build in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_ _Ləvānōn and_in_all_of the_land_of his_dominion_of_his. **20** All_of the_people which_remained of the_'Amorī the_ _Ḥittiy[s] the_Pərizzī[s] the_Ḥiūī and_the_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] who not from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **21** Descendants_of_their who they_remained after_them on_ _the_earth whom not the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_ _been_able to_totally_destroy_them and_he_raised_them Shəlomoh to_forced_labour_of labouring until the_day (the)_ _this. **22** And_any_of_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not Shəlomoh he_made a_slave if/because they were_the_men_of (the)_war and_servants_of_his and_officials_of_his and_ _officers_of_his and_the_commanders_of his_chariotry_of_his and_horsemen_of_his. **23** These were_the_leaders_of the_ _overseers who were_over the_work of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) fifty and_five hundred(s) who_ruled over_people who_were_ _doing (in)_work. **24** Only the_daughter_of Par'oh she_went_up from_the_city_of Dāvid to house_of_her_own which he_had_ _built to/for_her/it then he_built ĐOM the_Millō'. **25** And_ Shəlomoh _he_offered_up three times in_year burnt_offerings and_peace_offerings on the_altar which he_had_built to/for_ _**YHWH** and_he_made_smoke with_him/it[117] which to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_completed ĐOM the_house. **26** And_ship[s] the_king Shəlomoh he_made at_ _'Etsyon- gever which is_with 'Ēylōt on the_shore_of the_sea_of reed[s] in_land of_'Edōm. **27** And_ Ḥīrām _he_sent in_the_ _ship[s] ĐOM servants_of_his men_of ships who_knew_of the_ _sea with the_servants_of Shəlomoh. **28** And_they_came to_ _'Ōfīr and_they_took from_there gold four hundred(s) and_ _twenty talent[s] and_they_brought_it to the_king Shəlomoh.

10:1 And_the_queen_of Shəvā' was_hearing ĐOM the_report_of Shəlomoh to_the_name_of **YHWH** and_she_came to_put_him_ _to_the_test by_difficult_matters. **2** And_she_came to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_a_retinue numerous very camels which_were_carrying spices and_gold much very and_ _stone_of precious and_she_came to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_ _she_spoke to_him/it ĐOM all_of that it_was with heart_of_her. **3** And_he_told to/for_her/it Shəlomoh ĐOM all_of words/messages_of_her not it_was anything concealed from the_king which not he_told to/for_her/it. **4** And_ the_queen_of Shəvā' _she/it_saw ĐOM all_of the_wisdom_of Shəlomoh and_ _the_house which he_had_built. **5** And_the_food_of his_table_ _of_his and_the_seating of_his_servants_of_his and_the_ _standing_of mmm[121] and_clothes_of_their and_cup-bearers_ _of_his and_his_burnt_of_offering[s] which he_offered_up the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_not it_was in_her still breath. **6** And_ _she/it_said to the_king truth it_was the_message which I_ _heard in_my_own_of_land on words/messages_of_your and_

115 RV 9:25 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:17; 34:23; Deu 16:16.

117 LV 9:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

118 RV 10:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 9:1-12

119 RV 10:1-10 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:42; Luk 11:31.

121 LV 10:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תרשנ: (x-qere) ו/יִתְרַשְּׁנ': lemma_8334 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HVprmpc/Sp3ms id_11jg4 ו/יִתְרַשְּׁנ

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_on wisdom_of_your. **7** And_not I_believed (to)_
_words/messages until that I_came and_ eyes_of_my_own _
_they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_was_told to_me the_half
you_have_added wisdom and_good to the_report which I_
_heard. **8** How_blessed people_of_are_your how_blessed your_
_servants these who_stand to_your_face continually who_hear
ᵭᵒᵐ wisdom_of_your. **9** May_he_be **YHWH** god_of_your blessed
who he_has_delighted in_you to_put_you on the_throne_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) because_ **YHWH** _loves ᵭᵒᵐ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_
_vanishing_point and_he_has_appointed_you to_king for_doing
justice and_righteousness. **10** And_she/it_gave to/for_the_king
one_hundred and_twenty talent[s]_of gold and_spices much
very and_stone_of precious not like_spice (the)_that it_has_
_come again to_increase_in_number which the_queen_of
Shəvā' she_gave to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **11** And_
_also the_ship[s]_of Ḥīrām which it_carried gold from_'Ōfīr it_
brought from'Ōfīr wood(s)_of almug(s) much very and_stone_
of precious. **12** And the_king _he/it_made ᵭᵒᵐ the_wood(s)_of
the_almug(s) support[s] for_the_house_of **YHWH** and_for_the_
_house_of the_king and_harps and_lyres for_singers not it_has_
_come thus wood(s)_of almug(s) and_not it_has_been_seen
until the_day (the)_this. **13** And_the_king Shəlomoh he_gave to_
_the_queen_of Shəvā' ᵭᵒᵐ all_of desire_of_her which she_asked
(from)_besides that_which he_had_given to/for_her/it
according_to_the_hand_of the_king Shəlomoh and_she_turned
and_she_went to_her_own_of_land she and_servants_of_her.

14 And_he/it_was the_weight_of the_gold which it_came to_
_Shəlomoh in_a_year one six hundred(s) sixty and_six
talent[s]_of gold. **15** Apart_besides from_the_men_of the_
_merchants and_the_merchandise_of the_traders and_all the_
_kings_of the_Arab[s] and_the_governors_of the_earth/land.
16 And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he/it_made two_hundred body_
_shield[s] gold beaten six hundred(s) gold he_put_up on the_
_body_shield (the)_one. **17** And_three hundred(s) shields gold
beaten three_of minas gold he_put_up on the_shield (the)_one
and_he_put_them the_king the_house_of the_forest_of (the)_
Ləvānōn. **18** And the_king _he/it_made a_throne_of ivory
great and_he_overlaid_it gold refined. **19** Six steps belonged_to_
_throne and_a_top round belonged_to_throne (from)_behind_it
and_hands from_this and_from_this were_to the_place_of the_
_sitting and_two lions were_standing beside the_hands. **20** And_
_two_plus ten lions were_standing there on the_six the_steps
from_this and_from_this not it_had_been_made thus to/from_
_all/each/any/every kingdoms. **21** And_all/each/any/every
the_vessels_of the_drink_of the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon)
were_gold and_all/each/any/every the_utensils_of the_house_
_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləvānōn were_gold pure_gold there_
_was_not silver not it_was_reckoned in_the_days_of Shəlomoh
to_anything. **22** If/because the_ship[s]_of Tarshiysh to/for_the_
_king on_sea with the_ship[s]_of Ḥīrām one_time to_three
years it_came the_ship[s]_of Tarshiysh carrying_of (of)_gold

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hadn't believed it until I got here and saw it with my own eyes, but then I find that what I heard is only *half* of how incredible it is. Your wisdom and your goodness is way more than what I'd heard described. **8** Your men are so fortunate and especially your servants who are always standing in front of you and able to hear the wise things that you say. **9** May your god Yahweh be blessed, who was pleased with you and placed you on Yisrael's (Israel's) throne. He appointed you as king to rule them fairly and honestly because Yahweh loves Yisrael forever."

10 Then the queen gave to king four tonnes of gold and very many spices and precious gemstones. Never again did King Shelomoh receive more spices than what the queen gave him that day.

11 King Hiram's fleet also brought gold from Ofir as well as a lot of almug wood and precious gemstones. **12** The king used the almug timber to make railings[120] for the temple and the palace, and lyres and harps for the musicians. Such a quantity and quality of almug wood has never again been brought in or seen in Yisrael to this day.

13 Then King Shelomoh gave the queen from Sheva everything she wanted—whatever she requested on top of what he had already given to her. Then she departed with her servants and returned to her country.

Shelomoh's wealth · Full kingdom[122]

14 The amount of gold that came to Shelomoh (Solomon) in one year was around twenty-two tonnes, **15** not counting what came from explorers and traders, and all the Aravi kings, and the governors of the land.

16 King Shelomoh had two hundred body shields made from beaten gold overlaid over wood—each shield took six kilograms of gold. **17** He also had three hundred smaller shields made—each of them covered with two kilograms of gold—and placed in his 'Levanon Forest Hall'.

18 The king had a large ivory throne made and overlaid with pure gold. **19** It had six steps going up to it and the seat-back was rounded at the top. It had armrests on both sides, then a lion on each side next to the armrests, **20** plus twelve lions standing one on each side of the six steps. There was nothing like it in any other kingdom.

21 All of Shelomoh's cups were gold, and the various dishes in the 'Levanon Forest Hall' were also pure gold. Nothing was made out of silver because it was considered to be of little value during Shelomoh's time **22** because the king had a fleet of ships that joined King Hiram's fleet. Every three years the fleet would return bringing gold and silver, ivory, monkeys and baboons.[123]

120 RV 10:12 · Note The exact meaning of this Hebrew word is unknown, especially as it's only used once. (Other possibilities for the use of this obviously high-quality timber includes 'steps' or 'pillars'.)

122 RV 10:14 · Parallel 2 Chr. 9:13-29

123 RV 10:22 · Note baboons: We're not certain of the meaning of this last word (some suggest 'peacocks'), nor are we sure of the type of the ships named 'Tarshish ships'.

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23 King Shelomoh became richer and wiser than any other king in the world, 24 and even people from distant countries would come to see Shelomoh to listen to the wisdom that God had given him. 25 Every visitor would bring a gift: gold containers, clothes, weapons, spices, horses and mules. This continued year after year.

26 Shelomoh acquired 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand horsemen.[124] He stationed most of them in his chariot cities and some with him there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 27 While he was king, silver in Yerushalem was given a value similar to stones,[125] and cedar timber was given a value like that of the sycamores that grow in plenty in the lowlands. 28 Shelomoh acquired horses from Mitsrayim (Egypt)[126] and from Kue—his traders would acquire them from Kue for the king for a price. 29 An Mitsri (Egyptian) chariot went for six hundred silver coins and a horse for one hundred and fifty. Then they'd export them again to the Hiti and Aramean kings.

Shelomoh turns from God · Full kingdom

11:1 Now King Shelomoh (Solomon) loved many foreign women—besides Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter there were Moavi women, Amoni women, Edomi women, Tsidoni women, and Hiti women.[127] 2 They were from the nations that Yahweh had told Yisrael (Israel) about, "You must not mix with people from those nations, and they must not join together with you. They will certainly entice you to worship their gods."[128] However, Shelomoh clung to them for love. 3 He had seven hundred wives who were kings' daughters, as well as three hundred slave-wives, and his wives were instrumental in his turning away from Yahweh. 4 By the time of his old age, Shelomoh's wives had persuaded him to worship the gods from their countries—his heart wasn't totally dedicated to Yahweh like his father David had been. 5 So Shelomoh started to worship the Tsidonim' (Sidonians') God Ashtoret and the Amonim' detestable God Malkam, 6 so he did many things that Yahweh had said were evil—he didn't remain fully committed to Yahweh like his father David had been. 7 Then Shelomoh built a place to worship Kemosh, the Moavim detestable God, on a hill facing Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and also for Molek, the Amonim' detestable God. 8 He did those things for his foreign wives who were burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

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and_silver ivori(es) and_monkeys and_peacocks. 23 And_ the_ _king Shəlomoh _he_became_great from_all the_kings_of the_ _earth/land to_wealth and_to_wisdom. 24 And_all the_ _earth/land were_seeking ~~ĐOM~~ the_face_of Shəlomoh to_hear ~~ĐOM~~ wisdom_of_his which god he_had_put in_heart_of_his. 25 And_they were_bringing each his/its_donation/offering articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_garments and_ _weaponry and_spices horses and_mules the_matter_of a_year in_a_year. 26 And_ Shəlomoh _he_gathered chariotry and_ _horsemen and_he/it_was to_him/it one_thousand and_four hundred(s) chariot[s] and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen and_he_led_them in_the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_with the_king in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 27 And_ the_king _he/it_ _gave ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_silver in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_ _stone(s) and_~~ĐOM~~ (the)_cedars he_made like_sycamores which are_in_Shephelah to_increase_in_number. 28 And_the_export_ _of the_horses which belonged_to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) was_ _from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_Que the_traders_of the_ _king they_took_them from_Que for_a_price. 29 And_it_came_ _up and_it_came_out a_chariot from_Mitsrayim for_six hundred(s) silver and_a_horse for_fifty and_one_hundred and_ _thus/so/as_follows to/from_all/each/any/every the_kings_of the_Ḫittiy and_to_the_kings_of 'Arām by_hand_of_their they_ _brought_them_out.

11:1 And_the_king Shəlomoh he_loved women foreign many and_~~ĐOM~~ the_daughter_of Par'oh Mō'āvite_women 'Ammōnī_ _women 'Edōmite_women Sidonian_women Ḫittiy_women. 2 From the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_said to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not you(pl)_must_go in/among_them and_they not they_will_go among_you(pl) truly they_will_turn_aside ~~ĐOM~~ heart_of_your(pl) after gods_of_their (is)_in_them Shəlomoh he_cleaved to_love_them. 3 And_he/it_was to_him/it wives noble_ladies seven hundred(s) and_concubines three hundred(s) and_ wives_of_his _they_turned_aside ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_ _heart. 4 And_he/it_was to_the_time_of the_old_age_of Shəlomoh wives_of_his they_turned_aside ~~ĐOM~~ heart_of_his after gods other and_not it_was heart_of_his complete with **YHWH** his/its_god like_the_heart_of Dāvid his/its_father. 5 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_went after Astarte the_ _god_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_after Malkām the_ _detestable_thing_of the_'Ammōnī. 6 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ _made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_not he_filled after **YHWH** like_Dāvid his/its_father. 7 Then Shəlomoh he_ _built a_high_place for_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) the_detestable_ _thing_of Mō'āv on_mountain which is_on the_face_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_for_Molek the_detestable_thing_ _of the_people_of 'Ammōn. 8 And_thus/so/as_follows he_did to/from_all/each/any/every wives_of_his (the)_foreign who_ _made_smoke and_who_sacrificed to_gods_of_their. 9 And_ **YHWH** _he_was_angry with_Shəlomoh if/because heart_of_his

124 **RV 10:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:26.

125 **RV 10:27 · Cross-ref.** Deu 17:17.

126 **RV 10:28 · Cross-ref.** Deu 17:16.

127 **RV 11:1 · Cross-ref.** Neh 13:26; Deu 17:17.

128 **RV 11:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:16; Deu 7:3-4.

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it_had_turned_aside from_with **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_he_had_appeared to_him/it two_times.
10 And_he_had_commanded to_him/it on the_matter the_this to_not to_walk after gods other and_not he_observed ÐOM that_ _which **YHWH** he_had_commanded. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_Shəlomoh because that this it_has_been with_you and_not you_have_observed covenant_of_my and_regulations_of_my which I_commanded to_you certainly_(tear) I_will_tear_away ÐOM the_kingdom from_with_you and_I_will_give_it to_servant_ _of_your. **12** Only in_days_of_your not I_will_do_it for_the_sake_ _of Dāvid father_of_your from_the_hand_of your_son_of_your I_will_tear_it_away. **13** Only ÐOM all_of the_kingdom not I_will_ _tear_away a_tribe one I_will_give to_son_of_your for_the_sake_ _of Dāvid servant_of_my and_for_the_sake_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which I_have_chosen.
14 And_ **YHWH** _he_raised_up as_an_adversary to_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) ÐOM $H_a$dad the_'Edōmite was_one_of_ _the_offspring_of the_king he in_'Edōm. **15** And_he/it_was when_was Dāvid ÐOM 'Edōm when_ Yō'āv/(Joab) the_ _commander_of the_army _went_up to_bury ÐOM the_ones_ _slain and_he_struck_down every_of male in_'Edōm.
16 If/because six_of months he_remained there Yō'āv and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until he_had_cut_off every_of male in_'Edōm.
17 And_ $H_a$dad he and_people 'Edōmite some_of_the_servants_ _of his/its_father with_him/it _he_fled to_go Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_$H_a$dad was_a_youth young. **18** And_ _they_arose from_Midyān and_they_came Pā'rān and_they_ _took men with_them from_Pā'rān and_they_came Mitsrayim to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_he_gave to_him/it a_ _house and_food he_assigned to_him/it and_land he_gave to_ _him/it. **19** And_ $H_a$dad _he_found favour in/on_both_eyes_of Par'oh exceedingly and_he_gave to_him/it a_wife ÐOM the_ _sister_of his/its_wife/woman the_sister_of Taḥpənēyṣ the_ _queen. **20** And_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it the_sister_of Taḥpənēyṣ ÐOM Gənūvat his/its_son and_she_weaned_him Taḥpənēyṣ in_the_middle of_the_household_of of_Par'oh and_ _he/it_was Gənūvat the_house_of Par'oh in_the_middle the_ _sons_of Par'oh. **21** And_$H_a$dad he_heard in_Mitsrayim if/because_that Dāvid he_had_lain_down with ancestors_of_his and_because/when Yō'āv/(Joab) the_commander_of the_army he_had_died and_ $H_a$dad _he/it_said to Par'oh let_me_go so_ _that_I_may_go to land_of_my_own. **22** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it Par'oh if/because_that what are_you lacking with_me and_here_you are_seeking to_go to land_of_your_own and_ _he/it_said no if/because really_(let_go) you_will_let_me_go.
23 And_ god _he_raised_up to_him/it an_adversary ÐOM Rəzōn the_son_of 'Elyādā' who he_had_fled from_with $H_a$dadezer the_ _king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) master(s)_of_his. **24** And_he_gathered on/upon/above_him/it men and_he/it_was the_leader_of a_ _marauding_band when_ Dāvid _killed ÐOM_them and_they_ _went Dammeseq and_they_lived in_it and_they_reigned in_ _Dammeseq. **25** And_he/it_was an_adversary of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_days_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_ÐOM (the)_harm which $H_a$dad and_he_loathed (in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_ _reigned over 'Arām.

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9 Although Yisrael's god Yahweh had appeared twice to Shelomoh, he now turned his devotion away from Yahweh, who then became angry with him. **10** Yahweh had warned Shelomoh not to follow after other gods, but he didn't obey Yahweh's instructions, **11** and Yahweh told him, "You have this against you: you haven't kept my agreement and you've disobeyed my statutes that I gave you. So I'll definitely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant, **12** except that for the sake of your father David I won't do it in your lifetime, rather, I'll tear the kingdom away from your son. **13** What's more, I won't tear the whole kingdom away—I'll leave one tribe for your son to rule for my servant David's sake, and for the sake of my chosen city Yerushalem."

Shelomoh's enemies · Full kingdom

14 Then Yahweh caused Hadad the Edomi (and a descendant of the Edomi king) to stand against Shelomoh (Solomon). **15** In the past when David had been in Edom with his army commander Yoav (Joab) to bury their dead, they had killed every male in Edom. **16** (Yoav and the Israeli warriors had had to stay there for six months to kill the Edomi males.) **17** However, Hadad had been a small child at that time, and he'd fled to Mitsrayim (Egypt) with some of his father's Edomi servants. **18** They'd passed through Midyan and then Paran where they'd gained some more men before entering Mitsrayim where King Par'oh (Pharaoh) gave him a house and land, and provided him with food. **19** Par'oh took a liking to Hadad and gave him his wife Queen Tahpeneys' sister to marry. **20** Tahpeneys' sister gave birth to his son Genuvat, his son, and Tahpeneys weaned him in the midst of the house of Par'oh. And Genuvat was in the house of Par'oh in the midst of the sons of Par'oh.

21 When Hadad in Mitsrayim heard that both David and his army commander Yoav had died, Hadad said to Par'oh, "Give me permission to leave, and I'll go back to my land."

22 But Par'oh asked him, "But what's wrong with staying here? You've stunned me by asking to go to your land."

"Nothing's lacking here," he replied, "but I have to go—please give me permission to leave."

23 God also caused Elyada's son Rezon to stand against Shelomoh (Solomon). He'd run away from his master, King Hadadezer in Tsovah, **24** then he'd gathered men for himself and had become a commander of a raiding band. When David attacked them, they went to Damesek (Damascus). They lived there and gained control of the city. **25** Then during all of Shelomoh's reign, he'd been outspoken against Yisrael (Israel)—encouraged by the evil that Hadad did. He reigned over Aram (Syria) (Aram) and he loathed Yisrael.

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God's promise to Yarov'am/Jeroboam · Full kingdom

26 Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam), an Efrati from Tseredah also rebelled against the king. (His widowed mother Tseruah was one of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) servants.) **27** This is the background about how it started: Shelomoh had built the raised terrace and had repaired a gap in the wall of the city of David his father. **28** Shelomoh had noticed Yarov'am as a strong and hard-working young man, so he'd appointed him as supervisor over all the forced labour from Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim's (Ephraim's) regions. **29** One time when Yarov'am was away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the prophet Ahiyah the Shiloni met him on the road. He was wearing a brand-new a new cloak, and there was just the two by themselves in the countryside. **30** Ahiyah then pulled the new cloak off his shoulders and tore it into twelve pieces, **31** and told Yarov'am, "Take ten pieces for yourself, because this is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says, 'Listen, I'm about to tear the kingdom away from Shelomoh's control, and I'll give the[129] ten tribes to you. **32** The one tribe[130] will be for him, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Yerushalem city which I've chosen from all the tribes of Yisrael. **33** This is because they've abandoned me. Instead they've bowed down to the Tsidonim' (Sidonians') God Ashtoret, to the Moavi god Kemosh, and to the Amoni God Malkam. They're no longer following my instructions or doing what they know I've said is right—not obeying my statutes or my judgements like the king's father David did. **34** But I won't take the entire kingdom off him, but rather I'll leave him as a leader while he's still alive for the sake of my chosen servant David, who obeyed my commands and my statutes. **35** However, I'll take the kingship away from his son and I'll give the ten tribes to you to rule. **36** I'll give Shelomoh's son one tribe to rule so that one of David's descendants will always rule in my chosen city Yerushalem because it's associated with my name. **37** But I'll use you, and you'll be able to reign over the area where you want to rule—you'll become king over Yisrael. **38** Then if you'll listen to everything that I command you, and walk on the right path and do what pleases me and keep my statutes and my commands, just like my servant David did, then I'll be with you. I'll establish a dynasty for you just like I did for David, and I'll give Yisrael to you. **39** I'll make David's descendants suffer because of Shelomoh's behaviour, but not forever.' "

40 Shelomoh tried to kill Yarov'am (Jeroboam), but he left the area and fled to Mitsrayim (Egypt). He remained in Mitsrayim under the protection of King Shishak until Shelomoh's death.

Literal Version

26 And_Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˝aṭ an_'Efrātī from (the)_Tsərēdāh/(Zeredah) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Tsərū˝āh/(Zeruah) a_woman a_widow a_servant of_Shəlomoh and_he_raised a_hand on_king. **27** And_this is_the_reason why he_raised a_hand on_king Shəlomoh he_built ÐOM the_Millō' he_closed_up ÐOM the_breach_of the_city_of Dāvid his/its_ _father. **28** And_the_man Yārov˝ām was_a_mighty_man_of strength and_ Shəlomoh _he/it_saw ÐOM the_young_man if/because_that was_doing_of (of)_work he and_he_appointed ÐOM_him/it to/from_all/each/any/every the_forced_labour_of the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **29** And_he/it_was at_time (the)_ _that and_Yārov˝ām he_had_gone_out from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_Shilōnī the_ _prophet _he_found ÐOM_him/it on_way and_he was_covering_ _himself with_a_cloak new and_the_two_of_of_them they_alone were_in_country. **30** And_ 'Aḥiy^{yāh} _he_seized (in)_cloak (the)_ _new which on/upon/above_him/it and_he_tore_it two_plus ten pieces. **31** And_he/it_said to_Yārov˝ām take to/for_ _yourself(m) ten pieces if/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_tear_away ÐOM the_kingdom from_the_hand_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_I_ _will_give to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM ten the_tribes. **32** And_the_ _tribe the_one it_will_belong for_him/it for_the_sake_of servant_of_my Dāvid and_for_the_sake_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city which I_have_chosen (in)_it from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **33** Because that they_ _have_abandoned_me and_they_have_bowed_down to_Astarte the_god_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) to_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) the_god_of Mō'āv˝ and_to_Malkām the_god_of the_people_of ˊAmmōn and_not they_have_walked in_ways_of_my for_doing the_right in_eyes_of_my and_regulations_of_my and_ _judgements_of_my like_Dāvid his/its_father. **34** And_not I_ _will_take ÐOM all_of the_kingdom from_hand_of_his if/because ruler I_will_make_him all_of the_days_of his/its_life for_the_ _sake_of Dāvid servant_of_my whom I_chose ÐOM_him/it who he_observed commands_of_my and_regulations_of_my. **35** And_ _I_will_take the_royalty from_the_hand_of his/its_son and_I_ _will_give_it to_you ÐOM the_ten_of the_tribes. **36** And_to_son_ _of_his I_will_give a_tribe one so_as to_belong a_lamp to_Dāvid servant_of_my all_of the_days to/for_my_face/front in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city which I_have_chosen to_me to_put name_of_my there. **37** And_you I_will_take and_you_ _will_reign over_all that self_of_your it_will_desire and_you_ _will_be king over Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **38** And_it_was if you_will_ _listen_to ÐOM all_of that I_will_command_you and_you_will_ _walk in_ways_of_my and_you_will_do the_right in_eyes_of_my by_observing regulations_of_my and_commands_of_my just_as Dāvid servant_of_my he_did and_I_will_be with_you and_I_will_ _build to/for_yourself(m) a_house enduring just_as I_built for_ _Dāvid and_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **39** And_I_afflicted ÐOM the_offspring_of Dāvid on_account_of this nevertheless not all_of the_days. **40** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_sought to_put_to_death ÐOM

129 RV 11:31 · Note Most English translations leave out this 'the' (which is in the Hebrew). However, we suspect that both Ahiyah and Yarov'am knew exactly which of the ten tribes it would be.

130 RV 11:32 · Note It would have been obvious at the time that this was referring to Yehudah. (The unmentioned twelfth tribe is Benyamin—the youngest brother and the smallest tribe.)

Literal Version

Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) and_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_rose_up and_he_ _fled Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to Shiyshaq the_king_of Mitsrayim and_he/it_was in_Mitsrayim until the_death_of Shəlomoh.

41 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Shəlomoh and_all that he_ _did and_wisdom_of_his am_not are_they written on the_ _scroll_of the_matters_of Shəlomoh. **42** And_the_days which Shəlomoh he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_forty year[s]. **43** And_ Shəlomoh _he_lay_ _down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ Rəḥav˝ām his/its_son _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him.

12:1 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_went Shəkem if/because Shəkem all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_had_gone to_make_king ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **2** And_he/it_was just_as_heard Yārov˝ām the_son_of Nev˝aṭ and_he still_he was_in_Mitsrayim where he_had_fled from_ _face/in_front_of the_king Shəlomoh and_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_Mitsrayim. **3** And_people_sent and_they_summoned to_him/it and[135] Yārov˝ām and_all the_ _assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_spoke to Rəḥav˝ām to_ _say. **4** father_of_your he_made_hard ᴅᴏᴍ yoke_of_our and_ _you(ms) now lighten some_of_the_service_of your_father_of_ _your (the)_hard and_some_of_his_yoke (the)_heavy which he_ _put on_us and_we_will_serve_you. **5** And_he/it_said to_them go yet three days and_return to_me and_ the_people _they_ _went. **6** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he_consulted with the_ _elders who they_had_been standing with the_presence_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) his/its_father when_was_he alive to_say how are_you(pl) counselling to_bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_people the_this message. **7** And[136][137][138] to_him/it to_say if the_day you_will_be a_servant to_people the_this and_you_will_serve_ _them and_you_will_answer_them and_you_will_speak to_them words/messages kind and_they_will_be to/for_yourself(m) servants all_of the_days. **8** And_he_abandoned ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _counsel_of the_elders which they_had_counselled_him and_ _he_consulted with the_youths who they_had_grown_up with_ _him/it who were_those_who_stood before_him. **9** And_he/it_ _said to_them what are_you(pl) counselling so_that_we_may_ _bring_back message ᴅᴏᴍ the_people the_this which they_ _have_spoken to_me to_say lighten some_of the_yoke which father_of_your he_put on_us. **10** And_they_spoke to_him/it the_ _youths who they_had_grown_up with_him/it to_say thus you_ _will_say to_people the_this which they_have_spoken to_you to_say father_of_your he_made_heavy ᴅᴏᴍ yoke_of_our and_ _you(ms) lighten from_on_us thus you_will_speak to_them finger_of_my_little it_is_thick more_than_the_loins_of my_ _father_of_my. **11** And_now father_of_my he_loaded on_you(pl) a_yoke heavy and_I I_will_add to yoke_of_your(pl) father_of_my he_disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_I I_will_discipline

Readers' Version

Shelomoh's death · Full kingdom[131]

41 A record of all the other things that Shelomoh (Solomon) did, and all the wise things that he said, was written in the 'Record of Shelomoh's Achievements'. **42** Shelomoh reigned over all Yisrael (Israel) from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for forty years, **43** then he died and was buried in the City of David, and his son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) became king.

The north rejects Rehav'am (Rehoboam) · Both kingdoms[132]

12:1 Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) went to Shekem, because all Yisrael (Israel) had assembled there to make him king. **2** Meanwhile, Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) in Mitsrayim (Egypt) (where he'd fled from King Shelomoh) heard the news and returned to Yisrael. **3** The leaders of the northern tribes summoned him, and they all went to petition King Rehav'am, **4** "Your father Shelomoh required us to contribute too much labour. If you'll lighten the burden on us, then we'll serve you."

5 "Come back in three days," he replied, "and I'll give my response." So the people left.

6 Then King Rehav'am consulted with the elders (who'd served his father Shelomoh while he was alive), asking them for advice on how to respond.

7 "If you want to serve these people well," they replied, "answer them with kindness now then they'll serve you well in the future."

8 However he decided to ignore that advice from the elders, and he consulted with the young men who were standing in front of him and that he'd grown up with, **9** so he asked them, "What would you all recommend that we tell the people who wanted me to lighten the burden that my father placed on them?"

10 "You should tell them this," his young companions replied. "They've asked that you should lighten the load on them from what your father demanded, but on the contrary, you should tell them that your little finger is thicker than your father's thigh bone was. **11** Tell them that your father placed a heavy burden on them, but that you'll add to that. He punished them with whips, but you'll punish them with scorpions."

12 So when Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and all the leaders came back to King Rehav'am (Rehoboam) on the third day as he'd in-

131 **RV 11:41 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 9:29-31

132 **RV 12:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 10:1-19

135 **LV 12:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: ואבי/ו: (x-qere) 'אֲבִ֣י/ו': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_11nqN אֲבִ֣י/ו

136 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: רבדי/ו: (x-qere) 'וּרְבַדְיֵ֖/ו': lemma_c/1696 morph_HC/Vpw3mp id_11b8z וּרְבַדְיֵ֖/ו

137 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

138 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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structed them, **13** he answered them harshly—ignoring the advice of the elders at the beginning. **14** Instead he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father placed a heavy burden on you all, but as for me, I'll add to those demands. My father punished you all with whips, but as for me, I'll punish you all with scorpions." **15** So the king didn't listen to the people. This change came from Yahweh so that what he'd had Ahiyah the Shiloni tell Nevat's son Yarov'am would all indeed happen.[133]

16 When all Yisrael (Israel) saw that the king hadn't listened to them, the people responded,

"What share in David do we have?
We won't get any inheritance from Yishay's (Jesse's) son.
Go back to your tents, Yisrael.
Look at your dynasty now, David."[134]

So the northern Israeli leaders went home again. **17** However, Rehav'am continued to rule over the cities in Yehudah (Judah).

18 Then King Rehav'am (Rehoboam) took Adoniram who was over the forced labour, to go north but the people killed him by throwing rocks at him and the king had to hurriedly jump into his chariot to flee to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **19** Ever since then, the northern tribes of Yisrael have rebelled against David's dynasty.

20 So as soon as all Yisrael heard that Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had returned from Mitsrayim (Egypt), they summoned him to their assembly and appointed him as king over all northern Yisrael. Only the Yehudah region was left under the rule of David's grandson Rehav'am.

Shemayah's prophecy · Southern kingdom[140]

21 So when Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he assembled all the tribes of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin, and 180,000 warriors were chosen to fight against the northern tribes to return the kingship to him. **22** But God told the prophet Shemayah, **23** "Go and tell Shelomoh's son Rehav'am, the king of Yehudah, and tell all the descendants of Yehudah and Benyamin, and the remainder of the people, saying, **24** 'Yahweh says this: Don't go and fight against your Israeli relatives. Everyone should just return home because everything that happened there was initiated by me.' " When they heard Yahweh's message, they took note of it and everyone went back home.

Literal Version

you(pl) with_scorpions. **12** And[139] Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) and_ _all the_people to Rəḥav'ām in_the_day the_third just_as the_ _king he_had_spoken to_say return to_me in_the_day the_third. **13** And_ the_king _he_answered ÐOM the_people hard and_he_ _abandoned ÐOM the_counsel_of the_elders which they_had_ _counselled_him. **14** And_he/it_spoke to_them according_to_ _the_counsel_of the_youths to_say father_of_my he_made_ _heavy ÐOM yoke_of_your(pl) and_I I_will_add to yoke_of_ _your(pl) father_of_my he_disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_ _I I_will_discipline you(pl) with_scorpions. **15** And_not the_king he_listened to the_people if/because it_was a_turn_of_affairs from_with **YHWH** so_as to_establish ÐOM message_of_his which **YHWH** he_had_spoken by_the_hand_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_Shilōnī to Yārov'ām the_son_of Nevaṭ. **16** And_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _ _he/it_saw if/because_that not the_king he_had_listened to_ _them and_ the_people _they_brought_back ÐOM the_king message to_say what to/for_ourselves portion in_Dāvid and_ _not an_inheritance in_the_son of Yishay/(Jesse) to_tents_of_ _your Oh_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) now consider house_of_your_own Oh_ _Dāvid and_ Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_went to_tents_of_its. **17** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_were_dwelling in_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_reigned over_them Rəḥav'ām. **18** And_ the_king Rəḥav'ām _he_sent ÐOM 'Adorām who was_over the_forced_labour and_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _ _they_stoned in/on/over_him/it stone[s] and_he/it_died and_ _the_king Rəḥav'ām he_proved_himself_strong to_go_up in_ _chariot to_flee Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **19** And_ Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _they_have_rebelled in_house_of Dāvid until the_day (the)_this. **20** And_he/it_was just_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _as_heard if/because_that Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) he_had_ _returned and_they_sent and_they_called ÐOM_him/it to the_ _congregation and_they_made_king ÐOM_him/it over all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) not anyone_was after the_house_of Dāvid except the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh for_him/it_being_alone. **21** And[141] Rəḥav'ām Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_assembled ÐOM all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_ÐOM the_tribe_of Binyāmīn one_hundred and_eighty thousand chosen_man maker[s]_of war to_do_battle with the_house_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to_restore ÐOM the_royalty to_Rəḥav'ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **22** And_ the_message_of the_'Elohīm _ _he/it_was to Shəma'^{yāh} the_man_of the_'Elohīm to_say. **23** Say to Rəḥav'ām the_son_of Shəlomoh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_near/to all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_the_rest_of the_people to_say.[142] **24** Thus **YHWH** he_says not you(pl)_must_go_up and_not you(pl)_must_ _do_battle with countrymen_of_your(pl) the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) return everyone to_his_own_of_house if/because from_with_me the_thing the_this it_has_occurred and_they_obeyed ÐOM the_message_of **YHWH** and_they_ _turned_back to_go according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**.

133 RV 12:15 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 11:29-39.

134 RV 12:16 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 20:1.

139 LV 12:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ורבי/ו: (x-qere) 'אוֹבְי/ו': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_113cA אוֹבְי/ו

140 RV 12:21 · Parallel 2 Chr. 11:1-4

141 LV 12:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ואבי/ו: (x-qere) 'אָבְי/ו': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_11Gfh אָבְי/ו

142 LV 12:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

25 And_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) _he/it_built ~~DOM~~ Shəkem in_the_ _hill_country_of ’Efrayim and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_it and_he/it_went_out from_there and_he/it_built ~~DOM~~ Pənū’ēl. **26** And_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_said in_ _heart_of_his now the_kingdom it_will_return to_the_house_of Dāvid. **27** If it_will_go_up the_people the_this for_doing sacrifices in_house_of **YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_heart_of the_people the_this _it_will_return to their_ _master(s)_of_to to Rəḥav˝ām the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_they_ _will_kill_me and_they_will_return to Rəḥav˝ām the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **28** And_ the_king _he_took_counsel and_he/it_made two_of calves_of gold and_he/it_said to_them is_enough to/for_you(pl) for_going_up Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) HERE gods_of_your Oh_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) which they_brought_you_up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **29** And_he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ the_one in_house_of ’ēl and_~~DOM~~ the_one he_put in_Dān. **30** And_ the_thing the_this _he/it_was (into)_sin and_ the_ _people _they_went to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _one to Dān. **31** And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ a_house_of high_places and_he/it_made priests from_the_ends_of the_people who not they_were from_(the)_sons of_Levi.

32 And_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) _he/it_made a_festival in_month (the)_eighth on_the_fif- teen day of_month like_festival which was_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_ascended on the_altar so he_did in_house_of ’ēl to_sacrifice to_calves which he_had_ _made and_he_stationed in_house_of ’ēl ~~DOM~~ the_priests_of the_ _high_places which he_had_made. **33** And_he/it_ascended on the_altar which he_had_made in_house_of ’ēl on_the_fif- teen day in_month (the)_eighth in_month which he_had_devised mmm[146] and_he/it_made a_festival for_the_people_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_ascended on the_altar to_make_ _smoke.

13:1 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man_of god he_came from_ _Yəhūdāh by_the_message_of **YHWH** to Bēyt- ’ēl and_Yārov˝ām was_standing at the_altar to_make_smoke. **2** And_he/it_called on the_altar by_the_message_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said Oh_altar altar thus **YHWH** he_says HERE a_son will_be_born to_the_ _house_of Dāvid will_be_Yo’shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) his/its_name and_ _he_will_sacrifice on_you ~~DOM~~ the_priests_of the_high_places who_make_smoke on_you and_bones_of humankind people_ _will_burn on_you. **3** And_he/it_gave in_the_day (the)_that a_ _sign to_say this is_the_sign which **YHWH** he_has_spoken HERE the_altar it_will_be_torn_apart and_ the_fatty_ash which on/upon/above_him/it _it_will_be_poured_out. **4** And_he/it_ _was just_ the_king _as_heard ~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_man_of the_’Elohīm which he_called_out on the_altar in_house_of ’ēl and_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) _he_stretched_out ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _hand from_under the_altar to_say seize_him and_ his/its_hand which he_had_stretched_out on/upon/above_him/it _it_dried_ _up and_not he_was able to_bring_it_back to_him/it. **5** And_ _the_altar it_was_torn_apart and_ the_fatty_ash _it_was_ _poured_out from the_altar according_the_sign which the_ _man_of the_’Elohīm he_had_given by_the_message_of **YHWH**.

Readers’ Version

Yarov’am (Jeroboam) makes gold calves · Northern kingdom

25 Then Yarov’am (Jeroboam) built Shekem in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) and he lived there for a while. Then he left there and built Penuel. **26** After that, he worried that the entire country might want to go back under David’s dynasty. **27** He worried that if the people went down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to offer sacrifices in Yahweh’s temple, they might shift their allegiance to King Rehav’am (Rehoboam) in Yehudah (Judah) and then his life might be in danger.

28 So after getting advice, the king made two gold calves, and he told his people, “Going all the way down to Yerushalem is too far for you. Look, these can be your gods, Yisrael (Israel), who brought you out from Mitsrayim (Egypt).”[143] **29** He set one up at Beyt-El (Bethel) (in the south) and the other one at Dan (in the north). **30** This caused the people to sin, and some people went up as far as the one in Dan. **31** He built temples on hills and appointed priests from various tribes—not just from the tribe of Levi.

The warning of worshipping there at Beyt-El · Northern kingdom

32 In the eighth month on the 15th, Yarov’am (Jeroboam) put on a celebration like the one in Yehudah (Judah).[144] He’d made an altar at Beyt-El (Bethel) and he got the priests from the hill temples he’d made to come and stand there, then he offered a sacrifice on that altar to the calves that he’d made. **33** That date of the 15th day of the eighth month was one that he’d just decided for himself, and he instituted a new celebration for the Israelis and he burnt incense on the altar as a sacrifice.

13:1 Then a prophet from of God came from Yehudah, taking Yahweh’s message to Beyt-El. as Yarov’am was standing by the altar to burn incense. **2** The prophet called out against the altar with Yahweh’s message: “Altar! Altar! Yahweh says this: Listen, one of David’s descendants will have a son who’ll be named Yoshiyah (Josiah), and he’ll sacrifice the priests from the hill temples on you—the ones who are burning incense on you. Yes, human bones will be burnt on you.”[145] **3** Then he offered them evidence that what he said came from Yahweh, “Listen, that altar will be broken into pieces, and the ashes in it will spill all over the ground.”

4 The moment the King Yarov’am heard the message that the man of God had called out against the altar at Beyt-El, he called for the man to be arrested. However, the arm that he used to point to him over the altar suddenly became paralysed and he wasn’t able to pull it back. **5** Then the altar itself broke open and ashes poured out onto the ground, exactly as Yahweh had promised through that man of God. **6** Then the king begged the

143 RV 12:28 · Cross-ref. Exo 32:4.

144 RV 12:32-33 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:33-34.

145 RV 13:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:15-16.

146 LV 12:33 · Note OSHB variant note: דב/ל/מ: (x-qere) ’וֹ/בֵּל/מ’: lemma_m/3820 n_1 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_11H54 וֹ/בֵּל/מ

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prophet, "Please, pray to your god Yahweh for me, so my hand will return to normal."

So the man of God interceded with Yahweh, and the king was able to use his hand again. **7** "Come home with me," the king told the prophet, "and have something to eat. Then I've got a gift to give you."

8 But the man of God replied, "Even if you offered me half of your house, I wouldn't go with you, and I wouldn't eat or drink in this place. **9** Yahweh already told me not to eat or drink here, and not to return home by the same road I came on." **10** Then he left for home taking a different route from the one he'd used to come to Beyt-El.

The old prophet from Beyt-El · Both kingdoms

11 Now at that time there was an old prophet who lived in Beyt-El (Bethel), and his sons[147] had been and told him all the news about what that man of God had done that day in Beyt-El and they told him the message that had been passed on to the king. **12** "Oh, what road did he take when he left?" their father asked, and indeed his sons had noticed which road the man of God from Yehudah (Judah) had taken. **13** So he told his sons to saddle his donkey, and he rode off **14** after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak tree. "Are you the man of God," he asked him, "who came from Yehudah?"

"I am," he said.

15 "Come home with me and have something to eat." he invited him.

16 "Sorry," he replied. "I can't go with you or visit your home, and I can't eat or drink with you in this place, **17** because Yahweh instructed me not to eat or drink here, or to go home by the same road that I came on."

18 Then the old prophet told him, "I'm also a prophet like you, and Yahweh sent a messenger to tell me that I should take you home with me so you can have something to eat and drink." (But that was a lie.)

19 So the prophet accompanied him to his house and had a meal there. **20** Then while they were still seated at the table, Yahweh spoke through the old prophet, **21** and he called out to the man of God who'd come from Yehudah (Judah), "Yahweh says this: Because you have been rebellious against Yahweh and because you didn't obey what Yahweh instructed you **22** and you've returned and you've had food and drink in the place where he told you not to eat or drink, your body won't be buried in your home town."

23 After the meal was finished, the old prophet saddled the donkey for the prophet that he'd brought back, **24** and he left. But on the road, a lion came across him and killed him. His

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6 And_ the_king _he_answered and_he/it_said to the_man_of the_'Elohīm entreat please ĐOM the_face_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_pray for_me so_ hand_of_my _that_it_may_come_back to_ _me and_ the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he_entreated ĐOM the_face_ _of **YHWH** and_ the_hand_of the_king _it_came_back to_him/it and_it_became as_at_time. **7** And_ the_king _he/it_spoke to the_man_of the_'Elohīm come with_me to_the_house and_ _sustain and_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) a_gift. **8** And_ the_ _man_of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said to the_king if you_will_give to_me ĐOM (the)_half_of your_household_of_your not I_will_go with_you and_not I_will_eat bread and_not I_will_drink water in_place (the)_this. **9** If/because thus he_commanded ĐOM_me by_the_message_of **YHWH** to_say not you_must_eat bread and_ _not you_must_drink water and_not you_must_return by_way which you_went. **10** And_he/it_went by_a_way another and_not he_returned by_way which he_had_come by_it to Bēyt-ʾēl.

11 And_a_prophet one old was_dwelling in_house_of ʾēl and_ son_of_his _he_came and_he_recounted to_him/it ĐOM every_of (the)_deed which the_man_of the_'Elohīm he_had_done the_ _day in_house_of ʾēl ĐOM the_words/messages which he_had_ _spoken to the_king and_they_recounted_them to_father_of_ _their. **12** And_he/it_spoke to_them father_of_their where this is_the_way which_he_went and_ sons_of_his _they_saw ĐOM the_way which the_man_of the_'Elohīm who he_had_come from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_had_gone. **13** And_he/it_said to sons_of_his saddle to_me the_donkey and_they_saddled to_ _him/it the_donkey and_he_rode on/upon/above_him/it. **14** And_he/it_went after the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he_ _found_him sitting under the_terebinth and_he/it_said to_ _him/it are_you the_man_of the_'Elohīm who you_came from_ _Yəhūdāh and_he/it_said I_am. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it come with_me to_the_house and_eat bread. **16** And_he/it_said not I_am_able to_turn_back with_you and_to_go with_you and_ _not I_will_eat bread and_not I_will_drink with_you water in_ _place (the)_this. **17** If/because a_message to_me by_the_ _message_of **YHWH** not you_must_eat bread and_not you_ _must_drink there water not you_must_return to_go by_way which you_went by_it. **18** And_he/it_said to_him/it also I am_a_ _prophet like_you and_an_messenger it_has_spoken to_me by_ _the_message_of **YHWH** to_say bring_him_back with_you to house_of_your so_that_he_may_eat bread and_so_that_he_may_ _drink water he_lied to_him/it. **19** And_he_went_back with_ _him/it and_he_ate bread in_house_of_his and_he_drank water. **20** And_he/it_was they were_sitting to_the_table and_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_the_prophet who bring_ _back_had_brought_him_back. **21** And_he/it_called to_the_man_ _of the_'Elohīm who he_had_come from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _say thus **YHWH** he_says because if/because you_have_ _rebelled_against the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_not you_have_kept ĐOM the_command which he_commanded_you **YHWH** god_of_ _your. **22** And_you_went_back and_she/it_ate bread and_you_ _drank water in_place which he_spoke to_you do_not eat bread and_do_not drink water not corpse_of_your it_will_go to the_ _grave_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your. **23** And_he/it_was after

147 RV 13:11 · Note This is singular in the Hebrew, but the rest of this segment suggests multiple sons.

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ate_he bread and_after drank_he and_he_saddled to_him/it the_donkey for_prophet whom bring_back_had_brought_him_ _back. **24** And_he/it_went and_it_met_him a_lion on_way and_ _it_killed_him and_it_became corpse_of_his thrown_down in_ _road and_the_donkey was_standing beside_it and_the_lion was_standing beside the_corpse. **25** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE men were_passing_by and_they_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_corpse thrown_down in_road and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lion standing beside the_corpse and_ _they_came and_they_spoke in_city which the_prophet (the)_ _old was_dwelling in_it. **26** And_ the_prophet who bring_back_ _had_brought_him_back from the_way _he/it_listened and_ _he/it_said is_the_man_of the_'Elohīm that who he_rebelled_ _against ᴅᴏᴍ the_mouth_of **YHWH** and_he_has_given_him **YHWH** to_lion and_it_has_mauled_him and_it_has_killed_him according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke to_ _him/it. **27** And_he/it_spoke to sons_of_his to_say saddle to_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_donkey and_they_saddled_it. **28** And_he/it_went and_ _he_found ᴅᴏᴍ corpse_of_his thrown_down in_road and_the_ _donkey and_the_lion standing beside the_corpse not the_lion it_had_eaten ᴅᴏᴍ the_corpse and_not it_had_mauled ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _donkey. **29** And_ the_prophet _he_picked_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_corpse_ _of the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_put_him/it to the_ _donkey and_bring_back_brought_him_back and_he_came to the_city_of the_prophet (the)_old to_mourn and_to_bury_him. **30** And_he_placed ᴅᴏᴍ corpse_of_his in_his_own_of_grave and_ _people_mourned on/upon/above_him/it alas my_ _brother/kindred. **31** And_he/it_was after buried_he ᴅᴏᴍ_ _him/it and_he/it_said to sons_of_his to_say when_die_I and_ _you(pl)_will_bury ᴅᴏᴍ_me in_grave which the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm is_buried in/on/over_him/it beside bones_of_his place ᴅᴏᴍ bones_of_my. **32** If/because certainly_(happen) the_ _message which he_called_out by_the_message_of **YHWH** on the_altar which in_house_of ʾēl and_on all_of the_houses_of the_ _high_places which are_in_the_cities_of Shomrōn it_will_ _happen.

33 After the_matter the_this not Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) he_ _turned_back from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_he_returned and_ _he/it_made from_the_ends_of the_people priests_of high_ _places the_one_desiring he_filled ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_hand and_let_it_ _be priests_of high_places. **34** And_he/it_was by_matter the_ _this (into)_the_sin_of the_house_of Yārov˝ām and_to_ _annihilate_it and_to_destroy_it from_under the_surface_of the_soil.

14:1 At_time (the)_that 'Aviy^{yāh} the_son_of Yārov˝ām he_ _became_sick. **2** And_ Yārov˝ām _he/it_said to_wife_of_his arise please and_you_will_disguise_yourself and_not people_will_ _know if/because_that you[149] are_the_wife_of Yārov˝ām and_ _you_will_go Shiloh THERE is_there 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_prophet he he_spoke on_me to_king over the_people (the)_this. **3** And_you_ _will_take in_hand_of_your ten bread[s] and_cakes and_a_jar_of honey and_you_will_go to_him/it he he_will_tell to/for_you(fs) what will_it_happen to_lad. **4** And_she_did thus the_wife_of Yārov˝ām and_she/it_arose and_she_went Shiloh and_she_ _went the_house_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} and_'Aḥiy^{yāh} not he_was_able to_ _see if/because eyes_of_his they_were_fixed from_his_old_of_

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corpse ended up lying on the road with the donkey standing beside it, and the lion also standing beside it. **25** Some passers-by saw the corpse on the road and the unusual sight of the lion standing beside it, and when they got to the city where the old prophet lived, they told everyone the news.

26 When the prophet who had brought him back from the road heard he said, "That will be the man of God who was rebellious against Yahweh. Yahweh must have given him to the lion, and it tore him into pieces and put him to death according what Yahweh had said would happen." **27** Then he told his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." They put the saddle on, **28** and he went and found the body lying on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by it. The lion hadn't eaten any of the man of God's body, nor had it attacked the donkey. **29** The prophet lifted the body and laid it across the donkey and brought it back to his city to be buried in his own tomb. **30** They wailed over him, saying, "Oh dear, my brother," and they laid his body in the old prophet's grave. **31** When the period of mourning was over, he told his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave where the man of God is buried. My bones will end up beside his bones. **32** The message from Yahweh that he shouted out against the altar in Beyt-El (Bethel) will certainly happen, and against all the hilltop worship places in Shomron (Samaria).

Yarov'am's fatal sin · Northern kingdom

33 Despite the man of God's warning, King Yarov'am (Jeroboam) didn't stop his evil ways—in fact he chose more people from across the country to become priests. Anyone who wanted to be a priest would be appointed and he would become one of the priests of the hilltop worship places. **34** Those were the sins of Yarov'am that would eventually lead to the rejection and destruction of his entire family.

The death of Yarov'am's son · Northern kingdom

14:1 At that time, one of Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) sons, Aviyah, became very sick **2** and Yarov'am told his wife, "Go and get changed so that no one will recognise you as my wife. Then go to Shiloh where the prophet Ahiyah is—he's the one who prophesied that I'd become king. **3** Take ten loaves of bread and some cakes and a jar of honey to give to him. He'll tell you what will happen to the boy."

4 So his wife got ready and went to Ahiyah's house at Shiloh. Ahiyah was now very elderly and not able to see, **5** but Yahweh

149 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: יהתא: (x-qere) 'הָתָא'; lemma_859 b n_1.0 morph_HPp2fs id_11PBZ הָתָא

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had told him, "Listen, Yarov'am's wife will be coming to ask for your guidance about her son, because he's sick. I want you to tell her so-and-so. And when she comes, she won't be dressed like a queen."

6 So as soon as Ahiyah heard her walk through the doorway, he said, "Come in, wife of Yarov'am. Why did you get changed like that? Now I've been instructed to pass bad news onto you— **7** go back and give Yarov'am this message from Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh, 'I chose you out from the people and placed you as a leader over my people Yisrael, **8** and I tore the kingdom away from David's descendants and gave it to you. But you haven't been like my servant David who obeyed my instructions and followed me with integrity—only doing what he knew that I approved of. **9** However, you've done more evil things than any of those who ruled before you. You've rejected me and made cast images of other gods, and have provoked me into anger. **10** Because of that, I'm about to bring calamity to your family: I'll cause all your male descendants to die, either before or after they've left home. I'll eliminate your family just like dried dung burns until it's all gone.[148] **11** The family members who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and those who die in the countryside will be eaten by birds. All this comes from Yahweh.'

12 So go back home, but as soon as you set foot in the city, your son will die. **13** All Yisrael will mourn for him and they'll bury him. He'll be the only one of your children to be buried, because out of all of Yarov'am's descendants, he's the only one that Yisrael's god Yahweh found good in. **14** In the future, Yahweh will appoint for himself, a king over Yisrael who will get rid of Yarov'am's descendants—in fact it's beginning to come about even now. **15** And Yahweh will strike Yisrael just like the reeds bend over in the swamps, and he'll uproot Yisrael from this good soil that he gave to their ancestors and he'll scatter them beyond the Perat (Euphrates), because they made their Asherah statues which provoked Yahweh to anger. **16** He will hand Yisrael over to their enemies because of Yarov'am's sins and how he encouraged Yisrael to sin."

17 So Yarov'am's wife left and went home to Tirtsah. As she entered the doorway of their home, their son died. **18** Just as Yahweh had told them, all Yisrael mourned for the boy and he was buried.

19 Everything else that Yarov'am (Jeroboam) did, including the record of wars

Yarov'am's death · Northern kingdom

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age. **5** And**YHWH** he_had_said to 'Aḥiy^{yāh} HERE the_wife_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) is_about_to_come to_seek a_message from_with_you concerning son_of_her if/because he is_sick like_this and_like_this you_will_speak to_her/it and_let_it_be just_as_she_comes and_she will_be_acting_as_a_stranger. **6** And_he/it_was just_ 'Aḥiy^{yāh} _as_heard ÐOM the_sound_of her_feet_of_her coming in_entrance and_he/it_said come Oh_ _wife_of Yārov˝ām to/for_what this are_you acting_as_a_ _stranger and_I have_been_sent to_you hard_news. **7** Go say to_ _Yārov˝ām thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says because that I_raised_you_up from_among_of the_people and_ _I_made_you a_ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_ _I_tore_away ÐOM the_kingdom from_the_house_of Dāvid and_ _I_gave_it to/for_you(fs) and_not you_have_been like_servant_ _of_my Dāvid who he_kept commands_of_my and_which he_ _walked after_me in_all heart_of_his for_doing only the_right in_eyes_of_my. **9** And_you_have_done_evil for_doing from_all those_who they_were to_your_face and_you_have_gone and_ _you_have_made for_yourself gods other and_molten_images to_provoke_me_to_anger and_me you_have_thrown behind back_of_your. **10** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity to the_house_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) and_I_will_cut_ _off to_Yārov˝ām one_who_urinates on_a_wall shut_up and_ _freed in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_sweep_away behind the_ _house_of Yārov˝ām just_as someone_sweeps_away (the)_dung until it_is_complete. **11** The_one_who_dies of_Yārov˝ām in_city the_dogs they_will_devour and_the_one_who_dies in_the_field the_bird[s]_of the_heavens they_will_devour if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **12** And_you arise go to_house_of_your when_ feet_of_your _go to_the_city and_ the_child _he_will_die. **13** And_they_will_mourn to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _they_will_bury ÐOM_him/it if/because this_one for_him/it_ _being_alone he_will_go of_Yārov˝ām into a_grave because it_ _was_found in_him/it something good to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_house_of Yārov˝ām. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _will_raise_up to_him/it a_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_ _will_cut_off ÐOM the_house_of Yārov˝ām this the_day and_ _what also now. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_strike ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as (the)_reed it_sways in_water and_he_ _will_pluck_up ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_soil (the)_ _good (the)_this which he_gave to_ancestors_of_their and_he_ _will_scatter_them from_the_other_side of_River because that they_have_made ÐOM poles_their_'Ashērāh provoking_to_anger ÐOM **YHWH**. **16** And_he_will_give_up ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on_ _account_of the_sins_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) which he_has_ _sinned and_which he_has_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **17** And_ the_wife_of Yārov˝ām _she/it_arose and_she_went and_she_came to_Tirtsāh she was_coming at_the_threshold_of the_house and_the_lad he_died. **18** And_they_buried ÐOM_ _him/it and_they_mourned to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_ _hand_of his_servant_of_his 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_prophet.

19 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yārov˝ām which he_waged_ _war and_which he_reigned THERE_they are_written on the_ _scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_

148 RV 14:10 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 15:29.

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_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** And_the_days which Yārov˝ām he_reigned were_twenty and_two year[s] and_he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Nādāv˝ his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

21 And_Rəḥav˝ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_reigned in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) was_a_son_of forty and_one year[s] Rəḥav˝ām when_he_became_king and_seven- teen year[s] he_ _reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city where **YHWH** he_had_chosen to_put ~~DOM~~ his/its_name there from_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Na˝ₐmāh the_˝Ammōnī_woman. **22** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_they_made_jealous ~~DOM~~_him/it from_all that ancestors_of_their they_had_done by_sins_of_their which they_sinned. **23** And_ also they _they_ _built to/for_them high_places and_sacred_pillars and_ _'Ashērāh_poles on every_of hill high and_under every_of tree luxuriant. **24** And_also male_cult_prostitute[s] he_was in/on_ _the_earth they_did according_to_all_of the_abominations_of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_face/in_ _front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** And_he/it_was in_ _year (the)_fifth to/for_the_king Rəḥav˝ām he_came_up Shiyshaq[155] the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **26** And_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_ _treasures_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_~~DOM~~ the_treasures_of the_house_of the_king and_~~DOM~~ (the)_everything he_took and_ _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ all_of the_shields_of the_gold which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_made. **27** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_made in_place_of_them shields_of bronze and_he_entrusted_them on the_hand_of the_commanders_of the_runners who_guarded the_entrance_of the_house_of the_ _king. **28** And_he/it_was from_sufficiency the_king went the_ _house_of **YHWH** they_carried_them the_runners and_they_ _returned_them to the_guardroom_of the_runners. **29** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Rəḥav˝ām and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_ _the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **30** And_war it_was between Rəḥav˝ām and_between Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) all_of the_days. **31** And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_ _was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ _name_of his/its_mother was_Na˝ₐmāh the_˝Ammōnī_woman and_ 'Av˝iyyām his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

15:1 And_in_year_of eight- teen to/for_the_king Yārov˝ām the_ _son_of Nev˝aṭ 'Av˝iyyām he_became_king over Yəhūdāh. **2** Three years he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _name_of his/its_mother was_Ma˝ₐkāh the_daughter_of Abishalom. **3** And_he/it_went in_all the_sins_of his/its_father which he_had_done before_him and_not it_was heart_of_his

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that his army fought and how he ruled, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael (Israel). **20** Yarov'am reigned for twenty-two years, then he died and was buried with his ancestors, and his son Nadav replaced him as king.

Rehav'am (Rehoboam) rules in Yehudah · Southern kingdom[150]

21 Meanwhile, Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) reigned in Yehudah (Judah). He was forty-one when he started reigning, and he reigned for seventeen years from Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—the city that Yahweh had chosen to associate his name with out of all the tribes of Yisrael (Israel). Rehav'am's mother was Na'amah the Amoni.

22 The people of Yehudah did what Yahweh had decided was evil—in fact they made him more jealous (by worshipping other gods) than their ancestors ever had. **23** They even built hilltop temples and sacred pillars and poles on every high hill and under every large evergreen tree.[151] **24** There were also male prostitutes associated with them,[152] and the Israelis did the same abhorrent things as the nations that Yahweh had removed ahead of their entering the land.

25 In the fifth year of King Rehav'am's reign, Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Shishak attacked Yerushalem[153] **26** and took away the valuables from Yahweh's temple, and the king's palace. He took everything of value, including all the gold shields that Shelomoh had made.[154] **27** To replace them, King Rehav'am made some bronze shields and assigned them to the officers who protect the entrance to the palace. **28** Whenever the king would enter the temple, the guards would quickly take the shields there, and when he left, they'd run them back to the palace.

29 Everything else that Rehav'am did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **30** Rehav'am and Yarov'am (Jeroboam) were in a continual state of war during their reigns. **31** Then Rehav'am (his mother was Na'amah the Amoni) died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David, and his son Aviyam replaced him as king.

Aviyam rules over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[156]

15:1 In the eighteenth year of (Nevat's son) King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Aviyam became king of Yehudah (Judah). **2** (His mother's name was Ma'akah, one of Avshalom's (Absalom's) daughters.) He reigned from

150 **RV 14:21 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 11:5–12:15

151 **RV 14:23 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:9-10.

152 **RV 14:24 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:17.

153 **RV 14:25 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 12:2-8.

154 **RV 14:26 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:16-17; 2Ch 9:15-16.

155 **LV 14:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: קשוש: (x-qere) 'קָשִׁישׁ': lemma_7895 morph_HNp id_11HBS קָשִׁישׁ

156 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 13:1–14:1

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Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for three years **3** but he disobeyed God in ways similar to his father—he wasn't interested in following his god Yahweh completely like his ancestor David had done. **4** However for David's sake, his god Yahweh gave Aviyam a son to rule after him—to allow Yerushalem to continue on with a flicker of light[157] **5** because David had done what Yahweh had said was correct, and throughout his life he hadn't deviated from what Yahweh had instructed him, except in the matter concerning Uriyah the Hiti.[158] **6** Rehav'am's (Rehoboam's) and Yarov'am's factions were in a continual state of war during Aviyam's reign.[159] **7** Everything else that Aviyam did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah, as the war between Aviyam and Yarov'am continued.

8 Then Aviyam died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David, and his son Asa replaced him as king.

Asa's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[160]

9 In the twentieth year of King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Asa became king of Yehudah (Judah) **10** and reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for forty-one years. (His grandmother was Avshalom's (Absalom's) daughter Ma'akah.) **11** Asa did what was pleasing to Yahweh, like his ancestor David had done, **12** and he expelled the male prostitutes from the country and removed all the idols made by the previous generations.[161] **13** He also removed his grandmother Ma'akah from being queen-mother because she had made a horrid Asherah goddess, then he cut down her horrid idol and burnt it in the Kidron valley. **14** He didn't remove the hilltop temples, but despite that he was fully devoted to Yahweh all his life. **15** He brought everything that father had dedicated, plus more of his own, into Yahweh's temple, including gold, silver, and containers.

16 Asa and King Baesha of Yisrael were in a continual state of war during their reigns. **17** King Baesha invaded Yehudah (Judah) and fortified Ramah so that no one could pass in or out to help King Asa of Yehudah. **18** So Asa took all the remaining gold and silver from the temple and palace storerooms, and sent it with his servants to take to Ben-Hadad, son of Tavrimon, son of King Hezyon of Aram (Syria) who lived in Damesek (Damascus), to tell him, **19** "You and me have an agreement between us that was made by our two fathers, so look, I've sent a present of gold and silver to you. So then, break your agreement with King Baesha of Yisrael so he'll give up on attacking me."

20 Ben-Hadad did what king Asa requested, and he sent the

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complete with **YHWH** his/its_god like_the_heart_of Dāvid his/its_father. **4** If/because for_the_sake_of Dāvid **YHWH** his/its_god he_gave to_him/it a_lamp in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_raising_up ÐØM his/its_son after_ _him and_by_establishing ÐØM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** That Dāvid he_had_done ÐØM the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_not he_had_turned_aside from_all that he_had_ _commanded_him all_of the_days_of his/its_life only in_the_ _matter_of 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_Ḥittiy. **6** And_war it_was between Rəḥav˝ām and_between Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) all_of the_days_ _of his/its_life. **7** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Aviyyām and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_war it_was between 'Aviyyām and_between Yārov˝ām. **8** And_ 'Aviyyām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ _people_buried ÐØM_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Āṣā' son_ _of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

9 And_in_year_of twenty of_Yārov˝ām the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) 'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. **10** And_forty and_one year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Ma'$_a$kāh the_daughter_of Abishalom. **11** And_ 'Āṣā' _he/it_ _made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_Dāvid his/its_ _father. **12** And_he_made_to_pass_away the_male_cult_ _prostitutes from the_earth/land and_he_removed ÐØM all_of the_idols which ancestors_of_his they_had_made. **13** And_also ÐØM Ma'$_a$kāh his/its_mother and_he_removed_her from_ _queen-mother who she_had_made an_abominable_image to_ _(the)_pole and_ 'Āṣā' _he_cut_down ÐØM image_of_her_ _abominable and_he_burnt_it in_the_wadi_of Qidrōn. **14** And_ _the_high_places not they_were_removed only the_heart_of 'Āṣā' it_was complete with **YHWH** all_of his/its_days. **15** And_ _he/it_brought ÐØM the_holy_things_of his/its_father and[162] the_house_of **YHWH** silver and_gold and_utensils. **16** And_war it_was between 'Āṣā' and_between Ba'shā' the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) all_of days_of_their. **17** And_ Ba'shā' the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_ascended on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he/it_built ÐØM (the)_Rāmāh to_not to_permit one_who_goes_ _out and_one_who_comes to_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **18** And_ 'Āṣā' _he/it_took ÐØM all_of the_silver and_the_gold which_remained in_the_treasuries_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ÐØM the_treasures_of the_house_of wwww[163] and_he_ _gave_them in_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his and_he_sent_ _them the_king 'Āṣā' to Ben H$_a$dad the_son_of Ṭavrimmōn the_ _son_of Ḥezyōn the_king_of 'Arām who_was_dwelling in_ _Dammeseq to_say. **19** A_covenant be_between_me and_ _between_you between father_of_my and_between father_of_ _your HERE I_send to/for_yourself(m) a_gift silver and_gold go break ÐØM covenant_of_your with Ba'shā' the_king_of

157 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 11:36.

158 **RV 15:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 11:1-27.

159 **RV 15:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 13:3-21.

160 **RV 15:9 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 14:1-5; 15:16–16:6, 11-14

161 **RV 15:12 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 15:8-15.

162 **LV 15:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/שדק/וְ: (x-qere) וְ/יְשָׁדָק/וְ: lemma_c/6944 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc id_116yA וְ/יְשָׁדָק/וְ

163 **LV 15:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: דלמ: (x-qere) הַ/דֶּלֶ֫מֶ֥/הַ: lemma_d/4428 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_11YA5 הַ/דֶּלֶ֫מֶ֥/הַ

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_he_may_go_up from_on_me. **20** And_ Ben $H_a$dad _he/it_listened to the_king 'Āṣā' and_he_sent ÐOM the_commanders_of the_armies which to_him/it on the_cities_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_attacked ÐOM ʿIyyōn and_ÐOM Dān and_ÐOM Abel Bēyt Maʿ$_a$kāh and_ÐOM all_of Kinneret with all_of the_land_of Naftālī. **21** And_he/it_was just_ Baʿshā' _as_heard and_he_ceased from_building ÐOM (the)_Rāmāh and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_Tirtsāh. **22** And_the_king 'Āṣā' he_ _made_proclamation_to ÐOM all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) there_ _was_not an_exempt_person and_they_carried_off ÐOM the_ _stones_of (the)_Rāmāh and_ÐOM wood(s)_of_its which Baʿshā' he_had_built and_he/it_built with_them the_king 'Āṣā' ÐOM Gevaʿ of_Binyāmīn and_ÐOM (the)_Mitspāh. **23** And_the_rest_of all_of the_matters_of 'Āṣā' and_all might_of_his and_all that he_did and_the_cities which he_built not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yəhūdāh only to_the_time_of his_old_age_of_his he_became_ _sick ÐOM feet_of_his. **24** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_ _the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

25 And_Nādāvʿ the_son_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) he_became_ _king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_year two of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_years. **26** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_went in_the_way_of his/its_father and_in_sin_of_his which he_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_he_ _conspired on/upon/above_him/it Baʿshā' the_son_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} of_the_house_of of_Issachar and_he_struck_him_down Baʿshā' at_Gibtōn which belonged_to_Pəlishtiy and_Nādāvʿ and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_laying_siege on Gibtōn. **28** And_he_killed_ _him Baʿshā' in_year three of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_became_king in_place_of_him. **29** And_he/it_was just_as_he_became_king he_struck_down ÐOM all_of the_house_of Yārovʿām not he_left any_of breathing_ _thing of_Yārovʿām until he_had_destroyed_it according_to_ _the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_hand_of his_ _servant_of_his 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_Shilōnī. **30** On the_sins_of Yārovʿām which he_sinned and_which he_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_provocation_of_his which he_provoked_to_ _anger ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **31** And_the_ _rest_of the_matters_of Nādāvʿ and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **32** And_war it_was between 'Āṣā' and_ _between Baʿshā' the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of days_of_ _their.

33 In_year three of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh Baʿshā' the_son_ _of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} he_became_king over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ _Tirtsāh twenty and_four year[s]. **34** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went in_the_way_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) and_in_sin_of_his which he_caused_to_ _sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
16:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yēhū'/(Jehu)

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commanders of his best warriors to attack Israeli cities including Iyon, Dan, Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah, and all Kineret along with all Naftali (Naphtali) region. **21** When King Baesha heard about that, he stopped fortifying Ramah and withdrew to Tirtsah.

22 Then King Asa informed all Yehudah that they were needed at Ramah. They removed the stones and timber from Baesha's fortifications, and king Asa used the materials to build Geva (in Benyamin) and Mitspah. **23** Everything else that Asa did, and all his great works and all the cities he built, are described in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. However in his old age, he developed problems with his feet. **24** Then he died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David (also his ancestor) and his son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) replaced him as king.

Nadav's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

25 In the second year of Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) son Nadav became king of Yisrael (Israel) where he reigned for two years. **26** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, following his father's behaviour and his sin that in turn, caused Yisrael to sin.

27 A man named Baesha (from the Yisakar (Issachar) tribe) plotted against King Nadav and killed him at the Pelishti city of Gibton when Nadav and all Yisrael were besieging the city. **28** It was the third year of King Asa's reign in Yehudah when Baesha killed King Nadav, then Baesha took over as king of Yisrael. **29** As soon as he took over, he had Yarov'am's entire family executed—not leaving a single one of them alive. This fulfilled what Yahweh had said through his servant Ahiyah the Shiloni,[164] **30** because Yarov'am's own sins, as well as his causing Yisrael to sin, had provoked Yahweh into getting angry.

31 Everything else that Nadav did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **32** King Asa and King Baesha of Yisrael were in a continual state of war during their reigns.

Baesha's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

33 Ahiyah's son Baesha began to reign over Yisrael (Israel) in the third year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he ruled from Tirtsah for twenty-four years. **34** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, similar to Nevat's son Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour and his sin that in turn, caused Yisrael to

164 RV 15:29 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 14:10.

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sin.

16:1 Then Yahweh told Hanani's son Yehu (Jehu) to tell Baesha, **2** "I took a nobody and promoted you to leader over my people Yisrael, yet you followed Yarov'am's behaviour and provoked me to anger by causing my people Yisrael to sin, **3** so now I'll get rid of you and your family—I'll do the same to you that I did to Yarov'am and his family. **4** The bodies of those in your family who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and those who die in the countryside will be eaten by vultures.

5 Everything else that Baesha did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **6** When Baesha died he was buried in Tirtsah, and his son Elah replaced him as king.

7 Yahweh sent that message via Hanani the prophet's son Yehu. It was for Baesha and his family—speaking against the evil that they'd done that had provoked Yahweh to get angry with their behaviour which was as bad as Yarov'am's family had been. Yahweh was also angry with Baesha because he had killed all of Yarov'am's family.

Elah's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

8 Baesha's son Elah began to reign in the twenty-sixth year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he ruled from Tirtsah for two years. **9** However, his servant Zimri who was the commander of half of the chariots conspired against him. Once when Elah was in Tirtsah getting himself drunk at the house of Artsah (who was in charge of the palace), **10** Zimri went in and attacked and killed him, and took over his place as king. (That was in the twenty-seventh year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah.)

11 As soon as Zimri took over and sat on his throne, he had all of Baesha's family executed—he didn't leave a single male or relative or friend. **12** In that way, Zimri eliminated all of Baesha's descendants just as Yahweh had said via the prophet Yehu (Jehu) **13** concerning all of Baesha's sins and the sins of his son Elah, and because they caused Yisrael (Israel) to sin by provoking Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry with their idols. **14** Everything else that Elah did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Zimri's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

15 Zimri reigned from Tirtsah for seven days in the twenty-seventh year of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah). At the time, the Israeli army were besieging the Pelishti city of Gibton, **16** and when the army camped around the city heard that Zimri had rebelled and assassinated the king, that day all the people in the camp installed the army commander Omri as king to reign over Yisrael (Israel). **17** So Omri took all his warriors from Gibton and besieged Tirtsah. **18** As soon as Zimri realised that the city was surrounded, he went into the saferoom in the palace and set fire to the building and died in the flames **19** because he'd done

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the_son_of Ḥ$_a$nānī on Ba'shā' to_say. **2** Because that I_raised_ _you_up from the_dust and_I_made_you a_ruler over people_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_have_walked in_the_way_of Yārov'ām and_you_have_caused_to_sin ÐOM people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_provoke_me_to_anger by_sins_of_their. **3** HERE_I am_about_to_sweep_away after Ba'shā' and_after house_of_his and_I_will_make ÐOM house_of_your like_the_ _house_of Yārov'ām the_son_of Nev'aṭ. **4** The_one_who_dies of_ _Ba'shā' in_city the_dogs they_will_devour and_the_one_who_ _dies to_him/it in_the_field the_bird[s]_of the_heavens they_ _will_devour. **5** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Ba'shā' and_ _which he_did and_might_of_his not are_they written on the_ _scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** And_ Ba'shā' _he_lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his and_he_was_buried in_Tirtsāh and_ 'Ēlāh son_of_his _ _he_became_king in_place_of_him. **7** And_also by_the_hand_of Yēhū' the_son_of Ḥ$_a$nānī the_prophet the_message_of **YHWH** it_came against Ba'shā' and_near/to house_of_his and_on all_of the_evil which he_had_done in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_ _provoke_him_to_anger by_the_work_of his_hands_of_his to_be like_the_house_of Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) and_on that he_ _struck_down ÐOM_him/it.

8 In_year twenty and_six year of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) 'Ēlāh the_son_of Ba'shā' he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Tirtsāh two_years. **9** And_he_conspired on/upon/above_him/it servant_of_his Zimrī the_commander_ _of (the)_half_of the_chariotry and_he in_Tirtsāh was_drinking drunken the_house_of 'Artsāh who was_over the_household in_ _Tirtsāh. **10** And_ Zimrī _he_came and_he_struck_him_down and_he_killed_him in_year twenty and_seven of_'Āṣā' the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh and_he_became_king in_place_of_him. **11** And_ _he/it_was when_he_became_king just_as_he_sat on throne_of_ _his he_struck_down ÐOM all_of the_house_of Ba'shā' not he_ _left to_him/it one_who_urinates on_a_wall and_his_kinsman_ _of_redeemer and_friend_of_his. **12** And_ Zimrī _he_destroyed ÐOM all_of the_house_of Ba'shā' according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken against Ba'shā' by_the_hand_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_prophet. **13** Because_of all_of the_sins_of Ba'shā' and_the_sins_of 'Ēlāh son_of_his which they_sinned and_which they_caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_provoke_ _to_anger ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_ _vanities_of_their. **14** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Ēlāh and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

15 In_year twenty and_seven year of_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Zimrī he_became_king seven_of days in_ _Tirtsāh and_the_people were_encamping on Gibtōn which belonged_to_Pəlishtiy. **16** And_ the_people who_were_ _encamping _he/it_listened to_say Zimrī he_has_conspired and_also he_has_struck_down ÐOM the_king and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_made_king ÐOM 'Omrī the_commander_of the_army over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_day (the)_that in_camp. **17** And_ 'Omrī and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it _he_went_up from_Gibtōn and_they_laid_siege on Tirtsāh. **18** And_he/it_was just_ Zimrī _as_saw if/because_that the_city it_was_captured and_he_went into the_fortress_of the_house_of the_king and_ _he_burnt on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM the_house_of the_king

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with_fire and_he/it_died. **19** On his[165] which he_sinned for_
_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_go in_the_way_of
Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) and_in_sin_of_his which he_did to_
_cause_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **20** And_the_rest_of the_
_matters_of Zimrī and_conspiracy_of_his which he_conspired
not are_they written on_the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days
of_the_kings_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).
21 Then the_people Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_was_divided into_half
(the)_half_of the_people it_was behind Tivʿnī the_son_of Ginnat
to_make_him_king and_(the)_half was_behind ʿOmrī. **22** And_
the_people which was_after ʿOmrī _it_prevailed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_people which was_after Tivʿnī the_son_of Ginnat and_ Tivʿnī _
_he/it_died and_ ʿOmrī _he_became_king. **23** In_year thirty and_
_one year of_ʾĀṣāʾ the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ʿOmrī he_
_became_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) two_plus ten year[s] in_
_Tirtsāh he_reigned six years. **24** And_he_bought ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill
Shomrōn from_with Shemer for_two_talents silver and_he/it_
_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_hill and_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_city
which he_built on the_name_of Shemer the_owner(s)_of the_
hill Shomrōn. **25** And ʿOmrī _he_did the_evil in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_did_evil from_all those_who were_
_before_of_him. **26** And_he/it_went in_all the_way_of
Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevʿaṭ and_in/on/at/with[166]
which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_provoke_to_
_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) with_vanities_
_of_their.[167] **27** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of ʿOmrī which he_
_did and_might_of_his which he_did not are_they written on
the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **28** And ʿOmrī _he_lay_down with ancestors_
_of_his and_he_was_buried in_Shomrōn and_ ʾAḥʾāvʿ his/its_son
_he_became_king in_place_of_him.

29 And_ʾAḥʾāvʿ the_son_of ʿOmrī he_became_king over
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_year thirty and_eight year of_ʾĀṣāʾ the_king_
of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and ʾAḥʾāvʿ the_son_of ʿOmrī _he_reigned
over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn twenty and_two year[s].
30 And_ ʾAḥʾāvʿ the_son_of ʿOmrī _he/it_made the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** from_all those_who were_before_of_him.
31 And_he/it_was was_ he_to_walk in_the_sins_of Yārovʿām
the_son_of Nevʿaṭ _it_trifling and_he/it_took a_wife ᴅᴏᴍ
ʾĪzevʿel/(Jezebel) the_daughter_of ʾEtbaʿal the_king_of the_
_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_he/it_went and_he_served ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_
_Baʿal and_he_bowed_down to_him/it. **32** And_he_set_up an_
_altar to_Baʿal the_house_of (the)_Baʿal which he_built in_
Shomrōn. **33** And ʾAḥʾāvʿ _he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_ʾAshērāh_
pole and ʾAḥʾāvʿ _he_increased for_doing to_provoke_to_
_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_all the_
_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who they_were before_him. **34** In_
_days_of_his Ḥīʾēl the_Bēyt- elite he_rebuilt ᴅᴏᴍ
Yərīḥō/(Jericho) by_ʾAvīrām his/its_firstborn he_founded_it

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what Yahweh had said was evil—following Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour including causing Yisrael to sin. **20** Everything else that Zimri did, including his rebellion, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Omri's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

21 At that time, the people of Yisrael (Israel) were divided concerning their leadership—half of them supported Ginat's son Tivni as king, and the other half supported Omri, **22** but those supporting Omri prevailed, so Tivni was executed and Omri remained in power. **23** Omri became king in the thirty-first years of King Asa's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and reigned over Yisrael for twelve years—six of them from Tirtsah. **24** He bought a hill from a man named Shemer for seventy kilograms of silver, then built his capital city on it. He named it Shomron (Samaria) in honour of Shemer who'd owned the hill.

25 Omri did what Yahweh had said was evil—in fact he did more evil things than all those kings who preceded him. **26** He followed (Nevat's son) Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour including causing Yisrael to sin by provoking Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry with their idols. **27** Everything else that Omri did, including his military victories, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **28** Then Omri died and was buried in Shomron, and his son Ahav replaced him as king.

Ahav's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

29 Omri's son Ahav became king of Yisrael (Israel) in the thirty-eighth year of King Ahav's reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he reigned Yisrael from Shomron (Samaria) for twenty-two years. **30** Ahav did what Yahweh had said was evil—in fact he did more evil things than all those kings who preceded him. **31** As if following Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) behaviour wasn't bad enough, he married Izevel (Jezebel), the daughter of the Tsidoni King Etba'al, then went and served Ba'al and bowed down to him. **32** He built a temple for Ba'al in Shomron and placed an altar in it. **33** Ahav also made an Asherah pole and went on to provoke Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry, more than any of the previous kings of Yisrael had done. **34** During his reign, Hiel from Beyt-El (Bethel) rebuilt Yeriho (Jericho) city. As they laid the foundations, his eldest son Aviram died, and when they hung the city gates, his youngest son Seguv died, just as Yahweh had

165 **LV 16:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תאטח: (x-qere) ו/יתאטַּח: lemma_2403 b n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_11mi6 ו/יתאטַּח

166 **LV 16:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יתאטח/ב/ו: (x-qere) ו/תאָטַּח/ב/ו: lemma_c/b/2403 b n_1.1 morph_HC/R/Ncfsc/Sp3ms id_11yiC ו/תאָטַּח/ב/ו

167 **LV 16:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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told (Nun's son) Yehoshua (Joshua).[168]

Eliyah prophesies about a coming drought · Northern kingdom

17:1 One day the prophet Eliyah (Elijah) from the Tishbim in the Gilead region said to Ahav, "As Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh lives, the one who I serve, there won't be any rain or even dew these next years unless I give the command."[170] **2** Then Yahweh told Eliyah, **3** "Get away from here and travel eastward towards the Kerit stream that enters the Yarden (Jordan) river to hide. **4** You'll be able to drink from the stream, and I've commanded the ravens to bring food to you there."

5 So he did what Yahweh told him, and went and lived by the Kerit stream near the Yarden. **6** Ravens brought bread and meat to him every morning and again in the evening, and he was able to drink from the stream. **7** However, the stream dried up after a while because there was no rain anywhere in the country.

Eliyah and the widow at Tserefat

8 Then Yahweh told Eliyah (Elijah), **9** "Leave here and go to Tserefat in the Tsidon (Sidon) region and stay there. Listen, I've commanded a widow lady there to keep you fed."[171] **10** So he got ready and went to Tserefat. As he entered the town, he saw a woman picking up bits of firewood, and he asked her, "Can you please get me a drink of water." **11** As she went to get it, he called out, "Would you have a piece of bread to go with it?."

12 But she replied, "As your god Yahweh lives, I don't have any bread at all—only a handful of flour in the jar, and a little bit of oil in the jug. See, I'm gathering a few bits of firewood so I can make a little bread for me and my son. After we've eaten that, then we'll die."

13 But Eliyah told her, "Don't be worried. Go and do what you said, except make some bread for me first and bring it out to me. Then after that, you can make some for you and for your son, **14** because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has told me that your flour won't run out and your oil won't come to an end until the day when Yahweh gives us rain again."

15 So the woman went and did what Eliyah said, then sure enough Eliyah and the widow and her household had enough food every day. **16** The jar of flour never got empty and the jug of

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and_in/on/at/with[169] his_young_of_son he_set_up gates_of_its according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_ _hand_of Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_son_of Nun.

17:1 And_ ʾĒliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy one_of_the_resident_aliens_of Gilʾād _he/it_said to ʾAḥʾāv by_the_life of_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) whom I_stand before_him if it_will_be the_ _years the_these dew and_rain if/because (if) to_the_mouth_of my_message_of_my. **2** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_him/it to_say. **3** Go from_here and_you_will_turn (for)_ _yourself eastward_to and_you_will_hide_yourself at_the_wadi_ _of Kerith which is_on the_face_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **4** And_ _it_was from_the_wadi you_will_drink and_~~DOM~~ the_ravens I_ _have_commanded to_supply_you there. **5** And_he/it_went and_he/it_made according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_went and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_the_ _wadi_of Kerith which is_on the_face_of the_Yardēn. **6** And_ _the_ravens were_bringing to_him/it bread and_flesh/body in_ _morning and_bread and_flesh/body in_evening and_from the_ _wadi he_drank. **7** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity days and_ the_wadi _it_dried_up if/because not it_had_been rain on_the_earth.

8 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_him/it to_say. **9** Arise go to_Tsₑrəfat/(Zarephath) which belongs_to_ _Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_you_will_dwell there HERE I_have_ _commanded there a_woman a_widow to_supply_you. **10** And_ _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to_Tsₑrəfat/(Zarephath) and_ _he_came to the_entrance_of the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there a_woman a_widow was_gathering_of wood(s) and_he/it_ _called to_her/it and_he_said get please to_me a_little_of water in_vessel so_that_I_may_drink. **11** And_she_went to_ _take/accept/receive and_he/it_called to_her/it and_he_said get please to_me a_piece_of bread in_hand_of_your. **12** And_ _she/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** god_of_your if there_is to_ _me food if/because (if) the_fullness_of a_palm_of flour in_jar and_a_little_of oil in_jug and_WOW_I am_gathering two wood(s) and_I_will_go and_I_will_prepare_it to_me and_for_ _son_of_my and_we_will_eat_it and_we_will_die. **13** And_he/it_ _said to_her/it ʾĒliy^{yāh} do_not fear go do according_to_of_your_ _message only make to_me from_there a_bread_cake small at_ _first and_you_will_bring_it_out[173] to_me and_for_yourself and_for_son_of_your you_will_prepare at_last. **14** If/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says the_jar_of (the)_flour not it_will_be_at_an_end and_the_jug_of (the)_oil not it_will_be_lacking until the_day_of gives[174] **YHWH** rain on the_surface_of the_soil. **15** And_she_went and_she_did according_to_the_message_of ʾĒliy^{yāh} and_she/it_ate wwww

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168 RV 16:34 · Cross-ref. Josh 6:26.

169 LV 16:34 · Note OSHB variant note: בִּיגַשׁ/ב/ו: (x-qere) 'בְּנָגְשׁ/ב/ו': lemma_c/b/7687 morph_HC/R/Np id_11nHu בְּנָגְשׁ/ב/ו

170 RV 17:1 · Cross-ref. Jam 5:17.

171 RV 17:9 · Cross-ref. Luk 4:25-26.

173 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

174 LV 17:14 · Note OSHB variant note: וְתַת: (x-qere) 'תֵּת': lemma_5414 morph_HVqc id_11TF6 תֵּת

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and[175] and_household_of_her days. **16** The_jar_of (the)_flour not it_was_at_an_end and_the_jug_of (the)_oil not it_was_ _lacking according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_hand_of ʾĒliyʸāh. **17** And_he/it_was after the_things the_ _these the_son_of the_woman the_mistress_of the_house he_ _became_sick and_he/it_was sickness_of_his severe very until that not it_was_left in/on/over_him/it breath. **18** And_she/it_ _said to ʾĒliyʸāh what to/for_me and_to_you Oh_man_of the_ _ʾElohīm you_have_come to_me to_bring_to_remembrance ᴅᴏᴍ my_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment and_to_put_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my. **19** And_he/it_said to_her/it give to_me ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_your and_he_took_him from_bosom_of_her and_he_ _took_him_up to the_upper_room where he was_dwelling there and_he_made_him_lie on bed_of_his. **20** And_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my also on the_widow whom I am_staying_as_a_sojourner with_her/it have_you_ _done_harm by_putting_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_her. **21** And_he_ _stretched_himself over the_lad three times and_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my let_it_return please the_life_of the_lad the_this to part[s]_of_his_inward. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to_the_voice_of ʾĒliyʸāh and_ the_life_of the_lad _it_returned to part[s]_of_his_inward and_he_lived. **23** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_lad and_he_brought_him_ _down from the_upper_room to_the_house and_he_gave_him to_mother_of_his and_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said see is_alive son_of_ _your. **24** And_ the_woman _she/it_said to ʾĒliyʸāh now this I_ _know if/because_that are_a_man_of god you and_the_ _message_of **YHWH** in_mouth_of_your is_truth.

18:1 And_ days _he/it_was many and_the_message_of **YHWH** it_ _came to ʾĒliyʸāh in_year (the)_third to_say go present_yourself to ʾAḥʾāv and_I_will_give rain on the_surface_of the_soil. **2** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_went to_present_himself to ʾAḥʾāv and_ _the_famine was_severe in_Shomrōn. **3** And_ ʾAḥʾāv _he/it_ _called (to) ʿOvadʸāh who was_over the_household and_ _ʿOvadʸāh he_was fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** exceedingly. **4** And_he/it_ _was when_ ʾĪzevel/(Jezebel) _cut_off ᴅᴏᴍ the_prophets_of **YHWH** and_ ʿOvadʸāh _he/it_took one_hundred prophets and_ _he_hid_them fifty man in_cave and_he_supplied_them food and_water. **5** And_ ʾAḥʾāv _he/it_said to ʿOvadʸāh go on_the_ _earth to all_of the_springs_of the_waters and_near/to all_of the_wadis perhaps we_will_find grass and_we_will_preserve_ _alive horse and_mule and_not we_will_cut_off any_of_the_ _livestock. **6** And_they_divided to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _earth/land to_pass in_it ʾAḥʾāv he_went in_a_direction one for_him/it_being_alone and_ʿOvadʸāh he_went in_a_direction one for_him/it_being_alone. **7** And_he/it_was ʿOvadʸāh on_way and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE ʾĒliyʸāh to_meet_him and_he_recognized_ _him and_he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he/it_said you is_ _this my_master ʾĒliyʸāh. **8** And_he/it_said to_him/it it_is_I go say to_master(s)_of_your HERE ʾĒliyʸāh. **9** And_he/it_said what have_I_sinned that/for/because/then/when you are_giving ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your in_the_hand_of ʾAḥʾāv to_put_me_to_ _death. **10** By_the_life of_**YHWH** god_of_your if there_is a_

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oil never ran out, just as Yahweh had promised via Eliyah.

17 Some time afterwards, the woman's son got sick and then it got so bad that he died, **18** so she hassled Eliyah, "You man of God, why did you come here! Now my sins have been brought to God's mind, and he's caused my son to die!"

19 But he told her to bring her son to him, and taking the boy from her arms, he took the body upstairs to the room he was staying in, and laid him down on his bed. **20** Then he called out to Yahweh, "Yahweh, my god, would you really bring tragedy to this widow that I'm staying with by causing her son to die?" **21** Then three times he stretched himself over the boy's body[172] and begged Yahweh, "Yahweh, my god, please let this child's life return into his organs." **22** Yahweh took notice of Eliyah and the boy's life returned and he revived.

23 Then Eliyah carried the boy back downstairs and gave him to his mother and told her, "Look, your son's alive."

24 "Now I certainly know that you're a man of God," the woman responded, "And when you say that you're speaking for Yahweh, it's really true."

Eliyah versus Ba'al's prophets · Northern kingdom

18:1 In the third year of drought, Yahweh told Eliyah (Elijah) to go and show himself to King Ahav and tell him that it would soon rain, **2** so he went to present himself to Ahav.

Meanwhile in Shomron (Samaria), the food shortage was terrible **3** and King Ahav had summoned his palace manager Ovadyah (Obadiah). (Ovadyah was a sincere follower of Yahweh. **4** When Queen Izevel (Jezebel) had tried to kill Yahweh's prophets, Ovadyah had hidden a hundred prophets—fifty in each of two caves and kept them supplied with food and water.) **5** King Ahav told Ovadyah, "We'll go across the country to all the springs and all the valleys that water sometimes flows in. Perhaps we'll find some grass so we can keep a horse or a mule or two alive and not lose our breeding stock." **6** So they divided the country into two, and they each went off in a different direction.

7 While Ovadyah was on a path, Eliyah came to meet him. Ovadyah recognised him and fell to his knees with his face to the ground, and asked, "Is it really you, my master Eliyah?"

8 "Yes, it's me," he replied. "Now go and tell your master that I'm here."

9 "How have I sinned," Ovadyah responded, "that you're giving your servant a death sentence? **10** As your god Yahweh lives, my

172 RV 17:21 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 4:34-35.

175 LV 17:15 · Note OSHB variant note: אִיהּ/וֹ־אוה: (x-qere) 'אֵיהּ': lemma_1931 morph_HPp3fs id_11k9N אֵיהּ/וֹ־ ־אֵיהּ': lemma_c/1931 n_0.0.0 morph_HC/Pp3ms id_111M5 אֵיהּ/וֹ

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master sent people to every kingdom to try to find you, and if they said you weren't there, then he made them promise under oath that it was true. **11** So now you tell me to tell my master that you're here, **12** but as soon as I leave you, Yahweh's spirit will take you to goodness knows where. Meanwhile I'll go and tell Ahav, and he'll come here and not find you, so then he'll kill me, even though I've been trying to obey Yahweh since I was young. **13** Haven't you heard, my master, what I did when Izevel (Jezebel) was killing Yahweh's prophets and I hid a hundred of them in two caves and kept them supplied with food and water? **14** Yet now you're trying to get me killed by telling my master that he'll find you here."

15 "As Commander-in-chief Yahweh lives—the one I serve," Eliyah (Elijah) replied, "I'll definitely be here to see him today."

16 So Ovadyah (Obadiah) went and informed Ahav who then came to meet Eliyah. **17** When he saw Eliyah, Ahav asked him, "Is that you—the one who causes trouble for Yisrael (Israel)?"

18 "It's not me who brings trouble onto Yisrael," Eliyah replied. "But rather it's you and your father's families who decided to ignore Yahweh's commands and serve the Baals instead. **19** So now, get all Yisrael to go to Mt. Karmel, along with the 450 prophets of Ba'al and the 400 prophets of Asherah who Queen Izevel (Jezebel) feeds at her table."

20 So Ahav summoned all the Israelis and the prophets to go to Mt. Karmel, **21** and Eliyah addressed the people, "How much longer are you all going to remain unsure who to follow? If Yahweh is God, follow him, but if it's Ba'al, follow him." But the people just stayed silent. **22** Then he said, "I'm Yahweh's only remaining prophet, but Ba'al has 450 prophets. **23** Let them get us two bulls and they can choose one for themselves. Then they can cut it into pieces and lay them a pile of wood that they've set for a fire, but they can't light the fire. I'll do the same with the other bull, but also won't light the fire. **24** Then they must call to their god and I'll call to Yahweh, and the god who answers by setting the wood on fire must be the true God."

"It sounds good to us," the people answered.

25 So Eliyah told Ba'al's prophets, "Okay, there's a lot more of you guys, so you choose your bull and go first and call out to your god, but don't set fire to the pile."

26 So they took the bull he gave them and prepared it all, and then they called out to Ba'al from morning until midday, shouting, "Ba'al, answer us!" But they didn't hear any voice and got no answer. Then they hopped around the altar they'd made.

27 Finally at noon, Eliyah began mocking them, saying, "Call out louder because he's a god. Maybe he's thinking about something else, or busy with something, or travelling somewhere. Perhaps he's asleep and needs waking up." **28** So they shouted even louder and did their usual cutting of their bodies with knives and swords until a lot of blood flowed. **29** Midday passed and they continued raving all afternoon, but they didn't hear any voice, and they got no answer or even any suggestion that their god was listening.

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_nation and_a_kingdom where not my_master he_has_sent there to_seek_you and_they_said he_is_not and_he_made_ _swear ÐOM the_kingdom and_ÐOM the_nation if/because_that not it_has_found_you. **11** And_now you are_saying go say to_ _master(s)_of_your HERE ʾĒliyʸāh. **12** And_it_was I I_will_go from_with_you and_spirit of_**YHWH** it_will_carry_you_away to where not I_know and_I_will_go to_announce to_ʾAḥʾāv and_ _not he_will_find_you and_he_will_kill_me and_servant_of_ _your is_fearing ÐOM **YHWH** since_youth(s)_of_my. **13** Not has_ _it_been_told to_master_of_my ÐOM that_which I_did when_ ʾĪzeveˑl/(Jezebel) _killed ÐOM the_prophets_of **YHWH** and_I_hid of_the_prophets_of of_**YHWH** one_hundred man fifty fifty man in_cave and_I_supplied_them food and_water. **14** And_now you are_saying go say to_master(s)_of_your HERE ʾĒliyʸāh and_he_ _will_kill_me. **15** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers whom I_stand before_him if/because the_ _day I_will_present_myself to_him/it. **16** And_ ʿOveˑdʸāh _he/it_ _went to_meet ʾAḥʾāv and_he_told to_him/it and_ ʾAḥʾāv _ _he/it_went to_meet ʾĒliyʸāh. **17** And_he/it_was just_ ʾAḥʾāv _ _as_saw ÐOM ʾĒliyʸāh and_ ʾAḥʾāv _he/it_said to_him/it you is_ _this Oh_you_who_trouble Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **18** And_he/it_said not I_have_troubled ÐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because (if) you and_the_household_of your_father_of_your because_you_have_ _abandoned ÐOM the_commands_of **YHWH** and_you_have_ _walked after the_Baʿal. **19** And_now send gather to_me ÐOM all_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to the_mountain_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_ÐOM the_prophets_of (the)_Baʿal four hundred(s) and_fifty and_the_prophets_of (the)_ʾAshērāh four hundred(s) who_eat_ _of the_table_of ʾĪzeveˑl. **20** And_ ʾAḥʾāv _he_sent in_all the_ _people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_gathered ÐOM the_prophets to the_mountain_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel). **21** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _ _he_drew_near to_all_of the_people and_he/it_said until when will_you(pl) be_limping on the_two_of the_crutches if **YHWH** the_ʾElohīm walk after_him and_if (the)_Baʿal walk after_him and_not the_people they_answered ÐOM_him/it a_message. **22** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to the_people I I_am_left a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** I_alone and_the_prophets_of (the)_Baʿal are_four hundred(s) and_fifty man. **23** And_they_give to/for_us two young_bulls and_let_them_choose to/for_them the_young_bull the_one and_let_them_cut_it_in_pieces and_let_them_put on the_wood(s) and_fire not they_will_set and_I I_will_prepare ÐOM the_young_bull the_one and_I_will_put on the_wood(s) and_fire not I_will_set. **24** And_you(pl)_will_call in/on_name_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) and_I I_will_call on_the_name_of **YHWH** and_it_was the_ʾElohīm who he_will_answer by_fire he the_ʾElohīm and_ all_of the_people _it_answered and_they_said is_good the_message. **25** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to_the_ _prophets_of (the)_Baʿal choose to/for_you(pl) the_young_bull the_one and_prepare_it first if/because you(pl) are_the_many and_call in/on_name_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) and_fire not you(pl)_will_set. **26** And_they_took ÐOM the_young_bull which someone_gave to/for_them and_they_prepared_it and_they_ _called on_the_name_of (the)_Baʿal from_the_morning and_ _unto the_noontide(s) to_say Oh_Baʿal answer_us and_there_ _was_not a_voice and_there_was_not one_who_answered and_ _they_limped_around at the_altar which he_had_made. **27** And_ _he/it_was at_noontide(s) and_he_mocked (is)_in_them ʾĒliyʸāh and_he/it_said call_out with_a_voice great if/because is_a_god

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he if/because musing and_because/when a_going_away to_
_him/it and_because/when a_journey to_him/it perhaps is_
_sleeping he and_he_will_awake. **28** And_they_called_out with_
_a_voice great and_they_cut_themselves according_to_of_their_
_custom with_swords and_with_spears until blood poured_out
over_them. **29** And_he/it_was just_ the_noontide(s) _as_passed
and_they_prophesied until (to)_goes_up the_offering and_
_there_was_not a_voice and_there_was_not one_who_answered
and_there_was_not attentiveness. **30** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said
to/from_all/each/any/every the_people draw_near to_me and_
all_of the_people _they_drew_near to_him/it and_he_repaired
ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar_of **YHWH** which_had_been_torn_down. **31** And_
ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_took two_plus ten stones according_to_the_
_number_of the_tribes_of the_sons_of Yaʿₐqovʿ/(Jacob) whom
the_message_of **YHWH** it_had_come to_him/it to_say
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_will_be name_of_your. **32** And_he_built ᴅᴏᴍ
the_stones an_altar in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_he/it_made a_
_trench like_a_receptacle_of two_seahs seed around (to)_altar.
33 And_he_arranged ᴅᴏᴍ the_wood(s) and_he_cut_it_in_pieces
ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_bull and_he/it_assigned on the_wood(s).
34 And_he/it_said fill four jars water and_pour_it on the_burnt_
_offering and_on the_wood(s)[178] and_he/it_said do_it_again
and_they_did_it_again and_he/it_said do_it_a_third_time and_
_they_did_it_a_third_time. **35** And_ the_waters _they_went
around (to)_altar and_also ᴅᴏᴍ the_trench he_filled water.
36 And_he/it_was when_went_up the_offering and_ ʾĒliyʸāh the_
_prophet _he_drew_near and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
ʾAvrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_day let_it_
_be_known if/because_that you are_god in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
and_I servant_of_am_your and_in/on/at/with[179] I_have_done
ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_things the_these. **37** Answer_me Oh_**YHWH**
answer_me so_ the_people the_this _that_they_may_know
if/because_that you Oh_**YHWH** the_ʾElohīm and_you(ms) you_
_have_turned_around ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_their backwards. **38** And_
the_fire_of **YHWH** _it_fell and_she/it_ate ᴅᴏᴍ the_burnt_
_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_wood(s) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_stones and_ᴅᴏᴍ
the_dust and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_waters which was_in_trench it_licked_
up. **39** And all_of the_people _he/it_saw and_they_fell on
faces_of_their and_they_said **YHWH** he the_ʾElohīm **YHWH** he
the_ʾElohīm. **40** And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to/for_them seize ᴅᴏᴍ
the_prophets_of (the)_Baʿal anyone not let_him_escape from_
_them and_they_seized_them and_he_brought_them_down
ʾĒliyʸāh to the_wadi_of Qīshōn and_he_slaughtered_them there.

41 And_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_said to_ʾAḥʾāvʿ go_up eat and_drink
if/because the_sound_of the_noise_of (the)_rain. **42** And_
ʾAḥʾāvʿ _he_went_up to_eat and_to_drink and_ʾĒliyʸāh he_went_
_up to the_top_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_he_bent_down
towards_land and_he/it_assigned his/its_faces/face between
mmm[181]. **43** And_he/it_said to servant_of_his go_up please look

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30 Then Eliyah told the people, "Okay, now come over here by me." So all the people came over by him, and he repaired the altar of Yahweh that had been torn down. **31** He took twelve stones (the number of the sons of Ya'akov (Jacob) who Yahweh told would be called Yisrael)[176] **32** and used them to rebuild Yahweh's altar. Then around the altar he made a trench large enough to hold the water to water in two drums of seed.[177] **33** He arranged the firewood, and cut the bull into pieces and placed them on top, **34** and then ordered, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and the firewood." Then he said "Now do it a second time," and they did it a second time, and again he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. **35** The water ran around the altar and even filled the trench.

36 When it was time to offer the evening sacrifices, the prophet Eliyah approached the altar and prayed, "Yahweh, God of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Yisrael (Israel), let it be known today that you are God in Yisrael and I'm your servant, and I've done all these things following your instructions. **37** Answer me, Yahweh! Answer me, so that this country will understand that you, Yahweh, are God, and that you can turn their hearts back again."

38 Then Yahweh sent fire down from the sky that consumed the pieces of meat, the firewood, the stones, and the dirt around the altar, including all the water that had been in the trench. **39** When all the people saw what had happened, they fell onto their knees and bowed their faces to the ground, saying, "Yahweh is God! Yahweh is God!"

40 Then Eliyah ordered them, "Grab hold of Ba'al's prophets. Don't let any of them sneak away." So they seized them, and Eliyah brought them down to the Kishon valley and he slaughtered them there.

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41 Then Eliyah (Elijah) told King Ahav, "Get ready and have something to eat and drink, because I can hear the noise of heavy rain coming." **42** So Ahav got ready and had something to eat and drink, but Eliyah went further up Mt. Karmel and squatted with his face down be-

176 RV 18:31 · Cross-ref. Gen 32:28; 35:10.

177 RV 18:32 · Note A more Jewish interpretation that seems to agree with v34–35—see https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/31555/water-in-elijahs-trench.

178 LV 18:34 · Note Note: KJB: 1Kgs.18.34

179 LV 18:36 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְבַּד/בְּ/וּ: (x-qere) יִרְבַּד/בְּ/וּ; lemma_c/b/1697 morph_HC/R/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_11VuX וּ/בְּ/רָבַד

181 LV 18:42 · Note OSHB variant note: כָּרְמֶל/וּ: (x-qere) יָגְרְמֶל/וּ: lemma_1290 n_0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3ms id_11qFQ וּ/גָּרְמֶל

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tween his knees[180] 43 and told his servant, "Go up now, and look towards the ocean."

He went up and looked and said, "There's nothing there."

This happened seven times, 44 but on the seventh time he came back and said, "Wow, there's a small cloud out above the ocean about the size of a man's palm."

Then Eliyah ordered him, "Rush and tell Ahav to get his chariot ready and head down so he won't be caught in the rain."

45 Very soon the sky was full of dark clouds, then wind and heavy rain. Ahav kept riding and made it to the city of Yizre'el (Jezreel). 46 Yahweh gave Eliyah extra strength and he tucked his robe into his belt, and ran ahead of Ahav going into Yizre'el.

Eliyah flees to Mt. Sinay

19:1 Then King Ahav told Izevel (Jezebel) everything that Eliyah (Elijah) had done, including how he'd killed all of Ba'al's prophets, 2 so she sent this message to Eliyah, "May the gods kill me or do worse if I haven't done with your life what you did to those prophets by this time tomorrow." 3 Hearing that, he packed up and fled for his life to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in Yehudah (Judah) , where he left his servant. 4 Then he went an extra day's travel further south into the wilderness where he sat down under a broom bush and prayed that he might be allowed to die, saying, "This is now too much, Yahweh. Take my life, because I'm no better than my ancestors."[182]

5 Then he laid down and slept under the broom bush, until he was suddenly woken by a messenger from Yahweh telling him to get up and eat. 6 Eliyah looked around and wow, there was some bread near his head that had been cooked on glowing coals, and a jug of water. He got up and ate and drank, and then lay down again. 7 Then Yahweh's messenger returned a second time and prodded him and said, "Get up and eat, because otherwise the journey ahead will be too much for you." 8 So he got up and ate and drank. That food lasted his for forty days as he travelled to God's mountain, Horev. 9 He entered a cave there and overnighted in the cave, then suddenly Yahweh spoke to him, asking, "What are you doing here, Eliyah?"

10 "I've been very zealous for you, Commander-in-chief Yahweh," he replied. "But the Israeli people have abandoned your agreement, and they've torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. So here I am, left by myself while meanwhile they're trying to kill me."[183]

11 Then Yahweh said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in front of me, Yahweh. Then look, I'm about to go past you." Then there was an incredibly strong wind that hit the mountain and broke off bits of rock that then shattered. But Yahweh wasn't in the wind, and after the wind there was an earthquake but Yahweh wasn't in the earthquake either. 12 After the earthquake

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the_direction_of the_sea and_he/it_ascended and_he_looked and_he/it_said there_is_not anything and_he/it_said go_back seven times. 44 And_he/it_was at_time and_he/it_said THERE a_cloud small like_the_palm_of a_person is_coming_up from_ _the_sea and_he/it_said go_up say to 'Aḥ'āv harness and_go_ _down and_not it_will_hold_you_back the_rain. 45 And_he/it_ _was until thus and_unto thus and_the_heavens they_grew_ _dark clouds and_spirit and_he/it_was rain great and_ 'Aḥ'āv _ _he_rode and_he/it_went to_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel). 46 And_the_ _hand_of **YHWH** it_was to 'Ēliy^{yāh} and_he_girded_up loins_of_ _his and_he_ran to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Aḥ'āv until your(ms)_going to_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel).

19:1 And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he_told to_'Īzeval/(Jezebel) ~~DOM~~ all_of that 'Ēliy^{yāh} he_had_done and_~~DOM~~ all_of that he_had_killed ~~DOM~~ all_ _of the_prophets with_sword. 2 And_ 'Īzeval _she_sent a_ _messenger to 'Ēliy^{yāh} to_say thus may_they_do the_gods and_ _thus may_they_add if/because about_time tomorrow I_will_ _make ~~DOM~~ life_of_your like_the_life one of_them. 3 And_he/it_ _saw and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to life_of_his and_he_ _came Bə'ēr Shəva' which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he_left ~~DOM~~ servant_of_his there. 4 And_he he_went in_ _wilderness a_journey_of a_day and_he_came and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived under a_broom_plant one[187] and_he_ _asked ~~DOM~~ self_of_his to_die and_he/it_said enough now Oh_ _**YHWH** take life_of_my if/because not am_good I more_than_ _of_my_ancestors. 5 And_he_lay_down and_he_slept under a_ _broom_plant one and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE this an_messenger was_touching in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it arise eat. 6 And_he_looked and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE place_of_his_ _head_of_was_the a_bread_cake_of hot_coals and_a_jug_of water and_he_ate and_he_drank and_he_returned and_he_lay_ _down. 7 And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_returned a_ _second_time and_he_touched in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_ _said arise eat if/because is_too_great for_you the_journey. 8 And_he/it_rose_up and_he_ate and_he_drank and_he/it_went in_the_strength_of the_food (the)_that forty day[s] and_forty night[s] to the_mountain_of the_'Elohīm Ḥorēv. 9 And_he_ _went there into the_cave and_he_spent_the_night there and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_message_of **YHWH** to_him/it and_he/it_ _said to_him/it what is_to_you here Oh_'Ēliy^{yāh}. 10 And_he/it_ _said exceedingly_(be_zealous) I_have_been_zealous to/for_ _**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers if/because the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_abandoned covenant_of_ _your ~~DOM~~ altars_of_your they_have_torn_down and_~~DOM~~ prophets_of_your they_have_killed with_sword and_ I _I_am_ _left I_alone and_they_have_sought ~~DOM~~ life_of_my to_take_it_ _away. 11 And_he/it_said go_out and_you_will_stand on_ _mountain to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** was_passing_by and_spirit great and_ _strong was_tearing_out mountains and_breaking rocks to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** not was_in_wind

180 **RV 18:42-45 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:18.

182 **RV 19:4 · Cross-ref.** Yonah 4:3.

183 **RV 19:10-14 · Cross-ref.** Rom 11:3.

187 **LV 19:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: תחא: (x-qere) 'דָּחָא': lemma_259 n_1 morph_HAcmsa id_11a6j דָּחָא

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YHWH and_after the_wind[188] an_earthquake not was_in_ _earthquake **YHWH**. **12** And_after the_earthquake a_fire not was_in_fire **YHWH** and_after the_fire a_sound_of a_whisper soft. **13** And_he/it_was just_ ʾĒliyʸāh _as_heard and_he_wrapped his/its_faces/face in_cloak_of_his and_he/it_went_out and_he_ _stood the_entrance_of the_cave and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_ _him/it a_voice and_he/it_said what is_to_you here Oh_ʾĒliyʸāh. **14** And_he/it_said exceedingly_(be_zealous) I_have_been_ _zealous to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers if/because the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_have_abandoned covenant_of_your ~~ḎOM~~ altars_of_your they_have_torn_down and_~~ḎOM~~ prophets_of_your they_have_killed with_sword and_ I _I_am_left I_alone and_they_have_sought ~~ḎOM~~ life_of_my to_ _take_it_away. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it go go_back to_way_of_your the_wilderness_of_to of_Dammeseq[189] and_ _you_will_go and_you_will_anoint ~~ḎOM~~ Ḥazāʾēl to_king over ʾArām. **16** And_~~ḎOM~~ Yēhūʾ/(Jehu) the_son_of Nimshiy you_will_ _anoint to_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_~~ḎOM~~ ʾElīshāʿ the_son_ _of Shāfāṭ from_Abel- meholah you_will_anoint to_prophet in_ _place_of_you. **17** And_it_was the_one_who_escapes from_the_ _sword_of Ḥazāʾēl Yēhūʾ he_will_put_to_death and_the_one_ _who_escapes from_the_sword_of Yēhūʾ ʾElīshāʿ he_will_put_to_ _death. **18** And_I_will_leave among_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) seven_of thousand(s) all_of the_knees which not they_have_bowed_ _down to_Baʿal and_all (the)_mouth which not it_has_kissed to_ _him/it.

19 And_he/it_went from_there and_he_found ~~ḎOM~~ ʾElīshāʿ the_ _son_of Shāfāṭ and_he was_plowing two_plus ten pairs were_ _before_of_him and_he was_with_two_plus the_ten and_ ʾĒliyʸāh _he/it_passed_through to_him/it and_he_threw cloak_of_his to_him/it. **20** And_he_left ~~ḎOM~~ the_ox[en] and_he_ran after ʾĒliyʸāh and_he/it_said I_want_to_kiss please (to)_father_of_my and_(to)_mother_of_my and_I_will_go after_you and_he/it_said to_him/it go turn_back if/because what have_I_done to/for_ _you(fs). **21** And_he_turned_back from_after_him and_he/it_ _took ~~ḎOM~~ the_pair_of the_ox[en] and_he_sacrificed_it and_ _with_the_equipment_of the_ox[en] he_cooked_them the_flesh and_he/it_gave to_people and_they_ate and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went after ʾĒliyʸāh and_he_served_him.

20:1 And_Ben- hₐdad the_king_of ʾArām he_gathered ~~ḎOM~~ all_of army_of_his and_thirty and_two king[s] with_him/it and_ _horse[s] and_chariotry and_he/it_ascended and_he/it_laid_ _siege on Shomrōn and_he_fought against_it. **2** And_he_sent messengers to ʾAḥʾāv the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_the_city. **3** And_he/it_said to_him/it thus Ben Hₐdad he_says[191] silver_ _of_your and_gold_of_your to_me it and_wives_of_your and_

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there was a fire, but Yahweh wasn't in the fire.

Then after the fire, there was the sound of a soft whisper. **13** When Eliyah heard that, he wrapped his cloak around his face and went out and stood at the opening of the cave, and he heard a voice ask him, "Why are you here, Eliyah?"

14 "I've been very zealous for you, Commander-in-chief Yahweh," he replied, "But the Israeli people have abandoned your agreement, and they've torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. So here I am, left by myself while meanwhile they're trying to kill me."

15 Then Yahweh told him, "Go back towards the Damesek (Damascus) wilderness, then you must go and anoint Hazael as king over Aram (Syria).[184] **16** Also you need to anoint Nimshi's son Yehu (Jehu) as king over Yisrael (Israel),[185] and you must anoint Shafat's son Elisha from Avel-Meholah to succeed you as prophet. **17** In the future, anyone who escapes from being killed by Hazael's army will be killed by Yehu's army, and anyone who escapes from being killed by Yehu's army will be killed by Elisha. **18** But I've still got seven thousand people in Yisrael who've never bowed to Ba'al or kissed his image."[186]

Eliyah inspires Elisha · Northern kingdom

19 So Eliyah (Elijah) left that place and went and found Shafat's son Elisha. There were twelve teams ploughing a field and he was with the back pair of cattle. Eliyah walked past him and threw his cloak over him. **20** Elisha left the plough and ran after Eliyah, saying, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then I'll come with you."

"Go on back then," Eliyah replied, "because I haven't done anything for you."

21 So Elisha went back and killed his pair of cattle. He used the wood of the plough to cook the meat on, and he shared it around the people. After they'd eaten, he packed up and followed Eliyah and became his helper.

Ben-Hadad attacks Shomron · Northern kingdom

20:1 At that time, King Ben-Hadad of Aram (Syria) joined with thirty-two smaller kingdoms and they brought their combined armies and horses and chariots and besieged Yisrael's (Israel's) capital Shomron (Samaria) ready to attack it. **2** He sent messengers to Yisrael's King Ahav who was inside the city **3** to

184 RV 19:15 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 8:7-13.

185 RV 19:16 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 9:1-6.

186 RV 19:18 · Cross-ref. Rom 11:4.

188 LV 19:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

189 LV 19:15 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

191 LV 20:3 · Note Note: KJB: 1Kgs.20.3

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tell him, "Ben-Hadad says that your gold and silver are mine, as well as the best of your wives and sons."

4 "Whatever you say, my master the king," replied Yisrael's king. "I'm yours along with everything I have."

5 Then the messengers returned, saying, "Ben-Hadad said that you'll give him your gold and silver and your wives and sons, **6** but around this time tomorrow, he'll send his servants to you to search through your palace and the homes of your people, and they'll take everything that they consider to be of value."

7 So Yisrael's king summoned all Yisrael's leaders and told them, "Listen and note how this man is looking for trouble. He's claiming my wives and my sons, and my gold and silver, and I didn't contradict him."

8 But the elders and all the others responded, "No, don't listen to him and don't consent to his demands."

9 So Ahav told Ben-Hadad's messengers, "Tell my master the king that everything he demanded the first time, I'll do, but I can't agree to this new demand."

So they returned to Ben-Hadad with that response **10** and Ben-Hadad sent another message, "The gods can do whatever they like to me and more if I leave enough dust in Shomron (Samaria) for all my prisoners to have a handful each."[190]

11 Yisrael's king replied, "Tell Ben-Hadad that someone who's heading to battle shouldn't boast like someone relaxing after his victory."

12 Ben-Hadad received that message while he was in the huts drinking with the other kings, and he immediately ordered his men to get into position so they got ready to attack the city.

13 Just then, a prophet approached Yisrael's King Ahav and told him, "Yahweh asks if you've seen that great army, because he's going to give you victory over them today so you'll know that Yahweh is God."

14 "Who will enable the victory?" Ahav asked.

"Yahweh says it'll be the young men under the provincial commanders," he answered.

"Who should lead the attack?" he asked.

"You should," the prophet replied.

15 So Ahav gathered the provincial commanders' young men and there were 232 of them. He also assembled the fighting men and there were merely seven thousand of them.

16 They exited the city at midday, while Ben-Hadad and the other kings were still getting drunk in their huts. **17** The young men under the provincial commanders led the way out, and the scouts that Ben-Hadad had sent out informed him that men were coming out of Shomron (Samaria). **18** He ordered, "Whether they've come out for peace or for battle, capture them alive."

19 The provincial commanders' young men exited the city followed by the warriors **20** and each of them killed their opponent.

Literal Version

_children_of_your (the)_good to_me they. **4** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered and_he/it_said according_to_of_ _your_message my_master the_king to/for_yourself(m) I and_ _all that to_me. **5** And_ the_messengers _they_returned and_ _they_said thus Ben Hₐdad he_says to_say if/because I_sent to_ _you to_say silver_of_your and_gold_of_your and_wives_of_ _your and_children_of_your to_me you_will_give. **6** If/because if about_time tomorrow I_will_send ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_my to_you and_they_will_search ᴅᴏᴍ house_of_your and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_houses_ _of your_servants and_it_was every_of (the)_desire_of your_ _two's_eyes_of_your they_will_put in_hand_of_their and_they_ _will_take_it. **7** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_called to/from_all/each/any/every the_elders_of the_earth/land and_he/it_said know please and_see if/because_that trouble this_man is_seeking if/because he_sent to_me for_wives_of_my and_for_children_of_my and_for_silver_of_my and_for_gold_of_ _my and_not I_withheld_them from_him. **8** And_they_said to_ _him/it all_of the_elders and_all the_people do_not listen and_ _not you_must_be_willing. **9** And_he/it_said to_the_ _messengers_of Ben say to_master_of_my the_king all that you_ _sent to servant_of_your at_first I_will_do and_the_thing the_ _this not I_am_able for_doing and_ the_messengers _they_went and_they_brought_him_back message. **10** And_he_sent to_ _him/it Ben Hₐdad and_he/it_said thus may_they_do to_me the_gods and_thus may_they_add if the_dust_of Shomrōn it_ _will_suffice for_handfuls to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _people which is_at_feet_of_my. **11** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered and_he/it_said speak not one_ _who_girds_on let_him_boast like_one_who_loosens. **12** And_ _he/it_was just_as_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this and_he was_drinking he and_the_kings in_booths and_he/it_said to servants_of_his set_yourselves and_they_set_themselves on the_city. **13** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_prophet one he_drew_near to 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says do_you_see ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_multitude (the)_ _great the_this HERE_I am_about_of_to_give_it in_hand_of_your the_day and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **14** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he/it_said by_whom and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says by_the_young_men_of the_officials_of the_ _provinces and_he/it_said who will_he_begin the_battle and_ _he/it_said you. **15** And_he_mustered ᴅᴏᴍ the_young_men_of the_officials_of the_provinces and_they_were two_hundred two and_thirty and_after_them he_mustered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_people all_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_seven_of thousand(s). **16** And_they_went_out at_noontide(s) and_Ben- hₐdad was_ _drinking drunken in_booths he and_the_kings thirty and_two king[s] who_was_helping ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **17** And_ the_young_men_ _of the_officials_of the_provinces _they_went_out at_first and_ Ben Hₐdad _he_sent and_people_told to_him/it to_say men they_have_come_out from_Shomrōn. **18** And_he/it_said if for_ _peace they_have_come_out seize_them alive and_if for_battle they_have_come_out alive seize_them. **19** And_these they_ _went_out from the_city the_young_men_of the_officials_of the_provinces and_the_army which was_behind_them. **20** And_ _they_struck_down everyone man_of_his and_ 'Arām _they_fled

190 RV 20:10 · Note Most translations interpret 'all the people at my feet' to be Ben-Hadad's (large) army (which appears to go back at least to the Vulgate 'sequitur'), but we've TENTATIVELY interpreted it as his (future) prisoners/slaves.

Literal Version

and_it_pursued_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Ben Hadad the_king_
_of 'Arām _he_escaped on a_horse and_horsemen. **21** And_ the_
_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_went_out and_he_struck_down
~~DOM~~ the_horse[s] and_~~DOM~~ the_chariotry and_he_defeated (in)_
_'Arām a_defeat great. **22** And_ the_prophet _he_drew_near to
the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said to_him/it go
strengthen_yourself and_know and_see ~~DOM~~ that_which you_
_will_do if/because to_the_return_of the_year the_king_of
'Arām will_be_coming_up on_you.
23 And_the_servants_of the_king_of 'Arām they_said to_him/it
is_a_god_of mountains god_of_their therefore
yes/correct/thus/so they_were_strong from_him/it and_but
let_us_do_battle with_them on_ground if not we_will_be_strong
more_than_them. **24** And_~~DOM~~ the_thing the_this do remove
the_kings each from_place_of_his and_appoint governors in_
_place_of_them. **25** And_you(ms) you_will_muster to/for_
_yourself(m) an_army like_army which_fell from_~~DOM~~_you and_
_a_horse like_horse and_chariotry like_chariotry and_let_us_
_fight them on_ground if not we_will_be_strong from_them
and_he/it_listened to_voice_of_their and_he/it_made thus.
26 And_he/it_was to_the_return_of the_year and_ Ben Hadad _
_he_mustered ~~DOM~~ 'Arām and_he/it_ascended to_'Afēq for_
_battle with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_the_sons of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_mustered and_they_were_supplied
and_they_went to_meet_them and_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_encamped before_them like_two_of
little_flocks_of goats and_'Arām they_filled ~~DOM~~ the_
earth/land. **28** And the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he_drew_near
and_he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_said
thus **YHWH** he_says because that 'Arām they_have_said is_a_
_god_of mountains **YHWH** and_not is_a_god_of valleys he and_
_I_will_give ~~DOM~~ all_of the_multitude (the)_great the_this in_
_hand_of_your and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_
**YHWH**. **29** And these _they_encamped opposite_to these
seven_of days and_he/it_was in_the_day the_seventh and_ the_
_battle _it_drew_near and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _
_they_struck_down ~~DOM~~ 'Arām one_hundred thousand foot_
_soldier[s] in/on_day one. **30** And_ those_who_remained _they_
fled to'Afēq into the_city and_ the_wall _it_fell on twenty
and_seven thousand man who_remained and_Ben- hadad he_
_fled and_he_went into the_city a_room in_a_room. **31** And_
_they_said to_him/it servants_of_his HERE please we_have_
_heard if/because_that the_kings_of the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that are_kings_of covenant_loyalty
they let_us_put please sackcloth(s) on_loins_of_our and_ropes
on_head_of_our and_let_us_go_out to the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) perhaps he_will_let_live ~~DOM~~ life_of_your.
32 And_they_girded sackcloth(s) on_loins_of_their and_ropes
on_heads_of_their and_they_came to the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_said servant_of_your Ben Hadad he_
_says let_it_live please life_of_my and_he/it_said is_still_he
alive my_brother/kindred he. **33** And_the_men they_observed_
_the_signs and_they_hastened and_they_caught from_him and_
_they_said your(ms)_brother/kindred Ben Hadad and_he/it_
_said go fetch_him and_he/it_went_out to_him/it Ben Hadad
and_he_brought_him_up on the_chariot. **34** And_he/it_said to_
_him/it the_cities which father_of_my he_took from_with

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Then the Arameans took off with the Israelis chasing them, but King Ben-Hadad escaped on a horse along with other riders.
21 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) king led more men out and they attacked the horses and chariots—thoroughly defeating Aram.
22 Afterwards that same prophet went back to King Ahav and told him, "Go back and fortify your defenses and plan your strategy, because Aram's (Syria's) king will attack you again at the same time next year."

Ben-Hadad's second attack · Northern kingdom

23 Meanwhile the servants of Aram's (Syria's) king told him, "Their gods are the gods of the hills, so that's why they were stronger than us. But let's fight them on the plain instead then we'll be sure to defeat them. **24** So this is what you should do: relieve those kings of their command and replace them with military commanders. **25** Then gather an army like the one that was defeated, with as many horses and chariots as you had. Then we'll fight them on the plain and we'll be sure to defeat them."
Ben-Hadad took their advice and put the plan into action.
26 The following year, he assembled his army and went to Afek to battle the Israelis, **27** and the Israeli warriors assembled and received their supplies. Then they went to confront them, but they seemed like ants in comparison to the massive Aramean army.
28 A man of God approached Yisrael's (Israel's) king and told him, "Yahweh says that the Arameans have been saying that he's a god of the hills, but not of the valleys. Because of that, he's going to help you defeat this huge army, and then you'll know that Yahweh is God."
29 The two armies remained camped opposite each other for seven days, then the battle began and the Israelis killed a hundred thousand Aramean soldiers that day. **30** The remainder fled into Afek, but the city wall fell onto the remaining twenty-seven thousand men.
Ben-Hadad ran into the city and hid in an inner room, **31** but his servants told him, "Listen, we've heard that the Israeli kings show mercy. Please let us wrap sackcloth around our waists and go out to Yisrael's king with ropes on our heads—perhaps he'll spare your life." **32** So they wrapped their waists in sacking and put ropes on their heads, and went to Yisrael's king, saying, "Your servant Ben-Hadad asks you to spare his life."
"Is he still alive?" he asked. "He's like a brother to me."
33 The men were looking for an indication of mercy and when they heard that they were encouraged. "Yes, Ben-Hadad is like your brother," they said.
"Yes, bring him here," he responded.
So Ben-Hadad revealed himself and was brought into Ahav's chariot, **34** and he told Ahav, "I'll return the cities that my father took from with yours, and your traders can set up stalls in Damesek (Damascus), just as my father did in Shomron (Samaria)."
"Okay, I'll accept that agreement and release you," Ahav said,

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and after formalising the agreement, he sent him away.

A prophet condemns Ahav · Northern kingdom

35 One day, a prophet in training with a group told his companion, "By Yahweh's command, please wound me." But the man refused to slash him, **36** so the first prophet told him, "Because you didn't obey Yahweh's command, listen, as soon as you leave here you'll be attacked by a lion." Then after he left, a lion found him and killed him.[192]

37 Then he found another prophet and said, "Strike me, please," and the man struck him with a sword—wounding him. **38** Then the wounded prophet disguised himself with a covering over his eyes and went and stood on the road to wait for the king. **39** When the king came past, the prophet called out to him, saying, "Your servant went out in the middle of the battle, and suddenly, a man came across with a captive and told me, 'Guard this man. If he goes missing, your life will be forfeit in place of his, or else you'll be fined three thousand pieces of silver.' **40** But while I was busy with other things, the man escaped."

"Well, by your own testimony, you deserve your punishment," King Ahav responded.

41 Then he quickly uncovered his eyes and the king recognised that he was one of the prophets, **42** and the prophet told him, "Yahweh says that because you released a man who should have been executed, then your life will be required in place of his, and your people in place of his people."

43 Then the king went on to his house in Shomron (Samaria), but he was angry and depressed inside.

Navot's vineyard · Northern kingdom

21:1 Sometime after that, King Ahav from Shomron (Samaria) was in his palace in Yizre'el (Jezreel) city, and his neighbour was the Yizre'eli Navot with his vineyard. **2** Ahav pressured Navot, "Give me your vineyard so I can make it into my vegetable garden because it's right beside my house. I can replace it with a better vineyard, or if you prefer, I can pay you in silver for this one."

3 But Navot replied, "Far be it for me to disobey Yahweh by giving up the inheritance entrusted to my ancestors."

4 So Ahav went back to his palace bitter and angry because of Navot's refusal to turn over the land. He refused to eat and went to bed with his face towards the wall, **5** but his wife Izevel (Jezebel) went in and demanded, "What's this about eating nothing and going to bed in a sulk?"

6 "Well, I talked with Navot the Yizre'eli," he replied. "I offered to pay cash for his vineyard or to exchange it for another one if he preferred, but he wouldn't let me have it."

7 "What! You're the king of Yisrael (Israel)!" his wife re-

Literal Version

father_of_your I_will_return and_streets you_will_make to/for_ _yourself(m) in_Dammeseq just_as father_of_my he_made in_ _Shomrōn and_I with_covenant I_will_let_you_go and_he_made to_him/it a_covenant and_he/it_sent_out/away_him/it.

35 And_a_man one from_(the)_sons of_the_prophets he_said to his/its_neighbour at_the_message_of **YHWH** strike_me please and_ the_man _he_refused to_strike_him. **36** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it because that not you_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** HERE_you are_about_to_go from_with_me and_it_will_strike_ _you_down the_lion and_he/it_went from_beside_him and_it_ _met_him the_lion and_it_struck_him_down. **37** And_he_found a_man another and_he/it_said strike_me please and_he_struck_ _him the_man striking and_wounding. **38** And_ the_prophet _ _he/it_went and_he_stood to/for_the_king on the_way and_he_ _disguised_himself with_bandage over eyes_of_his. **39** And_ _he/it_was the_king was_passing_by and_he he_cried_out to the_king and_he/it_said servant_of_your he_went_out in_the_ _midst_of the_battle and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man he_turned_ _aside and_he/it_brought to_me a_man and_he/it_said guard ÐØM the_man the_this if indeed_(be_missing) he_will_be_ _missing and_it_will_be life_of_your in_place_of life_of_his or a_ _talent_of silver you_will_weigh_out. **40** And_he/it_was servant_of_your was_doing_of (of)_those and_those and_he he_ _was_not and_he/it_said to_him/it the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_thus sentence_of_your you you_have_determined. **41** And_ _he_hastened and_he_removed ÐØM the_bandage mmm[193] eyes_of_his and_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_recognized ÐØM_him/it if/because_that of_the_prophets he. **42** And_he/it_ _said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says because you_have_let_go ÐØM the_man_of my_total_destruction_of_my from_a_hand and_it_will_be life_of_your in_place_of life_of_his and_people_ _of_your in_place_of people_of_his. **43** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_went to house_of_his sullen and_furious and_he_went to_Shomrōn.

21:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these a_vineyard it_ _belonged to_Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī/(Jezreelite) which was_in_ _Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) beside the_palace_of 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Shomrōn. **2** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he/it_spoke to Nāvōt to_say give to/for_me ÐØM vineyard_of_your and_let_it_be to_me to/for_ _garden vegetable[s] if/because it is_near beside house_of_my and_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) in_place_of_it a_vineyard good from_him/it if it_is_good in_eyes_of_your I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) money_of the_price_of this_one. **3** And_ Nāvōt _he/it_said to 'Aḥ'āv far_be_it to/for_me from_**YHWH** from_giving_my ÐØM the_inheritance_of my_ancestors_of_my to/for_you(fs). **4** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he_went to house_of_his sullen and_furious on the_message which he_had_spoken to_him/it Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī and_he/it_said not I_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) ÐØM the_inheritance_of my_ancestors_of_my and_ _he_lay_down on bed_of_his and_he_turned ÐØM his/its_ _faces/face and_not he_ate food. **5** And_she_came to_him/it 'Īzevel/(Jezebel) his/its_wife/woman and_she_spoke to_him/it why this spirit_of_is_your sullen and_not_you are_eating food. **6** And_he/it_spoke to_her/it if/because I_spoke to Nāvōt the_

192 **RV 20:36 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 13:24.

193 **LV 20:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: לע/מ: (x-qere) יְלָעֻ֑מ: lemma_m/5921 a n_1.0 morph_HR/R id_119gC יְלָעֻ֑מ

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_Yizrəʼēlī/(Jezreelite) and_I_said to_him/it give to/for_me ~~ĐǪM~~ vineyard_of_your for_money or if are_desiring you I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) a_vineyard in_place_of_it and_he/it_said not I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ~~ĐǪM~~ vineyard_of_my. **7** And_ _she/it_said to_him/it ʼĪzevel his/its_wife/woman you now are_you_doing kingship over Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) arise eat food and_ heart_of_your _let_it_be_good I I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) ~~ĐǪM~~ the_vineyard_of Nāvōt the_Yizrəʼēlī. **8** And_she_wrote wwww in/on_name_of ʼAḥʼāv and_she_sealed_them with_seal_ _of_his and_she_sent the[195] to the_elders[196] and_near/to the_ _nobles who were_in_city_of_his who_were_dwelling with Nāvōt. **9** And_she_wrote in_letters to_say proclaim a_fast and_ _make_sit ~~ĐǪM~~ Nāvōt at_the_head_of the_people. **10** And_make_ _sit two men sons_of worthlessness before_him and_let_them_ _testify_against_him to_say you_have_blessed god and_the_ _king and_take_him_out and_stone_him so_that_he_may_die. **11** And_ the_people_of his_city_of_his the_elders and_the_ _nobles who were_those_who_were_dwelling in_city_of_his _ _they_made just_as she_had_sent to_them ʼĪzevel/(Jezebel) just_as it_had_been_written in_letters which she_had_sent to_ _them. **12** They_proclaimed a_fast and_they_made_sit ~~ĐǪM~~ Nāvōt at_the_head_of the_people. **13** And_ the_two_of the_men sons_of worthlessness _they_came and_they_lived before_him and_they_testified_against_him the_men_of (the)_ _worthlessness ~~ĐǪM~~ Nāvōt before the_people to_say Nāvōt he_ _has_blessed god and_the_king and_they_took_him_out from_ _the_outside of_city and_they_stoned_him with_stones and_ _he/it_died. **14** And_they_sent to ʼĪzevel to_say Nāvōt he_has_ _been_stoned and_he/it_died. **15** And_he/it_was just_ ʼĪzevel _ _as_heard if/because_that Nāvōt he_had_been_stoned and_ _he/it_died and_ ʼĪzevel _she/it_said to ʼAḥʼāv arise take_ _possession_of ~~ĐǪM~~ the_vineyard_of Nāvōt the_ _Yizrəʼēlī/(Jezreelite) which he_refused to_give to/for_ _yourself(m) for_money if/because not Nāvōt is_alive if/because he_has_died. **16** And_he/it_was just_ ʼAḥʼāv _as_ _heard if/because_that Nāvōt he_had_died and_ ʼAḥʼāv _he/it_ _rose_up to_go_down to the_vineyard_of Nāvōt the_Yizrəʼēlī to_take_possession_of_it. **17** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _ _he/it_was to ʼĒliyyāh the_Tishbiy to_say. **18** Arise go_down to_ _meet ʼAḥʼāv the_king_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) who is_in_Shomrōn THERE he_is_in_the_vineyard_of Nāvōt where he_has_gone_ _down there to_take_possession_of_it. **19** And_you_will_speak to_him/it to_say thus **YHWH** he_says have_you_murdered and_ _also have_you_taken_possession and_you_will_speak to_him/it to_say thus **YHWH** he_says in_the_place_of (of)_where the_ _dogs they_lapped_up ~~ĐǪM~~ the_blood_of Nāvōt the_dogs they_ _will_lap_up ~~ĐǪM~~ blood_of_your also you. **20** And_ ʼAḥʼāv _ _he/it_said to ʼĒliyyāh have_you_found_me my_enemy_of_my and_he/it_said I_have_found_you because you_have_sold_ _yourself for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **21** HERE_I am_about_to_bring[197] to_you evil and_I_will_sweep_ _away after_you and_I_will_cut_off to_ʼAḥʼāv one_who_urinates

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sponded. "Get up and have something to eat and cheer up! I'll make sure myself that you get Navot's vineyard."

8 So she wrote letters in Ahav's name and sealed them with his seal. Then she sent them to the city elders and leading citizens who lived near Navot. **9** This is what she wrote, "Announce a fast, and seat Navot hear the head of the table. **10** Then seat two troublemakers opposite him, and get them to testify against him that he cursed God and the king. Then take him outside and pelt him with rocks until he's dead.

11 Then the elders and leading citizens of the city did what Izevel (Jezebel) had instructed them via the letters: **12** They announced a fast and seated Navot near the head of the table, **13** then two worthless men were seated opposite him, and they testified in front of all the people that Navot had cursed God and the king. So Navot was led out of the city and killed by having rocks thrown at him, **14** and they sent a message to Izevel to tell her that Navot had been stoned to death.

15 As soon as Izevel heard that Navot had been executed, she told Ahav, "Go on now and take over Navot's vineyard that he refused to sell you, because he's not around any more—he's dead." **16** As soon as Ahav heard that Navot was dead, he went to the vineyard to take possession of it.

17 Then Yahweh told Eliyah (Elijah) (from Tishbeh), **18** "Leave here and go to Yisrael's (Israel's) king Ahav in Shomron (Samaria). Listen, he's there in Navot's vineyard, where he's gone to take possession of it. **19** Tell him that Yahweh's asking if he's taking possession of the property of a murdered man. Then tell him that Yahweh wants him to know that the dogs will lick his blood in the same place where Navot died and the dogs came and licked up his blood."

20 When Eliyah arrived, Ahav asked him, "Ah, my enemy. Have you found me?"

"Yes, I've found you," Eliyah replied. "It seems you've sold your soul by doing what Yahweh's finds to be evil. **21** Yahweh says that he's about to send disaster on you to destroy you and every male in your household—whether they're slaves or free. **22** Your entire family will be eliminated like the families of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and Ahiyah's son Baesha because you've provoked Yahweh's anger and made Yisrael sin. **23** Also concerning Izevel, Yahweh says that the dogs will eat her body by Yizre'el's (Jezreel's) city wall.[194] **24** The bodies of any of your family who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and any who die in the countryside will be eaten by birds."

25 Surely there was never anyone else as evil as Ahav who sold his soul by doing what Yahweh was said was wrong—albeit often incited by his wife Izevel (Jezebel). **26** He also behaved disgust-

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194 RV 21:23 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 9:36.

195 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/הסרימ: (x-qere) ʼסֵירָפְּסʼ: lemma_5612 a n_0.1.1 morph_HNcmpa id_11r2a סֵירָפְּס

196 LV 21:8 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

197 LV 21:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ימב: (x-qere) ʼאֵיבֵמʼ: lemma_935 morph_HVhrmsa id_11a57 אֵיבֵמ

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ingly by worshipping idols like the Amorim had done before Yahweh removed them from the land as the Israelis entered.

27 As soon as Ahav heard that message, he tore his clothes and dressed in sacking and fasted. He even slept in the sackcloth, and he walked around slowly with his head down.

28 Then Yahweh asked Eliyah (Elijah) (from Tishbeh), **29** "Have you noticed that Ahav has shown repentance towards me? Because he's humbled himself, I won't bring that disaster on his family while he's still alive, but rather I'll do it during his son's reign."

prophet Mikayah and King Ahav · Both kingdoms[199]

22:1 Then almost three years went by without war between Aram (Syria) and Yisrael (Israel), **2** but in the third year, Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) went up north to visit Yisrael's king.

3 While they were talking, King Ahav said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramot-Gilead should be ours, but we haven't reclaimed it from Aram's king?" **4** Then he asked Yehoshafat, "Will you go to war with us to reclaim Ramot-Gilead?"

"You and me are together," Yehoshafat told Yisrael's king. "My people are your people, and my horses are your horses." **5** Then he added, "But let's ask Yahweh about it first."

6 So Yisrael's king gathered about four hundred prophets together and asked them, "Should I attack Ramot-Gilead, or not?"

"Go ahead, because our master[200] will give you victory," they answered.

7 But Yehoshafat asked, "Is there no prophet of Yahweh still around here that we can ask?"

8 "There's still one man who speaks for Yahweh," Ahav replied to Yehoshafat, "Yimla's son Mikayah, but I myself hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me—only negative things."

"The king shouldn't talk like that," said Yehoshafat.

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on_a_wall and_shut_up and_freed in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** And_I_ _will_make ĐOM house_of_your like_the_house_of Yārov῾ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev῾aṭ and_like_the_house_of Ba῾shā' the_son_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} because_of_the_provocation which you_have_provoked_to_anger and_you_have_caused_to_sin ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** And_also of_'Īzev῾el/(Jezebel) **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken to_say the_dogs they_will_devour ĐOM 'Īzev῾el in_ _the_rampart_of Yizrə῾ē'l/(Jezreel). **24** The_one_who_dies of_ _'Aḥ'āv in_city the_dogs they_will_devour and_the_one_who_ _dies in_the_field the_bird[s]_of the_heavens they_will_devour. **25** Certainly not anyone_was like_'Aḥ'āv who he_sold_himself for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** whom 'Īzev῾el his/its_wife/woman she_incited ĐOM_him/it. **26** And_he_acted_ _abominably exceedingly to_go after the_idols according_to_all that the_'Amorī whom **YHWH** he_dispossessed from_face/in_ _front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_had_done. **27** And_he/it_was just_ 'Aḥ'āv _as_heard ĐOM the_ _words/messages the_these and_he_tore clothes_of_his and_ _he/it_assigned sackcloth on body_of_his and_he_fasted and_ _he_lay_down in_sackcloth and_he_went_about gentleness. **28** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to 'Ēliy^{yāh} the_ _Tishbiy to_say. **29** Have_you_seen if/because_that 'Aḥ'āv he_ _has_humbled_himself from_before_face_of_me because if/because he_has_humbled_himself from_before_of_me not wwww[198] (the)_evil in_days_of_his in_the_days_of his_son_of_ _his wwww (the)_evil on house_of_his.

22:1 And_they_lived three years there_was_not war between 'Arām and_between Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he/it_was in_year (the)_third and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_descended to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to servants_of_his do_you(pl)_know if/because_that to/for_us Rāmot Gil῾ād and_we are_being_inactive from_taking ĐOM_ _her/it from_the_hand_of the_king_of 'Arām. **4** And_he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ will_you_go with_me for_battle Rāmot Gil῾ād and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) as_ _me as_you as_people_of_my as_people_of_your as_horses_of_ _my as_horses_of_your. **5** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said to the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) seek please as_day ĐOM the_message_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_gathered ĐOM the_prophets about_four hundred(s) man and_he/it_said to_ _them will_I_go on Rāmot Gil῾ād for_battle or will_I_refrain and_they_said go_up and_ my_master _he_will_give_it in_the_ _hand_of the_king. **7** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said is_there_not here a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** still so_that_we_may_enquire from_ĐOM_him. **8** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ still a_man one to_consult ĐOM **YHWH** from_ _ĐOM_him and_I I_hate_him if/because not he_prophesies on_ _me good if/because (if) evil Mīkāyəhū the_son_of Yimlā'/(Imlah) and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he/it_said not the_king let_him_speak thus. **9** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_called (to) a_court-official one and_

198 LV 21:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבא**: (x-qere) **'אֵיבָא'**: lemma_935 morph_HVhi1cs id_118VB **אֵיבָא**

199 RV 22:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 18:2-27

200 RV 22:6 · Note Note that they don't mention 'Yahweh' here.

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_he/it_said bring_quickly Mīkāyəhū the_son_of Yimlā'. **10** And_ _the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_sitting each on throne_of_his clothed garments at_the_threshing_floor_of the_entrance_of the_gate_ _of Shomrōn and_all the_prophets were_prophesying before_ _them. **11** And_he/it_made to_him/it Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'ₐnāh/(Chenaanah) horns_of iron and_he/it_ _said thus **YHWH** he_says with_these you_will_gore ~~DOM~~ 'Arām until destroy_them. **12** And_all the_prophets were_prophesying thus to_say go_up Rāmot Gil'ād and_succeed and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_gave in_the_hand_of the_king. **13** And_the_messenger who he_had_gone to_call Mīkāyəhū he_spoke to_him/it to_say HERE please the_words/messages_of the_prophets are_a_ _mouth one good concerning the_king let_it_be please mmm[203] like_the_message_of one from_them and_you_will_speak good. **14** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because ~~DOM~~ that_which **YHWH** he_will_say to_me ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_ _speak. **15** And_he_came to the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said to_him/it Oh_Mīkāyəhū will_we_go against Rāmot Gil'ād for_ _battle or will_we_refrain and_he/it_said to_him/it go_up and_ _succeed and_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave in_the_hand_of the_king. **16** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_king until how_many times will_I make_of_you_swear which/who not you_will_speak to_ _me only truth in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **17** And_he/it_said I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) scattered to the_mountains like_flock which there_is_not to/for_them a_shepherd and_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said not masters belong_to_these let_them_return each to_his_own_of_house in_peace. **18** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) am_ _not did_I_say to_you not he_prophesies on_me good if/because (if) evil. **19** And_he/it_said for_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** I_saw ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** sitting on throne_of_ _his and_all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens standing on/upon/above_him/it from_right_of_his and_from_left_of_ _his. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said who will_he_deceive ~~DOM~~ 'Aḥ'āv so_that_he_will_go_up and_so_that_he_will_fall at_ _Rāmot- gil'ād and_ this_one _he/it_said by_thus and_this was_ _saying by_thus. **21** And_ the_spirit _he/it_went_out and_it_ _stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_ _said I I_will_deceive_him[204] and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it how. **22** And_he/it_said I_will_go_out and_I_will_be a_spirit_of falsehood in_the_mouth_of all_of prophets_of_his and_he/it_ _said you_will_deceive and_also you_will_prevail go_out and_do thus. **23** And_now HERE **YHWH** he_has_put a_spirit_of falsehood in_the_mouth_of all_of prophets_of_your these and_ _**YHWH** he_has_spoken on_you calamity. **24** And_ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'ₐnāh/(Chenaanah) _he_ _drew_near and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ Mīkāyəhū on the_cheek and_ _he/it_said where this the_spirit_of **YHWH** did_it_pass_on from_with_me to_speak with_you. **25** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_ _said THERE_you are_about_to_see in_the_day (the)_that when you_will_go a_room in_a_room to_hide_yourself. **26** And_ the_

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9 So Yisrael's king ordered an official to fetch Yimla's son Mikayah straight away.

10 Now Yisrael's king Ahav and Yehudah's (Judah's) king Yehoshafat were both wearing their royal robes and sitting on thrones at a gate in Shomron's (Samaria's) city wall, and many prophets were speaking messages to them. **11** Kena'anah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) made some horns for himself out of iron and said, "Yahweh says that you'll gore Aram (Syria) with these until they're destroyed." **12** All the other prophets were prophesying similarly, saying things like, "Yes, attack Ramot-Gilead and be successful, and Yahweh will restore it back to you."

13 Meanwhile the messenger who had gone to call Mikayah told him, "Listen, please, all the other prophets agree together as they prophesy victory for the king. Please let your message be similar to theirs and be positive."

14 "As surely as Yahweh lives," Mikayah responded, "I'll only tell Ahav what Yahweh tells me to say."

15 When he got to King Ahav, the king asked him, "Mikayah, should we attack Ramot-Gilead, or not?"

"Go ahead and be successful," he replied, "and Yahweh will give it back to the king."

16 But looking at him, the king said to him, "How many times do I have to make you promise that you'll only tell the truth about me when you pass on Yahweh's messages?

17 "Well," he said, "I saw all Yisrael (Israel) scattered into the hills like sheep without a shepherd,[201] and Yahweh said that they have no leaders so they should all return peacefully to their homes."

18 "Ah," King Ahav told King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), "Didn't I tell you that he wouldn't prophesy anything good about me—only bad news?"

19 But Mikayah continued, "Listen to Yahweh's message then: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the heavenly army were standing at both sides of him.[202] **20** Then Yahweh asked who could deceive Ahav to attack Ramot-Gilead so that he'd get killed there. Some suggested one thing and others suggested something else. **21** Then a spirit came out and stood in front of Yahweh and offered to deceive the king, and Yahweh asked him how he intended to do it. **22** He replied that he'd go and be a false spirit so the kings prophets would tell lies, and Yahweh said that that would work and told him to go ahead and do it. **23** So now, listen, Yahweh has put a lying a spirit into all these prophets of yours, and Yahweh has declared disaster on you."

24 Then Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) (Kena'anah's son) went over and slapped Mikayah on the face, and said, "Since when did Yahweh's spirit leave me and start speaking through you?"

25 "Listen here," Mikayah replied, "you'll find that out soon

201 **RV 22:17 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:17; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

202 **RV 22:19 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:6; Isa 6:1.

203 **LV 22:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִרְבַּד/דְּבָרְ֫: (x-qere) דְּבָרְ֫/דָּבַר֙: lemma_1697 n_0.0.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_11yBS דְּבָרְ֫/דָּבַר֙

204 **LV 22:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.*22.22*

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enough when you sneak into an inner room to try and hide."
26 King Ahav commanded, "Take Mikayah to Amon, the city commander, and to my son Yoash. **27** Tell them that the king orders them to imprison this man and limit his bread and water until I return safely."
28 "If you do return safely," Mikayah remarked, "then Yahweh hasn't spoken through me." And he added, "Take note all you people."

Ahav's death · Northern kingdom[205]

29 So Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav and Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) left to go and attack Ramot-Gilead, **30** and Ahav told Yehoshafat, "I'll go into the battle incognito, but you can wear your royal robes." So Yisrael's king changed into ordinary clothes before heading into the battle.
31 Meanwhile, Aram's (Syria's) king had ordered his thirty-two chariot commanders, "Don't fight with the rank and file—only attack Yisrael's king." **32** As soon as the chariot commanders saw Yehudah's King Yehoshafat, they thought to themselves, "Surely that's Yisrael's king." So then they came over to attack him, but Yehoshafat yelled out, **33** and as soon as they realised that he wasn't the king of Yisrael, they stopped chasing him. **34** But one man casually shot an arrow with his and it struck Yisrael's king between the plates of his body armour, and he called to his chariot driver, "Turn around and get me out of the battle because I've been wounded."
35 The battle carried on all that day and King Ahav was propped up in his chariot opposite Aram, however he died that evening and the blood from his wound pooled into the bottom of his the chariot. **36** Then the call went through the battle lines just as the sun was going down, "Every man should abandon the battlefield and return to his home"
37 So King Ahav died and was taken back to Shomron (Samaria) where he was buried. **38** They washed out the chariot beside the pool in Shomron (where the prostitutes bathed themselves), and dogs licked up the blood, just as Yahweh had said would happen.
39 Everything else about Ahav and everything that he did, including the ivory palace and all the cities that he had built, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **40** Now that Ahav was dead, his son Ahazyah replaced him as king.

Literal Version

_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said take ĐOM Mīkāyəhū and_ _return_him to 'Āmōn the_official_of the_city and_near/to Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of the_king. **27** And_you_will_say thus the_king he_says put ĐOM this_one the_house_of (the)_ _imprisonment and_feed_him bread oppression and_water oppression until come_I in_peace. **28** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_ _said if ever_(return) you_will_return in_peace not **YHWH** he_ _has_spoken by_me and_he/it_said listen Oh_peoples of_them_ _of_all.

29 And_he/it_ascended the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat)[206] the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Rāmot Gil'ād. **30** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ I_will_disguise_myself and_I_will_go in_battle and_ _you(ms) wear clothes_of_your_own and_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_disguised_himself and_he_went in_battle. **31** And_the_king_of 'Arām he_had_commanded ĐOM the_ _commanders_of the_chariotry which to_him/it thirty and_two to_say not you(pl)_must_do_battle with the_small and_ĐOM the_great if/because (if) with the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_ _him/it_being_alone. **32** And_he/it_was just_ the_commanders_ _of the_chariotry _as_saw ĐOM Yəhōshāfāṭ and_they they_said surely is_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it and_they_turned_aside on/upon/above_him/it to_do_battle and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_ _cried_out. **33** And_he/it_was just_ the_commanders_of the_ _chariotry _as_saw if/because_that not was_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it and_they_turned_back from_after_him. **34** And_someone he_drew on_bow to_innocence_of_his and_he_ _struck ĐOM the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) between the_scales and_between the_body_armour and_he/it_said to_charioteer_ _of_his turn_around hand_of_your and_take_me_out from the_ _camp if/because I_have_been_wounded. **35** And_ the_battle _ _it_went_up in_the_day (the)_that and_the_king he_was placed in_chariot opposite_to 'Arām and_he/it_died in_evening and_ the_blood_of the_wound _it_flowed into the_bottom_of the_ _chariot. **36** And_ the_cry _he/it_passed_through in_camp just_ the_sun _as_went to_say everyone to city_of_his and_everyone to land_of_his. **37** And_ the_king _he/it_died and_he_came Shomrōn and_people_buried ĐOM the_king in_Shomrōn. **38** And_someone_washed_off ĐOM the_chariot at the_pool_of Shomrōn and_ the_dogs _they_lapped_up ĐOM blood_of_his and_the_prostitutes they_bathed according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken. **39** And_the_rest_of the_matters_ _of 'Aḥ'āv and_all that he_did and_the_house_of (the)_ivory which he_built and_all the_cities which he_built am_not are_ _they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_ _kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **40** And_ 'Aḥ'āv _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

205 RV 22:29 · Parallel 2 Chr. 18:28-34

206 LV 22:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

41 And_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of ’Āṣā’ he_became_
_king over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_year four of_’Aḥ’āv the_king_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **42** Yəhōshāfāṭ was_a_son_of thirty and_five
year[s] when_he_became_king and_twenty and_five year[s] he_
_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_
_mother was_ʻAzūvah the_daughter_of Shilḥī. **43** And_he/it_
_went in_all the_way_of ’Āṣā’ his/its_father not he_turned_
_aside from_him/it for_doing the_right in/on_both_eyes_of
YHWH. **44** [208] Only the_high_places not they_were_removed
still the_people were_sacrificing and_making_smoke at_places.
45 [209] And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_made_peace with the_king_of
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **46** [210] And_the_rest_of the_matters_of
Yəhōshāfāṭ and_might_of_his which he_did and_which he_
_waged_war not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_
_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. **47** [211] And_the_rest_
_of the_male_cult_prostitute[s] which it_remained in_the_days_
_of ’Āṣā’ his/its_father he_destroyed from the_earth/land.
48 [212] And_a_king there_was_not in_’Edōm an_overseer was_
_king. **49** [213] Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) he_made[214] (the)_ships_
_of Tarshiysh to_go to_’Ōfīr for_gold and_not it_went
if/because they_were_broken[215] the_ships at_ʻEtsyon- gevʻer.
50 [216] Then ’Aḥazʸāh the_son_of ’Aḥ’āv he_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ
servants_of_my let_them_go with your_servants in_the_ships
and_not Yəhōshāfāṭ he_was_willing. **51** [217] And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _
_he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with
ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_
Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_
_him.

52 [218] ’Aḥazʸāh the_son_of ’Aḥ’āv he_became_king over
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn in_year seven- teen of_Yəhōshāfāṭ
the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_reigned over
Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) two_years. **53** [219] And_he/it_made the_evil
in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went in_the_way_of
his/its_father and_in_the_way_of his/its_mother and_in_the_
_way_of Yārovʻām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevʻaṭ who he_
_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **54** [220] And_he_served ᴅᴏᴍ
(the)_Baʻal and_he_bowed_down to_him/it and_he_provoked_
_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) according_to_

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Yehoshafat's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[207]

41 Asa's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) started his reign over Yehudah (Judah) when King Ahav had ruled Yisrael (Israel) for four years. **42** Yehoshafat was thirty-five when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-five years. (His mother was Shilhi's daughter Azuvah.) **43** He followed his father Asa in every way in doing what Yahweh wanted—he didn't veer away from it, except that they didn't demolish the hilltop temples so the people were still sacrificing and burning incense at those places. **44** Yehoshafat did make a peace treaty with Yisrael's king.

45 Everything else about Yehoshafat, including his great achievements and his battle record, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah, **46** and including how he banished the male prostitutes from the land who had remained from the time of his father Asa.

47 At that time, there was no king in Edom—a governor appointed by Yehoshafat ruled there.

48 Yehoshafat had trading ships made to go to Ofir for gold, but they didn't go because the ships got wrecked at Etsyon-Gever. **49** Ahav's son Ahazyah had said to Yehoshafat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Yehoshafat hadn't accepted the offer.

50 Then Yehoshafat died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of his ancestor David, and his son Yehoram (Jehoram) replaced him as king.

Ahazyah's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

51 Ahav's son Ahazyah began to reign over Yisrael (Israel) from Shomron (Samaria) in the seventeenth year of King Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he reigned over Yisrael for two years. **52** He followed the behaviour of his father and mother and Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam), and did what Yahweh had said was evil—causing Yisrael to sin like they had. **53** He served Ba'al and bowed down to him, and he provoked Yisrael's god Yahweh to get angry, similarly to every-

207 **RV 22:41 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 20:31–21:1
208 **LV 22:44 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.43b
209 **LV 22:45 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.44
210 **LV 22:46 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.45
211 **LV 22:47 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.46
212 **LV 22:48 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.47
213 **LV 22:49 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.48
214 **LV 22:49 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רשע**: (x-qere) **’הָשָׂ֫’**: lemma_6213 morph_HVqp3ms id_113AH **הָשָׂ֫**
215 **LV 22:49 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הרבשנ**: (x-qere) **’וּרְבָּשִׁנ֫’**: lemma_7665 morph_HVNp3cp id_11cyX **וּרְבָּשִׁנ֫**
216 **LV 22:50 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.49
217 **LV 22:51 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.50
218 **LV 22:52 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.51
219 **LV 22:53 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.52
220 **LV 22:54 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Kgs.22.53

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thing that his father had done.

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_all that his/its_father he_had_done.

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The second summary of the
Kings of Yisrael and Yehudah

Introduction

The second summary of the kings of Yisrael/Israel and Yehudah/Judah is a continuation of the first summary about the northern kingdom of Yisrael and the Southern kingdom of Yehudah (Judah). This account can be divided into two: **1.** The account about the two kingdoms from around 850 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) through to the defeat of Shomron (Samaria) and the fall of the northern king in 721 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) **2.** The account about the Southern kingdom of Yehudah from the defeat of the northern kingdom of Yisrael through to the capture and destruction of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) by the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar in 586 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) This account ends with Gedalyah governing Yehudah under Babylonian instructions, and then the release of King Yehoyakin who'd been imprisoned in Bavel.

Those disasters and destruction occurred because the leaders and inhabitants of the divided kingdom didn't obey God. The demolition of Yerushalem and the exile of most of the people of Yehudah was a major tragedy in Yisrael's history.

Prophet Elisha is highlighted here in this second summary. Elisha was the dominant prophet who continued on after Eliyah's death.

Main components of this account

The divided kingdom (1:1–17:41)
- a. The prophet Elisha (1:1–8:15)
- b. The kings of Yehudah and Yisrael (8:16–17:4)
- c. The defeat of Shomron/Samaria (17:5-41)

The kingdom of Yehudah (18:1–25:30)
- a. From Hizkiyah going to Yoshiyah (18:1–21:26)
- b. The kingdom of Yoshiyah (22:1–23:30)
- c. Yehudah's final king (23:31–24:20)
- d. The defeat of Yerushalem (25:1-30)

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Yahweh punishes King Ahazyah · Northern kingdom

1:1 After the death of Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav, Moav (Moab) rebelled against Yisrael.

2 One day, King Ahazyah fell through a lattice in his upper room in Shomron (Samaria) and was injured, so he sent messengers to go and ask Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv if he would recover. **3** But Yahweh's messenger told Eliyah (Elijah) (from Tishbeh), "Leave here and go and meet the Shomron king's messengers and ask them, 'Is it because there's no god in Yisrael that you're all going to inquire from Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv? **4** Because of that, Yahweh says that the king won't get out of the bed that he's lying in—he's definitely going to die."

So Eliyah told them and continued on his way. **5** When the messengers returned to the king, he asked them, "What's this? Why are you back here so soon?"

6 "A man came to meet us," they told him, "and he said to us, 'Go and return to the king who sent you, and tell him that Yahweh says this: Is it because there's no god in Yisrael that you are sending messengers to inquire from Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv? Therefore you'll never leave that bed that you're lying in but you'll certainly die in it.' "

7 "What was the man like," the king asked them, "who met you and gave you all that message?"

8 "He had a cloak made of animal hair," they answered, "and was wearing a leather belt."

"Ah," said the king. "That's Eliyah from Tishbeh."

9 So he sent a captain with his fifty soldiers to look for Eliyah and they found him sitting on the top of a hill. The captain called out, "Man of God, the king wants to see you."

10 But Eliyah replied, "Well, if I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky and consume you and your men," and fire came down from the sky, and it burnt up the captain and his men.

11 So the king sent another captain with his fifty men and they went to where Eliyah was and called out to him, "Prophet, the king commands that you come with us right now."

12 Again Eliyah replied, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky and consume you and your men," and God's fire came down from the sky, and it burnt up the captain and his men.

13 So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. They went to where Eliyah was and the officer knelt down in front of him and pleaded, "Prophet, I beg you, be kind to me and my fifty soldiers, and don't kill us. **14** Listen, fire came down from the sky and burnt up the first two captains and their men, but please treat my life as valuable in your sight."

15 Then Yahweh's messenger told Eliyah, "Go with them. Don't be afraid of him."

So Eliyah went with them to the king **16** and told him, "Yahweh says that you sent messengers to inquire from Ekron's god Ba'al-Zevuv, as if there's no god in Yisrael (Israel) to ask. Therefore, he says, you certainly won't get off that bed that you're on

Literal Version

1:1 And_ Mō'āv _it_rebelled against_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) after the_ _death_of 'Aḥ'āv. **2** And_ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} _he_fell through the_ _window-lattice in_his_upper_of_room which was_in_Shomrōn and_he_became_ill and_he_sent messengers and_he/it_said to_ _them go consult (in)_Ba'al- zebub the_god_of 'Eqrōn if I_will_ _live from_sickness this. **3** And_the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_ _spoke to 'Ēliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy arise go_up to_meet the_ _messengers_of the_king_of Shomrōn and_speak to_them from_not there_is_not a_god in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_you(pl) going to_consult (in)_Ba'al- zebub the_god_of 'Eqrōn. **4** And_ _therefore thus **YHWH** he_says the_bed where you_have_gone_ _up there not you_will_come_down from_her/it if/because surely_(die) you_will_die and_ 'Ēliy^{yāh} _he/it_went. **5** And_ the_ _messengers _they_returned to_him/it and_he/it_said to_them why this have_you(pl)_returned. **6** And_they_said to_him/it a_ _man he_came_up to_meet_us and_he/it_said to_us go return to the_king who he_sent you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_speak to_ _him/it thus **YHWH** he_says from_not there_is_not a_god in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_you sending to_consult (in)_Ba'al- zebub the_god_of 'Eqrōn for_so/thus/hence the_bed where you_have_ _gone_up there not you_will_come_down from_her/it if/because surely_(die) you_will_die. **7** And_he/it_spoke to_ _them what was_the_appearance_of the_man who he_came_up to_meet_you(pl) and_he/it_spoke to_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these. **8** And_they_said to_him/it a_man_ _of an_owner_of hair and_a_loincloth_of hide was_girded on_ _loins_of_his and_he_said was_'Ēliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy that. **9** And_ _he_sent to_him/it a_commander_of a_fifty and_his_fifty_of_ _men and_he/it_ascended to_him/it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_ _was_sitting on the_top_of the_hill and_he/it_spoke to_him/it Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm the_king he_has_spoken come_down. **10** And_ 'Ēliy^{yāh} _he_answered and_he/it_spoke to the_ _commander_of the_fifty and_if am_a_man_of god I fire let_it_ _come_down from the_heavens and_let_it_consume you and_ _~~DOM~~ your_fifty_of_men and_ fire _it_came_down from the_ _heavens and_she/it_ate ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ his_fifty_of_men. **11** And_he_returned and_he_sent to_him/it a_commander_of a_ _fifty another and_his_fifty_of_men and_he_answered and_ _he/it_spoke to_him/it Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm thus the_king he_says quickly come_down. **12** And_ 'Ēliy^{yāh} _he_answered and_he/it_spoke to_them if am_(the)_man_of the_'Elohīm I fire let_it_come_down from the_heavens and_let_it_consume you and_~~DOM~~ your_fifty_of_men and_ the_fire_of god _it_came_ _down from the_heavens and_she/it_ate ~~DOM~~_him/it and_~~DOM~~ his_fifty_of_men. **13** And_he_returned and_he_sent a_ _commander_of a_fifty third and_his_fifty_of_men and_he/it_ _ascended and_ the_commander_of the_fifty the_third _he_ _went and_he_bowed_down on knees_of_his to_before 'Ēliy^{yāh} and_he_sought_favour to_him/it and_he/it_spoke to_him/it Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm let_it_be_precious please life_of_my and_the_life_of your_servants these fifty in_eyes_of_your. **14** HERE fire it_has_come_down from the_heavens and_she/it_ _ate ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_commanders_of the_fifties (the)_ _former and_~~DOM~~ their_fifty_of_men and_now life_of_my let_it_ _be_precious in_eyes_of_your. **15** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to 'Ēliy^{yāh} go_down with_him do_not be_ _afraid of_him and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_descended with_ _him to the_king. **16** And_he/it_spoke to_him/it thus **YHWH**

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he_says because that you_have_sent messengers to_consult (in)_Ba´al- zebub the_god_of ´Eqrōn from_not there_is_not a_ _god in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_consult (in)_message_of_his for_ _so/thus/hence the_bed where you_have_gone_up there not you_will_come_down from_her/it if/because surely_(die) you_ _will_die. **17** And_he/it_died according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which 'Ēliyyāh he_spoke and_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him in_year two of_Yəhōrām the_ _son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) if/because not he_belonged to_him/it a_son. **18** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Aḥazyāh which he_did am_ _not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

2:1 And_he/it_was when_ **YHWH** _took_up ~~DOM~~ 'Ēliyyāh by_ _whirlwind the_heavens and_ 'Ēliyyāh and_'Elīshā´ _he/it_went from (the)_Gilgal. **2** And_ 'Ēliyyāh _he/it_said to 'Elīshā´ remain please here if/because **YHWH** he_has_sent_me to Bēyt- 'ēl and_ 'Elīshā´ _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_ _self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_they_went_down Bēyt- 'ēl. **3** And_ the_sons_of the_prophets who were_at_Bēyt- 'ēl _they_ _went_out to 'Elīshā´ and_they_said to_him/it do_you_know if/because_that the_day **YHWH** is_about_to_take ~~DOM~~ master(s)_of_your from_under head_of_your and_he/it_said also I I_know be_silent. **4** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Ēliyyāh Oh_ _'Elīshā´ remain please here if/because **YHWH** he_has_sent_me Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_ _the_life your_self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_they_came Yərīḥō. **5** And_ the_sons_of the_prophets who were_at_Yərīḥō _ _they_drew_near to 'Elīshā´ and_they_said to_him/it do_you_ _know if/because_that the_day **YHWH** is_about_to_take ~~DOM~~ master(s)_of_your from_under head_of_your and_he/it_said also I I_know be_silent. **6** And_he/it_said to_him/it 'Ēliyyāh remain please here if/because **YHWH** he_has_sent_me to_the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) and_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** and_by_ _the_life your_self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_ the_two_of_ _of_them _they_went. **7** And_fifty man from_(the)_sons of_the_ _prophets they_went and_they_stood from_before from_a_ _distance and_the_two_of_of_them they_stood at the_Yardēn. **8** And_ 'Ēliyyāh _he/it_took ~~DOM~~ cloak_of_his and_he_folded_it_ _up and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ the_waters and_they_were_divided hither and_hither and_ both_of_them _they_passed_over on_ _ground. **9** And_he/it_was just_as_they_had_passed_over and_ _'Ēliyyāh he_said to 'Elīshā´ ask what will_I_do for_you before_ _before I_will_be_taken from_with_you and_ 'Elīshā´ _he/it_said and_let_it_be please a_mouth_of two in_spirit_of_your to_me. **10** And_he/it_said you_have_made_difficult to_ask if you_will_ _see ~~DOM~~_me taken from_with_you may_it_be to/for_ _yourself(m) thus and_if not not it_will_be. **11** And_he/it_was they were_walking walking and_speaking and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_chariot_of fire and_horses_of fire and_they_separated between both_of_them and_ 'Ēliyyāh _he/it_ascended in_ _whirlwind the_heavens. **12** And_'Elīshā´ was_seeing and_he was_crying_out my_father_of_my father_of_my the_chariotry_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_horsemen_of_its and_not he_saw_him again and_he_took_hold on_clothes_of_his and_he_tore_them into_two pieces. **13** And_he_took_up ~~DOM~~ the_cloak_of 'Ēliyyāh which it_had_fallen from_on_him and_he_went_back and_he_ _stood on the_bank_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan). **14** And_he/it_took

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because you'll die in it."

17 So King Ahazyah died just as Yahweh had said via Eliyah. Then Ahazyah's younger brother Yehoram (Jehoram) became king in his place, because Ahazyah didn't have any sons. This happened in the second year of the reign of Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) son King Yehoram over Yehudah (Judah). **18** Everything else that Ahazyah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Eliyah is taken up to heaven · Northern kingdom

2:1 One day as Eliyah (Elijah) and Elisha had left Gilgal, Yahweh took Eliyah up to heaven in a storm. **2** Eliyah had told Elisha, "Now, you stay here because Yahweh has told me to go to Beyt-El (Bethel)."

"By the life of Yahweh," Elisha had responded, "and by the life of your spirit, I won't leave you." So they'd headed to Beyt-El.

3 Also the prophets-in-training who were in Beyt-El had gone out to Elisha and told him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is going to take your master away from you?"

"I already know that," he'd replied. "Don't say anything."

4 Then Eliyah had informed Elisha, "Yahweh has sent me to Yeriho (Jericho). You stay here."

He'd answered, "By the life of Yahweh and the life of your spirit, I won't leave you." So they'd gone to Yeriho.

5 The prophets-in-training who were in Yeriho had approached Elisha and briefed him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is taking your master away from you?"

"Yes, I realise that," he'd responded. "Say no more."

6 Again Eliyah had told him, "You stay here, because Yahweh has sent me to the Yarden (Jordan)."

And he'd countered, "By the life of Yahweh and the life of your spirit, I won't leave you." So the two of them had gone there together. **7** Fifty of the prophets-in-training had also gone, but they'd stood back watching from a distance, so the two of them had stood there by the Yarden. **8** Then Eliyah had taken off his cloak and doubled it over and hit the river with it. The water divided leaving a dry path and the two of them had walked across to the other side. **9** As they'd crossed over, Eliyah had told Elisha, "Tell me what you'd like me to do for you before I get taken away."

"Please," Elisha had answered, "I'd like a double amount of the spirit that you have."

10 "Oh, that's a difficult request," Eliyah had responded. "Well, if you see me being taken away from you, then you'll get what you asked for, but if you miss seeing me go, you won't."

11 Then it had happened while they were walking and talking together. Wow, a chariot of fire and horses of fire drove between the two of them, separating them. Then Eliyah went up to the heavens in the gale. **12** Elisha was watching, and he cried out,

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"My father, my father, Yisrael's (Israel's) chariot and its horsemen!"

But then Elisha could no longer see him, and he grabbed his own cloak, and tore it in half, **13** and he picked up Eliyah's cloak that had fallen down to the ground. Then he went back and stood on the bank of the Yarden (Jordan), **14** and he took Eliyah's cloak and hit the river with it, saying, "Where is Eliyah's god Yahweh?" Then as he hit the water, the river divided into two parts and Elisha crossed through the middle. **15** The prophets-in-training who were on the Yeriho (Jericho) side, affirmed, "Elisha now has the spirit that Eliyah had." Then they came forward to meet him and knelt down in front of him as a sign of respect, **16** and they requested, "Listen please, fifty of us here have military training. Please, let them go to search for your master, in case Yahweh's spirit lifted him and dropped him on a hill somewhere or into one of the valleys."

"Don't waste your time," he replied. **17** But they kept insisting so much that Elisha was embarrassed and he said, "Ok then."

So they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days, but they didn't find Eliyah. **18** When they returned to Elisha (he was staying in Yeriho), he said to them, "Didn't I tell you not to bother?"

19 Then the leaders of Yeriho city said to Elisha, "Please, this city is a good place to live, just as my master can see, but the water supplies around here are bad so our crops don't thrive."

20 "Bring me a brand new bowl," he said, "and put salt there." So they brought one to him, **21** and he went out to the spring and threw the salt at it, and announced, "Yahweh says that he's healed these water supplies and they'll no longer cause death or barrenness." **22** So now those water supplies have been healthy and beneficial until this day, just as Elisha had said.

23 From there Elisha went to Beyt-El (Bethel), and as he was going up on the road, some young men came out from the city, and started mocking him, saying, "Keep moving, baldy. Keep moving, baldy."

24 Then Elisha turned back around and looked at them, and he cursed them in Yahweh's name. Just then, two female bears came out from the forest and mauled forty-two of them.

25 Elisha carried on from there to Mt. Karmel, and from there, he returned to Shomron (Samaria).

The war between Yisrael and Moav · Northern kingdom

3:1 Ahav's son Yehoram (Jehoram) became king over Yisrael (Israel) in the eighteenth year of King Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) reign over Yehudah (Judah), and he reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for twelve years. **2** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, but not as bad as his father and mother had been, and he did remove the pillar of Ba'al that his father had made. **3** However, he committed similar sins to those of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin and didn't stop doing them. **4** Now Moav's (Moab's) King Meysha was a

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~~ÐØM~~ the_cloak_of 'Ēliy^{yāh} which it_had_fallen from_on_him and_he_struck ~~ÐØM~~ the_waters and_he_said where is_**YHWH** the_god_of 'Ēliy^{yāh} also he and_he_struck ~~ÐØM~~ the_waters and_ _they_were_divided hither and_hither and_ 'Elīshā´ _he_passed_ _over. **15** And_they_saw_him the_sons_of the_prophets who were_at_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) from_before and_they_said the_ _spirit_of 'Ēliy^{yāh} it_has_rested on 'Elīshā´ and_they_came to_ _meet_him and_they_bowed_down to_him/it ground_to_the. **16** And_they_said to_him/it HERE please there_are with your_ _servants fifty men sons_of ability let_them_go please so_that_ _they_may_search_for ~~ÐØM~~ master(s)_of_your lest it_has_ _carried_him_off the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_it_has_throw_him on_one_of the_mountains or in_one_of the[1] and_he/it_said not you(pl)_must_send. **17** And_they_urged in_him/it until was_ _ashamed and_he/it_said send_them and_they_sent_out fifty man and_they_searched three days and_not they_found_him. **18** And_they_returned to_him/it and_he was_remaining in_ _Yərīḥō and_he/it_said to_them am_not did_I_say to_you(pl) do_not go. **19** And_ the_people_of the_city _they_said to 'Elīshā´ HERE please the_location_of the_city is_good just_as my_ _master is_seeing and_the_waters are_bad and_the_earth is_ _causing_abortions. **20** And_he/it_said fetch to_me a_jar new and_put there salt and_they_took to_him/it. **21** And_he/it_ _went_out to the_outlet_of the_waters and_he_threw there salt and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says I_have_healed (to)_waters the_these not it_will_be from_there again death and_abortion. **22** And_ the_waters _they_have_been_healed until the_day the_ _this according_to_the_message_of 'Elīshā´ which he_spoke. **23** And_he/it_ascended from_there Bēyt-^{ʾēl} and_he was_going_ _up on_way and_lads young they_came_out from the_city and_ _they_derided in_him/it and_they_said to_him/it go_up Oh_ _bald_man go_up Oh_bald_man. **24** And_he_turned behind_him and_he_saw_them and_he_cursed_them in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_ two female_bears _they_came_out from the_forest and_ _they_tore_in_pieces from_them forty and_two_of boys. **25** And_he/it_went from_there to the_mountain_of (the)_ _Karmel/(Carmel) and_from_there he_returned Shomrōn.

3:1 And_Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv he_became_ _king over Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) in_Shomrōn in_year eight- teen of_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he_reigned two_plus ten year[s]. **2** And_he_did the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not like_father_of_his and_like_ _mother_of_his and_he_removed ~~ÐØM~~ the_sacred_pillar_of (the)_Ba´al which his/its_father he_had_made. **3** Only to_the_ _sins_of Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_ _caused_to_sin ~~ÐØM~~ Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_clung not he_turned_ _aside from_it. **4** And_Mēysha´ the_king_of Mō'āv he_was a_ _sheep-breeder and_he_returned to_the_king_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) one_hundred thousand lambs and_one_

1 LV 2:16 · Note OSHB variant note: תואיג/ה: (x-qere) 'תוֹיְאֵגְ/ה': lemma_d/1516 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncbpa id_12Wyn תוֹיְאֵגְ/ה

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_hundred thousand rams wool. 5 And_he/it_was just_as_died_of
'Aḥ'āv and_ the_king_of Mō'āv _he_rebelled against_the_king_
of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 6 And the_king Yəhōrām _he/it_went_out
in_the_day (the)_that from_Shomrōn and_he_mustered ᴅᴏᴍ
all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 7 And_he/it_went and_he_sent to
Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say the_king_of Mō'āv he_
_has_rebelled against_me will_you_go with_me against Mō'āv
for_battle and_he/it_said I_will_go_up as_me as_you as_people_
_of_my as_people_of_your as_horses_of_my as_horses_of_your.
8 And_he/it_said where this is_the_way which_we_will_go_up
and_he/it_said the_way_of the_wilderness_of 'Edōm. 9 And_
_he/it_went the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah)[3] and_the_king_of 'Edōm and_they_went_
_around a_journey_of seven_of days and_not it_belonged water
to_army and_to_animal[s] which was_at_feet_of_their. 10 And_
the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said alas if/because **YHWH**
he_has_summoned (to)_the_three_of[4] the_kings the_these to_
_give them in_the_hand_of Mō'āv. 11 And_
Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he/it_said is_there_not here a_
prophet to/for**YHWH** so_that_we_may_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**
from_ᴅᴏᴍ_him and_ one of_the_servants_of the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_answered and_he/it_said is_here 'Elīshā'
the_son_of Shāfāṭ who he_poured water on the_hands_of
'Ēliyʸāh. 12 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said (there) is_ᴅᴏᴍ_him the_
_message_of **YHWH** and_they_went_down to_him/it the_king_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ and_the_king_of 'Edōm.
13 And_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) what
to/for_me and_to_you go to the_prophets_of your_father_of_
_your and_near/to the_prophets_of your_mother_of_your and_
_he/it_said to_him/it the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) no if/because
YHWH he_has_summoned (to)_the_three_of the_kings the_
_these to_give them in_the_hand_of Mō'āv. 14 And_ 'Elīshā' _
_he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers whom I_
_stand before_him if/because if_not the_face_of Yəhōshāfāṭ
the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I am_lifting_up if I_will_look to_
_you and_if I_will_see_you. 15 And_now fetch to_me a_musician
and_it_was just_ the_musician _as_played and_it_became
on/upon/above_him/it the_hand_of **YHWH**. 16 And_he/it_said
thus **YHWH** he_says make the_wadi the_this ditches ditches.
17 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says not you(pl)_will_see wind
and_not you(pl)_will_see rain and_the_wadi (the)_that it_will_
_be_filled water and_ you(pl) and_livestock_of_your(pl) and_
_animal[s]_of_your(pl) _you(pl)_will_drink. 18 And_ this _it_
_will_be_trifling in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_gave
ᴅᴏᴍ Mō'āv in_hand_of_your(pl). 19 And_you(pl)_will_attack
every_of city_of fortification and_all city_of choice and_all tree
good you(pl)_will_make_fall and_all the_springs_of water
you(pl)_will_stop_up and_all/each/any/every (the)_portion_
_land (the)_good you(pl)_will_spoil with_stones. 20 And_he/it_
_was in_morning just_as_went_up the_offering and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_coming from_the_direction_of

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sheep breeder, and he would pay an annual tribute to Yisrael's king of a hundred thousand young rams, plus the wool of a hundred thousand rams. 5 However, after King Ahav died, Moav's king rebelled against Yisrael's control over them. 6 So King Yehoram set out from Shomron and mustered all of Yisrael's fighters. 7 Then he sent this message to King Yehoshafat of Yehudah, "Moav's king has rebelled against me. Will you join in battle with me against them?"

"I'll join you," he replied. "You and me are together. My people are your people, and my horses are your horses. 8 What's our strategy? Which way should we go in?" he asked.

"Through the Edom wilderness," he replied.

9 So the kings of Yisrael, Yehudah, and Edom took their armies on a seven day trip circling around, but they didn't find enough water for the men or their animals, 10 and Yisrael's king complained, "Oh dear, it seems that Yahweh has sent in us three kings to allow Moav to defeat us." 11 But Yehoshafat asked, "Isn't there one of Yahweh's prophets here, so we might inquire from Yahweh through him?"

"There's Elisha," one of the servants of Yisrael's king answered, "Shafat's son, the prophet who was Eliyah's (Elijah's) assistant."

12 "Yes, he receives Yahweh's messages," said Yehoshafat.

So the kings of Yisrael, Yehudah, and Edom, went to see him. 13 But Elisha asked Yisrael's king, "What do you and me have in common? Go and inquire from your father's prophets and your mother's prophets."

"No," the king of Yisrael said. "We came because Yahweh has called for us three kings to allow us to be defeated by Moav."

14 "As Commander-in-chief Yahweh lives," Elisha responded, "the one who I serve, I wouldn't be talking to you or even face you, if I hadn't recognised King Yehoshafat of Yehudah. 15 So now bring me a musician.

Then while the musician played, Yahweh spoke to him 16 and he said, "Yahweh says that this valley will store lots of water.[2] 17 He says that you all won't see any wind or rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you and your animals will have plenty to drink. 18 That's a piece of cake for Yahweh. What's more, he'll give you victory over Moav. 19 You'll all attack every important city, including their fortified ones. You can chop down their fruit trees, block up their springs, and ruin their good land with stones."

20 The next day at the time of the morning sacrifice, to their amazement there was water flowing from Edom and covering the ground.

21 By then, the people of Moav had heard that the kings had come to battle them, so they summoned everyone who could

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2 **RV 3:16 · Note** It's not really clear if he's saying that Yahweh will fill natural pools in the valley with water, or if he's instructing the armies to dig trenches or scrape pools that Yahweh will then fill with water.

3 **LV 3:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

4 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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wear a sword and stationed them beside the border. **22** But when they got up early the next morning and the sun rose, from the direction where they were, the water appeared to be red like blood. **23** "That's blood," they exclaimed. "Those three kings must have turned against each other and killed each other. So let's go, Moav, and collect the spoil."

24 But when they reached the allied camp, the allies attacked and they fled away. Then the allies entered Moav and attacked there. **25** They tore down the cities, and each person threw a stone onto the good land, making it useless. They blocked up every spring, and they chopped down every good tree. Eventually, only their capital city of Kir-Hareset remained standing with its stone walls, but they attacked that as well using slingshots.

26 When Moav's king saw that the attackers were stronger than them, he took a team of seven hundred swordsmen to try to break through to the king of Edom, but they failed. **27** So he took his oldest son (who would have become the next king) and sacrificed him publicly on top of the city wall. This made their people crazy furious against Yisrael (Israel), so they left and returned home.

Elisha helps a poor widow · Northern kingdom

4:1 One day a woman who was a wife of one of the prophets-in-training, called out to Elisha, "Your servant, my husband, died, and you yourself know that your servant served Yahweh. Now the moneylender has come to take two of my children in payment to become his slaves."

2 "Hmmh, what could I do to help you?" Elisha responded. "Tell me, what have you got in your house?"

"Your servant's got nothing in the house except a flask of oil," she replied.

3 He told her, "Go and ask for empty containers from all of your neighbours. Make sure you get plenty of them. **4** Then go and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour oil into all those containers. Once each one's full, set it aside." **5** So she went and she shut the door of her house with her and her sons inside. They would bring the empty containers to her, and she poured the oil. **6** Eventually when she told one of her sons to bring the next container, he told her that there wasn't any more, and at that point, the oil stopped flowing.

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'Edōm and_ the_earth/land _she/it_was_filled ĐØM the_waters. **21** And_all Mō'āv they_had_heard if/because_that the_kings they_had_come_up to_fight against_them and_they_were_ _summoned from_all one_who_girds_on_of a_belt and_upward_ _upwards and_they_took_their_stand at the_border. **22** And_ _they_rose_early in_morning and_the_sun it_shone on the_ _waters and_ Mō'āv _they_saw from_before ĐØM the_waters red like_blood. **23** And_they_said is_blood this surely_(fight) the_ _kings they_have_fought_one_another and_they_have_struck_ _down each ĐØM his/its_neighbour and_now to_plunder Oh_ _Mō'āv. **24** And_they_came to the_camp_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_arose and ĐØM Mō'āv and_they_fled from_their_face/front and[5] (in)_it and_they_defeated ĐØM Mō'āv. **25** And_the_cities they_tore_down and_all portion_of_ _land good they_threw each stone_of_his and_they_filled_it and_all spring_of water they_stopped_up and_all tree good they_made_fall until he_left_behind stones_of_its in_Qīr-hareseth and_ the_slingers _they_surrounded_it and_they_ _attacked_it. **26** And_ the_king_of Mō'āv _he/it_saw if/because_ _that it_was_too_strong from_him/it the_battle and_he/it_took with_him seven hundred(s) man who_drew_of a_sword to_ _break_through to the_king_of 'Edōm and_not they_were_able. **27** And_he/it_took ĐØM his/its_son the_firstborn who he_will_ _reign in_place_of_him and_he_offered_him_up a_burnt_ _offering on the_wall and_ severe_anger great _he/it_was towards Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_set_out from_on_him and_ _they_returned to_land.

4:1 And_a_woman one of_the_wives_of of_the_sons_of of_the_ _prophets she_cried_out to 'Elīshā' to_say servant_of_your husband_of_my he_is_dead and_you(ms) you_know if/because_ _that servant_of_your he_was fearing ĐØM **YHWH** and_the_ _creditor is_about_to_come to_take/accept/receive ĐØM the_ _two_of children_of_my to_him/it to_slaves. **2** And_he/it_said to_her/it 'Elīshā' what will_I_do for tell to_me what is_there mmm[6] in_house and_she/it_said there_belongs_not to_ _maidservant_of_your anything in_house if/because (if) a_jar_ _of oil. **3** And_he/it_said go ask to/for_you(fs) vessels from the_ _outside from_with all_of mmm[78] vessels empty do_not make_ _few. **4** And_you_will_go and_you_will_shut the_door behind_ _you and_behind children_of_your and_you_will_pour_out on all_of the_vessels the_these and_the_full_vessel you_will_set_ _aside. **5** And_she_went from_with_him and_she_shut the_door behind_her and_behind her/its_sons/descendants they were_ _bringing to_her/it and_she was_pouring_out[9]. **6** And_he/it_ _was just_ the_vessels _as_were_full and_she/it_said to son_of_ _her bring_near to_me still a_vessel and_he/it_said to_her/it there_is_not still a_vessel and_ the_oil _it_stopped. **7** And_she_ _came and_she_told to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_said go sell ĐØM the_oil and_pay ĐØM mmm[10] and_you mmm[11] you_

5 LV 3:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **ובי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וּכְי/וֹ': lemma_c/5221 morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_1278y וּכְי/וֹ

6 LV 4:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/ל**: (x-qere) 'דָּ/לִ': lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp2fs id_12WRL דָּ/לִ

7 LV 4:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/נכש**: (x-qere) 'דְּ/נָכְשׁ': lemma_7934 n_1 morph_HAampc/Sp2fs id_12r5i דְּ/נָכְשׁ

8 LV 4:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

9 LV 4:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **תקצימ**: (x-qere) 'תֻּקָּצוֹמ': lemma_3332 n_0 morph_HVhrfsa id_1216M תֻּקָּצוֹמ

10 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/ישנ**: (x-qere) 'דְּ/יָשֵׁנ': lemma_5386 n_1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2fs id_12cc4 דְּ/יָשֵׁנ

11 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכ/ינב**: (x-qere) 'דְּ/נֻּבְ/וֹ': lemma_c/1121 a n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_12MVU דְּ/נֻּבְ/וֹ

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_will_live by_remainder.

8 And_ the_day _he/it_was and_ ʾElīshāʿ _he/it_passed_through to Shūnēm and_there a_woman great and_she_urged in/on/over_him/it to_eat food and_he/it_was from_sufficiency he_passed_by he_turned_aside to_(to) to_eat food. **9** And_ _she/it_said to her/its_husband/man HERE please I_know if/because_that is_a_man_of god holy he who_passes_by at_us continually. **10** Let_us_make please an_upper_room_of a_wall small and_let_us_put to_him/it there a_bed and_a_table and_a_ _chair and_a_lampstand and_it_was when_comes_he to_us he_ _will_turn_aside to_(to). **11** And_ the_day _he/it_was and_he_ _came to_(to) and_he_turned_aside to the_upper_room and_he_ _lay_down there_(to). **12** And_he/it_said to Gēyḥₐzī servant_of_ _his summon (to)_the_woman (the)_this and_he/it_called to/for_her/it and_she_stood before_him. **13** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it say please to_her/it HERE you_have_taken_care to_us ~~DOM~~ all_of the_care (the)_this what for_doing to/for_you(fs) is_ _there to_speak to/for_you(fs) to the_king or to the_ _commander_of the_army and_she/it_said in_the_middle people_of_my_own I am_dwelling. **14** And_he/it_said and_what for_doing to/for_her/it and_ Gēyḥₐzī _he/it_said indeed a_son there_belongs_not to/for_her/it and_husband_of_her he_is_ _old. **15** And_he/it_said summon to/for_her/it and_he/it_called to/for_her/it and_she_stood at_entrance. **16** And_he/it_said to_ _time the_this about_time living you[12] will_be_embracing a_ _son and_she/it_said no my_master Oh_man_of the_ʾElohīm do_not tell_a_lie to_maidservant_of_your. **17** And_ the_woman _ _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_ _son to_time the_this about_time living which he_had_spoken to_her/it ʾElīshāʿ. **18** And_ the_child _he_grew_up and_ the_day _he/it_was and_he/it_went_out to his/its_father to the_ _harvesters. **19** And_he/it_said to his/its_father my_head my_ _head and_he/it_said to the_servant carry_him to his/its_ _mother. **20** And_he_carried_him and_he_brought_him to his/its_mother and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on knees_of_her until the_noontide(s) and_he/it_died. **21** And_ _she_went_up and_she_made_him_lie on the_bed_of the_man_ _of the_ʾElohīm and_she_shut behind_him and_she_went_out. **22** And_she/it_called/named to her/its_husband/man and_ _she/it_said send please to_me one of the_servants and_one of_ _the_donkeys so_that_I_may_run to the_man_of the_ʾElohīm and_so_that_I_may_return. **23** And_he/it_said why are_you[13] going[14] to_him/it the_day not new_moon and_not sabbath and_she/it_said peace. **24** And_she_saddled the_donkey and_ _she/it_said to servant_of_her lead_on and_go do_not hold_ _back to_me to_ride if/because (if) I_have_said to/for_you(fs). **25** And_she_went and_she_came to the_man_of the_ʾElohīm to the_mountain_of (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_he/it_was just_ the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _as_saw ~~DOM~~_her/it from_before and_ _he/it_said to Gēyḥₐzī servant_of_his THERE is_the_ _Shūnammit_woman this. **26** Now run please to_meet_her and_

Readers' Version

7 Then she went and informed the man of God, and he told her, "Go and sell the oil and pay off your debt. Then you and your sons can live on the rest."

Elisha brings a child back to life · Northern kingdom

8 One day, Elisha went to Shunem, and there was a wealthy woman there who invited him in for a meal. After that, he dropped in there for a meal whenever he was going past, **9** and the woman said to her husband, "You know, I'm sure that this man who often drops in on us is a holy man of God. **10** Please, can we make a small upstairs room on our flat roof? And we could put a bed and a lampstand in it for him, plus a table and chair. Then whenever he's passing through here, he'll have his own spot to stay."

11 Another day when Elisha arrived, he went up to his room and lay down. **12** Then he told his servant Geyhazi to call the Shunamit woman, so he called her and she came and stood in front of Elisha. **13** He told Geyhazi, "Now tell her that we've noticed how she looks after us, and ask her what we can do for her? Can we speak to the king for her or to the captain of the army?"

But she replied, "I have family and friends all around me."

14 After she'd left again, he asked Geyhazi, "Well, what can I do for her?"

"Hmmh," Geyhazi replied. "She doesn't have a son, and her husband is old."

15 "Call her then," Elisha said. So he called her and she came and stood in the doorway, **16** and Elisha told her, "In due course after the normal months, you'll have a son to hold."

"No, my master, man of God," she stammered. "Don't lie to your female servant."

17 Then the woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son after the normal time, just as Elisha had told her.

18 The child grew up and one day he went out to his father who was with the harvesters, **19** and he called to his father, "My head, my head."

His father told one of the servants, "Carry him home to his mother."

20 So the servant carried him back to his mother, and he sat on her knees until noon when he died. **21** His mother carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shutting the door behind her as she went out. **22** Then she called her husband and told him, "Please send one of the young men and one of the donkeys to me so I can run and see the man of God and then come back." **23** "Why are you going there today?" he asked. "It's not a religious holiday."

"It'll be okay," she answered, **24** and she saddled the donkey, and told the young man, "Now, let's go! You lead and don't slacken off for my comfort unless I tell you to." **25** So they set off

12 LV 4:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתא**: (x-qere) ʾתָּאּ: lemma_859 b n_1.0 morph_HPp2fs id_12kWB תָּאּ

13 LV 4:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתא**: (x-qere) ʾתָּאּ: lemma_859 b morph_HPp2fs id_127rm תָּאּ

14 LV 4:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתכלה**: (x-qere) ʾתְּכֻלָּה: lemma_1980 morph_HVqrfsa id_12F4N תְּכֻלָּה

Readers' Version

to seek out the man of God at Mt. Karmel.

When Elisha saw her coming from a distance, he told Geyhazi, "Look, there's the Shunamit woman. **26** Now, please, run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?' "

"Everything's all right," she answered. **27** Then she got to the mountain and to the man of God, and she knelt and grabbed his feet. Geyhazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her because she's upset, but Yahweh has hidden the problem from me—he hasn't informed me."

28 "Did I ask for a son from you, my master?" she said. "No, but didn't I say, 'Don't mislead me?' " **29** Then he told Geyhazi, "Tuck in your robe and take my staff in your hand, and go quickly. If you meet anyone, just keep going and don't stop to bless them, and if someone blesses you, don't stop to answer them. When you get there, lay my staff on the young man's face."

30 But the mother of the young man said, "By the life of Yahweh and the life of your spirit, I won't leave without you." So he got ready, and went with her. **31** However, Geyhazi had gone ahead and he put the staff on the young man's face, but he didn't open his eyes or make a sound. So he returned to meet Elisha and told him that the young man didn't wake up.

32 When Elisha reached the house, it was a shock to see the young man lying on his bed, dead. **33** He went in and he shut the door behind the other two, and he prayed to Yahweh. **34** Then he got on the bed, and he lay on the child and bent down near him, putting his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his palms on his palms. Then the child's body started getting warmer, **35** and he got down and walked around the room several times. Then he got on the bed again, and bent down near him. The young man gasped several times, and then opened his eyes. **36** Then he called to Geyhazi, and told him to call the Shunamit woman, and he called her, and she came and Elisha told her, "Here, take your son." **37** Then she came in and fell to her knees in front of him with her face to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out, **38** and Elisha returned to Gilgal.

Two more miracles · Northern kingdom

At that time, there was a drought and the prophets-in-training were sitting facing him, and Elisha told his servant, "Get the large pot and boil a stew for these prophets-in-training." **39** One person went out to the countryside to gather herbs, and he found a wild vine, and he collected wild fruit from it—as many as he could hold in the fold of his robe. Then not realising that they were poisonous, he came and he sliced them into the pot of stew. **40** Then they served it up for the men to eat, but when they ate it, they called out, "Man of God, there's poison in that pot!" **41** "Bring me some flour," Elisha said. Then he threw it into the pot, and said, "Serve it up for the people to eat," and no one was harmed.

Literal Version

_say to/for_her/it does_peace to/for_you(fs) does_peace belong_to_husband_of_your does_peace belong_to_child and_ _she/it_said peace. **27** And_she_came to the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm to the_mountain and_she_took_hold on_feet_of_his and_ Gēyḥ$_a$zī _he_drew_near to_drive_her_away and_ the_man_ _of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said refrain to/for_her/it if/because self_of_her it_is_bitter to/for_her/it and_**YHWH** he_has_hidden from_me and_not he_has_told to_me. **28** And_she/it_said did_I_ _ask_for a_son from_with my_master not did_I_say not you_ _must_deceive ᴅᴏᴍ_me. **29** And_he/it_said to_Gēyḥ$_a$zī gird_up loins_of_your and_take staff_of_my in_hand_of_your and_go if/because you_will_meet anyone not you_must_bless_him and_ _because/when he_will_bless_you anyone not you_must_ _answer_him and_you_will_put staff_of_my on the_face_of the_ _lad. **30** And_ the_mother_of the_lad _she/it_said by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** and_by_the_life your_self_of_your if I_will_leave_you and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went after_her. **31** And_Gēyḥ$_a$zī he_passed_on before_them and_he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_staff on the_face_of the_lad and_there_was_not a_sound and_there_ _was_not attentiveness and_he_went_back to_meet_him and_ _he_told to_him/it to_say not the_lad he_has_awakened. **32** And_ 'Elīshā' _he_came to_the_house and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_lad was_dead he_was_laid on bed_of_his. **33** And_he_went and_he/it_closed_up the_door behind both_of_them and_he_ _prayed to **YHWH**. **34** And_he/it_ascended and_he_lay on the_ _child and_he/it_assigned mouth_of_his on mouth_of_his and_ _eyes_of_his on eyes_of_his and_palms_of_his on mmm[15] and_ _he_bent_down on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_flesh_of the_ _child _it_became_warm. **35** And_he_went_back and_he/it_went in_house one_time hither and_one_time hither and_he/it_ _ascended and_he_bent_down on/upon/above_him/it and_ the_lad _he_sneezed until seven times and_ the_lad _he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his. **36** And_he/it_called (to) Gēyḥ$_a$zī and_he/it_ _said summon (to) the_Shūnammit_woman (the)_this and_he_ _summoned_her and_she_came to_him/it and_he/it_said take_ _up son_of_your. **37** And_she_came and_she_fell at feet_of_his and_she_bowed_down ground_to_the and_she_took_up ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_her and_she_went_out. **38** And_'Elīshā' he_returned to_ _(the)_Gilgal and_(the)_famine on_the_earth and_the_sons of_ _the_prophets were_sitting before_him and_he/it_said to_ _servant_of_his put_on the_pot (the)_large and_cook cooked_ _food for_the_sons_of the_prophets.

39 And_ one_man _he/it_went_out to the_field to_gather herbs and_he_found a_vine_of the_field and_he_gathered from_ _him/it gourds_of the_field the_fullness_of his_garment_of_his and_he_came and_he_sliced_them into the_pot_of the_cooked_ _food if/because not people_knew. **40** And_they_poured_it_out for_the_men to_eat and_he/it_was just_as_they_ate some_of_ _the_cooked_food and_they they_cried_out and_they_said death is_in_pot Oh_man_of the_'Elohīm and_not they_were_ _able to_eat_it. **41** And_he/it_said and_fetch flour and_he_ _threw_it into the_pot and_he/it_said pour_it_out for_people so_that_they_may_eat and_not it_was a_thing bad in_pot. **42** And_a_man he_came from_Ba'al- shalishah and_he/it_ _brought to_the_man_of the_'Elohīm bread_of first-fruits twenty bread[s] barley(s) and_new_corn in_sack_of_his and_

15 LV 4:34 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/פַכ: (x-qere) וְ/יְפַכְּ: lemma_3709 n_1.1 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3ms id_12J1i וְ/יְפַכְּ

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_he/it_said give_it to_people so_that_they_may_eat. **43** And_ servant_of_his _he/it_said what will_I_set this to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before a_hundred man and_he/it_said give_it to_people so_that_they_may_eat if/because thus **YHWH** he_ _says they_will_eat and_they_will_have_more_than_enough. **44** And_he/it_gave before_them and_they_ate and_they_had_ _more_than_enough according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**.

5:1 And_Na´ₐmān the_commander_of the_army_of the_king_of ’Arām he_was a_man great to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before master(s)_of_his and_lifted_up_of face if/because in_him/it **YHWH** he_had_given victory to_’Arām and_the_man he_was a_ _mighty_man_of strength having_a_skin_disease. **2** And_’Arām they_had_gone_out marauding_bands and_they_had_taken_ _captive from_the_land_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) a_girl young and_it_ _became to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_wife_of Na´ₐmān. **3** And_she/it_said to mistress_of_her would_that my_ _master to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_prophet who is_in_Shomrōn then he_will_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_his_skin_ _of_disease. **4** And_he_went and_he_told to_his_master(s) to_ _say like_this and_like_this the_girl who is_from_the_land_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) she_spoke. **5** And_ the_king_of ’Arām _he/it_ _said come go and_I_will_send a_letter to the_king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_went and_he/it_took in_his/its_hand ten talents_of silver and_six_of thousand(s) gold and_ten changes_of garments. **6** And_he/it_brought the_letter to the_ _king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) to_say and_now just_ the_letter the_ _this _as_comes to_you HERE I_have_sent to_you ᴅᴏᴍ Na´ₐmān servant_of_my and_you_will_deliver_him from_his_skin_of_ _disease. **7** And_he/it_was just_ the_king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) _as_ _read_aloud ᴅᴏᴍ the_letter and_he_tore clothes_of_his and_ _he/it_said god am_I to_kill and_to_restore_to_life that/for/because/then/when this_man is_sending to_me to_ _deliver a_man from_his_skin_of_disease if/because only consider please and_see if/because_that he is_seeking_an_ _opportunity to_me. **8** And_he/it_was just_as_heard ’Elīshā´ the_man_of the_’Elohīm if/because_that the_king_of Yisrā’ēl/(Israel) he_had_torn ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_he_sent to the_king to_say to/for_what did_you_tear clothes_of_your let_ _him_come please to_me so_that_he_may_know if/because_ _that there_is a_prophet in_Yisrā’ēl/(Israel). **9** And_ Na´ₐmān _ _he_came his[17] and_with_chariot[s]_of_his and_he_stood the_ _entrance_of the_house of_’Elīshā´. **10** And_he_sent to_him/it ’Elīshā´ a_messenger to_say go and_you_will_wash seven times in_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_ flesh_of_your _it_will_return to/for_ _yourself(m) and_be_clean. **11** And_ Na´ₐmān _he_was_angry and_he_went and_he/it_said HERE I_said to_me he_will_come_ _out surely_(come_out) and_he_will_stand and_he_will_call in/on_name_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_he_will_wave his/its_ _hand to the_place and_he_will_deliver the_one_who_has_a_

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42 One day a man came from Ba’al-Shalishah, and he brought to the man of God an offering from the beginning of his harvest: twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly-harvested corn in his sack, and Elisha said to his servant, “Give it to our people so they can eat.”

43 “How can I divide that out to one hundred men?” asked his servant.

“Give them to the people so they can eat,” he replied, “because Yahweh says that they can eat and have left-overs.” **44** So he laid it out in front of them and they ate and had left-overs, just like Yahweh had said would happen.

Na’aman’s healing · Northern kingdom

5:1 Now Na’aman was the captain in Aram’s (Syria’s) army. He was highly respected by Aram’s king, and was promoted to a high position because Yahweh had helped Aram win many battles because of him. However, despite his military prowess, he suffered from a serious skin disease called leprosy.[16] **2** Previously troops that had been sent out from Aram, had taken a young Israeli girl captive and she had become Na’aman’s wife’s servant. **3** One day she said to her mistress, “I wish that my master would go and see the prophet who lives in Shomron (Samaria), and then he would cure him of his leprosy.” **4** In due course, Na’aman heard and went and told his master what the young Israeli girl had said. **5** The king of Aram responded, “Ok, I’ll write a letter to the king of Yisrael (Israel) for you to take.”

So Na’aman set off, taking along 70kg of gold, 300kg of silver, and ten sets of fine clothes, **6** and he took the letter to the king of Yisrael. The letter said, “Greetings. When this letter gets to you, see, I’ve sent my servant Na’aman to you so that you can heal his skin disease.”

7 However when Yisrael’s king read the letter, he tore his clothes in despair, and he said, “Do they think that I’m God who ends people’s lives and gives life to others? Why’s this person sending a man here for me to take away his skin disease? Surely he must be creating a situation so he has an excuse to attack me!”

8 Later when Elisha the man of God heard that Yisrael’s king had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why did you tear your clothes? Please, let that man come to me so he can know that there *is* a prophet in Yisrael.” **9** So Na’aman came on his chariots and horses, and he stood at the entrance to Elisha’s house. **10** Elisha sent a messenger out to him to tell him, “Go and wash seven times in the Yarden (Jordan) river, and then you’ll be better and your skin will go back to normal.”

11 But Na’aman was furious, and he left, saying, “Listen, I said to myself that he’d surely come out and stand there and call on the name of his god Yahweh, then he’d wave his hand over my body and take away the skin disease. **12** Aren’t the Damesek

16 RV 5:1-14 · Cross-ref. Luk 4:27.

17 LV 5:9 · Note OSHB variant note: וסוס/ב: (x-qere) ’וְיָסוּס/בִ’: lemma_b/5483 b morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_12JqE וְיָסוּס/בִ

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(Damascus) rivers Avanah and Parpar better than any river in Yisrael? Can't I bathe in them instead and get healed?" So he turned and he went off angrily. **13** Then some of his servants approached him and suggested, "My master, if the prophet had told you to do something more significant, wouldn't you have done it? So maybe you could do the simple thing that he told you: wash and get better."

14 So Na'aman went down to the Yarden river and dipped in it seven times like the man of God had told him to. Then his skin became clear again, like the skin of a young boy, and he was healed. **15** Then he returned to the man of God along with his entire retinue. Standing in front of him, he said, "Look, please. I know that there is no god in all the earth except in Yisrael. Now, please, accept a blessing from your servant."

16 "By the life of Yahweh who I serve," he responded, "I won't take anything."

Na'aman urged him to take something, but he kept refusing. **17** Then Na'aman said, "Well if not, please, at least may we load a pair of mules with some soil to take back with us, because from now on, your servant will no longer make a burnt offering or a sacrifice to other gods—only to Yahweh. **18** However, I'll ask in advance: May Yahweh forgive your servant when my master goes to the house of the god Rimon to prostrate himself there, and he's leaning on my hand, and I prostrate myself in the house of Rimon. When I prostrate myself in the house of Rimon, please may Yahweh forgive your servant for this one activity."

19 "Go in peace," Elisha replied.

After they'd gone a short distance, **20** Elisha's servant said to himself, "Hmmh, my master wouldn't take anything from that Na'aman the Aramean. By the life of Yahweh, I think I should run after him and take something that he brought." **21** So Geyhazi hurried after Na'aman. When Na'aman saw a person running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him, and he said, "Is there a problem?"

22 "Peace," he said, "My master sent me to tell you that two young prophets-in-training arrived from the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim). Can we please have 30kg of silver and two sets of clothing for them?"

23 "Sure," said Na'aman. "Take 60kg," he urged him. Then he separated 60kg of silver into two bags along with two sets of clothes, then he gave them to two of his young men to carry back for him. **24** When Geyhazi reached the hill, he sent the men back and they returned to Na'aman. Then he took the sacks that they'd brought and hid them in the house. **25** When he went back in to his master, Elisha asked him, "Where did you go, Geyhazi?"

"Your servant hasn't been anywhere," he replied.

26 "Wasn't I there in spirit when a man turned from on his

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_skin_disease. **12** Not good are_Amana[18] and_Parpar the_rivers_ _of Dammeseq from_all the_waters_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not will_ _I_wash (is)_in_them and_I_will_be_clean and_he_turned and_ _he/it_went in_a_rage. **13** And_ servants_of_his _they_drew_ _near and_they_spoke to_him/it and_they_said would_that a_ _thing great the_prophet he_spoke to_you am_not will_you_do_ _it and_indeed if/because he_has_said to_you wash and_be_ _clean. **14** And_he/it_descended and_he_dipped in_Yardēn seven times according_to_the_message_of the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm and_ flesh_of_his _it_returned like_the_flesh_of a_lad young and_he_was_clean. **15** And_he_went_back to the_man_of the_'Elohīm he and_all camp_of_his and_he_came and_he_ _stood before_him and_he/it_said HERE please I_know if/because_that there_is_not a_god in_all the_earth/land if/because (if) in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now accept please a_ _blessing from_with servant_of_your. **16** And_he/it_said by_ _the_life of_**YHWH** whom I_stand before_him if I_will_accept and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it to_take/accept/receive and_ _he_refused. **17** And_ Na'ₐmān _he/it_said and_not let_it_be_ _given please to_servant_of_your the_load_of a_pair_of mules earth if/because not he_will_offer again servant_of_your burnt_offering and_sacrifice to_gods other if/because (if) to/for_**YHWH**. **18** To_the_message/thing/matter the_this **YHWH** may_he_forgive (to)_servant_of_your when_ my_master _goes the_house_of Rimmōn to_bow_down there_(to) and_he is_leaning on hand_of_my and_I_will_bow_down the_house_of Rimmōn when_I_bow_down the_house_of Rimmōn may_he_ _forgive wwww[19] **YHWH** (to)_servant_of_your in_matter (the)_ _this. **19** And_he/it_said to_him/it go to_peace and_he/it_went from_with_him a_distance_of land. **20** And_ Gēyḥₐzī the_ _servant_of 'Elīshā' the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said HERE my_master he_has_restrained ᴅᴏᴍ Na'ₐmān the_'Arammiy the_ _this from_accepting from_hand_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_ _brought by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because if I_run after_him and_I_will_accept from_with_him anything. **21** And_ Gēyḥₐzī _ _he_pursued after Na'ₐmān and_ Na'ₐmān _he_saw one_who_ _ran after_him and_he_fell from_under the_chariot to_meet_ _him and_he/it_said peace. **22** And_he/it_said peace my_master he_has_sent_me to_say HERE now this they_have_come to_me two_of young_men from_hill of_'Efrayim from_(the)_sons of_ _the_prophets give please to/for_them a_talent_of silver and_ _two_of changes_of garments. **23** And_ Na'ₐmān _he/it_said be_ _willing accept two_talents and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_laid_siege two_talents silver in_two_of bags and_ _two_of changes_of garments and_he/it_gave to two_of his_ _servants_of_his and_they_carried_them before_him. **24** And_ _he_came to the_hill and_he/it_took from_hand_of_their and_ _he_deposited_them in_house and_he_sent_away ᴅᴏᴍ the_men and_they_went. **25** And_he he_went and_he_stood to master(s)_ _of_his and_he/it_said to_him/it 'Elīshā' mmm[20] Oh_Gēyḥₐzī and_he/it_said not servant_of_your he_has_gone where and_ _where. **26** And_he/it_said to_him/it not heart_of_my did_it_go just_as a_man he_turned from_under chariot_of_his to_meet_

18 LV 5:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **הנבא**: (x-qere) **הָֽנָּבִֽא**': lemma_549 morph_HNp id_126a2 **הָֽנָּבִֽא**

19 LV 5:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **אנ**: (x-qere)

20 LV 5:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **וא/מ**: (x-qere) **וָיֵא/מ**': lemma_m/575 n_1.0 morph_HR/Tn id_12vQm **וָיֵא/מ**

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_you a_time to_take/accept/receive ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_silver and_to_
_accept clothes and_olive_trees and_vineyards and_sheep and_
_cattle and_male_servants and_maidservants. **27** And_the_skin_
_disease_of Na´ₐmān it_will_cling to_you and_to_offspring_of_
_your forever_perpetuity and_he/it_went_out from_before_
_face_of_him having_a_skin_disease like_snow.
6:1 And_ the_sons_of the_prophets _they_said to ʾElīshā´ HERE
please the_place where we are_dwelling there to_your_face it_
_is_too_cramped for_us. **2** Let_us_go please to the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_let_us_take from_there each a_beam one
and_let_us_make to/for_ourselves there a_place to_dwell there
and_he/it_said go. **3** And_ the_one _he/it_said be_willing please
and_go with your_servants and_he/it_said I I_will_go. **4** And_
_he/it_went with_them and_they_came to_the_Yardēn and_
_they_cut_down (the)_trees. **5** And_he/it_was the_one was_
_making_fall the_beam and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_iron it_fell into the_waters
and_he_cried_out and_he/it_said alas my_master and_he was_
asked. **6** And the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _he/it_said where did_
_it_fall and_he_showed_him ᴅᴏᴍ the_place and_he_cut_off a_
_piece_of_wood and_he_threw_it to_(to) and_he_caused_to_
_float the_iron. **7** And_he/it_said lift_it to/for_you(fs) and_he_
_stretched_out his/its_hand and_he_took_it.

8 And_the_king_of ʾArām he_was fighting against_
_Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) and_he_consulted (to) servants_of_his to_say
will_be_to a_place_of a_certain_one a_certain_one
encampment_of_my. **9** And_ the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _he_sent
to the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) to_say take_care from_passing_
_by the_place the_this if/because there ʾArām is_descending.
10 And_ the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) _he_sent to the_place
which he_had_spoken to_him/it the_man_of the_ʾElohīm and**21**
and_he_took_care there not one_time and_not two_times.
11 And_ the_heart_of the_king_of ʾArām _it_was_disturbed on
the_matter the_this and_he/it_called to_servants_of_his and_
_he/it_said to_them am_not will_you(pl)_tell to_me who from_
_those_who_belong_to_us is_to the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel).
12 And_ one of_servants_of_his _he/it_said no my_master the_
_king if/because ʾElīshā´ the_prophet who is_in_Yisrā´ēl/(Israel)
he_tells to_the_king_of Yisrā´ēl/(Israel) ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_words/messages which you_speak in_the_chamber_of your_
_lying_down_of_your. **13** And_he/it_said go and_see where is_
_he so_that_I_may_send and_so_that_I_may_capture_him and_
_it_was_told to_him/it to_say THERE in_Dotān. **14** And_he_sent
to_(to) horses and_chariotry and_an_army massive and_they_
_came night and_they_surrounded (on) the_city. **15** And_ the_
_servant_of the_man_of the_ʾElohīm _he_rose_early to_arise
and_he/it_went_out and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE an_army was_
_surrounding ᴅᴏᴍ the_city and_horse[s] and_chariotry and_
servant_of_his _he/it_said to_him/it alas my_master how will_
_we_do. **16** And_he/it_said do_not be_afraid if/because are_
_many those_who are_with_us more_than_those_who are_

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chariot to meet you?" Elisha said to him, "Is this a time to take silver or clothing, or to take olive trees or vineyards, or sheep or cattle, or male or female servants? **27** Because of that, Na'aman's leprosy will transfer to you and to your offspring forever." When Geyhazi left the room, his skin had gone white as snow and he was now a leper.

The floating axe head · Northern kingdom

6:1 One day, the prophets-in-training said to Elisha, "Please look, The place where we're sitting to learn from you is too narrow to fit us all in. **2** Please, let us go down by the Yarden (Jordan) river, and let each of us cut down and bring back a log from there to make a new classroom for us to sit in."

"Go ahead," he answered.

3 One of them insisted, "Please, say that you'll come with your servants."

"Okay then, I'll come," he said. **4** So he went with them to the Yarden valley to cut down some trees, **5** but while one of them was chopping down a tree, suddenly the axe head separated from the handle and went flying into the water. The man called out to Elisha, "Oh, Master, what should I do? It's not my axe—I borrowed it!"

6 "Where did it fall in?" the man of God asked. After the man had shown him the place, Elisha cut off a stick and threw it there, and the iron axe head rose to the surface. **7** "Now get it out," he said, and the man stretched out and grabbed it.

The Arami army is defeated · Northern kingdom

8 In those days, the king of Aram (Syria) was fighting against Yisrael (Israel), and he'd instruct his servants, "Set up our camp in such and such a place." **9** However, the man of God sent to Yisrael's king to warn him, "Beware of passing by such and such a place, because the Aramean army will be attacking there." **10** So the king would send messengers to the people at that place to warn them to watch and be prepared.

That happened several times **11** and the Aramean king got very upset about it. He called in his servants and demanded, "Which one of you is a traitor—passing military intelligence to the king of Yisrael?"

12 "No, my master the king," a servant answered. "It's the prophet Elisha in Yisrael who tells their king the things that you say even in your bedroom."

13 "Go and find out where he is," he instructed, "and I'll send some men there to capture him."

"He's in Dotan," he was told later. **14** So he sent chariots and horses and a large contingent, and they arrived there at night and surrounded the town.

15 Early the next morning, the servant of the man of God got up, and going outside he was shocked to see chariots and horses and an army surrounding the town, so he called Elisha, "Oh, my master! What will we do?"

16 "Don't be afraid," he said, "because we have many more than

21 LV 6:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ה/ריהזה/ו: (x-qere) יו/ריהזה/ו: lemma_c/2094 b n_1.0 morph_HC/Vhp3ms/Sp3ms id_12Sxm יו/ריהזה/ו

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that on our side." **17** Then Elisha prayed, "Yahweh, please enable his sight so he can see." Then Yahweh enabled the eyes of the young man, and he was stunned to see that the hill was covered with chariots of fire and horses all around Elisha.

18 When the Arameans approached to swoop in, Elisha prayed to Yahweh, "Please, strike those warriors with blinding light." So Yahweh struck them with blinding light just as Elisha had requested, **19** and Elisha told them, "This isn't the right way, and this isn't the town. Follow me, and let me lead you to the man you're looking for."

Then he led them to Shomron (Samaria), **20** and when they'd entered the city, Elisha said, "Yahweh, open the eyes of these people so they can see." So Yahweh opened their eyes, and then they were stunned to see that they were in the middle of Shomron.

21 When he saw them, the king of Yisrael (Israel) asked Elisha, "Should I kill them? Should I kill them, my father?" **22** "No, don't kill them," he replied. "Would you cold-bloodedly kill your prisoners of war? No, give them bread and water and let them eat and drink, and then they can return to their master." **23** So the king prepared a large meal for them, and they ate and drank, and he sent them off to return to their master. After that, the Aramean troops didn't continue their ventures into Yisrael.

Ben-Hadad besieges Shomron/Samaria · Northern kingdom

24 Sometime after that, King Ben-Hadad of Aram (Syria) assembled all of his warriors and attacked Shomron (Samaria), and besieged it. **25** Being surrounded like that caused a terrible famine inside the city, until a donkey's head would be sold for eighty silver coins, and a cup of doves' droppings was sold for five silver coins.

26 One day as the king of Yisrael (Israel) was walking past on the top of the city wall, a woman cried out to him, "Save me, my master, the king!"

27 "If Yahweh won't save you, how could I possibly save you?" he snapped. "Some grain from the threshing floor or some wine from the wine-pressing pit?" **28** Then he asked her, "Okay, what's your problem?"

"This woman said to me, 'Let's have your son and we'll eat him today, then we'll eat my son tomorrow,' " she answered. **29** "So we boiled my son and ate him, and then the next day I said, 'Hand over your son and we'll eat him,' but she'd hidden him."

30 When he heard that, the king (standing up on the wall) tore his clothes, and the people could see to their astonishment that he was wearing sackcloth underneath, **31** and he said, "May God do that to me and more, if Shafat's son Elisha still has his head on him by the end of the day."

Literal Version

_with_them. **17** And_ 'Elīshā' _he_prayed and_he_said Oh_ _**YHWH** open please ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his so_that_he_may_see and_ **YHWH** _he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of the_servant and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_hill it_was_full horses and_chariotry_ _of fire around_of 'Elīshā'. **18** And_they_came_down to_him/it and_ 'Elīshā' _he_prayed to **YHWH** and_he_said strike please ᴅᴏᴍ the_nation the_this with_(the)_blindness(es) and_he_ _struck_them with_(the)_blindness(es) according_to_the_ _message_of 'Elīshā'. **19** And_he/it_said to_them 'Elīshā' not this is_the_way and_not this the_city come after_me and_let_me_ _lead you(pl) to the_man whom you(pl)_seek and_he_led them to_Shomrōn. **20** And_he/it_was just_as_they_came Shomrōn and_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_said Oh_**YHWH** open ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of these_men so_that_they_may_see and_ **YHWH** _he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_their and_they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE in_the_ _middle of_Shomrōn. **21** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said to 'Elīshā' just_as_he_saw them will_I_strike_them_ _down will_I_strike_them_down my_father_of_my. **22** And_ _he/it_said not you_must_strike_them_down those_whom you_ _have_taken_captive by_sword_of_your and_by_bow_of_your are_you about_to_strike_down set food and_water before_them so_that_they_may_eat and_so_that_they_may_drink and_let_ _them_go to master(s)_of_their. **23** And_he_gave_a_feast to/for_ _them a_feast great and_they_ate and_they_drank and_he_let_ _them_go and_they_went to master(s)_of_their and_not they_ _repeated again the_marauding_bands_of 'Arām to_come in_ _land of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

24 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Ben Hadad the_king_of 'Arām _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of army_of_his and_he/it_ascended and_ _he/it_laid_siege on Shomrōn. **25** And_he/it_was a_famine great in_Shomrōn and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_laying_ _siege on/upon_it(f) until was the_head_of a_donkey for_eighty silver and_the_fourth_part_of the_kab wwww wwww**222324** for_ _five silver. **26** And_he/it_was the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_ _passing_by on the_wall and_a_woman she_cried_out to_him/it to_say save my_master the_king. **27** And_he/it_said not let_ _him_save_you **YHWH** from_where will_I_save_you the_(one)_ _from the_threshing_floor or from the_winepress. **28** And_ _he/it_said to/for_her/it the_king what is_to_you and_she/it_ _said the_woman (the)_this she_said to_me give ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_ _your so_that_we_may_eat_him the_day and_ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my we_will_eat tomorrow. **29** And_we_cooked ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_my and_ _we_ate_him and_I_said to_her/it in_the_day (the)_one give ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_your so_that_we_may_eat_him and_she_had_ _hidden ᴅᴏᴍ son_of_her. **30** And_he/it_was just_ the_king _as_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_woman and_he_tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_he was_passing_by on the_wall and_ the_people _he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE (the)_sackcloth was_on flesh_of_his from_inside. **31** And_he/it_said thus may_ _he_do to/for_me god and_thus may_he_add if the_head_of 'Elīshā' the_son_of Shāfāṭ it_will_remain_standing on/upon/above_him/it the_day. **32** And_'Elīshā' was_sitting in_ _house_of_his and_the_elders were_sitting with_him/it and_

22 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB variant note: מינויירח: (x-qere) 'מֵינֹוִיבִד': lemma_1686 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_12Bqs מֵינֹוִיבִד

23 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

24 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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_he_had_sent a_man from_before_face_of_him before_before the_messenger he_came to_him/it and_he he_said to the_ _elders do_you(pl)_see if/because_that the_son_of the_ _murderer the_this he_has_sent to_remove ĐOM my_head look just_ the_messenger _as_comes shut the_door and_you(pl)_ _will_push ĐOM_him/it with_door am_not is_the_sound_of the_ _feet_of his_master(s)_of_his after_him. **33** Still_he was_ _speaking with_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_messenger was_coming_down to_him/it and_he/it_said HERE this the_ _calamity is_from_with **YHWH** why will_I_wait to/for_**YHWH** still.
7:1 And_ ʾElīshāʿ _he/it_said hear the_message_of **YHWH** thus **YHWH** he_says about_time tomorrow a_seah fine_flour for_a_ _shekel and_two_seahs barley(s) for_a_shekel at_the_gate_of Shomrōn. **2** And_ the_officer who to/for_the_king who_was_ _leaning on his/its_hand _he_answered ĐOM the_man_of the_ _ʾElohīm and_he_said HERE **YHWH** is_making windows in_ _heavens will_ the_thing the_this _it_happen and_he/it_said here_you are_about_to_see with_your_two's_own_of_eyes and_ _from_there not you_will_eat. **3** And_four men they_were those_who_had_a_skin_disease the_entrance_of the_gate and_ _they_said each to his/its_neighbour why are_we sitting here until we_have_died. **4** If we_said we_will_enter the_city and_ _the_famine is_in_city and_we_will_die there and_if we_sat here and_we_will_die and_now come and_let_us_fall to the_ _camp_of ʾArām if they_will_let_us_live we_will_live and_if they_will_put_us_to_death and_we_will_die. **5** And_they_arose at_twilight to_go to the_camp_of ʾArām and_they_came to the_ _edge_of the_camp_of ʾArām and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_ _not there anyone. **6** And_the_of_master he_had_caused_to_ _hear ĐOM the_camp_of ʾArām a_sound_of chariotry a_sound_of horse[s] a_sound_of an_army large and_they_said each to his/its_brother HERE he_has_hired on_us the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) ĐOM the_kings_of the_Ḫittiy and_ĐOM the_ _kings_of Miṣrayim/(Egypt) to_come on_us. **7** And_they_arose and_they_fled at_twilight and_they_abandoned ĐOM tents_of_ _their and_ĐOM horses_of_their and_ĐOM donkeys_of_their the_ _camp just_as it_was and_they_fled to life_of_their. **8** And_ those_who_had_a_skin_disease the_these _they_came to the_ _edge_of the_camp and_they_came into a_tent one and_they_ _ate and_they_drank and_they_carried_off from_there silver and_gold and_clothes and_they_went and_they_hid_them and_ _they_returned and_they_came into a_tent another and_they_ _carried_off_things from_there and_they_went and_they_hid_ _them. **9** And_they_said each to his/its_neighbour not right we are_doing the_day the_this is_a_day_of news it and_we are_ _silent and_we_will_wait until the_light_of the_morning and_ _it_will_find_us punishment and_now come and_let_us_go and_ _let_us_tell the_household_of the_king. **10** And_they_came and_ _they_called_out to the_gatekeeper_of the_city and_they_told to/for_them to_say we_went into the_camp_of ʾArām and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE there_was_not there anyone and_the_sound_ _of anyone if/because (if) the_horse[s] are_tethered and_the_ _donkey[s] are_tethered and_the_tents just_as they_were.
11 And_ the_gatekeepers _he/it_called and_they_told the_ _household_of the_king within. **12** And_ the_king _he/it_rose_ _up night and_he/it_said to servants_of_his let_me_tell please to/for_you(pl) ĐOM that_which they_have_done to/for_us

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32 Meanwhile, Elisha was sitting at home, joined by the city elders. The king had sent a warrior ahead of him, and before he'd arrived at the house, Elisha had told the elders, "Well now, that son of a murderer has sent an assassin to separate me from my head. Listen, when that hit-man arrives, shut the door and lean against it. His master won't be far behind him." **33** He was still talking with them, when, wow, the warrior was coming towards the house soon followed by the king who said, "Listen, Yahweh caused this disaster so why should I trust him any longer?"

7:1 "Listen to what Yahweh says," Elisha responded, "Yahweh says that at this time tomorrow, a drum of flour will be sold for a shekel, and two drums of barley will be sold for a shekel at the city gate."

2 "That's impossible," interjected the captain at the king's side. "Yahweh would have to make windows in the sky."

"Oh, it'll happen," the man of God answered, "and you'll see it with your own eyes, but you won't get to eat any of it."

3 That day, four men who were isolated due to a skin disease were at the city gate, and they asked each other, "Why are we just sitting here until we starve? **4** If we go into the city, we'll starve to death in there, but if we sit here, we'll die anyway. Why don't we go into the Aramean army camp—if they kill us then we'll die, but if they let us live, then we'll live." **5** So as it was getting dark, they went to go into the camp, but as they came to the edge of it, to their surprise there wasn't a person in sight. **6** It turned out that the master had caused the Aramean army to hear the sounds of chariots and horses and a large army, so they'd said to each other that the king of Yisrael (Israel) must have hired the Hiti and Mitsri (Egyptian) kings to join together to fight them. **7** As a result, they'd taken off and fled in the twilight. They'd abandoned their tents and horses and donkeys—leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives.

8 So those four men with leprosy approached the edge of the camp and went into the first tent, and ate and drank. Then they took some gold and silver and clothes out, and they went and hid it. Then they returned and went into another tent, and stole some stuff from that one, and went and hid that. **9** Then they said to each other, "We shouldn't really be doing this today. It's a day of good news, but we've been keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until the light of the morning, we'll get punished for it, so let's go now and inform the king's household." **10** So they went and called out to one of the city gatekeepers, and they informed them, "We went to the Aramean camp, but listen, there wasn't anyone there, or any voices. The horses and donkeys were still tethered, and the tents were left just as they were."

11 The gatekeepers called out, and the news was reported to the palace. **12** Although it was already night-time, the king got up and warned his servants, "I'll tell you what's going on here: The Arameans know that we're hungry, so they left their camp to go and hide in the countryside, thinking that we'd go out from the city, and then they could capture us and take over the city."

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13 But one of his servants answered, "Sir, please, let us take five of the remaining horses. They're pretty much finished anyway, like the remaining population of Yisrael (Israel), so there's not much to lose. Let us go and investigate." 14 So with the king's permission, they took two chariot horses and went to check out the Aramean camp. 15 They went as far as the Yarden (Jordan) river, and were amazed that the whole road was full of clothing and equipment that the Arameans had thrown off in their rush, and the messengers returned and informed the king. 16 So the people went out and plundered the camp. Then it happened: a drum of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two drums of barley for the same amount, just as Yahweh had said would happen.

17 The king had appointed the captain who had argued with Elisha to be in charge at the city gate, but the people trampled him there and he died, just as the man of God had said when the king had gone to his place. 18 When the man of God had told the king that two drums of barley would be sold for a shekel, and a drum of flour also sold for a shekel the next morning at the city gate, 19 the captain was the one who'd answered the man of God and had said that Yahweh would have to make windows in the sky to do that, and Elisha had told him that he'd see it, but wouldn't be able to eat any of it. 20 That's exactly what happened, because he got trampled by the rush of people at the gate and died.

The Shunamit woman gets her land back · Northern kingdom

8:1 One day Elisha spoke to the Shunamit woman whose son he'd brought back to life, "Pack up and leave here, you and your household, and go and stay somewhere else, because Yahweh's going to send a seven-year drought." 2 So the woman got up, and she did what the man of God told her: She packed up her household and left to go and live in the Pelishtim' region for seven years.

3 Then eventually after seven years, the woman returned from the Pelishtim' region and she went to petition the king about her house and land. 4 When she arrived, the king had asked Geyhazi, the servant of the man of God, "Please tell me all the incredible things that Elisha has done." 5 Then Geyhazi was telling the king that Elisha had made the dead live, and how the woman who he made her son live was petitioning the king on behalf of

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'Arām they_know if/because_that are_hungry we and_they_ _went_out from the_camp to_hide_themselves in/on/at/with_ _the[25] to_say if/because they_will_come_out from the_city and_we_will_seize_them alive and_near/to the_city we_will_go. 13 And_ one of_servants_of_his _he_answered and_he/it_said and_let_people_take please five of the_horses which_remain which they_are_left in_it HERE_they will_be_like_all_of the[26] of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_are_left in_it HERE_they will_be_ _like_all_of wwww of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_have_come_ _to_an_end and_let_us_send so_that_we_may_see. 14 And_they_ _took two_of chariot[s] horses and_ the_king _he_sent_them after the_camp_of 'Arām to_say go and_see. 15 And_they_went after_them to the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_road was_full clothes and_equipment(s) which 'Arām they_ _had_thrown_away were_making_haste[27] and_ the_messengers _they_returned and_they_told to_king. 16 And_ the_people _ _he/it_went_out and_they_plundered ÐOM the_camp_of 'Arām and_he/it_was a_seah fine_flour for_a_shekel and_two_seahs barley(s) for_a_shekel according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**. 17 And_the_king he_appointed ÐOM the_officer whom he_was_ _leaning on his/its_hand over the_gate and_they_trampled_ _him the_people in_gate and_he/it_died just_as the_man_of the_'Elohīm who he_spoke when_ the_king _came_down to_ _him/it he_had_spoken. 18 And_he/it_was as_ the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm _had_spoken to the_king to_say two_seahs barley(s) for_a_shekel and_a_seah fine_flour for_a_shekel it_will_be about_time tomorrow in_the_gate_of Shomrōn. 19 And_ the_ _officer _he_had_answered ÐOM the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_ _he_said and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** is_making windows in_ _heavens will_it_happen according_the_manner the_this and_ _he/it_said here_you are_about_to_see with_your_two's_own_ _of_eyes and_from_there not you_will_eat. 20 And_he/it_was to_him/it thus and_ the_people _they_trampled ÐOM_him/it in_ _gate and_he/it_died.

8:1 And_'Elīshā' he_spoke to the_woman whom he_had_ _restored_to_life ÐOM son_of_her to_say arise and_go you[28] and_household_of_your and_sojourn in_where you_will_ _sojourn if/because **YHWH** he_has_called for_famine and_also it_will_come to the_earth/land seven years. 2 And_ the_woman _she/it_arose and_she_did according_to_the_message_of the_ _man_of the_'Elohīm and_ she and_household_of_her _she_ _went and_she_sojourned in_land_of the_Pəlishtiy seven years. 3 And_he/it_was from_the_end_of seven years and_ the_woman _she_returned from_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_she_went_ _out to_cry_out to the_king concerning house_of_her and_ _near/to field_of_her. 4 And_the_king was_speaking to Gēyḥₐzī the_servant_of the_man_of the_'Elohīm to_say recount please to_me ÐOM all_of the_great_things which 'Elīshā' he_has_done. 5 And_he/it_was he was_recounting to/for_the_king ÐOM how he_had_restored_to_life ÐOM the_dead and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_woman whom he_had_restored_to_life ÐOM son_of_her

25 **LV 7:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: הדש/ה/ב: (x-qere) 'הֶדָשׁ/ב': lemma_b/7704 b n_0.2.0 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_12huk הֶדָשׁ/ב

26 **LV 7:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: ומה/ה: (x-qere) 'וָמֵה': lemma_1995 a morph_HNcmsc id_12T6a וָמֵה

27 **LV 7:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: זפחה/ב: (x-qere) 'זָפָחְ/ב': lemma_b/2648 n_1 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp3mp id_12dMH זָפָחְ/ב

28 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: תא: (x-qere) 'תַּא': lemma_859 b morph_HPp2fs id_12Wxh תַּא

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was_crying_out_for_help to the_king on house_of_her and_on field_of_her and_ Gēyḥₐzī _he/it_said my_master the_king this[29] the_woman and_this son_of_is_her whom ʾElīshāʿ he_ _restored_to_life. 6 And_ the_king _he_asked to/for_the_ _woman/wife and_she_recounted to_him/it and_he_assigned to/for_her/it the_king a_court-official one to_say restore ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that to/for_her/it and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_produce(s)_of the_ _field from_the_day_of when_she_left ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_ _unto now.

7 And_ ʾElīshāʿ _he_went Dammeseq and_Ben- hₐdad the_king_ _of ʾArām was_sick and_it_was_told to_him/it to_say the_man_ _of the_ʾElohīm he_has_come to here. 8 And_ the_king _he/it_ _said to Ḫₐzāʾēl take in_hand_of_your a_gift and_go to_meet the_ _man_of the_ʾElohīm and_you_will_consult[30] ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** from_ _ᴅᴏᴍ_him to_say will_I_live from_sickness this. 9 And_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _ _he/it_went to_meet_him and_he/it_took a_gift in_hand_of_his and_all (the)_good_thing_of Dammeseq the_load_of forty camel[s] and_he_came and_he_stood before_him and_he/it_ _said son_of_your[31] Ben Hₐdad the_king_of ʾArām he_has_sent_ _me to_you to_say will_I_live from_sickness this. 10 And_he/it_ _said to_him/it ʾElīshāʿ go say to_him[32] certainly_(live) you_ _will_live and_he_has_shown_me **YHWH** if/because_that certainly_(die) he_will_die. 11 And_he_set ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_ _faces/face and_he/it_assigned until was_ashamed and_ the_ _man_of the_ʾElohīm _he_wept. 12 And_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _he/it_said why my_master weeping and_he/it_said if/because I_know ᴅᴏᴍ how you_will_do to_the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) harm fortifications_of_their you_will_send in_fire and_their_young_ _of_men with_sword you_will_kill and_children_of_their you_ _will_dash_in_pieces and_their_pregnant_of_women you_will_ _rip_open. 13 And_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _he/it_said if/because_that what servant_of_is_your the_dog that/for/because/then/when he_ _will_do the_thing (the)_great the_this and_ ʾElīshāʿ _he/it_said he_has_shown_me **YHWH** you king over ʾArām. 14 And_he/it_ _went from_with ʾElīshāʿ and_he_came to master(s)_of_his and_ _he/it_said to_him/it what did_he_say to/for_yourself(m) ʾElīshāʿ and_he/it_said he_said to_me certainly_(live) you_will_ _live. 15 And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_he/it_took the_coverlet and_he_dipped_it in_water and_he_spread_it_out over his/its_faces/face and_he/it_died and_ Ḫₐzāʾēl _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him.

16 And_in_year_of five of_Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_son_of ʾAḥʾāv the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) was_the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_ _son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. 17 A_son_of thirty and_two year[s] he_was when_he_became_

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her house and her field. Then Geyhazi exclaimed, "My master, the king, this is the woman, and that's her son, who Elisha made live!" 6 So the king questioned the woman and she told him her story. Then the king appointed a court official to attend to her case, saying, "Return everything that belongs to her plus the profit from her field from the day she left until now."

Hazael murders Ben-Hadad · Northern kingdom

7 Elisha went to Aram's (Syria's) capital Damesek (Damascus) at a time when King Ben-Hadad of Aram was very sick, and someone told him that the man of God was in town. 8 The king instructed an official named Hazael, "Take a gift with you and go and meet the man of God. Then inquire from Yahweh through him to find out if I'll recover from this sickness." 9 So Hazael went to meet Elisha and took presents with him loaded on forty camels—some of every good thing that he could find in Damesek. He went and stood in front of him and asked, "Your servant, King Ben-Hadad sent me to ask you if he'll recover from his sickness?"

10 "Go and tell him that he'll surely live," Elisha answered. "But Yahweh has shown me that he'll definitely die." 11 Then Elisha stared at him until Hazael felt embarrassed, and then the man of God started to cry.

12 "Why are you crying, my master?" Hazael asked.

"Because I know what evil things you'll do to the Israelis," he said. "You'll burn down their fortresses and kill their young men with the sword. You'll smash their children's heads on rocks, and rip open the bellies of their pregnant women."

13 Hazael asked, "But how could your servant be in a position to do such a major thing when he's only minor, like a dog in the palace?"

"Yahweh has let me see you as king over Aram (Syria)." Elisha replied.

14 Then he left Elisha and went back to his master who asked him, "What did Elisha tell you?"

And he answered, "He told me that you'll certainly live." 15 the very next day, Hazael dipped Ben-Hadad's blanket in water and held it over his face until he died, and then Hazael started to reign in his place.

Yehoram reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[33]

16 In the fifth year of the reign of Ahav's son Yoram (Joram) as king of Yisrael (Israel), Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) son Yehoram (Jehoram) became king of Yehudah (Judah). 17 He was

29 **LV 8:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

30 **LV 8:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

31 **LV 8:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

32 **LV 8:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) ל/וי: lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_125P4 ל/ו

33 **RV 8:16 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 21:1-20

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thirty-two when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eight years. **18** He followed in the evil ways of the kings of the northern kingdom of Yisrael, just as Ahav's descendants had done, because he'd married one of Ahav's daughters. He did what Yahweh had said was evil, **19** but Yahweh wasn't willing to destroy Yehudah, for the sake of his servant David—he'd promised David that his descendants would always rule Yehudah.

20 It was during King Yehoram's time that Edom rebelled from Yehudah's control, and they appointed their own king. **21** So Yoram took his army and chariots and crossed the valley towards Tsa'ir in Edom. They attacked at night, but as the Edomi army and chariots started to surround them, they had to retreat back to their tents. **22** So Edom has been out from under the control of Yehudah to this day. Then Livnah revolted at the same time.

23 Everything else that Yoram said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **24** Then Yoram died and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David, and his son Ahazyah replaced him as king.

Ahazyah reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[35]

25 In the twelfth year of Ahav's son Yoram's (Joram's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Yehoram's (Jehoram's) son Ahazyah became the king of Yehudah (Judah). **26** Ahazyah was twenty-two when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for one year. (His mother's name was Atalyah (Athaliah), the daughter of King Omri of Yisrael.) **27** He followed Ahav's customs and did what Yahweh had said was evil like Ahav's descendants, because he was a son-in-law of a descendant of Ahav. **28** He joined Ahav's son Yoram to battle against Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael at Ramot-Gilead, but the Arameans wounded Yoram. **29** King Yoram returned to Yizre'el (Jezreel) to recover from the wounds that Arameans had given him at Ramah when he'd fought with Aram's King Hazael. Later, King Ahazyah of Yehudah (Yehoram's son), went down to see (Ahav's son) Yoram in Yizre'el because he was wounded.

Yihu is selected to rule Yisrael · Northern kingdom

9:1 Then the prophet Elisha called to one of the prophets-in-training and told him, "Tuck your robe in, take this flask of oil, and hurry to Ramot-Gilead. **2** When you get there, you'll see Yehu (Jehu) (the son of Nimshi's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat)) there. Take him into a private inner room, away from his broth-

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_king and_eight years[34] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **18** And_he/it_went in_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv they_ _had_done if/because the_daughter_of 'Aḥ'āv she_had_become for_him/it to/for_(a)_woman and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **19** And_not **YHWH** he_was_willing to_ _destroy ÐOM Yəhūdāh for_the_sake_of Dāvid servant_of_his just_as he_had_said to_him/it to_give to_him/it a_lamp for_ _descendants_of_his all_of the_days. **20** In_days_of_his 'Edōm it_ _rebelled from_under the_hand_of Yəhūdāh and_they_made_ _king over_themselves a_king. **21** And_ Yəhōrām _he/it_passed_ _through to_Zair and_all the_chariotry with_him/it and_he/it_ _was he he_arose night and_he_defeated ÐOM 'Edōm which_ _was_surrounding to_him/it and_ÐOM the_commanders_of the_ _chariotry and_ the_people _it_fled to_tents_of_its. **22** And_ 'Edōm _it_has_rebelled from_under the_hand_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until the_day the_this then Livnāh it_ _rebelled at_time (the)_that. **23** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōrām/(Joram) and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yəhūdāh. **24** And_ Yəhōrām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_ _his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Aḥazʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_ _him.

25 In_year two_plus ten year of_Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Aḥazʸāh the_son_of Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. **26** Was_a_son_of twenty and_two year[s] 'Aḥazʸāh when_he_ _became_king and_a_year one he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _'Atalʸāh the_daughter_of 'Omrī the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_he/it_went in_the_way_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_ _he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_the_ _house_of 'Aḥ'āv if/because was_the_son-in-law_of the_house_ _of 'Aḥ'āv he. **28** And_he/it_went with Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv for_battle with Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām at_Rāmot-gil'ād and_ the_'Arām _they_wounded ÐOM Yəhōrām. **29** And_ Yəhōrām the_king _he_returned to_get_himself_healed in_ _Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) from the_wounds which they_wounded_him the_'Arām at_Rāmāh when_fought_he with Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām and_'Aḥazʸāh the_son_of Yəhōrām the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_went_down to_see ÐOM Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv in_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) if/because he was_sick.

9:1 And_'Elīshā' the_prophet he_summoned (to)_one from_ _(the)_sons of_the_prophets and_he/it_said to_him/it gird_up loins_of_your and_take the_flask_of (the)_oil the_this in_hand_ _of_your and_go Rāmot Gil'ād. **2** And_you_will_go to_(to) and_ _look_for there Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of Nimshiy and_you_will_ _go and_you_will_make_him_rise from_among_of[36] brothers_

34 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: הנש: (x-qere) 'מִנְּשֵׁ': lemma_8141 n_0.1 morph_HNcfpa id_12jxp מִנְּשֵׁ

35 RV 8:25 · Parallel 2 Chr. 22:1-6

36 LV 9:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_of_his and_you_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_room in_a_room.
3 And_you_will_take the_flask_of (the)_oil and_you_will_pour_it on his/its_head and_you_will_say thus **YHWH** he_says I_ _anoint_you to_king to Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_open the_ _door and_you_will_flee and_not you_must_wait. **4** And_ the_ _young_man the_young_man the_prophet _he/it_went Rāmot Gilʿād. **5** And_he_came and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_commanders_ _of the_army were_sitting and_he/it_said a_message to_me to_ _you Oh_commander and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said to whom from_all_ _of_of_us and_he/it_said to_you Oh_commander. **6** And_he/it_ _rose_up and_he_went to_the_house and_he_poured the_oil to his/its_head and_he/it_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says I_anoint_you to_king to the_people_of **YHWH** to Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **7** And_you_will_strike_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv master(s)_of_your and_I_will_avenge the_ _blood(s)_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets and_the_ _blood(s)_of all_of the_servants_of **YHWH** from_the_hand_of 'Īzeval/(Jezebel). **8** And_ all_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv _it_will_ _perish and_I_will_cut_off to_'Aḥ'āv one_who_urinates on_a_ _wall and_shut_up and_freed in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **9** And_I_will_ _make ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv like_the_house_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ and_like_the_house_of Baʿshā' the_son_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh}. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Īzeval the_dogs they_ _will_devour in_the_territory_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_there_ _will_not_be one_who_buries_her and_he_opened the_door and_he_fled. **11** And_Yēhū'/(Jehu) he_went_out to the_ _servants_of his_master(s)_of_his and_he/it_said to_him/it peace why the_mad_man the_this did_he_come to_you and_ _he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_man and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ talk_of_his. **12** And_they_said falsehood tell please to/for_ _us and_he/it_said like_this and_like_this he_said to_me to_say thus **YHWH** he_says I_anoint_you to_king to Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **13** And_they_hurried and_they_took each garment_of_his and_ _they_put_them under_him to the_bone_of the_steps and_ _they_gave_a_blast on_trumpet and_they_said Yēhū' he_is_ _king.

14 And_ Yēhū' the_son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_ _of Nimshiy _he_conspired against Yəhōrām/(Joram) and_ _Yəhōrām he_had_been watching at_Rāmot- gilʿād he and_all Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) from_face/in_front_of Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of 'Arām. **15** And_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_king _he_had_returned get_himself_healed in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) from the_wounds which they_wounded_him the_'Arām when_fought_he with Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of 'Arām and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said if there_is mind_of_your(pl) not an_escapee let_him_go_out from the_city to_go mmm[37] in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel). **16** And_ Yēhū'/(Jehu) _he_ _rode_in_a_chariot and_he/it_went to_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) if/because Yəhōrām was_lying there_(to) and_'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_had_come_down to_see ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhōrām. **17** And_the_watchman was_standing on the_tower in_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_crowd_of Yēhū' when_came_he and_he/it_said a_crowd_of I am_seeing and_ Yəhōrām _he/it_said take a_horseman and_send_him to_meet_ _them and_he_will_say peace. **18** And_ the_rider_of the_horse _ _he/it_went to_meet_him and_he/it_said thus the_king he_says

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ers, **3** and pour some of the olive oil over his head and tell him that Yahweh says that he's anointed him as king over Yisrael (Israel). Then open the door and get out of there fast." **4** So the young prophet went to Ramot-Gilead, **5** and when he arrived, he was surprised to see the army captains sitting there. He said, "I need to talk to you, captain."

"Which one of us?" Yehu asked.

"It's a message for *you*, captain," he said. **6** So Yehu got up, and went over to the house where the prophet poured the oil on his head and told him, "Yisrael's god Yahweh says that he's anointed you as king over Yahweh's people—over Yisrael. **7** You should attack the house of Ahav your master so Yahweh can avenge the murder of his servants, the prophets, and avenge the murder of all his servants who were killed by Izevel (Jezebel). **8** All of Ahav's household should be killed, and Yahweh won't allow any of his male descendants to live, either before or after they've left home. **9** Yahweh wants Ahav's descendants to be eliminated like the descendants of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and Ahiyah's son Baesha were. **10** The dogs will eat Izevel's body where she dies in Yizre'el (Jezreel)—she won't be buried." Then he opened the door and rushed away.

11 When Yehu came back to the room where the servants of his masters were, and they asked him, "Is everything okay? What did that madman want with you?"

"You yourselves know that man and the sort of stuff that he says," he said.

12 "You're lying," they insisted. "Tell us what he told you."

"Well, he said several things," Yehu answered, "and then he told me that Yahweh says he's anointed me as king over Yisrael (Israel)."

13 Then they all spread their cloaks on the steps of the building for Yehu to walk out on, and they blew a trumpet and shouted, "Yehu is now the king!"

The killing of Yoram and Ahazyah · Northern kingdom

14 So Yehu (Jehu) (the son of Nimshi's son, Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat)) conspired against Yoram (Joram). Yoram was busy with the army guarding Ramot-Gilead from King Hazael of Aram (Syria). **15** Then King Yoram returned to Yizre'el (Jezreel) to heal from the wounds from the Arameans when he'd fought with their King Hazael.

So Yehu told his men, "If you all want me as king, then don't let anyone leave this city of Ramot-Gilead in case they go to Yizre'el city and tell them our plans." **16** Then Yehu rode to Yizre'el himself because Yoram was recuperating there in bed, and King Ahazyah had gone up north from Yehudah (Judah) to visit him.

17 The watchman was standing on the watchtower in Yizre'el, and he could see Yehu's party in the distance as they began approaching the city, and he reported, "I can see a large group."

King Yoram ordered, "Send out a chariot and go and ask them

37 LV 9:15 · Note OSHB variant note: דיג/ל: (x-qere) דִּיגָה/לְ': lemma_l/5046 morph_HR/Vhc id_12JFe דִּיגָה/לְ

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if they're coming in peace." **18** So the horse and chariot went out to meet them and called out, "The king wants to know if you're all coming in peace?"

But Yehu answered, "What's that got to do with you? Turn around and follow us."

Meanwhile the watchman announced, "The messenger has met them, but he isn't returning."

19 So the king sent out a second horse and chariot, and he approached and asked, "The king wants to know if you're all coming in peace?"

Again Yehu replied, "What's that got to do with you? Turn around and follow us."

20 Then the watchman declared, "He also met with them but didn't return. The leader is riding like Nimshi's son Yehu, because he's riding like crazy."

21 "Quick, get my chariot ready!" Yoram (Joram) ordered. They harnessed his chariot and King Yoram of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah's (Judah's) King Ahazyah both went out—each man in his chariot. They went out to meet Yehu and they found him at Navot's field (the Yizre'eli). **22** When Yoram saw Yehu, he asked, "Have you come in peace, Yehu?"

"How could there be peace," he answered, "when your mother Izevel (Jezebel) is serving idols and embracing witchcraft?"

23 Then Yoram swung the chariot reigns around and fled, shouting to Ahazyah, "It's treason, Ahazyah!" **24** Yehu grabbed his bow, and the arrow struck Yoram between his shoulder blades and came out from his heart, and he slumped down dead in his chariot. **25** Then Yehu said to his third officer Bidkar, "Pick up his body and throw it out into the field of Navot, the Yizre'eli. I'm sure you remember how you and I were riding as pairs after his father Ahav, when Yahweh said this against him: **26** 'Yesterday I saw Navot and his sons killed here, declared Yahweh, and I will repay you in this very place, declares Yahweh.' So now, throw his body down here because Yahweh declared that it would happen."

27 Yehudah's (Judah's) King Ahazyah saw that happen, and he sped away through the garden by a house with Yehu chasing after him shouting, "Get him too in his chariot when he starts climbing upwards to Gur near Yivleam." So as he fled towards Megidon, he was killed there, **28** and his servants took his body to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where they buried him in his ancestral tomb in the City of David.

29 (Ahazyah had become king over Yehudah in the eleventh year of the reign of Ahav's son Yoram over Yisrael (Israel).)

The killing of Queen Izevel · Northern kingdom

30 Then Yehu (Jehu) came to Yizre'el (Jezreel) and Queen Izevel (Jezebel) heard about it. She painted her eyelids and did her hair nicely, then she looked down through the window, **31** and when Yehu came in the gate, she said, "Greetings, Zimri

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peace and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said what is_to_you and_to_peace go_ _around to after_me and_ the_watchman _he_reported to_say the_messenger he_came to they and_not he_has_turned_back. **19** And_he_sent a_rider_of a_horse second and_he_came to_ _them and_he/it_said thus the_king he_says peace and_ Yēhū' _ _he/it_said what is_to_you and_to_peace go_around to after_ _me. **20** And_ the_watchman _he_reported to_say he_came to to_them and_not he_has_turned_back and_the_driving is_like_ _the_driving_of Yēhū' the_son_of Nimshiy if/because with_ _madness he_drives. **21** And_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) _he/it_said harness and_someone_harnessed chariot_of_his and_ Yəhōrām the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_went_out each in_chariot_of_his and_ _they_went_out to_meet Yēhū'/(Jehu) and_they_found_him in_ _the_portion_of_land_of Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī/(Jezreelite). **22** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhōrām _as_saw ĐØM Yēhū' and_he/it_ _said peace Oh_Yēhū' and_he/it_said what is_(the)_peace until the_prostitution(s)_of 'Īzevel/(Jezebel) mother_of_your and_ _sorceries_of_her (the)_many. **23** And_ Yəhōrām _he_turned_ _around hands_of_his and_he_fled and_he/it_said to 'Aḥaz^{yāh} treachery Oh_'Aḥaz^{yāh}. **24** And_Yēhū' he_filled his/its_hand with_bow and_he_struck ĐØM Yəhōrām between arms_of_his and_ the_arrow _he/it_went_out from_heart_of_his and_he_ _sank_down in_chariot_of_his. **25** And_he/it_said to Bidqar officer_of_his[38] pick_him_up throw_him in_the_portion_of the_ _field_of Nāvōt the_Yizrə'ēlī if/because remember I and_you with were_riding pairs behind 'Aḥ'āv his/its_father and_**YHWH** he_lifted_up on/upon/above_him/it ĐØM the_oracle (the)_this. **26** If not ĐØM the_blood(s)_of Nāvōt and_ĐØM the_blood(s)_of his_sons_of_his I_saw yesterday the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_ _will_repay to/for_yourself(m) on_land (the)_this the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_now pick_him_up throw_him on_ _land according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**. **27** And_'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_saw and_he_fled the_ _direction_of Bēyt Haggan and_he_pursued after_him Yēhū'/(Jehu) and_he/it_said also ĐØM_him/it strike_him_down into the_chariot at_the_ascent_of Gūr which is_with Yivlə'ām/(Ibleam) and_he_fled Məgiddōn and_he/it_died there. **28** And_ servants_of_his _they_caused_to_ride ĐØM_ _him/it to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_buried ĐØM_ _him/it in_grave_of_his with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid. **29** And_in_year_of one_plus ten year of_ _Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv 'Aḥaz^{yāh} he_had_become_ _king over Yəhūdāh.

30 And_ Yēhū' _he_went to_Yizrə'ēl/(Jezreel) and_ _'Īzevel/(Jezebel) she_heard and_she_painted with_eye-paint eyes_of_her and_she_made_good ĐØM head_of_her and_she_ _looked_down through the_window. **31** And_Yēhū' he_came in_ _gate and_she/it_said peace Oh_Zimrī who_murdered_of master(s)_of_his. **32** And_he_lifted_up face_of_his to the_

38 LV 9:25 · Note OSHB variant note: השלש: (x-qere) שְׁלֹשׁ/וֹ': lemma_7991 c n_1.3 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_12xcf שְׁלֹשׁ/וֹ

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_window and_he/it_said who is_with_me who and_they_
_looked_down to_him/it two three court-officials. **33** And_
_he/it_said mmm[40] and_they_let_her_fall and_ some_of_her_
_blood _it_spattered to the_wall and_near/to the_horses and_
_he_trampled_her. **34** And_he_went and_he_ate and_he_drank
and_he/it_said attend_to please ~~DOM~~ the_cursed_woman (the)_
_this and_bury_her if/because was_a_daughter_of a_king she.
35 And_they_went to_bury_her and_not they_found in_her
if/because (if) the_skull and_the_feet and_the_palms_of the_
_hands. **36** And_they_returned and_they_told to_him/it and_
_he/it_said is_the_message_of **YHWH** it which he_spoke by_
_the_hand_of his_servant_of_his ʾĒliy^{yāh} the_Tishbiy to_say in_
_the_territory_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) the_dogs they_will_devour
~~DOM~~ the_flesh_of ʾĪzevel/(Jezebel). **37** And[41] the_corpse_of
ʾĪzevel like_dung on the_surface_of the_field in_the_territory_
_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) that not people_will_say this is_ʾĪzevel.

10:1 And_belonged_to_ʾAḥʾāv seventy sons in_Shomrōn and_
Yēhūʾ/(Jehu) _he_wrote letters and_he_sent_them Shomrōn to
the_officials_of Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) the_elders and_near/to those_
_guarding ʾAḥʾāv to_say. **2** And_now just_ the_letter the_this _
_as_comes to_you(pl) and_are_with_you(pl) the_sons_of
your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_are_with_you(pl) (the)_
chariotry and(the)_horses and_a_city_of_fortification and_
_(the)_weaponry. **3** And_you(pl)_will_see the_good and_the_
right from(the)_sons your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_
_you(pl)_will_set_him on the_throne_of his/its_father and_
_fight on the_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl). **4** And_
_they_saw very very and_they_said THERE the_two_of the_
_kings not they_stood before_him and_how we will_we_stand.
5 And_ the_one_who was_over the_house and_which was_over
the_city and_the_elders and_the_guardians _he_sent to Yēhūʾ
to_say your_servants we and_all/each/any/every that you_
_will_say to_us we_will_do not we_will_make_king anyone the_
_good in_eyes_of_your do. **6** And_he_wrote to_them a_letter
second to_say if to_me you(pl) and_to_voice_of_my you(pl) are_
_listening take ~~DOM~~ the_heads_of the_men_of the_sons_of
your(pl)_master(s)_of_your(pl) and_come to_me about_time
tomorrow to_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel) and_the_sons the_king seventy
man were_with the_great_people_of the_city who_were_
_bringing_up them. **7** And_he/it_was just_ the_letter _as_came
to_them and_they_took ~~DOM~~ the_sons_of the_king and_they_
_slaughtered seventy man and_they_put ~~DOM~~ heads_of_their in_
_baskets and_they_sent_them to_him/it to_Yizrəʿēl/(Jezreel).
8 And_ the_messenger _he_came and_he_told to_him/it to_say
they_have_brought the_heads_of the_sons_of the_king and_
_he/it_said make ~~DOM~~_them two_of heaps the_entrance_of the_
_gate until the_morning. **9** And_he/it_was in_morning and_
_he/it_went_out and_he_stood and_he/it_said to all_of the_
_people are_righteous you(pl) HERE I I_conspired on my_
_master and_I_killed_him and_who did_he_strike_down ~~DOM~~
all_of these. **10** Know then if/because_that not it_will_fall any_
_of_the_message_of **YHWH** towards_land which **YHWH** he_has_

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the second, murderer of his master."[39] **32** Yehu looked up at the window and called out, "Who is with me? Who?" And two or three servants poked their heads out windows and looked down to him. **33** "Okay," he called up, "toss her out!"

So they tossed her out the window, and some of her blood splashed onto the wall and onto the horses as she was trampled by them. **34** Then Yehu and his men went in and ate and drank, and then he said, "Now, you all better attend to that evil woman and bury her, because she's a king's daughter." **35** But when they went to bury her, they could only find her skull and her hands and feet. **36** They came back inside and told him, "It's just like what Yahweh said via his servant the Tishbi Eliyah (Elijah), when he said that the dogs would eat Izevel's flesh just outside Yizre'el, **37** and then her body would become like dung on the ground and no one would be able to recognise her specific bones."

Ahav's descendants are eliminated · Northern kingdom

10:1 King Ahav had seventy sons who lived in Shomron (Samaria), so Yehu (Jehu) sent letters to the leaders and elders of Yizre'el (Jezreel), and to the guardians of Ahav's children, saying, **2** "When you all receive this letter, you'll have the sons of your masters with you, as well as chariots and horses, and weapons within your fortified city. **3** So select the best and the most honest one out of your masters' sons or nephews, and establish him on his father's throne, and then be prepared to defend your masters' family." **4** But they were extremely frightened and said, "Listen—those two kings couldn't stand against Yehu, so how could we?" **5** Then the man who was now in charge of the household and leading the city elders sent a message to Yehu, "We are your servants and we'll do whatever you tell us to. We don't plan to select a king. Do whatever you think best."

6 So Yehu sent a second letter saying, "If you're all on my side and ready to follow me, come and meet me at Yizre'el tomorrow with the heads of your masters' sons."

The late King Ahav had seventy sons who were being brought up by the city leaders, **7** and when that letter arrived, they killed and beheaded all of them, put the heads in baskets, and sent them to him at Yizre'el.

8 A messenger went and informed Yehu that the heads had been brought, and he instructed them to pile them up in two piles at the city gate until the next morning. **9** In the morning he went out and stood there, and he told all the people, "You are innocent. Listen—it was me myself who conspired against my master and killed him. But who killed all these? **10** You all should know that when Yahweh says something will happen, then it will happen. He said via his servant Eliyah (Elijah) that this is what would happen to Ahav's family, and so it has." **11** Then Yehu killed all Ahav's remaining family members in Yizre'el, and

39 RV 9:31 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 16:10.

40 LV 9:33 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/טמש: (x-qere) ה/וְטָמְשׁ֫ וְ֫; lemma_8058 n_1.0 morph_HVqv2mp/Sp3fs id_12x2S ה/וְטָמְשׁ֫ וְ֫

41 LV 9:37 · Note OSHB variant note: תיה/ו: (x-qere) הָ֫תָיְה֫/וְ֫: lemma_c/1961 n_1.0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3fs id_126sJ הָ֫תָיְה֫/וְ֫

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all his chosen leaders, and his associates and priests, leaving no survivors.

The relatives of Ahazyah are killed · Northern kingdom

12 Then Yehu (Jehu) left Yizre'el (Jezreel) and headed towards Shomron (Samaria). When he reached the shepherds' shearing house, 13 he met the late King Ahazyah's brothers there, and he asked them, "Who are you?"

"We're King Ahazyah's brothers," they said, "and we're coming to look after the sons of the king and of the queen mother."

14 "Arrest them," he ordered, so they grabbed and slaughtered them near the pit at the shearing house. There were forty-two men and none were spared.

All Ahav's other relatives are killed · Northern kingdom

15 Then continuing on from there, Yehu (Jehu) found Rekav's son Yonadav coming to meet him. Yehu greeted him and asked, "Are you wanting to do what is right just like I am?" IS THAT WHAT HE WAS REALLY ASKING???

"Yes, I am." Yonadav replied.

"Great," Yehu said. "Give me your hand," and he gave him his hand, and Yehu pulled him up to join him in the chariot, 16 telling him, "Come with me and see my zeal for Yahweh." So they rode together in the chariot. 17 When they got to Shomron (Samaria), Yehu killed the remainder of Ahav's family who were there, until they were finally exterminated, just as Yahweh had said via Eliyah (Elijah).

18 Then Yehu assembled all the people and told them, "Ahav served Ba'al a little, but Yehu will serve him a lot. 19 So now, call all the prophets of Ba'al to come here—all his servants and all his priests. Don't let anyone stay away because I'm going to make a large sacrifice to Ba'al. Anyone who's absent will be executed." However Yehu was being cunning in order to destroy Ba'al's followers. 20 Yehu ordered, "Announce a special holiday to assemble and worship Ba'al," and so they did. 21 On that day, Yehu brought in all the people, and all the servants of the Ba'al came, leaving no one out. They entered the temple of the Ba'al and it was packed full. 22 He told the wardrobe supervisor, "Bring out uniforms for all the servants of the Ba'al," so he brought robes out for them. 23 Then Yehu and Rekav's son Yonadav entered the temple of the Ba'al and instructed the servants of the Ba'al, "Make sure that it's only the servants of Ba'al in here—we don't want any servants of Yahweh." 24 So they entered to make sacrifices and burnt offerings.

Meanwhile, Yehu had stationed eighty men outside, and had told them, "Don't let any of the ones I send you escape, or it will be *your* life in place of theirs."

25 Then when he finished making the burnt offering in the outer area, Yehu told the guards and officers, "Come in now and

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_spoken on the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_**YHWH** he_has_done ~~ĐOM~~ that_which he_spoke by_the_hand_of his_servant_of_his 'Ēliy^{yāh}. 11 And_ Yēhū'/(Jehu) _he_struck_down ~~ĐOM~~ all_of those_who_remained of_the_house_of of_'Aḥ'āv in_ _Yizrə'^{ēl}/(Jezreel) and_all his_great_of_men and_ _acquaintances_of_his and_priests_of_his until not left to_ _him/it a_survivor.

12 And_he/it_rose_up and_he_went and_he/it_went Shomrōn he was_at_Bēyt Eked_of the_Shepherds on_way. 13 And_Yēhū' he_found ~~ĐOM~~ the_brothers_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said who are_you(pl) and_they_ _said are_the_brothers_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} we and_we_have_come_ _down for_the_peace_of the_sons_of the_king and_the_sons of_ _the_queen-mother. 14 And_he/it_said seize_them alive and_ _they_seized_them alive and_they_slaughtered_them to the_ _pit_of Bēyt Eked forty and_two man and_not he_spared anyone of_them.

15 And_he/it_went from_there and_he_found ~~ĐOM~~ Jonadab the_ _son_of Rēkāv to_meet_him and_he_blessed_him and_he/it_ _said to_him/it is_there with heart_of_your right just_as heart_ _of_my is_with heart_of_your and_ Jonadab _he/it_said there_is and_there_is give ~~ĐOM~~ hand_of_your and_he/it_gave his/its_ _hand and_he_took_him_up to_him/it into the_chariot. 16 And_ _he/it_said come with_me and_look on_zeal_of_my to/for_ _**YHWH** and_they_made_ride ~~ĐOM~~_him/it in_chariot_of_his. 17 And_he_came Shomrōn and_he_struck_down ~~ĐOM~~ all_of those_who_remained of_'Aḥ'āv in_Shomrōn until he_had_ _destroyed_him according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken to 'Ēliy^{yāh}. 18 And_ Yēhū'/(Jehu) _he_gathered ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_people and_he/it_said to_them 'Aḥ'āv he_served ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_Ba'al a_little Yēhū' he_will_serve_him much. 19 And_ _now all_of the_prophets_of (the)_Ba'al all_of those_of_who_ _serve_him and_all priests_of_his summon to_me anyone not let_him_be_missing if/because a_sacrifice great to_me to_Ba'al any one_who he_will_be_missing not he_will_live and_Yēhū' he_acted with_guile so_as to_destroy ~~ĐOM~~ those_who_serve_of (of)_the_Ba'al. 20 And_ Yēhū' _he/it_said consecrate an_ _assembly to_Ba'al and_they_proclaimed_it. 21 And_ Yēhū' _he_ _sent in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ all_of those_who_serve_of (of)_ _the_Ba'al _they_came and_not anyone who not he_came he_ _was_left and_they_came the_house_of (the)_Ba'al and_ the_ _house_of (the)_Ba'al _it_was_filled mouth to_mouth. 22 And_ _he/it_said to_the_one_who was_over the_wardrobe bring_out clothing to_all/each/any/every those_who_serve_of (of)_the_ _Ba'al and_he_brought_out to/for_them the_clothing. 23 And_ Yēhū' and_Jonadab the_son_of Rēkāv _he_went the_house_of (the)_Ba'al and_he/it_said to_those_who_serve_of (of)_the_Ba'al search and_see lest there_be here with_you(pl) any_of_the_ _servants_of **YHWH** if/because (if) those_who_serve_of (of)_ _the_Ba'al them_alone. 24 And_they_came for_doing sacrifices and_burnt_offerings and_Yēhū'/(Jehu) he_had_stationed to_ _him/it on_outside eighty man and_he/it_said the_man who he_will_escape from the_men whom I am_bringing on hands_ _of_your(pl) life_of_his in_place_of life_of_his. 25 And_he/it_ _was just_as_he_finished for_doing the_burnt_offering and_ Yēhū' _he/it_said to_runners and_to_officers go strike_them_

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_down anyone not let_him_come_out and_they_struck_them_ _down to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_ the_runners and_the_ _officers _they_threw_them_out and_they_went to the_city_of the_house_of (the)_Ba῾al. **26** And_they_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sacred_pillars_of the_house_of (the)_Ba῾al and_they_burnt_it. **27** And_they_pulled_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacred_pillar_of (the)_Ba῾al and_they_pulled_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of (the)_Ba῾al and_they_ _made_it mmm[42] until the_day. **28** And_ Yēhū᾽ _he_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_Ba῾al from_Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **29** Only the_sins_of Yārov῾ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev῾aṭ which he_caused_to_ _sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) not Yēhū᾽ he_turned_aside from_after_ _them the_calves_of the_gold which were_Bēyt-᾽ēl and_which were_in_Dān. **30** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yēhū᾽/(Jehu) because that you_have_done_well for_doing the_right in_eyes_ _of_my according_to_all that was_in_heart_of_my you_have_ _done to_the_house_of ᾽Aḥ᾽āv῾ descendants_of a_fourth_ _generation they_will_sit to/for_yourself(m) on the_throne_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **31** And_Yēhū᾽ not he_took_care to_go in_the_ _law_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) in_all heart_of_his not he_turned_aside from_under the_sins_of Yārov῾ām which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel).
32 In_the_days the_those **YHWH** he_began to_cut_off in_ _Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) and_he_defeated_them Ḫazā᾽ēl in_all the_ _territory_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **33** From the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_ _rising_of the_sun ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_land_of (the)_Gil῾ād the_ _Gādī[s] and_the_Rə᾽ūvēnite[s] and_the_Manassite[s] from_ _῾Arō῾ēr which is_at the_wadi_of ᾽Arnōn and_(the)_Gil῾ād and_ _(the)_Bāshān. **34** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yēhū᾽ and_all that he_did and_all might_of_his am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). **35** And_ Yēhū᾽ _he_lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his and_people_buried ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_Shomrōn and_ Yəhō᾽āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_ _of_him. **36** And_the_days which Yēhū᾽/(Jehu) he_reigned over Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) were_twenty and_eight year[s] in_Shomrōn.

11:1 And_῾Atal[yāh] the_mother_of ᾽Aḥaz[yāh] and[44] if/because_that son_of_her he_was_dead and_she/it_arose and_she_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_offspring_of (the)_royalty. **2** And_ Yəhōshev῾a῾/(Jehosheba) the_daughter_of the_king Yəhōrām/(Joram) the_sister_of ᾽Aḥaz[yāh] _she/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Yō᾽āsh/(Joash) the_son_of ᾽Aḥaz[yāh] and_she_stole ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_among_of the_sons_of the_king the[45] ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ nurse_of_his in_the_chamber_of the_beds and_they_hid ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it from_face/in_front_of ῾Atal[yāh] and_not he_was_ _put_to_death. **3** And_he/it_was with_her the_house_of **YHWH** he_was_hiding_himself six years and_῾Atal[yāh] was_reigning over the_earth/land. **4** And_in_year (the)_seventh Yəhōyādā῾/(Jehoiada) he_sent and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _commanders_of the[46] of_Carian[s] and_of_runners and_he/it_ _brought ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_him/it the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_ _made to/for_them a_covenant and_he_made_to_swear_an_

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strike them down. Don't let any of them get out." So they attacked them with swords, and the guards and officers threw the bodies over the fence. Then they went inside the temple, **26** and pulled the sacred posts outside and burnt them. **27** They broke down the pillar of the Ba'al, and they broke down the temple. Since then it's been used as an out-house.

28 That's how Yehu put an end to Ba'al worship in Yisrael (Israel). **29** There was only one of the things with which Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had caused Yisrael to sin that Yehu didn't destroy: the golden calves at Beyt-El (Bethel) and Dan. **30** Then Yahweh told Yehu, "Because you did good by following my principles and doing what I've said is right, including what you did to Ahav's family, you'll have four generations sitting on Yisrael's throne." **31** But Yehu didn't take care to follow the instructions of Yisrael's god Yahweh whole-heartedly—he didn't reject all of Yarov'am's evil customs which had caused Yisrael to sin.

Yehu's death · Northern kingdom

32 During that period, Yahweh began to reduce the size of Yisrael's (Israel's) territory and Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael attacked along their border **33** from the Yarden (Jordan) river in the east as far south as Aroer city on the Arnon river—capturing the Gilead and Bashan regions where the tribes of Gad, Re'uven, and Menasheh (Manasseh) lived.

34 Everything else that Yehu (Jehu) said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **35** Then Yehu died and was buried in their ancestral tomb in Shomron (Samaria), and his son Yehoahaz replaced him as king. **36** Yehu had ruled from Shomron as the king of Yisrael for twenty-eight years.

Queen Ataliya's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[43]

11:1 When Ahazyah's mother Atalyah (Athaliah) saw that her son had been killed, she went and had all of his descendants executed so that none of them could claim the throne. **2** However, King Yoram's (Joram's) daughter Yehosheva took Yoash, the son of her sister Ahazyah, and hid him in the bedroom along with his wet-nurse. Although he was on the list of the king's sons to be executed, they hid him from Atalyah, and so he wasn't killed. **3** Then he was able to stay hidden with her in the temple for the six years while Atalyah ruled Yehudah (Judah).

4 In the seventh year, Yehoyada the priest sent for the officers over the royal bodyguards and the palace bodyguards to come to him inside Yahweh's temple. He made them agree to take an

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42 LV 10:27 · Note OSHB variant note: תואחמ/ל: (x-qere) תֹואָמֹ/ל': lemma_l/4163 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncfpa id_12m2R תֹואָמֹ/ל

43 RV 11:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 22:10–23:15

44 LV 11:1 · Note OSHB variant note: ההתאר/ו: (x-qere) 'הָתָאָר': lemma_7200 n_1.0 morph_HVqp3fs id_12YnQ הָתָאָר

45 LV 11:2 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/יתתוממ/ה: (x-qere) 'ם/יתָמֻומ/ה': lemma_d/4191 n_1.1 morph_HTd/VHsmpa id_128fH ם/יתָמֻומ/ה

46 LV 11:4 · Note OSHB variant note: תויאמ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹואָמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.1.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12PRQ תֹואָמ/ה

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oath of secrecy and loyalty in the temple, then he let them see the king's son. 5 Then he commanded them, "This is what you all need to do: On the Rest Day, one third of you must go and guard the king's palace. 6 The second third must guard the Sur gate, and the remainder must stay behind the others roaming back and forth, 7 and the two off-duty groups must guard the temple and protect the young king. 8 You'll surround the king—each man holding his weapons at the ready right around him—killing any person who approaches your ranks, and accompanying the king when he goes out or comes in.

9 So the officers over the royal bodyguards did everything that the priest Yehoyada had commanded. Both the on-duty and the off-duty men fulfilled their roles under Yehoyada's direction that Rest Day. 10 The priest had taken the spears and the shields out of the temple that had belonged to King David and given them to the officers over the royal bodyguards, 11 and they all stood in position, each man holding his weapons ready in his hand, right around the palace and the temple and the altar, and the king. 12 Then the priest brought young Yoash out and put the crown on his head. He handed him the official scroll, and they anointed him and made him king. Then they clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!"

13 When Atalyah (Athaliah) heard the sound of the people and the guards, she came to the people gathered at Yahweh's temple 14 and was stunned to see the young, new king standing near the pillar as was the custom, with the captains and the trumpeters near the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and sounding trumpets. Then Atalyah tore her clothes and shouted out, "Treachery! Treason!" 15 Then Yehoyada the priest commanded the officials over the bodyguards and the army officers, "Bring her out away from these public buildings. Don't kill her in the temple, but kill anyone who tries to rescue her. 16 So they grabbed her by each arm and took her out through the entrance for the horses to the palace, and she was executed there.

17 Then Yehoyada led the making of an agreement between Yahweh and the king and the people, for the people to serve Yahweh, and also between the king and between the people. 18 Then people from all

Yehoyada's reforms · Southern kingdom[50]

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_oath ÐOM_them in_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_saw ÐOM_them ÐOM the_son_of the_king. 5 And_he_commanded_them to_say this is_the_thing which you(pl)_will_do the_third_part of_ _you(pl) who_come_of (of)_the_sabbath and_who_keep_of (of)_ _the_watch_of the_house_of the_king. 6 And_the_third_part at_ _the_gate_of Sur and_the_third_part at_gate behind the_ _runners and_you(pl)_will_keep ÐOM the_watch_of the_house by_turns. 7 And_the_two_of the_hands in_you(pl) all_of those_ _who_go_out_of (of)_the_sabbath and_they_will_keep ÐOM the_ _watch_of the_house_of **YHWH** to the_king. 8 And_you(pl)_will_ _surround (on) the_king all_around each_man and_weapons_ _of_his in_his/its_hand and_the_one_who_comes into the_ _ranks he_will_be_put_to_death and_be with the_king in_ _his/its_coming_out and_when_comes_he. 9 And_they_did the_ _commanders_of the[47] according_to_all that Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer he_had_commanded and_they_took each ÐOM men_of_his those_who_came_of (of)_ _the_sabbath with those_who_went_out_of (of)_the_sabbath and_they_came to Yəhōyādāʹ the_priest/officer. 10 And_ the_ _priest/officer _he/it_gave to_the_commanders_of the[48] ÐOM the_spear and_ÐOM the_shields which to/for_the_king Dāvid which in_house_of **YHWH**. 11 And_ the_runners _they_stood each_man and_weapons_of_his in_his/its_hand from_the_side_ _of the_house (the)_right to the_side_of the_house (the)_left to_ _altar and_to_house at the_king all_around. 12 And_he_ _brought_out ÐOM the_son_of the_king and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM the_crown and_ÐOM the_transcript and_they_made_king ÐOM_him/it and_they_anointed_him and_ _they_struck a_palm and_they_said the_king may_he_live. 13 And_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_heard ÐOM the_sound_of the_runners the_ _people and_she_went to the_people the_house_of **YHWH**. 14 And_she/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_king was_ _standing at the_pillar according_the_custom and_the_officials and_the_trumpets were_with the_king and_all the_people_of the_earth/land was_joyful and_it_was_giving_a_blast on_ _trumpets and_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_tore ÐOM clothes_of_her and_ _she/it_called/named treason treason. 15 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer _he/it_commanded ÐOM the_commanders_of the[49] the_officers_of the_army and_ _he/it_said to_them bring_out ÐOM_her/it to from_between_of to_ranks and_the_one_who_goes after_her put_to_death with_ _sword if/because the_priest/officer he_had_said not let_her_ _be_put_to_death the_house_of **YHWH**. 16 And_they_put to/for_her/it hands and_she_went the_way_of the_entrance_of the_horses the_house_of the_king and_she_was_put_to_death there.

17 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ _he_made ÐOM the_covenant between **YHWH** and_between the_king and_between the_people to_be (into)_a_people to/for_**YHWH** and_between the_king and_ _between the_people. 18 And_ all_of the_people_of the_ _earth/land _they_came the_house_of (the)_Baʹal and_they_

47 LV 11:9 · Note OSHB variant note: תויאמ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹּואֵמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.3.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12TnS תֹּואֵמ/ה
48 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: תויאמ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹּואֵמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.1.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12SM8 תֹּואֵמ/ה
49 LV 11:15 · Note OSHB variant note: תוא֑מ/ה: (x-qere) 'תֹּואֵמ/ה': lemma_d/3967 n_1.1.2.0 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_12ZxC תֹּואֵמ/ה
50 RV 11:17 · Parallel 2 Chr. 23:16-21

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_pulled_it_down ĐOM mmm[51] and_ĐOM images_of_its they_
broke thoroughly(do_well) and_ĐOM Mattān the_priest_of
(the)_Ba´al they_killed to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
altars and the_priest/officer _he/it_assigned overseers over
the_house_of **YHWH**. 19 And_he/it_took ĐOM the_commanders_
_of the_hundreds and_ĐOM the_Carian[s] and_ĐOM the_runners
and_ĐOM all_of the_people_of the_earth/land and_they_
_brought_down ĐOM the_king from_the_house_of **YHWH** and_
_they_came the_way_of the_gate_of[52] of_the_runners the_
_house_of the_king and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on
the_throne_of the_kings. 20 And_ all_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land _it_rejoiced and_the_city it_was_at_peace and_ĐOM
´Atalʸāh they_had_put_to_death with_sword the_house_of the_
_king[53].
12:1 [54] Was_a_son_of seven years Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) when_he_
_became_king.
2 [56] In_year seven of_Yēhū'/(Jehu) Yəhō'āsh he_became_king
and_forty year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_name_of his/its_mother was_Zibiah from_Bə'ēr- shevʿa´. 3 [57]
And_ Yəhō'āsh _he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of
YHWH all_of his/its_days which he_instructed_him
Yəhōyādā´/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer. 4 [58] Only the_high_
_places not they_were_removed still the_people were_
_sacrificing and_were_making_smoke at_places. 5 [59] And_
Yəhō'āsh _he/it_said to the_priests all_of the_money_of the_
_holy_gifts which it_will_be_brought the_house_of **YHWH**
money passing_along everyone the_money_of persons_of his_
_valuation_of_his all_of the_money which it_will_come_up on
the_heart_of a_person to_bring the_house_of **YHWH**. 6 [60] Let_
_them_take to/for_them the_priests each from_with
acquaintance_of_his and_they they_will_repair ĐOM the_
_damage_of the_house to_all/each/any/every where it_will_
_be_found there damage. 7 [61] And_he/it_was in_year twenty
and_three year to/for_the_king Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) not the_
_priests they_had_repaired ĐOM the_damage_of the_house. 8 [62]
And_ the_king Yəhō'āsh _he/it_called (to)_Yəhōyādā´ the_
priest/officer and(to)_priests and_he/it_said to_them why
are_not_you(pl) repairing ĐOM the_damage_of the_house and_
_now do_not take money from_with acquaintances_of_your(pl)
if/because for_the_damage_of the_house you(pl)_will_give_it.
9 [63] And_ the_priests _they_agreed to_not to_take money from_

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over the country went to the temple of Ba'al and broke down the altars. They smashed his images to pieces and killed Matan the priest of the Ba'al in front of the altars. Meanwhile, Yehoyada the priest placed guards over Yahweh's temple. 19 Then he organised the officers over the royal guard and the palace guards to bring the king down from the temple of Yahweh, and along with all the people, they entered the palace via the gate usually used by the king's bodyguards, and he sat on the throne. 20 All the people celebrated and the city was quiet because Atalyah (Athaliah) had been put to death with the sword at the palace.

21 Yoash was only seven when he became king of Yehudah (Judah).

Yoash reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[55]

12:1 Yoash became king in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the seventh year of Yehu's (Jehu's) reign over Yisrael (Israel). (His mother was Tsivyah from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba).) He reigned for forty years 2 and all his life, he did what Yahweh had said was correct because he was instructed by Yehoyada the priest. 3 However, they didn't remove the hilltop shrines where the people continued sacrificing and burning incense.

4 Then Yoash told the priests, "You all must collect all the money that's donated to Yahweh's temple, whether it's the money they're required to pay or the money that they themselves decide to give as sacred offerings to buy things for the temple. 5 Each priest must bring what they've collected from their acquaintances, and use it to make repairs wherever they find that there's been damage to the temple."

6 However, when the priests still hadn't repaired the damaged portions by the twenty-third year of Yoash's reign, 7 he sent for Yehoyada the priest and the other priests, and questioned them, "Why aren't you all strengthening the temple where it was damaged? From now on, you all won't take any money from acquaintances, but you'll give it directly for repairing the damage." 8 So the priests agreed to not accept money from the people, and

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51 LV 11:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תחבזמ/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִתֹחְבְּזִמ': lemma_4196 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_12omm וְיִתֹחְבְּזִמ

52 LV 11:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

53 LV 11:20 · Note OSHB variant note: דלמ: (x-qere) 'הֶֽלֶמ/ה': lemma_d/4428 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_12k2Q הֶֽלֶמ/ה

54 LV 12:1 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.11.21

55 RV 12:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 23:16-23

56 LV 12:2 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.1

57 LV 12:3 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.2

58 LV 12:4 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.3

59 LV 12:5 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.4

60 LV 12:6 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.5

61 LV 12:7 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.6

62 LV 12:8 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.7

63 LV 12:9 · Note Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.8

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that they themselves wouldn't be the ones to repair the temple.

9 Then Yehoyada the priest took a wooden chest and he made a hole in the top, and he placed it at the right of the altar. When a person came into the temple, the priests guarding the entrance would place any donated money into the chest. **10** Whenever they noticed the chest getting full, the king's secretary and the high priest would go and count the money as they bagged it up. **11** They used the funds to pay the supervisors and inspectors and the tradesmen doing the repair work: carpenters and builders, **12** and the masons and stone-cutters. They also paid for the timber and stones, and everything else that was needed for the temple repairs. **13** However, they didn't use the donated silver coins that were brought to the temple to make silver bowls, snuffers, basins, or trumpets, or for any other gold or silver instruments within the temple, **14** because they passed on the donations to the people doing the work, and in this way Yahweh's residence got repaired. **15** They didn't audit the men who took the silver coins to the workers because the whole system was based on trust. **16** The silver coins that came as part of the guilt offering and the sin offerings were not used for temple repairs—they belonged to the priests.

17 Then Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael attacked Gat and captured it, after which he decided to attack Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **18** Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yoash took all the sacred things that his ancestors Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) and Yehoram (Jehoram) and Ahazyah, the previous kings of Yehudah, had consecrated and his sacred things, and all of the gold that was found in Yahweh's temple treasuries and in the king's palace, and he sent them to Aram's King Hazael who then cancelled his planned attack on Yerushalem.

19 Everything else that Yoash said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah.

20 However, his servants got together and planned his assassination, and they ambushed Yoash in Beyt-Milo on the road going down to Sila. **21** His servants Yozavad (Shim'at's son) and Yehozavad (Shomer's son) struck him and he died, and they buried him in his ancestral tomb in the city of David, and his son

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_with the_people and_to_not to_repair ÐOM the_damage_of the_ _house. **10** **64** And_ Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer _ _he/it_took a_chest one and_he_bored a_hole in_lid_of_its and_ _he/it_gave ÐOM_him/it beside the_altar in/on/at/with**65** when_ anyone _comes the_house_of **YHWH** and_they_put there_(to) the_priests who_kept_of (of)_the_threshold ÐOM all_ _of the_money which_was_brought the_house_of **YHWH**. **11** **66** And_he/it_was just_as_they_saw if/because_that much the_ _money was_in_chest and_ the_scribe_of the_king and_the_ _priest (the)_great _he/it_ascended and_they_tied_up and_ _they_counted ÐOM the_money which_was_found the_house_of **YHWH**. **12** **67** And_they_put ÐOM the_money which_had_been_ _weighed_out on the_hands_of**68** of_the_doers_of of_the_work the**69** the_house_of **YHWH** and_they_brought_it_out to_the_ _craftsmen_of the_tree and_to_builders who_were_working_on the_house_of **YHWH**. **13** **70** And_to_wall-builders and_to_the_ _stonemasons_of (the)_stone and_to_acquire wood(s) and_ _stones_of hewing to_repair ÐOM the_damage_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_to/for_all that it_went_out on the_house to_repair_ _it. **14** **71** Only not it_was_made the_house_of **YHWH** basins_of silver snuffers bowls trumpets any_of article_of gold and_ _article_of silver from the_money which_was_brought the_ _house_of **YHWH**. **15** **72** If/because to_the_doers_of the_work they_gave_it and_they_repaired in_him/it ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **16** **73** And_not they_settled_accounts with the_men whom they_put ÐOM the_money on hand_of_their to_give to_ _the_doers_of the_work if/because in_faithfulness they were_ _working. **17** **74** Money_of guilt_offering and_money_of sin_ _offerings not it_was_brought the_house_of **YHWH** to_priests they_belonged. **18** **75** Then Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of ʾArām he_went_ _up and_he_fought on Gat and_he_captured_it and_ Ḥₐzāʾēl _ _he/it_assigned his/its_faces/face to_go_up on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **19** **76** And_ Yəhōʾāsh/(Jehoash) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_took ÐOM all_of the_holy_ _things which Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) and_ _Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) and_ʾAḥazʸāh ancestors_of_his the_kings_ _of Yəhūdāh they_had_consecrated and_ÐOM holy_things_of_ _his_own and_ÐOM all_of the_gold which_was_found in_the_ _treasuries_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_house_of the_king and_he_sent_them to_Ḥₐzāʾēl the_king_of ʾArām and_he/it_ _ascended from_under Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **20** **77** And_

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64 **LV 12:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.9

65 **LV 12:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וימי/ב**: (x-qere) 'וְיָמָיו/מ': lemma_m/3225 n_0.2.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_12GsM וְיָמָיו/מ

66 **LV 12:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.10

67 **LV 12:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.11

68 **LV 12:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ידי**: (x-qere) 'יְדֵי': lemma_3027 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbdc id_12L8L יְדֵי

69 **LV 12:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הידקפמ/ה**: (x-qere) 'הַיְדָקְפָמִּ/ה': lemma_d/6485 a n_1.0 morph_HTd/VHsmpa id_124Hh הַיְדָקְפָמִּ/ה

70 **LV 12:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.12

71 **LV 12:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.13

72 **LV 12:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.14

73 **LV 12:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.15

74 **LV 12:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.16

75 **LV 12:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.17

76 **LV 12:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.18

77 **LV 12:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.19

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_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_ _days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. **21** [78] And_ servants_of_his _ _they_arose and_they_conspired a_conspiracy and_they_ _struck_down ÐØM Yō'āsh house_of Millō' which_goes_down Silla. **22** [79] And_Yōzāvāḏ/(Jozabad) the_son_of Shimeath and_ _Yəhōzāvāḏ/(Jehozabad) the_son_of Shomer servants_of_his they_struck_him_down and_he/it_died and_people_buried ÐØM_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Amatsʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

13:1 In_year twenty and_three year of_Yō'āsh the_son_of 'Aḥazʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn seven- teen year[s]. **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went after the_sins_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˝aṭ which he_caused_to_ _sin ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_turned_aside from_it. **3** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he_gave_them in_the_hand_of Ḥₐzā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām and_ _in_the_hand_of Ben the_son_of Ḥₐzā'ēl all_of the_days. **4** And_ Yəhō'āḥāz _he_entreated ÐØM the_face_of **YHWH** and_he/it_ _listened to_him/it **YHWH** if/because he_saw ÐØM the_ _oppression_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that the_king_of 'Arām he_oppressed ÐØM_them. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave to_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_deliverer and_they_went_out from_under the_hand_of 'Arām and_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ _lived in_tents_of_their as_yesterday three_days_ago.
6 Nevertheless not they_turned_aside from_the_sins_of the_ _house_of Yārov˝ām which he_caused_to_sin[80] ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_it it_walked and_also the_'Ashērāh_pole it_ _remained in_Shomrōn. **7** If/because not he_left to_ _Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) a_people if/because (if) fifty horsemen and_ten chariot[s] and_ten_of thousand(s) foot_soldier[s] if/because he_had_destroyed_them the_king_of 'Arām and_he_ _had_made_them like_dust to_trample. **8** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Yəhō'āḥāz and_all that he_did and_might_of_his am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_ _days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_ Yəhō'āḥāz _ _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_him in_Shomrōn and_ Yō'āsh/(Joash) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_him.
10 In_year thirty and_seven year of_Yō'āsh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn six- teen year[s]. **11** And_he_did the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_all the_sins_of Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˝aṭ which he_caused_to_sin ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_it he_walked. **12** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yō'āsh and_ _all that he_did and_might_of_his which he_waged_war with 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_ Yō'āsh _he_lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his and_Yārov˝ām he_sat on_throne_of_his and_ Yō'āsh _he_

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Amatsyah replaced him as king.

Yehoahaz reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

13:1 In the twenty-third year of Ahazyah's son Yoash reigning over Yehudah (Judah), Yehu's (Jehu's) son Yehoahaz became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned seventeen years from Shomron (Samaria). **2** He did what Yahweh had said was evil and he imitated the customs of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin—Yehoahaz didn't end them. **3** So Yahweh got angry with Yisrael and he allowed them to be defeated by Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael and his son Ben-Hadad throughout Yehoahaz's reign. **4** Then Yehoahaz prayed to Yahweh for help, and Yahweh listened to him because he saw how much Yisrael was being oppressed by the Aramean king. **5** So Yahweh sent a saviour to Yisrael, and they were able to stand up against the Arameans, and only then were the Israelis able to live peacefully again from day to day. **6** Despite that, they didn't stop imitating the sins of Yarov'am's family who caused Yisrael to sin—no, Yehoahaz kept doing them, and even the Asherah pole remained standing in Shomron.
7 The Aramean king had thoroughly destroyed much of Yisrael's forces only leaving fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers for Yehoahaz.
8 Everything else that Yehoahaz said and did, including his great achievements, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **9** Then Yehoahaz died and was buried in Shomron, and his son Yehoash replaced him as king.

Yehoash reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

10 In the thirty-seventh year of King Yoash reigning over Yehudah (Judah), Yehoahaz's son Yehoash became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned sixteen years from Shomron (Samaria). **11** He did what Yahweh had said was evil and he imitated the customs of Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin—Yehoash didn't end them. **12** Everything else that Yehoash said and did, including his great achievements fighting along with Yehudah's King Amatsyah, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **13** Then Yehoash died

78 **LV 12:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.20

79 **LV 12:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Kgs.12.21

80 **LV 13:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: יטחה: (x-qere) 'אִיטֶחָה': lemma_2398 morph_HVhp3ms id_12T4o אִיטֶחָה

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and was buried in Shomron with the former kings of Yisrael, and his son Yarov'am replaced him on the throne.

Elisha's death · Northern kingdom

14 Meanwhile Elisha had been sick and heading for his last days, so Yisrael's (Israel's) king Yehoash had been to see him, and cried as he stood in front of him and said, "My father, my father, Yisrael's chariot and its horsemen!"[81]

15 Then Elisha had told him, "Bring a bow and arrows." So he'd brought them, **16** and he'd told Yisrael's king, "Grab the bow ready to draw." So he did that, and then Elisha put his hands over the king's hands. **17** Then he said, "Open that window facing east." The king opened it and Elisha said, "Shoot." So he shot the arrow and Elisha said, "That's an arrow of victory for Yahweh and an arrow of victory against Aram (Syria). You will thoroughly defeat Aram at Afek." **18** Then he continued, "Take the rest of the arrows." Yisrael's king took them, and Elisha told him, "Strike the ground with them." So he banged the arrows on the ground three times. **19** But the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have bashed them five or six times, then you would have bashed Aram up completely, but now you'll defeat them three times."

20 Then Elisha died and was buried.

Every year in the spring, bands of Moavim would make raids on Yisrael, **21** and once there was a group of Israelis burying a man. When they saw the raiding party, they quickly threw the body into Elisha's tomb, and when it touched his bones, the man came back to life and stood up.

War between Yisrael and Aram/Syria · Northern kingdom

22 Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael oppressed Yisrael (Israel) all through Yehoahaz's reign, **23** but Yahweh showed favour to the Israelis and felt compassionate towards them. Because of his agreement with Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov (Jacob), he didn't want to destroy them, and he hasn't tossed them out even to this day.

24 When Aram's King Hazael died, his son Ben-Hadad replaced him as king. **25** Then Yehoahaz's son Yehoash attacked Aram three times, and he took back the cities from Hazael's son Ben-Hadad that had been taken in the war in his father Yehoahaz's time.

Amatsyah reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[82]

14:1 In the second year of the reign of Yehoahaz's son Yehoash over Yisrael (Israel), Amatsyah replaced his father Yoash as king of Yehudah (Judah). **2** He was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. (His mother's name was Yeho'adin from

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_was_buried in_Shomrōn with the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14 And_'Elīshā' he_became_sick ÐǾM sickness_of_his which he_ _will_die in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_descended to_him/it Yō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_wept on his/its_ _faces/face and_he_said my_father_of_my father_of_my the_ _chariotry_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_horsemen_of_its. **15** And_ _he/it_said to_him/it 'Elīshā' take a_bow and_arrows and_ _he/it_took to_him/it a_bow and_arrows. **16** And_he/it_said to_ _the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) make_ride hand_of_your on the_ _bow and_he_made_ride his/its_hand and_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_ _assigned hands_of_his on the_hands_of the_king. **17** And_ _he/it_said open the_window eastward_to and_he_opened_it and_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_said shoot and_he/it_said and_he/it_said an_ _arrow_of victory to/for_**YHWH** and_an_arrow_of victory on_ _'Arām and_you_will_defeat ÐǾM 'Arām in_'Afēq until make_an_ _end. **18** And_he/it_said take the_arrows and_he_took_them and_he/it_said to_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) strike towards_ _land and_he_struck three times and_he_stopped. **19** And_he_ _was_angry on/upon/above_him/it the_man_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_said to_strike five or six times then you_have_ _defeated ÐǾM 'Arām until make_an_end and_now three times you_will_defeat ÐǾM 'Arām. **20** And_ 'Elīshā' _he/it_died and_ _people_buried_him and_the_marauding_bands_of Mō'āv they_ _came in/on_the_earth a_year coming. **21** And_he/it_was they were_burying a_man and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_saw ÐǾM (the)_ _marauding_band and_they_threw ÐǾM the_man in_the_grave_ _of 'Elīshā' and_he/it_went and_ the_man _he_touched (in)_ _the_bones_of 'Elīshā' and_he/it_lived and_he/it_rose_up on feet_of_his.

22 And_Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām he_had_oppressed ÐǾM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_days_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz). **23** And_ **YHWH** _he_showed_favour_to ÐǾM_them and_he_had_ _compassion_on_them and_he_turned to_them on_account_of covenant_of_his with 'Avrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_ _Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_not he_was_willing to_destroy_them and_not he_threw_them from_under his/its_faces/face until now. **24** And_ Ḥazā'ēl the_king_of 'Arām _he/it_died and_ Ben Hadad his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_him. **25** And_ Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz _he_returned and_ _he/it_took ÐǾM the_cities from_the_hand_of Ben the_son_of Ḥazā'ēl which he_had_taken from_the_hand_of Yəhō'āḥāz his/its_father in_battle three times he_defeated_him Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_he_restored ÐǾM the_cities_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14:1 In_year two of_Yō'āsh the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) 'Amatsyāh the_son_of Yō'āsh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_became_king. **2** A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Jehoaddan[84] from Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_

81 RV 13:14 · Note This was the same as what Elisha had said when Eliyah had been taken to heaven. See 2:12.

82 RV 14:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 25:1-24

84 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: וַיְהוֹעַדִּיָן: (x-qere) וַיְהַעֲוֹהִי: lemma_3086 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_12rrT

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_both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not like_Dāvid his/its_father according_to_all that Yō'āsh his/its_father he_had_done he_ _did. **4** Only the_high_places not they_were_removed still the_ _people were_sacrificing and_were_making_smoke at_places. **5** And_he/it_was just_as the_kingdom it_was_secure in_his/its_ _hand and_he_struck_down ~~DOM~~ servants_of_his who_had_ _struck_down ~~DOM~~ the_king his/its_father. **6** And_~~DOM~~ the_ _children_of those_who_had_struck_down not he_put_to_death according_what_is_written in_the_book_of the_law_of Mosheh which **YHWH** he_commanded to_say not parents they_will_be_ _put_to_death on children and_children not they_will_be_put_ _to_death on parents if/because (if) each for_his_own_of_sin he_will_be_put_to_death[85]. **7** He he_defeated ~~DOM~~ 'Edōm in_the_ _Valley_of_Salt_in_the_Valley_of Salt[86] ten_of thousand(s) and_ _he_seized ~~DOM~~ (the)_Şela' in_battle and_he/it_called ~~DOM~~ his/its_name Yoqtə'ēl/(Joktheel) until the_day (the)_this. **8** Then 'Amats^{yāh} he_sent messengers to Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say come let_us_look_at_one_ _another faces. **9** And_ Yəhō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he_sent to 'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say the_ _thornbush which was_in_Lə֯vānōn it_sent to the_cedar which was_in_Lə֯vānōn to_say give ~~DOM~~ daughter_of_your to_son_of_ _my to/for_(a)_woman and_ the_animal_of the_field which was_in_Lə֯vānōn _it_passed_by and_it_trampled ~~DOM~~ the_ _thornbush. **10** Indeed_(defeat) you_have_defeated ~~DOM~~ 'Edōm and_it_has_lifted_you heart_of_your be_honoured and_remain in_house_of_your and_for_what will_you_engage_in_strife with_harm and_ you _you_will_fall and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) with_you. **11** And_not 'Amats^{yāh} he_listened and_ Yəhō'āsh the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended and_ he and_'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh _they_looked_at_one_another faces in_ _house_of shemesh which belonged_to_Yəhūdāh. **12** And_ Yəhūdāh _it_was_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_fled each his[87]. **13** And_~~DOM~~ 'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh the_son_of Yəhō'āsh/(Jehoash) the_son_ _of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} Yəhō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_seized in_ _house_of shemesh and[88] Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_made_ _a_breach in_the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) at_the_gate_ _of 'Efrayim to the_gate_of the_corner four hundred(s) cubit[s]. **14** And_he/it_will_take ~~DOM~~ all_of the_gold and_the_silver and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of the_vessels which_were_found the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_the_treasuries_of the_house_of the_king and_~~DOM~~ the_ _sons_of the_pledges and_he_returned to_Shomrōn. **15** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhō'āsh which he_did and_might_ _of_his and_which he_waged_war with 'Amats^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **16** And_ Yəhō'āsh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_ _was_buried in_Shomrōn with the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Yārov֯ām/(Jeroboam) his/its_son _he_became_king in_

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Yerushalem.) **3** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour, although not as thoroughly as his ancestor David—his behaviour was more like that of his father Yoash. **4** However, the hilltop shrines weren't removed—people were still sacrificing and burning incense at them.

5 Once he was firmly established as king, Amatsyah had the servants executed who had assassinated his father Yoash,[83] **6** but he didn't have their sons executed, because in the scroll where Mosheh (Moses) had written the laws, Yahweh had commanded, "Fathers shouldn't be executed for what their sons do, nor should sons be executed for the crimes of their ancestors—rather an individual should only be executed for their own crime."

7 He led the victory over ten thousand Edomim in the Salt Valley, seizing Sela in the battle and renaming it as Yakete'el which it's still called today.

8 Then Amatsyah sent messengers to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yehoash (the son of Yehoahaz, the son of Yehu (Jehu)) challenging, "Come on, let's have it out with each other." **9** But King Yehoash replied to Yehudah's King Amatsyah, "The thistle that was in the Levanon forest sent to the cedar that was in the Levanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as a wife.' But a wild animal that was in the Levanon passed by and it trampled the thistle. **10** It's true that you won a battle with Edom and you're feeling encouraged. Accept that honour, but stay home now. Why would you stir up trouble only to fall again—you and all Yehudah with you?"

11 But Amatsyah wouldn't listen so the armies of Yisrael's King Yehoash and Yehudah's (Judah's) King Amatsyah faced each other in Yehudah at Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis). **12** However, Yehudah was overcome by Yisrael, and its warriors had to flee home from the battlefield. **13** So Yisrael's King Yehoash captured Yehudah's King Amatsyah (the son of Yehoash, the son of Ahazyah) in Beyt-Shemesh. Then he went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and he broke down the city wall from the Efrayim Gate up to the Corner Gate—almost two hundred metres of it. **14** He took all the gold and silver, and all the equipment that was found in Yahweh's temple and in the palace treasuries. Then taking some hostages as well, he returned to Shomron (Samaria).

15 Everything else that Yehoash said and did, including his battle with Yehudah's King Amatsyah, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **16** Then Yehoash died and was buried in Shomron with the former kings of Yisrael, and his son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) replaced him as king.

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83 **RV 14:5 · Cross-ref.** 12:20-21.

85 **LV 14:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תומי: (x-qere) תָּמוּי': lemma_4191 n_0 morph_HVHi3ms id_12ywD תָּמוּי

86 **LV 14:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: חלמה: (x-qere) חַלָּמֵ': lemma_4417 n_1.1.0 morph_HNp id_12yHv חַלָּמֵ

87 **LV 14:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לה֣א/ל: (x-qere) ו/יְלָהֹא/ל': lemma_l/168 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_12frk ו/יְלָהֹא/ל

88 **LV 14:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: ואבי/ו: (x-qere) וְ/אֲבִי/ו': lemma_c/935 n_0.2.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_12zbT וְ/אֲבִי/ו

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The death of Yehudah's King Amatsyah · Southern kingdom[89]

17 Yehudah's (Judah's) King Amatsyah (Yoash's son) lived another fifteen years after the death of Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yehoash (Yehoahaz's son). 18 Everything else that Amatsyah said is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah.

19 Some people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) had plotted to assassinate him, but he fled to Lakish. However, they followed him there and killed him in the city. 20 His body was carried back on horses, and he was buried in his ancestral tomb in Yerushalem in the city of David. 21 Then all the people of Yehudah took sixteen year old Azaryah and made him king to replace his late father Amatsyah. 22 Azaryah built up Eylot and he reestablished it as part of Yehudah before he died.

Yarov'am II reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

23 In the fifteenth year of Yoash's son King Amatsyah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Yehoash's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) became king of Yisrael (Israel) and reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for forty-one years. 24 He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he imitated the customs of Nevat's son Yarov'am who'd caused Yisrael to sin. 25 Yarov'am restored Yisrael's border from Levo-Hamat through to the Sea of the Desert, as Yisrael's god Yahweh had foretold via his servant Yonah (Jonah)—the son of the prophet Amitay from Gat-Hahefer. 26 That was because Yahweh had seen how Yisrael had suffered badly and had been unable to control their own destinies, and that no other country would help them. 27 But Yahweh had said that he wouldn't allow Yisrael to be destroyed, so he'd used Yehoash's son Yarov'am to save them.

28 Everything else that Yarov'am said and did, including how he fought and restored Damesek (Damascus) and Hamat to Yisrael, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. 29 Then Yarov'am died and was buried with the former kings of Yisrael, and his son Zekaryah (Zechariah) replaced him as king.

Azaryah/Uziyah reigns over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[90]

15:1 In the twenty-seventh year of King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign over Yisrael (Israel), Amatsyah's son Azaryah[91] became king of Yehudah (Judah). 2 He was sixteen when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-two years. (His mother's name was Yekaleyah from Yerushalem.) 3 He did what Yahweh had said was

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_place_of_him.

17 And_ 'Amatsʸāh the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_king_of Yəhūdāh _he/it_lived after the_death_of Yəhō'āsh the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fif- teen year[s]. 18 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Amatsʸāh not are_ _they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_ _kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. 19 And_people_conspired on/upon/above_him/it a_conspiracy in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_fled to_Lākīsh and_they_ _sent after_him to_Lākīsh and_they_put_him_to_death there. 20 And_they_carried ÐØM_him/it on the_horses and_he_was_ _buried in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with ancestors_of_his in_ _the_city_of Dāvid. 21 And_ all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh _ _they_took ÐØM ʿAzarʸāh and_he was_a_son_of six- teen year[s] and_they_made_king ÐØM_him/it in_place_of his/its_father 'Amatsʸāh. 22 He he_built ÐØM 'Ēylōt and_bring_back_restored_it to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) after the_king lay_down with ancestors_ _of_his.

23 In_year fif- teen year of_'Amatsʸāh the_son_of Yō'āsh the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh Yārovʿām the_son_of Yō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_became_king in_Shomrōn forty and_one year[s]. 24 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_all the_sins_of Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_caused_to_sin ÐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 25 He he_restored ÐØM the_border_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_ _Ləvō'_of Ḥₐmāt to the_sea_of the_ʿArāvāh according_to_the_ _message_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which he_spoke by_the_hand_of his_servant_of_his Yōnāh/(Jonah) the_son_of 'Amittay the_prophet who was_from_Gat- hepher. 26 If/because **YHWH** he_saw ÐØM the_affliction_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) rebellious very and_there_not was_shut_up and_there_not was_freed and_there_was_not a_helper for_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 27 And_not **YHWH** he_had_spoken to_wipe_ _out ÐØM the_name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_heavens and_he_delivered_them by_the_hand_of Yārovʿām the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash). 28 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yārovʿām and_all that he_did and_might_of_his which he_waged_war and_which he_restored ÐØM Dammeseq and_ÐØM Ḥₐmāt to_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 29 And_ Yārovʿām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his with the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ Zəkarʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

15:1 In_year twenty and_seven year of_Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ʿAzarʸāh the_son_of 'Amatsʸāh the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. 2 A_son_of six- teen year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_fifty and_two year[s] he_ _reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_ _mother was_Yəkolʸāh/(Jecholiah) from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 3 And_he/it_made the_right in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that 'Amatsʸāh his/its_

89 **RV 14:17 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 25:25-28

90 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 26:1-23

91 **RV 15:1 · Note** Azaryah was also known as Uzziyah, especially from v13 onwards.

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_father he_had_done. 4 Only the_high_places not they_were_
_removed still the_people were_sacrificing and_were_making_
_smoke at_places. 5 And_ **YHWH** _he_struck ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_
_he/it_was one_who_had_a_skin_disease until the_day_of his_
_death_of_his and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_
_house_of (the)_separateness and_Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of
the_king was_over the_house he_was_judging ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_
_of the_earth/land. 6 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of ʹAzar^{yāh}
and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_
_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah).
7 And_ ʹAzar^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_
_people_buried ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_
of Dāvid and Yōtām his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_
_of_him.

8 In_year thirty and_eight year of_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Yārovʹām/(Jeroboam) he_
_became_king over Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) in_Shomrōn six months.
9 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** just_as
ancestors_of_his they_had_done not he_turned_aside from_
_the_sins_of Yārovʹām the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_caused_to_
_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel). 10 And_he_conspired on/upon/above_
_him/it Shallūm the_son_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) and_he_struck_
_him_down before_the_of people and_he_killed_him and_he_
_became_king in_place_of_him. 11 And_the_rest_of the_
_matters_of Zəkar^{yāh} THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of
the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel).
12 It was_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken to
Yēhū᾽/(Jehu) to_say descendants_of a_fourth_generation they_
_will_sit to/for_yourself(m) on the_throne_of Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel)
and_he/it_was thus.

13 Shallūm the_son_of Yāvēsh he_became_king in_year thirty
and_nine year of_ʹUzziy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_
_he_reigned a_month_of days in_Shomrōn. 14 And_ Mənaḥēm
the_son_of Gādī _he/it_ascended from_Tirtsāh and_he_came
Shomrōn and_he_struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ Shallūm the_son_of Yāvēsh
in_Shomrōn and_he_killed_him and_he_became_king in_place_
_of_him. 15 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Shallūm and_
_conspiracy_of_his which he_conspired THERE_they are_
_written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_
_kings_of of_Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel). 16 Then Mənaḥēm he_attacked
ᴅᴏᴍ Tiphsah and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_who were_in_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ
territories_of_its from_Tirtsāh if/because not it_opened and_
_he_defeated_it ᴅᴏᴍ all_of (the)_its_pregnant_of_women he_
_ripped_open.

17 In_year thirty and_nine year of_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh Mənaḥēm the_son_of Gādī he_became_king over
Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) ten years in_Shomrōn. 18 And_he/it_made the_
_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_
_under the_sins_of Yārovʹām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ
which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) all_of his/its_days.
19 Pūl the_king_of ᾽Ashshūr he_came on the_earth/land and_
Mənaḥēm _he/it_gave to_Pūl a_thousand talent[s]_of silver to_
_be hands_of_his with_him/it to_strengthen the_kingdom in_

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correct behaviour like his father Amatsyah had done, 4 although the hilltop shrines weren't removed—the people continued to sacrifice at them and burn incense. 5 Yahweh caused Azaryah to become a leper and he had to live separately from others for the rest of his life, so his son Yotam (Jotham) ran the palace and dealt with the people's problems.

6 Everything else that Azaryah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. 7 Azaryah died[92] and was buried in the ancestral tomb in the city of David, and his son Yotam replaced him as king.

Zekaryah reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

8 In the thirty-eighth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) son Zekaryah (Zechariah) became king over Yisrael (Israel) and ruled for six months from Shomron (Samaria). 9 He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just as his ancestors had done—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am who had caused Yisrael to sin. 10 Then Yavesh's son Shalum plotted to assassinate him, and he attacked him in front of the people and killed him, and he replaced him as king.

11 Everything else that Zekaryah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

12 Previously Yahweh had told King Yehu (Jehu) that his descendants would sit on the throne for four generations, and that had come true.[93]

Shalum reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

13 Yavesh's son Shalum became king in the thirty-ninth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), but he only reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for one month. 14 Then Gadi's son Menahem came to Shomron from Tirtsah, and he attacked Yavesh's son Shalum there in Shomron and killed him, replacing him as king. 15 Everything else that Shalum said, including his assassination plot, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael (Israel). 16 At that time, Menahem attacked Tifsah and everyone in the city, and its borders from Tirtsah, because they wouldn't open their gates. Then he ripped open the bellies of all the pregnant women there.

Menahem's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

17 In the thirty-ninth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Gadi's son Menahem became king over Yisrael (Israel) and he reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for ten years. 18 He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin.

During his reign, 19 King Pul of Ashur (Assyria) attacked Yis-

92 **RV 15:7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:1.

93 **RV 15:12 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 10:30.

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rael, and Menahem gave Pul over thirty tonnes of silver, so he would support Menahem's reign. **20** (Menahem had taxed all the wealthy families across Yisrael—fifty silver coins per adult male.) As a result, the Assyrian king cancelled his plans to attack and returned home.

21 Everything else that Menahem said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael. **22** Then Menahem died and was buried, and his son Pekahyah replaced him as king.

Pekahyah reigns over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

23 In the fiftieth year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Menahem's son Pekahyah became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for two years. **24** He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin. **25** But Pekah the son of Remalyah, Pekahyah's third officer, plotted to assassinate him, and he attacked him in the palace in Shomron with the assistance of Argov and Aryeh and fifty Giladim. So Pekah killed King Pekahyah and replaced him as king. **26** Everything else that Pekahyah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael—look at it.

Pekah's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

27 In the fifty-second year of King Azaryah's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Remalyah's son Pekah became king over Yisrael (Israel) and reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for twenty years. **28** He did what Yahweh had said was evil—he didn't avoid the kinds of behaviour that had been done by Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) who had caused Yisrael to sin.

29 During the reign of King Pekah over Yisrael, Ashur's (Assyria's) King Tiglat-Pileser came, and he captured the cities of Iyon, Avel-Beyt-Ma'akah, Yanoah, Kedesh, and Hatsor, and the regions of Gilead, Galil, and Naftali (Naphtali), and he exiled their people to Ashur.

30 Then Elah's son Hoshea plotted to assassinate Remalyah's son Pekah, and he attacked him, killing him and replacing him as king in the twentieth year of King Yotam's (Jotham's) reign over Yehudah. **31** Everything else that Pekah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yisrael.

Yotam's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[95]

32 In the second year of Remalyah's son Pekah's reign over Yisrael (Israel), Azaryah's son Yotam (Jotham) began to reign over Yehudah (Judah). **33** He was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years. (His mother's name was Yerusha, the daughter of Tsadok.) **34** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour like his father Azaryah/Uziyah had done, **35** although the hilltop shrines weren't removed—the people continued to sacrifice at

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_his/its_hand. **20** And_ Mənaḥēm _he_brought_out ÐOM the_ _silver on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on all_of the_mighty_men_of (the)_ _wealth to_give_it to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr fifty shekels silver to_a_man one and_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_returned and_not he_remained there on_the_earth. **21** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Mənaḥēm and_all that he_did am_not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **22** And_ Mənaḥēm _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Pəqaḥ^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

23 In_year fifty year of_ʻAzar^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Pəqaḥ^{yāh} the_son_of Mənaḥēm he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn two_years. **24** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_ _the_sins_of Yārovʻām the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_caused_to_ _sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** And_he_conspired on/upon/above_ _him/it Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū officer_of_his and_he_ _struck_him_down in_Shomrōn in_the_fortress_of the_house_ _of the_king[94] with 'Argovʻ and_ÐOM (the)_'Aryēh and_were_ _with_him fifty man from_(the)_sons the_Gil'ādites and_he_ _killed_him and_he_became_king in_place_of_him. **26** And_the_ _rest_of the_matters_of Pəqaḥ^{yāh} and_all that he_did THERE_ _they are_written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_ _the_kings_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

27 In_year fifty and_two year of_ʻAzar^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū he_became_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_Shomrōn twenty year[s]. **28** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** not he_turned_aside from the_sins_of Yārovʻām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ which he_ _caused_to_sin ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **29** In_the_days_of Peqaḥ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Tiglat pil'eşer the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came and_he/it_took ÐOM Ijon and_ÐOM Abel Bēyt Maacah and_ÐOM Yānōaḥ/(Janoah) and_ÐOM Qedesh and_ÐOM Ḥātsōr and_ÐOM (the)_Gil'ād and_ÐOM (to)_the_Gālīl all_of the_land_of Naftālī and_he_took_them_into_exile to_'Ashshūr. **30** And_ Hōshēʻa the_son_of 'Ēlāh _he_conspired a_conspiracy on Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū and_he_struck_him_down and_he_killed_ _him and_he_became_king in_place_of_him in_year twenty of_ _Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of ʻUzziy^{yāh}. **31** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Peqaḥ and_all that he_did THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

32 In_year two of_Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Yōtām the_son_of ʻUzziy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_became_king. **33** A_son_of twenty and_ _five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Yərūshā'/(Jerusha) the_daughter_of Tsādōq/(Zadok). **34** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that ʻUzziy^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_done he_did. **35** Only the_high_places not they_were_ _removed still the_people were_sacrificing and_were_making_

94 LV 15:25 · Note OSHB variant note: דלמ: (x-qere) דֶּלֶ֫מֶ/ה: lemma_d/4428 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_12jPZ דֶּלֶ֫מֶ/ה

95 RV 15:32 · Parallel 2 Chr. 27:1-9

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_smoke at_places he he_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_upper. **36** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yōtām which he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh. **37** In_the_ _days the_those **YHWH** he_began to_send in_Yəhūdāh Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām and_ᴅᴏᴍ Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmalʸᵃʰū. **38** And_ Yōtām/(Jotham) _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ ʾĀḥāz his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

16:1 In_year seven- teen year of_Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmalʸᵃʰū ʾĀḥāz the_son_of Yōtām the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_became_king. **2** Was_a_son_of twenty year[s] ʾĀḥāz when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not he_did the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_ _god like_Dāvid his/its_father. **3** And_he/it_went in_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_also ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_son he_ _made_pass in_fire according_to_the_abominations_of the_ _nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **4** And_he_ _sacrificed and_he_made_smoke at_places and_on the_hills and_under every_of tree luxuriant. **5** Then Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām and_Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmalʸᵃʰū the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_came_up Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_ _battle and_they_laid_siege on ʾĀḥāz and_not they_were_able to_do_battle. **6** At_time (the)_that Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām he_ _restored ᴅᴏᴍ ʾĒylōt to_ʾArām and_he_cleared_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Yəhūdī/(Judeans) from_ʾĒylōt and[102][103] they_came ʾĒylōt and_ _they_lived there until the_day (the)_this. **7** And_ ʾĀḥāz _he_ _sent messengers to Tiglat pilʾeṣer the_king_of ʾAshshūr to_say servant_of_am_your and_son_of_your I come_up and_deliver_ _me from_the_palm_of the_king_of ʾArām and_from_the_palm_ _of the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who_are_rising_up on_me. **8** And_ ʾĀḥāz _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_silver and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_gold which_was_found the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_the_treasuries_ _of the_house_of the_king and_he_sent_it to_the_king_of ʾAshshūr a_gift. **9** And_he/it_listened to_him/it the_king_of ʾAshshūr and_ the_king_of ʾAshshūr _he/it_ascended to Dammeseq and_he_seized_it and_he_took_it_into_exile to_Qīr and_ᴅᴏᴍ Rətsīn he_put_to_death. **10** And_ the_king ʾĀḥāz _ _he/it_went to_meet Tiglat pilʾeṣer the_king_of ʾAshshūr Dammeseq and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar which was_in_ _Dammeseq and_ the_king ʾĀḥāz _he_sent to Uriah the_ _priest/officer ᴅᴏᴍ the_likeness_of the_altar and_ᴅᴏᴍ pattern_ _of_its to/from_all/each/any/every work_of_its. **11** And_ Uriah the_priest/officer _he/it_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar according_to_all that the_king ʾĀḥāz he_had_sent from_Dammeseq so Uriah the_ _priest/officer he_did until the_king ʾĀḥāz came from_ _Dammeseq. **12** And_ the_king _he_came from_Dammeseq and_ the_king _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_altar and_ the_king _he_drew_

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them and burn incense. Yotam built the upper gate to Yahweh's temple.

36 Everything else that Yotam said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **37** In those days, Yahweh began to send Aram's (Syria's) King Retsin and Remalyah's son Pekah against Yehudah. **38** Then Yotam died and was buried in their ancestral tomb in the city of his ancestor David, and his son Ahaz replaced him as king.

Ahaz's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[96]

16:1 In the seventeenth year of Remalyah's son Pekah's reign over Yisrael (Israel), Yotam's (Jotham's) son Ahaz began to reign over Yehudah (Judah). **2** Ahaz was twenty when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years, but he didn't follow what his god Yahweh had said was correct behaviour like his ancestor David had done. **3** Actually he followed the behaviour of the kings of Yisrael, and he even sacrificed his son as a burnt offering[97] like they do in the nations that Yahweh hated and which Yahweh had driven out of the land as the Israelis had entered. **4** Also he sacrificed on the hilltop shrines and burnt incense on them, and on the hills and under every large tree.

5 Then Aram's (Syria's) King Retsin and Yisrael's King Pekah (Remalyah's son) came uphill to attack Yerushalem, and they laid siege against King Ahaz but they weren't able to conquer the city.[98] **6** At that time, Aram's King Retsin recaptured Eylot City for Aram, then he drove the Yehudim (Judeans) out of Eylot and Arameans moved in instead and they have lived there to this day. **7** So Ahaz sent messengers to Ashur's (Assyria's) King Tiglat-Pileser, "I'm your servant and your son. Come up and rescue me from the kings of Aram and Yisrael who are here attacking me." **8** Ahaz took the gold and silver from Yahweh's temple and from the palace treasuries, and sent it as a gift to the Assyrian king. **9** The king of Ashur listened to him and went in and attacked Damesek (Damascus), and he captured it and exiled its people to Kir, and he executed King Retsin.

10 King Ahaz went to meet the Assyrian King Tiglat-Pileser in Damesek, and he saw the altar that was there. So he sent a drawing and the detailed measurements of the altar to the priest Uriyah. **11** So Uriyah built the altar according to the plans that King Ahaz had sent from Damesek and had it finished before King Ahaz returned from Damesek. **12** When the king got back to Yerushalem and saw the altar, he went up onto it **13** and made his burnt offering and his grain offering, and he poured out his drink offering, and he sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings

96 RV 16:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 28:1-27

97 RV 16:3 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:31.

98 RV 16:5 · Cross-ref. Isa 7:1.

102 LV 16:6 · Note OSHB variant note: מרא/ום: (x-qere) יהודא/ו: lemma_c/130 n_0.2.0 morph_HC/Ngmpa id_128XN יהודא/ו

103 LV 16:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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onto the altar. **14** He got the bronze altar[99] that had been dedicated to Yahweh moved back away from the temple and placed beside the newer, bigger altar. **15** Then King Ahaz ordered Uriyah, "Use the large altar for the morning burnt offerings and the evening grain offerings, and for the king's burnt offerings and grain offerings, and for the people's burnt offerings and grain offerings and drink offerings. Use it for sprinkling all the blood of the burnt offerings and of the sacrifices on. But I will use the bronze altar for seeking guidance." **16** So Uriyah the priest put everything into effect that King Ahaz had commanded.

17 Then King Ahaz cut the frames off the stands outside the temple, and he removed the basins off them. He took down 'The Sea' that had been sitting on top of bronze bulls and put it on the stone floor.[100] **18** He also removed the canopy that had been built at the temple for use on the Rest Days, and blocked up the king's outer entrance to the temple so that the Assyrian king couldn't use it.

19 Everything else that Ahaz said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah (Judah). **20** Then Ahaz died[101] and was buried in their ancestral tomb in the city of David, and his son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) replaced him as king.

Hoshea's reign over Yisrael · Northern kingdom

17:1 In the twelfth year of King Ahaz's reign over Yehudah (Judah), Elah's son Hoshea became king over Yisrael (Israel) and he reigned from Shomron (Samaria) for nine years. **2** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, although nothing like the Israeli kings who'd preceded him. **3** Ashur's (Assyria's) King Shalmaneser attacked and defeated him, and Hoshea became his servant and paid tribute to him. **4** But the Assyrian king discovered that Hoshea was planning a revolt and had sent messengers to the Mitsri (Egyptian) King So and hadn't kept up the annual tribute payment. So the Assyrian king arrested Hoshea and imprisoned him.

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_near to the_altar and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it. **13** And_he_made_smoke ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_his_burnt and_~~ĐOM~~ his/its_donation/offering and_he_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~ offering_of_ _his_drink and_he_sprinkled ~~ĐOM~~ the_blood_of the_peace_ _offerings which to_him/it on the_altar. **14** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_altar_ _of the_bronze which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_brought_near from_with the_face_of the_house from_between the_altar and_from_between the_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~_him/it on the_side_of the_altar northward_to. **15** And[104] the_king 'Āḥāz ~~ĐOM~~ Uriah the_ _priest/officer to_say on the_altar (the)_great make_smoke ~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_offering_of the_morning and_~~ĐOM~~ the_grain_ _offering_of the_evening and_~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_offering_of the_ _king and_~~ĐOM~~ his/its_donation/offering and_~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_ _offering_of all_of the_people_of the_earth/land and_their_ _grain_of_offering and_their_drink_of_offerings and_all the_ _blood_of the_burnt_offering and_all the_blood_of the_sacrifice on/upon/above_him/it you_will_sprinkle and_the_altar_of (the)_bronze it_will_belong to/for_me to_consult. **16** And_ Uriah the_priest/officer _he/it_made according_to_all that the_ _king 'Āḥāz he_commanded. **17** And_ the_king 'Āḥāz _he_cut_ _off ~~ĐOM~~ the_rims the_stands and_he_removed from_on_them and[105] the_laver and_~~ĐOM~~ the_sea he_took_down from_under the_ox[en] the_bronze which were_under_it and_he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~_him/it on a_pavement_of stone(s). **18** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _covered_structure_of[106] of_the_sabbath which people_had_ _built in_house and_~~ĐOM~~ the_entrance_of the_king (the)_outer_ _to he_removed the_house_of **YHWH** from_face/in_front_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **19** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Āḥāz which he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **20** And_ 'Āḥāz _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_ _was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

17:1 In_year two_plus ten of_'Āḥāz the_king_of Yəhūdāh Hōshē'a the_son_of 'Ēlāh he_became_king in_Shomrōn over Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) nine years. **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not like_the_kings_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who they_were before_him. **3** On/upon/above_him/it Shalman'eṣer the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up and_he/it_was to_him/it Hōshē'a subject and_he_returned to_him/it tribute. **4** And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_found in_Hōshē'a treason that he_had_sent messengers to Ṣō' the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_not he_had_brought_up tribute to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr as_a_year in_year and_he_arrested_him the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_he_confined_him a_house_of imprisonment.

99 RV 16:14 · Cross-ref. Exo 27:1-2; 2Ch 4:1.

100 RV 16:17 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 7:23-39; 2Ch 4:2-6.

101 RV 16:20 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:28.

104 LV 16:15 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/וצי/ו: (x-qere) 'הֶוָּצִי/ו': lemma_c/6680 morph_HC/Vpw3ms id_12zJN הֶוָּצִי/ו

105 LV 16:17 · Note OSHB variant note: תא/ו: (x-qere) 'תֶּאְ': lemma_853 morph_HTo id_12XUn תֶּאְ

106 LV 16:18 · Note OSHB variant note: דסימ: (x-qere) 'דְּסוּמ': lemma_4329 morph_HNcmsc id_12PHM דְּסוּמ

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5 And_ the_king_of ’Ashshūr _he/it_ascended in_all the_ _earth/land and_he/it_ascended Shomrōn and_he/it_laid_siege on/upon_it(f) three years. **6** In_year (of)_the_ninth of_Hōshē˝a the_king_of ’Ashshūr he_captured ᴅᴏᴍ Shomrōn and_he_took_ _into_exile ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) to_’Ashshūr and_he_caused_to_ _dwell ᴅᴏᴍ_them in_Ḥalaḥ and_on_the_Ḥāvōr the_river_of Gōzān and_the_cities_of Māday. **7** And_he/it_was if/because the_people_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) they_had_sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_their who_had_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim from_under the_hand_of Par˝oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_they_had_feared gods other. **8** And_they_had_ _walked in_the_customs_of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_ _dispossessed from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) and_the_kings_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) which they_ _had_done. **9** And_ the_people_of Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) _they_did_ _secretly things which were_not right on **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_built to/for_them high_places in_all cities_of_their from_a_tower_of watchmen unto a_city_of fortification. **10** And_they_erected to/for_them sacred_pillars and_’Ashērāh_ _poles on every_of hill high and_under every_of tree luxuriant. **11** And_they_made_smoke there in_all the_high_places like_ _nations which **YHWH** he_had_taken_into_exile from_their_ _face/front and_they_did things evil to_provoke_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **12** And_they_served the_idols which **YHWH** he_had_ _said to/for_them not you(pl)_must_do ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing (the)_ _this. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he_warned (in)_Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) and_(in)_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) by_the_hand_of every_of mmm[110] every_of seer to_say turn_back from_ways_of_your(pl) (the)_evil and_ _keep commands_of_my regulations_of_my according_to_all_of the_law which I_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ ancestors_of_your(pl) and_ _which I_sent to_you(pl) by_the_hand_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets. **14** And_not they_listened and_they_stiffened ᴅᴏᴍ neck_of_their like_the_neck_of their_ancestors_of_their who not they_trusted in_**YHWH** god_of_their. **15** And_they_ _rejected ᴅᴏᴍ regulations_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_his which he_had_made with ancestors_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ testimonies_of_his which he_warned (in)_them and_they_ _walked[111] after (the)_vanity and_they_became_vain and_after the_nations which were_around_of_them which **YHWH** he_ _had_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ_them to_not to_do like_them. **16** And_ _they_abandoned ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_ _their and_they_made to/for_them a_molten_image two_of[112] calves and_they_made an_’Ashērāh_pole and_they_bowed_ _down to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_they_served ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_Ba˝al. **17** And_they_ _made_pass ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_their in_ _fire and_they_divined divinations and_they_practiced_ _divination and_they_sold_themselves for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger. **18** And_ **YHWH** _he_was_angry very with_Yisrā˙ēl/(Israel) and_he_

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The fall of Shomron/Samaria · Northern kingdom

5 Then the Assyrian king attacked the whole country, including besieging Shomron (Samaria) for three years. **6** In the ninth year of Hoshea’s reign, the Assyrian king captured Shomron. He exiled the Israelis to Ashur (Assyria) and settled them in Halah, and in Havor along the Gozan River, and in the cities of the Madim (Medes).

7 That happened because the Israelis had sinned against their god Yahweh who had rescued them from King Par’oh (Pharaoh) in Mitsrayim (Egypt). They had sinned by worshipping other gods **8** and imitating the customs of the people groups who Yahweh had driven out of the country ahead of them. They had also followed their kings in doing evil things. **9** The Israelis had done things secretly that their god Yahweh had said weren’t right, and they’d built hilltop shrines everywhere from the largest fortified cities to the smallest towns. **10** They’d also erected stone pillars to honour gods and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every large tree,[107] **11** and they’d burnt incense there on all those hilltops just like the people groups that Yahweh had driven off the land ahead of them—doing those evil things had made Yahweh angry. **12** They’d served idols even when Yahweh had forbidden them from doing that.

13 So Yahweh had warned Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) by the declarations by all of his prophets who said, “Turn from your evil ways and obey my commands and statutes, following all of the instructions that I gave your ancestors and which I delivered to you through my servants, the prophets.” **14** However, they hadn’t listened and had hardened their attitudes just like their ancestors who wouldn’t put their trust in their god Yahweh. **15** They rejected his statutes and the agreement that he made with their ancestors, and the warning that he gave them. They chose to worship lifeless objects, and they became hollow and empty themselves, just like the people of the surrounding countries which Yahweh had commanded them not to imitate. **16** They disobeyed the instructions given to them by their god Yahweh by molding two metal calves for themselves[108] and making an Asherah pole. Then they bowed down and worshipped the sun, moon, and stars, and they served Ba’al. **17** They sacrificed their sons and daughters, and used fortune-tellers and witchcraft[109]—making themselves slaves to evil by doing what Yahweh had forbidden, and so making him angry. **18** So that’s why Yahweh had become very angry at the northern kingdom of Yisrael and caused them to be removed from the land. Only the Southern kingdom of Yehudah remained, **19** but even they didn’t obey the commands of their god Yahweh, but copied much of

107 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 14:23.

108 RV 17:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 12:28.

109 RV 17:17 · Cross-ref. Deu 18:10.

110 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/אובנ**: (x-qere) ’יֹאבְֵי֥: lemma_5030 morph_HNcmpc id_12z6T יֹאבְֵי֥

111 LV 17:15 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

112 LV 17:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **מינש**: (x-qere) ’יַנֵּ֣שׁ: lemma_8147 morph_HAcmdc id_12a9C יַנֵּ֣שׁ

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the bad behaviour of the northern kingdom. 20 So Yahweh rejected all the Israelis and he caused them to suffer, including being plundered by enemy armies, until he banished them from his presence.

21 Firstly he'd torn the northern kingdom out from the leadership of David's descendants and they'd made Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) king. Then Yarov'am had driven them away from following Yahweh, and had induced them into serious sin. 22 So the Israelis had followed Yarov'am into sin and then didn't turn away from it, 23 and finally Yahweh had removed the people of the northern kingdom of Yisrael from his presence just like he'd warned he would through the messages of his servants, the prophets. So the people were deported to Ashur (Assyria) where they remain to this day.

The Assyrians settle in the northern kingdom · Northern kingdom

24 Then the Assyrian king sent people from Bavel (Babylon) and from Kut and from Ivah and from Hamat and Sefarvayim, and he settled them in the cities of the northern kingdom in place of the Israelis. And they possessed Shomron (Samaria) and lived in its towns. 25 At first the new inhabitants living there didn't respect Yahweh, however he sent lions among them and they started killing them. 26 They told the Assyrian king, "The people groups that you exiled from their own countries and settled in the towns around Shomron, don't know the customs of the god of the land. So he's sent lions against them, and look at them—killing them because they don't know the customs of the god of the land." 27 "Send one of the priests back that was brought from there," the Assyrian king commanded. "He can go back there and settle there again, then he can teach them the customs of the god of that place." 28 So they found one of the priests who had been exiled from Shomron and sent him back to Yisrael (Israel). He settled in Beyt-El (Bethel) and taught the people how Yahweh wanted to be served.

29 But each people group had made their own gods and put them in the hilltop shrines that the Israelis had made before being exiled. Each people group did that in the area where they'd been resettled. 30 Those from Bavel made their god Sukot-Benot, those from Kut made Nergal, those from Hamat made their god Ashima, 31 and the Avim made Nivhaz and Tartak. The Sefarvim sacrificed their own sons in the fire to their gods Adramelek and Anamelek. 32 At the same time, they tried placating Yahweh, but

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_removed_them from_under his/its_faces/face not anyone_ _was_left only the_tribe_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) for_him/it_being_ _alone. 19 Also Yəhūdāh not it_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_commands_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_walked in_the_customs_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_had_done. 20 And_ **YHWH** _he_ _rejected in_all the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_ _afflicted_them and_he_gave_them in_the_hand_of plunderers until that he_threw_them from_before_of_him. 21 If/because he_tore Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under the_house_of Dāvid they_ _made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Yārov˙ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nev˙aṭ and[113] Yārov˙ām ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_after **YHWH** and_ _he_caused_them_to_sin[114] a_sin great. 22 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_walked in_all the_sins_of Yārov˙ām which he_did not they_turned_aside from_it. 23 Until that **YHWH** he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_under his/its_ _faces/face just_as he_had_spoken by_the_hand of_all_of servants_of_his the_prophets and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_went_ _into_exile from_under land_of_its to_'Ashshūr until the_day (the)_this.

24 And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he/it_brought from_Bāv˙el and_ _from_Kūt/(Cuthah) and_from_Avva and_from_Ḥₐmāt and_ _Ṣəfarvayim and_he_caused_them_to_dwell in_the_cities_of Shomrōn in_place_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_ _took_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ Shomrōn and_they_lived in_cities_of_ _its. 25 And_he/it_was at_the_beginning_of their_dwelling there not they_feared ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he_sent (is)_in_ _them ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_lions and_they_were killing in_them. 26 And_ _they_said to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr to_say the_nations which you_took_into_exile and_you_caused_to_dwell in_the_cities_of Shomrōn not they_know ᴅᴏᴍ the_custom_of the_god_of the_ _earth/land and_he_has_sent among_them ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_lions and_THERE_they are_killing them just_as not_they are_ _knowing ᴅᴏᴍ the_custom_of the_god_of the_earth/land. 27 And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he/it_commanded to_say take to_(to) one of_the_priests whom you(pl)_took_into_exile from_ _there so_that_they_may_go and_so_that_they_may_dwell there and_so_that_he_may_teach_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_custom_of the_god_of the_earth/land. 28 And_ one of_the_priests whom they_had_taken_into_exile from_Shomrōn _he_went and_he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_house_of 'ēl and_he/it_was teaching ᴅᴏᴍ_them how will_they_fear ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. 29 And_ _they_were making nation nation his/its_god and_they_placed_ _them in_house_of the_high_places which the_Shomrōn they_ _had_made nation nation in_their_own_of_cities where they were_dwelling there. 30 And_the_people_of Bāv˙el they_made ᴅᴏᴍ Succoth Benoth and_the_people_of Cuthah they_made ᴅᴏᴍ Nērəggal and_the_people_of Ḥₐmāt they_made ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ashimā'. 31 And_the_Avvites they_made Niv˙az and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tartāq and_ _the_Ṣəfarvī were_burning ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_their in_fire to_ _'Adrammelek and_ʿAnammelek the_gods_of[118] of_ _Ṣəfarvayim[119]. 32 And_they_were fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_

113 LV 17:21 · Note OSHB variant note: אדי/ו: (x-qere) 'הַֽדַי/ו': lemma_c/5080 morph_HC/Vhw3ms id_12gFy הַֽדַי/ו

114 LV 17:21 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

118 LV 17:31 · Note OSHB variant note: הלא: (x-qere) 'יְהֹלֶֽא': lemma_430 morph_HNcmpc id_12eQ5 יְהֹלֶֽא

119 LV 17:31 · Note OSHB variant note: מירפס: (x-qere) 'סְיָֽוְרַפְּס': lemma_5617 n_0 morph_HNp id_12ew3 סְיָֽוְרַפְּס

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_they_made to/for_them from_among_of_themselves priests_of the_high_places and_they_were offering to/for_them in_house_ _of the_high_places. **33** ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** they_were fearing and_ᴅᴏᴍ gods_of_their_own they_were serving according_to_the_ _custom_of the_nations which people_had_taken_into_exile ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_there. **34** Until the_day the_this they are_doing according_the_customs (the)_former not_they are_fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_not_they are_doing according_to_of_their_ _regulations and_according_to_of_their_judgement and_ _according_the_law and_according_the_command which **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_descendants_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) whom he_made his/its_name Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **35** And_ **YHWH** _he_made with_them a_covenant and_he_ _commanded_them to_say not you(pl)_must_fear gods other and_not you(pl)_must_bow_down to/for_them and_not you(pl)_must_serve_them and_not you(pl)_must_sacrifice to/for_them. **36** If/because (if) ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** who he_brought_up you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) with_power great and_by_an_arm outstretched ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it you(pl)_will_fear and_to/for_him/it you(pl)_will_bow_down and_to/for_him/it you(pl)_will_sacrifice. **37** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_judgements and_the_law and_the_command which he_ _wrote to/for_you(pl) you(pl)_will_take_care for_doing all_of the_days and_not you(pl)_must_fear gods other. **38** And_the_ _covenant which I_made with_you(pl) not you(pl)_must_forget and_not you(pl)_must_fear gods other. **39** If/because (if) ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_fear and_he he_will_ _deliver you(pl) from_the_hand_of all_of enemies_of_your(pl). **40** And_not they_listened if/because (if) according_to_of_their_ _custom (the)_former they were_doing. **41** And_they_were the_ _nations the_these fearing ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ idols_of_their they_were serving also children_of_their and_the_sons their_ _children_of_their just_as fathers_of_their they_did they are_ _doing until the_day (the)_this.

18:1 And_he/it_was in_year three of_Hōshē'a the_son_of 'Ēlāh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Ḥizqiyʸāh the_son_of 'Āḥāz the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_became_king. **2** A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _name_of his/its_mother was_'Avī the_daughter_of Zəkarʸāh. **3** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that Dāvid his/its_father he_had_done. **4** He he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ the_high_places and_he_broke ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sacred_pillars and_he_cut_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Ashērāh_pole and_ _he_crushed_to_pieces the_snake_of (the)_bronze which Mosheh he_had_made if/because until the_days (the)_those the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were making_smoke to_ _him/it and_he/it_called to_him/it Nehushtan. **5** In_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_trusted and_after_him not anyone_was like_him among_all_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_

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they also made their own priests to make sacrifices for them in their hilltop shrines. **33** So they were worshipping Yahweh along with their own gods—they'd brought those customs with them from the countries they'd been exiled from **34** and which they still follow to this day.

They're not actually obeying Yahweh because they're not obeying the statutes or laws, or instructions or behaviour that Yahweh commanded the descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) (who he'd renamed to 'Yisrael').[115] **35** Yahweh had made an agreement with them and had commanded them, "You all must not honour other gods or bow to them. You all must not serve them or sacrifice to them.[116] **36** Only serve Yahweh who used his incredible power to rescue you all out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). Honour him, and only bow to him and sacrifice to him.[117] **37** Always take care to obey the statutes and customs, and the law and the instructions that he wrote for you, and you all must not honour other gods. **38** Don't forget the agreement that I made with you all, and don't honour other gods— **39** only your god Yahweh, and then he himself will rescue you from all your enemies." **40** However, they didn't listen, preferring to follow the customs from their former places of residence.

41 So those people groups honoured Yahweh, but also served their idols. This continued through the generations with their descendants continuing the same behaviour.

Hizkiyah's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[120]

18:1 In the third year of Elah's son King Hoshea's reign over Yisrael (Israel), Ahaz's son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) became king of Yehudah (Judah). **2** He was twenty-five when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. (His mother was Zekaryah's (Zechariah's) daughter Avi.) **3** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour like his ancestor King David had done. **4** He demolished the hilltop shrines and shattered their pillars, and he cut down the Asherah poles. He crushed the bronze serpent that Mosheh (Moses) had made,[121] because the Israelis had named it 'Nehushtan' and had been offering incense to it until then. **5** Hizkiyah fully trusted in Yisrael's god Yahweh, and no other king was like him among all the kings of Yehudah that ei-

115 RV 17:34 · Cross-ref. Gen 32:28; 35:10.

116 RV 17:35 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:5; Deu 5:9.

117 RV 17:36 · Cross-ref. Deu 6:13.

120 RV 18:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 29:1-2; 31:1

121 RV 18:4 · Cross-ref. Num 21:9.

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ther preceded or followed him. **6** He relied completely on Yahweh—not turning away from following him, and he obeyed the instructions that Yahweh had commanded Mosheh. **7** So Yahweh helped him and he was successful in everything he did. He rebelled against the Assyrian king and refused to submit to his demands. **8** He attacked and defeated the Pelishtim as far as Azah (Gaza) and its borders—both the smaller towns and the fortified city.

9 Then in the fourth year of King Hizkiyah's reign (it was the seventh year of Elah's son Hoshea's reign over Yisrael), the Assyrian King Shalmaneser had attacked Shomron (Samaria) and besieged it. **10** They had finally captured the city after three years. That was the sixth year of Hizkiyah's reign over Yehudah and the ninth year of Hoshea's reign over Yisrael. **11** So that was when the Assyrian king had exiled the people of the northern kingdom of Yisrael to Halah and to Havor along the Gozan River, and to the cities of the Madim (Medes). **12** That happened because they didn't obey their god Yahweh, but instead they broke the agreement with him—everything that Yahweh's servant Mosheh had commanded. They didn't take notice of it and they didn't obey it.

Sanheriv invades Yehudah · Southern kingdom[122]

13 In the fourteenth year of King Hizkiyah's (Hezekiah's) reign, Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) attacked all the fortified cities in Yehudah (Judah) and captured them. **14** So King Hizkiyah of Yehudah sent messengers to the Assyrian king at Lakish, saying, "I apologise for my mistake. Stop attacking me and I'll give you whatever you demand of us." Then the Assyrian king demanded a tribute of ten tonnes of gold and ten tonnes of silver. **15** So Hizkiyah gave him all the silver out of the temple and from the palace treasuries. **16** He cut the doors off Yahweh's temple and the pillars that he'd overlaid gold onto, and gave them to the Assyrian king.

17 However, the Assyrian king still sent his general and some of his top officials from Lakish to King Hizkiyah in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). They arrived at Yerushalem with a large army and camped by the aquifer supplying the upper pool that was near the field where the people washed their clothes. **18** They called out to the king, and Hilkiyah's son Elyakim who was the palace manager, and the scribe Shevna, and Asaf's son Yoah the secretary, went out to them.

19 Then the top Assyrian commander said to them, "Now, tell Hizkiyah that the great Assyrian king asks him who he thinks he's trusting in. **20** He claims to be powerful enough to fight us. Who is he trusting to help you all that gives you confidence to rebel against us? **21** Listen, your king's trusting in a broken stick to lean on which will just splinter and pierce his hand. That's what King Par'oh (Pharaoh) of Mitsrayim (Egypt) is like to everyone who puts their trust in him. **22** Ah, but he might tell me that he's trusting in your god Yahweh to help you all. If so, I'd ask

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_which they_were before_him. **6** And_he_clung to_**YHWH** not he_turned_aside from_after_him and_he_kept commands_of_ _his which **YHWH** he_had_commanded ÐOM Mosheh. **7** And_it_ _was **YHWH** with_him/it in_all that he_went_out he_prospered and_he_rebelled against_the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_not he_ _served_him. **8** He he_defeated ÐOM the_Pəlishtiy to ʿAzzāh and_ _ÐOM territories_of_its from_a_tower_of watchmen unto a_city_ _of fortification. **9** And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fourth to/for_ _the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} it was_the_year (the)_seventh of_Hōshēʿa the_son_of 'Ēlāh the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) Shalman'eşer the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up on Shomrōn and_he/it_laid_ _siege on_it. **10** And_they_captured_it from_the_end_of three years in_year six of_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} it was_year_of nine of_Hōshēʿa the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) Shomrōn it_was_captured. **11** And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_took_into_exile ÐOM Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to_'Ashshūr and_he_led_them in_Ḥalaḥ and_on_the_Ḥāvōr the_ _river_of Gōzān and_the_cities_of Māday. **12** On that not they_ _had_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_ _had_transgressed ÐOM covenant_of_his ÐOM all_of that Mosheh the_servant_of **YHWH** he_had_commanded and_not they_ _listened and_not they_did.

13 And_in_four- teen year to/for_the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (the)_fortified and_he_seized_them. **14** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh _he_sent to the_king_of 'Ashshūr to_Lākīsh to_say I_have_sinned turn_back from_on_ _me ÐOM that_which you_will_put on_me I_will_bear and_ the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr _he/it_assigned on Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh three hundred(s) talent[s]_of silver and_thirty talent[s]_of gold. **15** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_gave ÐOM all_of the_ _silver which_was_found the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_the_ _treasuries_of the_house_of the_king. **16** At_time (the)_that Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_cut_off ÐOM the_doors_of the_temple_of **YHWH** and_ÐOM the_door-posts which Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_had_overlaid and_he_gave_them to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **17** And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_sent ÐOM the_commander_ _in_chief and_ÐOM the_Rav-_of ṣārīṣ and_ÐOM the_Rav-_of shaqeh from Lākīsh to the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} with_an_army_of massive Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_went_up and_ _they_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_went_up and_ _they_came and_they_stood at_the_conduit_of the_pool (the)_ _upper which is_on_the_highway_of the_field_of the_washer. **18** And_they_called_out to the_king and_he/it_went_out to_ _them 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder. **19** And_he/it_said to_them the_Rab-_of shaqeh say please to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} thus the_king (the)_great the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_says what is_the_trust the_this which you_trust. **20** You_have_said only a_message_of lips is_a_plan and_ _strength for_war now on whom do_you_rely that/for/because/then/when you_have_rebelled against_me. **21** Now HERE you_rely (for)_yourself on the_staff_of (the)_reed (the)_crushed the_this on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which anyone he_ _will_support_himself on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_go

122 RV 18:13 · Parallel 2 Chr. 32:1-19; Isa 36:1-22

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in_palm_of_his and_it_will_pierce_it is_thus Par῾oh the_king_of Mitsrayim to/from_all/each/any/every those_who_rely on/upon/above_him/it. **22** And_because/when you(pl)_will_say to_me to **YHWH** god_of_our we_trust am_not is_he the_one_ _whom Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_has_removed ~~ḎOM~~ places_of_his_high and_ _~~ḎOM~~ altars_of_his and_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_altar the_this you(pl)_will_bow_down in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **23** And_now make_a_wager please with my_master with the_king_of ’Ashshūr and_let_me_give to/for_yourself(m) two_thousand horses if you_will_be_able to_ _put to/for_yourself(m) riders on_them. **24** And_how will_you_ _turn_back ~~ḎOM~~ the_face_of the_governor_of (of)_one of_the_ _servants_of my_master (the)_little and_you_have_been_ _relying to/for_yourself(m) on Mitsrayim for_chariotry and_ _for_horsemen. **25** Now (from)_without **YHWH** have_I_come_up on the_place the_this to_destroy_it **YHWH** he_said to_me go_up on the_earth/land (the)_this and_destroy_it. **26** And_ ’Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} and_Shevnā’ and_Yō’āḥ/(Joah) _he/it_said to the_Rab-_of shaqeh speak please to your_servants ’Arāmīt if/because we are_understanding and_do_not speak with_us Yəhūdī/(Judean) in_the_ears_of the_people which is_on the_ _wall. **27** And_he/it_said to the_Rab-_of shaqeh to master(s)_of_ _your and_to_you(ms) has_he_sent_me my_master to_speak ~~ḎOM~~ the_words/messages the_these not to the_men who_are_ _sitting on the_wall to_eat ~~ḎOM~~[123] mmm[124] and_to_drink ~~ḎOM~~ mmm[125][126][127] with_you(pl). **28** And_ the_Rab-_of shaqeh _he_ _stood and_he/it_called with_a_voice great Yəhūdī/(Judean) and_he/it_spoke and_he/it_said hear the_message_of the_king (the)_great the_king_of ’Ashshūr. **29** Thus the_king he_says not let_him_deceive to/for_you(pl) Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because not he_ _will_be_able to_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_his. **30** And_not Ḥizqiy^{yāh} let_him_make_trust you(pl) to **YHWH** to_say certainly_(deliver) he_will_deliver_us **YHWH** and_not ~~ḎOM~~ the_ _city (the)_this it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_king_of ’Ashshūr. **31** Do_not listen to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because thus the_ _king_of ’Ashshūr he_says make with_me a_blessing and_come_ _out to_me and_eat everyone_of vine_of_his_own and_ _everyone_of fig_tree_of_his_own and_drink everyone the_ _water_of his_own_cistern_of_his. **32** Until come_I and_I_will_ _take you(pl) to a_land like_your_own_of_land a_land_of grain and_new_wine a_land_of bread and_vineyards a_land_of olive_ _tree_of fresh_oil and_honey and_live and_not you(pl)_will_die and_do_not listen to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because he_misleads you(pl) to_say **YHWH** he_will_deliver_us. **33** Ever_(deliver) the_gods_of the_nations have_they_delivered anyone ~~ḎOM~~ land_of_its from_ _the_hand_of the_king_of ’Ashshūr. **34** Where were_the_gods_of Ḥ$_a$māt and_’Arpād where were_the_gods_of Ṣəfarvayim Hēna῾ and_῾Ivvāh that/for/because/then/when they_have_delivered

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him if he isn’t the one whose hilltop shrines King Hizkiyah demolished when he told you people in Yerushalem and all Yehudah (Judah) that you have to worship at the altar there?

23 “So now ask your king if he’ll make a deal with my master, the king of Ashur (Assyria): He’ll give you two thousand horses, on the condition that you can supply two thousand horsemen who can ride them. **24** If you can’t do that, how could you all possibly repel even one of our army units? Haha, but of course you trust in Mitsrayim to supply chariots and horsemen. **25** Do you think that we’ve come here to destroy this place without Yahweh’s permission? No, no, it was Yahweh himself who told us to attack and destroy you.”

26 But Elyakim and Shevna and Yoah asked the Assyrian commander, “Please speak Aramit to your servants because we understand it. Don’t speak our language because our people on the nearby city wall will be able to understand it.”

27 “Ha ha, do you think my master sent this message just to you three and your king?” he replied. “No, don’t you think that this message is also for the hungry people sitting on the wall who’ll soon have to eat their own dung and drink their own urine along with you?”

28 Then he stood up and called out loudly in Hebrew, “Everyone listen to what the great king from Ashur says: **29** He’s warning you all not to let Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) deceive you, because he’s unable to save you all from our army. **30** And don’t let him force you all to trust in Yahweh thinking that we won’t capture your city and that Yahweh will somehow rescue you all. **31** Don’t listen to Hizkiyah because the Assyrian king is offering you all a chance to come out of the city and surrender. In exchange for saving me some trouble, you’ll be able to drink fresh water again and enjoy the fruit off your own trees out here **32** until he comes here. Then he’ll take you to another country like your own—with grain and wine, and bread and vineyards, olive oil and honey. That way you’ll live and not die of starvation. So don’t listen to Hizkiyah when he misleads you saying that Yahweh will rescue you all.” **33** Did the gods of any of the other countries rescue their people from the power of the Assyrian king? **34** Where were the gods of Hamat and Arpad? Where were the gods of Sefarvayim, Hena, and Ivah? Were they able to save Shomron (Samaria) from the king’s power? **35** From all the other countries, which of their gods was able to save their people, that might give confidence that Yahweh might be able to rescue Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from the king’s power?”

36 But the people on the wall listening remained silent—they

123 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

124 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB variant note: הֵם/יִרְח: (x-qere) ’תָּאֹוצ֫ם’: lemma_6675 n_0.0.1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3mp id_1247T תָּאֹוצ֫ם

125 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB variant note: הֵם/יניש: (x-qere) ’יֵמִימ’: lemma_4325 morph_HNcmpc id_12cPo יֵמִימ֫ ’הֶם/יִלְגַר: lemma_7272 n_0.0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3mp id_12HCo הֶם/יִלְגַר

126 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

127 LV 18:27 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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didn't say a word because the king had already ordered them not to answer the Assyrians. **37** Then Hilkiyah's son Elyakim the palace manager, Shevna the scribe and Asaf's son Yoah the secretary went back in the city to Hizkiyah, tearing their clothes as they went, and they relayed the words of the chief commander to him.

Hizkiyah/Hezekiah consults Yeshayah/Isaiah · Southern kingdom[128]

19:1 When King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) heard the threats from the Assyrian king, he tore his clothes and dressed in sackcloth, and went into Yahweh's temple. **2** He sent his palace manager Elyakim and the scribe Shevna, along with the elders of the priests, all dressed in sackcloth, to Amots's son Yeshayah (Isaiah) the prophet **3** to tell him, "Hizkiyah says: 'Today is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as if the baby is right there ready to be delivered, but the mother has lost all her strength. **4** Perhaps your god Yahweh has heard everything that the chief commander said when his master the Assyrian king sent him: he defied the living God, and so maybe your god Yahweh will punish him for his words. Lift up a prayer on behalf of the people that are still left here.' "

5 When King Hizkiyah's servants got to Yeshayah, **6** he told them, "This is what you all should tell your master: Yahweh says that you needn't be afraid of what you heard when those young men from the Assyrian king insulted him. **7** Listen, Yahweh will cause him to hear a report and he'll place a fearful spirit in him so he'll decide to return to his own country where he'll be assassinated."

The Assyrians threaten again · Southern kingdom[129]

8 When the chief commander returned to the Assyrian king, he discovered that they'd pulled out of Lakish and were now fighting against Livnah city. **9** Then the king heard that the Kushi (Ethiopian) King Tirhakah was preparing to attack, so he decided to return home but he sent messengers to Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) to say, **10** "Tell Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah not to let the god he trusts in deceive him by telling him that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) won't be captured by the king of Ashur (Assyria). **11** Tell him that he must have heard how the Assyrian armies have completely devastated other countries, so he shouldn't think that he will be saved from it. **12** The gods of the countries destroyed by my ancestors never saved them—those in Gozan, Haran, Retsef, or Eden's descen-

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ĐOM Shomrōn from_hand_of_my. **35** Who in_all the_gods_of the_lands are_those_which they_have_delivered ĐOM land_of_ _their from_hand_of_my that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_deliver ĐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_hand_of_ _my. **36** And_ the_people _they_kept_silent and_not they_ _answered ĐOM_him/it anything if/because was_the_ _command_of the_king it to_say not you(pl)_must_answer_him. **37** And_ 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder _he_went to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} torn_of clothes and_they_ _told to_him/it the_words/messages_of the_Rab-_of shaqeh.

19:1 And_he/it_was just_ the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _as_heard and_he_ _tore ĐOM clothes_of_his and_he_covered_himself with_ _sackcloth and_he_went the_house_of **YHWH**. **2** And_he_sent ĐOM 'Elyāqīm who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_ _secretary and_ĐOM the_elders_of the_priests covered with_ _sackcloth(s) to Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_prophet the_son_of 'Āmōts. **3** And_they_said to_him/it thus Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_says is_a_ _day_of distress and_rebuke and_insult the_day the_this if/because children they_have_come to the_mouth_of_the_ _womb and_strength there_is_not for_giving_birth. **4** Perhaps **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_hear ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_Rab- shaqeh whom he_has_sent_him the_king_of 'Ashshūr master(s)_of_his to_taunt the_god living and_he_will_rebuke (in)_words/messages which **YHWH** god_ _of_your he_has_heard and_you_will_lift_up prayer for the_ _remnant which_is_found. **5** And_ the_servants_of the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _they_came to Yəsha'^{yāh}. **6** And_he/it_said to/for_ _them Yəsha'^{yāh} thus you(pl)_will_say to master(s)_of_your(pl) thus **YHWH** he_says do_not be_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_words/messages which you_have_heard which the_ _servants_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr they_have_blasphemed ĐOM_ _me. **7** HERE_I am_about_to_put in/on/over_him/it a_spirit and_he_will_hear a_report and_he_will_return to_his_own_of_ _land and_I_will_make_him_fall by_sword in_his_own_of_land.

8 And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he_returned and_he_found ĐOM the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr fighting on Livnāh if/because he_had_heard if/because_that he_had_set_out from_Lākīsh. **9** And_he/it_ _listened concerning Tirhāqāh the_king_of Kūsh/(Cush)[131] to_ _say THERE he_has_come_out to_do_battle with_you and_he_ _returned and_he_sent messengers to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} to_say. **10** Thus you(pl)_will_say to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _say not let_him_deceive_you god_of_your whom you are_ _trusting in/on/over_him/it to_say not Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr. **11** HERE you you_have_heard ĐOM that_ _which the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_have_done to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_lands by_totally_destroying_them and_you(ms) will_you_be_delivered. **12** Did_ the_gods_of the_ _nations which they_destroyed ancestors_of_my ĐOM Gōzān and_ĐOM Ḥārān and_Retsef and_the_sons of_Eden who were_in_

128 RV 19:1 · Parallel Isa. 37:1-7

129 RV 19:8 · Parallel Isa. 37:8-20

131 LV 19:9 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_Təla'ssar _they_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ_them. **13** Where_is_he the_king_of Ḥₐmāt and_the_king_of 'Arpād and_the_king_of Lair Ṣəfarvayim Hēna´ and_´Ivvāh. **14** And_ Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_letters from_the_hand_of the_messengers and_he_read_them and_ _he/it_ascended the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_spread_it_out Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **15** And_ Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ _he_prayed to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_sits the_cherubims you he the_'Elohīm you_alone to_ _all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land you you_ _made ᴅᴏᴍ the_heavens and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land. **16** Incline Oh_**YHWH** ear_of_your and_hear open Oh_**YHWH** eyes_of_your and_see and_hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of Ṣanḥērīv which he_has_sent_it to_taunt the_god living. **17** Truly Oh_**YHWH** the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_have_made_desolate ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _nations and_ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_their. **18** And_they_have_put ᴅᴏᴍ gods_of_their in_fire if/because not were_gods they if/because (if) the_work_of the_hands_of humankind wood and_stone and_they_have_destroyed_them. **19** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_our save_us please from_hand_of_his so_ all_of the_ _kingdoms_of the_earth/land _that_they_may_know if/because_that you Oh_**YHWH** are_god you_alone.

20 And_ Yəsha'ʸᵃʰ/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṣ _he_sent to Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ to_say thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_ _says that_which you_prayed to_me concerning Ṣanḥērīv the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr I_have_heard. **21** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_spoken on/upon/above_him/it she_has_ _despised to/for_yourself(m) she_has_mocked to/for_ _yourself(m) the_virgin_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) behind_you a_head the_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) she_has_shaken. **22** ᴅᴏᴍ whom have_you_taunted and_have_ _you_blasphemed and_on whom have_you_raised a_voice and_ _have_you_lifted_up height eyes_of_your on the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** The_hand_of your(pl)_messengers_of_your you_have_taunted my_master and_she/it_said in/on/at/with[133] my_chariotry_of_my I I_have_gone_up the_ _height[s]_of mountains the_remotest_parts_of Ləvānōn and_I_ _have_cut_down the_height_of its_cedars_of_his the_choice_of its_pines_of_his and_I_have_gone the_lodging_place_of its_end_ _of_his[134] the_forest_of its_plantation_of_his. **24** I I_have_dug and_I_have_drunk water strange and_I_have_dried_up with_ _the_sole_of my_feet_of_my all_of the_canals_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** Not have_you_heard (to)_from_distant_ _time ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it I_appointed (to)_from_days_of antiquity and_ _I_planned_it now I_have_brought_it and_you_are about_to_ _make_desolate heaps ruined cities fortified. **26** And_ _inhabitants_of_their were_short_of hand they_were_dismayed and_they_were_ashamed they_were vegetation_of the_field and_greenery_of fresh_grass grass_of roofs and_scorching to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before standing_grain. **27** And_your_ _sitting_down and_your_going_out and_coming_your I_know

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dants in Telasar. **13** Where's the king of Hamat, or the king of Arpad, or the kings of the cities of Sefarvayim, Hena, or Ivah now?"

14 Hizkiyah took the letter that the messengers had brought and read it, then he went up to the temple and spread it out in front of Yahweh **15** and prayed to him, "Yahweh the god of Yisrael (Israel), who lives above the winged creatures.[130] You alone are God—the one over all the kingdoms of the earth. You yourself made the heavens and the earth. **16** Lean this way, Yahweh, and look, and listen to Sanheriv's (Sennacherib's) words mocking the living God. **17** Yes Yahweh, the Assyrian kings have certainly destroyed many countries and their lands. **18** The Assyrians burnt the peoples' gods because they weren't living gods, but rather gods of wood and stone made by people and they've destroyed them. **19** But now Yahweh our god, please save us from his army, then all the kingdoms in the world will know that you, Yahweh, are God—you alone."

Yahweh's response to Hizkiyah via Yeshayah · Southern kingdom[132]

20 Then Amots's son Yeshayah (Isaiah) sent this message to Hizkiyah (Hezekiah): Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says, "Because you prayed to me concerning the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib), I have listened. **21** This is what Yahweh says about that king:

Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter despises you and derides you.
Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) daughter shakes her head at you.
22 Who did you think you were teasing and insulting?
Who did you think you were shouting at?
Did you raise your eyebrows against Yisrael's holy one?
23 You sent messengers that mocked me.
You said that you went over the highest mountains with your many chariots.
That you went to the highest parts of Levanon and harvested its tallest cedars—its best trees.
That you've been to the end of the inhabited world with its densest forest.
24 You said that you've dug wells far away and drunk their water,
yet with your own feet you dried up all of Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) rivers.
25 Haven't you heard that I made plans long ago—
that what I previously planned, I'm now making it happen?
Fortified cities will collapse into heaps of rubble.
26 Their inhabitants will be powerless—dismayed and

130 **RV 19:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

132 **RV 19:20 · Parallel** Isa. 37:21-38

133 **LV 19:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: בכר/ב: (x-qere) 'בְּרִ/בְ': lemma_b/7230 morph_HR/Ncbsc id_12F7i בְּרִ/בְ

134 **LV 19:23 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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ashamed.
They'll be as vulnerable as plants in the countryside,
or like the grass that grows on the rooftops—
they wilt and wither before they can grow tall. DOUBLE-CHECK
27 Yes, I know when you sit down and when you go out.
When you come in and rage against me.
28 Because you've raged against me and your arrogance has come to my ears,
I'll put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth,
and I'll lead you back on the road that you came here on.
29 "So this will be a sign to you Hizkiyah (Hezekiah):
This year you'll eat what grew by itself,
and next year whatever seeded by itself,
but in the third year you'll sow crops and plant vineyards, and eat what you harvest.
30 Yehudah's (Judah's) surviving descendants will send their roots downwards and will produce fruit above,
31 because a remnant will survive Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) siege,
and Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) will have survivors
because Yahweh's enthusiasm will make sure it happens.
32 "So this is what Yahweh says to the Assyrian king:
He won't enter this city or shoot an arrow into it.
He won't push a large shield towards it or make a ramp up into it.
33 He'll return on the same road that he arrived on,
and Yahweh declares that he won't enter this city,
34 because Yahweh will defend this city
to save it for his own sake
and for the sake of his servant David."
35 That very night, Yahweh sent an angel out to kill 185,000 warriors, so when the army got up early the next morning there were dead bodies all over the place. **36** So the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) pulled out and went back to live in Nineveh. **37** While he was bowing in the temple of his god Nisrok, Adramelek and Sharetser ran him through with a sword before escaping to the Ararat region, and so his son Esar-Hadon replaced him as king.

Hizkiyah's sickness and recovery · Southern kingdom[139]

20:1 By that time, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) was terminally ill and Amots's son the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) came to him and told him, "Yahweh says to get your affairs in order because you're dying and won't recover."
2 But Hizkiyah rolled over to face the wall and prayed to Yahweh, **3** "Oh Yahweh, please remember that I've served you faithfully, and done what you asked with total sincerity." Then

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and_DOM raging_your against_me. **28** Because raged_you to_me and_your_of_arrogance it_has_come_up in_ears_of_my and_I_ _will_put hook_of_my in_nose_of_your and_bridle_of_my on_ _lips_of_your and_I_will_make_you_return by_way which you_ _came by_it. **29** And_this for_you will_be_the_sign you_will_eat this_year self-sown_grain and_in_year the_second(fs) self-seeded_plant[s] and_in_year (the)_third sow and_reap and_ _plant vineyards and_eat fruit_of_their. **30** And_ the_escaped_ _remnant_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which_remains _ _it_will_add a_root (to)_downwards and_it_will_produce fruit (to)_upwards. **31** If/because from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_ _remnant it_will_go_out and_an_escaped_remnant from_hill of_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_zeal_of **YHWH**[135][136] it_will_accomplish this. **32** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says concerning the_king_of 'Ashshūr not he_will_come into the_city (the)_this and_not he_will_shoot there an_arrow and_not he_will_ _confront_it a_shield and_not he_will_pour_out on/upon_it(f) a_mound. **33** By_way which he_is_coming by_it he_will_return and_near/to the_city (the)_this not he_will_come the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **34** And_I_will_defend (to) the_city (the)_ _this to_deliver_it for_my_own_sake and_for_the_sake_of Dāvid servant_of_my. **35** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_ _he/it_went_out the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_he_struck_ _down in_the_camp_of 'Ashshūr one_hundred eighty and_five thousand and_they_rose_early in_morning and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE of_them_of_all were_corpses dead. **36** And_ _he_set_out and_he/it_went and_ Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_returned and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Nīnəvēh. **37** And_he/it_was he was_bowing_down the_ _house_of Nişrok his/its_god and_'Adrammelek and_ _Shar'etser[137][138] they_struck_him_down with_sword and_they they_escaped the_land_of 'Arāraṭ and_ 'Ēşar- ḥaddōn his/its_ _son _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

20:1 In_the_days the_those Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_became_sick to_die and_he_came to_him/it Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṣ the_prophet and_he/it_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says command to_household_of_your if/because you are_about_to_ _die and_not you_will_live. **2** And_he_turned DOM his/its_ _faces/face to the_wall and_he_prayed to **YHWH** to_say. **3** Please Oh_**YHWH** remember please DOM how I_have_walked_ _about to_your_face in_faithfulness and_with_a_heart complete and_the_good in_eyes_of_your I_have_done and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_

135 LV 19:31 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'תֹּאָבְצ': lemma_6635 b n_0.0 morph_HNcbpa id_12kTe תֹּאָבְצ
136 LV 19:31 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
137 LV 19:37 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'וֹ/יָנָּב': lemma_1121 a n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_12uR9 וֹ/יָנָּב
138 LV 19:37 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
139 RV 20:1 · Parallel Isa. 38:1-8,21-22; 2 Chr. 32:24-26

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_wept weeping great. 4 And_he/it_was Yəsha'yāh not he_had_
_gone_out the[140] (the)_middle and_the_message_of **YHWH** it_
_came to_him/it to_say. 5 Go_back and_you_will_say to
Ḥizqiyyāh the_ruler_of my_people_of_my thus **YHWH** the_god_
_of Dāvid ancestor_of_your he_says I_have_heard ĐOM prayer_
_of_your I_have_seen ĐOM tear[s]_of_your HERE_I am_about_to_
_heal to/for_you(fs) in_the_day the_third you_will_go_up the_
_house_of **YHWH**. 6 And_I_will_add to days_of_your fif- teen
year[s] and_from_the_palm_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr I_will_
_deliver_you and_ĐOM the_city (the)_this and_I_will_defend
(on) the_city (the)_this for_my_own_sake and_for_the_sake_of
Dāvid servant_of_my. 7 And_ Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) _he/it_said take
a_cake_of figs and_they_took and_they_put_it on the_boil and_
_he_lived. 8 And_ Ḥizqiyyāh _he/it_said to Yəsha'yāh what will_
_be_the_sign that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_heal
to_me and_I_will_go_up in_the_day the_third the_house_of
YHWH. 9 And_ Yəsha'yāh _he/it_said this for_you will_be_the_
_sign from_with **YHWH** that/for/because/then/when **YHWH**
he_will_do ĐOM the_thing which he_has_spoken the_shadow it_
_has_gone ten steps or will_it_go_back ten steps. 10 And_
Ḥizqiyyāh _he/it_said it_is_trifling to_shadow to_stretch_out ten
steps no if/because the_shadow let_it_go_back backwards ten
steps. 11 And_ Yəsha'yāh the_prophet _he/it_called to **YHWH**
and_he_turned_back ĐOM the_shadow on_steps which it_had_
_gone_down on_the_steps_of 'Āḥāz backwards ten steps.

12 At_time (the)_that Merodach- Bal'ₐdān the_son_of Bal'ₐdān
the_king_of Bāvel he_sent letters and_a_gift to Ḥizqiyyāh
if/because he_had_heard if/because_that Ḥizqiyyāh he_had_
_been_sick. 13 And_he/it_listened to_them Ḥizqiyyāh and_he_
_showed_them ĐOM all_of the_house_of his_treasure_of_his[143]
ĐOM the_silver and_ĐOM the_gold and_ĐOM the_spices and_ĐOM
the_oil_of (the)_good and_ĐOM the_house_of his_weapons_of_
_his and_ĐOM all_of that it_was_found in_storehouses_of_his
not it_was anything which not he_showed_them Ḥizqiyyāh in_
_house_of_his and_on/over_all realm_of_his. 14 And_
Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) the_prophet _he_came to the_king Ḥizqiyyāh
and_he/it_said to_him/it what did_they_say the_men the_these
and_from_where are_they_coming to_you and_ Ḥizqiyyāh _
_he/it_said from_a_land distant they_have_come from_Bāvel.
15 And_he/it_said what did_they_see in_house_of_your and_
Ḥizqiyyāh _he/it_said ĐOM all_of that is_in_house_of_my they_
_saw not anything which not I_showed_them it_was in_
_storehouses_of_my. 16 And_ Yəsha'yāh _he/it_said to Ḥizqiyyāh
hear the_message_of **YHWH**. 17 HERE days are_coming and_it_
_will_be_carried_off all_of that is_in_house_of_your and_which
ancestors_of_your they_have_stored_up until the_day the_this
to_Bāvel not anything it_will_be_left **YHWH** he_says. 18 And_
_some_of_your_descendants who they_will_come_forth from_
_you whom you_will_father people_will_take[144][145] and_they_

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Hizkiyah cried loudly.

4 As Yeshayah was leaving, Yahweh gave him this message before he'd even reached the middle courtyard, 5 "Go back and tell Hizkiyah, the leader of my people, 'Your ancestor David's god Yahweh says that he's heard your prayer and seen your tears. He's decided to heal you and you'll be well enough to go to the temple within three days. 6 He's added fifteen years to your life, plus he'll rescue you and this city from the Assyrian king. Yahweh will defend Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for his own sake and for the sake of his servant David."

7 Then Yeshayah told them to bring some pressed figs, and they brought them and placed them on the sore, and Hizkiyah started getting better.

8 Hizkiyah asked Yeshayah, "What's the sign that Yahweh will heal me and that I'll be able to go to the temple on the third day?"

9 "Yes, Yahweh will give you a sign that he'll do what he said," Yeshayah replied. "Do you want the shadows to advance suddenly or go back?"

10 "It's easy for the shadows to go forward," said Hizkiyah. "So make them go backwards ten steps."

11 So the prophet Yeshayah called to Yahweh, and he made the shadow go back on the steps made by King Ahaz—the shadow went ten steps backward.

Hizkiyah shows off his treasures · Southern kingdom[141]

12 At that time, Baladan's son former King Merodak-Bal'adan of Bavel (Babylon) heard that Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) was sick and sent him letters and a gift. 13 When the messengers arrived, Hizkiyah listened to them, then he showed them his entire treasure house: the gold and silver, the spices and the best oil, the house of his armour, and everything that was in his treasuries. He didn't keep anything in his palace or in his kingdom secret from them. 14 Later the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) came to King Hizkiyah and he asked him, "Where were those men from and what did they say?"

"They came from a distant land—from Bavel," he replied.

15 "What did they see in your house?" Yeshayah asked.

"They saw everything that's in my house," he replied. "There wasn't anything in my treasuries that I didn't show them."

16 Then Yeshayah told Hizkiyah, "Listen to Yahweh's message: 17 He says that days are coming when everything in your house, and everything that your ancestors stored carefully away until this day will be carried to Bavel. Nothing will be left behind.[142] 18 What's more, some of your own biological descendants will be taken and they'll be castrated to become servants of the Babylo-

140 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ריע/ה: (x-qere) 'רֵעֵ': lemma_2691 a n_1.0 morph_HNcbsa id_12kL7 רֵעֵ

141 **RV 20:12 · Parallel** Isa. 39:1-8

142 **RV 20:17 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:13; 2Ch 36:10.

143 **LV 20:13 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

144 **LV 20:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: חקי: (x-qere) 'וְחָקֵי': lemma_3947 n_1 morph_HVqi3mp id_12Uf2 וְחָקֵי

145 **LV 20:18 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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nian king."
19 "What you said from Yahweh is fine," Hizkiyah replied to Yeshayah. "At least I might have peace and stability in my time."

Hizkiyah's death · Southern kingdom[146]

20 Everything else that Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) said and did, including his making the pool and tunnel to bring water into the city, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah (Judah). 21 In due course, Hizkiyah died and his son Menasheh (Manasseh) replaced him as king.

Menasheh's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[147]

21:1 Menasheh (Manasseh) was twelve when he became king, and he reigned over Yehudah (Judah) from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-five years. (His mother was Heftsi-Bah.) 2 He did what Yahweh had said was evil like the evil behaviour of the people groups that Yahweh had driven out of the region ahead of the Israelis.[148] 3 In fact he went backwards from his father and rebuilt the hilltop shrines that Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had destroyed, and he made altars for Ba'al, and he made an Asherah pole, just like Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav had, and he worshipped the constellations and followed astrology. 4 Also he built altars in Yahweh's residence, where Yahweh had said, "I will establish my reputation in Yerushalem."[149] 5 Menasheh built altars to all the constellations in the two temple courtyards . 6 He even sacrificed his own son as a burnt offering. He practised divination and read omens, and consulted mediums and fortune-tellers. He did so much that Yahweh had said was evil, provoking Yahweh to get angry. 7 He placed the Asherah idol that he'd made in the temple about which Yahweh had said to David and to his son Shelomoh (Solomon), "I will establish my reputation forever in this house and in Yerushalem in Yehudah, which I've chosen out of all the tribes of Yisrael.[150] 8 If only the Israelis will take care to obey everything that I've commanded them, and all the instructions that my servant Mosheh (Moses) gave them, then I won't continue to cause them to leave the area that I gave to their ancestors." 9 But they didn't listen and Menasheh led them astray to do more evil things even than the people groups that Yahweh had destroyed as the people had entered the region.
10 So Yahweh announced via his servants the prophets, 11 "Because Yehudah's King Menasheh has done such terribly evil things, worse even than the Amorim who were there before him, and because he's even made Yehudah sin with his idols, 12 then Yisrael's god Yahweh says: Listen, I'll bring such terrible disaster

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_will_be eunuchs in_(the)_palace of_the_king_of of_Bāvel.
19 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to Yəsha'^{yāh} is_good the_message_ _of **YHWH** which you_have_spoken and_he/it_said am_not if peace and_stability it_will_be in_days_of_my.

20 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_all might_of_ _his and_which he_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_pool and_~~ĐOM~~ the_conduit and_he/it_brought ~~ĐOM~~ the_waters to_the_city not are_they written on_the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). 21 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Mənashsheh son_of_his _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him.

21:1 Was_a_son_of two_plus ten year[s] Mənashsheh when_he_ _became_king and_fifty and_five year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Hephzi- bah. 2 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_the_abominations_of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_face/in_front_of the_people_ _of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). 3 And_he_returned and_he/it_built ~~ĐOM~~ the_high_places which Ḥizqiy^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_ _destroyed and_he_set_up altars to_Ba'al and_he/it_made an_ _'Ashērāh_pole just_as 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_ _had_done and_he_bowed_down to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_he_served ~~ĐOM~~_ _them. 4 And_he_built altars in_house_of **YHWH** which **YHWH** he_had_said in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_will_put ~~ĐOM~~ name_ _of_my. 5 And_he/it_built altars to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens in_the_two_of the_ _courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH**. 6 And_he_made_pass ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_son in_fire and_he_practiced_soothsaying and_he_ _practiced_divination and_he_dealt_with necromancer and_ _soothsayers he_increased for_doing (the)_evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_to_anger. 7 And_he/it_ _assigned ~~ĐOM~~ the_image_of (the)_'Ashērāh which he_had_ _made in_house which **YHWH** he_had_said to Dāvid and_ _near/to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his in_house the_this and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which I_have_chosen from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) I_will_put ~~ĐOM~~ name_of_my forever_perpetuity. 8 And_not I_will_repeat to_make_wander the_foot_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) from the_soil which I_gave to_ _ancestors_of_their only if they_will_take_care for_doing according_to_all that I_commanded_them and_to/for_all the_ _law which servant_of_my Mosheh he_commanded ~~ĐOM~~_them. 9 And_not they_listened and_he_misled_them Mənashsheh for_ _doing ~~ĐOM~~ (the)_evil more_than the_nations which **YHWH** he_ _had_destroyed from_face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). 10 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his the_prophets to_say. 11 Because that Mənashsheh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_has_done the_ _abominations the_these he_has_done_evil from_all that the_

146 **RV 20:20 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 32:32-33
147 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 33:1-20
148 **RV 21:2 · Cross-ref.** Jer 15:4.
149 **RV 21:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:13.
150 **RV 21:7-8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 9:3-5; 2Ch 7:12-18.

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_'Amorī who was_before_of_him they_did and_he_has_caused_ _to_sin also ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh with_idols_of_his. **12** For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) which every_of mmm[151] the_two_of ears_of_his they_will_tingle. **13** And_I_will_stretch_out over Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ᴅᴏᴍ the_measuring-line_of Shomrōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_levelling_tool_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_I_will_wipe_clean ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) just_as someone_wipes_clean ᴅᴏᴍ the_bowl he_wipes_it_clean and_he_turns_it_over on face_of_ _its. **14** And_I_will_abandon ᴅᴏᴍ the_remnant_of my_ _inheritance_of_my and_I_will_give_them in_the_hand_of their_enemies_of_their and_they_will_be (into)_spoil and_ _(into)_plunder to/from_all/each/any/every enemies_of_their. **15** Because that they_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ the_evil in_eyes_of_my and_they_were provoking_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ_me since the_day when ancestors_of_their they_came_out from_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto the_day (the)_this. **16** And_also blood innocent Mənashsheh he_shed much very until that he_ _had_filled ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) mouth to_mouth apart_apart from_sin_of_his which he_caused_to_sin ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) for_doing the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **17** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Mənashsheh and_all that he_did and_sin_of_his which he_sinned not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of of_Yəhūdāh. **18** And_ Mənashsheh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried in_the_garden_of his_ _house_of_his in_the_garden_of 'Uzzā' and_ 'Āmōn his/its_son _ _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

19 Was_a_son_of twenty and_two year[s] 'Āmōn when_he_ _became_king and_two years he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Məshullemet the_daughter_of Ḥārūṣ from Yoṭvāh/(Jotbah). **20** And_he/it_made (the)_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** just_ _as Mənashsheh his/its_father he_had_done. **21** And_he/it_ _went in_all the_way which his/its_father he_had_walked and_ _he_served ᴅᴏᴍ the_idols which his/its_father he_had_served and_he_bowed_down to/for_them. **22** And_he_abandoned ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of his_ancestors_of_his and_not he_walked in_ _the_way_of **YHWH**. **23** And_ the_servants_of 'Āmōn _they_ _conspired on/upon/above_him/it and_they_killed ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _king in_his_own_of_house. **24** And_ the_people_of the_ _earth/land _it_struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_who_had_ _conspired on the_king 'Āmōn and_ the_people_of the_ _earth/land _they_made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) son_of_ _his in_place_of_him. **25** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Āmōn which he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_ _matters_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **26** And_someone_buried[152] ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_grave_of_his in_the_ _garden_of 'Uzzā' and_ Yo'shiy^{yāh} son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

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to Yehudah including Yerushalem that people won't even be able to handle hearing the news about it. **13** I'll use the same tape measure for Yerushalem that I used for Shomron (Samaria), and I'll use the same plumb line that I used for Ahav's extended family. I'll wipe Yerushalem away, just like someone dries a bowl—they wipe it dry and then turn it upside down. **14** I'll abandon the small remainder of my people here, and I'll hand them over to their enemies—they'll become the spoil and plunder of all their enemies, **15** because they've done what I told them was evil, and they've been making me angry from the time that their ancestors were brought out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) right up to this day."

16 Menasheh even poured out so much innocent blood that he filled Yerushalem with it from one side to the other, and that was on top of his other sin of leading Yehudah into doing what Yahweh had said was evil.

17 Everything else that Menasheh said and did, including the sins that he committed, is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **18** Then Menasheh died and was buried in the palace garden (made by Uza), and his son Amon replaced him as king.

Amon's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom

19 Amon was twenty-two when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for two years. (His mother was Haruts's daughter Meshulemet from Yotvah.) **20** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like his father Menasheh (Manasseh) had done. **21** In fact, he followed everything that his father had done, including serving the same idols and bowing to them. **22** He abandoned Yahweh, the god of his ancestors, and didn't obey his instructions.

23 But Amon's servants plotted to assassinate him, and they killed him in the palace. **24** However, the people executed everyone who'd been involved in the conspiracy against King Amon, and they installed his son Yoshiyah (Josiah) as king in his place.

25 Everything else that Amon said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah (Judah). **26** He was buried in his tomb in the garden made by Uza, and his son Yoshiyah replaced him as king.

151 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: יעמש/ו: (x-qere) הָעָמֹשׁ: lemma_8085 n_0.1 morph_HVqrmsc/Sp3fs id_12FsX הָעָמֹשׁ

152 LV 21:26 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yoshiyah's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[153]

22:1 Yoshiyah (Josiah) was eight when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for thirty-one years.[154] (His mother was Adayah's daughter Yedidah from Batsekat.) **2** He did what Yahweh had said was correct behaviour, following all the customs of his ancestor King David, and obeying Yahweh's instructions.

A scroll is discovered in the temple · Southern kingdom[155]

3 In the eighth month of the eighteenth year of King Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) reign, he sent the scribe Shafan (the son of Atsalyah the son of Meshulam) to the temple, saying **4** "Go to the high priest Hilkiyah and get him to count the silver that was brought into Yahweh's temple, which the door-keepers collected from the people. **5** Then have it given to the supervisors of the temple repairs, and then they can pay the workers who are repairing the damage— **6** the craftsmen, builders, and masons, as well as buying wood and quarried stones for the repairs." **7** They won't need to submit detailed accounts for it because they're trustworthy people.[156]

8 During the repairs, the high priest Hilkiyah told the scribe Shafan, "I found a scroll in the temple with Yahweh's instructions written on it." So Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shafan to read. **9** Then Shafan the scribe went to the king with this report, "Your servants handed over the money that had been collected in the temple, and they gave it to the supervisors of the workers doing the repairs." **10** Then he added, "And the priest Hilkiyah gave me a scroll." Then he read it out loud to King Yoshiyah.

11 When the king heard the contents of the scroll, he tore his clothes **12** and commanded the priest Hilkiyah, Shafan's son Ahikam, Mikayah's son Akbor, the scribe Shafan, and the king's servant Asayah, **13** "Go and inquire from Yahweh on my behalf and on behalf of the people and all Yehudah (Judah), concerning the words of this scroll that was found. Because it sounds like Yahweh must be very angry at us because our predecessors didn't listen to what's written on this scroll and didn't do what was expected of us."

14 So Hilkiyah the priest and Ahikam, Akbor, Shafan, and Asayah went to the prophetess Huldah (the wife of Shalum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the one in charge of looking after the priests' uniforms who lived in the newer part of Yerushalem (Jerusalem)), and they spoke to her. **15** She told them that Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had said, "Tell the man who sent you all to me **16** that Yahweh says this: I'm going to bring disaster to this place and its inhabitants, just like it's written in the scroll that the king read **17** because they abandoned

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22:1 Was_a_son_of eight year[s] Yo'shiy^{yāh} when_he_became_ _king and_thirty and_one year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Yədīdāh/(Jedidah) the_daughter_of ʿAdā^{yāh} from_Botsqat. **2** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_ _he/it_went in_all the_way_of Dāvid his/its_father and_not he_ _turned_aside right_hand and_left_hand.

3 And_he/it_was in_eight- teen year to/for_the_king Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king he_sent ~~ĐOM~~ Shāfān the_son_of 'Atsal^{yāh}ū the_son_of Məshullām the_scribe the_house_of **YHWH** to_say. **4** Go_up to Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer (the)_great and_let_him_complete ~~ĐOM~~ the_money which_has_been_brought the_house_of **YHWH** which the_keepers_of the_threshold they_have_gathered from_ _with the_people. **5** And[157] on the_hand_of the_doers_of the_ _work who_have_been_appointed in/on/at/with[158] of_**YHWH** and_they_give ~~ĐOM~~_him/it to_the_doers_of the_work who in_ _house_of **YHWH** to_repair the_damage_of the_house. **6** To_ _craftsmen and_to_builders and_to_wall-builders and_to_ _acquire wood(s) and_stones_of hewing to_repair ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _house. **7** Only not it_will_be_accounted_for with_them the_ _money which_is_given on hand_of_their if/because in_ _faithfulness they are_working. **8** And_ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_ _priest/officer (the)_great _he/it_said to Shāfān the_scribe the_ _scroll_of the_law I_have_found in_house_of **YHWH** and_ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} _he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~ the_scroll to Shāfān and_he_read_it. **9** And_ Shāfān the_scribe _he_went to the_king and_he_ _brought_back ~~ĐOM~~ the_king message and_he/it_said your_ _servants they_have_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_money which_was_ _found in_house and_they_have_given_it on the_hand_of the_ _doers_of the_work who_had_been_appointed the_house_of **YHWH**. **10** And_ Shāfān the_scribe _he_told to/for_the_king to_ _say a_scroll he_gave to_me Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_ _he_read_it_aloud Shāfān to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **11** And_he/it_was just_ the_king _as_heard ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of the_scroll_of the_law and_he_tore ~~ĐOM~~ clothes_of_his. **12** And_ the_king _he/it_commanded ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_~~ĐOM~~ 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_~~ĐOM~~ ʿAkbōr the_son_of Mīkā^{yāh} and_~~ĐOM~~ Shāfān the_scribe and_~~ĐOM~~ ʿAsā^{yāh} the_servant_of the_king to_say. **13** Go consult ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** for_me and_for the_people and_for all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on the_words/messages_of the_scroll which_has_been_found the_this if/because is_great the_rage_of **YHWH** which it it_has_been_kindled on_us on that not ancestors_of_our they_listened to the_words/messages_of the_ _scroll the_this for_doing according_to_every_of (the)_thing_ _written on_us. **14** And_ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_ _'Aḥīqām and_ʿAkbōr and_Shāfān and_ʿAsā^{yāh} _he/it_went to Ḥuldāh the_prophetess the_wife_of Shallūm the_son_of Tiqvāh the_son_of Ḥarḥaṣ the_one_who_kept the_garments and_she was_dwelling in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_district and_

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153 **RV 22:1 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 34:1-2

154 **RV 22:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 3:6.

155 **RV 22:3 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 34:8-28

156 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 12:15.

157 **LV 22:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/נתי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וּהִנָּתִיְו': lemma_c/5414 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Vqj3mp/Sp3ms id_124SL וּהִנָּתִיְו

158 **LV 22:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ת֫יב/ב**: (x-qere) 'תֵּיבְּ': lemma_1004 b morph_HNcmsc id_12wRc תֵּיבְּ

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_they_spoke to_her. **15** And_she/it_said to_them thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says say to_man who he_sent you(pl) to_me. **16** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_ _bring calamity to the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages_of the_scroll which the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_has_read. **17** Because that they_have_abandoned_ _me and_they_have_made_smoke to_gods other so_as to_ _provoke_me_to_anger by_all_of the_work_of their_hands_of_ _their and_ rage_of_my _it_will_be_kindled on_place the_this and_not it_will_be_quenched. **18** And_near/to the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_sent you(pl) to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** thus you(pl)_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says the_words/messages which you_have_ _heard. **19** Because heart_of_your it_was_soft and_you_ _humbled_yourself from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** when_heard_ _you that_which I_had_spoken on the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its to_be (into)_a_horror and_(into)_a_curse and_you_tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_your and_she/it_wept before_me and_also I I_have_heard the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **20** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I will_gather_of_you to ancestors_of_ _your and_you_will_be_gathered to grave(s)_of_your in_peace and_not eyes_of_your they_will_look on_all_of the_distress which I will_bring on the_place the_this and_they_brought_ _back ᴅᴏᴍ the_king message.

23:1 And_ the_king _he_sent and_they_gathered to_him/it all_of the_elders_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_ the_king _he/it_ascended the_house_of **YHWH** and_all (the)_ _person_of Yəhūdāh and_all the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_him/it and_the_priests and_ _the_prophets and_all the_people (to)_from_the_small and_ _unto the_great and_he/it_called in_ears_of_their ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages_of the_scroll_of the_covenant which_had_ _been_found in_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_ the_king _he_stood at the_pillar and_he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH** to_go after **YHWH** and_to_keep commands_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ testimonies_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ regulations_of_his in_all the_heart and_on/over_all the_being to_establish ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_ _this which_were_written on the_scroll the_this and_ all_of the_people _it_took_its_stand in_covenant. **4** And_ the_king _ _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer (the)_great and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests_of the_second_rank and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_keepers_ _of the_threshold to_bring_out from_the_temple_of **YHWH** ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_vessels which_were_made for_Ba'al and_for_'Ashērāh and_to/for_all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_he_ _burnt_them from_the_outside of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_ _the_fields_of Qidrōn and_he_carried ᴅᴏᴍ dust_of_their Bēyt-'ēl. **5** And_he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ the_pagan_priests whom the_kings_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_had_appointed and_he_made_smoke at_places in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_the_surroundings_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_made_smoke to_ _Ba'al to_sun and_to_moon and_to_constellations and_to/for_ _all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens. **6** And_he_brought_ _out ᴅᴏᴍ the_'Ashērāh_pole from_the_house_of **YHWH** from_

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me. They offered sacrifices to other gods in order to make me angry at everything they do, so now my anger will be directed against this place and it's not stoppable. **18** But to the king of Yehudah who sent you all to seek Yahweh, tell him that Yisrael's god Yahweh says: The words that you heard from the scroll, **19** because you're open to learn and because you humbled yourself in front of Yahweh when you heard my promise that this place and its inhabitants would become a horror and a curse, and because you've torn your clothes and wept in front of me, then Yahweh said that he's taken notice of you. **20** Because of that, he'll allow you to die and be buried peacefully, and you yourself won't witness the destruction that will come to this place."

So they relayed those messages back to King Yoshiyah (Josiah).

Yoshiyah removes false gods · Southern kingdom[159]

23:1 Then King Yoshiyah (Josiah) summoned all the elders of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah), **2** and he went to the temple, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalem and from all across Yehudah went with him, along with the priests and prophets, and all the people from the most to the least important. Then he read to them every word on the scroll of the agreement that had been found in Yahweh's residence. **3** Then the king stood by the pillar and he made a commitment in front of Yahweh to follow Yahweh and to obey his commands and testimonies and statutes with all sincerity, and with every desire to respect the words of that agreement that had been written on that scroll. All the people were also included in that commitment.

4 Then the king commanded the high priest Hilkiyah and the other priests, and the temple guards to bring out all the utensils that were made for Ba'al and Asherah and for all the constellations, and he burnt them outside Yerushalem in the Kidron countryside, and carried their ashes to Beyt-El (Bethel). **5** He got rid of the pagan priests that the kings of Yehudah had appointed to burn incense in the hilltop shrines around Yerushalem and across the rest of Yehudah, and the ones who burnt incense to Ba'al, and to the sun and moon and to the planets and constellations. **6** He got the Asherah pole out from Yahweh's temple and burnt it in the Kidron valley outside Yerushalem, then he pounded the ashes to dust and threw it over people's graves. **7** He demolished the cubicles of the male temple prostitutes that

159 RV 23:1 · Parallel 2 Chr. 34:3-7,29-33

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were inside Yahweh's temple where the women were weaving Asherah coverings.[160] **8** He brought all the priests to Yerushalem from the cities of Yehudah, and he desecrated the hilltop shrines where the priests had burnt incense, from Geva to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). He demolished the hilltop shrines that Yehoshua (Joshua) (a city official) had built near the city gate (on the left of the gate as you entered the city). **9** However those priests from those hilltop shrines weren't allowed to serve at the altar in Yerushalem, but they were allowed to eat unleavened bread like the other priests.

10 Yoshiyah (Josiah) also desecrated the Tofet, which was in the Ben-Hinom valley, so that the people couldn't sacrifice their children to Molek. **11** The horses that the kings of Yehudah had offered to the sun, he prevented from approaching the hall of the official Netan-Melek that was in the courtyards of Yahweh's temple, and he set fire to the chariots of the sun. **12** Then the king tore down the altars that were on the roof in Ahaz's upper chamber that the kings of Yehudah made, and the altars that Menasheh (Manasseh) made in the two courtyards of Yahweh's temple and he threw the rubble into the Kidron valley. **13** The king desecrated the hilltop shrines that faced Yerushalem—they were south of the Mt. of Destruction' (the Mt. of Olives). King Shelomoh (Solomon) had built shrines for Ashtarot (the disgusting god of the Tsidonim (Sidonians)) and for Kemosh (the disgusting god of Moav (Moab)) and for Molek (the disgusting god of the Amonim). **14** He also smashed the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah poles, then he desecrated those places by filling them with human bones.

15 He also demolished the altar that was in Beyt-El (Bethel)—the hilltop shrine that Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had made when he'd caused Yisrael (Israel) to sin. He demolished both that altar and the hilltop shrine, then he burnt the shrine. He crushed everything to dust, and he burnt the Asherah pole. **16** As Yoshiyah turned around, he noticed some graves that were there on the hillside, so he had some bones removed from the graves, and he burnt them on the altar to desecrate it. This fulfilled what Yahweh had said through the man of God who'd proclaimed these things.[161] **17** Yoshiyah turned again and asked, "Whose tomb is that?"

"It's the prophet's tomb," the people of Beyt-El replied, "The one who came from Yehudah and predicted that what you just did to that altar would happen." **18** "Don't disturb it then," the king ordered. "Don't let anyone remove his bones."

So they left his bones alone, along with the bones of the other prophet who came from Shomron (Samaria). **19** So King Yoshiyah removed all the hilltop shrines that the Israeli kings had made in the cities of Shomron, provoking Yahweh's anger. The king destroyed them just like he'd done to the ones in

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_the_outside of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_wadi_of Qidrōn and_he_burnt ÐǾM_her/it in_the_wadi_of Qidrōn and_ _he_pulverised_it to_dust and_he_threw ÐǾM dust_of_its on the_burial_site_of the_sons_of the_people. **7** And_he_broke_ _down ÐǾM the_houses_of the_male_cult_prostitutes which in_ _house_of **YHWH** where the_women were_weaving there houses for_'Ashērāh. **8** And_he/it_brought ÐǾM all_of the_ _priests from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_he_made_unclean ÐǾM the_high_places where they_had_made_smoke there_(to) the_priests from_Gevʿaʹ to Bə'ēr Shevʿaʹ and_he_broke_down ÐǾM the_high_places_of the_gates which were_at_the_ _entrance_of the_gate_of Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_governor_of the_city which was_at the_left_side anyone at_the_gate_of the_ _city. **9** Nevertheless not the_priests_of the_high_places they_ _went_up to the_altar_of **YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because (if) they_ate unleavened_bread(s) in_the_middle brothers_of_their. **10** And_he_made_unclean ÐǾM (the)_Tofet which was_in_the_valley_of_the_sons_of_Hinnom_was_in_the_ _valley_of_Ben Hinnom[162] was_in_the_valley_of_Ben to_not to_ anyone _make_pass ÐǾM his/its_son and_ÐǾM daughter_of_his in_fire to_Molek. **11** And_he_removed ÐǾM the_horses which the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_had_dedicated to_sun from_the_going of_the_house_of of_**YHWH** at the_room_of Nathan the_court-official which was_in_Parbar and_ÐǾM the_ _chariots_of the_sun he_burnt with_fire. **12** And_ÐǾM the_altars which were_on the_roof the_upper_room_of 'Āḥāz which they_ _had_made the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_ÐǾM the_altars which Mənashsheh he_had_made in_the_two_of the_courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH** the_king he_pulled_down and_he_ran from_there and_he_threw ÐǾM dust_of_their into the_wadi_of Qidrōn. **13** And_ÐǾM the_high_places which were_on the_face_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which were_from_the_south_of the_mountain_of (the)_destruction which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_had_built to_Astarte the_detestable_thing_of the_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_to_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) the_detestable_thing_of Mō'āvʿ and_to_Malkām the_abomination_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn the_king he_made_unclean. **14** And_he_broke ÐǾM the_sacred_ _pillars and_he_cut_down ÐǾM the_'Ashērāh_poles and_he_ _filled ÐǾM place_of_their bones_of humankind. **15** And_also ÐǾM the_altar which in_house_of ʾēl the_high_place which Yārovʿām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevʿaṭ who he_caused_to_sin ÐǾM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_had_made also ÐǾM the_altar (the)_that and_ÐǾM the_high_place he_tore_down and_he_burnt ÐǾM the_ _high_place he_pulverised_it to_dust and_he_burnt the_ _'Ashērāh_pole. **16** And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_turned and_ _he/it_saw ÐǾM the_graves which were_there on_mountain and_he_sent and_he/it_took ÐǾM the_bones from the_graves and_he_burnt_them on the_altar and_he_made_it_unclean according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which the_man_of the_ _'Elohīm who he_proclaimed ÐǾM the_words/messages the_ _these he_had_proclaimed. **17** And_he/it_said what is_the_ _gravestone this which I am_seeing and_they_said to_him/it the_people_of the_city the_grave the_man_of the_'Elohīm who

160 RV 23:7 · Note It's not exactly clear what these woven objects were, or how or where they were used.

161 RV 23:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 13:2-3.

162 LV 23:10 · Note OSHB variant note: בְּנֹב: (x-qere) בְּנָב: lemma_1121 a morph_HNp id_12X2W בְּנֹב

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he_came from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_called ĐOM the_ _things the_these which you_have_done on the_altar_of Bēyt-ʾēl. **18** And_he/it_said leave_alone to_him/it anyone not let_ _him_disturb bones_of_his and_they_left_undisturbed bones_ _of_his with the_bones_of the_prophet who he_had_come from_Shomrōn. **19** And_also ĐOM all_of the_houses_of the_high_ _places which were_in_the_cities_of Shomrōn which the_kings_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_had_made to_provoke_anger Yo'shiyʸāh he_removed and_he/it_made to/for_them according_to_all_of the_deeds which he_had_done in_house_of ʾēl. **20** And_he/it_ _sacrificed ĐOM all_of the_priests_of the_high_places who were_ _there on the_altars and_he_burnt ĐOM bones_of humankind on_them and_he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

21 And_ the_king _he/it_commanded ĐOM all_of the_people to_ _say observe a_passover to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) according_what_is_written on the_scroll_of the_covenant (the)_this. **22** If/because not it_had_been_observed like_ _passover the_this since_the_days_of the_judges who they_ _judged ĐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_all/each/any/every the_days_ _of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **23** If/because (if) in_eight- teen year to/for_ _the_king Yo'shiyʸāh/(Josiah) the_passover the_this it_was_ _observed to/for_**YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **24** And_also ĐOM the_necromancers and_ĐOM the_soothsayers and_ĐOM the_teraphim and_ĐOM the_idols and_ĐOM all_of the_ _detestable_things which they_were_seen in_land of_Yəhūdāh and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Yo'shiyʸāh he_removed so_as to_carry_out ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_law which_were_ _written on the_scroll which Ḥilqiyʸāh the_priest/officer he_ _had_found the_house_of **YHWH**. **25** And_like_him not he_had_ _been before_him a_king who he_turned_back to **YHWH** in_all heart_of_his and_on/over_all being_of_his and_on/over_all strength_of_his according_to_all_of the_law_of Mosheh and_ _after_him not he_arose like_him. **26** Nevertheless not **YHWH** he_turned_back from_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his (the)_ _great which anger_of_his it_burnt on_Yəhūdāh on all_of the_ _provocations which he_had_provoked_him_to_anger Mənashsheh. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said also ĐOM Yəhūdāh I_ _will_remove from_under face_of_my just_as I_removed ĐOM Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_I_will_reject ĐOM the_city (the)_this which I_chose ĐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ĐOM the_house which I_said it_will_be name_of_my there. **28** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yo'shiyʸāh/(Josiah) and_all that he_did not are_ _they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_ _kings_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **29** In_days_of_his Par'oh Nəkoh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_went_up on the_king_of 'Ashshūr to the_river_of Pərāt and_ the_king Yo'shiyʸāh _he/it_ _went to_meet_him and_he_killed_him at_Məgiddōn just_as_ _he_saw ĐOM_him/it. **30** And_they_made_him_ride servants_of_ _his dead from_Məgiddōn and_they_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_buried_him in_his_own_of_ _grave and_ the_people_of the_earth/land _he/it_took ĐOM Yəhōʾāḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yo'shiyʸāh and_they_anointed

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Beyt-El. **20** He executed all the priests from those hilltop shrines on the altars there, and then he burnt human bones on them to desecrate them. Then he returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

The celebration of 'pass-over' · Southern kingdom[163]

21 Then the king commanded all the people, "Celebrate 'pass-over' for your god Yahweh according to what's written on this scroll with the agreement." **22** Since the days of the leaders who judged Yisrael (Israel), or in all the days of the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah), a 'pass-over' had never been celebrated like that one **23** in the eighteenth year of King Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) reign. That 'pass-over' celebration in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was to honour Yahweh.

King Yoshiyah's other activities · Southern kingdom

24 King Yoshiyah (Josiah) also removed the ritual pits and the soothsayers, and the images and idols, and all the abhorrences that were seen in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and in the Yehudah (Judah) region, in his diligence to obey everything that was written on the scroll that the priest Hilkiyah found in the temple. **25** No other king had been like Yoshiyah who'd led the people back to obeying Yahweh—following Mosheh's (Moses') written instructions with all his heart and all his spirit and all his energy. What's more, there's never been a king like him since then either.

26 However, Yahweh's anger against Yehudah hadn't cooled down after everything that King Menasheh (Manasseh) had done[164] to make him angry, **27** and Yahweh said, "I will also remove Yehudah out of my sight, just like I removed Yisrael (Israel). I'll also reject this city of Yerushalem that I chose, as well as the house where I'd said that my name would be established."

28 Everything else that Yoshiyah said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **29** While he was still king, the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) Nekoh attacked the Assyrian king near the Perat (Euphrates) River. King Yoshiyah went to meet him, but Nekoh killed him at Megidon when he saw him. **30** His servants brought his body back to Yerushalem from Megidon, and they buried him in his own tomb. Then the people got his son Yehoahaz, and they anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

163 **RV 23:21 · Parallel** 2 Chr. 35:1-19

164 **RV 23:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 21:1-18.

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Yehoahaz's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[165]

31 Yehoahaz was twenty-three when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for only three months. (His mother was Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's) daughter Hamutal from Livnah.) **32** He did what Yahweh had said was evil like many of his ancestors had done. **33** Par'oh (Pharaoh) Nekoh took him from Yerushalem and imprisoned him at Rivlah in the Hamat region, and he forced the residents of Yehudah (Judah) to pay him thirty kilograms of gold and three tonnes of silver. **34** Then Nekoh appointed Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son Elyakim as the new king but changed his name to Yehoyakim. Then he took Yehoahaz to Mitsrayim (Egypt) where he eventually died. **35** So Yehoyakim paid the gold and silver to Par'oh by assessing the wealth of the people and then forcibly collecting the gold and silver from them to send to Par'oh Nekoh.

Yehoyakim's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[168]

36 Yehoyakim was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. (His mother was Pedayah's daughter Zevidah from Rumah.) **37** He did what Yahweh had said was evil like many of his ancestors had done.

24:1 During his reign, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) attacked, and Yehoyakim ruled under him for three years before rebelling against him. **2** Then Yahweh sent troops of Kasdim (Chaldeans), troops from Aram (Syria), troops from Moav (Moab), and Amoni troops against Yehudah (Judah) at different times to destroy them, just as Yahweh had said through his servants the prophets. **3** Those things troubled Yehudah at Yahweh's command to remove them out of his sight because of all of King Menasheh's (Manasseh's) sins **4** and because he'd killed innocent people—Yahweh wouldn't forgive him because he'd filled Yerushalem with innocent blood.

5 Everything else that Yehoyakim said and did is written in the book of the events of the kings of Yehudah. **6** Then Yehoyakim died and his son Yehoyakin replaced him as king.

7 The Mitsri (Egyptian) king didn't continue his attacks on other countries, because the Babylonian king captured land all the way from the Mitsri river as far as the Perat (Euphrates) River—everything that had been controlled by Mitsrayim (Egypt).

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~~ĐƠM~~_him/it and_they_made_king ~~ĐƠM~~_him/it in_place_of his/its_father.

31 Was_a_son_of twenty and_three year[s] Yəhō'āḥāz when_he_ _became_king and_three months he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Ḥₐmūṭal the_daughter_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_Livnāh. **32** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that ancestors_of_his they_had_done. **33** And_ _he_confined_him Par'oh Nəkoh at_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt in/on/at/with[166][167] in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_put a_ _fine on the_earth/land one_hundred talent[s]_of silver and_a_ _talent_of gold. **34** And_ Par'oh Nəkoh _he_made_king ~~ĐƠM~~ 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ/(Josiah) in_place_of Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ his/its_father and_he_changed ~~ĐƠM~~ his/its_name Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_~~ĐƠM~~ Yəhō'āḥāz he_took and_he_ _came Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he/it_died there. **35** And_the_ _silver and_the_gold Yəhōyāqīm he_gave to_Par'oh only he_ _taxed ~~ĐƠM~~ the_earth/land to_give ~~ĐƠM~~ the_silver on the_ _mouth_of Par'oh each according_to_of_his_valuation he_ _exacted ~~ĐƠM~~ the_silver and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_gold ~~ĐƠM~~ the_people_of the_earth/land to_give_it to_Par'oh Nəkoh.

36 Was_a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] Yəhōyāqīm when_he_ _became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Zebudah[169] the_daughter_of Pədāʸᵃʰ from Rūmāh. **37** And_ _he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_ _all that ancestors_of_his they_had_done.

24:1 In_days_of_his Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_ _came_up and_he/it_was to_him/it Yəhōyāqīm subject three years and_he_turned_back and_he_rebelled in/on/over_him/it. **2** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent in/on/over_him/it ~~ĐƠM~~ the_ _marauding_bands_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_ _marauding_bands_of 'Arām and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_marauding_bands_of Mō'āv and_~~ĐƠM~~ the_marauding_bands_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_sent_them on_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_destroy_it according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** which he_had_spoken by_ _the_hand_of his_servants_of_his the_prophets. **3** Surely on the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_happened in_Yəhūdāh to_remove_it from_under his/its_faces/face for_the_sins_of Mənashsheh according_to_all that he_had_done. **4** And_also the_blood_of the_innocent which he_had_shed and_he_had_filled ~~ĐƠM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) blood innocent and_not **YHWH** he_ _was_willing to_forgive. **5** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_all that he_did not are_they written on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days of_the_kings_ _of_of_Yəhūdāh. **6** And_ Yəhōyāqīm _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) his/its_son _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him. **7** And_not he_repeated again the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_come_out from_his_own_of_ _land if/because the_king_of Bāvel he_had_taken from_the_

165 RV 23:31 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:2-4

166 LV 23:33 · Note OSHB variant note: דלמ/ב: (x-qere) 'דְּלֻמִ/מ': lemma_m/4427 a n_1.0 morph_HR/Vqc id_12QiP דְּלֻמִ/מ

167 LV 23:33 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

168 RV 23:36 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:5-8

169 LV 23:36 · Note OSHB variant note: הדיבז: (x-qere) 'הֲדוּבְז': lemma_2080 morph_HNp id_12aJ7 הֲדוּבְז

Literal Version

_wadi_of Mitsrayim to the_river_of Pərāt all that it_had_
_belonged to_the_king_of Mitsrayim.
8 Was_a_son_of eight- teen year[s] Yəhōyākīn when_he_
_became_king and_three months he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_
_Nəḥushtā' the_daughter_of 'Elnātān from_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that his/its_father he_
_had_done. **10** At_time (the)_that they_went_up[171] the_
_servants_of Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_city _it_came in_(the)_siege.
11 And_ Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel _he_came to the_
_city and_servants_of_his were_laying_siege on_it. **12** And_
_he/it_went_out Yəhōyākīn the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to
the_king_of Bāvel he and_mother_of_his and_servants_of_his
and_officials_of_his and_court-officials_of_his and_ the_king_of
Bāvel _he/it_took ĐOM_him/it in_year eight of_reigning_his.
13 And_he_brought_out from_there ĐOM all_of the_treasures_of
the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_treasures_of the_house_of the_
_king and_he_cut_up ĐOM all_of the_articles_of the_gold which
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_had_made
in_(the)_palace of_**YHWH** just_as **YHWH** he_had_spoken.
14 And_he_took_into_exile ĐOM all_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_ĐOM all_of the_officials and_ĐOM all_of the_mighty_men_of
(the)_strength ten_of[172] thousand(s) exile[s] and_all (the)_
craftsman and(the)_smith not except the_poor_people_of
the_people_of the_earth/land anyone_was_left. **15** And_he_
_took_into_exile ĐOM Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) to_Bāvel and_
_ĐOM the_mother_of the_king and_ĐOM the_wives_of the_king
and_ĐOM his/its_officials and_ĐOM the_leaders_of[173] the_
_earth/land he_led_away exile[s] from_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **16** And_ĐOM all_of the_
_men_of (the)_strength seven_of thousand(s) and_the_
_craftsman and_the_smith one_thousand (the)_everyone were_
_warriors makers_of war and_he/it_brought_them the_king_of
Bāvel exile[s] to_Bāvel. **17** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_made_
_king ĐOM Mattan^{yāh} uncle_of_his in_place_of_him and_he_
_changed ĐOM his/its_name Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah).

18 Was_a_son_of twenty and_one year[s] Tsidqiy^{yāh} when_he_
_became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_
_Ḥamūṭal[175] the_daughter_of Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_
_Livnāh. **19** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of
YHWH according_to_all that Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) he_had_
_done. **20** If/because on the_anger of_**YHWH** it_happened in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until he_
_threw_out ĐOM_them from_under his/its_faces/face and_
Tsidqiy^{yāh} _he_rebelled against_the_king_of Bāvel.

Readers' Version

Yehoyakin's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[170]

8 Yehoyakin was eighteen when he became king, but he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for only three months. **9** He did what Yahweh had said was evil just like his father had done.

10 At that time, the Babylonian king Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) sent his army to besiege Yerushalem, **11** and Nevukadnetsar himself travelled there to observe the operation. **12** Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakin went out to surrender to the Babylonian king, along with his mother, his servants, his captains, and his officials. So the Babylonian king took him captive in the eighth year of his reign. **13** Then all the valuables were brought out of Yahweh's temple and the palace. All the gold furnishings that had been made for the temple by King Shelomoh (Solomon) were cut into pieces. **14** Then all the army leaders and officials, and all the craftsmen and blacksmiths from Yerushalem (some ten thousand people) were taken into exile, leaving only the poorer people behind.

15 King Yehoyakin was exiled from Yerushalem to Bavel (Babylon), along with his mother and wives, his officials, **16** seven thousand top soldiers, and a thousand skilled craftsmen and blacksmiths—leaving no one behind to fight or make weapons.

17 Then the Babylonian king appointed Yehoyakin's uncle Matanyah as king in his place and he changed his name to Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah).

Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah's reign over Yehudah · Southern kingdom[174]

18 Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) was twenty-one when he became king and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. (His mother was Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's) daughter Hamutal from Livnah.) **19** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like Yehoyakin had done. **20** Because Yahweh was still very angry, he had the people of Yerushalem and all Yehudah (Judah) driven away out of his sight.

Then Tsidkiyah rebelled against the Babylonian king.

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170 RV 24:8 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:9-10

171 LV 24:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הלע: (x-qere) 'וֹלָע': lemma_5927 n_1.0.1 morph_HVqp3cp id_12QFD וֹלָע

172 LV 24:14 · Note OSHB variant note: הרשע: (x-qere) 'תֶרֶשָׁע': lemma_6235 morph_HAcmsc id_12zc4 תֶרֶשָׁע

173 LV 24:15 · Note OSHB variant note: ילוא: (x-qere) 'יֶלֶיא': lemma_352 c morph_HNcmpc id_1258m יֶלֶיא

174 RV 24:18 · Parallel 2 Chr. 36:11-12; Jer. 52:1-3a

175 LV 24:18 · Note OSHB variant note: לטימח: (x-qere) 'לֶטוּמָח': lemma_2537 morph_HNp id_12Q7w לֶטוּמָח

Readers' Version

Yerushalem's defeat · Southern kingdom

25:1 In the ninth year of Tsidkiyah's (Zedekiah's) reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) brought all his army to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). They made their camp outside the city, and then built attack structures all around it **2** and besieged the city for two years. **3** The people didn't have enough to eat and the famine became severe. **4** Then the Babylonians began breaking into the city, but the local fighters sneaked out at night through a gate between two walls near the king's garden and escaped down to the desert plain. **5** However, the Babylonian soldiers chased after the king and they overtook him on the Yeriho (Jericho) plains, and his army scattered. **6** King Tsidkiyah was captured and taken to the Babylonian king at Rivlah, where he was sentenced— **7** He was forced to watch as his sons were slaughtered, then his eyes were gouged out and he was taken to Bavel (Babylon) restrained with two bronze chains.

The demolition of the temple · Southern kingdom[176]

8 On the seventh day of the fifth month of Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) nineteenth year as king, his servant Nevuzar-Adan, who was his chief bodyguard, went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **9** He set fire to Yahweh's temple and the palace, and all of Yerushalem's houses, so no important building remained. **10** Then the army under the command of Nevuzar-Adan tore down the walls surrounding Yerushalem. **11** He exiled all the rest of the people from the city, all the surrendered soldiers, and the rest of the population, **12** but he let some of the poorest people remain on the land to look after the vineyards and as farmers.

13 The Babylonians smashed the bronze pillars and the bases and the bronze 'sea' from the temple, and took all the bronze to Bavel (Babylon). **14** They also took the pots and shovels, the snuffers and spoons, and all the bronze utensils used in the temple activities. **15** They took the fire-pans and the gold and silver bowls. **16** The bronze from the two pillars, the 'sea', and the bases that had been made for the temple by Shelomoh (Solomon) was too heavy to be weighed. **17** Each pillar was over eight metres high, plus a bronze capital on top that was over a metre high. They were decorated with latticework with bronze pomegranates all around.

Literal Version

25:1 And_he/it_was in_the_year_of (of)_the_ninth of_reigning_ _his in_month (the)_tenth on_ten of_month Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he and_all army_of_his he_came on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_encamped on/upon_it(f) and_they_built on/upon_it(f) a_siege-work all_around. **2** And_ the_city _it_came in_(the)_siege until one_plus_of ten year to/for_the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}. **3** On_day_nine of_month and_ the_ _famine _it_was_severe in_city and_not it_belonged food to_ _the_people_of the_earth/land. **4** And_ the_city _it_was_ _broken_into and_all the_men_of (the)_war the_night the_way_ _of the_gate between the_two_walls which was_at the_garden_ _of the_king and_the_ones_from_Kasdiy were_on the_city all_ _around and_he/it_went the_way_of the_ʿArāvāh. **5** And_ the_ _army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_pursued after the_king and_they_overtook ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_all army_of_his they_were_scattered from_with_him. **6** And_they_seized ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_they_ _brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh and_ _they_spoke with_him/it judgement. **7** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sons_of Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) they_slaughtered to_eyes_of_his and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of Tsidqiy^{yāh} he_made_blind and_he_bound_him with_(the)_fetters and_he_brought_him Bāvel.

8 And_in_month (the)_fifth on_day_seven of_month it was_ _year_of nine- teen year to/for_the_king Nebuchadnezzar the_ _king_of Bāvel Nəvūzar'$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards the_ _servant_of the_king_of Bāvel he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_he_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_king and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ᴅᴏᴍ every_of house_ _of a_great_person he_burnt with_fire. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_around all_of the_army_of the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy which was_the_chief_of the_bodyguards they_pulled_down. **11** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_rest_of the_people which_ _remained in_city and_ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_had_fallen who they_ _had_fallen on the_king of_Bāvel and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_rest_of the_ _multitude Nəvūzar'$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_ _took_into_exile. **12** And_some_of_the_poor_of the_earth/land the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_left_behind to_vinedressers and_to_husbandmen. **13** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_pillars_of (the)_bronze which were_the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_stands and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sea_of (the)_bronze which in_house_of **YHWH** the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy they_broke and_they_carried_off ᴅᴏᴍ bronze_of_ _their to_Bāvel. **14** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_pots and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_shovels and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_snuffers and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_pans and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _articles_of (the)_bronze which people_served with_them they_ _took_away. **15** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_fire-pans and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_bowls which were_gold gold and_which were_silver silver the_chief_ _of the_bodyguards he_took_away. **16** The_pillars two the_sea the_one and_the_stands which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_ _made for_the_house_of **YHWH** not it_belonged weight to_the_ _bronze_of all_of the_vessels the_these. **17** Was_eight- teen cubit[s] the_height_of the_pillar the_one and_a_capital on/upon/above_him/it bronze and_the_height_of the_capital was_three cubits[177] and_a_network and_pomegranates were_on the_capital all_around (the)_everything was_bronze and_like_

176 RV 25:8 · Parallel Jer. 52:12-33

177 LV 25:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **השמא**: (x-qere) **שְׁתוֹמֵא**: lemma_520 a n_1.1 morph_HNcfpa id_12YoY **שְׁתוֹמֵא**

Literal Version

_these belonged_to_pillar the_second with the_network.

18 And_ the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took ÐOM Sərāyāh the_priest_of the_head and_ÐOM Tsəfanyāh/(Zephaniah) a_ _priest_of second_rank and_ÐOM the_three_of the_keepers_of the_threshold. **19** And_from the_city he_took a_court-official one who he was_an_officer over the_men_of (the)_war and_five men from_those_who_saw_of (of)_the_face_of the_king who they_were_found in_city and_ÐOM the_scribe the_commander_ _of the_army who_mustered ÐOM the_people_of the_earth/land and_sixty man from_the_people_of the_earth/land who_were_ _found in_city. **20** And_ Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards _he/it_took ÐOM_them and_he_brought ÐOM_them to the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh. **21** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_ _struck_down ÐOM_them and_he_put_them_to_death at_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt and_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_went_into_exile from_under land_of_its.

22 And_the_people who_remained in_land of_Yəhūdāh whom Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_left_behind and_he_ _appointed over_them ÐOM Gədalyāh the_son_of 'Aḥīqām the_ _son_of Shāfān. **23** And_ all_of the_commanders_of the_armies they and_the_men _they_heard if/because_that the_king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed ÐOM Gədalyāh and_they_came to Gədalyāh (the)_Mitspāh and_Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətanyāh and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_ _Sərāyāh the_son_of Tanḥumet the_Nəṭofātī and_ _Ya'ₐzanyāh/(Jaazaniah) the_son_of the_Ma'ₐkātī they and_men_ _of_their. **24** And_he_swore_an_oath to/for_them Gədalyāh and_ _to_men_of_their and_he/it_said to/for_them do_not be_afraid from_the_servants_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy dwell in/on_the_ _earth and_serve ÐOM the_king_of Bāvel so_that_it_may_go_ _well for_you(pl). **25** And_he/it_was in_month the_seventh Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətanyāh the_son_of 'Elīshā'ma one_of_the_offspring_of the_royalty he_came and_ten men with_him/it and_they_struck_down ÐOM Gədalyāh and_he/it_ _died and_ÐOM the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) and_ÐOM the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy who they_were with_him/it at_Mitspāh. **26** And_ all_of the_people from_the_small and_unto the_great and_the_ _commanders_of the_armies _they_arose and_they_came Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because they_were_afraid from_face/in_ _front_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy.

27 And_he/it_was in_thirty and_seven year of_the_exile_of of_ _Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_two_ _plus ten month on_day_twenty and_seven of_month Evil-Merodach the_king_of Bāvel he_lifted_up in_year he_became_ _king ÐOM the_head_of Yəhōyākīn the_king_of Yəhūdāh from_ _a_house_of imprisonment. **28** And_he/it_spoke with_him/it good_things and_he/it_gave ÐOM seat_of_his from_under the_ _seat_of the_kings who with_him/it in_Bāvel. **29** And_he_ _changed ÐOM the_clothes_of his_imprisonment_of_his and_ _he/it_will_eat bread continually before_him all_of the_days_of his/its_life. **30** And_his_food_of_allowance a_food_allowance_of continuity it_was_given for_him/it from_with the_king a_

178 RV 25:18 · Parallel Jer. 52:24-27

179 RV 25:22 · Parallel Jer. 40:7-9; 41:1-3

180 RV 25:27 · Parallel Jer. 52:31-34

Readers' Version

The people of Yehudah get exiled to Bavel · Southern kingdom[178]

18 Nevuzar-Adan exiled to Bavel (Babylon) the high priest Serayah, the second priest Tsefanyah (Zephaniah), and the three temple entrance guards. **19** From the city, he took one official who was a military inspector, five of the king's advisors, and the army commander's secretary in charge of recruitment, plus sixty other important men. **20** Nevuzar-Adan took them all to the Babylonian king at Rivlah **21** in the Hamat region, but the king had them all executed there.

The governor there to Yehudah Gidaliyas · Southern kingdom[179]

So the large majority of the people of Yehudah (Judah) were exiled out of their country. **22** From those who the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) allowed to remain, he appointed Gedalyah (son of Shafan's son Ahikam) over them. **23** When all the army captains and their men heard that the Babylonian king had appointed Gedalyah, they came to Gedalyah at Mitspah. This was Netanyah's son Yishmael (Ishmael), Kareah's son Yohanan, Tanhumet's son Serayah the Netofati, and the Ma'akati's son Ya'azanyah, along with their men. **24** Gedalyah made an agreement with them and their men, telling them, "Don't be afraid of the Babylonian officials. Stay in the land and serve the Babylonian king, and he'll be good to you." **25** But in the seventh month, Yishmael (the son of Netanyah, the son of Elishama who was a descendant of King David) brought ten men with him and attacked Gedalyah, and killed him, along with the Yehudim (Judeans) and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) who were with him at Mitspah. **26** After that, all the people, with or without any official status, along with the army commanders fled to Mitsrayim (Egypt) because they were afraid of what the Babylonians might do to them.

Yehoyakin gets released from prison · Southern kingdom[180]

27 Thirty-seven years after Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakin had been exiled to Bavel (Babylon), Evil-Merodak had just become the new king of Bavel and he released Yehoyakin from prison on the 27th of the twelfth month. **28** He spoke kindly to Yehoyakin and honoured him more than the other kings who'd been taken to Bavel. **29** He was allowed to change out of his prison clothes, and was permitted to eat at the king's table for the rest of his life, **30** as well as being given a daily monetary allowance.

Readers' Version

KI2 · OET-RV v0.2.5

Literal Version

_matter_of a_day in_its_day all_of the_days_of his_life_of_his.

KI2 · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

The first
Sequential Account

(1 Chronicles)

Introduction

The *First* and the *Second Account of Chronicles* are a retelling of lots of what's included in *The accounts about Shmuel (Samuel)* and of *The accounts about the kings*, but told in different words. There seem to be two primary purposes for this account:
1. So that the reader can learn more about the destruction of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel), as God fulfilled his promise and plans for his people. This writer illustrates the achievements of David, Shelomoh (Solomon), of Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), of Yoshiyah (Josiah), along with other people who obeyed Yahweh's instructions.
2. To document the division of the priests and Levites in preparation for their service in the soon-to-be-built temple for Yahweh, and the extensive preparations by King David that were eventually handed over to King Shelomoh. Yahweh had carefully instructed David about how he wanted the temple worship to operate, and then this was all written down and handed over to Shelomoh, who would be the one who would go on to construct the buildings and all the furnishings and equipment and utensils that were required for its functioning.

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Adam's descendants[1]

1:1 Adam, Shet (Seth), Enosh, **2** Keynan, Mahalalel, Yered (Jared), **3** Hanok (Enoch), Metushelah (Methuselah), Lemek (Lamech), **4** Noah, Shem, Ham, and Yefet (Japheth).

5 Yefet's sons were Gomer, Magog, Maday, Yavan, Tuval, Meshek, and Tiras. **6** Gomer's sons were Ashkenaz, Rifat, and Togarmah. **7** Yavan's sons were Elishah, Tarshish, Kitim, and Dodanim.

8 Ham's sons were Kush, Mitsrayim, Put, and Kena'an (Canaan). **9** Kush's sons were Seva, Havilah, Savta, Raemah, and Savteka. Raemah's sons were Sheva and Dedan. **10** Then Kush fathered Nimrod and he became a mighty warrior. **11** Mitsrayim was the ancestor of the Lud, the Anamim, the Lehavim, the Naftuhim, **12** the Patrusim, the Kasluhim, and the Kaftor people groups. (The Pelishtim descended from the Kasluhim people group.) **13** Kena'an's first son was Tsidon (Sidon), and then he was also the ancestor of the Hitim, **14** the Yevusim, the Amorim, the Girgashim, **15** the Hivim, the Arkim, the Sinim, **16** the Arvadim, the Tsemarim, and the Hamatim.

17 Shem's sons were Eylam, Ashur, Arpakshad, Lud, and Aram. Aram's sons were: Uts (Uz), Hul, Geter, and Meshek. **18** Arpakshad was the father of Shelah, and Shelah was the father of Ever. **19** Ever had two sons: Peleg (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'divided', because in his lifetime, the earth was divided)[2] and Yaketan. **20** Yaketan was the ancestor of: Almodad, Shelef, Hatsarmavet, Yerah, **21** Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, **22** Eyval, Avimael, Sheva, **23** Ofir, Havilah, and Yovav. All those were the descendants of Yaketan.

24 These were the descendants of Shem (in order from him to Avraham): Arpakshad, Shelah, **25** Ever, Peleg, Re'u, **26** Serug, Nahor, Terah, **27** and Avram (whose name God later changed to Avraham).

Yishmael's descendants[4]

28 Avraham's sons were Yitshak (Isaac) and Yishmael (Ishmael). **29** These were their family lines: The first son born to Yishmael (the son of Avraham's slave-wife Hagar) was Nevayot, then his other sons Kedar, Adbe'el, Mivsam, **30** Mishma, Dumah, Masa, Hadad, Teyma, **31** Yetur, Nafish, and Kedemah. Those were Yishmael's twelve sons. **32** The sons of Avraham's slave-wife Keturah were Zimran, Yakeshan, Medan, Midyan, Yishbak, and Shuah. Yakeshan's sons were Sheva and Dedan. **33** Midyan's sons were Eyfah, Efer, Hanok, Avida, and Elda'ah. All those were Keturah's descendants.

34 Avraham had his son Yitshak (Isaac) by his wife Sarah, and Yitshak's sons were Esav (Esau) and Ya'akov (Jacob) , whose name God later changed to Yisrael (Israel).

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1:1 'Ādām Shēt 'Enōsh. **2** Qēynān/(Kenan) Mah$_a$lal'^{ēl} Yered/(Jared). **3** Ḥ$_a$nōk/(Enoch) Mətūshelaḥ Lemek. **4** Noaḥ Shēm Ḥām and_Yafet. **5** The_sons_of Yefet/(Japheth) were_ _Gomer and_Māgōg and_Māday and_Yāvān/(Javan) and_Tūval and_Meshek and_Tirāṣ. **6** And_the_sons of_Gomer were_ _'Ashkənaz and_Rīfat and_Tōgarmāh. **7** And_the_sons of_ _Yāvān/(Javan) were_'Elīshā'h and_(to)_Tarshiysh Kittim and_ _Dodānīm/(Rodanim). **8** The_sons_of Ḥām were_Kūsh/(Cush) and_Mitsrayim Pūṭ and_Kəna'an. **9** And_the_sons of_ _Kūsh/(Cush) were_Ṣəvā' and_Ḥ$_a$vīlāh and_Ṣavtā' and_Ra'māh and_Ṣavtəkā' and_the_sons of_Ra'māh were_Shəvā' and_Dədān. **10** And_Kūsh he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Nimrōd he he_began to_be a_ _mighty_man on_the_earth. **11** And_Mitsrayim he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ the_Lūdī[3] and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Anāmīm and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Lehāvīm and_ _ᵭᵒᵐ the_Naftuḥīm. **12** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Patruṣī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_ _Kaṣluḥīm/(Casluhites) where they_came_forth from_there the_Pəlishtiy and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Kaftorī/(Caphtorites). **13** And_ _Kəna'an he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Tsīdōn/(Sidon) his/its_firstborn and_ᵭᵒᵐ Ḥēt. **14** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Yəvūṣī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Amorī and_ _ᵭᵒᵐ the_Girgāshiy. **15** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Ḥiūī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Arqī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Ṣīnī. **16** And_ᵭᵒᵐ the_'Arvādī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_ _Tsəmārī and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_Ḥ$_a$mātī. **17** The_sons_of Shēm were_ _'Ēylām and_'Ashshūr and_Arpakshad and_Lūd and_'Arām and_ _'Ūts and_Ḥūl and_Geter and_Meshek. **18** And_Arpakshad he_ _fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Shelaḥ and_Shelaḥ he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ēvēr. **19** And_to_'Ēvēr two_of sons it_was_born the_name_of the_one was_Peleg if/because in_days_of_his the_earth/land it_was_ _divided and_name_of his/its_brother was_Yoqṭān/(Joktan). **20** And_Yoqṭān he_fathered ᵭᵒᵐ 'Almōdād and_ᵭᵒᵐ Shelef and_ _ᵭᵒᵐ Hazarmaveth and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yeraḥ/(Jerah). **21** And_ᵭᵒᵐ H$_a$dōrām and_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ūzāl and_ᵭᵒᵐ Diqlāh. **22** And_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ēyvāl and_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Avīmā'^{ēl} and_ᵭᵒᵐ Shəvā'. **23** And_ᵭᵒᵐ 'Ōfīr and_ᵭᵒᵐ Ḥ$_a$vīlāh and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yōvāv/(Jobab) all_of these were_the_sons_of Yoqṭān. **24** Shēm 'Arpakshad Shelaḥ. **25** 'Ēvēr Peleg Rə'ū. **26** Sərūg Nāḥōr Teraḥ. **27** 'Avrām he is_'Avrāhām.

28 The_sons_of 'Avrāhām were_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_ _Yishmā'^{ēl}/(Ishmael). **29** These generations_of_were_their the_ _firstborn_of Yishmā'^{ēl}/(Ishmael) was_Nəvāyōt and_Qēdār and_'Adbə'^{ēl} and_Mivsām. **30** Mishmā' and_Dūmāh Massā' H$_a$dad and_Tēymā'. **31** Yəṭūr/(Jetur) Nāfish and_Qədəmāh these they were_the_sons_of Yishmā'^{ēl}/(Ishmael). **32** And_the_sons of_Qəṭūrāh the_concubine_of 'Avrāhām she_bore ᵭᵒᵐ Zimrān and_Yoqshān/(Jokshan) and_Mədān and_Midyān and_ _Yishbāq/(Ishbak) and_Shuah and_the_sons of_Yoqshān were_ _Shəvā' and_Dədān. **33** And_the_sons of_Midyān were_'Ēyfāh and_'Ēfer and_Ḥ$_a$nōk/(Enoch) and_'Avīdā' and_'Eldā'āh all_of these were_the_sons_of Qəṭūrāh. **34** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_ _fathered ᵭᵒᵐ Yitsḥāq the_sons_of Yitsḥāq were_'Ēsāv and_ _Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel).

1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** Gen. 5:1-32; 10:1-32; 11:10-26

2 **RV 1:19 · Cross-ref.** Gen 11:1-9.

3 **LV 1:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: מיידול: (x-qere) 'פֶּיְדוּל': lemma_3866 morph_HNp id_13bmv פֶּיְדוּל

4 **RV 1:28 · Parallel** Gen. 25:12-16

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35 The_sons_of ʿĒsāv were_ʾElīfaz Rəʿūʾēl and_Yəʿūsh/(Jeush) and_Yaʿlām/(Jalam) and_Qoraḥ. 36 The_sons_of ʾElīfaz were_ _Tēymān and_ʾŌmār Tsəfō/(Zephi) and_Gaʿtām Qənaz and_ _Timnāʿ and_Amalek. 37 The_sons_of Rəʿūʾēl were_Naḥat Zeraḥ Shammāh and_Mizzāh.

38 And_the_sons of_Sēʿīr were_Lōṭān and_Shōvāl and_ _Tsivʿōn/(Zibeon) and_ʿAnāh and_Diyshōn and_ʾEtser and_ _Diyshān. 39 And_the_sons of_Lōṭān were_Ḥorī and_Hōmām and_was_the_sister_of Lōṭān Timnāʿ. 40 The_sons_of Shōvāl were_ʿAlvān and_Mānaḥat and_ʿĒyvāl Shəfō and_ʾŌnām and_ _the_sons of_Tsivʿōn were_ʾAyyāh and_ʿAnāh. 41 The_sons_of ʿAnāh were_Diyshōn and_the_sons of_Diyshōn were_Ḥamrān and_ʾEshbān and_Yitrān/(Ithran) and_Kərān/(Cheran). 42 The_ _sons_of ʾEtser were_Bilhān and_Zaʿavān Yaʿaqān/(Jaakan) the_ _sons_of Diyshōn were_ʿŪts and_ʾArān.
43 And_these were_the_kings who they_reigned in_land of_ _ʾEdōm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king reigned of_ _the_people_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Belaʿ the_son_of Bəʿōr and_ _name_of his_city_of_his was_Dinhāvāh. 44 And_ Belaʿ _he/it_ _died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Yōvāv/(Jobab) the_son_ _of Zeraḥ from_Botsrāh. 45 And_ Yōvāv _he/it_died and_he_ _reigned in_place_of_him Ḥūshām from_the_land_of the_ _Tēymānī[s]. 46 And_ Ḥūshām _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_ _place_of_him Hadad the_son_of Bədad who_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Midyān in_the_region_of Mōʾāv and_name_of his_city_of_his was_ʿAvīt[9]. 47 And_ Hadad _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_ _of_him Samlāh from_Masrēqāh. 48 And_ Samlāh _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Shāʾūl/(Saul) from_Rəḥovōt the_river. 49 And_ Shāʾūl _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_ _of_him Baʿal- Ḥānān the_son_of ʿAkbōr. 50 And_ Baʿal- Ḥānān _ _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Hadad and_name_ _of his_city_of_his was_Pāʿū and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_Məhēyṭavʾēl the_daughter_of Maṭrēd the_daughter_of Mēy- Zāhāv. 51 And_ Hadad _he/it_died and_ the_chiefs_of ʾEdōm _they_were chief Timnāʿ chief ʿAlvāh[10] chief Yətēt/(Jetheth). 52 Chief ʾĀhelīvāmāh chief ʾĒlāh chief Pinon. 53 Chief Qənaz chief Tēymān chief Mivtsār. 54 Chief Magdiyʾēl chief ʿĪrām these were_the_chiefs_of ʾEdōm.

2:1 These were_the_sons_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Rəʾūvēn Shimʿōn Lēvī and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) Issachar and_Zəvūlūn. 2 Dān Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn Naftālī Gād and_ʾĀshēr.

3 The_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_ʿĒr and_ʾŌnān and_ _Shēlāh three_sons it_was_born to_him/it from_Bath- shūʿa the_Kənaʿanī/(Canaanite)_woman and_he/it_was ʿĒr the_ _firstborn_of Yəhūdāh evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_ _put_him_to_death. 4 And_Tāmār his/its_daughter-in-law she_ _bore for_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ Perets and_ᴅᴏᴍ Zeraḥ all_of the_sons_of Yəhūdāh were_five. 5 The_sons_of Perets were_Ḥetsrōn and_

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Esav's descendants[5]

35 Esav's (Esau's) sons were Elifaz, Re'uel, Ye'ush, Yaelam, and Korah. 36 Elifaz's sons were Teyman, Omar, Tsefo, Gaetam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek. 37 Re'uel's sons were Nahat, Zerah, Shamah, and Mizah.

Se'ir's descendants[6]

38 Se'ir was another descendant of Esav (Esau) , and his sons were Lotan, Shoval, Tsivoen, Anah, Dishon, Etser, and Dishan. 39 Lotan's sons were Hori and Homam, and Lotan's sister was Timna. 40 Shoval's sons were Alvan, Manahat, Eyval, Shefo, and Onam. Tsivoen's sons were Ayah and Anah. 41 Anah's son was Dishon. Dishon's sons were Hamran, Eshban, Yitran, and Keran. 42 Etser's sons were Bilhan, Za'avan, and Ya'akan. Dishan's sons were Uts (Uz) and Aran.

Edom's rulers[7]

43 These are the kings who ruled the region of Edom (where Se'ir's descendants lived) before any kings ruled over Yisrael (Israel): Bela son of Be'or, and his city's name was Dinhavah. 44 When Bela died, Zerah's son Yovav from Batserah city replaced him as king. 45 When Yovav died, Husham replaced him as king. He was from the region where the Teyman people group lived. 46 When Husham died, Bedad's son Hadad replaced him as king. His city's name was Avit. Hadad defeated the Midyan people group in the Moav (Moab) region. 47 When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah city replaced him as king. 48 When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehovot-on-the-river replaced him as king. 49 When Shaul died, Akbor's son Ba'al-Hanan replaced him as king. 50 When Ba'al-Hanan died, Hadad replaced him as king. His city's name was Paeu. His wife's name was Meheytavel—she was the daughter of Matred and the granddaughter of Mey-Zahav.
51 Then Hadad[8] died.
The leaders of the Edom people group were Chiefs Timna, Alvah, Yetet, 52 Oholivamah, Elah, Pinon, 53 Kenaz, Teyman, Mivtsar, 54 Magdiyel, and Iram. Those were the chiefs of Edom.

Ya'akov's descendants

2:1 These were Yisrael's (Israel's) sons: Re'uven, Shim'on (Simeon), Levi, and Yehudah (Judah), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun, 2 Dan, Yosef (Joseph), Benyamin, Naftali (Naphtali), Gad, and Asher.

Yehudah's descendants

3 Yehudah's (Judah's) sons (with the Kena'ani (Canaanite) woman Bat-Shua) were Er, Onan, and Shela. (Yehudah's eldest son, Er, was evil in Yahweh's eyes, and he killed him.) 4 His daughter-in-law Tamar had twin boys named Perets and Zerah, so altogether Yehudah had five sons.

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5 **RV 1:35 · Parallel** Gen. 36:1-19

6 **RV 1:38 · Parallel** Gen. 36:20-30

7 **RV 1:43 · Parallel** Gen. 36:31-43

8 **RV 1:51 · Cross-ref.** 1:50.

9 **LV 1:46 · Note** OSHB variant note: תויע: (x-qere) 'תְּיָוָּע': lemma_5762 n_0 morph_HNp id_13V8b תְּיָוָּע

10 **LV 1:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: הילע: (x-qere) 'הֲוִלַּע': lemma_5933 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_13mGU הֲוִלַּע

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5 Perets's sons were Hetsron and Hamul. 6 Zerah had five sons:
Zimri, Eytan, Heyman, Kalkol, and Dara. 7 Zimri had a son named
Karmi. Karmi had a son named Akar who brought trouble into
Yisrael (Israel) by violating a ban on devoted things.[11] 8 Eytan's
son was Azaryah.

King David's ancestors

9 Hetsron had three sons: Yerahme'el,
Ram, and Keluvay.[12]
10 Ram was the father of Aminadav, and Aminadav was the father of Nahshon—a leader of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).
11 Nahshon was the father of Salma. Salma was the father of
Boaz. 12 Boaz was the father of Oved. Oved was the father of
Yishay (Jesse). 13 Yishay had his son Eliav first, Avinadav second,
Shimea third. 14 Netanel fourth, Raday fifth, 15 Otsem sixth, then
David last. 16 Their sisters were Tseruyah and Avigayil.
Tseruyah's three sons were Avishay, Yoav (Joab), and Asahel.
17 Avigayil had Amasa. Amasa's father was Yeter, a descendant of
Yishmael (Ishmael).

The descendants of Kalev (Caleb)

18 Hetsron's third son Kalev (Caleb) had
sons with Azuvah, one of his wives. The
sons were Yesher, Shovav, and Ardon. (The other wife's name
was Yerieot.) 19 When Azuvah died, Kalev married Efrat, and
they had a son named Hur. 20 Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri
was the father of Betsalel.
21 Later, when Hetsron was sixty years old, he had sexual intercourse with a daughter of Makir from the region of Gilead and
married her. Hetsron's new wife gave birth to their son Seguv.
22 Seguv was the father of Yair, and Yair controlled twenty-three
cities in the Gilead region. 23 But Geshur and Aram captured
Havot-Ya'ir and Kenat from them, plus their surrounding
towns—sixty towns in all, populated by descendants of Makir
(the father of Gilead). 24 After Hetsron's death in Kalev-Efratah,
his wife Aviyah gave birth to his son Ashur (Assyria), the father
of Tekoa.

Yerahme'el's descendants

25 Hetsron's oldest son was Yerahme'el
and his sons were Ram (the oldest),
Bunah, Oren, Otsem, and Ahiyah. 26 Yerahme'el had another
wife named Atarah. She was the mother of Onam. 27 The sons of
Yerahme'el's oldest son, Ram, were Ma'ats, Yamin, and Eker.
28 Onam's sons were Shamay and Yada, and Shamay's sons were
Nadav and Avishur.
29 Avishur's wife was Avihayil, and their sons were Ahban and
Molid. 30 Nadav's sons were Seled and Apayim. (Seled died childless.) 31 Apayim's son was Yishei, Yishei's son was Sheshan, and
Sheshan's son was Ahlay.
32 The sons of Shamay's brother Yada were Yeter and Yonatan
(Jonathan). (Yeter died childless.) 33 Yonatan's sons were Pelet

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_Ḥāmūl. 6 And_the_sons of_Zeraḥ were_Zimrī and_'Ēytān and_
_Hēymān and_Kalkol and_Dāra´ of_them_of_all were_five.
7 And_the_sons of_Karmī/(Carmi) were_´Ākār who_troubled
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_acted_unfaithfully in_thing[s]. 8 And_
_the_sons of_'Ēytān were_´Azar^{yāh}.

9 And_the_sons of_Ḥetsrōn whom it_was_born to_him/it ĐOM
Yəraḥmə'ēl/(Jerahmeel) and_ĐOM Rām and_ĐOM
Kəlūvay/(Chelubai). 10 And_Rām he_fathered ĐOM ´Amminādāv
and_´Amminādāv he_fathered ĐOM Naḥshōn the_leader_of the_
_descendants_of Yəhūdāh. 11 And_Naḥshōn he_fathered ĐOM
Salmā' and_Salmā' he_fathered ĐOM Bo´az. 12 And_Bo´az he_
fathered ĐOM ´Ōvēd and´Ōvēd he_fathered ĐOM
Yishay/(Jesse). 13 And_Yishay he_fathered ĐOM his/its_
firstborn ĐOM 'Elī'āv and'Avīnādāv the_second and_Shim´ā'
the_third. 14 Nətan'ēl the_fourth Radday was_the_fifth.
15 'Otsem the_sixth Dāvid was_the_seventh. 16 And[13] were_
Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) and'Avīgayil and_the_sons of_Tsərū^{yāh}
were_'Avshay Yō'āv/(Joab) and_´Asāh- 'ēl three. 17 And_
_'Avīgayil she_bore ĐOM ´Amāsā' and_father_of ´Amāsā' was_
_Yeter/(Jether) the_Yishmā´ēlī.

18 And_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Ḥetsrōn he_fathered with
´Azūvāh a_wife and_ĐOM Yərī´ōt/(Jerioth) and_these sons_of_
_were_her Yēsher/(Jesher) and_Shōvāv and_'Ardōn. 19 And_
´Azūvāh _she_died and_he/it_took to_him/it Kālēv ĐOM 'Efrāt
and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM Ḥūr. 20 And_Ḥūr he_
fathered ĐOM 'Ūrī and'Ūrī he_fathered ĐOM Bətsal'ēl. 21 And_
_after Ḥetsrōn he_went into the_daughter_of Mākīr the_father_
_of Gil´ād and_he he_had_taken_her and_he was_a_son_of sixty
year[s] and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM Səgūv. 22 And_
_Səgūv he_fathered ĐOM Yā'īr/(Jair) and_he/it_was to_him/it
twenty and_three cities in_land of_(the)_Gil´ād. 23 And_ Gəshūr
and_'Arām _he/it_took ĐOM the_villages_of Yā'īr from_with_
_them ĐOM Qənāt and_ĐOM daughters_of_its sixty citi[es] all_of
these were_the_sons_of Mākīr the_father_of Gil´ād. 24 And_
_after the_death_of Ḥetsrōn in_Kālēv- 'efrātāh and_the_wife_of
Ḥetsrōn was_'Avīy^{yāh} and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM
Ashhur the_father_of Təqō'ī.

25 And_ the_sons_of Yəraḥmə'ēl/(Jerahmeel) the_firstborn_of
Ḥetsrōn _they_were the_firstborn Rām and_Būnāh and_'Oren
and_'Otsem 'Aḥiy^{yāh}. 26 And_ a_wife another _it_became to_
_Yəraḥmə'ēl and_name_of_her was_´Aṭārāh she was_the_
_mother_of 'Ōnām. 27 And_ the_sons_of Rām the_firstborn_of
Yəraḥmə'ēl _they_were Ma´ats and_Yāmīn/(Jamin) and_´Ēqer.
28 And_ the_sons_of 'Ōnām _they_were Shammay and_
_Yādā´/(Jada) and_the_sons of_Shammay were_Nādāv and_
_'Avīshūr. 29 And_name_of the_wife_of 'Avīshūr was_'Avīhayil
and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM 'Aḥbān and_ĐOM Mōlīd.
30 And_the_sons of_Nādāv were_Ṣeled and_'Appayim and_
Ṣeled not sons _he/it_died. 31 And_the_sons of_'Appayim were_
_Yish´ī/(Ishi) and_the_sons of_Yish´ī were_Shēshān and_the_
_sons of_Shēshān were_'Aḥlay. 32 And_the_sons of_Yādā´/(Jada)
the_brother_of Shammay were_Yeter/(Jether) and_

11 RV 2:7 · Cross-ref. Josh 7:1.

12 RV 2:9 · Note In the Hebrew, 'Keluvay' is called 'Kalev' (Caleb) below.

13 LV 2:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **מָה/יִתּוֹיחַא/ו**: (x-qere) **'מָה/יִתּוֹיחַא/ו'**: lemma_c/269 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncfpc/Sp3mp id_13yP1

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Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and Yeter not sons _he/it_ _died. **33** And_the_sons of_Yōnātān were_Pelet and_Zāzā' these they_were the_sons_of Yəraḥmə'ēl. **34** And_not it_belonged to_ _Shēshān sons if/because (if) daughters and_belonged_to_ _Shēshān a_slave from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) and_ _his/its_name was_Yarḥā'/(Jarha). **35** And_ Shēshān _he/it_gave ĐOM daughter_of_his to_Yarḥā'/(Jarha) slave_of_his to/for_(a)_ _woman and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM 'Attay. **36** And_ _'Attay he_fathered ĐOM Nātān and_Nātān he_fathered ĐOM Zāvād. **37** And_Zāvād he_fathered ĐOM 'Eflāl and_'Eflāl he_ _fathered ĐOM 'Ōvēd. **38** And_'Ōvēd he_fathered ĐOM Yēhū'/(Jehu) and_Yēhū' he_fathered ĐOM 'Azar^{yāh}. **39** And_ _'Azar^{yāh} he_fathered ĐOM Ḥelets and_Ḥelets he_fathered ĐOM 'El'āsāh. **40** And_'El'āsāh he_fathered ĐOM Sismai and_Sismai he_ _fathered ĐOM Shallūm. **41** And_Shallūm he_fathered ĐOM Yəqam^{yāh}/(Jekamiah) and_Yəqam^{yāh}/(Jekamiah) he_fathered ĐOM 'Elīshā'ma.

42 And_the_sons of_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_brother_of Yəraḥmə'ēl/(Jerahmeel) were_Mesha his/its_firstborn he was_ _the_father_of Zīf and_the_sons of_Mar'ēshāh were_the_father_ _of Ḥevrōn. **43** And_the_sons of_Ḥevrōn were_Qoraḥ and_ _Tapūaḥ and_Reqem and_Shema'. **44** And_Shema' he_fathered ĐOM Raḥam the_father_of Yorqə'ām/(Jorkeam) and_Reqem he_ _fathered ĐOM Shammay. **45** And_the_son_of Shammay was_ _Ma'ōn and_Ma'ōn was_the_father_of Bēyt Tsūr/(Tsūr). **46** And_ _'Ēyfāh the_concubine_of Kālēv she_bore ĐOM Ḥārān and_ĐOM Mōtsā' and_ĐOM Gāzēz and_Ḥārān he_fathered ĐOM Gāzēz. **47** And_the_sons of_Yehday/(Jahdai) were_Regem and_ _Yōtām/(Jotham) and_Gēyshān and_Peleṭ and_'Ēyfāh and_ _Sha'af. **48** The_concubine_of Kālēv Ma'$_a$kāh he_bore Shevər and_ĐOM Tirḥ$_a$nāh. **49** And_she/it_gave_birth Sha'af the_father_ _of Madmannāh ĐOM Shəvā' the_father_of Makbēnā'h and_ _father_of Giv'ā' and_was_the_daughter_of Kālēv 'Akşāh. **50** These the_descendants_of Kālēv the_son_of Ḥūr the_ _firstborn_of 'Efrāt they_were was_Shōvāl the_father_of Qiryat. **51** Salmā' the_father_of Bēyt- lehem Ḥārēf the_father_of Bēyt-Gādēr. **52** And_ sons to_Shōvāl the_father_of Qiryat _they_were Hāro'ēh[14] (the)_half_of (the)_Menuchite[s]. **53** And_the_clans_ _of Qiryat the_Yitrī/(Ithrite)[s] and_the_Puthite[s] and_the_ _Shumathite[s] and_the_Mishraite[s] from_these the_ _Zorathite[s] and_the_Eshtaolite[s] they_came_forth. **54** The_ _sons_of Salmā' were_Bēyt- lehem and_the_Nəṭofātī[s] 'Aṭrōt_ _Bēyt- Yō'āv/(Joab) 'Aṭrōt_Bēyt- and_(the)_half_of the_ _Mānaḥatite[s] the_Zorite[s]. **55** And_the_clans_of the_ _Sophrites who_were_dwelling_of[15] of_Ya'bēts/(Jabez) were_ _the_Tir'ātī the_Shim'ā'thites the_Sūkātī they were_the_Qēynīs the_(ones_who)_went from_Ḥammat the_father_of Bēyt_of Rēkāv.

3:1 And_these they_were the_sons_of Dāvid[18] whom it_was_ _born to_him/it in_Ḥevrōn the_firstborn was_Amnon of_ _'Aḥīno'am the_Jezreelite_woman second was_Dāniyy'ēl of_ _'Avīgayil the_Karməlī/(Carmelite)_woman. **2** The_third was_

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and Zaza.
Those were the descendants of Yerahme'el.

34 Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. He had a male servant from Mitsrayim (Egypt) whose name was Yarha, **35** and Sheshan gave his daughter to him for a wife, and they had a son Atay. **36** Atay was the father of Natan (Nathan), and Natan was the father of Zavad. **37** Zavad was the father of Eflal, and Eflal was the father of Oved. **38** Oved was the father of Yehu (Jehu), and Yehu was the father of Azaryah. **39** Azaryah was the father of Helets, and Helets was the father of Eleasah. **40** Eleasah was the father of Sismay, and Sismay was the father of Shalum. **41** Shalum was the father of Yekamyah, and Yekamyah was the father of Elishama.

The other descendants of Kalev

42 The oldest son of Yerahme'el's brother Kalev (Caleb) was Meysha. Meysha was the father of Zif, and Zif was the father of Mareshah. Mareshah was the father of Hevron. **43** Hevron's sons were Korah, Tapuah, Rekem, and Shema. **44** Shema was the father of Raham. Raham was the father of Yarekeam. Rekem was the father of Shamay. **45** Shamay's son was Maeon, and Maeon was the father of Beyt-Tsur. **46** Kalev had a slave-wife named Eyfah who gave birth to Haran, Motsa, and Gazez. Haran had a son who he also named Gazez. **47** Yehday's sons were: Regem, Yotam (Jotham), Geyshan, Pelet, Eyfah, and Sha'af.

48 Kalev had another slave-wife named Ma'akah who gave birth to Shever and Tirhanah. **49** She also gave birth to Sha'af (the father of Madmanah), Sheva (father of Makbena and Givea), and Kalev's daughter Aksah.

50 These people were also descendants of Kalev: His other wife Efratah had a son Hur. Hur's sons were Shoval (founder of Kiryat-Yearim city), **51** Salma (founder of Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)), and Haref (founder of Beyt-Gader). **52** The descendants of Shoval (founder of Kiryat-Yearim) were Haroeh, half of the Manahatim, **53** and the clans from Kiryat-Yearim: the Yitrim, the Putim, the Shumatim, and the Mishraim. From those came the Tsor'atim and Eshtaolim. **54** Salma's descendants were the people of Beyt-Lehem, the Netofatim, the clan of Atrot-Beyt-Yo'av, and half of the Manahatim, who were also Tsor'im. **55** The clans of the scribes lived at Yaebets: the Tiratim, the Shimeatim, and the Sukatim. These are the Keynim who descended from Hamat, the ancestor of Rekav's family.

King David's children

3:1 These were David's sons who were born to him in Hevron: the first was Amnon by Ahinoam the Yizre'eli, the second Daniyel by Avigayil the

14 LV 2:52 · Note OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as הָאֹר/ה

15 LV 2:55 · Note OSHB variant note: ובשי: (x-qere) יָבְשִׁי: lemma_3427 morph_HVqrmpc id_13xKf יָבְשִׁי

18 LV 3:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Karmeli, 2 the third Avshalom (Absalom), the son of Ma'akah (daughter of King Talmay of Geshur), the fourth Adoniyah, the son of Hagit, 3 the fifth Shefatyah by Avital, the sixth Yitream by his wife Eglah.
4 Six were born to David in Hevron where he reigned for seven and a half years.[16]

Then he reigned in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for thirty-three years 5 and these were born to him there: Bat-Shua (also known as Bat-Sheva (Bathsheba), daughter of Amiyel)[17] gave birth to four sons: Shimea, Shovav, Natan (Nathan), and Shelomoh (Solomon). 6 Other sons were Yavehar, Elishama, Elifelet, 7 Nogah, Nefeg, Yafia, 8 Elishama, Elyada, and Elifelet. (Nine in all.)
9 David also had sons from his slave-wives. Their sister was Tamar.

Descendants of King Shelomoh (Solomon)

10 Shelomoh (Solomon) had a son Rehav'am (Rehoboam), he had a son Aviyah, he had a son Asa, he had a son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), 11 he had a son Yoram (Joram), he had a son Ahazyah, he had a son Yoash, 12 he had a son Amatsyah, he had a son Azaryah, he had a son Yotam (Jotham), 13 he had a son Ahaz, he had a son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), he had a son Menasheh (Manasseh), 14 he had a son Amon, and he had a son Yoshiyah (Josiah). 15 Yoshiyah had four sons: The oldest was Yohanan, second was Yehoyakim, third was Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), and the fourth was Shalum. 16 Yehoyakim had a son Yekaneyah, and he had a son Tsidkiyah.

Descendants of King Yekaneyah

17 Yekaneyah was captured and taken to Bavel (Babylon). His sons were Shealtiyel, 18 Malkiram, Pedayah, Shenatsar, Yekamyah, Hoshama, and Nedavyah. 19 Pedayah's sons were Zerubavel and Shimei. Two of Zerubavel's sons were Meshulam and Hananyah, and their sister was Shelomot. 20 Zerubavel's five other sons were Hashuvah, Ohel, Berekyah, Hasadyah, and Yushav-Hesed. 21 Hananyah's descendants were Pelatyah, Yeshayah (Isaiah), and the sons of Refayah, of Arnan, of Ovadyah (Obadiah), and of Shekanyah.
22 Shekanyah's six descendants were Shemayah and Shemayah's sons Hatush, Yigal, Bariah, Nearyah, and Shafat. 23 Nearyah's three sons were Elyehoeynay, Hizkiyah, and Azrikam. 24 Elyehoeynay's seven sons were Hodavyah, Elyashiv, Pelayah, Akuv, Yohanan, Delayah, and Anani.

The other descendants of Yehudah (Judah)

4:1 Yehudah's (Judah's) sons were Perets, Hetsron, Karmi, Hur, and Shoval. 2 Shoval had a son Reayah, Reayah had a son Yahat, and Yahat had Ahumay and Lahad. Those were the ancestors of the Tsor'atim. 3 Yizre'el (Jezreel), Yishma, and Yidbas started the clans that lived in Eytam city, and they had a sister named Hatslelponi. 4 Hur was the first son born to his mother Efratah, and

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_(to)_'Avīshālōm the_son_of Ma'ₐkāh the_daughter_of Talmay the_king_of Gəshūr the_fourth was_'Adoniyʸᵃʰ the_son_of Ḥaggit. 3 The_fifth was_Shəfaṭʸᵃʰ of_'Avīṭal the_sixth was_ _Yitrə'ām/(Ithream) of_'Eglāh his/its_wife/woman. 4 Six_sons it_was_born to_him/it in_Ḥevrōn and_he_reigned there seven years and_six months and_thirty and_three year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 5 And_these they_were_born to_ _him/it in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Shim'ā' and_Shōvāv and_ _Nātān and_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) four to_Bath- shū'a the_ _daughter_of 'Ammiyʾᵉˡ. 6 And_Yāvəḥar/(Ibhar) and_'Elīshā'ma and_'Elīfeleṭ. 7 And_Nogah and_Nefeg and_Yāfī'a/(Japhia). 8 And_'Elīshā'ma and_'Elyādā' and_'Elīfeleṭ nine. 9 All_of the_ _sons_of Dāvid (from)_besides_of sons_of concubines and_ _Tāmār sister_of_was_their.

10 And_the_son_of Shəlomoh was_Rəḥav'ām was_'Aviyʸᵃʰ son_ _of_his was_'Āṣā' son_of_his was_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) his/its_son. 11 Was_Yəhōrām/(Joram) his/its_son was_'Aḥazʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_Yō'āsh/(Joash) his/its_son. 12 Was_'Amatsʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_'Azarʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_Yōtām/(Jotham) his/its_son. 13 Was_'Āḥāz his/its_son was_Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ son_of_his was_Mənashsheh son_of_his. 14 Was_'Āmōn his/its_son was_ _Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ/(Josiah) son_of_his. 15 And_the_sons of_Yo'shiyʸᵃʰ the_firstborn was_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_second was_ _Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_third was_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_fourth was_Shallūm. 16 And_the_sons of_Yəhōyāqīm was_ _Yəkonʸᵃʰ/(Jeconiah) son_of_his was_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ son_of_his.

17 And_the_sons of_Yəkonʸᵃʰ a_prisoner were_Shə'altiyʾᵉˡ his/its_son. 18 And_Malkiram and_Pədāʸᵃʰ and_Shen'atstsar Yəqamʸᵃʰ/(Jekamiah) Hōshāmā' and_Nədavʸᵃʰ. 19 And_the_ _sons of_Pədāʸᵃʰ were_Zərubāvel and_Shim'ī and_the_son_of Zərubāvel was_Məshullām and_Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ and_was_Shəlomīt sister_of_their. 20 And_Ḥₐshuvāh and_'Ohel and_Berekʸᵃʰ and_ _Ḥₐṣadʸᵃʰ Yūshav/(Jushab)- Ḥeṣed five. 21 And_the_son_of Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ was_Pəlaṭʸᵃʰ and_Yəsha'ʸᵃʰ/(Jeshaiah) the_sons_of Rəfāʸᵃʰ the_sons_of 'Arnān the_sons_of 'Ovadʸᵃʰ the_sons_of Shəkanʸᵃʰ. 22 And_the_sons of_Shəkanʸᵃʰ were_Shəma'ʸᵃʰ and_ _the_sons of_Shəma'ʸᵃʰ were_Ḥaṭṭūsh and_Yig'āl/(Igal) and_ _Bārīaḥ and_Nə'arʸᵃʰ and_Shāfāṭ six. 23 And_the_son_of Nə'arʸᵃʰ was_'Elyəhō'ēynay and_Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ and_'Azrīqām three. 24 And_the_sons of_'Elyəhō'ēynay were_Hōdavʸᵃʰ[19] and_ _'Elyāshiyv and_Pəlāʸᵃʰ and_'Aqqūv and_Yōḥānān and_Dəlāʸᵃʰ and_'Anānī seven.

4:1 The_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_Perets Ḥetsrōn and_ _Karmī/(Carmi) and_Ḥūr and_Shōvāl. 2 And_Rə'āʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shōvāl he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yaḥat/(Jahath) and_Yaḥat he_fathered ~~DOM~~ 'Aḥūmay and_~~DOM~~ Lahad these were_the_clans_of the_ _Zorathite[s]. 3 And_these were_the_father_of 'Ēyṭām Yizrə'ʾᵉˡ/(Jezreel) and_Yishmā'/(Ishma) and_Yidbās/(Idbash) and_name_of their_sister_of_their was_Hazelelponi. 4 And_ _Pənūʾᵉˡ was_the_father_of Gədor and_'Ēzer was_the_father_of

16 RV 3:4 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 5:4-5; 1Ki 2:11; 1Ch 29:27.

17 RV 3:5 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 11:3.

19 LV 3:24 · Note OSHB variant note: והוידה: (x-qere) 'וּהֲיָודוֹה': lemma_1938 n_0.0.0.3 morph_HNp id_13Gjw וּהֲיָודוֹה

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Ḥūshāh these were_the_descendants_of Ḥūr the_firstborn_of
'Efrāt the_father_of Bēyt- lehem. **5** And_to_Ashhur the_father_
_of Təqṓī two_of wives Ḥel'āh and_Na'ₐrāh they_belonged.
6 And_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it Na'ₐrāh ᴅᴏᴍ 'Aḥuzzām and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥēfer and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tēymənī and_ᴅᴏᴍ Hā'ₐḥashtārī these
were_the_sons_of Na'ₐrāh. **7** And_the_sons of_Ḥel'āh were_
_Tseret/(Zereth) and_Zohar[21] 'Etnan. **8** And_thorn he_fathered
ᴅᴏᴍ ʻĀnūv and_ᴅᴏᴍ Hazzobebah and_the_clans_of 'Aḥarḥēl
the_son_of Hārum. **9** And_he/it_was Ya'bēts/(Jabez) honoured
more_than_of_his_brothers and_mother_of_his she_had_called
his/its_name Ya'bēts to_say if/because I_gave_birth in_pain.
10 And_ Ya'bēts _he/it_called to_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_
say if really(bless) you_will_bless_me and_you_will_increase
ᴅᴏᴍ territory_of_my and_it_will_be hand_of_your with_me
and_you_will_act from_harm to_not to_hurt_me and_ god _
_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_had_asked_for. **11** And_
_Kəlūv the_brother_of Shūḥāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Məḥīr he was_
_the_father_of 'Eshtōn. **12** And_'Eshtōn he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Bēyt-
Rāfā' and_ᴅᴏᴍ Pāṣēaḥ and_ᴅᴏᴍ Təḥinnāh the_father_of ʻĪr
Nāḥāsh these were_the_men_of Rēkāh. **13** And_the_sons of_
_Qənaz were_ʻOtnī'ēl and_Sərāyāh and_the_sons of_ʻOtnī'ēl were_
_Ḥₐtat. **14** And_Mə'ōnotay he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻOfrāh and_Sərāyāh
he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Yō'āv/(Joab) the_father_of Ge if/because
craftsmen they_were. **15** And_the_sons of_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_
_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) was_Iru 'Ēlāh and_Na'am and_
_the_sons of_'Ēlāh and_Qənaz. **16** And_the_sons of_
_Yəhallel'ēl/(Jehallelel) were_Zīf and_Zīfāh Tiryā' and_'Asar'ēl.
17 And_the_son_of Ezrah was_Yeter/(Jether) and_Mered and_
_ʻĒfer and_Yālōn/(Jalon) and_she/it_conceived/became_
_pregnant ᴅᴏᴍ Miryām and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shammay and_ᴅᴏᴍ
Yishbaḥ/(Ishbah) the_father_of 'Eshtəmo'a. **18** And_his/its_
_woman/wife (the)_Yəhūdī/(Judean) she_bore ᴅᴏᴍ
Yered/(Jared) the_father_of Gədor and_ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevʿer the_father_
_of Sōkoh and_ᴅᴏᴍ Yəqūtī'ēl/(Jekuthiel) the_father_of Zānōaḥ
and_these were_the_sons_of Bityāh the_daughter_of Par'oh
whom Mered he_had_taken. **19** And_the_sons of_the_wife_of of_
_Hodiah the_sister_of Naḥam were_the_father_of Qə'īlāh (the)_
Garmī and'Eshtəmo'a the_Ma'ₐkāhite. **20** And_the_sons of_
_Shimōn were_Amnon Rinnāh Ben- Ḥānān and[22] and_the_sons
of_Yish'ī/(Ishi) were_Zōḥēt and_Ben- zōḥēt.

21 The_sons_of Shēlāh the_son_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_ʻĒr
the_father_of Lēkāh and_La'dāh the_father_of Mar'ēshāh and_
_the_clans_of the_house_of the_work_of (the)_fine_linen of_
_the_house_of of_'Eshbē'a. **22** And_Yōqīm/(Jokim) and_the_
_men_of Kozāvā'/(Cozeba) and_Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_Sārāf who
they_ruled to_Mō'āv and_returned_to_Leḥem returned_to_
_Leḥem and_the_words/messages are_ancient. **23** They were_
_the_potters and_the_inhabitants_of Nəṭā'īm and_Gədērāh with
the_king in_service_of_his they_dwelt there.

24 The_descendants_of Shim'ōn were_Nəmū'ēl and_
_Yāmīn/(Jamin) Yārīv/(Jarib) Zeraḥ Shā'ūl/(Saul). **25** Shallūm
his/its_son Mivsām his/its_son Mishmā' his/its_son. **26** And_

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he founded Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) city. Hur had these descendants: Penuel and Ezer. Penuel started the clans that lived in Gedor city, and Ezer started the clans that lived in Hushah city.
5 Hetsron's son Ashur (Assyria), the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah and Na'arah, **6** and Na'arah bore him Ahuzam, Hefer, Teymeni, and Ha'ahashtari. **7** Ashur and his wife Helah's sons were Tseret, Yitshar, Etnan, **8** and Kots. Kots was the father of Anuv and Tsovevah, and the ancestor of the clans descended from Harum's son Aharhel.

9 Yaebets was more respected than his brothers. His mother had named him Yaebets (which sounds like the word meaning 'pain'), saying, "It's because I bore him in pain." **10** Yaebets called out to Yisrael's (Israel's) god, saying, "Oh, please give me a real blessing, and help me and enlarge my territory, and don't do anything to harm me, so that I won't be in pain." And God did what Yaebets requested.

11 Another of Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants was Shuhah. His brother Keluv was the father of Mehir. Mehir was the father of Eshton. **12** Eshton was the father of Beyt-Rafa, Paseah, and Tehinah. Tehinah founded Nahash city, but lived in Rekah.

13 Kenaz's sons were Otniel and Serayah. And Otniel's sons were Hatat and Me'onotay.[20] **14** Me'onotay had a son Ofrah, and Serayah fathered Yoav (Joab), the founder of Craftsmen's Valley, because they were craftsmen.

15 The sons of Kalev (Caleb) (Yefuneh's son) were Iru, Elah, and Na'am, and Elah's son was Kenaz.

16 Yehalel'el's sons were Zif, Zifah, Tirya, and Asarel.

17 Ezra's sons were Yeter, Mered, Efer, and Yalon. And Mered's wife Bityah conceived Miryam (Miriam), Shamay, and Yishbah, the father of Eshtemoa. **18** She was one of Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughters. Mered's wife, who was a descendant of Yehudah (Judah), gave birth to Yered (Jared) the father of Gedor, Hever the father of Sokoh, and Yekutiel the father of Zanoah. **19** The sons of Hodiyah's wife (Naham's sister) were the father of Ke'ilah the Garmi and the father of Eshtemoa the Ma'akati.

20 Shim'on's sons were Amnon, Rinah, Ben-Hanan, and Tulon. Yishei's sons were Zohet and Ben-Zohet.

Shelah's descendants

21 The sons of Shela (one of Yehudah's (Judah's) sons) were Er (father of Lekah), Laedah (father of Mareshah and the clans who worked with linen at Beyt-Eshbea), **22** Yokim and the men of Kozava, and Yoash and Saraf, who ruled in Moav (Moab) and Yashuvi-Lehem. (All this is from ancient records.) **23** They were the potters who lived in Netaeim and Gederah—they lived there and worked for the king.

The descendants of Shim'on (Simeon)

24 Shim'on's (Simeon's) sons were Nemuel, Yamin, Yariv, Zerah, and Shaul.

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20 **RV 4:13 · Note** Not in the Hebrew, but 'sons' was plural, so it seems that it may have been accidentally dropped out of the text.

21 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רחצי**: (x-qere) 'רַחְצִ֖י': lemma_c/6714 n_0.0 morph_HC/Np id_13aWe **רַחְצִ֖י/ו**

22 **LV 4:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וולות/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְוֹלִ֣ית/ו': lemma_c/8436 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_134i9 **וְוֹלִ֣ית/ו**

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25 Shaul's son was Shalum. Shalum's son was Mivsam. Mivsam's son was Mishma. 26 The following were Mishma's descendants: Mishma's son was Hamuel. Hamuel's son was Zakur. Zakur's son was Shimei. 27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters, but none of his brothers had many children, so Shim'on's descendants were never as numerous as those of his younger brother Yehudah (Judah).

28 Shim'on's descendants lived in these cities and towns: Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), Moladah, Hatsar-Shual,[23] 29 Bilhah, Etsem, Tolad, 30 Betuel, Hormah, Tsiklag, 31 Beyt-Hamarkavot, Hatsar-Susim, Beyt-Biri, and Sha'arayim. They lived in those places until David became king. 32 They also lived in five villages: Eytam, Ayin, Rimon, Token, and Ashan, 33 and all the villages around these towns as far as Ba'al. Those were their settlements, and they kept their genealogical records.

34 Their clan leaders were Meshovav, Yamlek, Yoshah the son of Amatsyah, 35 Yoel (Joel), Yehu (Jehu) the son of Yoshivyah, the son of Serayah, the son of Asiyel, 36 as well as Elyehoeynay, Ya'akovah, Yeshohayah, Asayah, Adiel, Yeshimael, Benayah, 37 and Ziza the son of Shifei, the son of Alon, the son of Yedayah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemayah. 38 Those who are named above were the leaders of their clans, and their extended families increased greatly in number, 39 and they went to the entrance of Gedor (to the east of the valley) in search of pasture for their flocks. 40 They found good, fertile pasture, and the land was wide, and quiet and peaceful, because Ham's descendants had lived there previously.

41 Those listed by name went there in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) and struck down the tents of the Meunim who were found there. They completely annihilated them (to this day), and they lived there in their place because there was pasture for their flocks there. 42 Then five hundred of their men who were descendants of Shim'on (Simeon) went to Mt. Se'ir, led by Yishei's sons Pelatyah, Nearyah, Refayah, and Uziel. 43 They also struck down the rest of the Amalekim who escaped, and they've lived there to this day.

Re'uven's descendants

5:1 Re'uven was the first child born to Yisrael (Israel) (also known as Ya'akov (Jacob)), but when he had sex with one of his father's slave-wives, his birthright was given to the sons of Yosef (Joseph), another one of Yisrael's sons. So Re'uven wasn't recorded as inheriting the birthright, 2 and although Yehudah (Judah) was stronger than his other brothers and would be the son to produce a ruler, the birthright went to Yosef.[25] 3 The sons of Yisrael's eldest son Re'uven were Hanok, Palu, Hetsron, and Karmi.

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_the_sons of_Mishmā´ were_Ḥammū'ēl his/its_son Zakkūr his/its_son Shim'ī son_of_his. 27 And_belonged_to_Shim'ī sons six- teen and_daughters six and_to_brothers_of_his there_ _belonged_not sons many and_all/each/any/every clan_of_ _their not they_increased up_to the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh. 28 And_they_lived in_Bə'ēr- seven and_Mōlādāh and_ Ḥatsar- shū´āl. 29 And_in_Bilhāh and_in_´Etsem and_in_Tōlā´d. 30 And_ _in_Bətū'ēl and_in_Ḥormāh and_in_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag). 31 And_in_ _Bēyt- hammarkāvōt and_in_ Ḥatsar- şūşīm and_in_Bēyt- bir'ī and_in_Sha´arayim these cities_of_were_their until Dāvid reigned. 32 And_villages_of_their were_´Ēyṭām and_´Ayin Rimmōn and_Token and_´Āshān cities five. 33 And_all villages_ _of_their which were_around_of the_cities the_these to Ba´al this dwelling_places_of_was_their and_their_genealogical_ _enrolment to/for_them. 34 And_Məshōvāv and_ _Yamlēk/(Jamlech) and_Yōshāh/(Joshah) the_son_of 'Amatsyāh. 35 And_Yō'ēl/(Joel) and_Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Yōshivyāh/(Joshibiah) the_son_of Sərāyāh the_son_of ´Asiy'ēl. 36 And_'Elyəhō´ēynay and_Ya´aqovāh/(Jaakobah) and_ _Yəshōḥāyāh/(Jeshohaiah) and_´Asāyāh and_´Adī'ēl and_ _Yəshimā'ēl/(Jesimiel) and_Bənāyāh. 37 And_Zīzā' the_son_of Shif'ī the_son_of 'Allōn the_son_of Yəda´yāh/(Jedaiah) the_son_ _of Shimrī the_son_of Shəma´yāh. 38 These the_(ones_who)_ _went by_names were_leaders in_clans_of_their and_the_ _house_of their_ancestors_of_their they_spread_out to_ _abundance. 39 And_they_went to_the_entrance_of Gədor to to_the_east_of the_valley to_seek pasture for_flock[s]_of_their. 40 And_they_found pasture fertile and_good and_the_earth was_broad_of both_sides and_at_peace and_at_ease if/because were_from Ḥām the_inhabitants there formerly_formerly. 41 And_ these who_were_written by_names _they_came in_the_ _days_of Ḥizqiyyāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_ _attacked ~~DOM~~ tents_of_their and_~~DOM~~ the[24] who they_were_ _found there_(to) and_they_totally_destroyed_them until the_ _day the_this and_they_lived in_place_of_them if/because pasture for_flock[s]_of_their was_there. 42 And_some_of_them of the_descendants_of Shim´ōn they_went to_the_mountain_of Sē´īr men five hundred(s) and_Pəlaṭyāh and_Nə´aryāh and_Rəfāyāh and_´Uzziy'ēl the_sons_of Yish'ī/(Ishi) were_at_head_of_their. 43 And_they_defeated ~~DOM~~ the_remnant_of the_escaped_ _remnant of_Amalek and_they_lived there until the_day (the)_ _this.

5:1 And_the_sons of_Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because he was_the_firstborn and_when_profaned_he the_ _beds_of his/its_father birthright_of_his it_was_given to_the_ _sons_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not to_ _have_himself_enrolled to_birthright. 2 If/because Yəhūdāh he_was_strong among_brothers_of_his and_to_a_leader from_ _him/it and_the_birthright belonged_to_Yōşēf. 3 The_sons_of Rə'ūvēn the_firstborn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_Ḥanōk/(Enoch) and_Pallū' Ḥetsrōn and_Karmī/(Carmi). 4 The_descendants_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) was_Shəma´yāh son_of_his was_Gōg his/its_son was_

23 **RV 4:28-33 · Cross-ref.** Josh 19:2-8.

24 **LV 4:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִינִיעְמִ/ה: (x-qere) הִ'נְוּעְמִ/ה: lemma_d/4586 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_13ojQ הִ'נְוּעְמִ/ה

25 **RV 5:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:22; 49:3-4; Gen 49:8-10.

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_Shim´ī son_of_his. **5** Was_Mīkāh son_of_his was_Rə'āyāh son_of_
_his was_Ba´al his/its_son. **6** Was_Bə'ērāh son_of_his whom
Tiglat pil'eşer the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_took_into_exile he was_
_a_leader of_Rə'ūvēnite[s]. **7** And_relatives_of_his to_clans_of_
_his by_genealogical_enrolment to_generations_of_their were_
_the_chief Yə´ī'ēl/(Jeiel) and_Zəkaryāh. **8** And_Bela´ the_son_of
´Āzāz the_son_of Shema´ the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) he was_
dwelling in´Arō´ēr and_unto Nəvō and_Ba´al- mə´ōn. **9** And_
_to_east he_dwelt to the_entrance[27] wilderness_of_(to)_the
(to)_from the_river Pərāt if/because livestock_of_their they_
_had_increased in_land of_Gil´ād. **10** And_in_the_days_of
Shā'ūl/(Saul) they_made war with the_Hagrī and_they_fell by_
_hand_of_their and_they_lived in_tents_of_their on all_of the_
_face_of the_east of_Gil´ād.

11 And_the_sons of_Gād to_before_them they_dwelt in_land of_
_(the)_Bāshān to Şalkāh. **12** Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_chief and_Shāfām
the_second and_Ya´anay/(Janai) and_Shāfāṭ were_in_Bāshān.
13 And_relatives_of_their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_
_their were_Mīkā'ēl and_Məshullām and_Shevа´ and_
_Yōray/(Jorai) and_Jakan and_Zī´a and_´Ēvēr seven. **14** These
were_the_sons_of 'Avīhayil the_son_of Ḥūrī the_son_of
Yārōaḥ/(Jaroah) the_son_of Gil´ād the_son_of Mīkā'ēl the_son_
_of Yəshiyshāy/(Jeshishai) the_son_of Yaḥdō/(Jahdo) the_son_
_of Būz. **15** 'Aḥī the_son_of ´Avdiyel the_son_of Gūnī was_head
of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their. **16** And_they_lived in_
_Gil´ād in_Bāshān and_in_daughters_of_its and_on/over_all
the_pasture_lands_of Shārōn on extremities_of_their. **17** Of_
_them_of_all they_had_themselves_enrolled in_the_days_of
Yōtām/(Jotham) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_
_days_of Yārov´ām/(Jeroboam) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

18 The_descendants_of Rə'ūvēn and_the_Gādī[s] and_the_half_
_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh from the_sons_of strength men
who_carried_of (of)_shield and_sword and_who_bent_of (of)_a_
_bow and_who_were_trained_of warfare forty and_four
thousand and_seven hundred(s) and_sixty were_going_forth_of
war. **19** And_they_made war with the_Hagrī and_Yəṭūr/(Jetur)
and_Nāfish and_Nōdāv. **20** And_they_were_helped on_them
and_they_were_given in_hand_of_their the_Hagrī and_
_all/each/any/every those_who_were_with_them if/because
to_god they_had_cried_out in_battle and_he_was_entreated
to/for_them if/because they_trusted in_him/it. **21** And_they_
_took_captive livestock_of_their camels_of_their fifty thousand
and_sheep two_hundred and_fifty thousand and_donkeys two_
_thousand and_person[s]_of humankind one_hundred
thousand. **22** If/because slain_ones many they_fell if/because
was_from_(the)_god the_battle and_they_lived in_place_of_
_them until the_exile.

23 And_the_sons of_the_half_of of_the_tribe_of of_Mənashsheh
they_dwelt on_the_earth from_Bāshān to Ba´al Ḥermōn and_
_Sənīr and_the_mountain_of Ḥermōn they they_multiplied.
24 And_these were_the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_

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4 Another of Re'uven's descendants was Yoel (Joel), and his son was Shemayah. Shemayah's son was Gog. Gog's son was Shimei. **5** Shimei's son was Mikah. Mikah's son was Reayah. Reayah's son was Ba'al. **6** Ba'al's son was Be'erah, who became a leader of the Re'uvenim, but the Assyrian King Tiglat-Pileser captured him and took him back to Ashur (Assyria).[26] **7** His brothers by their clans, as listed in their genealogical records: Yeiel the leader, Zekaryah (Zechariah), **8** Bela son of Azaz, son of Shema, son of Yoel. Re'uven's clan lived near the city of Aroer as far north as the cities of Nevo and Ba'al-Me'on. **9** Some of them lived further east, as far as the edge of the desert that extends to the Perat (Euphrates) River, because their livestock had multiplied back in the Gilead region. **10** (In the days of King Sha'ul (Saul), they'd battled with the Hagrim and defeated them, so then they'd lived in their tents all over eastern Gilead.)

Gad's descendants

11 Gad's descendants lived opposite them in the Bashan region as far as Salkah: **12** Yoel (Joel) was their leader, Shafam was second-in-command, others were Ya'anay and Shafat in Bashan. **13** Their cousins who were leaders of seven clans were Mika'el (Michael), Meshulam, Sheva, Yoray, Ya'akan, Ziea, and Ever. **14** Those were descendants of Avihayil, the son of Huri, the son of Yaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Mika'el, the son of Yeshishay, the son of Yahdo, the son of Buz. **15** Ahi was the son of Avdiel, the son of Guni, head of their clans. **16** Those descendants of Gad lived in towns in the Gilead and Bashan regions, and on all the pastureland throughout the Sharon Plain. **17** All of them were listed in the genealogies in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yotam (Jotham) and Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yarov'am (Jeroboam).

The eastern warriors

18 There were 44,760 warriors descended from strong men in the tribes of Re'uven and Gad and the eastern half of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh). They all carried shields and swords, and bows and arrows, and were all trained to fight in battles. **19** They went to war against the Hagrim, Yetur, Nafish, and Nodav, **20** and were helped because they called out to God in the battle. So with God answering their prayers because of their trust in him, they were able to defeat the Hagrim and their allies. **21** They captured their livestock, including 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, and 2,000 donkeys, as well as 100,000 people, **22** because many were killed as a result of God's assistance. Then they lived in that area until the exile.

Menasheh's descendants

23 The descendants of the half tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh) lived in the Bashan region as far as Ba'al-Hermon and Senir, and Mt. Hermon, and

26 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:29.

27 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as אֹ֣הֶל

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they increased in number. **24** Their clan leaders were Efer, Yishei, Eliel, Azriel, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), Hodavyah, and Yahdiyel. They were all powerful and famous warriors, and leaders of their clans.

The exile of the eastern tribes

25 But they disobeyed their ancestors' god, and they prostituted themselves to the gods of the peoples that God had destroyed ahead of them in that region. **26** So Yisrael's (Israel's) god stirred up the spirit of the Assyrian King Pul[28] (also known as Tiglat-Pileser).[29] He took them into exile—that is, the Re'uvenim, the Gadim, and the half tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh). Then he took them to Halah, Havor, Hara, and the river of Gozan (where they still are to this day).[30]

Levi's descendants

6:1 Levi's sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.

2 Kohat's sons were Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel.

3 Amram's children were Miryam (Miriam), Aharon (Aaron), and Mosheh (Moses).

Aharon's sons were Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar.

4 Eleazar was the father of Pinhas, and Pinhas was the father of Avishua. **5** Avishua was the father of Buki, and Buki was the father of Uzi. **6** Uzi was the father of Zerahyah, and Zerahyah was the father of Merayot. **7** Merayot fathered Amaryah, and Amaryah fathered Ahituv. **8** Ahituv was the father of Tsadok, and Tsadok was the father of Ahima'ats. **9** Ahima'ats was the father of Azaryah, and Azaryah was the father of Yohanan. **10** Yohanan was the father of Azaryah. Azaryah was a priest in the temple that Shelomoh (Solomon) built in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **11** Azaryah was the father of Amaryah, and Amaryah was the father of Ahituv. **12** Ahituv was the father of Tsadok, and Tsadok was the father of Shalum. **13** Shalum was the father of Hilkiyah, and Hilkiyah was the father of Azaryah. **14** Azaryah was the fa-

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_of_their and_ʻĒfer and_Yishʻī/(Ishi) and_ʼElīʼēl and_ʻAzrīʼēl and_ _Yirməʸāh/(Jeremiah) and_Hōdavʸāh and_Yaḥdiyʼēl/(Jahdiel) men mighty_of strength men_of names heads of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their.

25 And_they_acted_unfaithfully against_the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their and_they_played_the_prostitute after the_ _gods_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land which god he_had_ _destroyed from_before_of_them. **26** And_ the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) _he_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_spirit_of Pūl the_king_ _of ʼAshshūr and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_spirit_of Tiglat pilʼeṣer the_king_of ʼAshshūr and_he_took_them_into_exile to_Rəʼūvēnite[s] and_ _to_Gādī[s] and_to_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh and_ _he/it_brought_them to_Ḥalaḥ and_Ḥāvōr and_Hārāʼ and_the_ _river_of Gōzān until the_day (the)_this.

27 **31** The_sons_of Lēvī were_Gērəshōn Qəhāt and_Mərārī. **28** **32** And_the_sons of_Qəhāt were_ʻAmrām Yitshār/(Izhar) and_ _Ḥevrōn and_ʻUzziyʼēl. **29** **33** And_the_sons of_ʻAmrām were_ _ʼAhₐron and_Mosheh and_Miryām and_the_sons of_ʼAhₐron were_Nādāv and_ʼAvīhūʼ ʼElʻāzār and_ʼĪtāmār. **30** **34** ʼElʻāzār he_ _fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Pinḥāṣ Pinḥāṣ he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAvīshūʻa. **31** **35** And_ʼAvīshūʻa he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Buqqiy and_Buqqiy he_ _fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻUzziy. **32** **36** And_ʻUzziy he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Zəraḥʸāh and_Zəraḥʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Mərāyōt. **33** **37** Mərāyōt he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAmarʸāh and_ʼAmarʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAḥīṭūv. **34** **38** And_ʼAḥīṭūv he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_Tsādōq he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAḥīmaʻats. **35** **39** And_ʼAḥīmaʻats he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAzarʸāh and_ʻAzarʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Yōḥānān/(Johanan). **36** **40** And_Yōḥānān he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAzarʸāh he was_the_one_who he_served_as_a_priest in_house which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_built in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **37** **41** And_ ʻAzarʸāh _he/it_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAmarʸāh and_ʼAmarʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʼAḥīṭūv. **38** **42** And_ʼAḥīṭūv he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Tsādōq and_Tsādōq he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Shallūm. **39** **43** And_Shallūm he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥilqiyʸāh and_Ḥilqiyʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAzarʸāh. **40** **44** And_ʻAzarʸāh he_ _fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Sərāʸāh and_Sərāʸāh he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ

28 **RV 5:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:19.
29 **RV 5:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:29.
30 **RV 5:26 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:6.
31 **LV 5:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.1
32 **LV 5:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.2
33 **LV 5:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.3
34 **LV 5:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.4
35 **LV 5:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.5
36 **LV 5:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.6
37 **LV 5:33 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.7
38 **LV 5:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.8
39 **LV 5:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.9
40 **LV 5:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.10
41 **LV 5:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.11
42 **LV 5:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.12
43 **LV 5:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.13
44 **LV 5:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.14

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Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak). **41** [45] And_Yəhōtsādāq he_went when_ **YHWH** _sent_into_exile ~~DOM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_the_hand_of Nebuchadnezzar.

6:1 [47] The_sons_of Lēvī were_Gērəshom Qəhāt and_Mərārī. **2** [48] And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of Gērəshom Livnī and_ _Shim'ī. **3** [49] And_the_sons of_Qəhāt were_'Amrām and_ _Yitshār/(Izhar) and_Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziy'ēl. **4** [50] The_sons_of Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy and_these are_the_clans_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] to_ancestors_of_their. **5** [51] Of_Gērəshom Livnī son_of_his Yaḥat/(Jahath) his/its_son Zimmāh son_of_his. **6** [52] Yō'āḥ/(Joah) his/its_son 'Iddō son_of_his Zeraḥ his/its_son Jeatherai his/its_son. **7** [53] The_sons_of Qəhāt were_ _'Amminādāv his/its_son Qoraḥ his/its_son 'Aṣṣir his/its_son. **8** [54] 'Elqānāh son_of_his and_'Evyāṣāf his/its_son and_'Aṣṣir his/its_son. **9** [55] Taḥat his/its_son 'Ūrī'ēl his/its_son 'Uzziy^{yāh} son_of_his and_Shā'ūl/(Saul) his/its_son. **10** [56] And_the_sons of_'Elqānāh were_'Amāsā'i and_Ahimoth. **11** [57] 'Elqānāh mmm[58] 'Elqānāh Zophai his/its_son and_Naḥat his/its_son. **12** [59] 'Eli'āv his/its_son Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) his/its_son 'Elqānāh son_of_ _his. **13** [60] And_the_sons of_Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) was_the_ _firstborn Vashni and_'Aviy^{yāh}. **14** [61] The_sons_of Mərārī were_ _Maḥlī Livnī son_of_his Shim'ī son_of_his 'Uzzā' son_of_his. **15** [62] Shim'ā' son_of_his Haggiah son_of_his 'Asā^{yāh} son_of_his.

16 [63] And_these are_those_whom Dāvid he_appointed over the_ _hands_of song the_house_of **YHWH** from_the_rest_of the_box. **17** [64] And_they_were serving to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_tabernacle_of the_tent_of meeting with_song

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ther of Serayah, and Serayah was the father of Yehotsadak.

15 Yehotsadak was included when Yahweh sent Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) to take Yehudah (Judah) (which includes Yerushalem) into exile.

Levi's other descendants

16 Levi's sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.[46] **17** The names of Gereshon's sons were Livni and Shimei. **18** Kohat's sons were Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. **19** Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi.

Here's a list of Levi's descendants who became leaders of their clans:

20 Gereshon's oldest son was Livni, Livni's son was Yahat, and Yahat's son was Zimah. **21** Zimah's son was Yoah, Yoah's son was Ido, Ido's son was Zerah, and Zerah's son was Ye'eteray.

22 Another line of Kohat's descendants started with his son Aminadav. Aminadav's son was Korah. Korah's son was Asir. **23** Asir's son was Elkanah. Elkanah's son was Evyasaf. Evyasaf's son was Asir. **24** Asir's son was Tahat. Tahat's son was Uriel. Uriel's son was Uziyah. Uziyah's son was Shaul.

25 Elkanah's sons were Amasay, Ahimot, **26** and a son also named Elkanah. Elkanah's son was Tsuf. Tsuf's son was Nahat. **27** Nahat's son was Eliav. Eliav's son was Yeroham. Yeroham's son was Elkanah.

28 Shmuel (Samuel) had sons: his oldest son Yoel (Joel) and his other son Aviyah.

29 Merari's descendants started with Mahli. Mahli's son was Livni. Livni's son was Shimei. Shimei's son was Uza. **30** Uza's son was Shimea. Shimea's son was Hagiyah. Hagiyah's son was Asayah.

The temple musicians · Full kingdom

31 These are the men that David put in charge of music in Yahweh's residence, after the sacred box was placed there.

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45 **LV 5:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.15

46 **RV 6:16-19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 6:16-19.

47 **LV 6:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.16

48 **LV 6:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.17

49 **LV 6:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.18

50 **LV 6:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.19

51 **LV 6:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.20

52 **LV 6:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.21

53 **LV 6:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.22

54 **LV 6:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.23

55 **LV 6:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.24

56 **LV 6:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.25

57 **LV 6:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.26

58 **LV 6:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **נב/ו**: (x-qere) **יְנֵבּ'**: lemma_1121 a n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc id_13cnB **יְנֵבּ**

59 **LV 6:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.27

60 **LV 6:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.28

61 **LV 6:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.29

62 **LV 6:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.30

63 **LV 6:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.31

64 **LV 6:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.32

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32 They were the ones who'd ministered in the sacred tent (also called 'the meeting tent') with music until Shelomoh (Solomon) built the temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). They performed their duties according to their instructions.

33 Here's a list of the musicians and their sons:

From Kohat's descendants there was Heyman, the leader of the singers.

Heyman was Yoel's (Joel's) son.
Yoel was Shmuel's (Samuel's) son.
34 Shmuel was Elkanah's son.
Elkanah was Yeroham's son.
Yeroham was Eliel's son.
Eliel was Toah's son.
35 Toah was Tsuf's son.
Tsuf was Elkanah's son.
Elkanah was Mahat's son.
Mahat was Amasay's son.
36 Amasay was Elkanah's son.
Elkanah was Yoel's (Joel's) son.
Yoel was Azaryah's son.
Azaryah was Tsefanyah's (Zephaniah's) son.
37 Tsefanyah was Tahat's son.
Tahat was Asir's son.
Asir was Evyasaf's son.
Evyasaf was Korah's son.
38 Korah was Yitshar's son.
Yitshar was Kohat's son.
Kohat was Levi's son.

Levi was the son of Ya'akov (Jacob) (or Ya'akov, who was later named Yisrael (Israel)/Yisrael).

39 Heyman's cousin Asaf's group stood to the right. Asaf was

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until Shəlomoh/(Solomon) built ~~DOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH** in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_stood according_to_of_ _their_custom on service_of_their. **18** **65** And_these were_the_ _ones_who_stood and_descendants_of_their from_(the)_sons of_the_Qəhātite[s] Hēymān the_singer the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_son_of Shəmū'ēl. **19** **66** The_son_of 'Elqānāh the_son_of Yəroḥām the_son_of 'Elī'ēl the_son_of Toah. **20** **67** The_son_of Tsūf/(Zuph)**68** the_son_of 'Elqānāh the_son_of Maḥat the_son_ _of ʿAmāsā'i. **21** **69** The_son_of 'Elqānāh the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_son_of ʿAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Tsəfan^{yāh}/(Zephaniah). **22** **70** The_son_of Taḥat the_son_of 'Aşşir the_son_of 'Evyāşāf the_ _son_of Qoraḥ. **23** **71** The_son_of Yitshār/(Izhar) the_son_of Qəhāt the_son_of Lēvī the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** **72** And_ _relative_of_his 'Āşāf was_the_one_who_stood at hand_of_his_ _right 'Āşāf was_the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of Shimʿā'. **25** **73** The_son_of Mīkā'ēl the_son_of Baaseiah the_son_of Malkīy^{yāh}. **26** **74** The_son_of Ethni the_son_of Zeraḥ the_son_of ʿAdā^{yāh}. **27** **75** The_son_of 'Ēytān the_son_of Zimmāh the_son_of Shimʿī. **28** **76** The_son_of Yaḥat/(Jahath) the_son_of Gērəshom the_son_ _of Lēvī. **29** **77** And_the_sons of_Mərārī relatives_of_their were_ _at the_left_hand 'Ēytān the_son_of Kishi the_son_of ʿAvdiy the_son_of Mallūk. **30** **78** The_son_of Ḫ$_a$shav^{yāh} the_son_of 'Amats^{yāh} the_son_of Ḫilqiy^{yāh}. **31** **79** The_son_of Amzi the_son_ _of Bānī the_son_of Shemer. **32** **80** The_son_of Maḥlī the_son_of Mūshiy the_son_of Mərārī the_son_of Lēvī. **33** **81** And_relatives_ _of_their the_Lēviyyiy were_assigned to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_service_of the_tabernacle_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm. **34** **82** And_'Ah$_a$ron and_descendants_of_ _his were_making_smoke on the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_on the_altar_of the_incense to_all/each/any/every the_ _work_of the_holy_place_of the_holy_places and_to_make_ _atonement on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_to_all that Mosheh the_servant_of the_'Elohīm he_had_commanded. **35** **83** And_ _these are_the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron 'Elʿāzār his/its_son

65 **LV 6:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.33
66 **LV 6:19 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.34
67 **LV 6:20 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.35
68 **LV 6:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִצְ֫הָר: (x-qere) יִצְהָ֫ר: lemma_6689 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_13896 יִצְהָ֫ר
69 **LV 6:21 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.36
70 **LV 6:22 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.37
71 **LV 6:23 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.38
72 **LV 6:24 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.39
73 **LV 6:25 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.40
74 **LV 6:26 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.41
75 **LV 6:27 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.42
76 **LV 6:28 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.43
77 **LV 6:29 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.44
78 **LV 6:30 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.45
79 **LV 6:31 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.46
80 **LV 6:32 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.47
81 **LV 6:33 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.48
82 **LV 6:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.49
83 **LV 6:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.50

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Piṇḥāṣ his/its_son ʾAvīshūʿa his/its_son. **36** [84] Buqqiy son_of_
_his ʿUzziy son_of_his Zəraḥʸᵃʰ son_of_his. **37** [85] Mərāyōt
his/its_son ʾAmarʸᵃʰ son_of_his ʾAḥīṭūv his/its_son. **38** [86]
Tsādōq/(Zadok) his/its_son ʾAḥīmaʿats his/its_son.

39 [87] And_these dwelling_places_of_were_their to_
_encampments_of_their in_territory_of_their to_the_
_descendants_of ʾAhₐron to_the_clan_of the_Qəhātite[s]
if/because to/for_them it_belonged the_lot. **40** [88] And_people_
_gave to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevrōn in_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture around_of_it. **41** [89] And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_field_of the_city and_ᴅᴏᴍ villages_of_its people_gave to_
_Kālēv/(Caleb) the_son_of Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh). **42** [90] And_
_to_the_descendants_of ʾAhₐron people_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_cities_of
(the)_refuge ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥevrōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ Livnāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_
_its_pasture and_ᴅᴏᴍ Yattir/(Jattir) and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾEshtəmoʿa and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture. **43** [91] And_ᴅᴏᴍ Hilez and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_
_of_its_pasture ᴅᴏᴍ Dəvīr and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture. **44** [92]
And_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿĀshān and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture and_ᴅᴏᴍ Bēyt
Shemesh and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture. **45** [93] And_from_the_
_tribe_of Binyāmīn ᴅᴏᴍ Gevaʿ and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture
and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿĀlemet and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture and_ᴅᴏᴍ
ʿAnātōt and_ᴅᴏᴍ lands_of_its_pasture all_of cities_of_their

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Berekyah's son. Berekyah was Shimea's son. **40** Shimea was Mika'el's (Michael's) son. Mika'el was Ba'aseyah's son. Ba'aseyah was Malkiyah's son. **41** Malkiyah was Etni's son. Etni was Zerah's son. Zerah was Adayah's son. **42** Adayah was Eytan's son. Eytan was Zimah's son. Zimah was Shimei's son. **43** Shimei was Yahat's son. Yahat was Gereshon's son. Gereshon was Levi's son.

44 Heyman's cousin Merari's group stood to the left. Eytan was Kishi's son. Kishi was Avdi's son. Avdi was Maluk's son. **45** Maluk was Hashavyah's son. Hashavyah was Uziyah's son. Uziyah was Hilkiyah's son. **46** Hilkiyah was Amtsi's son. Amtsi was Bani's son. Bani was Shemer's son. **47** Shemer was Mahli's son. Mahli was Mushi's son. Mushi was Merari's son. Merari was Levi's son.

48 Their other Levite cousins were assigned to various ministries serving in God's residence in the sacred tent. **49** It was Aharon (Aaron) and his sons who were responsible for offering the sacrifices on the altar for burnt offerings and on the altar for incense, for all the work of the holiest place, and for making atonement for Yisrael (Israel), according to everything that God's servant Mosheh (Moses) had instructed. **50** These were Aharon's descendants: Aharon's son was Eleazar. Eleazar's son was Pinhas. Pinhas's son was Avishua. **51** Avishua's son was Buki. Buki's son was Uzi. Uzi's son was Zerahyah. **52** Zerahyah's son was Merayot. Merayot's son was Amaryah. Amaryah's son was Ahituv. **53** Ahituv's son was Tsadok, and Tsadok's son was Ahima'ats.

The Levites' settlements

54 Here's a list of places where Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants lived. Kohat's descendants were the first to be allotted property. **55** They were given the city of Hevron in Yehudah (Judah) and the surrounding pastureland, **56** except that Kalev (Caleb) received the fields farther from the city and the villages around the city. (Kalev was Yefuneh's son.) **57** Those descendants of Aharon were given Hevron (a refuge city), as well as these towns and their nearby pastureland: Livnah, Yatir, Eshtemoa, **58** Hilen, Devir, **59** Ashan, and Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis). **60** From the Benyamin tribe, they received the cities of Geva, Alemet, and Anatot and their pasturelands. Altogether those Kohatite clans received thirteen cities, **61** and the remaining Kohatite clans received ten cities from the clans of the Menasheh (Manasseh) tribe.

62 The clans of Gereshon's descendants received thirteen cities from the tribes of Yisakar (Issachar), Asher, Naftali (Naphtali),

84 **LV 6:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.51
85 **LV 6:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.52
86 **LV 6:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.53
87 **LV 6:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.54
88 **LV 6:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.55
89 **LV 6:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.56
90 **LV 6:42 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.57
91 **LV 6:43 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.58
92 **LV 6:44 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.59
93 **LV 6:45 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.60

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and the part of the Menasheh tribe that lived in the Bashan region across the Yarden (Jordan) River. 63 The clans of Merari's descendants received twelve cities from the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and Zevulun. 64 The Israeli leaders allotted those towns and the nearby pasturelands to the Levites. 65 They also allotted them the cities from the tribes of Yehudah (Judah), Shim'on (Simeon), and Benyamin that were listed above. 66 Some of Kohat's descendants received cities from the Efrayim (Ephraim) tribe. 67 They also gave them these cities with the surrounding pasturelands: Shekem (a refuge city), Gezer, 68 Yakemeam, Beyt-Horon, 69 Ayalon, and Gat-Rimon. 70 Kohat's other descendants received the cities of Aner and Bil'am (Balaam) and the nearby pastureland from the half-tribe of Menasheh (that lives west of the Yarden River).

71 Gereshon's descendants also received, from the part of the Menasheh tribe that lived across the Yarden River, two cities and pastureland near them: Golan in the Bashan region, and Ashtarot.

72 From the Yisakar (Issachar) tribe they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Kedesh, Davrat, 73 Ramot, and Anem. 74 From the Asher tribe they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Mashal, Avdon, 75 Hukok, and Rehov.

76 From the Naftali (Naphtali) tribe they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Kedesh (in the Galil region), Hamon, and Kiryatayim.

77 Merari's descendants received these cities and their nearby pasturelands from the Zevulun tribe: Rimon and Tavor.

78 From the Re'uven tribe across the Yarden (Jordan) River (opposite Yeriho (Jericho)), they were allotted these cities and towns and their nearby pastureland: Betser in the wilderness, Yahats, 79 Kedemot, and Mofa'at.

80 From the Gad tribe, they received these cities and their nearby pastureland: Ramot in the Gilead region, Mahanayim, 81 Heshbon, and Yazer.

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were_thir- teen citi[es] in_clans_of_their. 46 94 And_to_the_ _descendants_of Qəhāt who_remained of_the_clan_of of_the_ _tribe from_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_half_of Mənashsheh by_lot cities ten. 47 95 And_to_the_descendants_of Gērəshom to_clans_of_their from_the_tribe_of Issachar and_from_the_ _tribe_of 'Āshēr and_from_the_tribe_of Naftālī and_from_the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh in_Bāshān cities thir- teen. 48 96 To_the_ _descendants_of Mərārī to_clans_of_their from_the_tribe_of Rə'ūvēn and_from_the_tribe_of Gād and_from_the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn by_lot cities two_plus ten. 49 97 And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gave to_Lēviyyiy ĐOM the_cities and_ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture. 50 98 And_they_gave by_lot from_the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from_the_ _tribe_of the_descendants_of Shim'ōn and_from_the_tribe_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn ĐOM the_cities the_these which they_called them by_names. 51 99 And_some_of_the_clans_of the_descendants_of Qəhāt and_ the_cities_of their_territory_of_ _their _he/it_was were_from_the_tribe_of 'Efrayim. 52 100 And_ _they_gave to/for_them ĐOM the_cities_of (the)_refuge ĐOM Shəkem and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_ĐOM Gezer and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 53 101 And_ĐOM Jokmeam and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 54 102 And_ĐOM 'Ayyālōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Gat Rimmōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 55 103 And_from_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh ĐOM 'Ānēr and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Bileam and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture to_the_clan_of the_ _descendants_of Qəhāt who_remained. 56 104 To_the_ _descendants_of Gērəshom from_the_clan_of the_half_of the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh ĐOM Gōlān in_Bāshān and_ĐOM lands_of_ _its_pasture and_ĐOM 'Ashtārōt and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 57 105 And_from_the_tribe_of Issachar ĐOM Qedesh and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Davrat and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 58 106 And_ĐOM Rā'mōt and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Anem and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 59 107 And_from_the_ _tribe_of 'Āshēr ĐOM Mashal and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ _ĐOM 'Avdōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 60 108 And_ĐOM Hukok and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Rəḥov and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. 61 109 And_from_the_tribe_of Naftālī ĐOM

94 **LV 6:46 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.61
95 **LV 6:47 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.62
96 **LV 6:48 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.63
97 **LV 6:49 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.64
98 **LV 6:50 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.65
99 **LV 6:51 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.66
100 **LV 6:52 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.67
101 **LV 6:53 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.68
102 **LV 6:54 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.69
103 **LV 6:55 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.70
104 **LV 6:56 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.71
105 **LV 6:57 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.72
106 **LV 6:58 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.73
107 **LV 6:59 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.74
108 **LV 6:60 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.75
109 **LV 6:61 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.76

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Qedesh in_Gālīl and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Hammon and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Qiryātayim and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **62** [110] To_the_descendants_of Mərārī who_remained from_the_tribe_of Zəvūlūn ĐOM Rimmōno and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture ĐOM Tāvōr and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **63** [111] And_from_the_other_side of_the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) of_Yərīḥō/(Jericho) to_the_east_of the_ _Yardēn from_the_tribe_of Rə'ūvēn ĐOM Betser in_wilderness and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Yahats/(Jahaz) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **64** [112] And_ĐOM Qədēmōt and_ĐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Mōfa'at and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture. **65** [113] And_from_the_tribe_of Gād ĐOM Rā'mōt in_Gil'ād and_ _ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture and_ĐOM Maḥ$_a$nāyim and_ĐOM lands_ _of_its_pasture. **66** [114] And_ĐOM Ḥeshbōn and_ĐOM lands_of_its_ _pasture and_ĐOM Ya'zēr/(Jazer) and_ĐOM lands_of_its_pasture.

7:1 And_belonged_to_the_sons_of Issachar Tōlā' and_Pū'āh Yāshūv/(Jashub)[115] and_Shimrōn four. **2** And_the_sons of_Tōlā' were_'Uzziy and_Rəfā^{yāh} and_Yərī'^{ēl}/(Jeriel) and_ _Yaḥmay/(Jahmai) and_Yivsām/(Jibsam) and_ _Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) heads of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_ _their of_Tōlā' mighty_men_of strength to_generations_of_ _their number_of_their in_the_days_of Dāvid was_twenty and_ _two thousand and_six hundred(s). **3** And_the_sons of_'Uzziy were_Yizraḥ^{yāh}/(Izrahiah) and_the_sons were_ _Yizraḥ^{yāh}/(Izrahiah) Mīkā'^{ēl} and_'Ovad^{yāh} and_Yō'^{ēl}/(Joel) Yishshiy^{yāh}/(Isshiah) five were_chiefs of_them_of_all. **4** And_ _were_with_them to_generations_of_their of_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their troops_of war_of warfare thirty and_ _six thousand if/because they_had_many wives and_sons. **5** And_relatives_of_their to_all/each/any/every the_clans_of Issachar were_mighty_men_of strength(s) eighty and_seven thousand their_genealogical_enrolment of_everyone.

6 Binyāmīn were_Bela' and_Beker and_Yədī'$_a$'^{ēl}/(Jediael) three. **7** And_the_sons of_Bela' were_'Etsbvōn and_'Uzziy and_'Uzziy'^{ēl} and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) and_'Īrī five heads_of a_house_of fathers mighty_men_of strength(s) and_their_genealogical_ _enrolment was_twenty and_two thousand and_thirty and_ _four. **8** And_the_sons of_Beker were_Zəmīrāh and_ _Yō'āsh/(Joash) and_'Elī'ezer and_'Elyəhō'ēynay and_'Omrī and_Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) and_'Aviy^{yāh} and_'Anātōt and_ _'Ālemet all_of these were_the_sons_of Beker. **9** And_their_ _genealogical_enrolment to_generations_of_their the_heads_of the_house_of their_fathers_of_their mighty_men_of strength was_twenty thousand and_two_hundred. **10** And_the_sons of_ _Yədī'$_a$'^{ēl} were_Bilhān and_the_sons of_Bilhān Yə'ūsh/(Jeush)[116] and_Binyāmīn and_'Ēhūd and_Kəna'$_a$nāh/(Chenaanah) and_ _Zēytān and_Tarshiysh and_'Aḥīshāḥar. **11** All_of these were_ _the_sons of Yədī'$_a$'^{ēl} to_the_heads_of the_fathers mighty_men_

Readers' Version

The descendants of Yisakar (Issachar)

7:1 Yisakar's (Issachar's) four sons were Tola, Puah, Yashuv, and Shimron. **2** Tola's sons were Uzi, Refayah, Yeriel, Yahmay, Yivsam, and Shmuel (Samuel), who all became leaders of their clans. There were strong warriors in the record of Tola's descendants in each generation. (During the time when David was Yisrael's (Israel's) king, there were 22,600 such men.)

3 Uzi's son was Yizrahyah. Yizrahyah's five sons were Mika'el (Michael), Ovadyah (Obadiah), Yoel (Joel), and Yishiyah. They were all leaders of their clans. **4** Along with them, according to their family records, were 36,000 troops in the army, because they had numerous wives and sons. **5** Altogether, Yisakar's clans had 87,000 strong warriors listed in their genealogy.

Benyamin's descendants

6 Benyamin's three sons were Bela, Beker, and Yedieael. **7** Bela's five sons were Etsbon, Uzi, Uziel, Yerimot, and Iri, who were leaders of their clans. According to their family records, they had 22,034 strong warriors.

8 Beker's sons were Zemirah, Yoash, Eliezer, Elyehoeynay, Omri, Yerimot, Aviyah, Anatot, and Alemet. **9** Altogether, their clans had 20,200 strong warriors listed in their genealogy.

10 Yedieael's son was Bilhan. Bilhan's sons were Ye'ush, Benyamin, Ehud, Kena'anah, Zeytan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar. **11** All those descendants of Yedieael were clan leaders and strong warriors, having 17,200 men ready to go to war.

12 The Shupim and Hupim were descendants of Ir, and the Hushim were descendants of Aher.

110 LV 6:62 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.77

111 LV 6:63 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.78

112 LV 6:64 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.79

113 LV 6:65 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.80

114 LV 6:66 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.6.81

115 LV 7:1 · Note OSHB variant note: **בישי**: (x-qere) **בּוֹשָׁ֑'**: lemma_3437 morph_HNp id_13D5E **בּוֹשָׁ֑'**

116 LV 7:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **שיעי**: (x-qere) **שׁוֹעִ֑'**: lemma_3266 n_0.1.0.1 morph_HNp id_13tTX **שׁוֹעִ֑'**

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_of strength(s) seven- teen thousand and_two_hundreds were_
_going_forth_of war for_battle. **12** And_Shuppim and_Ḥuppim
were_the_sons_of Ir Ḥushim were_the_sons_of 'Aḥēr.

The descendants of Naftali (Naphtali)

13 Naftali's (Naphtali's) sons were Yahtsiel, Guni, Yetser, and Shalum. (They were descendants of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) slave-wife Bilhah.)

13 The_sons_of Naftālī were_Yaḥtsī'ēl/(Jahziel) and_Gūnī and_
_Yētser/(Jezer) and_Shallūm the_sons_of Bilhāh.

Menasheh's descendants

14 Menasheh (Manasseh) had sons by his Arami (Syrian) (Heb. Aramean) slave-wife. She gave birth to Asriel and Makir (who fathered Gilead). **15** Makir married a wife from the Hupim and Shupim. (His sister's name was Ma'akah.) Another descendant was Tselofehad, and he had daughters. **16** Makir's wife (also called Ma'akah) bore a son and named him Peresh (and named his brother Sheresh) and his sons were Ulam and Rekem. **17** Ulam's son was Bedan. Those were the descendants of Gilead (Makir's son and Menasheh's grandson).

14 The_sons_of Mənashsheh were_'Asrī'ēl whom concubine_of_
his (the)'Arammiy she_bore she_bore ÐOM Mākīr the_father_
_of Gil'ād. **15** And_Mākīr he_took a_wife for_Ḥuppim and_for_
_Shuppim and_name_of his_sister_of_his was_Ma'ₐkāh and_
_name_of the_second was_Tsəlofḥād/(Zelophehad) and_they_
_belonged to_Tsəlofḥād daughters. **16** And_ Ma'ₐkāh the_wife_
_of Mākīr _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named
his/its_name Peresh and_name_of his/its_brother was_Sheresh
and_sons_of_his were_'Ūlām and_Reqem. **17** And_the_sons of_
_'Ūlām were_Bədān these were_the_descendants_of Gil'ād the_
_son_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh. **18** And_sister_of_his
Hammoleket she_bore ÐOM 'Īshəhōd and_ÐOM 'Avī'ezer and_
ÐOM Maḥlāh. **19** And the_sons_of Shəmīdā' _they_were 'Aḥyān
and_Shəkem and_Liqḥī and_'Anī'ām.

Efrayim's descendants

20 These are Efrayim's (Ephraim's) descendants:

One of Efrayim's sons was Shutelah. Shutelah's son was Bered. Bered's son was Tahat. Tahat's son was Eleadah. Eleadah's son was also named Tahat. **21** Tahat's son was Zavad. Zavad's son was Shutelah. Efrayim's other sons, Ezer and Elead, went to Gat city to steal some cattle but were killed by some of the natives of that area. **22** Their father Efrayim mourned for quite some time, and his relatives came to comfort him. **23** Then he slept with his wife and she got pregnant and gave birth to a son. Efrayim named him Beriah (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'trouble'), because of the recent tragedy in their family.

24 Efrayim's daughter was She'erah and she founded three towns: Lower Beyt-Horon, Upper Beyt-Horon, and Uzen-She'erah.

25 Another of Efrayim's sons was Refah. Refah's son was Reshef. Reshef's son was Telah. Telah's son was Tahan. **26** Tahan's son was Laedan. Laedan's son was Amihud. Amihud's son was Elishama. **27** Elishama's son was Nun. Nun's son was Yehoshua (Joshua) (or Yehoshua, who led Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants after Mosheh (Moses) died).

28 This is a list of the cities and areas where Efrayim's descendants lived: Beyt-El (Bethel) and the nearby villages, Na'aran to the east, Gezer to the west and the nearby villages, and Shekem and the nearby villages extending north as far as Ayah and its villages.

29 Along the border of the area where Menasheh's (Manasseh's) descendants lived were these towns: Beyt-Shean, Ta'anak, Megidon, Dor, and all the nearby villages. The people who lived in all those places were descendants of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) son Yosef (Joseph).

20 And_the_sons of_'Efrayim were_Shūtelaḥ and_Bered his/its_
_son and_Taḥat his/its_son and_'El'ādāh son_of_his and_Taḥat
his/its_son. **21** And_Zāvād his/its_son and_Shūtelaḥ his/its_son
and_'Ezer and_'El'ād and_they_killed_them the_men_of Gat
who_were_born on_the_earth if/because they_went_down to_
_take/accept/receive ÐOM livestock_of_their. **22** And_ 'Efrayim
father_of_their _he_mourned days many and_ brothers_of_his _
_they_came to_comfort_him. **23** And_he_went into his/its_
_wife/woman and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_
_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name
Bərī'āh if/because in_distress it_was in_house_of_his. **24** And_
_daughter_of_his was_She'ₑrāh and_she_built ÐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn
(the)_lower and_ÐOM (the)_upper and_ÐOM 'Uzzēn She'ₑrāh.
25 And_Refaḥ his/its_son and_Reshef and_Telaḥ his/its_son
and_Taḥan his/its_son. **26** La'dān his/its_son 'Ammihūd his/its_
_son 'Elīshā'ma his/its_son. **27** Nun his/its_son
Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) his/its_son. **28** And_possession_of_their
and_their_dwelling_of_places were_Bēyt-'ēl and_daughters_of_
_its and_to_east Na'ₐrān and_to_west Gezer and_daughters_of_
_its and_Shəkem and_daughters_of_its to Ayyah and_
_daughters_of_its. **29** And_were_on the_hands_of the_
_descendants_of Mənashsheh Bēyt Shan and_daughters_of_its
Ta'ₐnāk and_daughters_of_its Məgiddōn and_her/its_daughters
Dōr and_her/its_daughters in_these the_descendants_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph) the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_dwelt.

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30 The_sons_of ’Āshēr were_Yimnāh/(Imnah) and_
_Yishvāh/(Ishvah) and_Yishvī/(Ishvi) and_Bərī´āh and_Seraḥ
sister_of_was_their. **31** And_the_sons of_Bərī´āh were_Ḥevʿer
and_Malkiel he was_the_father_of Birzōt[117]. **32** And_Ḥevʿer he_
_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Yaflēṭ/(Japhlet) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shōmēr and_ᴅᴏᴍ
Ḥōtām and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shū´a sister_of_their. **33** And_the_sons of_
_Yaflēṭ/(Japhlet) were_Pāṣak and_Bimhāl and_´Ashvāt these
were_the_sons_of Yaflēṭ/(Japhlet). **34** And_the_sons of_Shemer
were_’Aḥī and[118] and_Hubbah[119] and_’Arām. **35** And_the_son_of
Helem his/its_brother was_Tsōfaḥ/(Zophah) and_
_Yimnā´/(Imna) and_Shelesh and_´Āmāl. **36** The_sons_of
Tsōfaḥ/(Zophah) were_Ṣūaḥ and_Ḥarnefer and_Shū´āl and_Bērī
and_Yimrāh/(Imra)h. **37** Betser and_Hōd and_Shammā’ and_
_Shilshāh and_Yitrān/(Ithran) and_Bə’ērā’. **38** And_the_sons of_
_Yeter/(Jether) were_Yəfunneh/(Jephunneh) and_Pişpāhh and_
_’Arā’. **39** And_the_sons of_´Ullā’ were_’Āraḥ and_Ḥanniyʾēl and_
_Ritsyā’. **40** All_of these were_the_descendants_of ’Āshēr the_
_heads_of the_house_of the_fathers chosen_men mighty_men_
_of strength(s) the_chiefs_of the_leaders and_their_
_genealogical_enrolment in_army in_battle number_of_their
was_men twenty and_six thousand.

8:1 And_Binyāmīn he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ Belaʿ his/its_firstborn
’Ashbēl the_second and_Ahrah the_third. **2** Nōḥāh the_fourth
and_Rāfā’ the_fifth. **3** And_ sons to_Belaʿ _they_were ’Addār
and_Gērā’ and_’Avʿīhūʾd. **4** And_’Avʿīshū´a and_Naʿₐmān and_
_’Aḥōaḥ. **5** And_Gērā’ and_Shephuphan and_Ḥūrām. **6** And_
_these were_the_sons_of ’Ēhūd these they were_the_heads_of
fathers of_the_inhabitants_of of_Gevʿa´ and_people_took_them_
_into_exile to Mānaḥat. **7** And_Naʿₐmān and_’Aḥiyʸᵃʰ and_Gērā’
he he_took_them_into_exile and_he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ ʿUzzā’ and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ ’Aḥīḥud. **8** And_Shaharaim he_fathered in_the_region_of
Mō’āvʿ from_when he_sent_away ᴅᴏᴍ_them Ḥushim and_ᴅᴏᴍ
Baara wives_of_his. **9** And_he/it_fathered from Ḥodesh his/its_
_wife/woman ᴅᴏᴍ Yōvāvʿ/(Jobab) and_ᴅᴏᴍ Tsivʿyā’/(Zibia)
and_ᴅᴏᴍ Mēyshā’ and_ᴅᴏᴍ Malkam. **10** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Yəʿūts/(Jeuz)
and_ᴅᴏᴍ Sakia and_ᴅᴏᴍ Mirmāh these sons_of_were_his the_
_heads_of fathers. **11** And_from_Ḥushim he_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ
’Avīṯūvʿ and_ᴅᴏᴍ ’Elpaʿal. **12** And_the_sons of_’Elpaʿal were_
_´Ēvēr and_Mish´ām and_Shemed he he_built ᴅᴏᴍ ’Ōnō and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ Lod and_daughters_of_its.

13 And_Bərī´āh and_Shemaʿ they were_the_heads_of the_
_fathers of_the_inhabitants_of of_’Ayyālōn they they_put_to_
_flight ᴅᴏᴍ the_inhabitants_of Gat. **14** And_’Aḥyō Shāshshaq
and_Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth). **15** And_Zəvʿadʸᵃʰ and_´Arād and_
_´Eder. **16** And_Mīkāʾēl and_Yishpāh/(Ishpah) and_Yōḥā’/(Joha)
were_the_sons_of Bərī´āh.

17 And_Zəvʿadʸᵃʰ and_Məshullām and_Ḥizqī and_Ḥevʿer.
18 And_Yishməray/(Ishmerai) and_Yizlī´āh/(Izliah) and_Yōvāvʿ
were_the_sons_of ’Elpaʿal. **19** And_Yāqīm/(Jakim) and_Zikrī
and_Zavʿdiy. **20** And_’Elī´ēynay and_Tsillətay/(Zillethai) and_
’Elīʾēl. **21** And´Adāʸᵃʰ and_Bərā’ʸᵃʰ and_Shimrāt were_the_
_sons_of Shim´ī. **22** And_Yishpān/(Ishpan) and_´Ēvēr and_’Elīʾēl.

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Asher’s descendants

30 Asher’s sons were Yimnah, Yishvah, Yishvi, and Beriah. Their sister was Serah.

31 Beriah’s sons were Hever and Malkiel. Malkiel was the father of Birzot.

32 Hever was the father of Yaflet, Shomer, Hotam, and their sister Shua. **33** Yaflet’s sons were Pasak, Bimhal, and Ashvat.

34 Shomer’s sons were Ahi, Rohagah, Yehubah, and Aram.

35 Shomer’s younger brother was Helem. Helem’s sons were Tsofah, Yimna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36 Tsofah’s sons were Suah, Harnefer, Shual, Beri, Yimrah, **37** Betser, Hod, Shama, Shilshah, Yitran (whose other name was Yeter), and Be’era.

38 Yeter’s sons were Yefuneh, Pispah, and Ara. **39** Another of Asher’s descendants was Ula, whose sons were Arah, Haniyel, and Ritsya.

40 All those were Asher’s descendants, clan leaders, chosen, very strong, leaders of leaders. And there were 26,000 men listed in their genealogy in the army.

Benyamin’s descendants

8:1 Benyamin had sons: Bela, Ashbel, Ahrah, **2** Nohah, and the fifth, Rafa.

3 Bela’s sons were Adar, Gera, Avihud, **4** Avishua, Na’aman, Ahoah, **5** Gera, Shefufan, and Huram.

6 One of Gera’s sons was Ehud. His descendants were leaders of their clans who lived in Geva city, but were taken into exile to Manahat. **7** Ehud’s sons were Na’aman, Ahiyah, and Gera. Gera was the one who led them when they moved to Manahat. He was the father of Uza and Ahihud.

8 Another of Benyamin’s descendants was Shaharayim, who lived in the Moav (Moab) countryside. He divorced his wives Hushim and Ba’ara, **9** and fathered sons with his wife Hodesh: Yovav, Tsivya, Meysha, Malkam, **10** Ye’uts, Shaveyah, and Mirmah. They all became leaders of their clans. **11** (He’d fathered Avituv and Elpa’al by Hushim.)

12 Elpa’al’s sons were Ever, Misham, Shemer (who built Ono city, plus Lod and its towns),

Benyamin’s descendants in Gat and Ayalon

13 plus Beriah and Shema, who were leaders of their clans, who lived in Ayalon city. They forced the people who lived in Gat city to flee. **14–16** Beriah’s sons were Ahyo, Shashak, Yerimot, Zevadyah, Arad, Eder, Mika’el (Michael), Yishpah, and Yoha.

Benyamin’s descendants in Yerushalem

17–18 Elpa’al’s other descendants included Zevadyah, Meshulam, Hizki, Hever, Yishmeray, Yizliah, and Yovav.

19–21 Another of Benyamin’s descendants was Shimei. Shimei’s descendants included Yakim, Zikri, Zavdi, Eli’eynay, Tsiletay,

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117 **LV 7:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוזרב: (x-qere) ’תְּיָזְרִב’: lemma_1269 n_0 morph_HNp id_13cpy תְּיָזְרִב

118 **LV 7:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: הנהור/ו: (x-qere) ’הֲנֶגְהָר/ֶו’: lemma_c/7303 n_0.0 morph_HC/Np id_13grp הֲנֶגְהָר/ֶו

119 **LV 7:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: הבחי: (x-qere) ’הֲבֶחָ/ִו’: lemma_c/3160 morph_HC/Np id_133iU הֲבֶחָ/ִו

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Eliel, Adayah, Berayah, and Shimrat.

22-25 Shashak's sons were Yishpan, Ever, Eliel, Avdon, Zikri, Hanan, Hananyah, Eylam, Antotiyah, Yifdeyah, and Penuel.

26-27 Another of Benyamin's descendants was Yeroham, whose sons were Shamsheray, Sheharyah, Atalyah (Athaliah), Ya'areshyah, Eliyah (Elijah), and Zikri.

28 All those descendants of Elpa'al (Shaharayim's son) were leaders of their clans according to their genealogies. They all lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Benyamin's descendants in Giveon

29 Another of Benyamin's descendants was Yeiel—he was a founder of Giveon city. His wife was Ma'akah. **30** His sons, starting with the eldest, were Avdon, Tsur, Kish, Ba'al, Nadav, **31** Gedor, Ahyo, and Zeker. **32** Miklot (another of Yeiel's sons) was Shimeah's father. All those descendants of Yeiel also lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) near their relatives.

The descendants of King Sha'ul (Saul)

33 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of King Sha'ul (Saul). Sha'ul was the father of Yonatan (Jonathan), Malkishua, Avinadav, and Eshba'al. **34** Yonatan's son was Meriv-Ba'al. Meriv-Ba'al was the father of Mikah.

35 Mikah's sons were Piton, Melek, Ta'area, and Ahaz. **36** Ahaz was the father of Yeho'adah. Yeho'adah was the father of Alemet, Azmavet, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Motsa. **37** Motsa was the father of Binea. Rafa was Binea's son. Eleasah was Rafa's son. Atsel was Eleasah's son.

38 Atsel had a total of six sons, named Azrikam, Bokru, Yishmael (Ishmael), Shearyah, Ovadyah (Obadiah), and Hanan. **39** Atsel had a brother, Eshek. Eshek's oldest son was Ulam. His other sons were Ye'ush and Elifelet.

40 Ulam's sons were powerful warriors who were also archers. Altogether they had 150 sons and grandsons.

All those were Benyamin's descendants.

Those who returned from captivity

9:1 So the genealogy of all Israelis was listed—yes, written on the scroll of Yisrael's (Israel's) kings.

Then Yehudah (Judah) was taken into exile to Bavel (Babylon) because of their unfaithfulness. **2** The first to return and resettle their land and their cities were some priests, Levites, temple servants, and other Israelis.[121] **3** Some from the tribes of Yehudah, Benyamin, Efrayim (Ephraim), and Menasheh (Manasseh) also returned and lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), including the following:

4 Utay son of Amihud (Amihud was Omri's son, Omri was Imri's son, Imri was Bani's son, Bani was a descendant of Perets, Perets was Yehudah's son), **5** Asayah and his sons (descendants of Shilon—Asayah was the oldest), **6** and Ye'uel and 690 other rela-

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23 And_ʹAvdōn and_Zikrī and_Ḥānān. **24** And_Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} and_ _ʹĒylām and_ʹAntotiy^{yāh}. **25** And_Yifdə^{yāh}/(Iphdeiah) and[120] were_the_sons_of Shāshshaq. **26** And_Shamshəray and_ _Shechariah and_ʹAtal^{yāh}. **27** And_Ya ʹ$_a$resh^{yāh}/(Jaareshiah) and_ _ʾĒliy^{yāh} and_Zikrī were_the_sons_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham). **28** These were_the_heads_of fathers to_generations_of_their chiefs these they_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

29 And_in_Giv ʹōn the_father_of Giv ʹōn they_dwelt and_name_ _of his/its_wife/woman was_Ma ʹ$_a$kāh. **30** And_son_of_his the_ _firstborn was_ʹAvdōn and_Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_Qīsh and_Ba ʹal and_Nādav. **31** And_Gədor and_ʾAḥyō and_Zeker. **32** And_Miqlōt he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Shim ʹā'h and_also they before relatives_of_ _their they_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with brothers_ _of_their.

33 And_Nēr he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Qīsh and_Qīsh he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Shā'ūl he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_~~DOM~~ Malkī- Shū ʹa and_ _~~DOM~~ ʾAvīnādav and_~~DOM~~ ʾAshba ʹal. **34** And_the_son_of Yōnātān was_Mərīv-ba ʹal was_Mərīv-ba ʹal and_Mərīv- ba ʹal he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Mīkāh. **35** And_the_sons of_Mīkāh were_Pitōn and_Melek and_Ta'$_a$rē ʹa and_ʾĀḥāz. **36** And_ʾĀḥāz he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yəhō ʹaddāh/(Jehoaddah) and_Yəhō ʹaddāh/(Jehoaddah) he_ _fathered ~~DOM~~ ʹĀlemet and_~~DOM~~ ʹAzmāvet and_~~DOM~~ Zimrī and_ _Zimrī he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Mōtsā'. **37** And_Mōtsā' he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Bin ʹā' Rāfā'h son_of_was_his ʾEl ʹāsāh son_of_was_his ʾĀtsēl his/its_son. **38** And_belonged_to_ʾĀtsēl six sons and_these names_of_are_their ʹAzrīqām Bokrū and_Yishmā ʾ^{ēl}/(Ishmael) and_Shə ʹar^{yāh} and_ʹOvad^{yāh} and_Ḥānān all_of these were_the_ _sons_of ʾĀtsēl. **39** And_the_sons of_ʹĒsheq his/its_brother was_ _ʾŪlām his/its_firstborn was_Yə ʹūsh/(Jeush) the_second and_ _was_ʾElīfeleṭ the_third. **40** And_ the_sons_of ʾŪlām _they_were men mighty_of strength who_bent_of (of)_a_bow and_who_ _had_many children and_the_sons children one_hundred and_ _fifty all_of these from_(the)_sons of_Binyāmīn.

9:1 And_all Yisrā ʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) they_had_themselves_enrolled and_ _THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yisrā ʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) they_were_taken_ _into_exile to_Bāvel in_unfaithfulness_of_their. **2** And_the_ _inhabitants (the)_first who were_in_possession_of_their in_ _cities_of_their were_Yisrā ʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) the_priests the_Lēviyyiy and_the_temple_servants. **3** And_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) some_of the_descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_from the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn and_from the_descendants_of ʾEfrayim and_Mənashsheh they_dwelt. **4** ʹŪtay the_son_of ʹAmmihūd the_son_of ʹOmrī the_son_of ʾImrī the_son_of mmm[122] the_descendants_of Perets the_son_of Yəhūdāh. **5** And_from the_Shilōnī[s] ʹAsā^{yāh} the_firstborn and_sons_of_ _his. **6** And_from the_descendants_of Zeraḥ Yə ʹū ʾ^{ēl}/(Jeuel) and_ _relatives_of_their six hundred(s) and_ninety. **7** And_from the_ _descendants_of Binyāmīn Şallū the_son_of Məshullām the_

120 **LV 8:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לאינפ/ו**: (x-qere) ʾ**לֶאוּנָפ/וּ**ʾ: lemma_c/6439 n_0.0 morph_HC/Np id_13KVb **לֶאוּנָפ/וּ**

121 **RV 9:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 2:70; Neh 7:73.

122 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ומ/ינב**: (x-qere) ʾ**יְנָב**ʾ: lemma_1137 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_132VQ **יְנָב** ʾ**וָמ**ʾ: lemma_4480 a morph_HR id_13gJa **וָמ**

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_son_of Hōdav^{yāh} the_son_of Ṣənū'āh. **8** And_Yiv'nə^{yāh}/(Ibneiah) the_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) and_'Ēlāh the_son_of ʻUzziy the_son_of Mikri and_Məshullām the_son_of Shəfaṭ^{yāh} the_son_ _of Rə'ū'^{ēl} the_son_of Yiv'niy^{yāh}/(Ibnijah). **9** And_relatives_of_ _their to_generations_of_their nine hundred(s) and_fifty and_ _six all_of these men were_heads_of fathers to_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their. **10** And_from the_priests Yəda'^{yāh}/(Jedaiah) and_Yəhōyārīv/(Jehoiarib) and_ _Yākīn/(Jakin). **11** And_ʻAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_son_of Məshullām the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of Mərāyōt the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūv the_leader_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **12** And_ʻAdā^{yāh} the_son_of Yəroḥām the_son_of Pashḥūr the_ _son_of Malkīy^{yāh} and_Ma'$_a$say the_son_of ʻAdī'^{ēl} the_son_of Yaḥzērāh/(Jahzerah) the_son_of Məshullām the_son_of Məshillēmīt the_son_of 'Immēr. **13** And_relatives_of_their heads of_the_house_of their_fathers_of_their one_thousand and_ _seven hundred(s) and_sixty (the)_mighty_men_of (the)_ _ability_of the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm.

14 And_from the_Lēviyyiy Shəma'^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥashshūv the_ _son_of ʻAzrīqām the_son_of Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} of the_descendants_of Mərārī. **15** And_Baqbaqqar Ḥeresh and_Gālāl and_Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkā' the_son_of Zikrī the_son_of 'Āṣāf. **16** And_ _ʻOvad^{yāh} the_son_of Shəma'^{yāh} the_son_of Gālāl the_son_of Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_Berek^{yāh} the_son_of 'Āṣā' the_son_of 'Elqānāh who_dwelt in_the_villages_of the_Nəṭofātī[s]. **17** And_ _the_gatekeepers were_Shallūm and_ʻAqqūv and_Ṭalmōn and_ _'Aḥīman and_brother_of_their Shallūm was_the_chief. **18** And_ _unto now in_the_gate_of the_king eastward_on they were_the_ _gatekeepers of_the_camps_of of_the_descendants_of of_Lēvī. **19** And_Shallūm the_son_of Qōrē' the_son_of 'Evyāṣāf the_son_ _of Qoraḥ and_relatives_of_his of_the_house_of his/its_father the_Qoraḥites were_over the_work_of the_service the_keepers_ _of the_thresholds of_tent and_ancestors_of_their had_been_ _over the_camp_of **YHWH** the_keepers_of the_entrance. **20** And_Pinḥāṣ the_son_of 'El'āzār a_leader he_had_been over_ _them formerly_former **YHWH** with_him/it. **21** Zəkar^{yāh} the_ _son_of Məshelem^{yāh} was_a_gatekeeper the_entrance of_the_ _tent_of meeting. **22** Of_them_of_all who_had_been_chosen to_ _gatekeepers at_thresholds were_two_hundred and_two_plus ten they was_in_villages_of_their their_genealogical_enrolment them Dāvid and_Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) the_seer he_had_appointed in_faithfulness_of_their. **23** And_they and_descendants_of_their were_over the_gates of_the_house_of of_**YHWH** of_the_house_ _of of_the_tent to_guards. **24** To_four sides the_gatekeepers they_were the_east westward_to northward_at and_southward_ _at. **25** And_relatives_of_their in_villages_of_their were_to_ _come for_the_seven_of the_days from_time to time with these. **26** If/because in_faithfulness they were_the_four_of the_ _mighty_ones_of the_gatekeepers they were_the_Lēviyyiy and_ _they_will_be over the_store-rooms and_over the_treasuries_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **27** And_around_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm they_spent_the_night if/because was_on_them a_duty and_they were_over the_key and_to_morning to_morning. **28** And_some_of_them were_over the_articles_of the_service

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tives from Zerah's clan.

7 From Benyamin's descendants, Salu (who was Meshulam's son, Meshulam was Hodavyah's son, Hodavyah was Senuah's son), **8** Yivneyah (Yeroham's son), Elah (who was Uzi's son, Uzi was Mikri's son), and Meshulam (who was Shefatyah's son, Shefatyah was Re'uel's son, Re'uel was Yivniyah's son).

9 In all, there were 956 of Benyamin's descendants living in Yerushalem. All those above were leaders of their clans.

10 Some of the priests who returned to Yehudah (Judah) were: Yedayah, Yehoyariv, Yakin, **11** Azaryah, the leading official at the temple (Azaryah was Hilkiyah's son, Hilkiyah was Meshulam's son, Meshulam was Tsadok's son, Tsadok was Merayot's son, Merayot was Ahituv's son), **12** Adayah (who was Yeroham's son, Yeroham was Pashhur's son, Pashhur was Malkiyah's son), and Ma'asay (who was Adiel's son, Adiel was Yahzerah's son, Yahzerah was Meshulam's son, Meshulam was Meshilemit's son, Meshilemit was Imer's son).

13 Altogether there were 1,760 priests who returned to Yehudah. They were leaders of their clans, and they were all capable and responsible to work in God's residence.

Levites who returned

14 From Levi's descendants who returned to Yehudah (Judah) there were: Shemayah (who was Hashuv's son, Hashuv was Azrikam's son, Azrikam was Hashavyah's son, Hashavyah was a descendant of Levi's youngest son Merari), **15** Bakbakar, Heresh, Galal, Matanyah (who was Mika's son, Mika was Zikri's son, Zikri was Asaf's son), **16** Ovadyah (Obadiah) (who was Shemayah's son, Shemayah was Galal's son, Galal was Yedutun's son), and Berekyah who lived in one of the villages where the Netofat people lived (Berekyah was Asa's son, Asa was Elkanah's son).

17 From Levi's descendants who returned to Yehudah and who guarded the temple gates there were Shalum, Akuv, Talmon, Ahiman, and some of their relatives. Shalum was their leader. **18** Those descendents of Levi were gatekeepers at the King's Gate on the east, and their descendants still are, even to this day.

19 Shalum was Kore's son, Kore was Evyasaf's son, and Evyasaf was Korah's son. Shalum and his relatives from his clan (Korah's descendants) had the duty of being gatekeepers, responsible for guarding the entrances to Yahweh's temple, as their ancestors had done. **20** Previously Pinhas (Eleazar's son) had supervised the gatekeepers. Yahweh was with Pinhas.

21 Zekaryah (Zechariah) (Meshelemyah's son) was gatekeeper of the entrance to the assembly tent. **22** Altogether, there were 212 men chosen to guard the gates. The records of the clans in their villages listed their names. King David and the prophet Shmuel (Samuel) appointed them because they were dependable. **23** They and their sons watched over the gates of Yahweh's house, that is, the sacred tent, as guards. **24** There were gatekeepers on each of the temple's four sides: east, west, north, and south. **25** Their relatives in their villages would come in from time to time to relieve them for seven days, **26** because the four leaders of the gatekeepers were Levites, and they were also

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trusted to supervise the rooms and the treasuries in God's residence. **27** They would spend the night around the temple while they were in charge, and would open it with the key each morning.

28 Some of them monitored the utensils used in the activities—counting them as they brought them out and when they put them away again. **29** Others took care of the containers and utensils used in the sanctuary, along with the fine flour, the wine and oil, and the frankincense and spices. **30** Some of the priests mixed the fragrances and spices.

31 There was a Levite named Matityah (Shalum's oldest son, who was a descendant of Korah) whose official duty was supervising the baking of the flat breads. **32** Some of Kohat's descendants prepared the rows of bread to be laid out on the sacred table every rest day.

33 Some of Levi's descendants were temple musicians and singers. The leaders of those families stayed in the temple accommodations. They didn't have other duties, because they were expected to serve day and night. **34** Those were the heads of the Levite families according to their generations, and they lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

King Sha'ul's ancestors and descendants[124]

35 Another of Benyamin's descendants was Yeiel. He was a founder of Giveon city and lived there. His wife was Ma'akah. **36** His oldest son was Avdon, and his other sons were Tsur, Kish, Ba'al, Ner, Nadav, **37** Gedor, Ahyo, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Miklot. **38** Miklot was Shim'am's father. They also lived near their relatives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

39 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of King Sha'ul (Saul). Sha'ul was the father of Yonatan (Jonathan), Malkishua, Avinadav, and Eshba'al. **40** Yonatan's son was Meriv-Ba'al. Meriv-Ba'al was the father of Mikah. **41** Mikah's sons were Piton, Melek, and Tahrea. **42** Ahaz was the father of Yaerah. Yaerah was the father of Alemet, Azmavet, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Motsa. **43** Motsa was the father of Binea. Refayah was Binea's son. Eleasah was Refayah's son. Atsel was Eleasah's son.

44 Atsel had six sons, named Azrikam, Bokru, Yishmael (Ishmael), Shearyah, Ovadyah (Obadiah), and Hanan.

The death of King Sha'ul and his sons · Full kingdom[126]

10:1 Now the Pelishtim fought against Yisrael (Israel), and the Israeli men fled away from the Pelishtim, and many were killed on Mt. Gilboa. **2** Then the Pelishtim pursued Sha'ul (Saul) and his sons, and they killed his sons Yonatan (Jonathan), Avinadav, and Malkishua. **3** The battle against Sha'ul was very fierce, and then the archers spotted him and wounded him. **4** Then

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if/because by_number they_brought_them and_by_number they_took_them_out. **29** And_some_of_them were_appointed over the_vessels and_over all_of the_articles_of the_holy_place and_over the_fine_flour and_the_wine and_the_oil and_the_ _frankincense and_the_spices. **30** And_from the_sons_of the_ _priests were_those_who_mixed_of (of)_the_ointment_mixture of_spices. **31** And_Mattit^{yāh} one_of the_Lēviyyiy he was_the_ _firstborn of_Shallūm the_Qoraḥite in_faithfulness was_over the_work_of the_flat_cakes. **32** And_from the_sons_of the_ _Qəhātite[s] some_of relatives_of_their were_over the_bread_of the_row to_prepare_it sabbath_of sabbath. **33** And_these the_ _singers the_heads_of fathers of_Lēviyyiy were_in_rooms let_ _go_off_duty[123] if/because by_day and_night was_on_them in_ _work. **34** These were_the_heads_of the_fathers of_Lēviyyiy to_ _generations_of_their chiefs these they_dwelt in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

35 And_in_Giv˝ōn they_dwelt the_father_of Giv˝ōn Yə˝ī^{ēl}/(Jeiel)[125] and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_Ma˝$_a$kāh. **36** And_son_of_his the_firstborn was_˝Avdōn and_Tsūr/(Tsūr) and_Qīsh and_Ba˝al and_Nēr and_Nādāv˙. **37** And_Gədor and_ _'Aḥyō and_Zəkar^{yāh} and_Miqlōt. **38** And_Miqlōt he_fathered ĐOM Shim˝ā'm and_also they before relatives_of_their they_ _dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with relatives_of_their. **39** And_Nēr he_fathered ĐOM Qīsh and_Qīsh he_fathered ĐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_Shā'ūl he_fathered ĐOM Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_ĐOM Malkī- Shū˝a and_ _ĐOM 'Avīnādāv˙ and_ĐOM 'Ashba˝al. **40** And_the_son_of Yōnātān was_Mərīv˙-ba˝al was_Mərīv˙-ba˝al and_Mərīv˙- ba˝al he_fathered ĐOM Mīkāh. **41** And_the_sons of_Mīkāh were_Pitōn and_Melek and_Taḥrē˝a. **42** And_'Āḥāz he_fathered ĐOM Ya˝rāh/(Jarah) and_Ya˝rāh/(Jarah) he_fathered ĐOM ˝Ālemet and_ĐOM ˝Azmāvet and_ĐOM Zimrī and_Zimrī he_fathered ĐOM Mōtsā'. **43** And_ _Mōtsā' he_fathered ĐOM Bin˝ā' and_Rəfā^{yāh} son_of_was_his 'El˝āsāh son_of_was_his 'Ātsēl his/its_son. **44** And_belonged_to_ _'Ātsēl six sons and_these names_of_are_their ˝Azrīqām Bokrū and_Yishmā˝^{ēl}/(Ishmael) and_Shə˝ar^{yāh} and_˝Ov˙ad^{yāh} and_ _Ḥānān these were_the_sons_of 'Ātsēl.

10:1 And_the_Pəlishtiy they_fought against_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ the_man_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he_fled from_face/in_front_ _of the_Pəlishtiy and_ slain _they_fell on_the_mountain_of Gilbo˝a. **2** And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_pursued_closely after Shā'ūl and_after sons_of_his and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_struck_down ĐOM Yōnātān and_ĐOM 'Avīnādāv˙ and_ĐOM Malkī- Shū˝a the_ _sons_of Shā'ūl. **3** And_ the_battle _it_was_heavy on Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_they_found_him the_archers with_bow and_

123 LV 9:33 · Note OSHB variant note: **סיריטפ**: (x-qere) **'סֵירוּטָפ'**: lemma_6362 n_1 morph_HVqsmpa id_13oGq **סֵירוּטָפ**

124 RV 9:35 · Parallel 1 Chr. 8:29-38

125 LV 9:35 · Note OSHB variant note: **לאועי**: (x-qere) **'לֶאְיָעִ'**: lemma_3273 n_1 morph_HNp id_13CrC **לֶאְיָעִ**

126 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Sam. 31:1-13

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_he_was_in_severe_pain from the_archers. **4** And_ Shā'ūl _ _he/it_said to the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his draw sword_ _of_your and_pierce_me_through with_it lest the_ _uncircumcised_men the_these they_should_come and_they_ _will_deal_wantonly with_me and_not the_bearer_of his_ _armour(s)_of_his he_was_willing if/because he_was_afraid exceedingly and_ Shā'ūl _he/it_took ÐOM the_ _drought//sword/knife and_he_fell on_it. **5** And_ the_bearer_of his_armour(s)_of_his _he/it_saw if/because_that Shā'ūl he_ _had_died and_ also he _he_fell on the_drought//sword/knife and_he/it_died. **6** And_ Shā'ūl and_three_of his_sons_of_his _ _he/it_died and_all household_of_his together they_died. **7** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who was_in_ _valley _they_saw if/because_that they_had_fled and_ _because/when Shā'ūl and_sons_of_his they_had_died and_ _they_abandoned cities_of_their and_they_fled and_ the_ _Pəlishtiy _they_came and_they_lived in_them. **8** And_he/it_ _was from_the_next_day and_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_came to_ _strip ÐOM the_ones_slain and_they_found ÐOM Shā'ūl/(Saul) and_ÐOM sons_of_his fallen on_the_mountain_of Gilbo'a. **9** And_ _they_stripped_him and_they_took ÐOM his/its_head and_ÐOM armour(s)_of_his and_they_sent in_the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy[129] all_around to_bear_the_news ÐOM idols_of_their and_ÐOM the_ _people. **10** And_they_put ÐOM armour(s)_of_his the_house_of their_gods_of_their and_ÐOM skull_of_his they_fixed the_house_ _of Dāgōn. **11** And_ all_of Yāvēsh/(Jabesh) Gil'ād _they_heard ÐOM all_of that the_Pəlishtiy they_had_done to_Shā'ūl. **12** And_ every_of man_of strength _they_arose and_they_took ÐOM the_ _corpse_of Shā'ūl and_ÐOM the_corpses_of his_sons_of_his and_ _they_brought_them to_Yāvēsh and_they_buried ÐOM bones_ _of_their under the_terebinth in_Yāvēsh and_they_fasted seven_of days. **13** And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_died in_unfaithfulness_of_ _his which he_had_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** on the_ _message_of **YHWH** which not he_kept and_also to_enquire by_ _necromancy to_consult. **14** And_not he_consulted (in)_**YHWH** and_he_put_him_to_death and_he_turned_over ÐOM the_ _royalty to_Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse).

11:1 And_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_gathered_together to Dāvid to_Ḫevrōn to_say HERE bone_of_are_your and_flesh_of_ _your we. **2** Both yesterday as_well_as three_days_ago also when_was Shā'ūl/(Saul) king you were_the_one_who_led_out and_the_one_who_brought ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ **YHWH** god_of_your _he/it_said to/for_yourself(m) you you_will_ _shepherd ÐOM people_of_my ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(ms) you_will_be ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_came to the_king to_ _Ḫevrōn and_he_made to/for_them Dāvid a_covenant at_ _Ḫevrōn to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_they_ _anointed ÐOM Dāvid to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) according_ _to_the_message_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel). **4** And_ Dāvid and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_went

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Sha'ul said to his equipment carrier, "Draw your sword and pierce me with it, so those uncircumcised Pelishtim can't come here and torture me." But his equipment carrier was very scared and wasn't willing to do it, so Sha'ul took his sword and fell onto it. **5** Then his equipment carrier, seeing that King Sha'ul had died, also fell on his sword and died. **6** So Sha'ul and his three sons died, thus ending his family's rule. **7** When all the Israelis living in the valley saw that the army had fled, and that Sha'ul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. Then the Pelishtim came, and they lived there instead.

8 The next day, when the Pelishtim came to strip the dead, they found Sha'ul and his sons' bodies on Mt. Gilboa. **9** They stripped him and carried away his head and his armour. Then they sent messengers all around the Pelishti regions to take the news to their idols and the people. **10** They put his armour in the temple of their gods, and they hung his head in their god Dagon's temple. **11** When everyone who lived back in Yavesh in the Gilead region heard about everything the Pelishtim had done to Sha'ul, **12** all the strong men took action and retrieved the corpses of Sha'ul and his sons, and brought them back to Yavesh. Then they buried them under the large tree in Yavesh, and they fasted for seven days. **13** So Sha'ul died because of his disobedience—when he was unfaithful to Yahweh by not following Yahweh's instructions,[127] and also because he consulted a medium for guidance[128] **14** instead of requesting Yahweh's advice. So Yahweh killed him and handed the kingdom over to Yishay's (Jesse's) son David.

David becomes king · Full kingdom[130]

11:1 Then all of Yisrael (Israel) assembled around David at Hevron, saying, "Look, we're your flesh and blood relatives. **2** In the recent past, even when Sha'ul (Saul) was king, *you* were the one who took Yisrael out and the one who brought us back in. Plus your god Yahweh told you, 'You yourself will shepherd my people, Yisrael, and you yourself will become the leader of my Israeli people.' " **3** So all the Israeli elders went to the king at Hevron, and David made a solemn agreement with them at Hevron in front of Yahweh. Then they anointed David as king over Yisrael in accordance with Yahweh's message that was given through the prophet Shmuel (Samuel).

127 **RV 10:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 13:8-14; 15:1-24.

128 **RV 10:13 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:31; 20:6; 1Sam 28:7-8.

129 **LV 10:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

130 **RV 11:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 5:1-10

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4 Then David and all of Yisrael went to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) (Yerushalem, which was also known as Yevus because the Yevusim were living there).[131] 5 The inhabitants inside Yevus said to David, "You won't be entering this place." But David captured what became known as the Tsiyon (Zion) fortress, that is, the city of David. 6 He'd said, "The one who strikes down the Yevusim first will become my army commander." Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) went up over the wall first, and he became head of the army. 7 David started living in that fortress, so then they called it the city of David. 8 He built the city up all around, from the terrace to the surrounding walls, and Yoav restored the rest of the city. 9 So David became more powerful because Commander-in-chief Yahweh helped him.

David's powerful warriors · Full kingdom

10 The following were the leaders of David's powerful warriors who, together with all of Yisrael (Israel), strengthened his kingdom and established him as king, just as Yahweh had said. 11 So these are David's powerful warriors: Yashaveam (a Hakmoni and the leader of the thirty), who once used his spear against three hundred men in a single battle and killed them all. 12 Next was Eleazar (an Ahohi, son of Dodo) who was one of the top three powerful warriors. 13 He was with David at Pas-Damim when the Pelishtim had assembled there for battle near a part of the countryside where barley was growing. At first, the Israelis fled from the Pelishtim, 14 but then they took their stand in the middle of the barley and proceeded to defeat the Pelishtim as Yahweh saved them through a stunning victory.

15 Then three of that top thirty went down to David, near the rock at Adulam's cave. Meanwhile, Pelishtim had encamped in the Refaim Valley. 16 David was in that fortress then, and the Pelishti garrison was in Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), 17 and David was thirsty and asked, "Who'll get me water to drink from the well by the Beyt-Lehem gate?" 18 So those three broke through the Pelishti camp, and they drew water from the well at the Beyt-Lehem gate, and they brought it back to David. But David wasn't willing to drink it, and he poured it out on the ground as an offering to Yahweh. 19 "Far be it from me to drink this water in front of my god," he said. "Could I drink the blood of these men who risked their lives to bring it?" So he wasn't prepared to drink it. Those were some of the things those three powerful warriors did.

20 Yoav's (Joab's) brother Avishay was the head of a group of

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Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) that was_Yəvūş/(Jebus) and_there the_Yəvūşī the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. 5 And_ the_ _inhabitants_of Yəvūş/(Jebus) _they_said to_Dāvid not you_ _will_come here and_ Dāvid _he_captured ᴅᴏᴍ the_stronghold_ _of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) that is_the_city_of Dāvid. 6 And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_said any_of one_who_attacks_of (of)_a_Yəvūşī/(Jebusite) at_first he_will_become (into)_a_chief and_(into)_a_ _commander and_he/it_ascended at_first Yō'āv/(Joab) the_ _son_of Tsərūʸāh/(Zeruiah) and_he/it_was (into)_a_chief. 7 And_ Dāvid _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_stronghold therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called to_him/it the_ _city_of Dāvid. 8 And_he/it_built the_city from_round_about from the_Millō' and_unto the_surroundings and_Yō'āv he_ _restored ᴅᴏᴍ the_remainder_of the_city. 9 And_ Dāvid _he/it_ _went going and_becoming_great and_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers with_him/it.

10 And_these were_the_chiefs_of the_warriors who belonged_ _to_Dāvid who_held_strongly with_him/it in_kingdom_of_his with all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_make_him_king according_to_ _the_message_of **YHWH** on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 11 And_these are_ _the_number_of the_powerful/mighty(pl) who belonged_to_ _Dāvid Yāshov˙ām/(Jashobeam) a_son_of a_Ḥakmōnī was_the_ _chief_of the[133] he he_wielded ᴅᴏᴍ spear_of_his on three hundred(s) slain at_a_time one. 12 And_was_after_him 'El˙āzār the_son_of Dōdō the_'Aḥōḥī he was_among_three the_ _powerful/mighty(pl). 13 He he_was with Dāvid at_Paş-dammim and_the_Pəlishtiy they_were_gathered there[134] for_ _battle and_it_became the_portion_of the_field full barley(s) and_the_people they_fled from_face/in_front_of the_Pəlishtiy. 14 And_they_took_their_stand in_the_middle_of the_portion and_they_delivered_it and_they_struck_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_victory a_victory great. 15 And_ three of the_thirty chief[s] _they_went_down to the_rock to Dāvid to the_cave_of ˙Adullām and_a_camp_of Pəlishtiy was_encamping in_the_valley_of Rəfā'īm. 16 And_Dāvid then was_in_stronghold and_a_garrison_of Pəlishtiy then in_house_of lehem. 17 And[135] Dāvid he_said who will_he_give_me_to_drink water from_the_ _well_of Bēyt- lehem which is_at_gate. 18 And_ the_three _ _they_broke_through in_the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _drew water from_the_well_of Bēyt- lehem which was_at_gate and_they_carried_them and_they_brought_them to Dāvid and_ _not Dāvid he_was_willing to_drink_them and_he_poured_out ᴅᴏᴍ_them to/for_**YHWH**. 19 And_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_ _me from_god_of_my from_doing this_thing the_blood_of the_ _men the_these will_I_drink with_lives_of_their if/because with_lives_of_their they_brought_them and_not he_was_willing to_drink_them these_things the_three_of the_warriors they_ _did. 20 And_'Avshay the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) he[136] he_was the_chief_of the_three and_he he_wielded ᴅᴏᴍ spear_of_his on

131 **RV 11:4 · Cross-ref.** Josh 15:63; Jdg 1:21.

133 **LV 11:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ישולש/ה: (x-qere) יְשִׁישִׁלִּשׁ֥/ה': lemma_d/7991 c n_0.1 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_13eUm יְשִׁישִׁלִּשׁ֥/ה

134 **LV 11:13 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

135 **LV 11:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ואתי/ו: (x-qere) וַיָּאֵתִי֥/ו': lemma_c/183 morph_HC/Vtw3ms id_13yML וַיָּאֵתִי֥/ו

136 **LV 11:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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three hundred(s) slain and[137] a_name among_three. **21** More_
_than the_three by_twofold he_was_honoured and_he/it_was
to/for_them (into)_a_commander and_unto the_three not he_
_came. **22** Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) was_a_son_
_of a_man_of strength great_of deeds from Qaʋtsəʾēl he he_
_struck_down ᴅᴅᴍ the_two_of the_warrior[s] of_Mōʾāʋ and_he
he_went_down and_he_struck_down ᴅᴅᴍ the_lion in_the_
_middle of_the_pit in/on_day of_the_snow. **23** And_he he_
_struck_down ᴅᴅᴍ the_man (the)_from_
_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) a_man_of stature five by_cubit
and_was_in_the_hand_of the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) a_
_spear like_a_beam_of weavers and_he/it_descended to_him/it
with_club and_he_seized ᴅᴅᴍ the_spear from_the_hand_of the_
_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_he/it_killed_him/it with_
_his_own_of_spear. **24** These_things Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of
Yəhōyādāʿ he_did and_to/for_him/it a_name among_the_three
the_powerful/mighty(pl). **25** More_than the_thirty THERE_he
was_honoured he and_near/to the_three not he_came and_he_
_appointed_him Dāvid over bodyguard_of_his. **26** And_the_
_mighty_men_of (the)_strength(s) were_ʿAsāh-ʾēl the_brother_
_of Yōʾāʋ/(Joab) ʾElḥānān the_son_of Dōdō from_Bēyt- lehem.
27 Shammōt the_Hₐrōrī Ḥelets the_Pəlōnī. **28** ʿĪrāʾ the_son_of
ʿIqqēsh the_Təqōʿī ʾAvīʿezer the_ʿAnnətotī. **29** Ṣibkay the_
_Ḥushātī ʿĪlay the_ʾAḥōḥī. **30** Mahₐray the_Nəṭofātī Ḥēled the_
_son_of Baʿₐnāh the_Nəṭofātī. **31** ʾIttay the_son_of Rīʋay from_
_Gibeah of_the_descendants_of of_Binyāmīn Bənāʸᵃʰ the_
_Piʿātōnī. **32** Ḥūray from_the_wadis_of Gaʿash ʾAvīʾēl the_
_ʿArʋātī. **33** ʿAzmāvet the_Baḥₐrūmī ʾElyaḥbā ʾ the_Shaʿalʋonī.
34 The_sons_of Hāshēm the_Gizōnī
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shageh the_
_Hₐrārī. **35** ʾAḥīʾām the_son_of Sākār the_Hₐrārī ʾElīfāl the_son_
_of ʾŪr. **36** Ḥēfer the_Mekerathite ʾAḥiyʸᵃʰ the_Pəlōnī. **37** Ḥetsrō
the_Karməlī/(Carmelite) Naʿₐray the_son_of ʾEzbay.
38 Yōʾēl/(Joel) the_brother_of Nātān Miʋḥār the_son_of Hagrī.
39 Tseleq/(Zelek) the_ʿAmmōnī Naḥₐray the_Beerothite the_
_bearer of_the_armour(s)_of of_Yōʾāʋ the_son_of
Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah). **40** ʿĪrāʾ the_Yitrī/(Ithrite) Gārēʋ the_Yitrī.
41 Uriah the_Hittite Zāʋād the_son_of ʾAḥlay. **42** ʿAdīnāʾ the_
_son_of Shizāʾ the_Rəʾūʋēnite a_chief of_Rəʾūʋēnite[s] and_
_were_with_him thirty_warriors. **43** Ḥānān the_son_of Maʿₐkāh
and_Yōshāfāṭ/(Joshaphat) the_Mitnī. **44** ʿUzziyyāʾ the_
_ʿAshtərātī Shāmāʿ and[138] the_sons_of Ḥōtām the_ʿArōʿērite.
45 Yədīʿₐʾēl/(Jediael) the_son_of Shimrī and_Yōḥāʾ/(Joha)
his/its_brother the_Tiytsī. **46** ʾElīʾēl the_Maḥₐvīm and_
_Yərīʋay/(Jeribai) and_Yōshaʋʸᵃʰ/(Joshaviah) the_sons_of
ʾElnaʿam and_Yitmāh/(Ithmah) the_Mōʾāʋite. **47** ʾElīʾēl and_
_ʿŌʋēd and_Yaʿₐsiyʾēl/(Jaasiel) the_Mətsoʋāʸᵃʰ.
12:1 And_these the_(ones_who)_went to Dāvid to_
_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) still he_was_kept_back from_face/in_front_of
Shāʾūl/(Saul) the_son_of Qīsh and_they were_among_warriors
who_helped_of the_war. **2** They_were_equipped_of bow using_
_right_hand and_using_left_hand with_stones and_with_arrows
with_bow some_of_the_relatives_of Shāʾūl from_Binyāmīn.

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three. He'd killed three hundred people with his spear and had a reputation among the three.[132] **21** He was honoured more than the other two and became the leader of that second group of three, but didn't enter the first Three.

22 Yehoyada's son Benayah from Kavtse'el was a powerful warrior who did amazing things. He struck down Ariel's two sons from Moav (Moab). Another time, he climbed down into a pit on a snowy day and killed the lion that was trapped in the pit. **23** He also killed a huge Mitsri (Egyptian) man—well over two metres tall. The Mitsri was carrying a spear like a weaver's beam, but Benayah went down to take him on with a staff. He forced the spear from the Mitsri's grasp, and then killed him with it. **24** So that was what Benayah (Yehoyada's son) did that gave him a reputation among the three powerful warriors. **25** Actually, he was honoured more than the Thirty, yet he didn't make it to the first Three, but David appointed him to have authority over his bodyguards.

26 These are the names of the powerful warriors: Asahel (Yoav's brother), Elhanan (Dodo's son from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)), **27** Shamot (from Haror), Helets (from Pelon), **28** Ira (Ikesh's son from Tekoa), Aviezer (from Anatot), **29** Sibkay (from Hushah), Ilay (from Ahoh), **30** Maharay (from Netofah), Heled (Ba'anah's son from Netofah), **31** Itay (Rivay's son from Giveah, which belonged to Benyamin's descendants), Benayah (from Pireaton), **32** Huray (from the valleys near Mt. Ga'ash), Aviel (from Aravah), **33** Azmavet (from Baharum), Elyahba (from Shaalvon), **34** Hashem's sons (from Gizon), Yonatan (Jonathan) (Shageh's son from Harar), **35** Ahiam (Sakar's son from Harar), Elifal (Ur's son), **36** Hefer (from Mekerat), Ahiyah (from Pelon), **37** Hetsro (from Karmel), Na'aray (Ezbay's son), **38** Yoel (Joel) (Natan's (Nathan's) brother), Mivhar (Hagri's son), **39** Tselek (the Amoni), Naharay (from Be'erot, armour bearer for Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab)), **40** Ira (the Yitri), Garev (the Yitri), **41** Uriyah (Bat-Sheva's (Bathsheba's) husband the Hiti), Zavad (Ahlay's son), **42** Adina (Shiza's son from the tribe of Re'uven, a leader from that tribe who had thirty soldiers with him), **43** Hanan (Ma'akah's son), Yoshafat (from Mithna), **44** Uziya (from Ashterat), Shama and Yeiel (Hotam's sons from Aroer), **45** Yedieael (Shimri's son) and his brother Yoha (from Tiz), **46** Eliel (from Mahavah), Yerivay and Yoshavyah (Elna'am's sons), Yitmah (from Moav (Moab)), **47** Eliel and Oved, and Ya'asiyel (from Tsovah).

The heroes accompanied to David · Full kingdom

12:1 These were the men who joined David in Tsiklag, when he was banished from Kish's son Sha'ul's (Saul's) presence. (They were among the warriors who assisted David in battle **2** armed with bows. Some used slings right-handed and some

132 RV 11:20 · Note This seems unexpectedly similar to verse 11 and might possibly indicate some confusion in the early records.

137 LV 11:20 · Note OSHB variant note: אל/ו: (x-qere) ו/ל/ו: lemma_c/l morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_13WV1 ו/ל/ו

138 LV 11:44 · Note OSHB variant note: לאועי/ו: (x-qere) ו/לְאִיעִי/ו: lemma_c/3273 n_0.1 morph_HC/Np id_13JnZ ו/לְאִיעִי/ו

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left-handed, as well as shooting arrows with a bow. They were from the Benyamin tribe, Sha'ul's relatives.) **3** Their leader was Ahiezer, then next was Yoash, both Shema'ah's sons from Giveah city. Others were: Yeziel and Pelet (Azmavet's sons), Berakah, Yehu (Jehu) (from Anatot city), **4** Yishmaeyah (from Giveon city, who was the leader of the thirty greatest warriors), Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), Yahaziel, Yohanan, Yozavad (from Gederah city), **5** Eleuzay, Yerimot, Be'alyah, Shemaryah, Shefatyah (from Haruf city), **6** Elkanah, Yishiyah, Azarel, Yoezer, and Yashaveam (all Korah's descendants), **7** and Yoelah and Zevadyah (Yeroham's sons, from Gedor city).

8 Some Gadim joined David at the wilderness fortress. They were very strong army warriors, ready for battle with shields and spears. Their faces were fierce like lions, but they could run across the hills like gazelles. **9** Their leader was Ezer, then Ovadyah (Obadiah), then Eliav. **10** Next was Mishmanah, then Yirmiyah, **11** Atay, Eliel, **12** Yohanan, Elzavad, **13** another Yirmiyah, then the eleventh was Makbanay.

14 Those men from the Gad tribe were army leaders—each leading somewhere between a hundred and a thousand men. **15** They crossed to the west side of the Yarden (Jordan) River during the spring, at the time of the year when the river floods. They drove out all the people who lived in the valleys on both sides of the river.

16 Some other men from the tribes of Benyamin and Yehudah (Judah) also went to David in his fortress. **17** David went out of the cave to meet them, and he told them: "If you've come to me in peace, to help me, then I'll be happy to cooperate with you men. But if you men plan to betray me to my enemies even though I've done you no harm, may the god of our ancestors see your motives and judge."

18 Then the spirit empowered Amasay, the head of the thirty,

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3 The_chief 'Aḥī'ezer and_Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_sons_of (the)_ _Shəmā'āh the_Giv'ātī and[139] and_Peleṭ the_sons_of 'Azmāvet and_Bərākāh and_Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_'Annətotī. **4** And_ _Yishma'^{yāh}/(Ishmaiah) the_Giv'ōnite a_mighty_man among_ _thirty and_over the_thirty. **5** [140] And_Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) and_Yaḥ$_a$zī'^{ēl}/(Jahaziel) and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) and_ _Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) the_Gədērātī. **6** [141] 'El'ūzay and_ _Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) and_Bə'al^{yāh} and_Shəmar^{yāh} and_Shəfaṭ^{yāh} the[142]. **7** [143] 'Elqānāh and_Yishshiy^{yāh}/(Isshiah) and_'Azar'^{ēl} and_Yō'ezer/(Joezer) and_Yāshov'ām/(Jashobeam) the_ _Qoraḥites. **8** [144] And_Yō'ē'lāh/(Joelah) and_Zəv'ad^{yāh} the_sons_ _of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) from (the)_Gədor. **9** [145] And_from the_ _Gādī[s] they_separated_themselves to Dāvid to_stronghold wilderness_towards_the the_mighty_men_of (the)_strength men_of war for_battle who_deployed_of (of)_shield and_spear and_were_faces_of a_lion faces_of_their and_like_gazelles on the_mountains to_hastening. **10** [146] 'Ēzer was_the_chief 'Ov'ad^{yāh} the_second 'Elī'āv was_the_third. **11** [147] Mishmā'nnah the_fourth Yirmə^{yāh} was_the_fifth. **12** [148] 'Attay the_sixth 'Elī'^{ēl} was_the_seventh. **13** [149] Yōḥānān was_the_eighth 'Elzāvād was_ _the_ninth. **14** [150] Yirmə^{yāh} was_the_tenth Machbannai was_ _the_one_plus_of ten. **15** [151] These from_(the)_sons of_Gād were_the_chiefs_of the_army was_one to_a_hundred the_little and_the_great was_one_to_a_thousand. **16** [152] These were_they who they_passed_over ĐOM the_Yardēn/(Jordan) in_month (the)_first and_he was_overflowing over all_of its[153] and_they_ _put_to_flight ĐOM all_of the_valleys to_east and_to_west. **17** [154] And_ some_of the_descendants_of Binyāmīn and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) _they_came to to_stronghold to_Dāvid. **18** [155] And_ Dāvid _he/it_went_out before_them and_he_ _answered and_he/it_said to/for_them if to_peace you(pl)_ _have_come to_me to_help_me it_will_belong to/for_me towards_you(pl) a_heart for_unity and_if to_betray_me to_foes_ _of_my with_not violence in_palms_of_my the_god_of our_ _ancestors_of_our may_he_see and_may_he_judge. **19** [156] And_ _spirit it_clothed ĐOM 'Amāsā'i the_chief_of the[157] to/for_

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139 LV 12:3 · Note OSHB variant note: לאוזי/ו: (x-qere) 'לְאִיזִי/ו': lemma_c/3149 morph_HC/Np id_13cLd לְאִיזִי/ו

140 LV 12:5 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.4

141 LV 12:6 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.5

142 LV 12:6 · Note OSHB variant note: יפירח/ה: (x-qere) 'יְפוּרֵחַ/ה': lemma_d/2741 n_0 morph_HTd/Ngmsa id_13FpW יְפוּרֵחַ/ה

143 LV 12:7 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.6

144 LV 12:8 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.7

145 LV 12:9 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.8

146 LV 12:10 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.9

147 LV 12:11 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.10

148 LV 12:12 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.11

149 LV 12:13 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.12

150 LV 12:14 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.13

151 LV 12:15 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.14

152 LV 12:16 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.15

153 LV 12:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יתידג/ו: (x-qere) 'יְתוּדְגִ/ו': lemma_1415 n_1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_13hNu יְתוּדְגִ/ו

154 LV 12:17 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.16

155 LV 12:18 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.17

156 LV 12:19 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.18

157 LV 12:19 · Note OSHB variant note: הישולש/ה: (x-qere) 'הַשִּׁלְשִׁ/ה': lemma_d/7970 n_1.3 morph_HTd/Acbpa id_13icS הַשִּׁלְשִׁ/ה

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_yourself(m) Oh_Dāvid and_with_you Oh_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) peace peace to/for_yourself(m) and_peace be_to_the_one_of_ _who_helps_you if/because he_has_helped_you god_of_your and_he_accepted_them Dāvid and_he_appointed_them (in)_ _the_chiefs_of the_marauding_band. **20** [158] And_some_of_ _Mənashsheh they_fell on Dāvid when_went_he with the_ _Pəlishtiy on Shā'ūl/(Saul) for_battle and_not they_helped_ _them if/because by_plan they_sent_him_away the_rulers_of the_Pəlishtiy to_say by_heads_of_our he_will_fall to master(s)_ _of_his Shā'ūl. **21** [159] When_went_he to Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) they_ _fell on/upon/above_him/it from_Mənashsheh Adnach and_ _Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) and_Yədi'$_a$'^{ēl}/(Jediael) and_Mīkā'^{ēl} and_ _Yōzāvād and_'Elīhū and_Tsillətay/(Zillethai) the_chiefs_of the_thousands who belonged_to_Mənashsheh. **22** [160] And_they they_helped with Dāvid on the_marauding_band[s] if/because were_mighty_men_of strength of_them_of_all and_they_were commanders in_army. **23** [161] If/because to_a_time_of a_day in/on_day they_came to Dāvid to_help_him until to_a_camp great like_the_camp_of god. **24** [162] And_these are_the_numbers_ _of the_chiefs_of the_man_equipped for_war who_they_came to Dāvid to_Ḥevrōn to_turn_over the_kingdom_of Shā'ūl to_ _him/it according_to_the_mouth_of **YHWH**. **25** [163] The_ _descendants_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_bore_of (of)_shield and_spear were_six_of thousand(s) and_eight hundred(s) men_ _equipped_of war. **26** [164] Of the_descendants_of Shim'ōn mighty_men_of strength for_war seven_of thousand(s) and_ _one_hundred. **27** [165] Of the_descendants_of the_Lēviyyiy[s] four_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s). **28** [166] And_ _Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_leader of_'Ah$_a$ron and_were_with_ _him three_of thousand(s) and_seven hundred(s). **29** [167] And_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) a_young_man mighty_of strength and_the_ _house_of his/its_father commanders twenty and_two. **30** [168] And_from the_descendants_of Binyāmīn the_relatives_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) three_of thousand(s) and_unto now part_of_ _their_greater were_keeping the_duty_of the_house_of Shā'ūl. **31** [169] And_from the_descendants_of 'Efrayim were_twenty thousand and_eight hundred(s) were_mighty_men_of strength men_of names_of_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their. **32** [170] And_of_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh eight- teen thousand who they_had_been_designated by_names to_come to_make_king ~~DOM~~ Dāvid. **33** [171] And_of_the_descendants_of

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and he said: "To you, David, and with you, son of Yishay (Jesse): peace. Peace to you and peace to the one who helps you, because your god has helped you." And David received them and appointed them as the heads of the troop.

19 Some men from Menasheh (Manasseh) joined David when he accompanied the Pelishtim to battle against King Sha'ul (Saul). (But David and his men didn't help the Pelishtim, because the Pelishtim' governors were advised to send them away, as there was a worry that David would feel loyal to his former master, and hence turn on them.) **20** As David was going to Tsiklag, the following men from Menasheh joined him: Adnah, Yozavad, Yedieael, Mika'el (Michael), another Yozavad, Elihu, and Tsiletay—the captains of units of thousands from Menasheh. **21** They helped David stand against bands of raiders, because they were all powerful warriors and military leaders. **22** Every day more men joined David to help him, until his army became very large, like the Israeli people group itself.

23 The following are the numbers of the leaders of those equipped for war. They came to David at Hevron to help him obtain Sha'ul's kingdom as Yahweh had promised.

24 From Yehudah (Judah): 6,800 warriors ready for battle with shields and spears.

25 From Shim'on (Simeon): 7,100 powerful warriors ready for battle.

26 From Levi: 4,600.

27 Yehoyada (a leader descended from Aharon (Aaron)) brought 3,700 with him.

28 Tsadok, a strong young man, brought twenty-two leaders from his clan.

29 From Benyamin (Sha'ul's (Saul's) tribe): 3,000 (most of whom had previously served King Sha'ul).

30 From Efrayim (Ephraim): 20,800 powerful warriors who were admired within their own clans.

31 From the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh): 18,000 who were known by name came to make David king.

32 From Yisakar (Issachar): 200 leaders (with a good understanding of the times and the right thing to do) along with their

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158 LV 12:20 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.19
159 LV 12:21 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.20
160 LV 12:22 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.21
161 LV 12:23 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.22
162 LV 12:24 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.23
163 LV 12:25 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.24
164 LV 12:26 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.25
165 LV 12:27 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.26
166 LV 12:28 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.27
167 LV 12:29 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.28
168 LV 12:30 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.29
169 LV 12:31 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.30
170 LV 12:32 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.31
171 LV 12:33 · Note Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.32

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relatives that they commanded.

33 From Zevulun: 50,000 experienced warriors with each kind of weapon, and stoic in attitude, yet loyal.

34 From Naftali (Naphtali): 1,000 officers, along with 37,000 men carrying shields and spears.

35 From Dan: 28,600 men prepared for battle.

36 From Asher: 40,000 warriors prepared for battle.

37 From Re'uven, Gad, and the Menasheh (Manasseh) half-tribe across the Yarden (Jordan) river: 120,000 men armed with all kinds of weapons.

38 All those enthusiastic and capable warriors came to Hevron to make David king over all of Yisrael (Israel). The rest of Yisrael was also united in wanting to make David king. **39** They were there with David three days, eating and drinking, because their families had sent provisions with them. **40** Also, people who lived near that area (even as far as the tribal areas belonging to Yisakar (Issachar), Zevulun, and Naftali (Naphtali)) were bringing bread on donkeys and camels, and on mules and on oxen: plentiful supplies of flour, fig cakes, raisin cakes, wine, and oil, as well as oxen and sheep, because Yisrael was celebrating.

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13:1 One day David consulted with all his leaders—the commanders of thousands and of hundreds. **2** David said to the whole Israeli assembly, "If it sounds good to you, and to our god Yahweh, let's spread out to all our different regions to recruit our relatives, along with the priests and the Levites in the cities among their pasturelands, so they can join us. **3** And let's return our god's box back here, because we didn't use it to ask God for guidance in Sha'ul's (Saul's) time." **4** All the assembled people agreed because everyone could see that it was the right thing to do.

5 So David assembled all of Yisrael (Israel), from everywhere from the Shihor river down in Mitsrayim (Egypt) to as far north as Levo-Hamat, to bring in God's box from Kiryat-Yearim.[181] **6** Then David and all of Yisrael went to Kiryat-Yearim (also known as Ba'alah, in Yehudah (Judah)), to bring up from there

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Issachar who_knew_of (of)_understanding of_times to_know what Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) will_it_do chiefs_of_their were_two_ _hundred and_all relatives_of_their were_on mouth_of_their. **34** [172] Of_Zəvūlūn those_who_go_forth_of war those_who_ _prepare_of battle in_all weapons_of war were_fifty thousand and_to_help with_not a_heart and_a_heart. **35** [173] And_of_ _Naftālī commanders one_thousand and_were_with_them with_shield and_spear thirty and_seven thousand. **36** [174] And_ _from the_Danite[s] those_who_prepare_of battle were_twenty and_eight thousand and_six hundred(s). **37** [175] And_of_'Āshēr those_who_go_forth_of war to_deploy battle were_forty thousand. **38** [176] And_from_the_other_side of_Yardēn/(Jordan) of the_Rə'ūvēnite[s] and_the_Gādī[s] and_the_half_of the_ _tribe_of Mənashsheh with_all_of weapons_of war_of battle one_hundred and_twenty thousand. **39** [177] All_of these men_of war who_helped_of a_battle_line with_a_heart complete they_ _came to_Ḥevrōn to_make_king ~~DOM~~ Dāvid over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_also all_of the_remainder_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_heart one to_make_king ~~DOM~~ Dāvid. **40** [178] And_they_were there with Dāvid days three eating and_ _drinking if/because they_had_prepared to/for_them relatives_ _of_their. **41** [179] And_also the_people_near to_them to Issachar and_Zəvūlūn and_Naftali were_bringing food on_donkeys and_ _on_camels and_on_mules and_on_ox[en] food flour fig_cakes and_bunches_of_raisins and_wine and_oil and_ox[en] and_ _sheep to_increase_in_number if/because joy was_in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

13:1 And_ Dāvid _he_consulted with the_commanders_of the_ _thousands and_the_hundreds to/from_all/each/any/every leader. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_all/each/any/every the_ _assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if is_on_you(pl) good and_from **YHWH** god_of_our let_us_spread_out let_us_send to countrymen_of_our who_remain in_all_of the_lands_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_with_them the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy in_the_cities_of their_pasture_lands_of_their so_that_they_ _may_gather_together to_us. **3** And_let_us_bring_round ~~DOM~~ the_box_of our_god_of_our to_us if/because not we_sought_it in_the_days_of Shā'ūl/(Saul). **4** And_ all_of the_assembly _they_ _said for_doing thus if/because the_matter it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of all_of the_people. **5** And_ Dāvid _he_ _assembled ~~DOM~~ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from Shiyḥōr of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_unto Ləvō' Ḥₐmāt to_bring ~~DOM~~ the_ _box_of the_'Elohīm from_Qiryat- yə'ārīm/(jearim). **6** And_ Dāvid and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended to_Baₐlāh to Qiryat Yə'ārīm/(Jearim) which belongs_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)

172 **LV 12:34 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.33
173 **LV 12:35 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.34
174 **LV 12:36 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.35
175 **LV 12:37 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.36
176 **LV 12:38 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.37
177 **LV 12:39 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.38
178 **LV 12:40 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.39
179 **LV 12:41 · Note** Note: KJB: 1Chr.12.40
180 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 6:1-11
181 **RV 13:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 7:1-2.

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to_bring_up from_there ~~ÐOM~~ the_box_of the_'Elohīm **YHWH** who_sits the_cherubim which a_name it_is_called. **7** And_they_ _made_to_ride ~~ÐOM~~ the_box_of the_'Elohīm on a_cart new from_the_house_of 'Avīnādāv and_ʹUzzā' and_'Aḥyō were_ _leading (in)_cart. **8** And_Dāvid and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_ _playing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm in_all strength and_on_songs and_on_harps and_on_lyres and_on_ _tambourines and_on_cymbals and_on_trumpets. **9** And_they_ _came to the_threshing_floor_of Kīdōn and_ ʹUzzā' _he_ _stretched_out ~~ÐOM~~ his/its_hand to_take_hold_of ~~ÐOM~~ the_box if/because the_ox[en] they_had_stumbled. **10** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_ʹUzzā' and_he_struck_him_ _down on that he_had_stretched_out his/its_hand on the_box and_he/it_died there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god. **11** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Dāvid if/because **YHWH** he_had_ _broken_out a_breaking_out against_ʹUzzā' and_he/it_called (to)_place (the)_that Perets ʹUzzā' until the_day (the)_this. **12** And_ Dāvid _he_feared ~~ÐOM~~ the_'Elohīm in_the_day (the)_ _that to_say how will_I_bring to_me ~~ÐOM~~ the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm. **13** And_not Dāvid he_turned_aside ~~ÐOM~~ the_box to_ _him/it to the_city_of Dāvid and_he_took_it_aside to the_ _house_of ʹŌvēd- 'Edōm the_Gittiy. **14** And_ the_box_of the_ _'Elohīm _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived with the_ _household_of ʹŌvēd- 'Edōm in_house_of_his three months and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed ~~ÐOM~~ the_household_of ʹŌvēd- 'Edōm and_~~ÐOM~~ all_of that to_him/it.

14:1 And_he_sent Ḥūrām[185] the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) messengers to Dāvid and_wood(s)_of cedars and_craftsmen_of a_wall and_craftsmen_of wood(s) to_build to_him/it a_house. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_knew if/because_that he_had_appointed_ _him **YHWH** to_king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because_that was_ _exalted (to)_upwards his/its_kingdom in_account_of people_ _of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took again wives in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Dāvid _he/it_fathered again sons and_daughters. **4** And_these are_the_names_of the_ones_ _born who they_belonged to_him/it in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Shammūʿa and_Shōvāv Nātān and_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **5** And_Yāvəḥar/(Ibhar) and_'Elīshūʿa and_'Elīfeleṭ. **6** And_Nogah and_Nefeg and_Yāfīʿa/(Japhia). **7** And_'Elīshāʿma and_Bəʿelyādāʿ and_'Elīfeleṭ.

8 And_ the_Pəlishtiy _they_heard if/because_that Dāvid he_ _had_been_anointed to_king over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ all_of the_Pəlishtiy _they_went_up to_seek ~~ÐOM~~ Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_listened and_he/it_went_out before_them. **9** And_ _the_Pəlishtiy they_had_come and_they_had_made_a_raid in_ _the_valley_of Rəfā'īm. **10** And_ Dāvid _he_enquired by_god to_ _say will_I_go_up on the_Pəlishtiy[188] and_will_you(pl)_give_ _them in_hand_of_my and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** go_up and_I_will_give_them in_hand_of_your. **11** And_they_went_up

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the box of God Yahweh who sits over the winged creatures.[182] The box is used when calling his name to request help. **7** They transported God's box on a new cart from Avinadav's house, and Uza and Ahyo were leading the cart, **8** and David and all of Yisrael were celebrating in front of God with all their energy, with songs, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.

9 However, just as they were passing Kidon's threshing floor, the oxen stumbled and Uza reached out to steady the box. **10** That made Yahweh very angry with Uza, and he struck him down because he'd reached out to touch the box, and he died right there in front of God. **11** That in turn made David angry because Yahweh had burst out against Uza, and he named that place Perets-Uza (which means 'outburst against Uza'), which it's still called, to this day.

12 David was afraid of God that day and asked himself, "How can I possibly bring God's box to where I am in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?" **13** So David gave up on bringing the box to where he was in the city of David, and instead he took it into the nearby house belonging to Oved-Edom the Giti. **14** So God's box stayed at Oved-Edom's house for three months, and Yahweh blessed Oved-Edom's home and everything that belonged to him.[183]

David 'expansion' in Yerushalem · Full kingdom[184]

14:1 One day King Huram from Tsor (Tyre) sent messengers to David, along with cedar timber and stone masons and carpenters to build a house for him. **2** By then David had realised that Yahweh had established him as king over Yisrael (Israel)—that his kingdom was being made more prominent for the sake of Yahweh's people Yisrael.

3 Then David took more wives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and he fathered more sons and daughters. **4** These are his children who were born there in Yerushalem: Shamua, Shovav, Natan (Nathan), Shelomoh (Solomon), **5** Yavehar, Elishua, Elifelet, **6** Nogah, Nefeg, Yafia, **7** Elishama, Be'elyada, and Elifelet.

The defeat of the Pelishtim · Full kingdom[186]

8 When the Pelishtim heard that David had been anointed as king over all of Yisrael (Israel), the entire Pelishti army went up into the hill country to eliminate him. David got this news and took his army out to meet them. **9** Meanwhile, the Pelishtim went and raided the Refaim valley, **10** and David asked God, "Should I take on the Pelishtim, and will you give me victory over them?"

182 **RV 13:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:22.

183 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 26:4-5.

184 **RV 14:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 2:11-16

185 **LV 14:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: מריח: (x-qere) 'רוּחָ': lemma_2438 morph_HNp id_13WLs רוּחָ

186 **RV 14:8 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 5:17-25

188 **LV 14:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: מייתשלפ: (x-qere) 'תְּשֻׁלְפִ': lemma_6430 n_1.1 morph_HNgmpa id_13XTu תְּשֻׁלְפִ

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"Go ahead," Yahweh answered, "and I'll enable you to defeat them."

11 Then they[187] went up to what's now called Ba'al-Peratsim, and David defeated them down there. David said, "God has used me to break through my enemies like a flooded river breaking a dam." Therefore they named that place Ba'al-Peratsim (which means 'the master bursts through'). **12** The Pelishtim abandoned their idols as they fled, and David ordered them to be burnt.

13 But soon the Pelishtim raided the valley again, **14** and David asked God's advice again. "Don't go uphill after them," God said, "but circle around them and confront them in front of the balsam trees. **15** When you hear the sound of the marching in the tops of the balsam trees, that's when you should attack, because God will have gone out ahead of you to strike down the Pelishti army." **16** So David did just as God had told him, and he attacked the Pelishtim from Giveon all the way to Gezer. **17** So David's reputation spread everywhere, and Yahweh caused the other nations to be afraid of him.

Moving the box containing the agreement · Full kingdom

15:1 David constructed houses for his wives in the city of David. He also prepared a place for God's sacred box and erected a tent for it. **2** Then David ordered, "Only the Levites are allowed to carry God's box, because Yahweh chose them to carry the box and to minister for him forever."[189] **3** David assembled all of Yisrael (Israel) in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to bring Yahweh's box uphill there to the place that he'd prepared for it. **4** Then he summoned Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants and these Levites:

5 From Kohat's descendants (Levi's second son): Uriel the leader and 120 of his relatives.

6 From Merari's descendants (Levi's third son): Asayah the leader and 220 of his relatives.

7 From Gereshon's descendants (Levi's eldest son): Yoel (Joel) the leader and 130 of his relatives.

8 From Elitsafan's descendants: Shemayah the leader and 200 of his relatives.

9 From Hevron's descendants: Eliel the leader and eighty of his relatives.

10 From Uziel's descendants: Aminadav the leader and 112 of his relatives.

11 David summoned the priests Tsadok and Evyatar and these Levites: Uriel, Asayah, Yoel, Shemayah, Eliel, and Aminadav. **12** He told them, "You are the heads of the Levite clans. Consecrate yourselves, you and your relatives, and bring Yisrael's god Yahweh's box up to where I've prepared a place for it. **13** The first time we tried, it wasn't you Levites, so our god Yahweh burst out against us because we hadn't requested his instruc-

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in_Ba'al- pərātsīm and_he_defeated_them there Dāvid and_ Dāvid _he/it_said the_'Elohīm he_has_broken_through ~~ĐOM~~ enemies_of_my by_hand_of_my like_a_breaking_out_of water therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that Ba'al Pərātsīm. **12** And_they_abandoned there ~~ĐOM~~ gods_of_their and_ Dāvid _he/it_said and_they_were_burnt with_fire. **13** And_they_repeated again the_Pəlishtiy and_they_ _made_a_raid in_valley. **14** And_he_enquired again Dāvid by_ _god and_he/it_said to_him/it the_'Elohīm not you_must_go_ _up after_them go_around from_on_them and_you_will_come to/for_them from_in_front_of the_balsam_trees. **15** And_let_it_ _be just_as_you_hear ~~ĐOM~~ the_sound_of (the)_marching in_the_ _tops_of the_balsam_trees then you_will_go_out in_battle if/because the_'Elohīm he_has_gone_out to_your_face to_attack ~~ĐOM~~ the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy. **16** And_ Dāvid _he/it_made just_as he_had_commanded_him the_'Elohīm and_they_ _defeated ~~ĐOM~~ the_camp_of the_Pəlishtiy from_Giv'ōn and_ _unto (to)_Gezer. **17** And_ the_name_of Dāvid _he/it_went_out in_all the_lands and_**YHWH** he_put ~~ĐOM~~ of_him_of_dread on all_of the_nations.

15:1 And_he_made to_him/it houses in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ _he_prepared a_place for_the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_he_ _pitched to_him/it a_tent. **2** Then Dāvid he_said not to_carry ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of the_'Elohīm if/because (if) the_Lēviyyiy if/because (in)_them **YHWH** he_had_chosen to_carry ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _box_of **YHWH** and_to_serve_him until perpetuity. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_assembled ~~ĐOM~~ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of **YHWH** to place_of_its which he_had_prepared to_him/it. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_gathered ~~ĐOM~~ the_descendants_of 'Aha_ron and_~~ĐOM~~ the_ _Lēviyyiy. **5** Of_the_descendants_of Qəhāt 'Ūrī'ēl the_leader and_ _relatives_of_his one_hundred and_twenty. **6** Of_the_ _descendants_of Mərārī 'Asāyāh the_leader and_relatives_of_his two_hundred and_twenty. **7** Of_the_descendants_of Gērəshom Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_leader and_relatives_of_his one_hundred and_ _thirty. **8** Of_the_descendants_of 'Elitsāfān Shəma'yāh the_leader and_relatives_of_his two_hundred. **9** Of_the_descendants_of Ḥevrōn 'Elī'ēl the_leader and_relatives_of_his eighty. **10** Of_the_ _descendants_of 'Uzziy'ēl 'Amminādāv the_leader and_ _relatives_of_his one_hundred and_two_plus ten. **11** And_ Dāvid _he/it_called (to)_Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_(to)_'Evyātār the_ _priests and_(to)_Lēviyyiy (to)_'Ūrī'ēl 'Asāyāh and_Yō'ēl/(Joel) Shəma'yāh and_'Elī'ēl and_'Amminādāv. **12** And_he/it_said to/for_them you(pl) are_the_heads_of the_fathers of_Lēviyyiy you(pl) and_relatives_of_your(pl) consecrate_yourselves and_ _you(pl)_will_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to where_I_have_prepared to_him/it. **13** If/because to_what at_time[191] not you(pl) **YHWH** god_of_our he_burst_out against_us if/because not we_sought_him according_the_ordinance. **14** And_ the_priests and_the_ _Lēviyyiy _they_consecrated_themselves to_bring_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _box_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_ the_ _descendants_of the_Lēviyyiy _they_carried ~~ĐOM~~ the_box_of

187 RV 14:11 · Note It's not clear who's being referred to here.

189 RV 15:2 · Cross-ref. Deu 10:8.

191 LV 15:13 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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the_'Elohīm just_as Mosheh he_had_commanded according_to_
_the_message_of **YHWH** on_shoulder_of_their with_poles on_
them. **16** And Dāvid _he/it_said to_the_leaders_of the_
_Lēviyyiy to_appoint ÐOM relatives_of_their the_singers with_
_instruments_of song lyres and_harps and_cymbals sounding_
_aloud to_raise (in)_a_sound of_joy. **17** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_
_appointed ÐOM Hēymān the_son_of Yō'ēl/(Joel) and_from
relatives_of_his 'Āṣāf the_son_of Berekʸāh and_from the_
_descendants_of Mərārī relatives_of_their 'Ēytān the_son_of
Qūshāʸāhū. **18** And_with_them relatives_of_their the_second_in_
_rank Zəkarʸāh Bēn and_Ya'ₐzī'ēl/(Jaaziel) and_Shəmīrāmōt and_
Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and'Unniy 'Elī'āv and_Bənāʸāh and_Ma'ₐsēʸāh
and_Mattitʸāh and_'Elīfəlēhū and_Miqnēʸāhū and_'Ōvēd-
'ₑdōm and_Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) the_gatekeepers. **19** And_the_singers Hēymān
'Āṣāf and_'Ēytān with_cymbals bronze to_sound_aloud. **20** And_
Zəkarʸāh and'Azī'ēl and_Shəmīrāmōt and_Yəḥī'ēl and_'Unniy
and_'Elī'āv and_Ma'ₐsēʸāh and_Bənāʸāh with_lyres on alamoth.
21 And_Mattitʸāh and_'Elīfəlēhū and_Miqnēʸāhū and_'Ōvēd-
'ₑdōm and_Yə'ī'ēl and_'Azazʸāhū with_harps on the_shəmīnīt to_
_act_as_overseers. **22** And_Kənanʸāh the_leader_of the_Lēviyyiy
in_a_lifting_up an_instructor in_up if/because he was_
_understanding. **23** And_Berekʸāh and_'Elqānāh gatekeepers
for_box. **24** And_Shəvanʸāh and_Yōshāfāṭ/(Joshaphat) and_
Nətan'ēl and'Amāsā'i and_Zəkarʸāh and_Bənāʸāh and_'Elī'ezer
the_priests who_blew_a_trumpet[192] on_trumpets to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_'Ōvēd-
'ₑdōm and_Yəḥiyʸāh/(Jehiah) gatekeepers for_box. **25** And_
Dāvid and_the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_leaders_of
the_thousands _he/it_was were_the_ones_who_went to_bring_
_up ÐOM the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** from the_house_of
'Ōvēd- 'Edōm with_joy. **26** And_he/it_was because_ the_'Elohīm
_helped ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy who_were_carrying_of (of)_the_box_
_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_they_sacrificed seven young_
_bulls and_seven rams. **27** And_Dāvid was_wrapped in_a_robe_
_of fine_linen and_all the_Lēviyyiy who_were_carrying ÐOM
the_box and_the_singers and_Kənanʸāh the_leader the_lifting_
_up the_singers and_was_on Dāvid an_ephod_of linen. **28** And_
_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_bringing_up ÐOM the_box_of the_
_covenant_of **YHWH** with_a_shout and_with_the_sound_of a_
_ram's_horn and_with_trumpets and_with_cymbals sounding_
_aloud with_lyres and_harps. **29** And_he/it_was the_box_of the_
_covenant_of **YHWH** was_coming to the_city_of Dāvid and_
_Mīkāl the_daughter_of Shā'ūl/(Saul) she_looked_down
through the_window and_she/it_saw ÐOM the_king Dāvid
leaping_about and_making_merry and_she_despised to_him/it
in_heart_of_her.

16:1 And_they_brought ÐOM the_box_of the_'Elohīm and_they_
_set ÐOM_him/it in_the_middle of_the_tent which he_had_
_pitched to_him/it Dāvid and_they_brought_near burnt_
_offerings and_peace_offerings to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
of/before the'Elohīm. **2** And_ Dāvid _they_were_
_ended/finished from_offering_up the_burnt_offering and_the_
_peace_offerings and_he/it_blessed ÐOM the_people in/on_

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tion."

14 So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh's sacred box. **15** Then, following Yahweh's instructions as given to Mosheh (Moses), Levi's descendants carried God's sacred box with its poles on their shoulders.[190]

16 Meanwhile, David instructed the Levite leaders to assign their brothers as the singers, with accompanying instruments—harps, lyres, and cymbals—playing to raise a sound of celebration. **17** The Levites assigned Yoel's son Heyman and his relative Asaf (son of Berekyah) and Eytan (Kushayah's son, a descendant of Merari), **18** along with their Levite cousins: Zekaryah (Zechariah), Ben, Ya'aziel, Shemiramot, Yehiel, Uni, Eliav, Benayah, Ma'aseyah, Matityah, Elifelehu, Mikneyah, and two of the temple gatekeepers, Oved-Edom and Yeiel. **19** Heyman, Asaf, and Eytan sang and also played bronze cymbals. **20** Zekaryah, Aziel, Shemiramot, Yehiel, Uni, Eliav, Ma'aseyah, and Benayah played harps in a certain musical style. **21** Matityah, Elifelehu, Mikneyah, Oved-Edom, Yeiel, and Azazyah played lyres in a different musical style.

22 Kenanyah, the leader of the musical Levites, directed the singing because he was very capable. **23** Berekyah and Elkanah were two of the men who guarded the sacred box. **24** The priests Shevanyah, Yoshafat, Netanel, Amasay, Zekaryah, Benayah, and Eliezer were the ones who blew trumpets in front of God's sacred box. Oved-Edom and Yehiyah also guarded the sacred box.

25 So David, the Israeli elders, and the top army commanders went to get the box containing Yahweh's agreement from Oved-Edom's house with much celebration. **26** Indeed, God helped the Levites carrying the box containing Yahweh's agreement, and they slaughtered seven bulls and seven rams. **27** David was wearing a fine-linen robe, and so were all the Levites carrying the box, and the singers, and the choir director Kenanyah. In addition, David wore a linen chestpiece. **28** So all of Yisrael (Israel) brought the box containing Yahweh's agreement up the hill with happy shouting, and with a sound of a ram's horn, and with trumpets and cymbals, along with the sound of harps and lyres.

29 As the box containing Yahweh's agreement was being brought inside the city of David, Mikal (Sha'ul's (Saul's) daughter) looked out the window and saw her husband, King David, dancing and celebrating, and she secretly despised him.

The sacred box is placed in the tent · Full kingdom

16:1 Then they brought in God's box and put it in the middle of the tent that David had erected for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings in front of God. **2** When David finished presenting the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in Yahweh's name. **3** Then he distributed a

190 RV 15:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 25:14.

192 LV 15:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **מירצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מִירְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 n_1.1.0 morph_HVhrmpa id_13r8i מִירְצָחַמ

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loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake to each man and woman in Yisrael (Israel).

4 Then David appointed some Levites to minister in front of Yahweh's box and to commemorate and to thank and to praise Yisrael's god Yahweh. **5** Asaf was their leader, with Zekaryah (Zechariah) as his assistant. The other Levites who helped were Yeiel, Shemiramot, Yehiel, Matityah, Eliav, Benayah, Oved-Edom, and Yeiel. They played harps and lyres, and Asaf played cymbals. **6** Benayah and Yahaziel the priests regularly blew trumpets in front of the box containing God's agreement.

A praise song · Full kingdom[193]

7 On that day David first gave Asaf and his helpers this song to praise Yahweh:

8 Give thanks to Yahweh and use his name when calling out for help.
→Tell all the other nations about what he's done for you Israelis.
9 Sing to him and make music to him.
→Tell everyone about all the wonderful things that he's done.
10 Boast about his untarnished reputation.
→Those who follow Yahweh should celebrate.
11 Ask Yahweh to help you and give you his strength.
Constantly ask for his direction.
12 Remember the wonderful things that he's done—
his miracles and how he punished those who deserved it.
13 You descendants of his servant Yisrael (Israel),
you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob), the one who he chose,
14 he is our god, Yahweh.
He judges the entire world.
15 Remember his agreement forever—
the instructions that he gave to a thousand generations,
16 the agreement that he made with Avraham,[194]
and his promise to Yitshak (Isaac).[195]
17 He established it as a law for Ya'akov (Jacob)[196]—
as an eternal agreement for Yisrael (Israel),
18 saying, "I'll give the Kena'an (Canaan) region to you—
your portion that will then be your inheritance."
19 When your ancestors were still a small group,
insignificant, and strangers in the land,
20 and they wandered back and forth from nation to nation,
and from one kingdom to another,
21 God didn't permit anyone to oppress them,
and he rebuked kings on their behalf:[197]

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_name_of **YHWH**. **3** And_he_distributed to/from_
_all/each/any/every (the)_person_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_man
and_unto woman to_each a_round_loaf_of bread and_a_
_date-cake and_a_raisin-cake. **4** And_he/it_gave to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of **YHWH** some_of the_
_Lēviyyiy servants and_to_make_remembrance and_to_give_
_thanks and_to_praise to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** 'Āṣāf was_the_chief and_was_second_of_his
Zəkaryāh Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) and_Shəmīrāmōt and_Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel)
and_Mattityāh and_'Elī'āv and_Bənāyāh and_'Ōvēd- 'edōm and_
_Yə'ī'ēl with_instruments_of lyres and_with_harps and_'Āṣāf
with_cymbals was_sounding_aloud. **6** And_Bənāyāh and_
_Yaḥazī'ēl/(Jahaziel) the_priests with_trumpets continually to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box_of the_covenant_of
the_'Elohīm.

7 In_the_day (the)_that then Dāvid he_appointed at_beginning
to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** by_the_hand_of 'Āṣāf and_
_relatives_of_his. **8** Give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** call on_name_of_
_his make_known among_peoples deeds_of_his. **9** Sing to_
_him/it sing_praises to_him/it tell in_all wonders_of_his.
10 Boast in/on_name_of his_holiness_of_his the_heart_of
those_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** let_it_rejoice. **11** Seek **YHWH**
and_strength_of_his seek face_of_his continually. **12** Remember
wonders_of_his which he_has_done signs_of_his and_the_
_judgements_of his_mouth_of_his. **13** Oh_offspring_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_his Oh_descendants_of
Ya'aqov/(Jacob) ones_of_his_chosen. **14** He is_**YHWH** god_of_
_our in_all the_earth/land judgements_of_his. **15** Remember
forever_perpetuity covenant_of_his the_message which_he_
_commanded for_a_thousand generation[s]. **16** Which he_made
with 'Avrāhām and_oath_of_his to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **17** And_he_
_confirmed_it to_Ya'aqov to_a_decree to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_
_covenant_of perpetuity. **18** To_say to/for_yourself(m) I_will_
_give the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) the_portion_of your_
_inheritance_of_your(pl). **19** When_were_you(pl) men_of
number like_a_little and_sojourning in_it. **20** And_they_went_
_about from_nation to nation and_from_a_kingdom to a_people
another. **21** Not he_permitted (to)_anyone to_oppress_them
and_he_rebuked on_them kings. **22** Do_not touch (in)_my_
_anointed_of_ones and_to_prophets_of_my do_not do_harm.
23 Sing to/for_**YHWH** Oh_all_of the_earth/land bear_news
from_day to day salvation_of_his. **24** Recount among_nations
~~DOM~~ glory_of_his in_all the_peoples wonders_of_his.
25 If/because is_great **YHWH** and_is_to_be_praised exceedingly
and_is_ he _to_be_feared above all_of gods. **26** If/because all_of
the_gods_of the_peoples are_worthless_idols and_**YHWH** the_
_heavens he_made. **27** Splendour and_majesty are_before_of_
_him strength and_joy are_in_place_of_his. **28** Ascribe to/for_
_**YHWH** Oh_clans_of peoples ascribe to/for_**YHWH** glory and_
strength. **29** Ascribe to/for**YHWH** the_glory_of his/its_name
lift_up an_offering and_come before_him bow_down to/for_

193 RV 16:7 · Parallel Psa. 105:1-15; 96:1-3; 106:1,47-48

194 RV 16:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:7.

195 RV 16:16 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:3.

196 RV 16:17-18 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:13.

197 RV 16:21-22 · Cross-ref. Gen 20:3-7.

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_**YHWH** in_adornment_of holiness. **30** Tremble from_before_ _face_of_him Oh_all_of the_earth/land also the_world it_is_ _established not it_will_be_shaken. **31** The_heavens let_them_ _rejoice and_ the_earth/land _let_it_be_glad and_let_people_ _say among_nations **YHWH** he_reigns. **32** The_sea and_what_ _of_fills_it let_it_thunder the_field and_all that in/on/over_ _him/it let_it_exult. **33** Then the_trees_of the_forest they_will_ _shout_for_joy from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** if/because he_is_coming to_judge ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land. **34** Give_ _thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **35** And_say save_us Oh_god_ _of our_salvation_of_our and_gather_us and_deliver_us from the_nations to_give_thanks to_the_name_of your_holiness_of_ _your to_boast in_praise_of_your. **36** **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_blessed from (the)_antiquity and_unto (the)_perpetuity and_ all_of the_people _they_said amen and_ _they_praised to/for_**YHWH**.

37 And_he_left there to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _box_of the_covenant of_**YHWH** (to)_'Āṣāf and_(to)_relatives_ _of_his to_serve to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box continually to_the_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **38** And_'Ōvēd-'ₑdōm and_relatives_of_their sixty and_eight and_'Ōvēd- 'ₑdōm the_son_of Yədūtūn/(Jedithun) and_Ḫoṣāh to_gatekeepers. **39** And_~~DOM~~ Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_priest/officer and_relatives_ _of_his the_priests to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _tabernacle_of **YHWH** at_place which was_in_Giv˝ōn. **40** To_ _offer_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** on the_altar_of the_ _burnt_offering continually to_morning and_to_evening and_ _to/for_all (the)_thing_written in_the_law_of **YHWH** which he_ _commanded to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **41** And_were_with_them

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22 "Don't attack my chosen people,
and don't harm my prophets."
23 Sing to Yahweh everybody.
→Every day tell others that he's saved us.
24 Tell the other nations about his power.
Tell all the people groups about the wonderful things he's done,
25 because Yahweh is great and deserves a lot of praise,
and he should be revered more than any other god.
26 All those gods of the other people groups are worthless,
^but it was Yahweh who created the heavens.
27 His presence emanates splendour and grandeur,
and strength and happiness radiate from his place.
28 You people in nations all over the world, praise Yahweh—
praise him for his splendour and his strength.
29 Praise Yahweh for his great reputation.
Bring an offering and come into his presence.
Worship Yahweh in his splendour and purity.
30 Let the entire planet tremble if he comes.
The world is firmly established—it can't be shaken around.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth shout in celebration,
and let people in all the nations say, "Yahweh is king."
32 Let the oceans roar along with all the creatures in them.
Let the countryside celebrate along with all the creatures that live there.
33 Then the trees in the forests should shout happily when Yahweh comes,
because he is coming to judge the world.
34 Give thanks to Yahweh, because he's good,
because his loyal commitment lasts forever.[198]
35 Then say, "Rescue us, God who's our saviour,
and bring us together and save us from attacks by other nations,
so that we'll thank you for your untarnished reputation,
and boast about your praiseworthy actions."
36 Blessed be Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh,
in eternity past and eternity to come.
And all the people said, "Amen" and praised Yahweh.

Worshipping in Yerushalem · Full kingdom

37 Then David went away from where Yahweh's box had been placed. Asaf and his brothers were left to minister in front of the box continually—in the appropriate way each day depending on the occasion— **38** along with Oved-Edom and sixty-eight relatives. Oved-Edom (Yedutun's son) and Hosah were gatekeepers.
39 Also, Tsadok the priest and his relatives the priests were at the front of Yahweh's tabernacle at the high place, which was in Giveon, **40** to continually present burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar for burnt offerings, morning and evening, following all

198 **RV 16:34 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

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the instructions Yahweh had given Yisrael (Israel) , which had been written down. **41** With them were Heyman and Yedutun and the rest of those chosen, who were designated by name to thank Yahweh because his loyal commitment lasts forever. **42** Heyman and Yedutun had brought trumpets and cymbals to accompany the songs for God, and Yedutun's sons at the gate joined in also.

43 Then all the people left and went home, and David also returned home to bless his household.[199]

Natan's message for David · Full kingdom[200]

17:1 After a while, when David was living in his house, he said to the prophet Natan (Nathan), "Look, here I am living in a palace made of cedar, but the box containing Yahweh's agreement is kept in a tent." **2** "Go and do what you're planning," Natan replied, "because God is with you."

3 But that night God spoke to Natan, **4** "Go and tell my servant David that Yahweh says this: You yourself won't be the one to build a residence for me to live in, **5** because I haven't lived in a building from the day that I brought Yisrael (Israel) out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) until today—I've moved from place to place and tent to tent. **6** As I travelled with all the Israelis, did I ever complain to any of Yisrael's leaders who I'd commanded to shepherd my people, and ask them, 'Why haven't you people built a house out of cedar for me?' "

7 "So now you should tell my servant David that Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: I myself took you from the pasture, from behind the sheep, to be a leader over my people, Yisrael. **8** I've always been with you wherever you've gone, and I've defeated all your enemies who were attacking you, and I'll make you famous like some of the greatest people in the world. **9** I'll choose a place for my people, Yisrael, and I'll plant them, and they'll settle in that place and not need to be fearful again. Violent groups won't continue to trouble them like they did in the past, **10** ever since I first put heroes and leaders over my people, Yisrael. Then I'll humble all your enemies. In addition, I declare to you that Yahweh will build a dynasty for you. **11** When your time on earth is up, and it's time to join your deceased ancestors, then I'll raise up one of your sons and establish his kingdom. **12** He'll be the one to build a temple for me and establish a dynasty that will last forever. **13** I myself will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me,[201] and I won't cease my loyal commitment to him like I ended it with your predecessor. **14** I'll confirm his rule over my temple and my kingdom forever, and his ruling dynasty will last forever."

15 So Natan (Nathan) passed all of that on to David.

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Hēymān and_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_the_rest_of those_who_ _had_been_chosen who they_had_been_designated by_names to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because is_forever loyalty_of_ _his_covenant. **42** And_were_with_them Hēymān and_Yədūtūn trumpets and_cymbals for_those_who_sound_aloud and_(the)_ _instruments_of (the)_song_of the_'Elohīm and_the_sons of_ _Yədūtūn were_to_gate. **43** And_ all_of the_people _they_went everyone to_house_of_his and_ Dāvid _he_turned to_bless ÐOM house_of_his.

17:1 And_he/it_was just_as Dāvid he_dwelt in_house_of_his and_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Nātān the_prophet HERE I am_ _dwelling in_house_of the_cedar(s) and_the_box_of the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** is_under tent_curtains. **2** And_ Nātān _ _he/it_said to Dāvid all that is_in_heart_of_your do if/because the_'Elohīm is_with_you. **3** And_he/it_was in_night (the)_that and_ the_message_of god _he/it_was to Nātān to_say. **4** Go and_ _you_will_say to Dāvid servant_of_my thus **YHWH** he_says not you you_will_build to/for_me the_house to_dwell_in. **5** If/because not I_have_dwelt in_a_house since the_day when I_brought_up ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until the_day the_this and_I_ _have_been from_tent to tent and_from_tabernacle. **6** In_every where I_went_about in_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_message did_I_ _speak with one of_the_judges_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom I_ _commanded to_shepherd ÐOM people_of_my to_say to/for_ _what not have_you(pl)_built to_me a_house_of cedar(s). **7** And_ _now thus you_will_say to_servant_of_my to_Dāvid thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I I_took_you from the_pasture from after the_flock to_be ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_I_have_been with_you in_every where you_went and_I_cut_off ÐOM all_of enemies_of_your from_ _before_of_you and_I_will_make to/for_yourself(m) a_name like/according_to_name of_the_great_people who on_the_ _earth. **9** And_I_will_appoint a_place for_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_plant_it and_it_will_dwell in_its_ _place and_not it_will_be_agitated again and_not sons_of injustice they_will_repeat to_consume_it just_as at_time. **10** And_(to)_from_days when I_appointed judges over people_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_subdue ÐOM all_of enemies_ _of_your and_I_have_told to/for_you(fs) and_a_house he_will_ _build for_you **YHWH**. **11** And_it_was if/because days_of_your they_have_been_completed to_go with ancestors_of_your and_ _I_will_raise_up ÐOM your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you who he_ _will_be one_of_your_sons and_I_will_establish ÐOM his/its_ _kingdom. **12** He he_will_build to/for_me a_house and_I_will_ _establish ÐOM throne_of_his until perpetuity. **13** I I_will_ _become for_him/it (into)_a_father and_he he_will_become to/for_me (into)_a_son and_my_covenant_of_loyalty not I_will_ _remove from_with_him just_as I_removed_it from_the_one_ _who he_was before_you. **14** And_I_will_appoint_him in_house_ _of_my and_in_kingdom_of_my until (the)_perpetuity and_ _throne_of_his it_will_be established until perpetuity. **15** According_to_all_of the_words/messages the_these and_ _according_to_all_of the_vision the_this so Nātān he_spoke to

199 **RV 16:43 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:19-20.

200 **RV 17:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 7:1-17

201 **RV 17:13 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 6:18; Heb 1:5.

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Dāvid.

16 And_ the_king Dāvid _he_went and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_said who am_I Oh_**YHWH** god and_who house_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when you_have_ _brought_me to here. **17** And_ this_thing _it_was_small in_eyes_ _of_your Oh_god and_you_have_spoken on the_house_of your_ _servant_of_your (to)_from_distant_time and_you_have_seen_ _me according_to_the_order_of the_humankind the_going_up Oh_**YHWH** god. **18** What will_he_increase again Dāvid to_you for_honour ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_your and_you(ms) ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_ _your you_know. **19** Oh_**YHWH** in_account_of servant_of_your and_according_to_of_your_own_heart you_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of the_greatness (the)_this by_making_known ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _greatness(es). **20** Oh_**YHWH** there_is_not like_you and_there_ _is_not a_god except_you in_all that we_have_heard with_ears_ _of_our. **21** And_who is_like_people_of_your Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) a_ _nation one on_the_earth which the_ʾElohīm he_went to_ _redeem to_him/it a_people to_make to/for_yourself(m) a_ _name greatness(es) and_awesome_deeds by_driving_out from_ _face/in_front_of people_of_your which you_had_redeemed from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) nations. **22** And_she/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_your[203] Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to/for_yourself(m) (into)_a_ _people until perpetuity and_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_have_ _become to/for_them (into)_god. **23** And_now Oh_**YHWH** the_ _message which you_have_spoken on servant_of_your and_on house_of_his let_it_be_established until perpetuity and_do just_ _as you_have_spoken. **24** So_that_it_may_be_established and_ _so_that_it_may_be_great name_of_your until perpetuity to_say **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) is_god to_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of Dāvid servant_of_your will_be_established before_you. **25** If/because you my_god_of_ _my you_have_uncovered ᴅᴏᴍ the_ear_of your_servant_of_your to_build to_him/it a_house therefore yes/correct/thus/so servant_of_your he_has_found to_pray before_you. **26** And_now Oh_**YHWH** you he the_ʾElohīm and_you_have_spoken on servant_of_your the_good_thing (the)_this. **27** And_now you_ _are_willing to_bless ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of your_servant_of_your to_be forever_perpetuity to_your_face if/because you Oh_ _**YHWH** you_have_blessed_it and_it_will_be_blessed forever_ _perpetuity.

18:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_Pəlishtiy and_he_subdued_them and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Gat and_daughters_of_its from_the_hand_of the_Pəlishtiy. **2** And_ _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Mōʾāv and_ Mōʾāv _they_were subjects of_ _Dāvid who_brought_of (of)_tribute. **3** And_ Dāvid _he_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Hₐdadʿezer the_king_of Tsōvāh/(Zobah) to_Ḥₐmāt when_ _went_he to_establish his/its_hand at_the_river_of Pərāt. **4** And_ Dāvid _he_captured from_him/it one_thousand chariot[s] and_seven_of thousand(s) horsemen and_twenty thousand man on_foot and_ Dāvid _he_hamstrung ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_chariotry and_he_left from_him/it one_hundred chariot[s]. **5** And_ ʾArām Dammeseq _it_came to_help (to)_Hₐdadʿezer the_

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David praises Yahweh · Full kingdom[202]

16 Then king David went in and sat in front of Yahweh, and asked, "Who am I, Yahweh God, and what is my family, that you've brought me to this point? **17** This was such a small thing in your eyes, God, and you've spoken about the future of your servant's family, and you've blessed me more than I deserve, Yahweh God. **18** What more can I, David, say to you about how you've honoured your servant? You certainly know me well. **19** Yahweh, you've done all these great things for the sake of your servant, and done just what you wanted in order to reveal your greatness. **20** Yahweh, there's no one else like you, and no god except you, as we've all heard for ourselves. **21** There's no other country like your people, Yisrael (Israel)—the only nation in the world where you, God, rescued the people in order to make them your own. That made you famous, and also feared, as you drove the people groups out ahead of your people who you ransomed out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **22** You took your people, Yisrael, to be your people forever, and you, Yahweh, became our god.

23 "And now, Yahweh, may what you said about your servant and his family be confirmed forever, and come to pass just like you've said. **24** May your reputation be established and increase forever, as people say, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh, Yisrael's god, is god over Yisrael.' And your servant David's family has been established as you've watched, **25** because you, God, have revealed to your servant that you'll give me a dynasty. That's why I'm brave enough to pray to you. **26** Yes, Yahweh, you are God and you've promised these good things to me, your servant. **27** And you've now decided to bless your servant's family to be in front of you forever, because you, Yahweh, have blessed us, and so we'll be blessed forever.

David's victories · Full kingdom[204]

18:1 Sometime afterwards, David attacked and defeated the Pelishtim, subduing them, and he captured the Pelishti city of Gat and its surrounding villages. **2** Then he attacked and defeated Moav (Moab), and the Moavim became servants to David—taking him regular tribute.

3 Next David attacked and defeated King Hadadezer of Tsovah-Hamat, when that king had tried enforce his control at the Perat (Euphrates) River. **4** David captured 1,000 chariots, 7,000 horsemen, and 20,000 foot-soldiers from him. And David ham-

202 **RV 17:16 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 7:18-29

203 **LV 17:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

204 **RV 18:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 8:1-18

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strung all but one hundred of the chariot horses.

5 When the Arameans (or, Aramim (Syrians)) came from Damesek (Damascus) to help King Hadadezer, David killed 22,000 of them. **6** Then David established forces in the Aramean town of Damesek, and the Arameans became servants to David, taking him regular tribute. So Yahweh helped David wherever he went. **7** David took the gold shields that were used by Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **8** He also took a lot of bronze from Hadadezer's cities of Tivhat and Kun. (Later, Shelomoh (Solomon) used it to make the huge bronze basin called 'the sea', along with its pillars and other bronze items.)[205]

9 When King Toeu from Hamat heard that David had defeated King Hadadezer's entire army from Tsovah, **10** he sent his son Hadoram to King David carrying various items of gold, silver, and bronze. Hadoram went to ask David for peace and to bless him because he'd fought against Hadadezer and struck him down, because Toeu had also been at war with Hadadezer. **11** King David set that apart as holy to Yahweh, along with the gold and silver that he'd brought back from other nations: from Edom, from Moav (Moab), from the Amonim, from the Pelishtim, and from the Amalekim.

12 Avishay (whose mother was Tseruyah) defeated Edom in the Salt Valley, killing eighteen thousand of them.[206] **13** Then David stationed garrisons in Edom, and all of Edom became his servants. And Yahweh saved David wherever he went.

14 So David ruled over all of Yisrael (Israel) and administered justice and did what was right for all his people. **15** Tseruyah's son Yoav (Joab) led the army, and Ahilud's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was the record keeper. **16** Ahituv's son Tsadok and Evyatar's son Ahimelek were priests, and Shavsha was the secretary. **17** Yehoyada's son Benayah supervised the Keretim and Peletim who were David's bodyguards, and David's sons were his leading officials.

The defeat of the Amonim and Arameans · Full kingdom[208]

19:1 Some time later, the Amoni King Nahash died and his son Hanun became their king, **2** and David said, "I'll show loyal commitment to Nahash's son Hanun, because his father was good to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father's death. However, when David's servants entered Amoni territory to comfort Hanun, **3** the Amoni leaders asked their new king, "Do you think that David's really sending comforters to honour your father? Wouldn't it be more likely that he sent his servants to explore and spy out the land in order to overthrow you?" **4** So King Hanun took David's servants and had their beards shaved off, plus

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_king_of Tsōvᵊāh and_ Dāvid _he_struck_down among_'Arām twenty and_two thousand man. **6** And_ Dāvid _he/it_assigned in_'Arām_of Dammeseq and_ 'Arām _he/it_was of_Dāvid subjects who_brought_of (of)_tribute and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_ _victory to_Dāvid in_every where he_went. **7** And_ Dāvid _ _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_shields_of the_gold which they_were on the_servants_of Hₐdad'ezer and_he/it_brought_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** And_from_Ṭivḥat and_from_Kun the_cities_of Hₐdad'ezer Dāvid he_took bronze much very with_ _it Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_made ~~ḎOM~~ the_sea_of (the)_bronze and_~~ḎOM~~ the_pillars and_~~ḎOM~~ the_articles_of (the)_bronze. **9** And_ To'ū the_king_of Ḥₐmāt _he/it_listened if/because_that Dāvid he_had_defeated ~~ḎOM~~ all_of the_army_of Hₐdad'ezer the_ _king_of Tsōvᵊāh. **10** And_he_sent ~~ḎOM~~ Hₐdōrām his/its_son to the_king Dāvid mmm[207] to_him/it to_welfare and_to_bless_him on that he_had_fought against_Hₐdad'ezer and_he_had_ _defeated_him if/because (the)_man_of (the)_wars_of To'ū Hₐdad'ezer he_was and_all/each/any/every articles_of gold and_silver and_bronze. **11** Also ~~ḎOM~~_them the_king Dāvid he_ _consecrated to/for_**YHWH** with the_silver and_the_gold which he_had_carried_off from_all the_nations from_'Edōm and_from_Mō'āvᵊ and_from_the_people_of 'Ammōn and_from_ _the_Pəlishtiy and_from_Amalek. **12** And_'Avᵊshay the_son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ/(Zeruiah) he_struck_down ~~ḎOM~~ 'Edōm in_Valley_of Salt eight- teen thousand. **13** And_he/it_assigned in_'Edōm garrisons and_ all_of 'Edōm _they_were subjects of_Dāvid and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_victory ~~ḎOM~~ Dāvid in_every where he_went. **14** And_ Dāvid _he_reigned over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he/it_was doing justice and_righteousness to/from_ _all/each/any/every people_of_his. **15** And_Yō'āvᵊ/(Joab) the_ _son_of Tsərūʸᵃʰ was_over the_army and_ _Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_son_of 'Aḥīlūd was_recorder. **16** And_Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūvᵊ and_'Avīmelek the_ _son_of 'Evᵊyātār were_priests and_Shavshā' was_secretary. **17** And_Bənāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) was_over the_ _Kerethite[s] and_the_Pelethite[s] and_the_sons of_Dāvid were_ _the_first to_the_side_of the_king.

19:1 And_he/it_was after thus and_ Nāḥāsh the_king_of the_ _people_of 'Ammōn _he/it_died and_ his/its_son _he_reigned in_place_of_him. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said I_will_do covenant_ _loyalty with Ḥānūn the_son_of Nāḥāsh if/because his/its_ _father he_did with_me covenant_loyalty and_ Dāvid _he_sent messengers to_comfort_him on his/its_father and_ the_ _servants_of Dāvid _they_came into the_land_of the_people_of 'Ammōn to Ḥānūn to_comfort_him. **3** And_ the_leaders_of the_ _people_of 'Ammōn _they_said to_Ḥānūn honouring is_Dāvid ~~ḎOM~~ father_of_your in_eyes_of_your that/for/because/then/when he_has_sent to/for_yourself(m) comforters not in_account_of to_explore and_to_overthrow and_to_spy_on the_earth/land servants_of_his have_they_come to_you. **4** And_ Ḥānūn _he/it_took ~~ḎOM~~ the_servants_of Dāvid

205 **RV 18:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 7:40-47; 2Ch 4:11-18.

206 **RV 18:12 · Cross-ref.** Psa 60 header.

207 **LV 18:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: לואש/ל: (x-qere) לְאִשׁ/ל: lemma_l/7592 morph_HR/Vqc id_13Qnx לְאִשׁ/ל

208 **RV 19:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 10:1-19

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and_he_shaved_them and_he_cut_off ÐOM robes_of_their in_ _middle to the_buttock[s] and_he_sent_them_away. **5** And_ _people_went and_they_told to_Dāvid on the_men and_he_sent to_meet_them if/because the_men they_were humiliated exceedingly and_ the_king _he/it_said remain in_ _Yərīḥō/(Jericho) until that beard_of_your(pl) it_will_grow_ _back and_you(pl)_will_return. **6** And_ the_people_of ʹAmmōn _ _they_saw if/because_that they_had_made_themselves_odious with Dāvid and_ Ḥānūn and_the_sons of_ʹAmmōn _he_sent one_thousand talent[s]_of silver to_hire to/for_them from ʾArām Nahₐrayim and_from ʾArām Maʹₐkāh and_from_ _Tsōvāh/(Zobah) chariotry and_horsemen. **7** And_they_hired to/for_them two and_thirty thousand chariot[s] and_ÐOM the_ _king_of Maʹₐkāh and_ÐOM people_of_his and_they_came and_ _they_encamped to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mēydəvāʾ and_the_sons of_ʹAmmōn they_gathered from_cities_of_their and_they_came for_battle. **8** And_ Dāvid _he/it_listened and_ _he_sent ÐOM Yōʾāv/(Joab) and_ÐOM all_of the_army the_ _warriors. **9** And_ the_people_of ʹAmmōn _they_went_out and_ _they_deployed battle the_entrance_of the_city and_the_kings who they_had_come they_alone were_in_country. **10** And_ Yōʾāv _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was the_face_of the_battle to_him/it before and_behind and_he_chose from_all chosen_ _man in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_deployed to_meet ʾArām. **11** And_ÐOM the_rest_of the_people he_put in_the_hand_of ʾAvshay his/its_brother and_they_deployed to_meet the_ _people_of ʹAmmōn. **12** And_he/it_said if it_will_be_too_strong for_me ʾArām and_you_will_become to/for_me (into)_ _deliverance and_if the_people_of ʹAmmōn they_will_be_too_ _strong for_you and_I_will_deliver_you. **13** Be_strong and_let_ _us_show_ourselves_strong for people_of_our and_for the_ _cities_of our_god_of_our and_**YHWH** the_good in_eyes_of_his he_will_do. **14** And_ Yōʾāv and_the_people which with_him/it _ _he_drew_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before ʾArām for_ _battle and_they_fled from_before_of_him. **15** And_the_sons of_ _ʹAmmōn they_saw if/because_that ʾArām it_had_fled and_ also they _they_fled from_face/in_front_of ʾAvshay his/its_brother and_they_came to_the_city and_ Yōʾāv/(Joab) _he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **16** And_ ʾArām _he/it_saw if/because_that they_had_been_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_sent messengers and_they_brought_out ÐOM ʾArām which was_from_the_other_ _side_of the_river and_Shōfāk the_commander_of the_army_of Hₐdadʹezer was_before_of_them. **17** And_it_was_told to_Dāvid and_he_gathered ÐOM all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he/it_passed_ _through the_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_he_came to_them and_he_ _deployed against_them and_ Dāvid _he_deployed to_meet ʾArām battle and_they_engaged_in_battle with_him/it. **18** And_ ʾArām _it_fled from_to/for_face/front/presence Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ Dāvid _he_killed of_ʾArām seven_of thousand(s) charioteer[s] and_forty thousand man on_foot and_ÐOM Shōfāk the_commander_of the_army he_killed. **19** And_ the_servants_ _of Hₐdadʹezer _they_saw if/because_that they_had_been_ _defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_made_peace with Dāvid and_they_served_him and_ _not ʾArām it_was_willing to_deliver ÐOM the_people_of ʹAmmōn again.

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he cut off the bottom half of their robes to expose their buttocks, and then he sent them home. **5** Some people quickly informed David what had happened, so he sent messengers to meet the men (because they were very much humiliated) and to tell them, "Stay there in Yeriho (Jericho) until your beards grow out, then return here."

6 By then, the Amonim realised that they'd greatly insulted King David, so King Hanun and the Amonim sent thirty tonnes of silver to hire chariots and horsemen from Aram-Naharayim, Aram-Ma'akah, and Tsovah. **7** They hired 32,000 chariots, as well as the king of Ma'akah and his army. They all came and set up their camps near Meydeva, plus they were joined by the Amonim themselves coming out of their cities ready for battle.

8 When David heard about that, he sent Yoav (Joab) with the entire army. **9** Then the Amonim marched out and deployed ready for battle at the entrance to their city, while the kings who'd come were over in the countryside with their men.

10 Yoav quickly realised that he'd have to fight on two fronts, so he chose Yisrael's (Israel's) best warriors and sent them out to face the Arameans (Syrians), **11** while he sent the remaining men (under the control of his older brother Avishay) out against the Amonim. **12** Yoav told them, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you can come to rescue me. But if the Amonim start to gain on you, then I'll come to rescue you. **13** We must be strong and fight hard to defend our people and our cities that belong to our god. Yahweh will do what he considers to be good."

14 So Yoav advanced his troops to attack the Arameans, but the Arameans fled away from them. **15** When the Amonim saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Avishay and withdrew into the city, so Yoav went back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

16 When the Arameans saw that they were defeated by Yisrael, they sent messengers to bring more Arameans from across the Perat (Euphrates) river, led by Shofak, the commander of Hadadezer's army. **17** When that was reported to David, he gathered all of Yisrael and crossed the Yarden (Jordan). They positioned themselves against the Arameans, who then fought against them. **18** But the Arameans fled away from the Israelis, and David killed seven thousand chariot drivers and forty thousand men on foot, as well as killing Shofak, their army commander. **19** When Hadadezer's servants saw that Yisrael had defeated them, they made peace with David and became his subjects, so Aram (Syria) wasn't willing to help the Amonim militarily any more.

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David captures Rabah · Full kingdom[209]

20:1 Then, in the spring, when kings often march out to war, Yoav (Joab) led the army out for war, and he devastated the Amonim' land. Then he reached the capital, Rabah, and he besieged it while David stayed in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[210] Yoav defeated Rabah and demolished the city. **2** Then David took their king's crown off his head—it was gold with a valuable gemstone set in it, and weighed thirty kilograms. He put the crown on his own head, plus he took a very large amount of plunder out of the city. **3** Then they took all the people out of the city and forced them to work with saws, iron picks, and axes. David did that to the people from all the Amoni cities, then he returned to Yerushalem with his army.

Battles against Gitim · Full kingdom[211]

4 Some time later, war broke out with the Pelishtim at Gezer, then Sibkay the Hushati struck down Sipay, from the descendants of the Refaim, and they were subdued.

5 Then there was another battle with the Pelishtim, and Yair's son Elhanan killed Lahmi the brother of Galyat (Goliath)[212] the Giti (that is, from Gat), even though his spear shaft was as thick as the beam of a weaver's loom. **6** There was also war at Gat, where there was a very tall man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, who was also a descendant of Rafa. **7** When he insulted Yisrael (Israel), Shimea's son Yonatan (Jonathan) killed him. (Shimea was one of David's older brothers.)

8 Those were the descendants of Rafa from Gat who were killed by David and his men.

David orders a census · Full kingdom[215] · Yoav doesn't want to do the census

21:1 Then a trouble-maker worked against Yisrael (Israel) by encouraging David to take a census of Yisrael, **2** so David ordered Yoav (Joab) and the other officials, "Go and count Yisrael from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south to all the way as far north as Dan, then come and tell me, so that I'll know how many warriors I have."

3 "My master, the king, may Yahweh multiply his people one hundred times over. Aren't they all your servants?" Yoav diplomatically queried, "So why does my master want to do this? Why should he bring judgement on Yisrael?" **4** But the king insisted, so Yoav was forced to go and gather statistics on the entire country. Then he returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **5** and

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20:1 And_he/it_was to_the_time_of the_return_of the_year to_ _the_time_of (the)_kings go_out and_ Yō'āv/(Joab) _he_lead_ _out ÐOM the_army_of (the)_war and_he_destroyed ÐOM the_ _land_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_went and_he/it_laid_ _siege ÐOM Rabāh and_Dāvid was_remaining in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Yō'āv _he_attacked ÐOM Rabāh and_he_tore_it_down. **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_took ÐOM the_ _crown_of their_king_of_their from_under his/its_head and_ _he_found_it weight_of a_talent_of gold and_was_in_it a_stone precious and_it_became on the_head_of Dāvid and_the_ _plunder_of the_city he_brought_out much very. **3** And_ÐOM the_people which was_in_it he_brought_out and_he_sawed with_saw and_with_(the)_picks_of (the)_iron and_with_saws and_thus/so/as_follows Dāvid he_did to_all/each/any/every the_cities_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_ Dāvid and_all the_ _people _he_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

4 And_he/it_was afterwards so[213] and_ a_battle _it_arose at_ _Gezer with the_Pəlishtiy then Ṣibkay the_Ḥushātī he_struck_ _down ÐOM Ṣipay one_of_those_born_of the_Rəfā'īm and_they_ _were_subdued. **5** And_it_became again a_battle with the_ _Pəlishtiy and_he_struck_down 'Elḥānān the_son_of Yā'īr/(Jair)[214] ÐOM Laḥmī the_brother_of Golyat the_Gittiy and_ _tree his_spear_of_his was_like_a_beam_of weavers. **6** And_it_ _became again a_battle at_Gat and_he/it_was a_man_of stature and_digits_of_his were_six and_six twenty and_four and_also he he_was_born to_the_Rapha. **7** And_he_taunted ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_struck_him_down Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of Shimʻā' the_ _brother_of Dāvid. **8** These they_were_born to_the_Rapha in_ _Gat and_they_fell by_the_hand_of Dāvid and_by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his.

21:1 And_ an_adversary _he_rose_up on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_ _incited ÐOM Dāvid to_count ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to Yō'āv/(Joab) and_near/to the_leaders_of the_ _people go count ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_Bə'ēr- seven and_ _unto Dān and_bring_it to_me so_that_I_may_know ÐOM number_of_their. **3** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_said **YHWH** may_he_add to people_of_his like_them a_hundred times not my_master the_king of_them_of_do_all belong_to_master_of_my to_ _subjects to/for_what my_master does_he_seek this to/for_ _what will_it_become (into)_guilt for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_ _the_message_of the_king it_prevailed over Yō'āv and_ Yō'āv _ _he/it_went_out and_he/it_walked/wandered in_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** And_ Yō'āv _he/it_gave ÐOM the_number_of the_muster_of the_ _people to_Dāvid and_ all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_was one_ _thousand thousands and_one_hundred thousand man who_

209 **RV 20:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 12:26-31

210 **RV 20:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 11:1.

211 **RV 20:4 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 21:15-22

212 **RV 20:5 · Cross-ref.** 1Sam 17:4-7.

213 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

214 **LV 20:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רוּעִי**: (x-qere) 'רִיְעָי': lemma_3265 n_0.2.2 morph_HNp id_13oQN **רִיְעָי**

215 **RV 21:1 · Parallel** 2 Sam. 24:1-25

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_drew a_sword and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) four hundred(s) and_
_seventy thousand man who_drew a_sword. **6** And_Lēvī and_
_Binyāmīn not he_enrolled among_them if/because the_
_message_of the_king it_was_abhorred with Yō'āv.
7 And_it_was_displeasing in/on_both_eyes_of the_'Elohīm on
the_matter the_this and_he_struck ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to the_'Elohīm I_have_sinned exceedingly
that I_have_done ĐOM the_thing the_this and_now take_away
please ĐOM the_iniquity_of your_servant_of_your if/because I_
_have_acted_foolishly exceedingly. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke
to Gād the_seer_of Dāvid to_say. **10** Go and_you_will_speak to
Dāvid to_say thus **YHWH** he_says three_things I am_holding_
_out over_you choose to/for_yourself(m) one of_them and_I_
_will_do_it to_you. **11** And_ Gād _he_went to Dāvid and_he/it_
_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says take to/for_you(fs).
12 Whether three years famine and_if three months being_
_swept_away from_face/in_front_of foes_of_your and_the_
_sword_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your to_overtaking_you and_if
three_of days the_sword_of **YHWH** and_pestilence on_the_
_earth and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** destroying in_all the_
_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_now consider what will_I_
_bring_back ĐOM the_one_of_who_sent_me message. **13** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to Gād it_is_distress to_me exceedingly let_
_me_fall please in_the_hand_of **YHWH** if/because are_great
compassion(s)_of_his exceedingly and_in_the_hand_of a_
_human not let_me_fall. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_gave a_
_pestilence on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_fell of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
seventy thousand person[s]. **15** And_ the_'Elohīm _he_sent an_
_messenger to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_destroy_it and_
_just_as_was_destroying_it **YHWH** he_saw and_he/it_
_sighed/regretted on the_harm and_he/it_said to_messenger
(the)_destroying enough now let_drop hand_of_your and_the_
_messenger_of **YHWH** was_standing near the_threshing_floor_
_of 'Ornān the_Yəvūsī. **16** And_ Dāvid _he_lifted_up ĐOM eyes_
_of_his and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_messenger_of **YHWH** standing
between the_earth/land and_between the_heavens and_sword_
_of_his was_drawn in_his/its_hand it_was_stretched_out over
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Dāvid and_the_elders covered
in_sackcloth(s) _he_fell on faces_of_their. **17** And_ Dāvid _he/it_
said to the'Elohīm not I did_I_say to_count (in)_people and_I
am_he who I_have_sinned and_exceedingly_(do_evil) I_have_
_done_evil and_these the_sheep what have_they_done Oh_
_**YHWH** god_of_my let_it_be please hand_of_your on_me and_
_on_the_house_of my_father_of_my and_on_people_of_your
not to_a_plague. **18** And_the_messenger_of **YHWH** he_said to
Gād to_say to_Dāvid if/because_that Dāvid he_will_go_up to_
_set_up an_altar to/for_**YHWH** on_the_threshing_floor_of
'Ornān the_Yəvūsī/(Jebusite). **19** And_ Dāvid _he/it_ascended
by_the_message_of Gād which he_had_spoken in/on_name_of
YHWH. **20** And_ 'Ornān _he_turned and_he/it_saw ĐOM the_
_messenger and_the_four_of sons_of_his with_him/it were_
_hiding_themselves and_'Ornān he_threshed wheat(s). **21** And_
Dāvid _he_came to 'Ornān and_ 'Ornān _he_looked and_he/it_
_saw ĐOM Dāvid and_he/it_went_out from the_threshing_floor
and_he_bowed_down to_Dāvid face ground_to_the. **22** And_
Dāvid _he/it_said to 'Ornān give to/for_me the_place_of the_
_threshing_floor so_that_I_may_build in/on/over_him/it an_
altar to/for**YHWH** for_money full give_it to_me so_ the_

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reported the numbers to David. Yisrael had 1.1 million sword-wielding men, and Yehudah (Judah) had 470 thousand. **6** However, Yoav had intentionally not counted the tribes of Levi and Benyamin, because he was horrified by the king's command.

Punishment for the census

7 God was displeased by what David had ordered, and he punished Yisrael (Israel), **8** and David said to God, "I've disobeyed you badly by doing that. Please forgive your servant for his disobedience, because I've been very stupid."

9 Then Yahweh told David's prophet Gad, **10** "Go and tell David that Yahweh says this: I'll give you three options—choose one of them and that's what I'll do to you."

11 So Gad went to David and told him, "Yahweh says that you must choose one of these punishments: **12** either three years of famine, or three months of being overcome by your enemies' armies, or three days of Yahweh's 'sword' of pestilence in the country and Yahweh's messenger bringing destruction across all of Yisrael's territory. So now, tell me what answer I should take back to the one who sent me."

13 "Oh, that's very distressing," David replied to Gad, "but please don't let me fall into my enemies' hands. Yahweh is very merciful, so please let him be the one to punish me directly."

14 So Yahweh sent a disease throughout Yisrael, and seventy thousand Israeli men died. **15** Then God sent a messenger to destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and while the disease was still spreading, Yahweh looked down and relented about the tragedy, and he told the destroying messenger, "Enough! Now stop what you're doing." Now Yahweh's messenger happened to be standing at the threshing floor belonging to Ornan the Yevusi.

16 As David looked up, he saw Yahweh's messenger standing between the earth and the heavens, holding his sword stretched out over Yerushalem. Then David and the elders, who were all dressed in sackcloth, fell to their knees and bowed their faces to the ground. **17** Then David asked God, "Wasn't it me myself who said to count the people? It's me who disobeyed and clearly did what was wrong, but these sheep, what have they done? Yahweh my god, please direct your punishment against me and my extended family, but don't continue this deadly disease on your people."

18 Then Yahweh's messenger told Gad to tell David that he should build an altar to Yahweh at Ornan the Yevusi's threshing floor. **19** So David went up to that place when he heard Gad's message that was delivered in Yahweh's name. **20** Meanwhile, Ornan was threshing wheat, and he turned and saw Yahweh's messenger, and he and his four sons who were with him quickly hid behind something. **21** When David arrived there, Ornan saw him and left the threshing floor and knelt in front of David, bowing his face to the ground. **22** Then David asked Ornan, "Give me this place with its threshing floor, and I'll build an altar to Yahweh on it. Sell it to me at the full price, so the deadly disease affecting the people will be stopped."

23 "My master the king, take anything you want," Ornan

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replied. "Listen, I'll donate the cattle for the burnt offerings, and the threshing sledges for firewood, and the wheat for the offering—all at no charge."

24 "No, I'll most definitely pay the full price," King David responded. "I couldn't offer a burnt offering to Yahweh if it hadn't cost me anything." **25** So David paid Ornan six hundred gold pieces for his place, **26** and he built an altar to Yahweh there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on it. He called to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered him with fire from the heavens on that altar with the burnt offering.

27 Then Yahweh spoke to his messenger, who then returned his sword to his sheath.

The location for the future temple · Full kingdom

28 When David saw that Yahweh had answered him at Ornan the Yevusi's threshing floor, he sacrificed there. **29** At that time, Yahweh's sacred tent that Mosheh (Moses) had made in the wilderness, and the altar for burnt sacrifices, were on a hill used for worship near Giveon city. **30** David wasn't able to go there to ask God's direction because he was terrified of Yahweh's messenger's sword.

22:1 Then David said, "This is now the residence of Yahweh God, and this is the altar for Yisrael's (Israel's) burnt offering."

The preparation of standing up of temple · Full kingdom

2 Then David said to gather the foreigners who lived in Yisrael (Israel), and he assigned them the job of hewing out cut stones to build the residence for God. **3** He prepared a large quantity of iron for the door hinges and fittings, so much brass that it couldn't be weighed, **4** and innumerable cedar logs that the Tsidonim (Sidonians) and the Tsorim (Tyrians) brought in for David. **5** David said, "My son Shelomoh (Solomon) is young and not capable, and the house to be built for Yahweh must be impressive for the sake of his reputation and honour everywhere, so I'll prepare for it now." So David did a lot of preparation before he died.

6 Then David called for his son Shelomoh, and ordered him to build a residence for Yisrael's god Yahweh. **7** David told him, "My son, I wanted to build a temple to honour my god Yahweh,[216] **8** but Yahweh gave me this message, 'You've fought a lot of battles and shed a large amount of blood, so you won't be the one who'll build a residence to honour me—you've shed too much blood on the ground in my sight.' **9** He told me, 'Listen, you'll have a son who'll be a man of peace. I'll give him relief from all his enemies from the surrounding regions. That's why he'll be called 'Shelomoh' (which sounds like 'Shalom'—the Hebrew word for peace), and I'll give peace and quietness to Yisrael during his lifetime. **10** He'll be the one to build a residence for me,

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_plague _that_it_may_be_restrained from_under the_people.
23 And_ 'Ornān _he/it_said to Dāvid take_it to/for_you(fs) and_ my_master the_king _let_him_do the_good in_eyes_of_his see I_ _give the_ox[en] for_offerings and_the_threshing-sledges for_ _wood(s) and_the_wheat(s) for_offering (the)_everything I_ _give. **24** And_ the_king Dāvid _he/it_said to_'Ornān no if/because certainly_(buy) I_will_buy_it for_money full if/because not I_will_take that_which to/for_yourself(m) to/for_**YHWH** and_to_offer_up a_burnt_offering without_ _paying. **25** And_ Dāvid _he/it_gave to_'Ornān for_place shekels_of gold weight six hundred(s). **26** And_he/it_built there Dāvid an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_ascended burnt_ _offerings and_peace_offerings and_he/it_called to **YHWH** and_ _he_answered_him by_fire from the_heavens on the_altar_of the_burnt_offering. **27** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_messenger and_he_returned sword_of_his to sheath_of_its.
28 At_time (the)_that when_ Dāvid _saw if/because_that he_ _had_answered_him **YHWH** on_the_threshing_floor_of 'Ornān the_Yəvūşī and_he/it_sacrificed there. **29** And_the_tabernacle_ _of **YHWH** which Mosheh he_had_made in_wilderness and_the_ _altar_of the_burnt_offering at_time (the)_that were_in_place at_Giv֯ōn. **30** And_not Dāvid he_was_able to_go before_it to_ _seek god if/because he_was_terrified from_face/in_front_of the_sword_of the_messenger_of **YHWH**.
22:1 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said this it is_the_house_of **YHWH** the_ _'Elohīm and_this is_the_altar for_burnt_offering for_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
2 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_gather ~~ĐØM~~ the_sojourners who in_ _land of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_appointed stonemasons to_cut stones_of hewn_stone to_build the_house_of the_'Elohīm.
3 And_iron to_increase_in_number for_nails for_the_doors_of the_gates and_for_clamps Dāvid he_prepared and_bronze to_ _increase_in_number there_was_not weight. **4** And_wood(s)_of cedar(s) to_there_was_not number if/because the_ _Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_the_Tsorī/(Tyrians) they_had_ _brought wood(s)_of cedar(s) to_increase_in_number to_Dāvid.
5 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my is_a_ _youth and_weak and_the_house to_build to/for_**YHWH** is_to_ _make_great (to)_upwards for_a_name and_for_honour to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands I_will_prepare please to_him/it and_ Dāvid _he_prepared to_increase_in_number to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before death_of_his. **6** And_he/it_ _called (to)_Shəlomoh son_of_his and_he_commanded_him to_ _build a_house to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
7 And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_Shəlomoh mmm[219] I it_was with heart_of_my to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_ _my. **8** And_he/it_was to_me the_message_of **YHWH** to_say blood to_increase_in_number you_have_shed and_wars great you_have_made not you_will_build a_house for_name_of_my if/because blood(s) much you_have_shed towards_land before_ _me. **9** HERE a_son is_about_to_be_born to/for_you(fs) he he_ _will_be a_man_of rest and_I_will_give_rest to_him/it from_all enemies_of_his from_round_about if/because Shəlomoh it_ _will_be his/its_name and_peace and_quietness I_will_give to

216 RV 22:7-10 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 7:1-16; 1Ch 17:1-14.

219 LV 22:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **נב/ו**: (x-qere) **יִ֫נְּבֵ'**: lemma_1121 a n_0.3 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_13W2d **יִ֫נְּבֵ'**

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_days_of_his. **10** He he_will_build a_house for_ _name_of_my and_he he_will_become to/for_me (into)_a_son and_I to_him/it (into)_a_father and_I_will_establish the_ _throne_of his/its_kingdom over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) until perpetuity. **11** Now my_son_of_my may_he_be **YHWH** with_you and_you_will_be_successful and_you_will_build the_house_of **YHWH** god_of_your just_as he_spoke on_you. **12** Only may_he_ _give to_you **YHWH** insight and_understanding and_he_will_ _appoint_you over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_keep ᴅᴏᴍ the_law_of **YHWH** god_of_your. **13** Then you_will_be_successful if you_ _will_take_care for_doing ᴅᴏᴍ the_decrees and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _judgements which **YHWH** he_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_strong and_be_courageous do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed. **14** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE in_ _affliction_of_my I_have_prepared for_the_house_of **YHWH** gold talents one_hundred thousand and_silver one_thousand thousand(s) talents and_to_bronze and_to_iron there_was_not weight if/because to_increase_in_number it_is and_wood(s) and_stone(s) I_have_prepared and_to_them you_will_add. **15** And_are_with_you to_increase_in_number doers_of work stonemasons and_craftsmen_of stone and_wood and_all skillful_person in_all work. **16** To_gold to_silver and_to_bronze and_to_iron there_is_not number arise and_act and_let_it_be **YHWH** with_you. **17** And_ Dāvid _he/it_commanded to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_officials_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_help (to)_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his. **18** Not is_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) with_you(pl) and_has_he_given_rest to/for_you(pl) from_round_about if/because he_has_given in_hand_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land and_ the_earth/land _ _it_has_been_subdued to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_before_of people_of_his. **19** Now set heart_of_ _your(pl) and_being_of_your(pl) to_seek to/for_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl) and_arise and_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** the_'Elohīm to_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_the_articles_of (the)_holiness_of the_'Elohīm to_house which_will_be_built for_the_name_of **YHWH**.

23:1 And_Dāvid he_was_old and_he_was_satisfied days and_he_ _made_king ᴅᴏᴍ Shəlomoh son_of_his over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

2 And_he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy. **3** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_ _were_counted from_a_son_of thirty year[s] and_upwards and_ _he/it_was number_of_their to_heads_of_their to_men thirty and_eight thousand. **4** From_these are_to_act_as_overseers over the_work_of the_house_of **YHWH** twenty and_four thousand and_will_be_officials and_judges six_of thousand(s). **5** And_ _four_of thousand(s) will_be_gatekeepers and_four_of thousand(s) will_be_praising to/for_**YHWH** with_instruments which I_made to_praise. **6** And_he_divided_them Dāvid divisions (to)_the_sons_of Lēvī to_Gērəshōn Qəhāt and_Mərārī.

7 Belonged_to_Gērəshōnites La'dān and_Shim'ī. **8** The_sons_of La'dān were_the_chief Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_Zētām and_ _Yō'ēl/(Joel) three. **9** The_sons_of Shim'ī were_Shəlomīt[222] and_

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and he himself will become my son, and I'll become his father, and I'll establish his kingdom's authority over Yisrael forever.'

11 "Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you, and may you be successful and build a residence for Yahweh your god, just as he said you would. **12** I also ask Yahweh to give you insight and understanding, and give you charge over Yisrael so that you can keep your god Yahweh's regulations. **13** Then you'll succeed, if you're careful to follow the instructions and the directions that Yahweh commanded Mosheh (Moses) concerning Yisrael. Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or discouraged.[217]

14 Now, see, despite many battles, I've prepared the following for Yahweh's residence: three thousand tonnes of gold and thirty thousand tonnes of silver, along with too much bronze and iron to weigh, and timber and cut stones. Plus you'll be able to add more. **15** You'll have plenty of skilled workers, including those who work with stone and those who work with wood. **16** Then there's so many skilled with gold and silver, and bronze and iron. So get organised and get started, and may Yahweh be with you.

17 Then David ordered all the Israeli officials to assist his son Shelomoh (Solomon), saying, **18** "Isn't Yahweh your god with you officials, and hasn't he given you peace on every side? He's allowed me to take control of this region, and this area has been subdued with the help of Yahweh and his people. **19** Now, dedicate your minds and strength to requesting advice from your god Yahweh, then get organised and build Yahweh God's sanctuary so you can bring the box containing Yahweh's agreement to the residence to be built to honour Yahweh's name, and bring God's sacred items."

23:1 By then David was old and coming to the end of his life, and he made his son Shelomoh king of Yisrael (Israel).[218]

The Levite families and their assignments · Full kingdom

2 Then David gathered all the Israeli officials and the priests and Levites. **3** Counting the Levite males that were thirty years old and older, they found there were thirty-eight thousand men. **4** David assigned twenty-four thousand of them to supervise the work at Yahweh's residence, six thousand to be officials and judges, **5** four thousand to be gatekeepers, and four thousand to praise Yahweh using the musical instruments that he'd provided.

6 So David divided the Levites into divisions according to their ancestry through Levi's sons Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari.

The Gershonim

7 The Gershonim included Laedan and Shimei. **8** Laedan's three sons were: Yehiel (the oldest), Zetam,

217 **RV 22:13 · Cross-ref.** Josh 1:6-9.

218 **RV 23:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 1:1-40.

222 **LV 23:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: תּוּמְלֹשׁ: (x-qere) תְּיָמוֹלְשׁ': lemma_8019 a morph_HNp id_13UFD תְּיָמוֹלְשׁ

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and Yoel (Joel). **9** Shimei's[220] three sons were: Shelomot, Haziel, and Haran. (They were leaders of Laedan's clans.) **10** Shimei's four sons were: Yahat, Zina,[221] Ye'ush, and Beriah. **11** (Yahat was the head, and Zizah was second. Ye'ush and Beriah were grouped together as one family unit because they didn't have many descendants.)

The Kohatites

12 Kohat's four sons were: Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel. **13** Amram's sons were Aharon (Aaron) and Mosheh (Moses). Aharon and his future male descendants were permanently appointed to consecrate the most sacred things, to burn incense, to minister to Yahweh, and to bless his name.[223] **14** Mosheh was known as a man who served God, and his descendants were included with the other Levites.
15 Mosheh's sons were Gereshom and Eliezer. **16** Gereshom's eldest son was Shevuel. **17** Eliezer's only son was Rehavyah, but Rehavyah went on to have many sons.
18 Yitshar's eldest son was Shelomot. **19** Hevron's sons from oldest to youngest were: Yeriyah, Amaryah, Yahaziel, and Yekameam. **20** Uziel's sons were Mikah and Yishiyah.

The Merarim

21 Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi, and Mahli's sons were Eleazar and Kish. **22** Eleazar died without having any sons, so his brother Kish's sons married his daughters (to continue the family name). **23** Mushi had three sons: Mahli, Eder, and Yerimot.
24 Those were Levi's descendants by their clans and their appointments, who did the work of serving in Yahweh's residence once they reached twenty years old, **25** because David had said, "Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has given peace to his people, and he'll now live forever in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **26** so the Levites won't need to carry the sacred tent anymore, along with all its equipment."[224] **27** So one of David's final instructions had been to count the Levite men who were twenty years old and over, **28** because their work was to assist Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants in their work in Yahweh's residence.[225] They were in charge of the courtyards and siderooms, in charge of the purification ceremonies, and did other work at God's residence.
29 They were also in charge of the sacred bread, as well as the fine flour for the offering, the wafers of bread without raising agent, the baking pans, and all the measuring and mixing of ingredients.
30 Every morning and every evening the Levites stood and

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_Ḥₐzīʾēl and_Ḥārān three these were_the_heads_of the_fathers of_La'dān. **10** And_the_sons of_Shim'ī were_Yaḥat/(Jahath) Zīnā' and_Yə'ūsh/(Jeush) and_Bərī'āh these were_the_sons_of Shim'ī four. **11** And_he/it_was Yaḥat the_chief and_Zīzāh the_ _second and_Yə'ūsh and_Bərī'āh not they_had_many sons and_ _they_were (into)_a_house_of a_father (into)_a_group one.

12 The_sons_of Qəhāt were_'Amrām Yitshār/(Izhar) Ḥevrōn and_'Uzziyʾēl four. **13** The_sons_of 'Amrām were_'Ahₐron and_ _Mosheh and_ 'Ahₐron _he_was_separated to_consecrate_it a_ _holy_one_of holy_ones he and_descendants_of_his until perpetuity to_make_smoke to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_serve_him and_to_bless in_name_of_his until perpetuity. **14** And_Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm descendants_of_his they_were_named on the_tribe_of the_ _Lēviyyiy[s]. **15** The_sons_of Mosheh were_Gērəshom and_ _'Elī'ezer. **16** The_sons_of Gērəshom were_Shəvūʾēl the_chief. **17** And_ the_sons_of 'Elī'ezer _they_were Rəḥavʸāh the_chief and_not it_belonged to_'Elī'ezer sons other and_the_sons of_ _Rəḥavʸāh they_were_numerous (to)_upwards. **18** The_sons_of Yitshār/(Izhar) were_Shəlomīt the_chief. **19** The_sons_of Ḥevrōn were_Yəriyʸāh/(Jeriah) the_chief 'Amarʸāh the_second Yaḥₐzīʾēl/(Jahaziel) the_third and_Yəqam'ām/(Jekameam) the_ _fourth. **20** The_sons_of 'Uzziyʾēl were_Mīkāh the_chief and_ _Yishshiyʸāh/(Isshiah) the_second.

21 The_sons_of Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_Mūshiy the_sons_of Maḥlī were_'El'āzār and_Qīsh. **22** And_ 'El'āzār _he/it_died and_ _not they_belonged to_him/it sons if/because (if) daughters and_they_took_them the_sons_of Qīsh relatives_of_their. **23** The_sons_of Mūshiy were_Maḥlī and_'Ēder and_ _Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) three. **24** These were_the_descendants_of Lēvī to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their the_heads_of the_fathers to_their_men_of_enrolled by_number_of names to_ _heads_of_their the_doer[s]_of the_work for_the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_ _upward_upwards. **25** If/because Dāvid he_had_said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_has_given_rest to_people_of_his and_he_has_settled in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until forever_ _perpetuity. **26** And_also for_Lēviyyiy there_is_not to_carry ~~DOM~~ the_tabernacle and_~~DOM~~ all_of articles_of_its for_service_of_its. **27** If/because by_the_words/messages_of Dāvid (the)_last they were_the_number_of the_descendants_of Lēvī from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_(to)_upwards. **28** If/because position_of_ _their was_to_the_side_of the_descendants_of 'Ahₐron for_the_ _service_of the_house_of **YHWH** over the_courts and_over the_ _store-rooms and_over the_purification_of to/from_ _all/each/any/every holy_thing and_the_work_of the_service_ _of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **29** And_to_the_bread_of the_row and_to_fine_flour for_a_grain_offering and_to_the_wafers_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_to_cake and_to_dough and_

220 RV 23:9 · Note Possibly the wrong name got into the Hebrew here, because it disagrees with v10.

221 RV 23:10 · Note Some ancient translations have Zizah here, which would seem to fit better with v11.

223 RV 23:13 · Cross-ref. Exo 28:1.

224 RV 23:26 · Cross-ref. Deu 10:8.

225 RV 23:28-32 · Cross-ref. Num 3:5-9.

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_to/for_all measure and_measurement. **30** And_to_stand in_
_morning in_morning to_give_thanks and_to_praise to/for_
_**YHWH** and_thus/so/as_follows to_evening. **31** And_to/for_all
offering_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** for_sabbaths for_
_moons and_for_feasts by_number according_to_the_ordinance
on_them continually to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
YHWH. **32** And_they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_duty_of the_tent_of meeting
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_duty_of the_holy_place and_the_duty_of the_
_descendants_of ʾAhₐron relatives_of_their for_the_service_of
the_house_of **YHWH**.

24:1 And_to_the_descendants_of ʾAhₐron divisions_of_their the_
_sons_of ʾAhₐron were_Nādāv and_ʾAvīhūʾ ʾElʿāzār and_ʾĪtāmār.
2 And_ Nādāv and_ʾAvīhūʾ _he/it_died to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before father_of_their and_sons not they_belonged
to/for_them and_ ʾElʿāzār and_ʾĪtāmār _they_served_as_priests.
3 And_he_divided_them Dāvid and_Tsādōq/(Zadok) one_of the_
_descendants_of ʾElʿāzār and_ʾAḥīmelek one_of the_
_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār to_group_of_their by_service_of_their.
4 And_they_were_found the_descendants_of ʾElʿāzār many to_
_the_chiefs_of the_men more_than the_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār
and_they_divided_them belonged_to_the_descendants_of
ʾElʿāzār heads of_a_house_of fathers six- teen and_belonged_to_
_the_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār of_the_house_of their_ancestors_
_of_their eight. **5** And_they_divided_them by_lots these with
these if/because officials_of holiness and_the_officials_of the_
_ʾElohīm they_were from_(the)_sons of_ʾElʿāzār and_among_
_the_descendants_of ʾĪtāmār. **6** And_he_recorded_them
Shəmaʿyāh the_son_of Nətanʾēl the_scribe one_of the_Lēviyyiy[s]
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_the_officials
and_Tsādōq the_priest/officer and_ʾAḥīmelek the_son_of
ʾEvyātār and_the_heads_of the_fathers of_priests and_of_
_Lēviyyiy a_house_of a_father one was_drawn for_ʾElʿāzār and_
_drawn drawn for_ʾĪtāmār. **7** And_ the_lot (the)_first _he/it_
_went_out to_Yəhōyārīv/(Jehoiarib) to_Yədaʿyāh/(Jedaiah) the_
_second. **8** To_Ḥārim the_third to_Səʿorīm the_fourth. **9** To_
_Malkīyyāh the_fifth to_Miyyāmin the_sixth. **10** To_Haqqōts the_
_seventh to_ʾAvīyyāh the_eighth. **11** To_Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) the_
_ninth to_Shəkanyāh the_tenth. **12** To_ʾElyāshiv one_plus_of
ten to_Yāqīm/(Jakim) two_plus ten. **13** To_Ḥuppāh thir- teen
to_Jeshebeab four- teen. **14** To_Bilgah fif- teen to_ʾImmēr six-
teen. **15** To_Ḥēzīr seven- teen to_Happitstsēts eight- teen. **16** To_
_Pətaḥyāh nine- teen to_Yəḥezqʾēl the_twenty. **17** To_
_Yākīn/(Jakin) one and_twenty to_Gəmūl two and_twenty.
18 To_Dəlāyāh three and_twenty to_Maʿazyāh four and_twenty.
19 These group[s]_of_were_their for_service_of_their to_go to_
_the_house_of **YHWH** according_to_of_their_ordinance by_the_
_hand_of ʾAhₐron ancestor_of_their just_as he_had_
_commanded_him **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

20 And_to_the_sons_of Lēvī who_remained of_the_sons_of of_
_ʿAmrām Shūvāʾēl of_the_sons_of of_Shūvāʾēl
Yeḥdiyyāhū/(Jehdeiah). **21** For_Rəḥavyāh of_the_sons_of of_
_Rəḥavyāh the_chief was_Yishshiyyāh/(Isshiah). **22** For_
_Izharite[s] Shəlomōt of_the_sons_of of_Shəlomōt
Yaḥat/(Jahath). **23** And_the_sons_of were_Yəriyyāh/(Jeriah)

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praised Yahweh. **31** They would also do that on the rest days, and at the new moon celebrations and during the other religious festivals. There were regulations about how many of them must always be on duty serving Yahweh. **32** They were also in charge of the sacred tent and the holy place, and assisting the priests (their relatives, Aharon's descendants) in their service at Yahweh's residence.

The Levites' duties · Full kingdom

24:1 Aharon's (Aaron's) sons were: Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar, and Itamar, **2** but Nadav and Avihu died before their father and without having any children,[226] so only Eleazar and Itamar became priests. **3** David gave Eleazar's descendant Tsadok, and Itamar's descendant Ahimelek two different sets of duties to perform. **4** There were more leaders among Eleazar's descendants than there were among Itamar's descendants, so they appointed sixteen leaders from Eleazar's descendants and eight from Itamar's descendants. **5** They divided up the duties by a process of choosing randomly, so some of the leaders from each of the two groups served the facility and others served God directly. DOUBLE-CHECK, along with verse 3 as well. **6** Netanel's son Shemayah was the Levite scribe who recorded all this in front of the king and the leaders, Tsadok the priest and Evyatar's son Ahimelek, and the clan leaders of the priests and the Levites. (One family from Eleazar's group was randomly assigned a duty, and then one from Itamar's group, and so on.)

7 The first two allocations of duties went to Yehoyariv and then Yedayah. **8** Next were Harim and Se'orim, **9** Malkiyah and Miyamin, **10** Hakots and Aviyah, **11** Yeshua and Shekanyah, **12** Elyashiv and Yakim, **13** Hupah and Yeshev'av, **14** Bilgah and Imer, **15** Hezir and Hapitsets, **16** Petahyah and Yehezkel, **17** Yakin and Gemul, **18** Delayah and, lastly, Ma'azyah.

19 Those were the priests selected to be leaders of the groups that would serve in Yahweh's temple, following the instructions that Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had given their ancestor Aharon (Aaron).

Other Levites

20 This is a list of some of Levi's other descendants:

From Amram's sons: Shuvael.

From Shuvael's sons: Yehdiyah.

21 From Rehavyah's sons: Yishiyah, the leader.

226 RV 24:2 · Cross-ref. Lev 10:1-2.

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22 From the Yitshari: Shelomot.
From Shelomot's sons: Yahat.
23 Hevron's[227] sons (in order): Yeriyah, Amaryah, Yahaziel, Yekameam
24 From Uziel's sons: Mikah.
From Mikah's sons: Shamir.
25 Mikah's younger brother: Yishiyah.
From Yishiyah's sons: Zekaryah (Zechariah).
26 Merari's sons: Mahli and Mushi.
Ya'aziyah's son: Beno.
27 Merari's descendants through Ya'aziyah: Beno, Shoham, Zakur, and Ivri.
28 From Mahli: Eleazar who had no sons.
29 Kish's son: Yerahme'el.
30 Mushi's sons: Mahli, Eder, and Yerimot.
Those were the Levites listed by their ancestors' families.
31 They, too, used a process of choosing randomly, just like Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants (their relatives), to determine their specific duties irrespective of where they came in their families. This was done in front of King David, Tsadok and Ahimelek, the clan leaders, and the other priests and Levites.

The temple singers · Full kingdom

25:1 Then David and the army chiefs allocated the musical service to the sons of Asaf, Heyman, and Yedutun—the ones prophesying with harps, with lyres, and with cymbals. This is a list of the men they chose for that work:
2 From Asaf's sons: Zakur, Yosef (Joseph), Netanyah, and Asarelah. They were supervised by Asaf, who prophesied under the king's direction.
3 Six from Yedutun's family: Gedalyah, Tseri, Yeshayah (Isaiah), Hashavyah, and Matityah. They were supervised by Yedutun, who prophesied with a harp, and thanked and praised Yahweh.
4 From Heyman's sons: Bukiyah, Matanyah, Uziel, Shuvael, Yerimot, Hananyah, Hanani, Eliatah, Gidalti, Romamti-Ezer, Yashebekashah, Maloti, Hotir, and Mahaziot. 5 They were all sons of King David's prophet Heyman, who'd been promised by God that he'd strengthen him, and God gave him fourteen sons and three daughters.
6 All of those served as musicians in Yahweh's temple under their fathers' supervision—they played cymbals, harps, and lyres. Their fathers were supervised by the king. 7 There were 288 of those men and their musical relatives who played to Yahweh. 8 They used a process of choosing randomly to determine their duties, whether young or old, and irrespective of their musical abilities.
9 The first allocation went (in order) to:
Asaf and his son Yosef (Joseph),

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'Amar^{yāh} the_second Yaḥ$_a$zī'^{ēl}/(Jahaziel) the_third Yəqam'ām/(Jekameam) the_fourth. 24 The_sons_of 'Uzziy'^{ēl} were_Mīkāh of_the_sons_of of_Mīkāh Shāmūr[228]. 25 The_ _brother_of Mīkāh was_Yishshiy^{yāh} of_the_sons_of of_ _Yishshiy^{yāh} Zəkar^{yāh}. 26 The_sons_of Mərārī were_Maḥlī and_ _Mūshiy the_sons_of Ya'$_a$ziy^{yāh}ū/(Jaaziah) Bənō_of_were. 27 The_sons_of Mərārī of_Ya'$_a$ziy^{yāh}ū/(Jaaziah) Beno_of_his and_Shoham and_Zakkūr and_'Ivrī. 28 Of_the_Maḥlīte[s] 'El'āzār and_not it_belonged to_him/it sons. 29 For_Qīsh the_ _sons_of Qīsh were_Yəraḥmə'^{ēl}/(Jerahmeel). 30 And_the_sons of_Mūshiy were_Maḥlī and_'Ēder and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) these were_the_sons_of the_Lēviyyiy to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. 31 And_ also they _they_throw lots corresponding_to_of relatives_of_their the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Dāvid the_king and_Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_'Aḥīmelek and_the_heads_of the_ _fathers of_priests and_of_Lēviyyiy fathers the_chief was_ _corresponding_to_of his/its_brother (the)_young.

25:1 And_he/it_separated Dāvid and_the_commanders_of the_ _army for_service (to)_the_sons_of 'Āṣāf and_Hēymān and_ _Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) the[229][230] with_harps with_lyres and_ _with_cymbals and_he/it_was number_of_their men_of work for_service_of_their. 2 Of_the_sons_of 'Āṣāf Zakkūr and_ _Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Nətan^{yāh} and_'Asar'^{ēl}āh the_sons_of 'Āṣāf were_on the_hand_of 'Āṣāf who_prophesied on the_hands_of the_king. 3 For_Yədūtūn the_sons_of Yədūtūn were_Gədal^{yāh} and_Tsərī/(Zeri) and_Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Jeshaiah) Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} and_ _Mattit^{yāh} six on the_hands_of their_father_of_their Yədūtūn with_harp who_prophesied on to_give_thanks and_to_praise to/for_**YHWH**. 4 For_Hēymān the_sons_of Hēymān were_ _Buqqiy^{yāh} Mattan^{yāh} 'Uzziy'^{ēl} Shəvū'^{ēl} and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} Ḥ$_a$nānī 'Elī'ātāh Giddaltiy and_Rōmamtiy- 'ezer Yoshbəqāshāh/(Joshbekashah) Mallōtī Hōtīr Maḥ$_a$zī'ōt. 5 All_of these were_sons of_Hēymān the_seer_of the_king by_the_ _words/messages_of the_'Elohīm to_lift_up a_horn and_ the_ _'Elohīm _he/it_gave to_Hēymān sons four- teen and_ _daughters three. 6 All_of these were_on the_hands_of their_ _father_of_their with_song the_house_of **YHWH** with_cymbals lyres and_harps for_the_service_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm on the_hands_of the_king 'Āṣāf and_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_ _Hēymān. 7 And_ number_of_their _he/it_was with relatives_ _of_their who_were_trained_of_song to/for_**YHWH** every_of (the)_one_who_understood two_hundred eighty and_eight. 8 And_they_throw lots duty correspondingly_just_as_of as_ _small as_great teacher with pupil. 9 And_ the_lot (the)_first _ _he/it_went_out for_'Āṣāf to_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) Gədal^{yāh} the_ _second he and_relatives_of_his and_sons_of_his two_plus ten.

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227 RV 24:33 · Note Missing here in the Hebrew, but see 1 Chr. 23:19.

228 LV 24:24 · Note OSHB variant note: **רומש**: (x-qere) 'רְיָמָשׁ': lemma_8069 n_0 morph_HNp id_13bXf רְיָמָשׁ

229 LV 25:1 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם֝יאיבנ/ה**: (x-qere) 'ם֝יָאְבִּנְ/ה': lemma_d/5012 n_1.0.0 morph_HTd/VNsmpa id_13veq ם֝יָאְבִּנְ/ה

230 LV 25:1 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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10 The_third Zakkūr sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **11** The_fourth to_Yitsrī/(Izri) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **12** The_fifth Nətanʸāh sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **13** The_sixth Buqqiyʸāh sons_of_ _his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **14** The_seventh Yəsarʾēlāh/(Jesharelah) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_ _plus ten. **15** The_eighth Yəshaʿyāh/(Jeshaiah) sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **16** The_ninth Mattanʸāh sons_of_ _his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **17** The_tenth Shimʿī sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **18** one_plus_of ten ʿAzarʾēl sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **19** The_two_plus ten to_Ḥashavʸāh sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **20** For_thir- teen Shūvāʾēl sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **21** To_four teen Mattitʸāh sons_ _of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **22** For_fif- teen to_ _Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus teen. **23** For_six- teen to_Ḥananʸāh sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **24** For_seven- teen to_ _Yoshbəqāshāh/(Joshbekashah) sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **25** For_eight- teen to_Ḥanānī sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **26** For_nine- teen to_Mallōtī sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **27** For_twenty to_ʾElīʾātāh sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **28** For_one and_twenty to_Hōtīr sons_of_his and_relatives_of_ _his two_plus ten. **29** For_two and_twenty to_Giddaltiy sons_of_ _his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **30** For_three and_twenty to_Maḥazīʾōt sons_of_his and_relatives_of_his two_plus ten. **31** To_four and_twenty to_Rōmamtiy- ʿezer sons_of_his and_ _relatives_of_his two_plus ten.

26:1 To_divisions of_gatekeepers of_Qoraḥites Məshelemʸāh the_ _son_of Qōrēʾ one_of the_sons_of ʾĀsāf. **2** And_belonged_to_ _Məshelemʸāh sons was_Zəkarʸāh the_firstborn was_ _Yədīʿaʾēl/(Jediael) the_second was_Zəvadʸāh the_third was_ _Yatnīʾēl/(Jathniel) the_fourth. **3** Was_ʿĒylām the_fifth was_ _Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) the_sixth was_ʾElyəhōʿēynay the_ _seventh. **4** And_belonged_ʿŌvēd- ʾedōm sons was_Shəmaʿyāh the_firstborn was_Yəhōzāvād/(Jehozabad) the_second was_ _Yōʾāḥ/(Joah) the_third and_was_Sākār the_fourth and_was_ _Nətanʾēl the_fifth. **5** Was_ʿAmmiyʾēl the_sixth was_Issachar the_ _seventh was_Pəʿullətay the_eighth if/because he_had_blessed_ _him god. **6** And_to_Shəmaʿyāh son_of_his sons the_rulers of_ _the_house_of their_father_of_their it_was_born if/because were_mighty_men_of ability they. **7** The_sons_of Shəmaʿyāh were_ʿOtnī and_Rəfāʾēl and_ʿŌvēd ʾElzāvād relatives_of_his were_sons_of ability ʾElīhū and_Semakiah. **8** All_of these from_ _(the)_sons of_ʿŌvēd- ʾEdōm they and_sons_of_their and_ _relatives_of_their were_man_of ability with_strength for_ _service sixty and_two belonged_ʿŌvēd- ʾedōm. **9** And_ _belonged_to_Məshelemʸāh sons and_relatives sons_of ability eight- teen. **10** And_belonged_to_Ḥoşāh one_of the_ _descendants_of Mərārī sons was_Shimrī the_chief if/because not he_was firstborn and_he_had_appointed_him father_of_his to_chief. **11** Was_Ḥilqiyʸāh the_second was_Ṯəvalʸāhū the_third was_Zəkarʸāh the_fourth all_of the_sons and_relatives of_Ḥoşāh were_thir- teen. **12** Belonged_to_these the_divisions_of the_

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Gedalyah and his relatives and sons (a total of twelve),
10 Zakur and his sons and relatives (another twelve),
11 Yitsri and his sons and relatives (twelve),
12 Netanyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
13 Bukiyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
14 Yesarelah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
15 Yeshayah (Isaiah) and his sons and relatives (twelve),
16 Matanyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
17 Shimei and his sons and relatives (twelve),
18 Azarel and his sons and relatives (twelve),
19 Hashavyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
20 Shuvael and his sons and relatives (twelve),
21 Matityah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
22 Yerimot and his sons and relatives (twelve),
23 Hananyah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
24 Yashebekashah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
25 Hanani and his sons and relatives (twelve),
26 Maloti and his sons and relatives (twelve),
27 Eliatah and his sons and relatives (twelve),
28 Hotir and his sons and relatives (twelve),
29 Gidalti and his sons and relatives (twelve),
30 Mahaziot and his sons and relatives (twelve),
31 Romamti-Ezer and his sons and relatives (twelve).

The guards of doorway of temple · Full kingdom

26:1 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers:

From the Korhim: Kore's son Meshelemyah (Kore was one of Asaf's sons),
2 Meshelemyah's seven sons (in order): Zekaryah (Zechariah), Yedieael, Zevadyah, Yatniel, **3** Eylam, Yehohanan, and Elyehoeynay.
4 Oved-Edom's[231] eight sons (in order): Shemayah, Yehozavad, Yoah, Sakar, Netanel, **5** Amiyel, Yisakar (Issachar), and Pe'uletay. (God had blessed him.)
6 Oved-Edom's son Shemayah also had sons. (They were leaders in their father's family because they were capable warriors.) **7** Shemayah's sons were: Otni, Refael, Oved, and Elzavad. His relatives Elihu and Semakyah were also capable men.
8 All those descendants of Oved-Edom and their sons and relatives were capable people and strong workers. Altogether there were 62 of them.
9 Meshelemyah had sons and relatives who were respected (eighteen in total).
10 Merari's descendant Hosah's sons: Shimri (not actually the firstborn, but his father appointed him as the first), **11** Hilkiyah, Tevalyah, and Zekaryah (Zechariah). (Thirteen sons and relatives in total.)

231 RV 26:4-5 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 6:11; 1Ch 13:14.

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12 Those men were leaders of the groups of men who guarded the temple's gates. They worked in Yahweh's temple like their relatives did. 13 They used a process of choosing randomly to assign each family to a particular gate, irrespective of the family reputation. 14 Shelemyah's group was allocated to the eastern gate, and his son Zekaryah (a wise adviser) was allocated to the northern gate. 15 Oved-Edom's group was allocated to the southern gate, plus his sons were to guard the storehouses.
16 Shupim's and Hosah's groups were allocated the western gate, along with the Shaleket gate on the uphill road, with side-by-side guards. 17 Every day there were six Levites on duty in the east, four in the north, four in the south, and two at the storehouses. 18 There were four on the road by the western courtyard, and two in the courtyard. 19 Those were the groups of men who were Korah's and Merari's descendants who guarded the temple gates.

The guards of things/objects · Full kingdom

20 The Levite Ahiyah was in charge of the temple treasuries, as well as the storehouses for dedicated gifts. 21 Laedan's descendants (also descendants of Gereshon) were leaders among their family groups. Yehiel was a descendant of this Laedan. 22 Yehiel's sons were Zetam and Yoel (Joel), and they were in charge of the storehouses in Yahweh's temple.

23 Others who did that work were descendants of Amram, Yitshar, Hevron, and Uziel.

24 Shuvael, a descendant of Mosheh's (Moses') son Gereshom, was another leader in charge of the treasuries, 25 along with his relatives: Eliezer's son Rehavyah, Rehavyah's son Yeshayah (Isaiah), Yeshayah's son Yoram (Joram), Yoram's son Zikri, and Zikri's son Shelomot. 26 Shelomot and his relatives supervised all the storehouses for the sacred things that were consecrated by King David, the clan leaders, and the army division leaders and other commanders 27 who'd dedicated some of the plunder from their battles to the repair of Yahweh's residence. 28 Shelomot and his relatives were also in charge of everything that the prophet Shmuel (Samuel), King Sha'ul (Saul) (Kish's son), and David's two army commanders Avner (Ner's son) and Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son) had dedicated to Yahweh.

Other Levites' duties · Full kingdom

29 From Yitshar's descendants, Kenanyah and his sons worked outside the temple area as officials and judges over Yisrael (Israel).

30 From Hevron's descendants, Hashavyah and his relatives were responsible for all the work done for Yahweh and for the king in the area west of the Yarden (Jordan) river. There were 1,700 of them who were able to do their work well. 31 According to the records of Hevron's descendants, Yeriyah was their leader. (In the fortieth year of David's reign, they'd searched in those records and discovered that there were powerful men in Yazer in Gilead.) 32 Yeriyah had 2,700 relatives who were strong work-

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_gatekeepers to_the_chiefs_of the_men duties corresponding_ _to_of relatives_of_their to_serve in_house_of **YHWH**. 13 And_ _they_throw lots as_small as_great to_the_house_of their_ _ancestors_of_their for_a_gate and_a_gate. 14 And_ the_lot _it_ _fell eastward_to to_Shelem^{yāh} and_Zəkar^{yāh} son_of_his was_a_ _counsellor with_insight they_throw lots and_ lot_of_his _ _he/it_went_out northward_for. 15 To_ʹŌvēd- edoms south_to_ _the and_to_sons_of_his the_house_of the_store(s). 16 To_ _Shuppim and_to_Ḥoṣāh to_west beside the_gate_of Shalleket on_highway which_goes_up guard alongside_of guard. 17 To_ _east the_Lēviyyiy six to_north_to to_day four to_south_to to_ _day four and_for_storehouses two two. 18 For_Parbar to_west four for_highway two for_Parbar. 19 These were_the_divisions_ _of the_gatekeepers of_the_descendants_of of_the_Qoraḥite[s] and_of_the_descendants_of Mərārī.

20 And_the_Lēviyyiy ʾAḥiy^{yāh} was_over the_storehouses_of the_ _house_of the_ʾElohīm and_to_the_storehouses_of the_holy_ _things. 21 The_sons_of Laʹdān the_descendants_of the_ _Gērəshōnite[s] of_Laʹdān the_heads_of the_fathers of_Laʹdān the_Gērəshōnite were_Yəḥī^{ʾēl}/(Jehiel)i. 22 The_sons_of Yəḥī^{ʾēl}i Zētām and_Yō^{ʾēl}/(Joel) his/its_brother were_over the_ _storehouses_of the_house_of **YHWH**. 23 To_ʹAmrāmite[s] to_ _Izharite[s] to_Ḥevrōnite[s] to_ʹUzziy^{ʾēl}ite[s]. 24 And_Shəvū^{ʾēl} the_son_of Gērəshom the_son_of Mosheh was_the_chief over the_storehouses. 25 And_relatives_of_his belonged_to_ʾElīʹezer Rəḥav^{yāh} son_of_his and_Yəshaʿ^{yāh}/(Jeshaiah) son_of_his and_ _Yəhōrām/(Joram) his/its_son and_Zikrī son_of_his and[232] his/its_son. 26 That Shəlomōt and_relatives_of_his were_over all_of the_storehouses_of the_holy_things which Dāvid the_ _king and_the_heads_of the_fathers to_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_the_commanders_of the_army he_had_consecrated. 27 Some_of the_wars and_from the_plunder they_consecrated to_repair (to)_the_house_of **YHWH**. 28 And_all/each/any/every that_ Shəmū^{ʾēl}/(Samuel) the_seer and_Shāʾūl/(Saul) the_son_of Qīsh and_ʾAvnēr the_ _son_of Nēr and_Yōʾāv/(Joab) the_son_of Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) _ _he_had_consecrated every_of (the)_one_who_consecrated was_on the_hand_of Shəlomīt and_relatives_of_his.

29 To_Izharite[s] Kənan^{yāh} and_sons_of_his were_for_work (the)_outside over Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) to_officials and_to_judges. 30 To_Ḥevrōnite[s] Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} and_relatives_of_his sons_of ability one_thousand and_seven hundred(s) were_over the_ _oversight_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) from_the_other_side of_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) westward_at to_all/each/any/every the_ _work_of **YHWH** and_to_the_service_of the_king. 31 To_ _Ḥevrōnite[s] Yəriy^{yāh}/(Jeriah) was_the_chief of_Ḥevrōnite[s] to_generations_of_his of_fathers in_year of_the_forty of_(the)_ _reign of_Dāvid they_were_investigated and_it_was_found in/among_them mighty_men_of ability at_Yaʹzēr/(Jazer) of_ _Gilʹād. 32 And_relatives_of_his were_sons_of ability two_ _thousand and_seven hundred(s) the_heads_of the_fathers and_he_appointed_them Dāvid the_king over the_Rəʾūvēnite[s]

232 **LV 26:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: תומלש/ו: (x-qere) ותימלשׁ/ו: lemma_c/8013 morph_HC/Np id_13F7i תִּימְלֹשׁ/ו

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and_the_Gādī[s] and_the_half_of the_tribe_of the_Manassite[s] to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_'Elohīm and_ _(the)_matter_of the_king.

27:1 And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_number_of_their the_ _heads_of the_fathers and_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_officials_of_their who_serve ~~DOM~~ the_ _king to_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_divisions which_come and_which_go_out month by_month to_ _all/each/any/every the_months_of the_year the_division the_ _one(f) was_twenty and_four thousand. **2** Was_over the_ _division (the)_first for_month (the)_first Yāshov'ām/(Jashobeam) the_son_of Zav'diy'ēl and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **3** one_of the_ _descendants_of Perets was_the_chief to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_commanders_of the_armies for_ _month (the)_first. **4** And_was_over the_division_of the_month the_second Dōday the_'Aḥōḥī and_division_of_his and_Miqlōt was_the_leader and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **5** Was_the_commander_of the_army the_third for_ _month the_third Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer chief and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **6** That Bənāyāh was_(the)_mighty_man_of the_thirty and_was_over the_thirty and_division_of_his 'Ammizāv'ād his/its_son. **7** The_fourth for_month the_fourth 'Asāh-'ēl the_brother_of Yō'āv/(Joab) and_Zəv'adyāh son_of_his was_after_him and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **8** Was_the_fifth for_month (the)_fifth the_leader Shamhūt the_Yizrāḥ/(Izrahite) and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **9** The_sixth for_month the_sixth 'Īrā' the_son_of 'Iqqēsh the_Təqō'ī and_were_with division_of_ _his twenty and_four thousand. **10** The_seventh for_month the_ _seventh Ḥelets the_Pəlōnī one_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **11** Was_the_eighth for_month (the)_eighth Şibkay the_Ḥushātī of_Zerahite[s] and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **12** Was_the_ninth month (the)_ninth 'Avī'ezer the_ _'Annətotī mmm[233] and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_ _four thousand. **13** Was_the_tenth for_month (the)_tenth Maharay the_Nəţofātī of_Zerahite[s] and_were_with division_ _of_his twenty and_four thousand. **14** Was_one_plus_of ten for_ _the_one_plus_of ten the_month Bənāyāh the_Pir'ātōnī one_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand. **15** The_two_plus ten for_two_plus ten the_month Ḥelday the_Nəţofātī of_'Otnī'ēl and_were_with division_of_his twenty and_four thousand.

16 And_over the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_Rə'ūvēnite[s] was_chief 'Elī'ezer the_son_of Zikrī for_Shim'ōnite[s] Shəfaţyāh the_son_of Ma'akāh. **17** For_Lēvī Ḥashavyāh the_son_of Qəmū'ēl for_'Aharon Tsādōq/(Zadok). **18** For_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) 'Elīhū one_of_the_brothers_of Dāvid for_Issachar 'Omrī the_son_of Mīkā'ēl. **19** For_Zəv'ūlūn Yishma'yāh/(Ishmaiah) the_son_of 'Ov'adyāh for_Naftālī Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) the_son_of 'Azrī'ēl.

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ers and leaders of their families. King David put them in charge of governing the tribes of Re'uven, Gad, and the eastern half of the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh), to ensure that all the people did what God commanded and what the king told them to do.

King David's officials · Full kingdom

27:1 This is a list of the Israeli men who served the king in the army. Some were leaders of families, some were commanders of divisions of a thousand, some were commanders of divisions of a hundred, and some were other officers. There were twenty-four thousand men in each group, and each group served one month each year.

2 Zavdiyel's son Yashaveam was in charge of the group that served during the first month each year. **3** He was a descendant of Perets, and was the commander of all the army officers during the first month each year.

4 Doday (the Ahohi) was the commander of the group that served during the second month each year. Miklot was also a leader in that group.

5 Benayah, son of Yehoyada the high priest, was the commander of the group that served during the third month each year. **6** He was the strongest of 'the thirty' and was their leader. His son was Amizavad.

7 The fourth leader, for the fourth month, was Yoav's (Joab's) brother Asahel, and then his son Zevadyah succeeded him. His division was twenty-four thousand men.

8 The fifth leader, for the fifth month, was the commander Shamhut the Yizrah. His division was twenty-four thousand men.

9 The sixth leader, for the sixth month, was Ikesh's son Ira the Tekoei. His division was twenty-four thousand men.

10 The seventh leader, for the seventh month, was Helets the Peloni (an Efrati). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

11 The eighth leader, for the eighth month, was Sibkay the Hushati (a Zarhi). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

12 The ninth leader, for the ninth month, was Aviezer the Antoti (a Benyamite). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

13 The tenth leader, for the tenth month, was Maharay the Netofati (a Zarhi). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

14 The eleventh leader, for the eleventh month, was Benayah the Pireatoni (an Efrati). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

15 The twelfth leader, for the twelfth month, was Helday the Otnieli (a Netofati). His division was twenty-four thousand men.

The teachers of Yisrael's descendants · Full kingdom

16 There were certain tribal leaders over each of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes:

Zikri's son Eliezer was the leader of the tribe of Re'uven.

Ma'akah's son Shefatyah was the leader of the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon).

233 LV 27:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ימינב/ל: (x-qere) ב/ל: lemma_l/1121 a n_1.0 morph_HRd/Ngmsa id_13mHz ב/ל ו: lemma_3227 n_1 morph_HNgmsa id_13Eb6 יְנִימִ֔י

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17 Kemuel's son Hashavyah was the leader of the Levites.
Tsadok was the leader of Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants.
18 David's older brother Elihu was the leader of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).
Mika'el's (Michael's) son Omri was the leader of the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar).
19 Ovadyah's (Obadiah's) son Yishmaeyah was the leader of the tribe of Zevulun.
Azriel's son Yerimot was the leader of the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali).
20 Azazyah's son Hoshea was the leader of the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim).
Pedayah's son Yoel (Joel) was the leader of the half-tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh).
21 Zekaryah's (Zechariah's) son Yido was the leader of the half-tribe of Menasheh in Gilead.
Avner's son Ya'asiyel was the leader of the tribe of Benyamin.
22 Yeroham's son Azarel was the leader of the tribe of Dan.
Those were the commanders of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes.
23 David hadn't included men who were less than twenty years old when he'd ordered a census, because Yahweh had promised that he would multiply the Israelis like stars in the sky.[234]
24 Yoav (Joab) (Tseruyah's son) began the count, but never finished it, because Yahweh's anger had struck Yisrael,[235] so the census result wasn't recorded in the record of King David's reign.

King David's administrators · Full kingdom

25 Adiel's son Azmavet supervised the king's treasuries.
Uziyah's son Yonatan (Jonathan) was in charge of the storehouses in the countryside and in the cities and villages, and in the watchtowers.
26 Keluv's son Ezri supervised the farm workers.
27 Shimei the Ramati supervised the king's vineyards.
Zavdi the Shifmi supervised the wine vats.
28 Ba'al-Hanan the Gederi supervised the olive groves and the sycamore trees in the lowlands.
Yoash supervised the olive oil storage.
29 Shitray from the Plain of Sharon was in charge of the herds of cattle that grazed there.
Adlay's son Shafat was in charge of the cattle in the valleys.
30 Ovil the Yishmaeli (Ishmaelite) was in charge of the camels.
Yehdiyah the Meronoti was in charge of the donkeys.
31 Yaziz the Hagri was in charge of the flocks of sheep and goats.
All of those officials supervised King David's property.

King David's advisers · Full kingdom

32 David's uncle Yonatan (Jonathan) was a wise adviser and a copyist.
Hakmoni's son Yehiel attended to the

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20 For_the_sons_of 'Efrayim Hōshē˝a the_son_of ´Azaz^{yāh}ū for_
_the_half_of the_tribe_of Mənashsheh Yō'^{ēl}/(Joel) the_son_of
Pədā^{yāh}. **21** For_the_half_of (the)_Mənashsheh to_Gil´ād
Yiddō/(Iddo) the_son_of Zəkar^{yāh} for_Binyāmīn
Ya´$_a$siy'^{ēl}/(Jaasiel) the_son_of 'Avnēr. **22** For_Dān ´Azar'^{ēl} the_
_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) these were_the_commanders_of
the_tribes_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **23** And_not Dāvid he_took
number_of_their (to)_from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_(to)_
_downwards if/because **YHWH** he_had_said to_multiply ~~DOM~~
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) like_the_stars_of the_heavens. **24** Yō'āv/(Joab)
the_son_of Tsərū^{yāh}/(Zeruiah) he_began to_count and_not he_
_finished and_he/it_was by_this severe_anger was_towards
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_not the_number it_went_up in_the_
_number_of the_words/messages_of the_days to/for_the_king
Dāvid.

25 And_was_over the_storehouses_of the_king ´Azmāvet the_
_son_of ´Adī'^{ēl} and_was_over the_storehouses in_the_field in_
_cities and_in_villages and_in_towers
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of ´Uzziy^{yāh}. **26** And_
_was_over the_doers_of the_work_of the_field for_the_labour_
_of the_soil ´Ezrī the_son_of Kəlūv. **27** And_was_over the_
_vineyards Shim´ī the_Rāmātī and_was_over that_which_was_
_in_vineyards to_the_storehouses_of the_wine Zav˝diy the_
_Shifmī. **28** And_was_over the_olive_trees and_the_sycamores
which were_in_Shephelah Ba´al- Ḥānān the_Gədērī and_was_
_over the_storehouses_of the_oil Yō'āsh/(Joash). **29** And_was_
_over the_cattle which_grazed in_Shārōn Shiṯray[236] the_
_Shārōnite and_was_over the_cattle in_valleys Shāfāṭ the_son_
_of ´Adlay. **30** And_was_over the_camels 'Ōv˝īl the_Yishmā´^{ēl}ī
and_was_over the_she-asses Yeḥdiy^{yāh}ū/(Jehdeiah) the_
_Mēronotī. **31** And_was_over the_flock[s] Yāzīz/(Jaziz) the_
_Hagrī all_of these were_the_officials_of the_property which
to/for_the_king Dāvid.

32 And_Yōnātān the_uncle_of Dāvid was_a_counsellor was_a_
_man_of understanding and_a_scribe he and_Yəḥī'^{ēl}/(Jehiel)
the_son_of Ḫakmōnī was_with the_sons_of the_king. **33** And_
_'Aḫītofel was_a_counsellor to/for_the_king and_Ḫūshay the_

234 RV 27:23 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:5; 22:17; 26:4.

235 RV 27:24 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 24:15; 1Ch 21:1-14.

236 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB variant note: יִרְטשׁ: (x-qere) יְיָטְרְשׁ': lemma_7861 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_13poL יְיָטְרְשׁ

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_Arkite was_the_friend_of the_king. **34** And_after ʾAḥītofel Yəhōyādāʿ/(Jehoiada) the_son_of Bənāᵞᵃʰ and_ʾEvyātār and_ _was_the_commander_of the_army to/for_the_king Yōʾāv/(Joab).

28:1 And_ Dāvid _he_assembled ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_officials_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_leaders_of the_tribes and_the_ _commanders_of the_divisions who_served ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_ _the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_commanders_of the_hundreds and_the_officials_of all_of the_property and_ _livestock to/for_the_king and_of_sons_of_his with the_officials and_the_warriors and_to/for_all mighty_man_of strength to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_ Dāvid the_king _he/it_rose_ _up on feet_of_his and_he/it_said listen_to_me my_brothers_ _of_my and_people_of_my I was_with heart_of_my to_build a_ _house_of rest for_the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** and_for_ _the_footstool_of the_feet_of our_god_of_our and_I_prepared to_build. **3** And_(the)_god he_said to_me not you_will_build a_ _house for_name_of_my if/because are_a_man_of wars you and_blood(s) you_have_shed. **4** And_ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he_chose (in)_me from_all the_house_of my_ _father_of_my to_be (into)_king over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) forever_ _perpetuity if/because (in)_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_chose to_ruler and_among_the_house_of Yəhūdāh the_house_of my_father_ _of_my and_among_the_sons_of my_father_of_my in_me he_ _took_pleasure to_make_me_king over all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** And_from_all_of sons_of_my if/because many sons he_has_ _given to_me **YHWH** and_he_has_chosen (in)_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my to_sit on the_throne_of the_ _kingdom_of **YHWH** over Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **6** And_he/it_said to_ _me Shəlomoh son_of_your he he_will_build house_of_my and_ _courts_of_my if/because I_have_chosen in_him/it to_me to_a_ _son and_I I_will_become for_him/it (into)_a_father. **7** And_I_ _will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_kingdom until forever_perpetuity if he_will_be_strong for_doing commands_of_my and_ _judgements_of_my as_day (the)_this. **8** And_now to_the_eyes_ _of all_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_assembly_of **YHWH** and_in_the_ _ears_of our_god_of_our observe and_seek all_of the_ _commands_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) so_that you(pl)_may_ _possess ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land (the)_good and_you(pl)_will_give_ _it_as_inheritance to_descendants_of_your(pl) after_you(pl) until perpetuity. **9** And_you(ms) Oh_Shəlomoh son_of_my know ᴅᴏᴍ the_god_of your_father_of_your and_serve_him with_a_ _heart complete and_with_a_being willing if/because all_of hearts **YHWH** is_searching and_all inclination_of thoughts he_ _is_understanding if you_will_seek_him he_will_let_himself_be_ _found to/for_you(fs) and_if you_will_abandon_him he_will_ _reject_you forever_ever. **10** See now if/because **YHWH** he_has_ _chosen (in)_you to_build a_house for_sanctuary be_strong and_act. **11** And_ Dāvid _he/it_gave to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ the_pattern_of the_porch and_ᴅᴏᴍ houses_of_ _its and_treasuries_of_its and_its_upper_of_rooms and_rooms_ _of_its (the)_inner and_the_house_of the_atonement_cover. **12** And_the_pattern_of all that it_was in_spirit with_him/it for_

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king's sons.

33 Ahitofel was the king's adviser.

Hushay the Arki was the king's friend.

34 Ahitofel was succeeded by Benayah's son Yehoyada, then by Evyatar.

Yoav (Joab) was the commander of the king's army.

David's temple plans
· Full kingdom

28:1 Now David called all of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders to assemble in Yerushalem (Jerusalem): the tribal leaders, the leaders of the various divisions that served the king, the commanders of army units of thousands and of hundreds, and the supervisors of all the property and cattle belonging to the king and his sons, along with the top officials, and the warriors, including their powerful heroes.

2 Then King David stood up and spoke, "Listen to me, my brothers and my people, I wanted in my heart to put up a building for the box containing Yahweh's agreement to rest in. It's the footstool for our god's feet, and I've made preparations to start building,[237] **3** but God told me that I wouldn't be the one to build a house to honour him, because I've been involved in a lot of war and killings.

4 "Yet Yisrael's god Yahweh chose me from all of my father's family to be king over Yisrael forever, because he chose a leader from the tribe of Yehudah (Judah), my father's tribe, and among my father's sons, he was pleased to make me king over all of Yisrael. **5** Then out of the many sons that he's given me, he chose my son Shelomoh (Solomon) to be the next king to rule his kingdom of Yisrael.

6 "Then he told me, 'Your son Shelomoh is the one who'll build my temple and the courtyards around it, because I've chosen him to be like my son, and I'll be like a father to him. **7** I'll establish his kingdom forever, if he's diligent at following my instructions and obeying my judgements, like he is at present.'

8 "So now, in front of all of Yisrael, Yahweh's assembly, and in the hearing of our god, I challenge you all to discover and obey all of your god Yahweh's commands, so that you'll all possess the good land, and you'll leave your sons after you to inherit it forever.

9 "And you, Shelomoh my son, follow your father's god and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing life, because Yahweh looks into all hearts, and understands all your motives. If you look for him, he'll make sure you find him, but if you abandon him, he'll reject you forever. **10** You can now see that you need to be strong and get busy, because Yahweh has chosen you to erect a building to be his sanctuary."

11 Then David gave the plans for the temple to his son Shelomoh, including plans for its porch, its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms and its inner rooms, and the room to contain the sacred box. **12** He also handed over the plans he envisioned for the temple courtyards, all the surrounding apartments, all the

237 RV 28:2-7 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 7:1-16; 1Ch 17:1-14.

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treasuries, and all the storerooms for sacred things. **13** He included instructions for the divisions of the priests and Levites, for all the services required to operate the temple, and for all the equipment and utensils needed for all that. **14** David had determined the weight of gold and silver that would be needed to make all the necessary items that would be used in the regular temple functions, **15** including the gold lampstands and lamps and the silver lampstands and lamps, **16** and the gold for the display tables, and the silver for the silver tables. **17** Also the pure gold meat forks and the jugs and basins, and the weights of the gold and silver bowls. **18** Then the weight of refined gold for the incense altar, and for making the winged creatures that spread out across the top of the box containing Yahweh's agreement. **19** He said, "I've written down all those plans following Yahweh's direction, as he gave me instructions for what has to be done." **20** Then David told his son Shelomoh, "Be strong and courageous, and get going. Don't be afraid or discouraged, because Yahweh God, my god, is with you. He won't leave you and he won't abandon you before all the work of constructing Yahweh's residence and the necessary equipment is finished. **21** Listen, the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the work in God's house, and all the skilled workmen, will be backing you in all the work. The officials and all the people are ready to follow your instructions."

Donations for the temple · Full kingdom

29:1 Then King David told the entire assembly, "My son Shelomoh (Solomon) has been chosen by God himself. He's young and tender,[238] and it's a huge job, because the temple isn't being built for people, but for Yahweh God. **2** I've used all my resources to provide a plentiful supply of materials for my god's residence: the gold for the gold things, and the silver for the silver things, the bronze for the bronze things, the iron for the iron things, the wood for the wooden parts, onyx stones for inlays, antimony stones and colourful things, and all the rare stones, and alabaster stones. **3** What's more, because I'm excited to have my god's residence built, I've donated my own personal gold and silver on top of everything else that I've prepared for the sacred temple: **4** 100 tonnes of gold and 2,500 tonnes of refined silver for overlaying the buildings' walls, **5** as well as gold for the gold things, silver for the silver things, and for everything the crafts-

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_the_courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_to/for_all the_ _rooms all_around for_the_storehouses_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm and_for_the_storehouses_of the_holy_things. **13** And_ _for_the_divisions_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_to/for_ _all the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ _to/for_all the_articles_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **14** For_gold by_weight of_gold to/from_all/each/any/every articles_of service and_service to_all/each/any/every the_ _articles_of (the)_silver by_weight to/from_all/each/any/every articles_of service and_service. **15** And_the_weight of_the_ _lampstands_of the_gold and_lamps_of_their gold by_weight_of a_lampstand and_a_lampstand and_lamps_of_its and_of_the_ _lampstands_of (the)_silver by_weight of_a_lampstand and_ _lamps_of_its according_to_the_service_of a_lampstand and_a_ _lampstand. **16** And_~~DOM~~ the_gold weight for_the_tables_of the_ _row for_a_table and_a_table and_silver for_the_tables_of (the)_ _silver. **17** And_the_forks and_the_bowls and_the_jugs gold pure and_for_the_bowls_of the_gold by_weight for_a_bowl and_a_ _bowl and_for_the_bowls_of (the)_silver by_weight for_a_bowl and_a_bowl. **18** And_for_the_altar_of (the)_incense gold refined by_weight and_(to)_the_pattern_of the_chariot the_cherubims gold to_those_which_spread_out and_those_which_cover over the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH**. **19** (The)_everything in_ _writing from_the_hand_of **YHWH** on_me he_made_clear all_of the_works_of the_pattern. **20** And_ Dāvid _he/it_said to_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his be_strong and_be_brave and_ _act do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_dismayed if/because **YHWH** god god_of_my is_with_you not he_will_abandon_you and_not he_will_abandon_you until (to)_is_ all_of the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** _complete. **21** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_divisions_of the_priests and_the_ _Lēviyyiy to/from_all/each/any/every the_service_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm and_will_be_with_you in_all_of the_work to/from_all/each/any/every willing_person with_skill to/from_all/each/any/every service and_the_officials and_all the_people to/from_all/each/any/every words/messages_of_ _your.

29:1 And_ Dāvid the_king _he/it_said to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_assembly Shəlomoh son_of_my whom_one he_has_chosen in/on/over_him/it god is_a_youth and_weak and_the_work is_great if/because not to/for_ _'Ādām/humankind the_temple if/because to/for_**YHWH** god. **2** And_according_to_all_of power_of_my I_have_prepared for_ _the_house_of my_god_of_my the_gold for_gold and_the_silver for_silver and_the_bronze for_bronze the_iron for_iron and_ _the_wood(s) for_wood(s) stones_of onyx and_settings stones_ _of antimony and_multicoloured_stones and_ _all/each/any/every stone precious and_stones_of alabaster to_increase_in_number. **3** And_again because_delight_I in_ _house_of my_god_of_my there_belongs to_me treasure gold and_silver I_give for_the_house_of my_god_of_my (to)_upwards from_all that_I_have_prepared for_the_house_of (the)_holiness. **4** Three_of thousand(s) talents_of gold from_the_gold_of 'Ōfīr and_seven_of thousand(s) talent[s]_of silver refined to_overlay the_walls_of the_houses. **5** (To)_gold for_gold and_(to)_silver

238 RV 29:1-2 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 22:5.

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for_silver and_to/for_all work by_the_hand_of craftsmen and_ _who is_making_a_contribution to_fill his/its_hand the_day to/for_**YHWH**. **6** And_they_made_a_contribution the_leaders_of the_fathers and_the_leaders_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_hundreds and_(to)_the_leaders_of the_work_of the_king. **7** And_they_ _gave for_the_service_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm gold talents five_of thousand(s) and_darics ten_thousand and_silver talents ten_of thousand(s) and_bronze ten_thousand and_eight_of thousand(s) talents and_iron one_hundred thousand talents. **8** And_the_one_who_was_found with_him/it stones they_gave_ _them to_the_treasury_of the_house_of **YHWH** on the_hand_of Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) the_Gērəshōnite. **9** And_ the_people _they_ _rejoiced because they_had_made_a_contribution if/because with_a_heart complete they_had_made_a_contribution to/for_ _**YHWH** and_also Dāvid the_king he_rejoiced joy great.

10 And_ Dāvid _he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** to_the_eyes_of all_of the_assembly and_ Dāvid _he/it_said you be_blessed Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ancestor_of_our from_long_ _ago/eternity and_unto perpetuity. **11** To/for_yourself(m) Oh_ _**YHWH** the_greatness and_the_strength and_the_splendour and_the_eminence and_the_majesty if/because everything in_ _heavens and_on_earth to/for_yourself(m) Oh_**YHWH** the_ _kingdom and_you_are_the_one_who_raises_himself to_ _all/each/any/every to_head. **12** And_(the)_wealth and_(the)_ _honour are_from_before_of_you and_you(ms) are_ruling over_ _everything and_are_in_hand_of_your power and_strength and_are_in_hand_of_your to_make_great and_to_make_strong (to)_everyone. **13** And_now our_god_of_Oh we are_giving_ _thanks to/for_you(fs) and_we_are_praising (to)_the_name_of your_splendour_of_your. **14** And_because/when who am_I and_ _who people_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when we_will_ _retain strength to_make_a_contribution like_this if/because is_from_you (the)_everything and_from_hand_of_your we_ _have_given to/for_you(fs). **15** If/because are_sojourners we to_ _your_face and_resident_aliens like_all_of ancestors_of_our are_like_shadow days_of_our on the_earth/land and_there_is_ _not hope. **16** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our all_of the_abundance the_ _this which we_have_prepared to_build to/for_yourself(m) a_ _house for_the_name_of your_holiness_of_your is_from_hand_ _of_your it[241] and_belongs_to_you (the)_everything. **17** And_I_ _know my_god_of_my if/because_that you are_testing the_ _heart and_uprightness(es) you_are_pleased_with I in_the_ _uprightness_of my_heart_of_my I_have_made_a_contribution all_of these_things and_now people_of_your who_they_are_ _found here I_have_seen with_joy to_make_a_contribution to/for_you(fs). **18** Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of 'Avrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ancestors_of_our keep this forever_perpetuity (to)_the_inclination_of the_thoughts_of the_heart_of your_people_of_your and_direct heart_of_their to_yourself. **19** And_to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_my give a_ _heart complete to_keep commands_of_your testimonies_of_ _your and_decrees_of_your and_to_do (the)_everything and_to_ _build the_temple which I_have_prepared. **20** And_ Dāvid _

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men are going to make. So who's willing to commit themselves today to making a contribution towards Yahweh's work?

6 Then the family leaders and the leaders of the tribes, and the various levels of military commanders, and the king's construction overseers, all contributed willingly. **7** They donated a total of 170 tonnes of gold and 100kg of gold coins, 350 tonnes of silver, 600 tonnes of bronze, and 3,400 tonnes of iron for the temple construction, **8** plus anyone who had precious stones donated them to the treasury for the temple. Yehiel (a Gershoni) was in charge of those. **9** The people were excited, because they'd all given willingly to Yahweh, and King David was also very pleased.

The praying for David · Full kingdom

10 Then King David blessed Yahweh in front of the entire assembly, saying, "You are blessed, Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, our father, for all time, both past and future. **11** Greatness, power, beauty, splendour, and majesty all belong to you, Yahweh, as indeed does everything in the heavens and on the earth. The kingdom and supreme leadership all belong to you, Yahweh.[239] **12** Wealth and prestige comes from you, and you rule over everything. You have the power and strength and control to make people great and to strengthen everyone, **13** so now, our god, we're thanking you and praising your beautiful name.

14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be in a position to be able to donate freely like this? Yes, everything comes from you, and we've simply given back from what you gave to us, **15** because we're just strangers on the earth in your eyes, and foreign guests, like all our ancestors. Our time on the earth is like a shadow without any permanence. **16** Yahweh our god, all this abundance that we've collected in order to build a house for you, for your holy name, originally came from you, and it all belongs to you anyway. **17** Yes I know, my god, that you examine our hearts, and you're pleased when we do what's right. I've freely offered all these gifts as I strive to do what's right, and now I'm also happy to see your people freely offer gifts to you. **18** Yahweh, god of our ancestors Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Yisrael, help your people continue to desire to do things like this forever, and help them remain loyal to you. **19** Also, give my son Shelomoh (Solomon) a sincere desire to follow your instructions, your decrees, and your regulations, and to do everything needed to build the temple following all my preparation work."

20 Then David told all the assembled people, "Bless your god Yahweh," and the entire assembly blessed Yahweh, their ancestors' god. Then they bowed down to honour both Yahweh and the king.

239 RV 29:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 6:13.

241 LV 29:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **אִיהּ**: (x-qere) **'אִוָּהּ'**: lemma_1931 n_0.0 morph_HPp3ms id_139Vh **אִוָּהּ**

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21 Then they offered sacrifices to Yahweh, and sacrificed burnt offerings to Yahweh on the following day: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, 1,000 lambs, plus their drink offerings and sacrifices for all of Yisrael in abundance. 22 They ate and drank in Yahweh's honour that day with great celebration.

Then they rededicated David's son Shelomoh as king, and anointed him as leader on Yahweh's behalf, and Tsadok as priest. 23 Shelomoh sat on Yahweh's throne as king, replacing his father David,[240] and he prospered, and all of Yisrael listened to him. 24 All the leaders and the mighty warriors, as well as all of King David's sons, pledged allegiance to King Shelomoh. 25 Yahweh made Shelomoh exceedingly great in the eyes of all the Israelis, and bestowed a kingdom on him, the majesty of which hadn't previously been on any king over Yisrael.

The story of David's kingdom · Full kingdom

26 Yishay's (Jesse's) son David was the king who ruled all of Yisrael (Israel), 27 and he ruled for forty years: from Hevron city for seven years, and then thirty-three years from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[242] 28 He lived a long life with riches and splendour, and died at a good old age. Then his son Shelomoh (Solomon) replaced him as king. 29 The records of everything King David did, from the beginning to his end, were written by the prophets Shmuel (Samuel), Natan (Nathan), and Gad. 30 They wrote about his powerful rule, and all the things that happened to him and to the Israeli people, and in the kingdoms of other countries while he was ruling Yisrael.

CH1 · OET-RV v0.2.5

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_he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every the_assembly bless please ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_ all_of the_assembly _ _they_blessed to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_ _their and_they_bowed_low and_they_bowed_down to/for_ _**YHWH** and_to_king. 21 And_they_sacrificed to/for_**YHWH** sacrifices and_they_offered_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** to_the_next_day_of the_day (the)_that young_bulls one_ _thousand rams one_thousand lambs one_thousand and_their_ _drink_of_offerings and_sacrifices to_increase_in_number to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 22 And_they_ate and_they_drank to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** in_ _the_day (the)_that with_joy great and_they_made_king a_ _second_time (to)_Shəlomoh the_son_of Dāvid and_they_ _anointed_him to/for_**YHWH** to_ruler and_(to)_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) to_priest. 23 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived on the_throne_of **YHWH** to_king in_ _place_of Dāvid his/its_father and_he_was_successful and_ _they_listened to_him/it all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 24 And_all the_ _officials and_the_warriors and_also all_of the_sons_of the_king Dāvid they_gave a_hand under Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king. 25 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_made_great ~~DOM~~ Shəlomoh (to)_upwards to_the_eyes_of all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave on/upon/above_him/it majesty_of royalty which not it_had_ _been on any_of king before_him over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

26 And_Dāvid the_son_of Yishay/(Jesse) he_reigned over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 27 And_the_days which he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_forty year[s] in_Ḥevrōn he_reigned seven years and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_reigned thirty and_ _three_years. 28 And_he/it_died in_old_age good satisfied_of days wealth and_honour and_ Shəlomoh son_of_his _he_ _reigned in_place_of_him. 29 And_the_matters_of Dāvid the_ _king (the)_former and_(the)_latter there_they are_written on the_words/messages_of Shəmū'ēl/(Samuel) the_seer and_on the_words/messages_of Nātān the_prophet and_on the_ _words/messages_of Gād the_seer. 30 With all_of his/its_ _kingdom and_might_of_his and_the_times which they_passed on/upon/above_him/it and_over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_over all_ _of the_kingdoms_of the_lands.

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240 **RV 29:23 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 2:12.

242 **RV 29:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 5:4-5; 1Ch 3:4.

The second
Sequential Account

(2 Chronicles)

Introduction

The *Second Chronicles* account is the continuation of *First Chronicles* account (and they're considered as just one account in the book form of the Hebrew Scriptures, the TaNaK). This document includes the account of Shelomoh (Solomon) becoming king, then the rebellion of the northern tribes against his son Rehav'am becoming king. That rebellion was led by Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and resulted in the split between the northern kingdom (called 'Yisrael/Israel' or sometimes 'Efrayim/Ephraim') and the southern kingdom (called 'Yehudah/Judah' and consisting mostly of the tribes of Yehudah and Benyamin). This document then ends with the accounts of the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) and the defeat of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in 586 B.C.

Main components of this account

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The requesting of Shelomoh of wisdom · Full kingdom[1]

1:1 David's son Shelomoh (Solomon) became established over his kingdom, and his god, Yahweh, was with him and made him very powerful.

2 Shelomoh spoke to all of Yisrael (Israel), to the army commanders of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, to all of Yisrael's leaders, including the clan leaders. **3** So Shelomoh led the whole assembly to the worship place at Giveon, because the sacred tent was there that Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) had made in the wilderness. **4** David had brought God's box uphill from Kiryat-Yearim, and he'd erected a tent for it in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[2] **5** The bronze altar made by Betsalel (son of Uri, son of Hur) was there in front of Yahweh's tent,[3] and Shelomoh and the assembly requested Yahweh's guidance there. **6** So Shelomoh went up to the bronze altar there at the sacred tent, and in front of Yahweh, he sacrificed a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 That night, God appeared to Shelomoh and told him, "Ask for what you want me to give you."

8 "You showed outstanding loyal commitment to my father David," Shelomoh replied to God, "and you've made me king in his place. **9** Now, Yahweh God, may your promise to my father David be confirmed, because you yourself have made me king over a people group as numerous as the dust on the ground. **10** Give me wisdom and knowledge now as I come and go in front of these people, because who could make good judgements for this huge people group of yours?"

11 "Because that was in your heart," God replied to Shelomoh "and you didn't ask for wealth, riches, or fame, or the lives of those who hate you, and also you didn't ask for a long life, but you've asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself to help you lead my people that I've made you king over, **12** then I'll give you that wisdom and knowledge, along with wealth and riches and fame. You'll have more than any king that preceded you or any that follows."

Shelomoh's honour and wealth · Full kingdom[4]

13 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) left the sacred tent at Giveon and returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where he reigned over Yisrael (Israel). **14** Then Shelomoh built up his chariots and horsemen, and soon had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen,[5] which he stationed in the chariot cities and with him in Yerushalem. **15** The king made silver and gold in Yerushalem as

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1:1 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid _he_ _strengthened_himself over his/its_kingdom and_**YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it and_he_made_him_great (to)_upwards. **2** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_commanders_of the_thousands and_the_ _hundreds and_to_judges and_to/for_all leader to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_heads_of the_fathers. **3** And_ Shəlomoh and_all the_assembly with_him/it _they_ _went to_place which was_at_Giv˝ōn if/because there it_was the_tent_of meeting_of the_'Elohīm which Mosheh the_ _servant_of **YHWH** he_had_made in_wilderness. **4** But the_box_ _of the_'Elohīm Dāvid he_had_brought_up from_Qiryat-ya˝ārīm/(jearim) in_he_had_prepared to_him/it Dāvid if/because he_had_pitched to_him/it a_tent in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** And_the_altar_of (the)_bronze which Bətsal'ēl the_son_of 'Ūrī the_son_of Ḥūr he_had_made he_ _had_put to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_tabernacle_ _of **YHWH** and_he_sought_it Shəlomoh and_the_assembly. **6** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ascended there to the_altar_of (the)_ _bronze to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** which was_ _to_the_tent_of meeting and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_ _him/it burnt_offerings a_thousand. **7** In_night (the)_that god he_appeared to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_he/it_said to_him/it ask what will_I_give to/for_you(fs). **8** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ _said to_god you you_have_done with Dāvid father_of_my covenant_loyalty great and_you_have_made_me_king in_place_ _of_him. **9** Now Oh_**YHWH** god message_of_your with Dāvid father_of_my let_it_be_established if/because you you_have_ _made_me_king over a_people numerous like_the_dust_of the_ _earth/land. **10** Now wisdom and_knowledge give to_me so_ _that_I_may_go_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _people the_this and_so_that_I_may_come if/because who will_ _he_judge ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_your the_this (the)_great. **11** And_ god _he/it_said to_Shəlomoh because that it_was this with heart_ _of_your and_not you_have_asked_for wealth riches and_ _honour and_~~ĐOM~~ the_life_of those_who_hate_you and_also days many not you_have_asked_for and_you_have_asked_for to/for_yourself(m) wisdom and_knowledge that you_will_judge ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my which I_have_made_you_king on/upon/above_him/it. **12** The_wisdom and_the_knowledge is_ _given to/for_you(fs) and_wealth and_riches and_honour I_ _will_give to/for_you(fs) which not it_belonged thus to_kings who to_your_face and_after_you not it_will_belong thus.

13 And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_went to_place which was_at_ _Giv˝ōn Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_to/for_ _face/front/presence the_tent_of meeting and_he_reigned over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ Shəlomoh _he_gathered chariotry and_ _horsemen and_he/it_was to_him/it one_thousand and_four hundred(s) chariot[s] and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen and_he_placed_them in_the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_with the_king in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** And_ the_king _he/it_

1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 3:1-15

2 **RV 1:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 6:1-17; 1Ch 13:5-14; 15:25–16:1.

3 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 38:1-7.

4 **RV 1:13 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 10:26-29

5 **RV 1:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:26.

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_gave ~~ĐǾM~~ (the)_silver and_~~ĐǾM~~ the_gold in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_stone(s) and_~~ĐǾM~~ (the)_cedars
he_made like_sycamores which are_in_Shephelah to_increase_
_in_number. **16** And_the_export_of the_horses which belonged_
_to_Shəlomoh was_from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_Que the_
_traders_of the_king from_Que they_took_them for_a_price.
17 And_they_brought_up and_they_brought_out from_
_Mitsrayim a_chariot for_six hundred(s) silver and_a_horse for_
_fifty and_one_hundred and_thus/so/as_follows to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_kings_of the_Hittites and_the_kings_
_of ʾArām by_hand_of_their they_brought_them_out.

18 **9** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_said to_build a_house for_the_
_name_of **YHWH** and_a_house for_royalty_of_his.
2:1 **10** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_counted seventy
thousand man burden-bearer[s] and_eighty thousand man
stonemason[s] in_country and_overseers over_them three_of
thousand(s) and_six hundred(s). **2** **11** And_ Shəlomoh _he_sent
to Ḥūrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) to_say just_as you_dealt with
Dāvid father_of_my and_you_sent to_him/it cedars to_build to_
_him/it a_house to_dwell in/on/over_him/it. **3** **12** HERE I am_
_about_to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_my
to_consecrate_it to_him/it to_make_smoke before_him
incense_of perfume(s) and_the_row_of continuity and_burnt_
_offerings for_morning and_for_evening for_sabbaths and_for_
_moons and_for_the_appointed_times_of **YHWH** god_of_our
forever_perpetuity this is_on Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **4** **13** And_the_
_house which I am_about_to_build will_be_great if/because is_
_great god_of_our from_all the_ʾElohīm. **5** **14** And_who will_he_
_retain strength to_build to_him/it a_house if/because the_
_heavens and_the_heavens_of the_heavens not they_contain_
_him and_who am_I which/who I_will_build for_him/it a_
_house if/because (if) to_make_smoke before_him. **6** **15** And_
_now send to_me a_man skillful for_doing in_gold and_in_silver
and_in_bronze and_in_iron and_in_purple and_crimson and_
_violet and_who_knows to_engrave engravings with the_
_skillful_people who are_with_me in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) whom Dāvid father_of_my he_
_appointed. **7** **16** And_send to_me wood(s)_of cedar(s) fir(s) and_
algum(s) from(the)_Ləvānōn if/because I I_know which/who
your_servants are_knowing to_cut the_wood(s)_of Ləvānōn
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE servants_of_my will_be_with servants_of_
_your. **8** **17** And_to_prepare to_me wood(s) to_increase_in_
_number if/because the_house which I am_about_to_build will_

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common as stones, and he made imported cedar timber as common as the local sycamore trees that were plentiful in the lowlands. **16** Shelomoh's horses were imported from Mitsrayim (Egypt)[6] and from the traders in Kue (in modern southern Türkiye/Turkey). **17** Mitsri (Egyptian) chariots cost six hundred silver coins and horses cost one hundred and fifty. (The Hiti and Aramean kings were able to get them for the same price.)

Preparations for temple construction · Full kingdom[7]

2:1 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) decided to build a temple to honour Yahweh, as well as a palace for himself, **2** so he conscripted seventy thousand men as porters, eighty thousand as stone-cutters in the hillside quarries, and 3,600 supervisors.

3 Shelomoh contacted King Huram in Tsor (Tyre), saying, "In my father David's time, you sent cedar timber to him so he could build himself a palace to live in. **4** Listen, I'm building a temple to honour my god Yahweh, to consecrate to him. There we'll burn spiced incense for him, plus we'll have the regular bread display, and burnt offerings in the morning and in the evening, on rest days and on the new moons, and at Yahweh our god's other appointed times. Yisrael (Israel) is required to do this forever. **5** We want to build an impressive building, because our god is more powerful than all the other gods. **6** But who could stay strong enough to build a house for him, since the sky and the heavens of the heavens can't contain him?[8] And who am I that I could build a house for him—maybe I'm good enough to burn incense for him? **7** So then, send me a skilled man who can work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and with purple, red, and blue threads, and who knows how to engrave. He'll work with the skilled craftsmen who my father David appointed and who are with me here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah). **8** Also, send me cedar, cypress, and algum timber from there in Levanon, because I myself know that your servants know how to cut the trees from Levanon's forests. And listen, my servants will help your servants **9** so they can supply me with plenty of timber, because the temple I'm building will be

6 **RV 1:16 · Cross-ref.** Deu 17:16.
7 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 5:1-18
8 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 8:27; 2Ch 6:18.
9 **LV 1:18 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.1
10 **LV 2:1 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.2
11 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.3
12 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.4
13 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.5
14 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.6
15 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.7
16 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.8
17 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.9

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large and beautiful. **10** I'll pay your wood-cutters three thousand tonnes of ground wheat, and the same amount of barley, and four hundred thousand litres of wine, and the same amount of olive oil.

11 King Huram of Tsor wrote back to King Shelomoh, "Yahweh has appointed you as king over his people because he loves them. **12** Blessed be Yisrael's god Yahweh who made the heavens and the earth, who's given King David a wise son with insight and understanding, who'll build a temple for Yahweh and a palace for his kingdom.

13 "I'll send Huram-Avi to you—he's a skilled craftsman. **14** His mother's from the tribe of Dan, and his father's from Tsor. He knows how to work in gold and silver, in bronze and iron, in stone and in timber, with purple and blue threads, with fine white linen and with crimson thread, and do any kind of engraving. He can follow any pattern that's given to him by your designers, and the designers of my master, David, your father. **15** So then go ahead and send the wheat, barley, olive oil, and wine that you promised to send to us, **16** then we'll cut the trees you need from Levanon and raft them to Yafo (Joppa) by sea. The responsibility of getting them up the hills to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be yours.

Temple construction begins · Full kingdom[25]

17 Shelomoh (Solomon) had all the foreign men living in Yisrael (Israel) counted (similar to what his father David had done), and it came to 153,600. **18** He conscripted seventy thousand as porters, eighty thousand as stone-cutters, and 3,600 as supervisors to keep the others working.

3:1 Then Shelomoh began to build Yahweh's temple on Mt. Moriyah[26] in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where Yahweh had appeared to his father David. It was at Ornan the Yevusi's threshing floor where David had planned for it, **2** and they began the construction in early-May of the fourth year of Shelomoh's reign.[27] **3** The temple foundation was twenty-seven metres long and nine metres wide, **4** and the nine metre long front entrance

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_be_great and_to_act_wonderfully. **9** **18** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to_wood-cutters to_the_cutters_of the_wood(s) I_give wheat(s) wounds to_servants_of_your kor_measures twenty thousand and_barley(s) kor_measures twenty thousand and_wine baths twenty thousand and_oil baths twenty thousand. **10** **19** And_ Ḥūrām the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) _he/it_said in_a_document and_he_sent to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) because_loves_of **YHWH** ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_his he_has_made_you over_them king. **11** **20** And_ Ḥūrām _he/it_said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_has_made ~~ĐOM~~ the_heavens and_~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land who he_has_given to_Dāvid the_king a_son wise who_knows insight and_understanding who he_will_build a_house to/for_**YHWH** and_a_house for_royalty_of_his be_blessed. **12** **21** And_now I_ _send a_man wise who_knows understanding (to)_Ḥūrām- abi. **13** **22** A_son_of a_woman one_of the_daughters_of Dān and_ _father_of_his was_a_man Tyrian who_knows for_doing in_gold and_in_silver in_bronze in_iron in_stone(s) and_in_wood(s) in_ _purple in_violet and_in_(the)_linen and_in_crimson and_to_ _engrave every_of engraving and_to_design any_of design which it_will_be_given to_him/it with your_skilled_of_people and_the_skillful_people_of my_master Dāvid father_of_your. **14** **23** And_now the_wheat(s) and_the_barley(s) the_oil and_the_ _wine which my_master he_has_said let_him_send to_servants_ _of_his. **15** **24** And_we we_will_cut wood(s) from (the)_Ləvānōn according_to_all_of need_of_your and_we_will_bring_them to/for_yourself(m) rafts on the_sea Yāfō/(Joppa) and_you(ms) you_will_take_up ~~ĐOM~~_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

16 **33** And_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he_counted all_of the_people the_sojourners who in_land of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) after the_census which he_had_counted_them Dāvid his/its_father and_ one_ _hundred and_fifty thousand and_three_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) _they_were_found. **17** **34** And_he/it_made from_ _them seventy thousand burden-bearer[s] and_eighty thousand stonemason[s] in_country and_three_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) overseers to_compel_to_labour ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _people.

3:1 And_ Shəlomoh _he_began to_build ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH** in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) on_the_mountain_of (the)_ _Mōriy^{yāh} where he_had_appeared to_Dāvid father_of_his which he_had_prepared in_the_place_of Dāvid on_the_ _threshing_floor_of 'Ornān the_Yəvūşī. **2** And_he_began to_ _build in_month the_second on_day in_year four of_reign_of_

18 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.10
19 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.11
20 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.12
21 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.13
22 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.14
23 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.15
24 **LV 2:15 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.16
25 **RV 2:17 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 6:1-38
26 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:2.
27 **RV 3:2 · Note** Probably in 966 B.C.
33 **LV 2:16 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.17
34 **LV 2:17 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.2.18

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_his. **3** And_these of_Shəlomoh are_the_founding to_build ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house_of the_'Elohīm the_length cubits by_measurement (the)_former was_cubits sixty and_the_breadth was_cubits twenty. **4** And_the_porch which was_on the_face_of the_length on the_face_of the_breadth_of the_house was_cubits twenty and_the_height was_one_hundred and_twenty and_he_ _overlaid_it from_within gold pure. **5** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house (the)_ _great he_overlaid wood_of cypresses and_he_overlaid_it gold fine and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it palm_trees and_chains. **6** And_he_overlaid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house stone[s] precious for_beauty and_the_gold was_the_gold_of Parvayim. **7** And_he_ _overlaid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house the_beams the_thresholds and_walls_ _of_its and_doors_of_its gold and_he_engraved cherubim on the_walls. **8** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_house_of the_holy_place_ _of the_holy_places length_of_its on the_face_of the_breadth_of the_house was_cubits twenty and_breadth_of_its was_cubits twenty and_he_overlaid_it gold fine to_talents six hundred(s). **9** And_the_weight of_nails to_shekels fifty gold and_the_upper_ _rooms he_overlaid gold. **10** And_he/it_made in_house_of the_ _holy_place_of the_holy_places cherubim two a_work_of castings and_they_overlaid ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_them gold. **11** And_the_wings_ _of the_cherubim length_of_their was_cubits twenty the_wing_ _of the_one to_cubits five was_touching (to)_the_wall_of the_ _house and_the_wing (the)_other cubits five was_touching (to)_ _the_wing_of the_cherub (the)_other. **12** And_the_wing_of the_ _cherub the_one cubits five was_touching (to)_the_wall_of the_ _house and_the_wing (the)_other cubits five was_touching (to)_ _the_wing_of the_cherub (the)_other. **13** The_wings_of the_ _cherubim the_these were_spreading_out cubits twenty and_ _they were_standing on feet_of_their and_faces_of_their were_ _to_house. **14** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_curtain violet and_ _purple and_crimson and_fine_linen and_he/it_ascended on/upon/above_him/it cherubim.

15 And_he/it_made to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _house pillars two cubits thirty and_five length and_the_capital which was_on his/its_head was_cubits five. **16** And_he/it_made chains in_room and_he/it_gave on the_top_of the_pillars and_ _he/it_made pomegranates one_hundred and_he/it_gave on_ _chains. **17** And_he_set_up ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pillars on the_face_of the_ _temple one from_the_right and_one from_the_left and_he/it_ _called the_name_of the[36] Yākīn/(Jakin) and_name_of the_left_ _pillar Bo´az.

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porch was nine metres high.[28] Shelomoh overlaid the inside walls with pure gold. **5** For the main building, he overlaid it first with cypress planking, then with pure gold, then carved palm trees and chains along the walls. **6** The gold they used came from Parvayim.[29] The main building was also overlaid with valuable gemstones. **7** He overlaid the temple beams, thresholds, walls, and doors with gold, and he engraved winged creatures on the walls.

8 Then he made the most sacred room inside the temple.[30] It was nine metres long (the full width of the temple) and the same width. He overlaid it with thirty kilograms of pure gold (beaten into thin sheets). **9** Each gold nail weighed half a kilogram, and he also overlaid the upper rooms with gold.

10 He cast molten metal into two winged creatures in the most sacred room and overlaid them with gold.[31] **11** Each of the creatures had two wings, each 2.3 metres long. One of the wings reached the temple wall, and the other wing was stretched out to touch the other creature's wingtip, **12** and the same for its companion, **13** so the total span of the two winged creatures was nine metres. They were made standing on their feet, and placed with their faces towards the opening into the main hall. **14** The curtain separating the two rooms was made from fine-linen with blue, purple, and red thread, and with winged creatures embroidered onto it.[32]

The two bronze pillars · Full kingdom[35]

15 For the front of the temple he made two sixteen metre tall pillars, which each had a 'capital' topping that was another two metres high. **16** Ornamental chains were made for the inner sanctuary and to go around the tops of the pillars, and there were one hundred pomegranate models hanging on the chains. **17** There was one pillar on each side of the east-facing entrance—the lefthand one was named Yakin and the righthand one was named Boaz.

28 **RV 3:4 · Note** Most modern translations assume that the Hebrew 'fifty-five metres high' is an error.

29 **RV 3:6 · Note** Probably somewhere south of Yisrael in the Aravi peninsula, but possibly to the east.

30 **RV 3:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:33-34.

31 **RV 3:10-13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:18-20.

32 **RV 3:14 · Cross-ref.** Exo 26:31.

35 **RV 3:15 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 7:15-22

36 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ימי/ה: (x-qere) יָמִי/ה: lemma_d/3233 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_14Bxn יָמִי/ה

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The temple equipment · Full kingdom[37]

4:1 Then he made a square bronze altar,
nine metres on each side and 4.5m high,[38]
2 and he made the large round metal water tank (called 'The Sea'), which was 4.5m in diameter and over two metres high. **3** Below the outer rim were two rows of small ornamental bulls spaced 45cm apart, which were part of the same casting. **4** Supporting 'The Sea' were twelve large cast bulls—facing outwards, with three facing each of the four compass points. **5** The sides of the tank were eight centimeters thick. The tank's brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup, resembling a lily blossom. The tank held sixty-six thousand litres of water.
6 Then he made ten washbasins, placing five on each side for the priests to rinse the burnt offerings in. The priests used 'The Sea' to wash in.[39]

7 He made the ten gold lampstands as per their design, and placed them in the temple with five on each side.[40] **8** He made ten tables and also placed them in the temple with five on each side,[41] plus he made a hundred gold basins.

9 He made the courtyard for the priests, as well as the large courtyard with its doors overlaid with bronze, **10** and he placed 'The Sea' in the southeast corner.

11 Meanwhile, Huram made the tubs and shovels (for the ashes from the altar) and other small bowls.

So Huram finished the work for God's temple that King Shelomoh (Solomon) had assigned to him: **12** the two pillars, the bowl-shaped capitals on top of each pillar, the two sets of latticework to cover those two capitals' bowls, **13** and the four hundred pomegranates for the latticework—two rows of pomegranates to cover each of the two bowls of the capitals that decorated the tops of the pillars. **14** He also made the washbasins and their stands, **15** 'The Sea' and the twelve bulls that hold it up, **16** and the tubs and shovels, the forks, and other utensils.

Those were all items made of polished bronze that Huram-Avi made for King Shelomoh for Yahweh's temple.

17 The king had them cast in the clay between Sukot and Tseredah down by the Yarden (Jordan) River. **18** Shelomoh had so many items made that they didn't even try to weigh all the bronze.

19 Shelomoh had all the items for God's temple made, including the gold altar and the tables for displaying the sacred bread, **20** the pure gold lampstands and their lamps for the inner sanctuary according to their designs, **21** the pure gold flower ornaments, lamps, tongs, **22** the pure gold lamp trimmers, the basins and spoons, and the fire pans. Also the temple entrance, its inner doors into the very sacred room, and the outer temple doors

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4:1 And_he/it_made an_altar_of bronze was_twenty cubit[s] length_of_its and_twenty cubit[s] breadth_of_its and_was_ten cubits height_of_its. **2** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea throw_ _metal was_ten by_cubit from_lip_of_its to lip_of_its round all_ _around and_was_five by_cubit height_of_its and_a_ _measuring-line thirty by_cubit it_went_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it all_ _around. **3** And_the_likeness_of oxen was_under to_him/it all_ _around all_around they_were_going_round ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~_him/it ten by_cubit they_were_encircling ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea all_around was_two rows the_ox[en] they_were_throw in_casting_of_its. **4** It_was_ _standing on two_plus ten ox[en] three were_turning northward_to and_three were_turning westward_to and_three were_turning southward_to and_three were_turning eastward_ _to and_the_sea was_on_them from_to_above and_all hindquarters_of_their inside_were_to_the. **5** And_thickness_of_ _its was_a_hand_breadth and_lip_of_its was_like_the_work_of the_lip_of a_cup the_blossom_of a_lily it_was_holding baths three_of thousand(s) it_contained. **6** And_he/it_made lavers ten and_he/it_gave five from_the_right and_five from_the_left to_ _wash in/among_them ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_work_of the_burnt_offering people_rinsed in_them and_the_sea to_wash was_for_priests in/on/over_him/it. **7** And_he/it_made ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_lampstands_of the_gold ten according_to_of_their_ordinance and_he/it_gave in_temple five from_the_right and_five from_the_left. **8** And_ _he/it_made tables ten and_he_placed_them in_temple five from_the_right and_five from_the_left and_he/it_made bowls_ _of gold one_hundred. **9** And_he/it_made the_court_of the_ _priests and_the_precinct (the)_great and_doors for_precinct and_doors_of_their he_overlaid bronze. **10** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea he_put from_the_side_of (the)_right eastward_at from_in_ _front_of south_(to)_the. **11** And_he/it_made wwww ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _pots and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_shovels and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_bowls and_they_were_ _ended/finished wwww[43] for_doing ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_work which he_ _did to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) in_house_of the_ _'Elohīm. **12** Pillars two and_the_bowls and_the_capitals on the_ _top_of the_pillars two and_the_networks two to_cover ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_capitals which were_on the_top_ _of the_pillars. **13** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pomegranates four hundred(s) for_the_two_of the_networks two rows pomegranates for_ _network (the)_one to_cover ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_two_of the_bowls_of the_ _capitals which were_on the_face_of the_pillars. **14** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_stands he_made and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_lavers he_made on the_ _stands. **15** ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_sea one and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ox[en] two_plus ten under_it. **16** And_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pots and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_shovels and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_forks and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of utensils_of_their Ḥūrām Abi he_made to/for_the_king Shəlomoh for_the_house_of **YHWH** bronze polished. **17** In_the_valley_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) he_throw_ _them the_king in_the_thickness_of the_soil between Ṣukkōt and_between Tsərēdāh/(Zeredah). **18** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_ _made all_of the_vessels the_these to_increase_in_number

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37 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 7:23-51

38 **RV 4:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 27:1-2.

39 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 30:17-21.

40 **RV 4:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:31-40.

41 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Exo 25:23-30.

43 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: מריח: (x-qere) 'מָרוּחַ': lemma_2361 n_0.1.1 morph_HNp id_14Zy7 מָרוּחַ

Literal Version

exceedingly if/because not the_weight_of the_bronze it_was_
ascertained. **19** And Shəlomoh _he/it_made ĐOM all_of the_
_vessels which were_the_house_of the_'Ĕlohīm and_ĐOM the_
_altar_of the_gold and_ĐOM the_tables and_was_on_them the_
_bread_of the_presence. **20** And_ĐOM the_lampstands and_
_lamps_of_their they_to_burn according_the_ordinance to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_innermost_room gold
pure_gold. **21** And_the_blossom and_the_lamps and_the_tongs
gold it was_perfection(s)_of gold. **22** And_the_snuffers and_the_
_bowls and_the_pans and_the_fire-pans gold pure_gold and_
_the_entrance_of the_house doors_of_its (the)_inner to_the_
_holy_place_of the_holy_places and_the_doors_of the_house of_
_temple gold.
5:1 And_ all_of the_work which he_did Shəlomoh/(Solomon)
for_the_house_of **YHWH** _it_was_complete and_ Shəlomoh _
_he/it_brought ĐOM the_holy_things_of Dāvid his/its_father
and_ĐOM the_silver and_ĐOM the_gold and_ĐOM all_of the_
_vessels he_put in_the_treasuries_of the_house_of the_'Ĕlohīm.

2 Then Shəlomoh he_assembled ĐOM the_elders_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐOM all_of the_chiefs_of the_tribes the_
_leaders_of the_fathers of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring_up ĐOM the_box_of the_
_covenant_of **YHWH** from_the_city_of Dāvid that is_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **3** And_they_assembled to the_king every_of
(the)_person_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_festival that was_the_month
(the)_seventh. **4** And_ all_of the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _
_they_came and_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_lifted ĐOM the_box. **5** And_
_they_brought_up ĐOM the_box and_ĐOM the_tent_of meeting
and_ĐOM all_of the_articles_of (the)_holiness which were_in_
_tent the_priests the_Lēviyyiy they_brought_up ĐOM_them.
6 And_the_king Shəlomoh and_all the_congregation_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_were_gathered on/upon/above_him/it to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_box sacrificing sheep
and_cattle which not they_were_counted and_not they_were_
_numbered from_multitude. **7** And_ the_priests _they_brought
ĐOM the_box_of the_covenant_of **YHWH** to place_of_its to the_
_innermost_room_of the_house to the_holy_place_of the_holy_
_places to under the_wings_of the_cherubim. **8** And_ the_
_cherubim _they_were spreading_out wings over the_place_of
the_box and_ the_cherubim _they_covered over the_box and_
_over poles_of_its from_to_above. **9** And_ the_poles _they_were_
long and the_heads_of the_poles _they_were_visible from
the_box on the_face_of the_innermost_room and_not they_
_were_visible to_the_outside and_he/it_was there until the_day
(the)_this. **10** There_was_not in_box only the_two_of the_
_tablets which Mosheh he_had_put at_Ḥorēv where **YHWH** he_
_made with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_they_came_
_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt).
11 And_he/it_was when_ the_priests _came_out from the_holy_
_place if/because all_of the_priests who_were_found they_had_
_consecrated_themselves not they_were_to_keep to_divisions.
12 And_the_Lēviyyiy the_singers to/for_all_them (to)_'Āṣāf

Readers' Version

were all gold.
5:1 After all the work which Shelomoh did for Yahweh's temple was completed, Shelomoh brought in his father David's sacred things.[42] He put the gold and silver, and all the other items, in the temple treasuries.

Bringing the sacred box into the temple · Full kingdom[44]

2 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) assembled the Israeli elders, and all the heads of the tribes, the Israeli clan leaders, in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), to bring the box containing Yahweh's agreement up the hill from the city of David, that is, Tsiyon (Zion).[45] **3** So in October, all those Israeli leaders gathered to be with the king for a feast, **4** and once everyone was there, the Levites lifted up the sacred box **5** and carried it up towards the temple. The priests (who are also Levites) carried it, along with the sacred tent and everything that had been in it. **6** Then King Shelomoh, and all the assembled Israelis with him, gathered in front of the box, sacrificing sheep and cattle which were too many to count. **7** The priests then took the box containing Yahweh's agreement in to its place in the house's inner room (the holiest place)—to under the winged creatures, **8** whose outstretched wings would now be over the sacred box and even over the top of its carrying poles. **9** Those long poles stuck out and could be seen from the front of that inner room, but couldn't be seen from the main room, and they're still there to this day. **10** There was nothing in the box except the two stone tablets that Mosheh (Moses) had put in at Horev,[46] which represented the agreement that Yahweh had made with the Israelis after they'd left Mitsrayim (Egypt).

Yahweh's splendour · Full kingdom

11 Then the priests left the holy place in the temple. All the priests who were there consecrated themselves to do the priestly duties, irrespective of

42 RV 5:1 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 8:11; 1Ch 18:11.

44 RV 5:2 · Parallel 1 Kgs 8:1-9

45 RV 5:2 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 6:12-15; 1Ch 15:25-28.

46 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 10:5.

Readers' Version

which division they were part of. 12 All the Levites who were singers (Asaf, Heyman, Yedutun, and their sons and their brothers) stood on the east side of the altar. They were dressed in fine linen, and had cymbals, and harps and lyres, along with 120 priests playing trumpets. 13 The trumpeters and singers performed together to praise and thank Yahweh, with the trumpets and cymbals on the highlights of the song to praise Yahweh:

"Yahweh is good to us,
because his loyal commitment continues forever."[47]

Then Yahweh's temple filled with a cloud, 14 and the priests weren't able to stay on their feet and continue ministering, because Yahweh's brilliance had filled the temple.

Shelomoh's blessing · Full kingdom[50]

6:1 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) prayed,
"Yahweh, you said that you would live in a dark cloud, 2 but I've built a beautiful residence for you—a place for you to live in forever."

3 Then, while all the people stood there, Shelomoh turned toward them and spoke a blessing over them, 4 saying, "Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, is blessed, who spoke physically to my father David, and then caused it to actually happen, when he said back then,[51] 5 'When I brought my people out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), I hadn't chosen a city from all of Yisrael's tribes as a place to build a house so my name could be there. Nor had I chosen a man to be leader over my people, Yisrael, 6 but now I've chosen Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to be my place of residence, and I've chosen you, David, to be over my people, Yisrael.'

7 "My father David wanted to build a temple for Yisrael's god Yahweh, 8 but Yahweh told him, 'It's good that you wanted to build a house to honour me, 9 but you won't be the one to build it. It'll be your own biological son who'll build the temple to honour my reputation.'

10 "Now Yahweh has fulfilled what he said, and I'm here sitting on Yisrael's throne instead of my father David, just as Yahweh said, and I've had this temple built to honour Yisrael's god Yahweh. 11 I've placed the sacred box in there—the box that contains the agreement Yahweh made with Yisrael's descendants."

Literal Version

(to)_Hēymān (to)_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) and_(to)_sons_of_their and_(to)_relatives_of_their fully_clothed fine_linen with_ _cymbals and_with_lyres and_harps were_standing east of_ _altar and_were_with_them priests of_one_hundred and_ _twenty who_were_blowing_a_trumpet[48] on_trumpets. 13 And_ _he/it_was as_one mmm[49] and_to_singers to_make_heard a_ _voice one to_praise and_to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** and_ _just_as_lifted_up a_voice with_trumpets and_with_the_ _cymbals and_with_the_instruments_of (the)_song and_when_ _praised to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant and_the_house it_was_full a_ _cloud the_house_of **YHWH**. 14 And_not the_priests they_were_ _able to_stand to_serve from_face/in_front_of the_cloud if/because the_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm.

6:1 Then Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_said **YHWH** he_has_said to_ _dwell in_(the)_darkness. 2 And_I I_have_built a_house_of loftiness to/for_you(fs) and_a_place you_to_dwell_in forever. 3 And_ the_king _he_turned ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_faces/face and_he/it_ _blessed ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_standing. 4 And_he/it_ _said **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_spoke with_ _mouth_of_his with Dāvid father_of_my and_with_hands_of_his he_has_fulfilled to_say be_blessed. 5 Since the_day when I_ _brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not I_chose (in)_a_city from_all the_tribes_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_build a_house to_be name_of_my there and_not I_chose (in)_a_person to_be ruler over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 6 And_I_have_chosen (in)_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_be name_of_my there and_I_ _have_chosen (in)_Dāvid to_be over people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 7 And_he/it_was with the_heart_of Dāvid father_of_my to_build a_house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 8 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Dāvid father_of_my because that it_was with heart_of_your to_build a_house for_name_of_my you_did_well that/for/because/then/when it_was with heart_of_your. 9 Only you not you_will_build the_house if/because son_of_your who_ _will_come_out from_loins_of_your he he_will_build the_house for_name_of_my. 10 And_ **YHWH** _he_has_established ᴅᴏᴍ message_of_his which he_spoke and_I_have_arisen in_place_of Dāvid father_of_my and_I_have_sat on the_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_as **YHWH** he_spoke and_I_have_built the_ _house for_the_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 11 And_I_have_put there ᴅᴏᴍ the_box where is_there the_ _covenant_of **YHWH** which he_made with the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

47 **RV 5:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

48 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיררצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מְיִרְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 n_0.0 morph_HVhrmpa id_14Tvm מְיִרְצָחַמ

49 **LV 5:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ/ל**: (x-qere) 'מִ֝יִרְצַחְמ/ל': lemma_l/2690 morph_HRd/Vprmpa id_14iTM מִ֝יִרְצַחְמ/ל

50 **RV 6:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 8:12-21

51 **RV 6:4-9 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:1-13; 1Ch 17:1-12.

Literal Version

12 And_he_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_altar_
_of **YHWH** before all_of the_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_he_spread_out palms_of_his. **13** If/because
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_made a_platform_of bronze and_
_he_had_put_it in_the_middle of_the_precinct was_five cubits
length_of_its and_was_five cubits breadth_of_its and_was_
_cubits three height_of_its and_he_stood on/upon/above_
_him/it and_he_knelt_down on knees_of_his before all_of the_
_assembly_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_spread_out palms_of_his
to_the_heavens. **14** And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) there_is_not like_you a_god in_heavens and_on_
_earth who_keeps the_covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty to_
_servants_of_your who_walk to_your_face in_all heart_of_their.
15 Who you_have_kept to_servant_of_your Dāvid father_of_my
ᴅᴏᴍ that_which you_spoke to_him/it and_you_spoke with_
_mouth_of_your and_with_hand_of_your you_have_fulfilled as_
_day (the)_this. **16** And_now Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) keep to_servant_of_your[57] Dāvid father_of_my
ᴅᴏᴍ that_which you_spoke for_him/it to_say not it_will_be_
_cut_off to/for_yourself(m) a_man from_before_face_of_me
who_sits on the_throne_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only if descendants_
_of_your they_will_guard ᴅᴏᴍ way_of_their to_go in_law_of_my
just_as you_have_walked before_me. **17** And_now Oh_**YHWH**
the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) message_of_your which you_spoke
to_servant_of_your to_Dāvid let_it_be_established.
18 If/because really god will_he_dwell with the_humankind on
the_earth/land HERE heaven and_the_heavens_of the_heavens
not they_contain_you indeed if/because the_house the_this
which I_have_built. **19** And_you_will_turn to the_prayer_of
your_servant_of_your and_near/to supplication_of_his Oh_
_**YHWH** god_of_my to_listen to the_cry_entreaty and_near/to
the_prayer which servant_of_your is_praying before_you.
20 To_be eyes_of_your open to the_house the_this by_day and_
_night to the_place where you_have_said to_put name_of_your
there to_listen to the_prayer which servant_of_your he_will_
_pray to the_place (the)_this. **21** And_you_will_listen to the_
_supplications_of your_servant_of_your and_people_of_your
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_will_pray to the_place the_this and_
_you(ms) you_will_hear from_the_place_of your_dwelling from
the_heavens and_you_will_hear and_you_will_forgive. **22** If
anyone he_will_sin to_neighbour_of_his and_he_will_impose
in_him/it an_oath to_put_him_under_an_oath and_he_will_
_come an_oath to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before altar_of_
_your in_house (the)_this. **23** And_you(ms) you_will_hear from
the_heavens and_you_will_act and_you_will_judge ᴅᴏᴍ your_
_servants to_repay to_a_guilty_person to_requite its_
_road/course on_his_own_of_head and_to_declare_righteous a_
_righteous_person to_give to_him/it according_to_of_his_
_righteousness. **24** And_if people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_
_will_be_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_
_enemy if/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_
_return and_they_will_praise ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_name and_they_

Readers' Version

Shelomoh's prayer · Full kingdom[52]

12 Then Shelomoh (Solomon) stood in front of the altar to Yahweh in front of all the assembled Israelis, and spread out his hands, **13** because he'd made a bronze platform and had it placed in the centre of the courtyard. The square platform was just over two metres on each side, and stood just over a metre off the ground. Firstly he stood on it, then he knelt down in front of all the assembled Israelis and spread his hands out to the sky **14** and said, "Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, there isn't any god like you in the heavens or on the earth—one who keeps his agreement and shows loyal commitment to your servants who are walking with total integrity as you watch them. **15** Everything you verbally told my father David that you'd do, you've used your power to make it all happen, including this today. **16** And now, Yahweh, Yisrael's god, keep another promise you made to your servant David my father, when you told him, 'There'll always be one of your descendants sitting on Yisrael's throne, as long as they obey my instructions just like you have.'[53] **17** So now, Yahweh, Yisrael's god, may what you said to your servant, to David, be confirmed.

18 "But will God really live with humans here on the earth? Wow, the skies and the heavens of the heavens can't contain you—how much less this house that I've built.[54] **19** Nevertheless Yahweh my god, listen to your servant's prayer and request and take notice. **20** Watch over this building where you said you'd be present,[55] and hear my prayers when your servant prays towards this place. **21** Listen to what your servant and your Israeli people are requesting when they pray towards this place. Listen from where you live in the heavens, and hear and forgive.

22 "If someone is accused of wronging their neighbour, and is forced to make a sworn statement in front of your altar in this temple, **23** then listen from the heavens and decide who's telling the truth. Then punish the guilty party as they deserve, and do good to the other side as a reward for their innocence.

24 "And if your Israeli people are defeated by their enemies because they've disobeyed you, but they return to you and confess, and pray, and in this place they request your favour, **25** then listen to them from the heavens and forgive your Israeli people's disobedience, and bring them back to this land that you gave to their ancestors and to them.

26 "When the clouds hold back and give no rain because your Israeli people have disobeyed you, but then they pray towards this place and acknowledge you and turn away from their disobedience because you've punished them, **27** then listen to them from the heavens and forgive the disobedience of your servants and your Israeli people. Teach them the right way to live their lives, and give rain to your land which you gave your people as a

52 RV 6:12 · Parallel 1 Kgs 8:22-53

53 RV 6:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 2:4.

54 RV 6:18 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 2:6.

55 RV 6:20 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:11.

57 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

permanent inheritance.

28 "If this land suffers from famine, or if there's blight or mildew, or locusts or grasshoppers, deadly diseases or sickness, or if an enemy army surrounds them, 29 then if any person, or all your Israeli people, stretch out their hands towards this temple with their prayers and requests because they each acknowledge their individual pain and suffering, 30 then listen to them from where you live there in the heavens, and forgive them. Reward each person according to their behaviour, because you know people's motives—only you know what's in people's minds. 31 Do that so they'll respect you and live how you want them to, as they live in this country that you gave to our ancestors.

32 "Also, any foreigners who don't belong to your Israeli people, who come to this land because they've heard that you're very great and powerful, if they turn toward this temple and pray, 33 then listen to them as well from where you live there in the heavens. Do whatever that foreigner requests from you, so that all the people groups in the world will learn about your reputation, and honour and obey you like your Israeli people do, and know that this temple that I've built is called by your name.

34 "When you send your people off to battle their enemies, and they pray towards this city that you've chosen and this temple that I've had built to honour your name, 35 then listen from the heavens to their prayer and their requests, and uphold their cause.

36 "When they disobey you (and there's no one who doesn't), and you're angry with them and allow an enemy to get the upper hand, and their captors take them to a distant or nearby land as captives, 37 and then in that land where they're captives, they turn and admit their wickedness and their disobedience, and request your favour, 38 and they turn to you with total sincerity in that other country, and pray towards the land that you gave their ancestors, and the city that you chose, and toward the temple that I've built to honour your name, 39 then listen from where you live in the heavens to their prayer and their requests, and uphold their cause and forgive your people who've disobeyed you.

40 "Now my god, please let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to prayers offered towards this place.

41 "So now Yahweh God, along with the sacred box representing your strength, come and enter your place for resting. Yahweh God, may your priests be dressed in your rescue, and your faithful ones enjoy your goodness.[56] 42 Yahweh God, don't ignore those who you've chosen. Remember your servant David's loyal commitment."

Literal Version

_will_pray and_they_will_seek_favour to_your_face in_house (the)_this. 25 And_you(ms) you_will_hear from the_heavens and_you_will_forgive (to)_the_sin_of your_people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_bring_them_back to the_soil which you_gave to/for_them and_to_ancestors_of_their. 26 When_ the_heavens _are_shut_up and_not rain it_will_be if/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_pray to the_place the_this and_they_will_praise ᵭᵒᵐ your(ms)_name from_sin_of_their they_will_turn_back if/because you_will_ _afflict_them. 27 And_you(ms) you_will_hear the_heavens and_ _you_will_forgive (to)_the_sin_of your_servants and_people_of_ _your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because you_will_direct_them to the_ _way (the)_good which they_will_walk in_it and_you(ms)_will_ _give rain on land_of_your which you_gave to_people_of_your to_an_inheritance. 28 Famine if/because it_will_be in/on_the_ _earth pestilence if/because it_will_be blight and_mildew locust[s] and_locust[s] if/because it_will_be if/because he_will_ _lay_siege to_him/it enemies_of_its in_land its_gates_of_his any_of plague and_all sickness. 29 Every_of prayer every_of supplication which it_will_belong to/from_all/each/any/every the_humankind and_to/for_all people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_will_know everyone plague_of_his_own and_his_ _own_of_pain and_he_will_spread_out palms_of_his to the_ _house (the)_this. 30 And_you(ms) you_will_hear from the_ _heavens the_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_forgive and_you(ms)_will_give to_person according_to_all_of ways_of_ _his whom you_will_know ᵭᵒᵐ heart_of_his if/because you you_alone you_know ᵭᵒᵐ the_heart_of the_children_of the_ _humankind. 31 So_that they_may_fear_you to_go in_ways_of_ _your all_of the_days which they will_be_alive on the_surface_ _of the_soil which you_gave to_ancestors_of_our. 32 And_also to the_foreigner who not is_one_of_your_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he and_he_will_come from_a_land distant for_the_sake_of name_of_your (the)_great and_hand_of_your (the)_mighty and_ _arm_of_your (the)_outstretched and_they_will_come and_ _they_will_pray to the_house (the)_this. 33 And_you(ms) you_ _will_hear from the_heavens from_the_place_of your_dwelling and_you_will_do according_to_all that he_will_call to_you the_ _foreigner so_that all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land they_ _may_know ᵭᵒᵐ your(ms)_name and_to_fear you like_people_ _of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_know if/because_that name_ _of_your it_is_called on the_house the_this which I_have_built. 34 If/because people_of_your it_will_go_forth for_battle on enemies_of_its by_way which you_will_send_them and_they_ _will_pray to_you the_direction_of the_city (the)_this which you_have_chosen (in)_it and_the_house which I_have_built for_ _name_of_your. 35 And_you_will_hear from the_heavens ᵭᵒᵐ prayer_of_their and_ᵭᵒᵐ supplication_of_their and_you_will_ _do justice_of_their. 36 If/because they_will_sin to/for_you(fs) if/because there_is_not anyone who not he_sins and_you_will_ _be_angry with_them and_you_will_deliver_them_up to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy and_they_will_take_ _them_captive captors_of_their to a_land distant or near. 37 And_they_will_bring_back to heart_of_their on_the_earth where they_have_been_taken_captive there and_they_will_

56 **RV 6:41-42 · Cross-ref.** Psa 132:8-10.

Literal Version

_repent and_they_will_seek_favour to_you in_land their_
_captivity_of_their to_say we_have_sinned we_have_done_
_wrong and_we_have_acted_wickedly. **38** And_they_will_return
to_you in_all heart_of_their and_on/over_all being_of_their in_
_land their_captivity_of_their where they_took_captive ~~ĐOM~~_
_them and_they_will_pray the_direction_of their_land_of_their
which you_gave to_ancestors_of_their and_the_city which you_
_have_chosen and_to_house which I_have_built for_name_of_
_your. **39** And_you_will_hear[58] from the_heavens from_the_
_place_of your_dwelling ~~ĐOM~~ prayer_of_their and_~~ĐOM~~
supplications_of_their and_you_will_do justice_of_their and_
_you_will_forgive (to)_people_of_your who they_have_sinned
to/for_you(fs). **40** Now my_god_of_my let_them_be please eyes_
_of_your open and_ears_of_your attentive to_the_prayer_of
the_place (the)_this. **41** And_now arise Oh_**YHWH** god to_your_
_resting_of_place you and_the_box_of your_strength_of_your
priests_of_your Oh_**YHWH** god let_them_be_clothed salvation
and_your_faithful_of_people let_them_rejoice in_good. **42** Oh_
_**YHWH** god do_not turn_away the_face_of your_anointed_ones
remember (to)_the_covenant_loyalti(es)_of Dāvid servant_of_
_your.

7:1 And_just_ Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _as_finished to_pray and_
_the_fire it_came_down from_the_heavens and_she/it_ate the_
_burnt_offering and_the_sacrifices and_the_glory_of **YHWH** it_
_filled ~~ĐOM~~ the_house. **2** And_not the_priests they_were_able
to_go into the_house_of **YHWH** if/because the_glory_of **YHWH**
it_filled ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_all/each/any/every
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_seeing when_ the_fire _
_came_down and_the_glory_of **YHWH** was_over the_house
and_they_bowed_down face towards_land on the_pavement
and_they_bowed_down and_to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH**
if/because he_is_good if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_
_covenant. **4** And_the_king and_all the_people were_sacrificing
a_sacrifice to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **5** And_
the_king Shəlomoh _he/it_sacrificed ~~ĐOM~~ the_sacrifice_of
(the)_cattle twenty and_two thousand and_sheep one_hundred
and_twenty thousand and_ the_king and_all the_people _they_
_dedicated ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **6** And_the_priests on
duties_of_their were_standing and_the_Lēviyyiy with_the_
_instruments_of (the)_song_of **YHWH** which Dāvid the_king
he_had_made to_give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because is_
_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant when_ Dāvid _praised by_
_hand_of_their and_the_priests were_blowing_a_trumpet[62]
before_them and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_standing. **7** And_
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _he/it_consecrated ~~ĐOM~~ the_middle_of
the_courtyard which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_house_of **YHWH** if/because he_offered there the_burnt_
offerings and~~ĐOM~~ the_fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings
if/because the_altar_of (the)_bronze which Shəlomoh he_had_
_made not it_was_able to_contain ~~ĐOM~~ the_burnt_offering[s]

Readers' Version

The temple dedication · Full kingdom[59]

7:1 When Shelomoh (Solomon) finished praying, fire came down from the skies and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and Yahweh's brilliant light filled the temple.[60] **2** The priests weren't able to go into Yahweh's temple because of Yahweh's brilliant light, **3** and when all the Israelis saw the fire come down and saw the bright light above the temple, they fell to their knees with their faces bowed down low to the stone pavement, and worshipped and thanked Yahweh, saying, "He's certainly good—his loyal commitment really will continue forever."[61]

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices to Yahweh— **5** King Shelomoh sacrificed twenty-two thousand cattle and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep, and so the king and all the people dedicated God's temple. **6** The priests were standing in their positions, as well as the Levites with the instruments King David had made to give thanks to Yahweh. When they assisted David in praising Yahweh, they would sing, "Yes, his loyal commitment continues forever," and the priests would blow their trumpets in front of them as all the Israelis stood there.

7 Then Shelomoh consecrated the middle of the courtyard in front of Yahweh's temple building so he could offer burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings there, because the bronze altar that he'd made wasn't able to handle the large number of burnt offerings and grain offerings, and the fats.

58 LV 6:39 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

59 RV 7:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 8:62-66

60 RV 7:1 · Cross-ref. Lev 9:23-24.

61 RV 7:3 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

62 LV 7:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מֵירְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 morph_HVhrmpa id_14sYk מֵירְצָחַמ

Readers' Version

8 Then Shelomoh and all of Yisrael (Israel) feasted for the next seven days—the huge gathering spread from Levo-Hamat in the far north, all the way to the Mitsri (Egyptian) riverbed in the far south. 9 On the eighth day, they had a solemn service, because they'd observed seven days of celebration for the altar with seven days of feasting. 10 Finally, after some three weeks, Shelomoh sent the people home—they were cheery and encouraged because of the goodness Yahweh had displayed to David and Shelomoh, and to his Israeli people.

Yahweh appears to Shelomoh again · Full kingdom

11 So Shelomoh (Solomon) finished Yahweh's temple and the king's palace—he'd succeeded in implementing everything he'd envisaged. 12 One night, Yahweh appeared to Shelomoh in a dream and told him, "I've heard your prayer, and I've chosen this temple to be the place where my people will offer sacrifices to me. 13 If I restrain the skies so there's no rain, or if I command locusts to devour the land, or if I send disease among my people, 14 then if my people who are known by my name humble themselves and pray, and request my help and turn away from their evil customs, then I myself will hear them from the heavens, and I'll forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 My eyes will be open and my ears will be attentive to prayers offered towards this place, 16 as I've chosen and consecrated this temple to be associated with my name forever—I'll be permanently present there. 17 Also, if you'll obey me like your father David did, and do everything that I've instructed you, and keep my rules and regulations, 18 then I'll ensure that your descendants rule your kingdom, just as I promised your father David when I said, 'You won't fail to have one of your descendants ruling over Yisrael (Israel).' 19 However, if you collectively turn away, and abandon my rules and instructions that I gave you, and decide to serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I'll remove these people from my land that I gave them. Also this temple that I consecrated for myself, I'll throw it away where I can't see it, and I'll make it an object of scorn and ridicule among all the other nations.

21 Then this temple, which everyone admires as they pass by, will be devastated, and people will ask, 'Why did Yahweh do such terrible things to that temple and to that land?'

22 'It happened because they abandoned Yahweh, their ancestors' god,' others will reply. 'He brought them out from slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt), but then they obtained other gods and worshipped them and served them—that's why he sent them all this misery.' "

Literal Version

and_ĐØM the_grain_offering[s] and_ĐØM the_fat(s). 8 And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_made ĐØM the_festival at_time (the)_that seven_of days and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_him/it an_assembly great very from_Ləvō' Ḥₐmāt to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 9 And_they_made in_the_day (the)_eighth an_assembly if/because the_dedication_of the_altar they_had_ _observed seven_of days and_the_festival seven_of days. 10 And_on_day_of twenty and_three of_month the_seventh he_ _sent_away ĐØM the_people to_tents_of_their joyful and_good_ _of heart on the_good which **YHWH** he_had_done to_Dāvid and_to_Shəlomoh and_to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) people_of_his. 11 And_ Shəlomoh _they_were_ended/finished ĐØM the_house_ _of **YHWH** and_ĐØM the_house_of the_king and_ĐØM every_of (the)_thing_which_was_coming on the_heart_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) for_doing in_house_of **YHWH** and_in_ _his_own_of_house he_made_successful. 12 And_ **YHWH** _he_ _appeared to Shəlomoh in_night and_he/it_said to_him/it I_ _have_heard ĐØM prayer_of_your and_I_have_chosen (in)_place the_this to_me for_a_house_of sacrifice. 13 HERE I_will_shut_up the_heavens and_not rain it_will_be and_if I_will_command to the_grasshopper to_devour the_earth/land and_if I_will_send pestilence among_people_of_my. 14 And_ people_of_my which it_has_been_called name_of_my on_them _they_will_humble_ _themselves and_they_will_pray and_they_will_seek face_of_ _my and_they_will_turn from_ways_of_their (the)_wicked and_I I_will_hear from the_heavens and_I_will_forgive (to)_sin_of_ _their and_I_will_heal ĐØM land_of_their. 15 Now eyes_of_my they_will_be open and_ears_of_my attentive to_the_prayer_of the_place (the)_this. 16 And_now I_have_chosen and_I_have_ _consecrated ĐØM the_house the_this to_be name_of_my there until perpetuity and_they_will_be eyes_of_my and_heart_of_my there all_of the_days. 17 And_you(ms) if you_will_walk to/for_ _my_face/front just_as Dāvid father_of_your he_walked and_to_ _do according_to_all that I_commanded_you(ms) and_ _regulations_of_my and_judgements_of_my you_will_observe. 18 And_I_will_establish ĐØM the_throne_of your_kingdom_of_ _your just_as I_made to_Dāvid father_of_your to_say not it_ _will_be_cut_off to/for_yourself(m) a_man who_rules over_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 19 And_if you(pl)_will_turn_away you(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_abandon regulations_of_my and_commands_of_ _my which I_have_set before_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_go and_ _you(pl)_will_serve gods other and_you(pl)_will_bow_down to/for_them. 20 And_I_will_pluck_them_up from_under land_ _of_my which I_have_given to/for_them and_ĐØM the_house the_this which I_have_consecrated for_name_of_my I_will_ _throw from_under face_of_my and_I_will_make_it into_a_ _byword and_into_a_taunt in_all the_peoples. 21 And_the_ _house the_this which it_was most_high to/from_ _all/each/any/every one_who_passes_by on/upon/above_ _him/it he_will_be_appalled and_saying(ms) how **YHWH** did_ _he_do thus to_land (the)_this and_to_house (the)_this. 22 And_ _people_will_say on that they_abandoned ĐØM **YHWH** the_god_ _of their_ancestors_of_their who he_brought_them_out from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_took_hold on_gods other and_they_bowed_down to/for_them and_they_served_ _them therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_brought on_them ĐØM all_of the_calamity (the)_this.

Literal Version

8:1 And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity twenty year[s] which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_built ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM house_of_his_own. **2** And_the_cities which Ḥūrām he_had_given to_Shəlomoh Shəlomoh he_rebuilt ĐOM_ _them and_he_caused_to_dwell there ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_ Shəlomoh _he/it_went to Ḥₐmāt and_ _he_prevailed over_it. **4** And_he/it_built ĐOM Tadmor in_ _wilderness and_ĐOM all_of the_cities_of (the)_stores which he_ _built in_Ḥₐmāt. **5** And_he/it_built ĐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn (the)_upper and_ĐOM Bēyt Ḥōrōn (the)_lower cities_of fortification walls doors and_bar[s]. **6** And_ĐOM Ba'ₐlāth and_ĐOM all_of the_cities_ _of (the)_stores which they_belonged to_Shəlomoh and_ĐOM all_of the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_ĐOM the_cities_of the_ _horsemen and_ĐOM all_of the_desire_of Shəlomoh which he_ _desired to_build in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Ləvānōn and_in_all_of the_land_of his_dominion_of_his. **7** All_of the_ _people which_remained of the_Hittite[s] and_the_'Amorī[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_the_Ḥiūī[s] and_the_ _Yəvūşī/(Jebusite)[s] who not were_of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **8** Of descendants_of_their who they_remained after_them on_ _the_earth whom not they_had_destroyed_them the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_raised_them Shəlomoh/(Solomon) to_ _forced_labour until the_day (the)_this. **9** And_from the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom not Shəlomoh he_made into_ _slaves for_work_of_his if/because they were_men_of war and_ _the_commanders_of his_officers_of_his and_the_commanders_ _of his_chariotry_of_his and_horsemen_of_his. **10** And_these were_the_leaders_of the[6768] who to/for_the_king Shəlomoh fifty and_two_hundred who_ruled over_people. **11** And_ĐOM the_daughter_of Par'oh Shəlomoh he_brought_up from_the_ _city_of Dāvid to_house which he_had_built to/for_her/it if/because he_said not a_wife to_me she_will_dwell in_house_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because are_holiness they places_where it_has_come to_them the_box_of **YHWH**. **12** Then Shəlomoh he_offered_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** on the_ _altar_of **YHWH** which he_had_built to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_porch. **13** And_(in)_a_matter_of a_day in/on_day to_offer_up according_to_the_command_of Mosheh for_ _sabbaths and_for_moons and_for_times three times in_year at_the_festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) and_at_the_ _festival_of (the)_weeks and_at_the_festival_of (the)_booths. **14** And_he_appointed according_to_the_ordinance_of Dāvid his/its_father ĐOM the_divisions_of the_priests on service_of_ _their and_the_Lēviyyiy on duties_of_their to_praise and_to_ _serve before the_priests to_the_matter_of a_day in_its_day and_the_gatekeepers by_divisions_of_their for_a_gate and_a_ _gate if/because was_thus the_command_of Dāvid the_man_of the_'Ělohīm. **15** And_not they_turned_aside the_command_of the_king on the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy to/from_ _all/each/any/every matter and_to_treasuries. **16** And_ all_of

Readers' Version

King Shelomoh's achievements · Full kingdom[63]

8:1 After the twenty years that it took Shelomoh (Solomon) to build Yahweh's temple and his palace, **2** he rebuilt the cities that King Huram had given to him, and he got Israelis to live in them.

3 Then Shelomoh attacked Hamat-Tsovah and captured it. **4** He rebuilt Tadmor in the wilderness, and storage cities in the Hamat region. **5** He rebuilt the fortified cities of Upper Beyt-Horon and Lower Beyt-Horon with walls and barred gates, **6** as well as Ba'alat and all the storage cities, and all the cities for Shelomoh's chariots and horsemen that he wanted to build in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Levanon, and throughout his kingdom. **7** All the people who lived in Yisrael (Israel) but who were actually remnants of the Hitim, Amorim, Perizim, Hivim, and Yevusim, **8** who were descendants of groups that the Israelis hadn't completely destroyed, were forced to become Shelomoh's labourers, and they still continue in that role. **9** However, Shelomoh didn't make the Israelis become labourers, because they became his soldiers, officers, chariot commanders, and horsemen. **10** Some 250 Israelis were also King Shelomoh's chief officials who had authority over the people.

11 Shelomoh brought his wife, Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) daughter, up from the city of David to the house he'd built for her, because he said, "My wife mustn't live in the palace of Yisrael's King David, because the places where Yahweh's box has been are sacred."

12 Then Shelomoh sacrificed burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar that had been built in front of the temple's porch. **13** He followed Mosheh's (Moses') instructions about the daily sacrifices for the rest days[64] and the new moons,[65] and for the three appointed occasions each year: the Festival of Flat Bread, the Harvest Festival, and the Celebration Living in Shelters.[66] **14** Then, as his father David had instructed, he assigned the priests to divisions for their various tasks, and the Levites who would praise and minister in front of the priests and help in their daily tasks, and gatekeepers in their divisions at the various gates. All that was what David, the man of God, had commanded. **15** The priests and Levites followed the king's instructions concerning all their duties, as well as their supervision of the treasuries.

16 So now, all of Shelomoh's work on Yahweh's temple was completed—from the foundation through to its completion and operation.

17 Then Shelomoh went to Etsyon-Gever and to Eylot on the edge of the ocean, in the Edom region. **18** King Huram (from Tsor (Tyre)) sent ships to him, as his servants knew the sea well.

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63 RV 8:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 9:10-28

64 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Num 28:9-10.

65 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Num 28:11-15.

66 RV 8:13 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:14-17; 34:22-23; Num 28:16–29:39; Deu 16:16.

67 LV 8:10 · Note OSHB variant note: מיבצנ/ה: (x-qere) מְיָבָצְנֵ/ה': lemma_d/5324 n_1.0.0 morph_HTd/VNrmpa id_14q1J מְיָבָצְנֵ/ה

68 LV 8:10 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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Then Shelomoh's men boarded the ships and sailed with them to Ofir, where they obtained fifteen tonnes of gold and brought it back to King Shelomoh.

The queen from Sheva visits · Full kingdom[70]

9:1 The queen from the Sheva region had heard all about Shelomoh (Solomon), and she came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with some hard questions.[71] Her party included a large number of camels carrying lots of spices and gold and valuable gemstones. She came to Shelomoh and discussed with him everything that was on her mind. **2** Shelomoh responded to all her queries, and there wasn't any subject that he wasn't able to speak about. **3** When the queen from Sheva saw Shelomoh's wisdom, and saw the palace that he'd built **4** and the food at his table, as well as his servants' stations, his well-dressed ministers standing by, his cup-bearers in their uniforms, and the burnt offerings that he sacrificed at Yahweh's temple, it took her breath away **5** and she told the king, "Everything I heard in my own country about you and your wisdom was true. **6** I didn't believe what they reported to me until I saw it with my own eyes, and wow, the reports I heard didn't even cover *half* the extent of your wisdom! **7** Your men are blessed, and even your servants are blessed to be able to continually stand in front of you and listen to your wisdom. **8** Your god Yahweh ought to be blessed—the one who delighted in you and placed you on his throne as his king. Your god loved Yisrael (Israel) and wanted to establish them forever, so he's placed you over them as king—to give justice and do what's right."

9 Then she gave the king four tonnes of gold, a very large quantity of spices, and valuable gemstones. Nobody before had ever seen such a large amount of spices as what the queen from Sheva gave to King Shelomoh.

10 (Also, King Huram's servants working together with Shelomoh's servants brought gold from Ofir, as well as algum wood and valuable gemstones. **11** The king made the algum wood into staircases for Yahweh's temple and for the king's palace, and into lyres and harps for the singers. Nothing like that had been seen before in Yehudah (Judah).)

12 King Shelomoh gave the queen from Sheva everything she wanted—more than what she'd brought to the king. Then she departed with her servants and went back to her country.

Literal Version

the_work_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) _it_was_arranged until the_ _day of_the_foundation_of of_the_house_of of_**YHWH** and_unto it_was_complete was_complete the_house_of **YHWH**. **17** Then Shəlomoh he_went to_ʼEtsyon- geʋer and_near/to ʼĒylōt on the_shore_of the_sea in_land of_ʼEdōm. **18** And_he_sent to_ _him/it Ḥūrām by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his ships[69] and_servants who_knew_of (of)_the_sea and_they_came with the_servants_of Shəlomoh to_ʼŌfīr and_they_took from_there four hundred(s) and_fifty talent[s]_of gold and_they_brought_it to the_king Shəlomoh.

9:1 And_the_queen_of Shəʋāʼ she_heard ÐOM the_report_of Shəlomoh and_she_came to_put_to_the_test ÐOM Shəlomoh by_ _difficult_matters in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_a_retinue numerous very and_camels which_were_carrying spices and_ _gold to_increase_in_number and_stone_of precious and_she_ _came to Shəlomoh and_she_spoke with_him/it ÐOM all_of that it_was with heart_of_her. **2** And_he_told to/for_her/it Shəlomoh ÐOM all_of words/messages_of_her and_not it_was_ _concealed anything from_Shəlomoh which not he_told to/for_ _her/it. **3** And_ the_queen_of Shəʋāʼ _she/it_saw ÐOM the_ _wisdom_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_the_house which he_ _had_built. **4** And_the_food_of his_table_of_his and_the_ _seating_of his_servants_of_his and_the_standing_of his_ _servants and_clothes_of_their and_cup-bearers_of_his and_ _clothes_of_their and_his_upper_of_room which he_went_up the_house_of **YHWH** and_not it_was still in_her breath. **5** And_ _she/it_said to the_king is_truth the_message which I_heard in_my_own_of_land on words/messages_of_your and_on wisdom_of_your. **6** And_not I_believed (to)_words/messages_ _of_their until that I_came and_ eyes_of_my_own _they_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_was_told to_me the_half_of the_ _greatness_of your_wisdom_of_your you_have_added to the_ _report which I_heard. **7** How_blessed people_of_are_your and_ _how_blessed your_servants these who_stand to_your_face continually and_who_hear ÐOM wisdom_of_your. **8** May_he_be **YHWH** god_of_your blessed who he_has_delighted in_you to_ _put_you on throne_of_his to_king to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your because_ god_of_your _loves ÐOM Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_establish_it forever_perpetuity and_he_has_appointed_you over_them to_ _king for_doing justice and_righteousness. **9** And_she/it_gave to/for_the_king one_hundred and_twenty talent[s]_of gold and_spices to_increase_in_number exceedingly and_stone_of precious and_not it_has_been like_spice (the)_that which the_ _queen_of Shəʋāʼ she_gave to/for_the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **10** And_also the_servants_of Ḥūrām[72] and_the_servants_of Shəlomoh who they_brought gold from_ _ʼŌfīr they_brought wood(s)_of algum(s) and_stone_of precious. **11** And_ the_king _he/it_made ÐOM the_wood(s)_of the_ _algum(s) tracks for_the_house_of **YHWH** and_for_the_house_ _of the_king and_harps and_lyres for_singers and_not like_ _them they_had_been_seen formerly_before in_land of_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **12** And_the_king Shəlomoh he_gave to_the_ _queen_of Shəʋāʼ ÐOM all_of desire_of_her which she_asked

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69 LV 8:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תוינוא: (x-qere) ʼתוֹיְנָא': lemma_591 n_1.3.1 morph_HNcfpa id_14fnp תוֹיְנָא

70 RV 9:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 10:1-13

71 RV 9:1-9 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:42; Luk 11:31.

72 LV 9:10 · Note OSHB variant note: חריה: (x-qere) ʼחָרוּהַ': lemma_2361 n_1.1.0 morph_HNp id_14VEv חָרוּהַ

Literal Version

(from)_besides_of that_which she_had_brought to the_king and_she_turned and_she_went to_her_own_of_land she and_ _servants_of_her.

13 And_he/it_was the_weight_of the_gold which it_came to_ _Shəlomoh in_a_year one six hundred(s) and_sixty and_six talents_of gold. **14** Apart_besides from_what_the_men_of the_ _merchants and_the_traders were_bringing and_all the_kings_ _of ʹArāvʼ and_the_governors_of the_earth/land were_bringing gold and_silver to_Shəlomoh. **15** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _ _he/it_made two_hundred body_shield[s] gold beaten six hundred(s) gold beaten he_put_up on the_body_shield (the)_ _one. **16** And_three hundred(s) shields gold beaten three hundred(s) gold he_put_up on the_shield (the)_one and_he_ _put_them the_king in_house_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləvānōn. **17** And_ the_king _he/it_made a_throne ivory great and_he_ _overlaid_it gold pure. **18** And_six steps belonged_to_throne and_a_footstool in_gold to_throne were_attached and_hands from_this and_from_this were_on the_place_of the_sitting and_ _two lions were_standing beside the_hands. **19** And_two_plus ten lions were_standing there on the_six the_steps from_this and_from_this not it_had_been_made thus to/from_ _all/each/any/every kingdom. **20** And_all/each/any/every the_ _vessels_of the_drink_of the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) were_ _gold and_all/each/any/every the_utensils_of the_house_of the_forest_of (the)_Ləvānōn were_gold pure_gold not silver was_reckoned in_the_days_of Shəlomoh to_anything. **21** If/because ships to/for_the_king were_going Tarshiysh with the_servants_of Ḥūrām one_time to_three years they_came the_ships_of Tarshiysh carrying gold and_silver ivori(es) and_ _monkeys and_peacocks. **22** And_ the_king Shəlomoh _he_ _became_great from_all the_kings_of the_earth/land to_wealth and_wisdom. **23** And_all/each/any/every the_kings_of the_ _earth/land were_seeking ~~ĐØM~~ the_face_of Shəlomoh to_hear ~~ĐØM~~ wisdom_of_his which the_ʾElohīm he_had_put in_heart_of_ _his. **24** And_they were_bringing each his/its_ _donation/offering articles_of silver and_articles_of gold and_ _garments weaponry and_spices horses and_mules the_matter_ _of a_year in_a_year. **25** And_he/it_was to_Shəlomoh four_of thousand(s) stalls_of horses and_chariots and_two_plus ten thousand horsemen and_he_placed_them in_the_cities_of (the)_chariotry and_with the_king in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **26** And_he/it_was ruling in_all the_ _kings from the_river and_unto the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_ _unto the_border_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **27** And_ the_king _ _he/it_gave ~~ĐØM~~ (the)_silver in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_ _stone(s) and_~~ĐØM~~ (the)_cedars he_made like_sycamores which are_in_Shephelah to_increase_in_number. **28** And_they_were_ _bringing_out horses from_Mitsrayim for_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) and_from_all_of the_lands.

Readers' Version

Shelomoh's wealth · Full kingdom[73]

13 In one year, Shelomoh (Solomon) received about twenty tonnes of gold, **14** as well as what the merchants and traders brought in. All the Aravi kings and all the local governors brought gold and silver to Shelomoh. **15** King Shelomoh made two hundred large shields of beaten gold—six hundred gold coins' worth of beaten gold went into each shield. **16** Also, three hundred smaller shields—three hundred gold coins' worth of beaten gold went into each shield.

17 Then the king made a large ivory throne and overlaid it with pure gold. **18** There were six steps leading up to the throne, and a gold footstool was attached to it. It had an armrest on each side, with a lion statue beside each armrest. **19** There were twelve statues of lions standing on the six steps—one at each end of each step. No throne like that existed in any other kingdom.

20 All of King Shelomoh's cups were made of gold, and all the various dishes in 'The House of the Levanon Forest' were refined gold. Nothing was made of silver, because during Shelomoh's reign, silver wasn't considered valuable, **21** because the king's ships went to Tarshish with Huram's servants. Every three years the fleet would bring back gold, silver, ivory, and apes and baboons, **22** so King Shelomoh became greater than all the other kings in the world, both in wealth and in wisdom.

23 Kings from all over the world wanted to come and listen to the wisdom that God had given Shelomoh. **24** Each of them would bring gifts: gold and silver items, clothes, myrrh and spices, horses and mules. (This continued year after year.)

25 Shelomoh had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, and he kept some in the chariot cities and some close by in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[74] **26** He ended up ruling over all the kings in the region, from the Perat (Euphrates) River in the northeast, west to the area of the Pelishtim, and south down to the Mitsri (Egyptian) border.[75] **27** The king made silver as common as stones, and cedar timber as common as the sycamore fig trees in the lowlands. **28** Horses were brought in from Mitsrayim (Egypt)[76] for Shelomoh, and from other countries as well.

73 RV 9:13 · Parallel 1 Kgs 10:14-25

74 RV 9:25 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 4:26.

75 RV 9:26 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:18; 1Ki 4:21.

76 RV 9:28 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:16.

Readers' Version

Summary of Shelomoh's reign · Full kingdom[77]

29 Everything else that Shelomoh (Solomon) did, from the beginning to the end, was written down by the prophet Natan (Nathan), and in the prophecy by Ahiyah (from Shiloh), and the prophet Ido's visions about Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) were also written down. **30** Shelomoh reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) over all of Yisrael (Israel) for forty years, **31** then he died and was buried with his father in 'The City of David', and his son Rehav'am (Rehoboam) replaced him as king.

Yisrael splits in two · Full kingdom[79]

10:1 Then Rehav'am (Rehoboam) went to Shekem, where all of Yisrael (Israel) had gathered for his coronation. **2** Meanwhile, Nevat's son Yarov'am (Jeroboam) had fled from King Shelomoh (Solomon) and was down in Mitsrayim (Egypt), but when he heard about the coming coronation, he returned from Mitsrayim. **3** So the leaders of the northern tribes summoned Yarov'am, and he went with them to speak to Shelomoh's son Rehav'am and all of Yisrael, saying, **4** "Your father made us work very hard, but now, lighten the demands that your father made on us, and we'll serve you."

5 "Come back to me in three days." Rehav'am answered, so the people departed.

6 Then King Rehav'am consulted with the older men who'd advised his father Shelomoh when he was still alive, asking them, "How do you advise me to answer the people?"

7 "If you're good to those people and do things that please them, and speak kindly to them," they answered, "then they'll serve you for a long time to come."

8 However, Rehav'am rejected their advice, and consulted some of the young men there who'd grown up with him. **9** "How would you guys suggest I answer the people who've asked me to lighten the burden on them, compared to my father's time?"

10 "Those people tell you that your father was hard on them and that you should lighten their load," his contemporaries advised him. "But you should tell them that your little finger is thicker than your father's waist, **11** and that whereas he required them to contribute, you'll be even more demanding. Tell them that he might have whipped them with leather whips, but that you'll whip them with scorpions!"

12 So Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and all the people returned to King Rehav'am on the third day as he'd prearranged, **13** and ignoring the advice of the older men, the king answered the people harshly. **14** He passed on the younger men's suggestion, telling the people, "I'll make your burden even heavier. My father rebuked you people with whips, but I'll do it with scorpions." **15** So the king took no notice of the people's request, because it was God turning events around, so that what Yahweh had said to Yarov'am (Nevat's son) through Ahiyah (from Shiloh) would

Literal Version

29 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Shəlomoh (the)_former and_(the)_latter not are_they written on the_words/messages_ _of Nathan the_prophet and_on the_prophecy_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_ _Shilōnī and_in_the_visions_of ʼIddō[78] the_seer on Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) the_son_of Nevaṭ. **30** And_ Shəlomoh _ _he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) over all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) forty year[s]. **31** And_ Shəlomoh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid his/its_father and_ Rəḥav˝ām his/its_son _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him.

10:1 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_went to_Shəkem if/because Shəkem all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_had_gone to_make_king ~~ĐOM~~_ _him/it. **2** And_he/it_was just_ Yārov˝ām the_son_of Nevaṭ _as_ _heard and_he was_in_Mitsrayim where he_had_fled from_ _face/in_front_of Shəlomoh the_king and_ Yārov˝ām _he_ _returned from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **3** And_people_sent and_ _they_summoned to_him/it and_ Yārov˝ām and_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he_came and_they_spoke to Rəḥav˝ām to_say. **4** father_of_your he_made_hard ~~ĐOM~~ yoke_of_our and_now lighten some_of_the_service_of your_father_of_your (the)_hard and_some_of_his_yoke (the)_heavy which he_put on_us and_ _we_will_serve_you. **5** And_he/it_said to_them yet three_of days and_return to_me and_ the_people _he/it_went. **6** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he_consulted with the_elders who they_ _had_been standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Shəlomoh/(Solomon) his/its_father when_was_he alive to_say how are_you(pl) counselling to_bring_back to_people the_this message. **7** And_they_spoke to_him/it to_say if you_will_ _become (into)_good to_the_people the_this and_you_will_be_ _favourable_to_them and_you_will_speak to_them words/messages kind and_they_will_be to/for_yourself(m) servants all_of the_days. **8** And_he_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _counsel_of the_elders which they_had_counselled_him and_ _he_consulted with the_youths who they_had_grown_up with_ _him/it who_were_standing before_him. **9** And_he/it_said to_ _them what are_you(pl) counselling so_that_we_may_bring_ _back message ~~ĐOM~~ the_people the_this which they_have_ _spoken to_me to_say lighten some_of the_yoke which father_ _of_your he_put on_us. **10** And_they_spoke with_him/it the_ _youths who they_had_grown_up with_him/it to_say thus you_ _will_say to_people which they_have_spoken to_you to_say father_of_your he_made_heavy ~~ĐOM~~ yoke_of_our and_you(ms) lighten from_on_us thus you_will_say to_them finger_of_my_ _little it_is_thick more_than_the_loins_of my_father_of_my. **11** And_now father_of_my he_loaded on_you(pl) a_yoke heavy and_I I_will_add to yoke_of_your(pl) father_of_my he_ _disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_I with_scorpions. **12** And_ Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam) and_all the_people _he_came to Rəḥav˝ām in_the_day (the)_third just_as the_king he_had_ _spoken to_say return to_me in_the_day (the)_third. **13** And_ _he_answered_them the_king hard and_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _ _he_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_counsel_of the_elders. **14** And_he/it_ _spoke to_them according_to_the_counsel_of the_youths to_say

77 RV 9:29 · Parallel 1 Kgs 11:41-43

78 LV 9:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **יִדְעִי**: (x-qere) **יְדִעִי**; lemma_3260 morph_HNp id_14KEV **יְדִעִי**

79 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 12:1-20

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I_will_make_heavy ĐOM yoke_of_your(pl) and_I I_will_add on/upon/above_him/it father_of_my he_disciplined you(pl) with_whips and_I with_scorpions. **15** And_not the_king he_ _listened to the_people if/because it_was a_turn_of_affairs from_with the_'Elohīm so_as **YHWH** to_establish ĐOM message_ _of_his which he_had_spoken by_the_hand_of 'Aḥiy^{yāh} the_ _Shilōnī to Yārov˝ām the_son_of Nevaṭ. **16** And_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) if/because not the_king he_had_listened to/for_them and_ the_people _they_brought_back ĐOM the_ _king to_say what to/for_ourselves portion in_Dāvid and_not an_inheritance in_the_son_of Jesse everyone to_tents_of_your Oh_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) now consider house_of_your_own Oh_Dāvid and_ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_went to_tents_of_its. **17** And_ _the_sons of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_were_dwelling in_the_cities_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_reigned over_them Rəḥav˝ām. **18** And_ the_king Rəḥav˝ām _he_sent ĐOM H$_a$dōrām who was_ _over the_forced_labour and_they_stoned in_him/it the_ _people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) stone[s] and_he/it_died and_the_ _king Rəḥav˝ām he_proved_himself_strong to_go_up in_chariot to_flee Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **19** And_ Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _ _they_have_rebelled in_house_of Dāvid until the_day (the)_this.

11:1 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _he_assembled ĐOM the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn one_ _hundred and_eighty thousand chosen_man maker[s]_of war to_do_battle with Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) to_restore ĐOM the_kingdom to_Rəḥav˝ām. **2** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Shəma˝^{yāh} the_man_of the_'Elohīm to_say. **3** Say to Rəḥav˝ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_ _near/to all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) in_Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn to_ _say. **4** Thus **YHWH** he_says not you(pl)_must_go_up and_not you(pl)_must_do_battle with countrymen_of_your(pl) return everyone to_his_own_of_house if/because from_with_me the_ _thing the_this it_has_occurred and_they_heard ĐOM the_ _words/messages_of **YHWH** and_they_turned_back from_going against Yārov˝ām/(Jeroboam).

5 And_ Rəḥav˝ām _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_built cities to_ _fortification in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **6** And_he/it_built ĐOM Bēyt-leḥem and_ĐOM ˝Ēyṭām and_ĐOM Təqō˝a. **7** And_ĐOM Bēyt Tsūr and_ĐOM Sōkoh and_ĐOM ˝Adullām. **8** And_ĐOM Gath and_ĐOM Mar'ēshāh and_ĐOM Zīf. **9** And_ĐOM 'Adōrayim and_ĐOM Lākīsh and_ĐOM ˝Azēqāh. **10** And_ĐOM Tsor˝āh/(Zorah) and_ĐOM 'Ayyālōn and_ĐOM Ḫevrōn which were_in_Yəhūdāh and_in_ _Binyāmīn cities_of fortifications. **11** And_he_strengthened ĐOM the_fortifications and_he/it_gave (is)_in_them commanders and_supplies_of food and_oil and_wine. **12** And_on/over_all city and_a_city body_shields and_spears and_he_made_them_strong to_abundance exceedingly and_he/it_was to_him/it Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn.

13 And_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy who in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_took_their_stand on/upon/above_him/it from_all territory_of_their. **14** If/because the_Lēviyyiy they_abandoned ĐOM lands_of_their_pasture and_property_of_their and_they_

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come to pass.

16 When all the Israelis saw that the king hadn't listened to them, the people from the northern tribes answered the king, "What did David have to do with us anyway? We had nothing to gain from Yishay's (Jesse's) son. You might as well all head home, and then they'll see what happened to David's dynasty."[80]

So they all went home, **17** and Rehav'am ended up only ruling over the Israelis living in the Yehudah (Judah) region.

18 King Rehav'am (still in Shekem) sent out Hadoram, his supervisor of the forced labourers, but the Israelis hurled stones at him and killed him. When he heard about that, King Rehav'am forced his way into his chariot and escaped to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **19** and northern Yisrael (Israel) has rebelled against David's descendants to this day.

The scolding of prophet Simayass to Rehav'am · Southern kingdom[81]

11:1 When Rehav'am (Rehoboam) arrived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), he assembled Yehudah's (Judah's) and Benyamin's warriors: 180,000 chosen to fight against Yisrael (Israel) to bring the kingdom back to Rehav'am. **2** But Yahweh spoke to the prophet Shemayah, saying, **3** "Go and tell this to Shelomoh's (Solomon's) son King Rehav'am of Yehudah, and to all the Israeli people from the Yehudah and Benyamin tribes: **4** Yahweh says that you mustn't go and fight with your relatives. Everyone should just go home again, because everything that's happened came from me." So they listened to the message from Yahweh, and called off the planned attack against Yarov'am (Jeroboam).

Rehav'am fortifies the cities · Southern kingdom

5 So Rehav'am (Rehoboam) lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and fortified the cities throughout Yehudah (Judah): **6** Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), Eytam, Tekoa, **7** Beyt-Tsur, Sokoh, Adulam, **8** Gat, Mareshah, Zif, **9** Adorayim, Lakish, Azekah, **10** Tsor'ah, Ayalon, and Hevron (all in Yehudah and Benyamin). **11** He strengthened the fortifications in those cities and towns, appointed an army commander, and stocked their storehouses with food and oil and wine. **12** He also equipped each of them with shields and spears, and made sure they were well-protected. So Yehudah and Benyamin were under his control.

Priests and Levites go down to Yehudah · Southern kingdom

13 The priests and Levites throughout all of Yisrael (Israel) supported Rehav'am (Rehoboam) from every part of the coun-

80 **RV 10:16 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 20:1.

81 **RV 11:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 12:21-24

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try. 14 The Levites abandoned their property and their pasture-
land and moved to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across the rest
of Yehudah (Judah), because Yarov'am (Jeroboam) and his sons
stopped them from serving as Yahweh's priests. 15 Instead
Yarov'am established his own priests for his hilltop shrines and
for the goat and calf idols that he'd made.[82] 16 As well as the
priests and Levites, people from all the Israeli tribes who wanted
to serve Yisrael's god Yahweh came to Yerushalem to sacrifice to
Yahweh, their ancestors' god. 17 So they strengthened the king-
dom of Yehudah, and as the people followed David's and Shelo-
moh's (Solomon's) examples, they strengthened Rehav'am's rule
for three years.

Rehav'am's family · Southern kingdom

18 Rehav'am (Rehoboam) married Maha-
lat. She was the daughter of David's son
Yerimot, and her mother was Avihayil, the daughter of Eliav and
granddaughter of Yishay (Jesse). 19 They had three sons: Ye'ush,
Shemaryah, and Zaham. 20 After her, he married Avshalom's
(Absalom's) daughter Ma'akah, and they had four sons: Aviyah,
Atay, Ziza, and Shelomit. 21 Rehav'am loved Ma'akah the most
out of his eighteen wives and sixty slave-wives. He fathered
twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters, 22 but he appointed
Ma'akah's son Aviyah to be the leader of his older and younger
brothers, because that would mark him as the future king. 23 He
wisely sent his other sons to fortified cities across all the regions
in Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin, where he set them up gener-
ously and asked the local people to give them wives.

Mitsrayim attacks Yehudah · Southern kingdom[84]

12:1 However, after Rehav'am (Re-
hoboam) had become established and in
firm control of his kingdom, he and all the
people abandoned Yahweh's instructions. 2 Because they were
unfaithful to Yahweh, King Shishak from Mitsrayim (Egypt)
came to attack Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the fifth year of Re-
hav'am's reign, 3 with 1,200 chariots and sixty thousand horse-
men, along with a huge number of troops, including Mitsrim
(Egyptians), Luvim (Libyans), Sukim, and Kushim. 4 He captured
Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities, then moved towards
Yerushalem.

5 Then the prophet Shemayah and the leaders of Yehudah
who'd fled to Yerushalem because of Shishak's attacks came to
Rehav'am. Shemayah told them, "Yahweh says that it was you
people who abandoned me, so now I've also abandoned you to
be defeated by Shishak."

6 Then the king and the Israeli leaders humbled themselves

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_went to_Yəhūdāh and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because
he_had_rejected_them Yārov'ām and_sons_of_his from_
_serving_as_priests to/for_**YHWH**. 15 And_he_appointed to_
_him/it priests for_places and_for_idols and_for_calves which
he_had_made. 16 And_after_them from_all the_tribes_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) those_who_set ÐOM heart_of_their to_seek ÐOM
YHWH the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_came
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of
their_ancestors_of_their. 17 And_they_strengthened ÐOM the_
_kingdom_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_strengthened ÐOM
Rəḥav'ām the_son_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) for_years three
if/because they_walked in_the_way_of Dāvid and_Shəlomoh
for_years three.

18 And_he/it_took to_him/it Rəḥav'ām a_wife ÐOM Maḥalat
wwww[83] of_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) the_son_of Dāvid 'Avīhayil
daughter_of 'Elī'āv the_son_of Jesse. 19 And_she/it_gave_birth
to_him/it sons ÐOM Yə'ūsh/(Jeush) and_ÐOM Shəmaryāh and_
_ÐOM Zāham. 20 And_after_her he_took ÐOM Ma'akāh the_
_daughter_of 'Avīshālōm and_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ÐOM
'Aviyyāh and_ÐOM 'Attay and_ÐOM Zīzā' and_ÐOM Shəlomīt.
21 And_ Rəḥav'ām _he_loved ÐOM Ma'akāh the_daughter_of
'Avīshālōm from_all wives_of_his and_concubines_of_his
if/because wives eight- teen he_had_taken and_concubines
sixty and_he/it_fathered twenty and_eight sons and_sixty
daughters. 22 And_he_appointed to_chief Rəḥav'ām ÐOM
'Aviyyāh the_son_of Ma'akāh to_leader among_brothers_of_his
if/because to_make_him_king. 23 And_he_acted_wisely and_he_
_distributed from_all sons_of_his to/from_all/each/any/every
the_lands_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn to_all/each/any/every
the_cities_of (the)_fortifications and_he/it_gave to/for_them
(the)_provision[s] to_increase_in_number and_he_sought a_
_multitude_of wives.

12:1 And_he/it_was just_as_established the_kingdom_of
Rəḥav'ām and_according_to_of_his_strengthening he_
_abandoned ÐOM the_law_of **YHWH** and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
with_him/it. 2 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fifth to/for_the_
_king Rəḥav'ām Shiyshaq the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_
_came_up on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because they_had_
_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH**. 3 With_one_thousand and_
_two_hundreds chariot[s] and_with_sixty thousand horsemen
and_there_was_not number to_people which they_came with_
_him/it from_Mitsrayim Lūvī Sukkites and_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s.
4 And_he_captured ÐOM the_cities_of (the)_fortifications which
belonged_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_came to
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 5 And_Shəma'yāh the_prophet he_
_came to Rəḥav'ām and_the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh who they_
_had_gathered to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_face/in_
_front_of Shiyshaq and_he/it_said to/for_them thus **YHWH** he_
_says you(pl) you(pl)_have_abandoned ÐOM_me and_also I I_
_have_abandoned you(pl) in_the_hand_of Shiyshaq. 6 And_ the_
_leaders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_king _they_humbled_

82 RV 11:15 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 12:31.

83 LV 11:18 · Note OSHB variant note: וְן: (x-qere) 'תַּבִּ': lemma_1323 morph_HNcfsc id_14jsc תַּבִּ

84 RV 12:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 14:25-28

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_themselves and_they_said is_righteous **YHWH**. 7 And_when_ **YHWH** _saw if/because_that they_had_humbled_themselves the_message_of **YHWH** it_came[86] to Shəma῾yāh to_say they_ _have_humbled_themselves not I_will_destroy_them and_I_ _will_give to/for_them like_a_little (to)_deliverance and_not rage_of_my it_will_pour_forth on_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_ _the_hand_of Shiyshaq. 8 If/because they_will_become to_ _him/it (into)_subjects and_they_will_know service_of_my and_the_service_of the_kingdoms_of the_lands. 9 And_ Shiyshaq the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _he/it_ascended on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_took ĐOM the_treasures_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ĐOM the_treasures_of the_house_of the_king ĐOM (the)_everything he_took and_he/it_took ĐOM the_shields_of the_gold which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_ _made. 10 And_ the_king Rəḥav῾ām _he/it_made in_place_of_ _them shields_of bronze and_he_entrusted_them on the_hand_ _of the_commanders_of the_runners who_guarded the_ _entrance_of the_house_of the_king. 11 And_he/it_was from_ _sufficiency the_king went the_house_of **YHWH** the_runners they_came and_they_carried_them and_they_returned_them to the_guardroom_of the_runners. 12 And_when_he_humbled_ _himself it_turned_back from_him/it the_anger of_**YHWH** and_ _not to_destroy to_complete_destruction and_also in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) things good it_was. 13 And_ the_king Rəḥav῾ām _he_strengthened_himself in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_reigned if/because was_a_ _son_of forty and_one year[s] Rəḥav῾ām when_he_became_king and_seven- teen year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city where **YHWH** he_had_ _chosen to_put ĐOM his/its_name there from_all the_tribes_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Na῾ₐmāh the_ _῾Ammōnī_woman. 14 And_he/it_made (the)_evil if/because not he_had_directed his/its_heart to_seek ĐOM **YHWH**. 15 And_ _the_matters_of Rəḥav῾ām (the)_former and_(the)_latter not are_they written in_the_words/messages_of Shəma῾yāh the_ _prophet and_῾Iddō the_seer for_genealogical_enrolment and_ _the_wars_of Rəḥav῾ām and_Yārov῾ām/(Jeroboam) were_all_of the_days. 16 And_ Rəḥav῾ām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_ _his and_he_was_buried in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} son_ _of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him.

13:1 In_year eight- teen to/for_the_king Yārov῾ām and_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} _he_became_king over Yəhūdāh. 2 Three years he_ _reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_ _mother was_Mīkāyəhū the_daughter_of ᾽Ūrī᾽ēl from Gibeah and_war it_was between ᾽Aviy^{yāh} and_between Yārov῾ām. 3 And_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} _he_bound ĐOM the_battle with_an_army mighty_men_of war four hundred(s) thousand man chosen and_Yārov῾ām he_drew_up_in_formation with_him/it battle with_eight hundred(s) thousand man chosen mighty_of strength. 4 And_ ᾽Aviy^{yāh} _he/it_rose_up from_under (to)_the_ _mountain_of Tsəmārayim/(Zemaraim) which is_in_the_hill_ _country_of ᾽Efrayim and_he/it_said listen_to_me Oh_Yārov῾ām and_all Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel). 5 Not to/for_you(pl) to_know

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and said, "Yahweh always does what's right and fair."

7 When Yahweh saw that they'd humbled themselves, he gave this message to Shemayah, "They've humbled themselves, so I won't destroy them—my rage won't pour out on Yerushalem through Shishak's attack, and I'll give them a way to recover in the future. 8 Nevertheless, they'll become his servants, and they'll learn the difference between serving me versus serving other nations' kings.

9 When Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Shishak invaded Yerushalem, he took the treasures from Yahweh's temple and the king's palace. He took everything valuable, including the gold shields that Shelomoh (Solomon) had made.[85] 10 King Rehav'am replaced them with bronze shields, and distributed them to the leaders of the people who guarded the entrance to the king's palace. 11 After that, whenever the king went to Yahweh's temple, the guards went with him carrying those bronze shields. Then when the king left again, they'd return them to the guardroom. 12 Because Rehav'am humbled himself, Yahweh stopped being angry with him and didn't eliminate him, so things were reasonably good in Yehudah (Judah).

13 King Rehav'am consolidated his rule in Yerushalem. He reigned for a total of forty-one years—seventeen of which were from Yerushalem city, which Yahweh had chosen from all the tribes in Yisrael (Israel) as the place to establish his reputation. (Rehav'am's mother was the Amonit, Na'amah.) 14 Rehav'am did evil things because he didn't make it his priority to get direction from Yahweh.

15 The account of everything Rehav'am did while he was king, including genealogical records, was recorded in the scrolls written by the prophets Shemayah and Ido. Rehav'am and Yarov'am (Jeroboam) were at war with each other for his entire reign. 16 Then Rehav'am died, he was buried with his ancestors in 'The City of David', and his son Aviyah replaced him as king.

Aviyah defeats Yarov'am · Both kingdoms[87]

13:1 In the eighteenth year of King Yarov'am's (Jeroboam's) reign, Aviyah started his reign over Yehudah (Judah). 2 He ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for three years. (His mother was Uriel's daughter Mikayah from Giveah.)

However, war started between Aviyah and Yarov'am.

3 Aviyah launched the attack with four-hundred thousand strong warriors, and Yarov'am drew up in formation against him with eight-hundred thousand strong warriors in his army.

4 Aviyah stood on the top of Mt. Tsemarayim in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill-country and shouted, "Yarov'am and all of Yisrael

85 **RV 12:9 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:16-17; 2Ch 9:15-16.

86 **LV 12:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

87 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 15:1-8

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(Israel), listen to me. **5** Don't you all understand that Yisrael's god Yahweh made a formal agreement that the kingdom of Yisrael was given forever to David and his descendants? **6** But Nevat's son Yarov'am, who was a servant of David's son Shelomoh (Solomon), took action and rebelled against his master, **7** and a bunch of wicked good-for-nothings gathered around Yarov'am and created a force against Shelomoh's son, Rehav'am (Rehoboam), when Rehav'am was still an inexperienced, young man and couldn't stand up to them. **8** So now you Israelis are saying that you'll stand against the kingdom that Yahweh established through David's descendants. There are certainly many of you, and you have the gold calves that Yarov'am made as gods for you. **9** Didn't you people drive out the Levites, as well as Yahweh's priests who were Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants? Then you appointed for yourselves 'priests' like they have in other countries, so that anyone who comes to consecrate himself by bringing a young bull from the herd and seven rams can become a 'priest' of your non-gods.

10 "But as for us, Yahweh is our god and we haven't abandoned him. Our priests who minister to Yahweh are Aharon's descendants, and the Levites assist them. **11** Every morning and every evening, they sacrifice burnt offerings to Yahweh, and spiced incense. There's sacred bread on the display table, and the lamps in the gold lampstand give light every evening because we're following our god Yahweh's instructions, but you people have abandoned him. **12** So listen! God is guiding us, and his priests will blast their trumpets to signal battle against you people. Listen, you Israelis: don't fight against Yahweh, your ancestors' god, because you won't succeed."

13 But meanwhile, Yarov'am had sent some men around to ambush them from behind, so they were both in front of the army from Yehudah (Judah) and in ambush behind them.

14 When the warriors from Yehudah turned, wow, they realised they were being attacked from in front and from behind. They called out to Yahweh for help while the priests blew their trumpets. **15** Then the men from Yehudah shouted a loud battle cry, and God defeated Yarov'am and all of Yisrael in front of Aviyah and Yehudah. **16** Yisrael's soldiers fled away from Yehudah's army, and God enabled Yehudah to defeat them. **17** Aviyah and his men thrashed them badly, and some five-hundred thousand of their chosen warriors were killed. **18** So the Israelis were subdued at that time, and the people from Yehudah were victorious because they trusted in Yahweh, their ancestors' god.

19 Aviyah chased after Yarov'am and they captured from Yisrael (Israel) the cities of Beyt-El (Bethel), Yeshanah, and Efron, and their surrounding villages. **20** Yarov'am never regained military strength during Aviyah's reign, and after a time Yahweh struck him with sickness and he died.

21 Meanwhile, Aviyah became more powerful. He took fourteen wives for himself, and had twenty-two sons and sixteen daugh-

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if/because_that **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_
_given kingship to_Dāvid over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) forever_
_perpetuity to_him/it and_to_descendants_of_his a_covenant_
of salt. **6** And Yārov'ām the_son_of Nev'aṭ the_servant_of
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid _he/it_rose_up and_he_
_rebelled on master(s)_of_his. **7** And_they_gathered
on/upon/above_him/it men empty sons_of worthlessness and_
_they_proved_themselves_strong over Rəḥav'ām the_son_of
Shəlomoh and_Rəḥav'ām he_was a_young_man and_weak_of
heart and_not he_showed_himself_strong before_them. **8** And_
_now you(pl) are_saying to_show_yourselves_strong to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_kingdom_of **YHWH** in_the_
_hand_of the_descendants_of Dāvid and_you(pl) are_a_
_multitude great and_are_with_you(pl) calves_of gold which
he_made to/for_you(pl) Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) to_gods. **9** Not
have_you(pl)_driven_out ~~ḎOM~~ the_priests_of **YHWH** ~~ḎOM~~ the_
_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_the_Lēviyyiy and_you(pl)_have_
_appointed to/for_you(pl) priests like_the_peoples_of the_lands
every_of (the)_one_who_comes to_fill his/its_hand with_a_
_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd and_rams seven and_it_
_was a_priest to_not gods. **10** And_we **YHWH** god_of_is_our
and_not we_have_abandoned_him and_are_priests who_serve
to/for_**YHWH** the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron and_the_Lēviyyiy
are_in_work. **11** And_they_are_making_smoke to/for_**YHWH**
burnt_offerings in_morning in_morning and_in_evening in_
_evening and_incense_of perfume(s) and_the_row_of bread
was_on the_table (the)_clean and_the_lampstand_of the_gold
and_lamps_of_its to_burn in_evening in_evening if/because we
are_keeping ~~ḎOM~~ the_duty_of **YHWH** god_of_our and_you(pl)
you(pl)_have_abandoned ~~ḎOM~~_him/it. **12** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
is_with_us at_head the_'Elohīm and_priests_of_his and_the_
_trumpets_of the_alarm to_sound_the_battle_signal on_you(pl)
Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) do_not do_battle with **YHWH**
the_god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) if/because not
you(pl)_will_succeed. **13** And_Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) he_had_
_caused_to_go_round ~~ḎOM~~ the_ambush to_come from_behind_
_them and_they_were to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_ambush was_from_behind_them.
14 And_ Yəhūdāh _they_turned and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE to/for_
_them the_battle before and_behind and_they_cried_out
to/for_**YHWH** and_the_priests were_blowing_a_trumpet[88] on_
trumpets. **15** And the_man_of Yəhūdāh _they_sounded_the_
_battle_signal and_he/it_was when_ the_man_of Yəhūdāh _
_sounded_the_battle_signal and_(the)_god he_defeated ~~ḎOM~~
Yārov'ām and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before 'Av·iy^{yāh} and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **16** And_ the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_fled from_face/in_front_of
Yəhūdāh and_he_gave_them god in_hand_of_their. **17** And_
_they_defeated in/among_them 'Av·iy^{yāh} and_people_of_his a_
defeat great and slain of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) five hundred(s)
thousand man chosen _they_fell. **18** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_were_humbled at_time (the)_that and_
the_people_of Yəhūdāh _they_were_strong if/because they_
_depended on **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their.
19 And_ 'Av·iy^{yāh} _he_pursued after Yārov'ām/(Jeroboam) and_

88 LV 13:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ**: (x-qere) 'מֵירְצָחַמ': lemma_2690 n_0.0 morph_HVhrmpa id_14yLe מֵירְצָחַמ

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_he_captured from_him/it cities ÐOM Bēyt- ʾēl and_ÐOM daughters_of_its and_ÐOM Yəshānāh/(Jeshanah) and_ÐOM daughters_of_its and_ÐOM ʿEfrōn[89] and_daughters_of_its.
20 And_not the_strength_of Yārovʿām he_retained again in_ _the_days_of ʾAvʿiyʸāh and_he_struck_him **YHWH** and_he/it_ _died. **21** And_ ʾAvʿiyʸāh _he_strengthened_himself and_he_took to_him/it wives four- teen and_he/it_fathered twenty and_two sons and_six- teen daughters. **22** And_the_rest_of the_matters_ _of ʾAvʿiyʸāh and_ways_of_his and_words/messages_of_his are_ _written in_the_record_of the_prophet ʿIddō.

23 [90] And_ ʾAvʿiyʸāh _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_ _people_buried ÐOM_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ ʾĀṣā' son_ _of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him in_days_of_his the_ _earth/land it_was_at_peace ten years.
14:1 [91] And_ ʾĀṣā' _he/it_made the_good and_the_right in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_god. **2** [92] And_he_removed ÐOM the_altars_of (the)_foreignness and_the_high_places and_he_ _broke_down ÐOM the_sacred_pillars and_he_cut_down ÐOM the_ʾAshērāh_poles. **3** [93] And_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_seek ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their and_ _to_observe the_law and_the_command. **4** [94] And_he_removed from_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh ÐOM the_high_places and_ÐOM the_incense_altars and_ the_kingdom _it_was_at_peace before_ _him. **5** [95] And_he/it_built cities_of fortification in_Yəhūdāh if/because the_earth/land it_was_at_peace and_there_was_not with_him/it war in_years the_these if/because **YHWH** he_had_ _given_rest to_him/it. **6** [96] And_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh let_us_ _build ÐOM the_cities the_these and_let_us_surround_them wall and_towers gates and_bars still_it the_earth/land is_before_of_ _us if/because we_have_sought ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_our we_ _sought_him and_he_has_given_rest to/for_us from_round_ _about and_they_built and_they_prospered. **7** [97] And_he/it_was to_ʾĀṣā' an_army which_was_carrying body_shield and_spear of_Yəhūdāh three hundred(s) thousand and_of_Binyāmīn those_who_carried_of (of)_a_shield and_those_who_bent_of (of)_a_bow two_hundred and_eighty thousand all_of these were_mighty_men_of strength.

8 [98] And_he/it_went_out against_them Zeraḥ the_ _Kūshiy/(Cushite) with_an_army a_thousand thousand(s) and_ _chariots three hundred(s) and_he_came to Marʾēshāh. **9** [99] And_ ʾĀṣā' _he/it_went_out before_him and_they_drew_up_in_ _formation battle in_valley_of Zephathah to_Marʾēshāh. **10** [100]

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ters. **22** The rest of what Aviyah did, including his sayings and his behaviour, was written down by the prophet Ido.

King Asa's rule over Yehudah · Southern kingdom

14:1 Then Aviyah died, and they buried him with his ancestors in 'The city of David', and his son Asa reigned in his place. During his rule, the country was peaceful for ten years. **2** Asa did what was good and right in his god Yahweh's eyes— **3** he removed the pagan altars and the hilltop shrines, smashed the sacred stone pillars, and cut the Asherah poles down. **4** He ordered the people in Yehudah (Judah) to worship Yahweh, their ancestors' god, and to obey his instructions and regulations. **5** He removed all the hilltop shrines from Yehudah's cities, and also the incense altars, and the kingdom was peaceful under his rule. **6** He fortified Yehudah's cities, as the place was quiet without war during those years, because Yahweh had given him peace, **7** and he'd told Yehudah, "Let's build these cities with walls around them, and towers, doors, and bars, while the land's quiet around us, because we've asked our god Yahweh for guidance. We've made our request, and he's given us rest on all our borders." So they built and they prospered. **8** King Asa had an army of three-hundred thousand men from Yehudah who carried large shields and spears, as well as 280,000 men from Benyamin who also carried shields, along with bows and arrows. They were all powerful warriors.

The Kushi invasion repelled · Southern kingdom

9 But then Zerah the Kushi came out against them with an army of a million soldiers and three hundred chariots, and he advanced to Mareshah. **10** Asa went out to oppose them, and

89 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB variant note: וּרפע: (x-qere) וַיִּרְפְּעֵ֣הוּ: lemma_6085 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_14Lmq וַיִּרְפְּעֵ֣הוּ
90 LV 13:23 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.1
91 LV 14:1 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.2
92 LV 14:2 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.3
93 LV 14:3 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.4
94 LV 14:4 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.5
95 LV 14:5 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.6
96 LV 14:6 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.7
97 LV 14:7 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.8
98 LV 14:8 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.9
99 LV 14:9 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.10
100 LV 14:10 · Note Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.11

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they deployed for battle in the Tsefat valley near Mareshah.
11 Then King Asa called out to his god Yahweh, "Yahweh, it makes no difference to you if there's one against you, or one million. Help us, Yahweh our god, because we rely on you, and we've come against this massive force, trusting in your reputation. Yahweh, you're our god—don't let mere humans prevail against you."
12 So Yahweh helped Asa and the army from Yehudah (Judah) to defeat the Kushim, and they fled. **13** Asa and his army chased them southwest as far as Gerar. So many Kushim were killed that the rest couldn't save themselves, because they'd been destroyed in front of Yahweh and his army, and the men of Yehudah carried away a large amount of plunder. **14** They struck all the cities around Gerar, because the Kushim there were terrified of Yahweh. The men from Yehudah plundered all those cities, because they contained a lot of valuable goods. **15** They also attacked the Kushi cattle herdsmen, as well as capturing lots of sheep and camels before returning to Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Azaryah's prophecy gives courage to Asa · Southern kingdom

15:1 Then God's spirit came down onto Oded's son Azaryah, **2** and he went out to King Asa and told him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin: Yahweh is with you southerners when you're with him. And if you look for him, you'll find him, but if you abandon him, he'll also abandon you. **3** Yisrael (Israel) has been without the true God for a long time, as there hasn't been a priest teaching, so God's instructions have been forgotten. **4** However, they turned to Yisrael's god Yahweh when they were in distress, and requested his help, and he helped them.
5 "In those times, it wasn't safe to travel away, because there was wide unrest among the inhabitants of the surrounding regions. **6** Nation crushed nation, and city crushed city, because God sent them one trouble after another. **7** But you southerners, be strong and don't give up striving, because your hard work will be rewarded."
8 When King Asa heard those words and the prophecy from the prophet Oded's son, he took courage and removed all the detestable idols from across Yehudah and Benyamin, and from the cities he'd captured from the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country. Also, he repaired the altar to Yahweh that stood in front of Yahweh's temple.
9 He assembled all the people from Yehudah and Benyamin, as well as the many people who'd joined them from the tribes of Efrayim, Menasheh (Manasseh), and Shim'on (Simeon). (Many people had emigrated from Yisrael into Yehudah when they realised that his god Yahweh was helping him.) **10** They gathered together in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in June of the fifteenth year

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And_ 'Āṣā' _he/it_called to **YHWH** his/its_god and_he_said Oh_ _**YHWH** there_is_not with_you to_help between great and_not strength help_us Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our if/because on_you we_ _depend and_in_name_of_your we_have_come on the_ _multitude the_this Oh_**YHWH** god_of_are_our you not let_ _him_retain with_you a_man. **11** [101] And_ **YHWH** _he_defeated ~~DOM~~ the_Kūshiys to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before 'Āṣā' and_ _before_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ the_Kūshiys _they_fled. **12** [102] And_he_pursued_them 'Āṣā' and_the_people which with_ _him/it to_Gərār and_it_fell of_the_Kūshiys to_there_was_ _not to/for_them preservation_of_life if/because they_had_ _been_broken to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ _before_of army_of_his and_they_carried_off booty much very. **13** [103] And_they_attacked ~~DOM~~ all_of the_cities around Gərār if/because it_was the_dread_of **YHWH** on_them and_they_ _plundered ~~DOM~~ all_of the_cities if/because plunder much it_ _was in_them. **14** [104] And_also the_tents_of livestock they_ _attacked and_they_took_captive sheep to_increase_in_number and_camels and_they_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

15:1 And_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_son_of ʹŌdēd it_was on/upon/above_ _him/it the_spirit_of god. **2** And_he/it_went_out to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before 'Āṣā' and_he/it_said to_him/it listen_to_ _me Oh_'Āṣā' and_all Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn **YHWH** is_with_ _you(pl) when_are_you(pl) with_him/it and_if you(pl)_will_ _seek_him he_will_let_himself_be_found to/for_you(pl) and_if you(pl)_will_abandon_him he_will_abandon you(pl). **3** And_ _days many belonged_to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_not the_god_of truth and_to_not a_priest who_teaches and_to_not the_law. **4** And_it_turned_back in_distress to_him/it to **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_sought_him and_he_let_himself_ _be_found to/for_them. **5** And_in_times the_those there_was_ _not peace for_who]_went_out and_for_who]_came_in if/because disturbances great were_on all_of the_inhabitants_ _of the_lands. **6** And_they_were_crushed nation by_nation and_ _city by_city if/because god he_disturbed_them in_all trouble. **7** And_you(pl) be_strong and_not hands_of_your(pl) let_them_ _drop if/because there_is reward for_work_of_your(pl). **8** And_ _just_ 'Āṣā' _as_heard the_words/messages the_these and_the_ _prophecy ʹŌdēd the_prophet he_strengthened_himself and_ _he_took_away the_detestable_things from_all the_land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn and_from the_cities which he_ _had_captured from_hill of_'Efrayim and_he_renewed ~~DOM~~ the_ _altar_of **YHWH** which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_porch_of **YHWH**. **9** And_he_gathered ~~DOM~~ all_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_those_who_sojourned with_them from_ _'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh and_from_Shimʹōn if/because they_had_fallen on/upon/above_him/it from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_increase_in_number when_saw_they if/because_that **YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it. **10** And_they_gathered_together Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_month the_third of_year_of fifteen of_(the)_reign of_'Āṣā'. **11** And_they_sacrificed to/for_ _**YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that from the_booty which_they_had_

101 **LV 14:11 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.12
102 **LV 14:12 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.13
103 **LV 14:13 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.14
104 **LV 14:14 · Note** Note: KJB: 2Chr.14.15

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_brought ox[en] seven hundred(s) and_sheep seven_of thousand(s). **12** And_they_came in_covenant to_seek ĐOM **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their in_all heart_of_ _their and_on/over_all being_of_their. **13** And_ _all/each/any/every one_who not he_will_seek to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_be_put_to_death (to)_from small and_unto great (to)_from_man and_unto woman. **14** And_ _they_swore_an_oath to/for_**YHWH** with_a_voice great and_ _with_a_shout and_with_trumpets and_with_ram's_horns. **15** And_ all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_rejoiced on the_oath if/because with_all_of heart_of_their they_had_sworn and_ _on/over_all will_of_their they_had_sought_him and_he_had_ _let_himself_be_found to/for_them and_ **YHWH** _he_gave_rest to/for_them from_round_about. **16** And_also Ma'ₐkāh the_ _mother_of 'Āṣā' the_king he_removed_her from_ _queen-mother that she_had_made to_an_'Ashērāh_pole an_ _abominable_image and_ 'Āṣā' _he_cut_down ĐOM image_of_ _her_abominable and_he_pulverised_it and_he_burnt_it in_the_ _wadi_of Qidrōn. **17** And_the_high_places not they_were_ _removed from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only the_heart_of 'Āṣā' it_was complete all_of his/its_days. **18** And_he/it_brought ĐOM the_ _holy_things_of his/its_father and_his_own_of_holy_things the_house_of the_'Elohīm silver and_gold and_utensils. **19** And_ _war not it_was until year_of thirty and_five of_(the)_reign of_ _'Āṣā'.

16:1 In_year thirty and_six of_(the)_reign of_'Āṣā' Ba'shā' the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_came_up on Yəhūdāh and_he/it_ _built ĐOM (the)_Rāmāh to_not to_permit one_who_goes_out and_one_who_comes to_'Āṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_brought_out silver and_gold from_the_ _treasuries_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_house_of the_king and_he_sent_it to Ben Hₐdad the_king_of 'Arām who_was_ _dwelling in_Dammeseq to_say. **3** A_covenant be_between_me and_between_you and_between father_of_my and_between father_of_your HERE I_send to/for_yourself(m) silver and_gold go break covenant_of_your with Ba'shā' the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_he_may_go_up from_on_me. **4** And_ _he/it_listened Ben[106] Hₐdad to the_king 'Āṣā' and_he_sent ĐOM the_commanders_of the_armies which to_him/it against the_ _cities_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_attacked ĐOM 'Iyyōn and_ _ĐOM Dān and_ĐOM 'Avēl Mayim and_ĐOM all_of the_stores_of the_cities_of Naftālī. **5** And_he/it_was just_ Ba'shā' _as_heard and_he_ceased from_building ĐOM (the)_Rāmāh and_he_ _caused_to_cease ĐOM their_property/content. **6** And_'Āṣā' the_ _king he_took ĐOM all_of Yəhūdāh and_they_carried_off ĐOM the_stones_of (the)_Rāmāh and_ĐOM wood(s)_of_its which Ba'shā' he_had_built and_he/it_built (is)_in_them ĐOM Gev'a' and_ĐOM (the)_Mitspāh.

7 And_at_time (the)_that Ḥₐnānī the_seer he_came to 'Āṣā' the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said to_him/it because_ _depended_you on the_king_of 'Arām and_not you_depended on **YHWH** god_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_

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of King Asa's reign **11** and sacrificed seven hundred bulls to Yahweh and seven thousand sheep—all of which had come from the recent plunder. **12** They solemnly agreed to sincerely and diligently devote themselves to Yahweh, their ancestors' god. **13** They decided that anyone who didn't worship Yisrael's god Yahweh must be killed, man or woman, regardless of whether or not they had an important position. **14** Together they loudly promised that to Yahweh, then shouted and blew trumpets and horns, **15** and all of Yehudah celebrated that promise because they were totally sincere and committed. They asked Yahweh to give them guidance, which he did, and he enabled them to have peace throughout their country.

16 King Asa also removed his mother Ma'akah from her position as queen because she made a disgusting Asherah pole. Asa cut down the pole and crushed it, and burnt it at the Kidron brook, **17** although they didn't remove the hilltop shrines from Yisrael. Nevertheless, Asa maintained his singular devotion to Yahweh for his whole life, **18** and he brought his father's sacred things, and his own, into God's temple—gold and silver items. **19** There was no more war in Yehudah until the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.

Yisrael comes to invade Yehudah · Both kingdoms[105]

16:1 In the thirty-sixth year of King Asa's reign, Yisrael's (Israel's) king Baesha invaded Yehudah (Judah) and built Ramah to prevent anyone from leaving or entering the land controlled by Yehudah's King Asa. **2** Asa took gold and silver from the temple treasuries and the king's palace, and he sent it to King Ben-Hadad of Aram (Syria) (modern Aram), who lived in Damesek (Damascus), requesting, **3** "I want a peace treaty between you and me, and between your family and mine. Listen, I've sent gold and silver to you. Go and break your agreement with Yisrael's King Baesha, so he'll give up on his attack against me."

4 Ben-Hadad accepted King Asa's suggestion and sent his army captains to fight against Yisrael's cities. They struck Iyon, Dan, and Avel-Mayim, and all the storehouses in the Naftali (Naphtali) cities. **5** When King Baesha heard about that, he stopped fortifying Ramah and abandoned the project, **6** so King Asa took men there from Yehudah. They carried away all the building stones from Ramah, along with the timber which Baesha had been using, and used it all to build Geva and Mitspah (north of Yerushalem (Jerusalem)).

Hanani's prophecy about coming wars · Southern kingdom

7 At that time, the prophet Hanani went to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Asa and told him, "Because you relied on the king of

105 RV 16:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 15:17-22

106 LV 16:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Aram (Syria) rather than on your god Yahweh, the Aramean king's army has escaped from being defeated by you. **8** Didn't the Kushim and the Luvim (Libyans) have a vast number of chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on Yahweh, he helped you defeat them, **9** because Yahweh sees everything that's happening all over the world, and he strengthens the people who trust him completely. You've been foolish in what you've just done, so from now on, you'll be facing wars." **10** But King Asa was angry at the prophet, very angry, and had him put in prison, and after that Asa oppressed some of his people.

The end of Asa's reign · Southern kingdom[107]

11 All of Asa's projects from the beginning of his reign to the end are written in the scroll about the kings of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel). **12** King Asa got a disease that started in his feet in the thirty-ninth year of his reign. Even as it got worse, he didn't try to get Yahweh to help him, only doctors. **13** Then Asa died in the forty-first year of his reign, **14** and he was buried in the tomb that he'd had carved out in 'The City of David'. They laid his corpse on a bed of prepared spices and perfumes that had been mixed ready. Then they lit a large bonfire in his honour.

Yehoshafat becomes king · Southern kingdom

17:1 Then Asa's son Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) replaced him as king, and he strengthened their defenses against Yisrael (Israel). **2** He placed troops in all of Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities, and posted garrisons across Yehudah and in the cities in Efrayim (Ephraim) that his father Asa had captured. **3** Yahweh helped Yehoshafat because he followed his ancestor David's example at the beginning, and didn't ask the Baals for guidance, **4** because he asked his father's god, and he followed God's instructions rather than doing the evil things that were done in Yisrael. **5** So Yahweh enabled him to maintain control of his kingdom, and all of Yehudah brought tribute to Yehoshafat, causing him to become very wealthy and highly respected. **6** He was completely devoted to doing what pleased Yahweh, even removing the hilltop shrines and the Asherah poles from Yehudah.

7 In the third year of his reign he sent his officials, Ben-Hayil, Ovadyah (Obadiah), Zekaryah (Zechariah), Netanel, and Mikayah, to teach in Yehudah's cities. **8** They were accompanied by the Levites Shemayah, Netanyah, Zevadyah, Asahel, Shemiramot, Yonatan (Jonathan), Adoniyah, Toviyah, and Tov-Adoniyah, along with two priests, Elishama and Yehoram (Jehoram). **9** They took a scroll with Yahweh's instructions written on it, and went around Yehudah's cities teaching the people.

Literal Version

_army_of the_king_of 'Arām it_has_escaped from_your(ms)_ _hand. **8** Not the_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s and_the_Lūvī were_they (to)_an_army to_increase_in_number (to)_chariotry and_(to)_ _horsemen to_abundance exceedingly and_because_depended_ _you on **YHWH** he_gave_them in_hand_of_your. **9** If/because **YHWH** eyes_of_his are_roving_about in_all the_earth/land to_ _show_himself_strong with who_their_heart_of_those is_ _complete to_him/it you_have_acted_foolishly on this if/because from_now there_will_be with_you wars. **10** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_was_angry against the_seer and_he_put_him the_ _house_of the_stock[s] if/because in_a_rage with_him/it on this and_ 'Āṣā' _he_crushed some_of the_people at_time (the)_that.

11 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_matters_of 'Āṣā' (the)_former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_ _kings of_Yəhūdāh and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_ _became_sick in_year thirty and_nine of_reign_of_his in_feet_ _of_his was_to (to)_upwards sickness_of_his and_also in_ _sickness_of_his not he_sought ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** if/because (in)_ _physicians. **13** And_ 'Āṣā' _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he/it_died in_year forty and_one of_reigning_his. **14** And_ _people_buried_him in_his_own_of_grave(s) which he_had_dug to_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_they_made_him_lie in_ _place which he_had_filled spices and_kinds mixed as_ _ointment_mixture_of work and_they_burnt to_him/it a_ _burning great up_to (to)_muchness.

17:1 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) his/its_son _he_became_ _king in_place_of_him and_he_strengthened_himself on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_he_put an_army in_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (the)_fortified and_he/it_gave garrisons in_ _land of_Yəhūdāh and_in_the_cities_of 'Efrayim which 'Āṣā' his/its_father he_had_captured. **3** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yəhōshāfāṭ if/because he_walked in_the_ways_of Dāvid his/its_ _father (the)_former and_not he_sought (to)_Ba'al. **4** If/because (to)_the_god_of his/its_father he_sought and_in_commands_of_ _his he_walked and_not according_to_the_deed[s]_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** And_ **YHWH** _he_established ~~DOM~~ the_ _kingdom in_his/its_hand and_ all_of Yəhūdāh _they_gave tribute to_Yəhōshāfāṭ and_he/it_was to_him/it wealth and_ _honour to_increase_in_number. **6** And_ his/its_heart _it_was_ _high in_the_ways_of **YHWH** and_again he_removed ~~DOM~~ the_ _high_places and_~~DOM~~ the_'Ashērāh_poles from_Yəhūdāh. **7** And_in_year_of three of_reigning_his he_sent (to)_officials_ _of_his (to)_Ben- ḥayil and_(to)_'Ovaḏyāh and_(to)_Zəkaryāh and_(to)_Nətan'ēl and_(to)_Mīkāyəhū to_teach in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh. **8** And_were_with_them the_Lēviyyiy Shəma'yāh and_ _Nətanyāh and_Zəvaḏyāh and_'Asāh'ēl and[108] and_ _Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) and_'Adoniyyāh and_Ṭōviyyāh and_good 'adoniyyāhū the_Lēviyyiy and_were_with_them 'Elīshā'ma and_ _Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_priests. **9** And_they_taught in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_was_with_them the_book_of the_law_of **YHWH** and_they_went_round in_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_ _they_taught among_people.

107 **RV 16:11 · Parallel** 1 Kgs 15:23-24

108 **LV 17:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תומירמש: (x-qere) ו/תֹּוָמְרִימְּשׁ': lemma_c/8070 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HC/Np id_14C4J ו/תֹּוָמְרִימְּשׁ

Literal Version

10 And_he/it_was the_dread_of **YHWH** on all_of the_kingdoms_ _of the_lands which were_around Yəhūdāh and_not they_ _waged_war with Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat). **11** And_from the_ _Pəlishtiy were_bringing to_Yəhōshāfāṭ tribute and_silver a_ _load also the_ʹArāvī were_bringing to_him/it flock[s] rams seven_of thousand(s) and_seven hundred(s) and_male_goats seven_of thousand(s) and_seven hundred(s). **12** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_was going and_becoming_great to (to)_ _upwards and_he/it_built in_Yəhūdāh fortresses and_cities_of stores. **13** And_property much it_belonged to_him/it in_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh and_men_of war mighty_men_of strength in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **14** And_these group[s]_of_were_ _their to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their of_Yəhūdāh commanders_of thousands ʹAdnāh was_the_commander and_ _were_with_him mighty_men_of strength three hundred(s) thousand. **15** And_on his/its_hand Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) was_the_commander and_were_with_him two_hundred and_ _eighty thousand. **16** And_on his/its_hand ʹAmaṣʸᵃʰ the_son_of Zikrī who_volunteered to/for_**YHWH** and_were_with_him two_ _hundred thousand mighty_man_of strength. **17** And_from Binyāmīn a_mighty_man_of strength ʾElyādāʹ and_were_with_ _him men_equipped_of bow and_shield two_hundred thousand. **18** And_on his/its_hand Yəhōzāvād/(Jehozabad) and_were_ _with_him one_hundred and_eighty thousand men_equipped_ _of war. **19** These were_the_ones_who_served ᴅᴏᴍ the_king (from)_besides_of those_whom the_king he_put in_the_cities_ _of (the)_fortification in_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

18:1 And_he/it_was to_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) wealth and_ _honour to_increase_in_number and_he_became_son-in-law to_ʾAḥʾāv. **2** And_he/it_descended to_the_end_of years to ʾAḥʾāv to_Shomrōn and_he_slaughtered to_him/it ʾAḥʾāv sheep and_cattle to_increase_in_number and_for_people which with_ _him/it and_he_incited_him to_go_up against Rāmot Gilʹād. **3** And_ ʾAḥʾāv the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of Yəhūdāh will_you_go with_me Rāmot Gilʹād and_he/it_said to_him/it as_me as_you and_will_be_of_ _as_your_people people_of_my and_with_you in_battle. **4** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said to the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) seek please as_day ᴅᴏᴍ the_message_of **YHWH**. **5** And_ the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ the_prophets four hundred(s) man and_he/it_said to_them will_we_go against Rāmot Gilʹād for_battle or will_I_refrain and_they_said go_up and_ the_ʾElohīm _he_will_give_it in_the_hand_of the_king. **6** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_said is_there_not here a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** still so_that_we_may_enquire from_ᴅᴏᴍ_him. **7** And_ the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ still a_man one to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** from_ᴅᴏᴍ_him and_I I_ _hate_him if/because not_he is_prophesying on_me (to)_good if/because all_of his/its_days (to)_evil he is_Mīkāyəhū the_son_ _of Yimlāʾ/(Imlah) and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he/it_said not the_king let_him_speak thus. **8** And_ the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_called (to) a_court-official one and_ _he/it_said bring_quickly Mīkāyəhū[111] the_son_of Yimlāʾ. **9** And_the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Yəhōshāfāṭ the_king_of

Readers' Version

Yehoshafat's rise · Southern kingdom

10 All the surrounding kingdoms were afraid of Yahweh, so they didn't attack Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat). **11** Some of the Pelishtim brought tribute to Yehoshafat, including lots of silver. Also, the Aravim brought him flocks totalling 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats. **12** So Yehoshafat continued to become more powerful, and he built palaces in Yehudah (Judah), as well as storehouses in the cities. **13** He accumulated many supplies in Yehudah's cities.

He also had many powerful warriors in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **14** These are the leaders and numbers from each tribe:

From the tribe of Yehudah, Adnah was the commander, and he had three-hundred thousand warriors,

15 His assistant Yehohanan commanded 280,000,

16 Next was Zikri's son Amasyah, who volunteered for Yahweh and commanded two-hundred thousand warriors.

17 From the tribe of Benyamin, Elyada led two-hundred thousand men equipped with bows and shields,

18 next to him was Yehozavad with 180,000 equipped for war. **19** Those were the ones who served the king, along with the ones the king had placed in Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities.

prophet Mikiyas and King Ahav · Both kingdoms[109]

18:1 King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) became very wealthy, and was highly honoured, but then he allied himself by marriage to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav. **2** Some years later, he went up to Ahav in Shomron (Samaria), and Ahav sacrificed lots of sheep and cattle for him and for the people who were with him, and he incited him to attack Ramot-Gilead— **3** Yisrael's King Ahav suggested to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoshafat, "Will you join me to attack Ramot-Gilead?"

"Wherever you'll be, I'll be there," he responded. "Your people are like my own people, and we're with you in battle." **4** Then he added, "But we should get Yahweh's advice first."

5 So Yisrael's king gathered four hundred of his prophets and asked them, "Should we attack Ramot-Gilead or not?"

"Go ahead," they answered, "and God will give victory to the king."

6 But Yehoshafat asked, "Is there no prophet of Yahweh here that we can ask?"

7 Yisrael's king told Yehoshafat, "There's still one man who would ask Yahweh, but personally I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me—it's always something evil. He's Yimla's son, Mikayah."

"You shouldn't talk like that," said Yehoshafat.

8 So Yisrael's king ordered an official, "Get Yimla's son

109 RV 18:1 · Parallel 1 Kgs 22:1-28

111 LV 18:8 · Note OSHB variant note: והכינמ: (x-qere) ʾיהָיְכִימ: lemma_4321 morph_HNp id_14RDi יהָיְכִימ

Readers' Version

Mikayah here as quick as possible."

9 Now the kings of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah) were both clothed in their royal robes and sitting there on their thrones near Shomron's (Samaria's) entrance gate. They were up on a threshing floor, and all the prophets were prophesying in front of them. **10** Kena'anah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) made himself some iron horns and said, "Yahweh says you'll use these to gore Aram (Syria) and destroy them." **11** All the rest of Ahav's prophets agreed, saying, "Yes, go and attack Ramot-Gilead and you'll succeed—Yahweh will give the king victory."

12 The messenger who went to fetch Mikayah warned him, "Listen, the king is pleased with what the other prophets agreed on. Just say the same as them and give a favourable message."

13 But Mikayah responded, "As sure as Yahweh lives, I'll only say what my god tells me to say."

14 When he got to the king, King Ahav asked him, "Mikah, should we attack Ramot-Gilead for battle, or should I hold back?"

"Go ahead and succeed," he answered. "You'll be given victory over them."

15 But the king said to him, "How many times must I keep making you promise that you'll only say what Yahweh says—not just what I want to hear?" **16** So Mikayah responded, "I saw all of Yisrael (Israel) scattered on the hills like sheep without shepherds,[110] and Yahweh said, 'They don't have any master, so they'll all just go home in peace.' "

17 Ahav remarked to Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat), "Didn't I tell you that he wouldn't prophesy anything good about me—only disaster?"

18 But Mikayah continued, "Well, listen to what Yahweh says. I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the heavenly soldiers standing on each side of him, **19** and Yahweh said, 'Who'll entice Yisrael's King Ahav so he'll attack and then die at Ramot-Gilead?' Some suggested one thing, and others suggested something else. **20** Then a spirit went out and stood in front of Yahweh and said, 'I myself will entice him.' 'How would you do it?' Yahweh asked him. **21** The spirit replied, 'I'll go and inspire all of Ahav's prophets to tell lies.' Yahweh said, 'That'll work. Go and do it.'

22 "So now, listen. Yahweh placed a deceiving spirit in the mouths of those prophets of yours, and Yahweh has decreed that you'll face disaster."

23 Then Kena'anah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) went up to Mikayah and slapped him hard on the cheek, saying, "Yeah? Since when did Yahweh's spirit leave me and start speaking to you?"

24 "Well, you'll find out soon," answered Mikayah, "on the day when you go room by room in some house to try to hide."

25 "Arrest Mikayah," ordered King Ahav, "and return him to

Literal Version

Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_sitting each on throne_of_his they_ _were_clothed garments and_they_were_sitting at_the_ _threshing_floor the_entrance_of the_gate_of Shomrōn and_all the_prophets were_prophesying before_them. **10** And_he/it_ _made to_him/it Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'$_{a}$nāh/(Chenaanah) horns_of iron[112] and_he/it_said thus **YHWH** he_says with_these you_will_gore ~~DOM~~ 'Arām until destroy_them. **11** And_all the_prophets were_prophesying thus to_say go_up Rāmot Gil'ād and_succeed and_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _gave in_the_hand_of the_king. **12** And_the_messenger who he_ _had_gone to_call (to)_Mīkāyəhū he_spoke to_him/it to_say HERE the_words/messages_of the_prophets are_a_mouth one good concerning the_king and_let_it_be please message_of_ _your like_one from_them and_you_will_speak good. **13** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said by_the_life of_**YHWH** if/because ~~DOM~~ that_which god_of_my he_will_say ~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_speak. **14** And_he_came to the_king and_ the_king _he/it_said to_ _him/it Oh_Mīkāh will_we_go against Rāmot Gil'ād for_battle or will_I_refrain and_he/it_said go_up and_succeed and_they_ _will_be_given in_hand_of_your(pl). **15** And_he/it_said to_ _him/it the_king until how_many times will_I make_of_you_ _swear which/who not you_will_speak to_me only truth in/on_ _name_of **YHWH**. **16** And_he/it_said I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) scattered on the_mountains like_flock which there_is_not for_them a_shepherd and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said not masters belong_to_these let_them_return each to_his_own_of_ _house in_peace. **17** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_ _said to Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) not did_I_say to_you not he_ _prophesies on_me good if/because (if) (to)_evil. **18** And_he/it_ _said for_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** I_saw ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** sitting on throne_of_his and_all the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens standing on hand_of_his_ _right and_his_left_of_hand. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said who will_he_deceive ~~DOM~~ 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) so_ _that_he_will_go_up and_so_that_he_will_fall at_Rāmot- gil'ād and_he/it_said this_one was_saying thus and_this was_saying thus. **20** And_ the_spirit _he/it_went_out and_it_stood to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_he/it_said I I_will_ _deceive_him and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_him/it how. **21** And_ _he/it_said I_will_go_out and_I_will_be to/for_ _wind/breath/spirit falsehood in_the_mouth_of all_of prophets_of_his and_he/it_said you_will_deceive and_also you_ _will_prevail go_out and_do thus. **22** And_now HERE **YHWH** he_ _has_put a_spirit_of falsehood in_the_mouth_of your(pl)_ _prophets_of_your these and_**YHWH** he_has_spoken on_you calamity. **23** And_ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Kəna'$_{a}$nāh/(Chenaanah) _he_drew_near and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ Mīkāyəhū on the_cheek and_he/it_said where this is_the_way the_spirit_of **YHWH** which_it_passed_on from_with_me to_ _speak with_you. **24** And_ Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said THERE_you are_about_to_see in_the_day (the)_that when you_will_go a_ _room in_a_room to_hide_yourself. **25** And_ the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) _he/it_said take ~~DOM~~ Mīkāyəhū and_return_him to 'Āmōn the_official_of the_city and_near/to Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of the_king. **26** And_you(pl)_will_say thus the_king he_

110 RV 18:16 · Cross-ref. Num 27:17; Eze 34:5; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

112 LV 18:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_says put this_one the_house_of (the)_imprisonment and_feed_
_him bread oppression and_water oppression until return_I in_
peace. **27** And Mīkāyəhū _he/it_said if ever_(return) you_will_
_return in_peace not **YHWH** he_has_spoken by_me and_he/it_
_said listen Oh_peoples of_them_of_all.

28 And_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_
_Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _
_he/it_ascended against Rāmot Gil'ād. **29** And_ the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yəhōshāfāṭ I_will_disguise_
_myself and_I_will_go in_battle and_you(ms) wear clothes_of_
_your_own and_ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_disguised_
_himself and_they_came in_battle. **30** And_the_king_of 'Arām
he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ the_commanders_of the_chariotry
which to_him/it to_say not you(pl)_must_do_battle with the_
_small(sg) with the_great if/because (if) with the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_him/it_being_alone. **31** And_he/it_was just_
the_commanders_of the_chariotry _as_saw ~~DOM~~ Yəhōshāfāṭ
and_they they_said is_the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it and_they_
_surrounded on/upon/above_him/it to_do_battle and_
Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_cried_out and_**YHWH** he_helped_him and_he_
_lured_them god away_from_him. **32** And_he/it_was just_ the_
_commanders_of the_chariotry _as_saw if/because_that not it_
_was the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_turned_back from_
_after_him. **33** And_someone he_drew on_bow to_innocence_
_of_his and_he_struck ~~DOM~~ the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) between
the_scales and_between the_body_armour and_he/it_said to_
_charioteer turn_around mmm[114] and_you_will_take_me_out
from the_camp if/because I_have_been_wounded. **34** And_ the_
_battle _it_went_up in_the_day (the)_that and_the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_was holding_upright in_chariot opposite_to
'Arām until the_evening and_he/it_died to_the_time the_sun
was_going.

19:1 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_returned to_house_of_his in_safety to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_went_out to his/its_
_faces/face Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Ḥanānī the_seer and_
_he/it_said to the_king Yəhōshāfāṭ (to)_wicked to_help and_
_(to)_those_who_hate_of (of)_**YHWH** will_you_love and_by_this
is_towards_you severe_anger from_to/for_face/front/presence
YHWH. **3** But things good they_have_been_found with_you
if/because you_have_removed the_'Ashērāh_poles from the_
_earth/land and_you_have_directed heart_of_your to_seek the_
_'Elohīm.
4 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_returned and_he/it_went_
_out among_people from_Bə'ēr- seven to the_hill_country_of
'Efrayim and_bring_back_turned_them_back to **YHWH** the_
_god_of their_ancestors_of_their. **5** And_he_appointed judges
on_the_earth in_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh (the)_fortified for_a_
_city and_a_city. **6** And_he/it_said to the_judges consider what
are_you(pl) doing if/because not to/for_'Ādām/humankind
you(pl)_will_judge if/because to/for_**YHWH** and_with_you(pl)

Readers' Version

Amon the city governor, and to my son Yoash. **26** Tell them that the king's ordered that this man be put in prison, and be given only strictly-rationed bread and water until I return safely."
27 "If you return safely," Mikayah retorted, "then Yahweh mustn't have spoken to me."

The death of Ahav · Both kingdoms[113]

28 So Yisrael's (Israel's) King Ahav and Yehudah's (Judah's) king Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) went to Ramot-Gilead. **29** Ahav told Yehoshafat, "I'll get changed, so I'm not recognised, and go into the battle, but you wear your royal robe." So Yisrael's king disguised himself, and they went into the battle.
30 Meanwhile, Aram's (Syria's) king had ordered his chariot commanders, "Only attack Yisrael's king—don't bother fighting anyone else." **31** However, when those chariot commanders saw King Yehoshafat, they mistook him for Yisrael's king, and wheeled around to fight him, but Yehoshafat cried out to Yahweh for help, and he helped him—God drew them away from him, **32** because when the chariot commanders realised that it wasn't Yisrael's king, they turned back from chasing him.
33 However, one Aramean warrior drew his bow without knowing where Ahav was, and struck Yisrael's king at a joint in his armour. Ahav ordered the charioteer, "Turn around and get me out of here, because I've been seriously wounded." **34** The battle continued for the whole day, and Yisrael's king was propped up in his chariot to watch the Arameans, but he died as the sun was setting.

Yehoshafat gets scolded · Southern kingdom

19:1 Yehudah's (Judah's) king Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) returned safely to his home in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **2** but Hanani's son, the prophet Yehu (Jehu), confronted him, "Should you have helped the wicked, and befriended those that Yahweh hates? Yahweh's angry with you because of what you've done. **3** However, you have some good points, because you removed the Asherah poles from the country, and you've been sincere in wanting to follow God."

The neneyimu of Hihusapat

4 Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), but one time he went out to the people of Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country and encouraged them back to Yahweh, their ancestors' god. **5** He appointed judges in Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities to serve across the country, **6** and he told them, "Take care in what you do, because as judges, you're not serving people, but serving Yahweh when you make

113 RV 18:28 · Parallel 1 Kgs 22:29-35

114 LV 18:33 · Note OSHB variant note: יְדֵי/יְדֵי: (x-qere) יְדֵי/יְדֵי; lemma_3027 n_0.0.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp2ms id_14sbC יְדֵי/יְדֵי

Readers' Version

judicial decisions. 7 So revere Yahweh and judge cases carefully, because our god Yahweh doesn't tolerate injustice, partiality, or bribery."

8 Yehoshafat also appointed some Levites and priests in Yerushalem, as well as leaders from some Israeli families, to be judges on Yahweh's behalf based in Yerushalem, 9 and he instructed them, "You must revere Yahweh and be trustworthy and sincere. 10 When any of your fellow Israelis who live in the cities bring any case to you involving violent crime, or interpreting laws or regulations, and so on, you must caution them so they won't sin against Yahweh and induce his anger to come against you or them, so do that, and you won't be guilty. 11 And listen, the chief priest Amaryah is superior to you judges in any religious matter, and Yishmael's (Ishmael's) son Zevadyah is Yehudah's leader for any civil matter concerning the king. Also, you have the Levite officials to assist you judges. Act with courage, and let Yahweh assist people who are doing what's right."

Yehoshafat handles a massive invasion · Southern kingdom

20:1 Sometime after that, the Moavim and Amonim, along with some of the Meunim,[115] came to battle against King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat). 2 Some men came and told Yehoshafat, "A huge army is coming from Aram (Syria) beyond the Dead Sea to attack you, and take note: they're already in Hatsatson-Tamar, also known as Eyn-Gedi." 3 Yehoshafat was alarmed and decided to request advice from Yahweh, and he ordered that all of Yehudah (Judah) should fast. 4 So Yehudah assembled to request Yahweh's help—they came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from all of Yehudah's cities to ask Yahweh for help.

5 Yehoshafat stood in front of all the people from Yerushalem and across Yehudah, in front of the new temple courtyard, 6 and prayed, "Yahweh, the god of our ancestors, aren't you the god who lives in the heavens? And you rule in all the kingdoms around the world, and you have full power and control—no one can stand against you. 7 Weren't you our god who drove the previous inhabitants of this land out ahead of your Israeli people? Didn't you give it to the descendants of Avraham—the one you loved forever?[116] 8 Our ancestors lived in this land and built a temple to honour you, saying, 9 'If disaster, like war, judgement, epidemic, or famine comes on us, we'll stand in front of this temple, and in front of you, because your name is honoured here. And we'll cry to you because of our distress, and you'll hear and rescue us.'

Literal Version

in_a_matter_of judgement. 7 And_now let_it_be the_dread_of **YHWH** on_you(pl) take_care and_act if/because there_is_not with **YHWH** god_of_our injustice and_lifting_up_of face and_ _taking_of a_bribe. 8 And_also in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) he_appointed some_of the_Lēviyyiy and_the_priests and_some_of_the_heads_of the_fathers of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_the_judgement_of **YHWH** and_for_ _dispute[s] and_they_returned Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 9 And_he/it_commanded to_them to_say thus you(pl)_will_do in_the_fear_of **YHWH** in_faithfulness and_with_a_heart complete. 10 And_all case_at_law which it_will_come on_ _you(pl) from_brothers_of_your(pl) who_dwell in_cities_of_ _their between blood and_blood between law and_command and_regulations and_judgements and_you(pl)_will_warn ÐOM_ _them and_not they_will_be_guilty to/for_**YHWH** and_ severe_ _anger _it_was towards_you(pl) and_towards brothers_of_ _your(pl) thus you(pl)_will_do and_not you(pl)_will_be_guilty. 11 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE 'Amar^{yāh} the_priest_of the_head will_ _be_over_you(pl) to_all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of **YHWH** and_Zəvad^{yāh} the_son_of Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_ _leader of_the_house_of of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_ _all/each/any/every (the)_matter_of the_king and_will_be_ _officials the_Lēviyyiy before_you(pl) be_strong and_act and_ _let_it_be **YHWH** with the_good.

20:1 And_he/it_was afterwards so[121] the_people_of Mō'āv and_ _the_sons of_'Ammōn they_came and_with_them some_of_the_ _'Ammōnī on Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) for_battle. 2 And_ _they_came and_they_told to_Yəhōshāfāṭ to_say is_coming on_ _you a_multitude great from_the_other_side of_sea from_'Arām and_THERE_they are_in_ Ḥatstsōn tāmār that is_ 'Ēyn Gedī. 3 And_he_was_afraid and_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he/it_gave ÐOM his/its_ _faces/face to_seek to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_called a_fast over all_of Yəhūdāh. 4 And_ Yəhūdāh _they_gathered to_seek from_ _**YHWH** also from_all the_cities_of Yəhūdāh they_came to_seek ÐOM **YHWH**. 5 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_stood in_the_assembly_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_house_of **YHWH** to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_courtyard (the)_new. 6 And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of our_ancestors_of_our not are_you he god in_heavens and_you(ms) are_ruling over_all_of the_kingdoms_of the_nations and_are_in_hand_of_your power and_strength and_there_is_not with_you to_hold_ground. 7 Not you our_god_of_Oh did_you_dispossess ÐOM the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land (the)_this from_to/for_face/front/presence people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_gave_it to_the_ _offspring_of 'Avrāhām friend_of_your forever_perpetuity. 8 And_they_lived in_it and_they_have_built to/for_yourself(m) in_it a_sanctuary for_name_of_your to_say. 9 If it_will_come on_ _us calamity sword judgement and_pestilence and_famine we_ _will_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before[122] the_house the_this and_before_face_of_you if/because name_of_your is_ _in_house the_this and_we_will_cry_out to_you from_distress_ _of_our and_you_will_hear and_you_will_save. 10 And_now

115 **RV 20:1 · Note** Following the Septuagint for this.

116 **RV 20:7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 41:8; Jam 2:23.

121 **LV 20:1 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

122 **LV 20:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

HERE the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_Mōʼāvʼ and_the_mountain_of Sēʼīr which not you_permitted to_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) to_go in/among_them when_came_they from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because they_turned_aside from_on_ _them and_not they_destroyed_them. **11** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they are_repaying to_us by_coming to_drive_us_out from_ _possession_of_your which you_caused_us_to_possess. **12** Our_ _god_of_Oh not will_you_enter_into_judgement on_them if/because there_is_not in_us strength to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_multitude (the)_great the_this which_is_ _coming on_us and_we not we_know what will_we_do if/because are_on_you eyes_of_our. **13** And_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** also one[s]_of_their_little wives_of_their and_children_of_their. **14** And_Yaḥaziʼēl/(Jahaziel) the_son_of Zəkaryāh the_son_of Bənāyāh the_son_of Yəʼīʼēl/(Jeiel) the_son_of Mattanyāh the_Lēviyyiy one_of the_descendants_of ʼĀṣāf it_was on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of **YHWH** in_the_middle of_ _the_assembly. **15** And_he/it_said pay_attention Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_king Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) thus **YHWH** he_says to/for_you(pl) you(pl) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_ _dismayed from_face/in_front_of the_multitude (the)_great the_this if/because not to/for_you(pl) the_battle if/because to_ _god. **16** Tomorrow go_down on_them THERE_they will_be_ _coming_up on_the_ascent_of (the)_Tsīts/(Ziz) and_you(pl)_ _will_find ᴅᴏᴍ_them at_the_end_of the_wadi the_face_of the_ _wilderness_of Yərūʼēl/(Jeruel). **17** Not to/for_you(pl) to_fight in_this_battle take_your(pl)_stand stand and_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _victory_of **YHWH** with_you(pl) Oh_Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) do_not be_afraid and_do_not be_ _dismayed tomorrow go_out before_them and_**YHWH** will_be_ _with_you(pl). **18** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ _he_bowed_low face ground_to_the and_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_inhabitants_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_fell_down to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_bow_down to/for_**YHWH**. **19** And_ the_Lēviyyiy of the_descendants_of the_Qəhātites and_ _from the_descendants_of the_Qoraḥites _they_stood to_praise to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) with_a_voice great (to)_upwards. **20** And_they_rose_early in_morning and_they_ _went_out to_the_wilderness_of Təqōʼa and_when_they_went_ _out Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) he_stood and_he/it_said listen_ _to_me Oh_Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) trust in_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_ _you(pl)_will_be_established trust in_prophets_of_his and_ _succeed. **21** And_he_consulted (to) the_people and_he_ _appointed those_who_sang to/for_**YHWH** and_those_who_ _praised to_adornment_of holiness when_went_out to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before the_man_equipped and_they_ _were_saying give_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because is_forever loyalty_of_his_covenant. **22** And_at_the_time when_they_began with_a_shout_of_joy and_praise **YHWH** he_set ambushers on the_people_of ʼAmmōn Mōʼāvʼ and_the_mountain_of Sēʼīr the_ _(ones_who)_went to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_were_

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10 You didn't allow our Israeli ancestors to enter the countries of Amon, Moav (Moab), or Edom when they were travelling from Mitsrayim (Egypt) to Kena'an (Canaan). So our ancestors turned away from those areas and didn't destroy them,[117] but now they're coming here to attack us. **11** Look how they're repaying us for not destroying them—they come here to drive us out from the land you gave us as an inheritance. **12** So, our god, please punish them, because we're not strong enough to battle this huge army that's on its way. We simply don't know what to do, so we're looking to you to rescue us."

13 At that time, all of Yehudah (Judah) (men, women, and children) were standing in front of Yahweh, **14** and Yahweh's spirit came on Yahaziel. (Yahaziel was the son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), son of Benayah, son of Yeiel, son of Matanyah the Levite, and a descendant of Asaf.) In the middle of the assembly **15** he said, "Pay attention, all of Yehudah, inhabitants of Yerushalem, and King Yehoshafat. Yahweh has this to say to you all, 'Don't be afraid, and don't be dismayed by this huge force, because it's not your battle, but God's.[118] **16** Tomorrow, go down against them. Listen, they're coming uphill near the Ascent of Tsits, and you'll find them at the end of the valley, facing the Yeruel wilderness. **17** You won't need to fight them—just take your positions, people from Yerushalem and wider Yehudah, and watch Yahweh save you.[119] Don't be afraid or discouraged. Go out there tomorrow and Yahweh will be with you.' "

18 Then King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah fell to their knees in front of Yahweh to worship him. **19** Then some of the Levites who were descendants of Kohat and Korah stood up to loudly praise Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh.

20 They rose early the next morning and went out to the Tekoa wilderness, and as they were leaving, Yehoshafat stood and called out, "Hear me, inhabitants of Yerushalem and Yehudah. Believe in our god Yahweh, and be confident. Believe his prophets and succeed." **21** Then he consulted with the people, and he appointed some to sing to Yahweh and some to praise him for his splendour and sinlessness as they went out in front of the enemy army, and they were saying, "Give thanks to Yahweh, because his loyal commitment endures forever."

22 As they began to sing and praise Yahweh, he sent ambushers against the Amonim, Moavim, and Edomim who were attacking Yehudah, and they were defeated. **23** Then the Amonim and Moavim turned on the Edomim and completely annihilated them, and after that they slaughtered each other. **24** When Yehudah's men arrived at the place overlooking the wilderness, wow, they saw corpses all over the ground. No one had escaped.

25 Then Yehoshafat and his people went to plunder the spoils,

117 RV 20:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 2:4-19.

118 RV 20:15-17 · Cross-ref. Deu 20:1-4.

119 RV 20:17 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:13-14.

Readers' Version

and they found lots of goods among them, as well as clothing,[120] and valuable items. They took that for themselves until there was nothing left to carry away—there was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it all. **26** On the fourth day, they assembled in Berakah Valley and praised Yahweh there. That's why it's called Berakah Valley (which means 'praise/blessing') to this day. **27** Then all the men from Yerushalem and across Yehudah returned to Yerushalem with King Yehoshafat leading them—celebrating because Yahweh had enabled them to defeat their enemies. **28** When they arrived at Yerushalem, they went to the temple, playing harps, lutes, and trumpets. **29** The nearby kingdoms were all very afraid of God when they heard that Yahweh had fought against Yisrael's (Israel's) enemies, **30** so Yehoshafat's kingdom was untroubled, and his god gave him peace from all his neighbours.

The end of Yehoshafat's kingdom · Southern kingdom[123]

31 Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned over Yehudah (Judah) from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-five years. His mother was Shilhi's daughter, Azuvah. **32** He had similar priorities to his father Asa, doing what pleased Yahweh, and he didn't deviate from that. **33** However, he never removed the hilltop shrines, and the people weren't really serious about obeying their ancestors' god.

34 Everything else that Yehoshafat did, from the beginning to the end of his reign, was written down by Hanani's son Yehu (Jehu) in the scroll about Yisrael's (Israel's) kings.

35 Later on, Yehudah's King Yehoshafat made an alliance with Yisrael's King Ahazyah (which was a wicked thing to do), **36** and they worked together to make ships at Etsyon-Gever to sail to Tarshish. **37** Then Dodavahu's son Eliezer from Mareshah prophesied against Yehoshafat, saying, "When you allied yourself with Ahazyah, Yahweh destroyed what you created." In due course, the ships were damaged and unable to sail to Tarshish.

21:1 Then Yehoshafat died and was buried with his ancestors in 'The City of David', and his son Yehoram (Jehoram) replaced him

Literal Version

defeated. **23** And the_people_of ʼAmmōn and_Mōʼāv _they_ _stood on the_inhabitants_of the_mountain_of Sēʼīr to_totally_ _destroy_them and_to_destroy_them and_just_as_they_had_ _finished with_the_inhabitants_of Sēʼīr they_helped each on_ _neighbour_of_his to_destruction. **24** And_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) it_came to the_watchtower of_wilderness and_they_turned to the_multitude and_THERE_they were_corpses fallen towards_ _land and_there_was_not an_escaped_remnant. **25** And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) and_people_of_his _he_went to_ _plunder ᴅᴏᴍ booty_of_their and_they_found in/among_them to_increase_in_number and_property and_corpses and_ _articles_of preciousness(es) and_they_plundered to/for_them to_there_was_not carrying and_they_were days three plundering ᴅᴏᴍ the_booty if/because was_much it. **26** And_on_ _day (the)_fourth they_assembled to_the_valley_of Bərākāh if/because there they_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_have_called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that the_valley_of Bərākāh until the_day. **27** And_ every_of (the)_man_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_turned_back and_Yəhōshāfāṭ at_head_of_their to_return to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_joy if/because he_had_made_ _them_rejoice **YHWH** from_enemies_of_their. **28** And_they_ _came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_lyres and_with_harps and_with_trumpets to the_house_of **YHWH**. **29** And_ the_ _dread_of god _he/it_was on all_of the_kingdoms_of the_lands when_heard_they if/because_that **YHWH** he_had_fought with the_enemies_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **30** And_ the_kingdom_of Yəhōshāfāṭ _it_was_at_peace and_he_had_given_rest to_him/it his/its_god from_round_about.

31 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he_reigned over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_son_of thirty and_five year[s] when_he_ _became_king and_twenty and_five year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _ʼAzūvāh the_daughter_of Shilḥī. **32** And_he/it_went in_the_ _way_of his/its_father ʼĀṣāʼ and_not he_turned_aside from_ _her/it for_doing the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**. **33** Only the_high_places not they_were_removed and_still the_people not they_directed heart_of_their to_the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. **34** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōshāfāṭ (the)_former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_ _written in_the_words/messages_of Yēhūʼ/(Jehu) the_son_of Ḥₐnānī which it_was_recorded on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel). **35** And_after afterwards[124] Yəhōshāfāṭ the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh he_made_an_alliance with ʼAḥazʸāh the_king_ _of Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) he he_acted_wickedly for_doing. **36** And_he_ _allied_himself with_him/it for_doing ships to_go Tarshiysh and_they_made ships in_ʼEtsyon- gevʿer. **37** And_ ʼEliʼezer the_ _son_of Dōdāvāhū from_Marʼēshāh _he_prophesied on Yəhōshāfāṭ to_say as_you_have_made_an_alliance with ʼAḥazʸāh **YHWH** he_will_break ᴅᴏᴍ works_of_your and_ ships _they_ _were_broken and_not they_retained to_go to Tarshiysh.

21:1 And_ Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_he_was_buried with ancestors_of_his in_

120 RV 20:25 · Note The Hebrew 'bodies/corpses' seems wrong here.

123 RV 20:31 · Parallel 1 Kgs 22:41-50

124 LV 20:35 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Literal Version

_the_city_of Dāvid and_ Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) his/its_son _he_
_became_king in_place_of_him.

2 And_to/for_him/it brothers the_sons_of Yəhōshāfāṭ ʼAzar^{yāh}
and_Yəḥīʾēl/(Jehiel) and_Zəkar^{yāh} and_ʼAzar^{yāh}u and_Mīkāʾēl
and_Shəfaṭ^{yāh} all_of these were_the_sons_of Yəhōshāfāṭ the_
_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_he/it_gave to/for_them father_
_of_their gifts many to_silver and_to_gold and_to_excellent_
_gifts with cities_of fortifications in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM
the_kingdom he_gave to_Yəhōrām if/because he was_the_
firstborn. **4** And Yəhōrām _he/it_rose_up over the_kingdom_
_of his/its_father and_he_strengthened_himself and_he_killed
ĐOM all_of brothers_of_his with_sword and_also some_of_the_
_leaders_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** Was_a_son_of thirty and_two
year[s] Yəhōrām when_he_became_king and_eight years he_
_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_he/it_went in_
_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) just_as the_house_of
ʼAḥʼāv they_had_done if/because the_daughter_of ʼAḥʼāv she_
_was for_him/it wife and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_
_eyes_of **YHWH**. **7** And_not **YHWH** he_was_willing to_destroy
ĐOM the_house_of Dāvid on_account_of the_covenant which
he_had_made to_Dāvid and_as_which he_had_said to_give to_
_him/it a_lamp and_to_descendants_of_his all_of the_days.
8 In_days_of_his ʼEdōm it_rebelled from_under the_hand_of
Yəhūdāh and_they_made_king over_themselves a_king. **9** And_
Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) _he_passed_over with commanders_of_his
and_all the_chariotry with_him/it and_he/it_was he_arose
night and_he_defeated ĐOM ʼEdōm the_(one)_going_around to_
_him/it and_ĐOM the_commanders_of the_chariotry. **10** And_
ʼEdōm _it_has_rebelled from_under the_hand_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) until the_day the_this then Livnāh it_
_rebelled at_time (the)_that from_under his/its_hand
if/because he_had_abandoned ĐOM **YHWH** the_god_of his_
_ancestors_of_his. **11** Also he he_made high_places in_the_
_mountains_of Yəhūdāh and_he_made_prostitute_themselves
ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_
_thrust_aside ĐOM Yəhūdāh. **12** And_it_came to_him/it a_
_writing from_ʼĒliy^{yāh} the_prophet to_say thus **YHWH** the_god_
_of Dāvid ancestor_of_your he_says because that not you_have_
_walked in_the_ways_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) father_of_
_your and_in_the_ways_of ʼĀṣā' the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **13** And_
_you_have_walked in_the_way_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
and_you_have_made_prostitute_themselves ĐOM Yəhūdāh and_
_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) as_ the_
_house_of ʼAḥʼāv _made_them_prostitute_themselves and_also
ĐOM brothers_of_your the_house_of your_father_of_your (the)_
_good more_than_you you_killed. **14** HERE **YHWH** is_about_to_
_strike a_blow great on_people_of_your and_on_sons_of_your
and_on_wives_of_your and_on/over_all property_of_your.
15 And_you(ms) will_be_in_sickness(es) great in_(the)_sickness_

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as king.

Yehudah's King Yehoram · Southern kingdom[125]

2 Yehoram's (Jehoram's) younger brothers were Azaryah, Yehiel, Zekaryah (Zechariah), Azaryah, Mika'el (Michael), and Shefatyah, **3** and their father gave them many gifts of gold and silver and precious things, along with fortified cities in Yehudah (Judah), however he handed the kingdom over to Yehoram because he was the oldest son. **4** After Yehoram established firm control of his father's kingdom, he had all his brothers killed, as well as some of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders.

5 Yehoram was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eight years. **6** He did many of the evil things that Yisrael's kings had done, because he married one of King Ahav's daughters and did things that Yahweh had said were evil. **7** Despite that, Yahweh wouldn't eliminate David's descendants, because of the promise he'd made with David to 'keep his lamp burning' forever.[126]

8 Meanwhile, Edom had been under Yehudah's control, but during Yehoram's reign they rebelled and appointed their own king.[127] **9** Yehoram took his commanders and all his chariots, and crossed the Yarden (Jordan) River, then at nighttime he attacked the Edomim who'd surrounded him and his chariots.[128] **10** However, Edom successfully rebelled against Yehudah's control, then Livnah also did the same, because Yehoram had abandoned Yahweh, his ancestors' god. **11** He also built hilltop shrines around Yehudah, and he caused Yerushalem's inhabitants to prostitute themselves,[129] and he drove Yehudah away from Yahweh.

12 Then King Yehoram received a written message from the prophet Eliyah (Elijah): "Your father David's god Yahweh says that you decided not to follow your father Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) example, or good King Asa's, **13** but rather you imitated the behaviour of Yisrael's (Israel's) king, so because of that, you've caused Yerushalem's inhabitants, as well as wider Yehudah, to commit adultery like Ahav's family did. Also, you've killed your own blood brothers—people who were better than you. **14** So listen, now Yahweh is going to severely afflict your people, including your sons and your wives, as well as all your possessions, **15** and you yourself will get an intestinal disease that'll get worse every day until your innards fall out."

16 Then Yahweh stirred the Pelishtim up against Yehoram, as well as the Arabs who lived beside the Kushim, **17** and they attacked Yehudah. They did a lot of damage and took away every-

125 RV 21:2 · Parallel 2 Kgs 8:17-24

126 RV 21:7 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 11:36.

127 RV 21:8 · Cross-ref. Gen 27:40.

128 RV 21:9 · Note The meaning of the second half of this sentence is confusing, so other translations might differ.

129 RV 21:11 · Note This sentence is about worship, not physical adultery, so the reference to prostitution most likely refers to idol worship. Also see verse 13 below.

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thing valuable from the king's palace. They also took his wives and sons, other than Yehoahaz, his youngest son.

18 After that, Yahweh caused an intestinal disease in Yehoram that couldn't be cured, **19** and it progressed day after day until, after two years, his intestines fell out, and he died in a lot of pain. His people didn't make a bonfire in his honour like they'd done for his ancestors.

20 Yehoram was thirty-two when he became king, and he ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eight years. No one regretted it when he died, and his body was buried in 'The City of David', but not in the royal tombs.

Yehudah's king Ahazyah · Both kingdoms[130]

22:1 The inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) made his youngest son Ahazyah[131] king in his place, because all his older brothers had been killed by the Aravi invaders. So Yehoram's (Jehoram's) son Ahazyah reigned as Yehudah's (Judah's) king. **2** He was twenty-two[132] when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem for one year. His mother was Atalyah (Athaliah), a granddaughter of Yisrael's (Israel's) King Omri. **3** King Ahazyah behaved just like King Ahav's family had done, because his mother gave him evil advice, **4** so he did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like Ahav's family, because after his father's death, they'd become Ahazyah's advisors, giving destructive suggestions. **5** He followed their advice and joined King Yehoram (son of Yisrael's King Ahav) to fight against Aram's (Syria's) King Hazael at Ramot-Gilead, where Yehoram was wounded by the Arameans. **6** Yehoram returned to Yizre'el (Jezreel) to recover, because he'd been wounded at Ramah in the battle against Aram's King Hazael. So Yehudah's King Ahazyah went up to Yizre'el to see Yehoram.

7 God caused Ahazyah's downfall through his visit to Yoram (Joram). When Ahazyah arrived, he went with Yehoram to meet Nimshi's son Yehu (Jehu), who Yahweh had appointed to kill all of Ahav's descendants. **8** While Yehu was executing judgement on Ahav's descendants, he discovered Yehudah's officials there, including Ahazyah's nephews who'd been serving him, and he killed all of them as well. **9** Then Yehu went searching for Ahazyah and found him hiding in Shomron (Samaria) city. They

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_of your(pl)_bowels_of_your until bowels_of_your they_will_ _come_out from the_sickness days to days. **16** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _stirred_up on Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) ~~ĐOM~~ the_spirit_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_the_ʹArāvī who were_on the_hand_of the_ _Kūshiy/(Cushite)s. **17** And_they_came_up on_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_broke_into_it and_they_took_ _captive ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_property which_was_found to_the_ _house_of the_king and_also sons_of_his and_wives_of_his and_ _not he_remained to_him/it a_son if/because (if) Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_young_one_of his_sons_of_his. **18** And_after all_of this he_struck_him **YHWH** in_bowels_of_his to_a_sickness to_there_was_not healing. **19** And_he/it_was to_ _days from_days and_about_the_time_of the_end of_days two was_going_out bowels_of_his they_came_out with sickness_of_ _his and_he/it_died in_diseases harmful and_not they_made to_him/it people_of_his a_burning like_the_burning_of his_ _ancestors_of_his. **20** A_son_of thirty and_two_years he_was when_he_became_king and_eight years he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_went with_not desire and_people_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid and_not in_the_ _graves_of the_kings.

22:1 And_ the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_ _made_king ~~ĐOM~~ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} son_of_his the_small(sg) in_place_of_ _him if/because all_of the_former_sons the_marauding_band which_came with_ʹArāvī to_camp it_had_killed and_ 'Aḥaz^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _ _he_became_king. **2** Was_a_son_of forty and_two year[s] 'Aḥaz^{yāh} when_he_became_king and_a_year one he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _ʹAtal^{yāh} the_daughter_of ʹOmrī. **3** Also he he_walked in_the_ _ways_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv if/because his/its_mother she_ _was counsellor_of_his_female to_act_wickedly. **4** And_he/it_ _made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv if/because they they_were to_him/it counsellors after the_death_of his/its_father to_destruction to_him/it. **5** Also in_ _counsel_of_their he_walked and_he/it_went with Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv the_king_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) for_battle on Ḥ$_a$zā'^{ēl} the_king_of 'Arām at_Rāmot- gil'ād and_ the_'Arām _ _they_wounded ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōrām/(Joram). **6** And_he_returned to_ _get_himself_healed in_Yizrə'^{ēl}/(Jezreel) if/because the_ _wounds which they_had_wounded_him at_Rāmāh when_ _fought_he with Ḥ$_a$zā'^{ēl} the_king_of 'Arām and_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_ _son_of Yəhōrām the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_went_down to_see ~~ĐOM~~ Yəhōrām the_son_of 'Aḥ'āv in_Yizrə'^{ēl}/(Jezreel) if/because he was_sick. **7** And_from_god it_was the_downfall_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} by_going to Yəhōrām and_when_went_he he_went_out with Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) to Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_son_of Nimshiy whom he_had_anointed_him **YHWH** to_cut_off ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv. **8** And_he/it_was just_ Yēhū' _as_entered_into_ _judgement with the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_he_found ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_sons of_the_brothers_of

130 RV 22:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 8:25-29; 9:21-28

131 RV 22:1 · Note Called Yehoahaz in 21:17 above. (Replace 'Yeho' at the front with 'Yah' at the end—the meaning 'Yahweh has held' remains the same.)

132 RV 22:2 · Note The Hebrew has forty-two here, but we've corrected it from 2 Kgs 8:26.

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of_'Aḥaz^{yāh} serving (to)_'Aḥaz^{yāh} and_he_killed_them. **9** And_
_he/it_sought ĐOM 'Aḥaz^{yāh} and_people_captured_him and_he
was_hiding_himself in_Shomrōn and_they_brought_him to
Yēhū' and_they_put_him_to_death and_they_buried_him
if/because they_said was_the_son_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat)
he who he_sought ĐOM **YHWH** in_all heart_of_his and_there_is_
_not to_the_house_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} to_retain strength for_kingship.

10 And_ʹAtal^{yāh} the_mother_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} she_saw if/because_
_that son_of_her he_was_dead and_she/it_arose and_she_
_destroyed ĐOM all_of the_offspring_of (the)_royalty of_the_
_house_of of_Yəhūdāh. **11** And_ Yəhōshavʹat/(Jehoshabeath)
the_daughter_of the_king _she/it_took ĐOM Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_
_son_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh} and_she_stole ĐOM_him/it from_among_of
the_sons_of the_king who_were_about_to_be_put_to_death
and_she/it_gave ĐOM_him/it and_ĐOM nurse_of_his in_the_
_chamber_of the_beds and_she_hid_him
Yəhōshavʹat/(Jehoshabeath) the_daughter_of the_king
Yəhōrām/(Jehoram) the_wife_of Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_
_priest/officer if/because she she_was the_sister_of 'Aḥaz^{yāh}
from_face/in_front_of ʹAtal^{yāh} and_not she_put_him_to_death.
12 And_he/it_was with_them in_house_of the_'Elohīm hiding_
_himself six years and_ʹAtal^{yāh} was_reigning over the_
_earth/land.

23:1 And_in_year (the)_seventh Yəhōyādāʹ he_strengthened_
_himself and_he/it_took ĐOM the_commanders_of the_
_hundreds to_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) and_to_
_Yishmāʹ^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) and_
_to_ʹAzar^{yāh} the_son_of ʹŌvēd and_ĐOM Maʹₐsē^{yāh} the_son_of
ʹAdā^{yāh} and_ĐOM 'Elīshāfāṭ the_son_of Zikrī with_him/it in_
_covenant. **2** And_they_went_around in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_
_they_gathered ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy from_all the_cities_of
Yəhūdāh and_the_heads_of the_fathers of_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_
_they_came to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_ all_of the_
_assembly _it_made a_covenant in_house_of the_'Elohīm with
the_king and_he/it_said to/for_them HERE the_son_of the_king
he_will_reign just_as **YHWH** he_spoke on the_sons_of Dāvid.
4 This is_the_thing which you(pl)_will_do the_third_part of_
_you(pl) who_come_of (of)_the_sabbath to_priests and_to_
_Lēviyyiy will_become_(into)_the_gatekeepers_of the_
_thresholds. **5** And_the_third_part in_house_of the_king and_
_the_third_part will_be_at_the_gate_of the_foundation and_all
the_people will_be_in_the_courtyards_of the_house_of **YHWH**.
6 And_not let_anyone_go the_house_of **YHWH** if/because (if)
the_priests and_those_who_are_serving of_Lēviyyiy they they_
_will_go if/because are_holiness they and_all the_people they_
_will_keep the_duty_of **YHWH**. **7** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_will_
_surround ĐOM the_king all_around each_man and_weapons_
_of_his in_his/its_hand and_the_one_who_comes into the_
_house he_will_be_put_to_death and_be with the_king when_
_comes_he and_when_he_goes_out. **8** And_ the_Lēviyyiy and_all
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _they_made according_to_all that
Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer he_had_commanded

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captured him and took him to Yehu, and killed him. They did bury him, because they said, "He was the grandson of King Yehoshafat (Jehoshaphat) who tried hard to please Yahweh." After that, there were no descendants of Ahazyah who were powerful enough to become Yehudah's king.

Yehudah's queen Atalyah · Southern kingdom[133]

10 When Ahazyah's mother Atalyah (Athaliah) found out that her son had died, she took action and destroyed all his family members who could become king of Yehudah (Judah). **11** However, a princess named Yehoshav'at took Ahazyah's son Yoash, and she sneaked him away from among the king's sons who were about to be killed, and she hid him and his nurse in a bedroom. Yehoshav'at was the daughter of the late King Yehoram (Jehoram) and the wife of Yehoyada the priest (she was Ahazyah's sister), and she hid Yoash from Atalyah so she couldn't kill him. **12** He stayed in hiding with them in the temple for six years while Atalyah ruled over Yehudah.

Revolt against queen Atalyah · Southern kingdom[134]

23:1 The following year, the priest Yehoyada took courage and made an agreement with the commanders of units of a hundred soldiers: Azaryah (Yehoram's (Jehoram's) son), Yishmael (Ishmael) (Yehohanan's son), another Azaryah (Oved's son), Ma'aseyah (Adayah's son), and Elishafat (Zikri's son). **2** They went throughout Yehudah (Judah) and gathered all the Levites and the clan leaders from all the cities. When they came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **3** the whole assembly made an agreement with the young king in the temple, and Yehoyada told them, "Listen, the late king's son will reign, just as Yahweh said about David's descendants.[135] **4** Now this is what you need to do: one third of you priests and Levites who are on duty on the Rest Day must guard the temple entrances. **5** Another third of you must guard the king's palace, and the final third guard the Foundation Gate and all the people in the temple courtyard. **6** Don't let anyone enter Yahweh's temple other than the priests and the Levites who are on duty, because they're consecrated. Every one else must respect Yahweh's instructions not to enter. **7** You Levites must be armed and surround the young king. You must kill anyone else who tries to enter the temple, but stay close to the king wherever he goes.

8 So the Levites and the other people did everything Yehoyada the priest had instructed. Each leader took his men, both those starting duty on the Rest Day, as well as the others finishing their duties that day, because Yehoyada didn't dismiss any of the

133 **RV 22:10 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 11:1-3

134 **RV 23:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 11:4-16

135 **RV 23:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:12.

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groups. 9 Then Yehoyada the priest gave each of those commanders the spears, and the large and small shields which had been put in the temple by King David. 10 He stationed all the people, each one holding their weapon, right across the end of the temple, around the altar and the temple, and all around the king.
11 Then they brought out young Yoash, put a crown on his head, gave him a scroll with the agreement on it, and proclaimed him as king. Then Yehoyada and his sons anointed him with olive oil and shouted, "Long live the king!"
12 When Atalyah (Athaliah) heard the sound of people running, and people praising the king, she went to the temple 13 to look, and wow, the young king was standing where previous kings had stood by the pillar at the temple entrance, with the commanders and trumpeters beside him. The people were all cheering and blowing trumpets, and singers with instruments were leading the praise. Then Atalyah tore her robe and shouted out, "Treason! Treason!"
14 Then Yehoyada the priest instructed the commanders, "Kill her, but not here at Yahweh's temple. March her outside and kill anyone who sticks up for her."
15 They seized her as she reached the Horse Gate in front of the palace and killed her there.

Yehoyada leads back to Yahweh · Southern kingdom[136]

16 Then Yehoyada the priest got the people to formally agree that they and the king would be loyal to Yahweh, 17 so all the people went to Ba'al's temple and tore it down. They smashed its altars and idols, and killed Ba'al's priest Matan in front of the altars. 18 Then Yehoyada created the roster for the temple duties of the priests and Levites that King David had previously assigned, including offering burnt offerings to Yahweh with happiness and singing, following Mosheh's (Moses') written instructions. 19 He also stationed guards at the temple gates so that no one could enter if they were ceremonially 'unclean'.
20 Then Yehoyada took those commanders, and the leading citizens and leaders, and all the people, and they brought the king out of the temple and down into the palace through the Upper Gate, and sat him on the royal throne. 21 Then all of Yehudah's (Judah's) people celebrated, and then the city was peaceful and quiet, as Atalyah (Athaliah) had been put to death with a sword.

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and_they_took each ĐOM men_of_his those_who_came_of (of)_
_the_sabbath with those_who_went_out_of (of)_the_sabbath
if/because not Yəhōyādāʹ the_priest/officer he_let_go_off_duty
ĐOM the_divisions. 9 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ the_priest/officer _he/it_
_gave to_the_commanders_of the_hundreds ĐOM the_spears
and_ĐOM the_shields and_ĐOM the_shields which to/for_the_
_king Dāvid which were_the_house_of the_ʾElohīm. 10 And_he_
_stationed ĐOM all_of the_people and_each weapon_of_his was_
_in_hand_of_his from_the_side_of the_house (the)_right to the_
_side_of the_house (the)_left to_altar and_to_house at the_king
all_around. 11 And_they_brought_out ĐOM the_son_of the_king
and_they_put on/upon/above_him/it ĐOM the_crown and_ĐOM
the_transcript and_they_made_king ĐOM_him/it and_they_
_anointed_him Yəhōyādāʹ and_sons_of_his and_they_said the_
_king may_he_live. 12 And_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_heard ĐOM the_sound_
_of the_people who_were_running and_who_were_praising ĐOM
the_king and_she_went to the_people the_house_of **YHWH**.
13 And_she/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_king was_
_standing at pillar_of_his at_entrance and_the_officials and_
_the_trumpets were_with the_king and_all the_people_of the_
_earth/land was_joyful and_it_was_giving_a_blast on_trumpets
and_the_singers were_with_the_instruments_of (the)_song
(and)_they_were_leading to_praise and_ ʹAtalʸāh _she_tore ĐOM
clothes_of_her and_she/it_said treason treason. 14 And_
Yəhōyādāʹ/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer _he_sent_out ĐOM the_
_commanders_of the_hundreds the_officers_of the_army and_
_he/it_said to_them bring_her_out to from_between_of the_
_ranks and_the_one_who_goes after_her he_will_be_put_to_
_death with_sword if/because the_priest/officer he_had_said
not you(pl)_must_put_her_to_death the_house_of **YHWH**.
15 And_they_put to/for_her/it hands and_she_went to the_
_entrance_of the_gate_of the_horses the_house_of the_king
and_they_put_her_to_death there.
16 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ _he_made a_covenant between_himself and_
_between all_of the_people and_between the_king to_be (into)_
_a_people to/for_**YHWH**. 17 And_ all_of the_people _they_came
the_house_of (the)_Baʹal and_they_pulled_it_down and_ĐOM
altars_of_its and_ĐOM images_of_its they_broke and_ĐOM
Mattān the_priest_of (the)_Baʹal they_killed to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_altars. 18 And_ Yəhōyādāʹ _he/it_
_assigned the_oversight(s)_of the_house_of **YHWH** in_the_
_hand_of the_priests the_Lēviyyiy whom Dāvid he_had_
_assigned over the_house_of **YHWH** to_offer_up the_burnt_
_offerings_of **YHWH** according_what_is_written in_the_law_of
Mosheh with_joy and_with_song on the_hands_of Dāvid.
19 And_he_stationed the_gatekeepers at the_gates_of the_
_house_of **YHWH** and_not a_person_unclean he_came to/from_
_all/each/any/every matter. 20 And_he/it_took ĐOM the_
_commanders_of the_hundreds and_ĐOM the_nobles and_ĐOM
the_rulers over_people and_ĐOM all_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land and_he_brought_down ĐOM the_king from_the_
_house_of **YHWH** and_they_came in_the_middle of_the_gate_of
(the)_upper the_house_of the_king and_they_made_sit ĐOM
the_king on the_throne_of (the)_royalty. 21 And_ all_of the_
_people_of the_earth/land _they_rejoiced and_the_city it_was_
_at_peace and_ĐOM ʹAtalʸāh they_had_put_to_death with_sword.

136 RV 23:16 · Parallel 2 Kgs 11:17-20

Literal Version

24:1 Was_a_son_of seven years Yō'āsh/(Joash) when_he_ _became_king and_forty year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Tsiv^{yāh}/(Zibiah) from_Bə'ēr- shevʿa'. **2** And_ Yō'āsh _he/it_ _made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** all_of the_days_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer. **3** And_he_took to_ _him/it Yəhōyādā' wives two and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **4** And_he/it_was afterwards so[140] it_was with the_ _heart_of Yō'āsh to_renew ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **5** And_he_ _assembled ÐOM the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_he/it_said to/for_them go_out to_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _collect from_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) money to_repair ÐOM the_ _house_of your(pl)_god_of_your(pl) from_sufficiency a_year in_ _a_year and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_do_quickly to_the_ _message/thing/matter and_not the_Lēviyyiy they_acted_ _quickly. **6** And_ the_king _he/it_called (to)_Yəhōyādā' the_ _chief and_he/it_said to_him/it why not have_you_required on the_Lēviyyiy to_bring from_Yəhūdāh and_from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ÐOM the_tax_of Mosheh the_servant_ _of **YHWH** and_of_the_assembly of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_the_ _tent_of the_transcript. **7** If/because ʿAtal^{yāh} the_wickedness her/its_sons/descendants they_had_broken_into ÐOM the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm and_also all_of the_holy_things_of the_ _house_of **YHWH** they_had_used for_Baʿal. **8** And_ the_king _ _he/it_said and_they_made a_chest one and_they_put_it at_ _the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** outside_to_the. **9** And_they_ _made a_proclamation in_Yəhūdāh and_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bring to/for_**YHWH** the_tax_of Mosheh the_servant_of the_'Elohīm on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ _wilderness. **10** And_ all_of the_officials and_all the_people _ _they_rejoiced and_they_brought and_they_threw to_chest until (to)_finished. **11** And_he/it_was at_the_time_of when_ _someone_brought ÐOM the_chest to the_overseer_of the_king by_the_hand_of the_Lēviyyiy and_just_as_they_saw if/because_ _that was_much the_money and_ the_scribe_of the_king and_ _the_representative_of the_priest_of the_head _he_came and_ _they_poured_out ÐOM the_chest and_they_took_it and_they_ _returned_it to place_of_its thus they_did to_a_day in/on_day and_they_gathered money to_increase_in_number. **12** And_he_ _gave_it the_king and_Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) to the_doer[s]_of the_work_of the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_they_ _were hiring stonemasons and_craftsmen to_renew the_house_ _of **YHWH** and_also (to)_craftsmen_of iron and_bronze to_ _repair ÐOM the_house_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ the_doers_of the_ _work _they_worked and_ the_repair _it_went_up for_work by_ _hand_of_their and_they_erected ÐOM the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm on measurement_of_its and_they_strengthened_it. **14** And_just_as_they_had_finished they_brought to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_king and_Yəhōyādā' ÐOM the_ _remainder_of the_money and_someone_made_it articles for_ _the_house_of **YHWH** articles_of service and_offering_up and_ _pans and_articles_of gold and_silver and_they_were offering_ _up burnt_offerings in_house_of **YHWH** continually all_of the_ _days_of Yəhōyādā'. **15** And_ Yəhōyādā' _he_became_old and_

Readers' Version

Yehudah's king Yoash · Southern kingdom[137]

24:1 Yoash was seven years old when he became Yehudah's (Judah's) king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for forty years. His mother was Tsivyah from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). **2** Yoash did what pleased Yahweh throughout the lifetime of Yehoyada the priest. **3** Yehoyada procured two wives for him, and they bore him sons and daughters.

4 Sometime later, Yoash decided it would be good to repair Yahweh's residence, **5** and he gathered the priests and Levites, and told them, "Go out to Yehudah's cities and collect enough money across the country to renovate God's house in the next few years. Make this a priority." But the Levites didn't get on to it, **6** so the king summoned Yehoyada and demanded, "Why haven't you followed up on sending the Levites throughout Yerushalem and across Yehudah to collect the annual tax instituted by Yahweh's servant Mosheh (Moses) for the people to contribute to the costs of the sacred tent?"[138]

7 (The wicked Atalyah's (Athaliah's) people had previously broken into Yahweh's residence and taken some of the sacred items from Yahweh's temple to use for Ba'al worship.)

8 The king ordered that a chest be made and placed outside the main temple entrance. **9** They made an announcement in Yerushalem and throughout Yehudah that people were to bring to Yahweh the tax that was instituted by God's servant Mosheh when they were still in the wilderness. **10** All the officials and the people agreed with this policy, so they brought their contributions and dropped them into the chest until it filled up. **11** Every day, when the Levites who'd been given oversight over the chest by the king saw that it was full, they'd fetch one of the king's secretaries along with one of the head priest's officials, and they'd empty the box and return it to its place, so they amassed a large sum of money.

12 The king and Yehoyada the priest gave the collected funds to the people who worked on the temple renovations. They used them to hire stone-workers and carpenters to restore the temple building, as well as for iron and bronze craftsmen. **13** So they started on the work, and the temple restoration went ahead. They rebuilt the temple following its original specifications, and strengthened it. **14** Whey they'd finished, they brought the remainder of the funds back to the king and Yehoyada, and they made items for the temple, items used in ministry and for burnt offerings, and dishes and gold and silver items. During Yehoyada's time, they were offering regular burnt sacrifices in Yahweh's temple.

15 By then, Yehoyada was getting old, and he died at the age of 130, **16** and they buried him with the kings in 'The City of David', because he'd done so much good for Yisrael (Israel), and for God and his temple.

137 RV 24:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 12:1-16

138 RV 24:6 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:11-16.

140 LV 24:4 · Note OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Readers' Version

17 After Yehoyada's death, Yehudah's (Judah's) leaders went to young King Yoash and declared their loyalty to him, and he listened to them. **18** Then they abandoned the temple of their ancestors' god Yahweh, and they worshipped the Asherah poles and idols, and God was angry at Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah because of their disobedience. **19** He sent prophets to tell them to return back to him, and although they warned the people, the people didn't take any notice.

20 Then God's spirit enveloped Zekaryah (Zechariah), the son of Yehoyada the priest,[139] and he stood up and told the people, "God asks why you people are violating his commands. Because you abandoned Yahweh, he's abandoned you people." **21** However, the people conspired against Zekaryah, and the king ordered him to be executed by stoning him in the temple courtyard. **22** King Yoash disregarded the loyal commitment that Yehoyada had shown to his father, and killed his son. As Zekaryah was dying, he said, "Yahweh will see this and find a way to avenge."

23 Around the end of the year, the Aramean army attacked Yehudah and Yerushalem, and killed all the people's leaders. They sent all their plunder back to their king in Damesek (Damascus). **24** Actually, the Arameans only had a smallish army, but Yahweh allowed them to defeat the much larger army from Yehudah and bring punishment to King Yoash, because they'd abandoned Yahweh, their ancestors' god. **25** When they withdrew, they left Yoash with severe wounds, and then his servants conspired against him because he'd killed the son of the priest Yehoyada. So they killed him in his bed, and although they buried him in 'The City of David', he wasn't buried with the other kings. **26** The ones who'd conspired to kill him were: Zavad (a son of the Amoni woman Shim'at) and Yehozavad (a son of the Moavi woman Shimrit).

27 The list of King Yoash's sons, the many prophecies concerning him, and his renovations of the temple, are all written on 'The Scroll of the Kings'. His son Amatsyah replaced him as king.

Literal Version

_he_was_satisfied days and_he/it_died a_son_of one_hundred and_thirty year[s] at_death_of_his. **16** And_people_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid with the_kings if/because he_had_done good in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_with the_'Ĕlohīm and_his/its_ _house(hold). **17** And_after the_death_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_came and_they_bowed_ _down to/for_the_king then the_king he_listened to_them. **18** And_they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their and_they_served ~~ĐOM~~ the_'Ashērāh_ _poles and_~~ĐOM~~ the_idols and_ severe_anger _he/it_was towards Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_guilt_of_ _their this. **19** And_he_sent (is)_in_them prophets to_bring_ _them_back to **YHWH** and_they_warned (in)_them and_not they_gave_ear. **20** And_spirit god it_clothed ~~ĐOM~~ Zəkar^{yāh} the_ _son_of Yəhōyādā' the_priest/officer and_he_stood from_under (to)_people and_he/it_said to/for_them thus the_'Ĕlohīm he_ _says why are_you(pl) transgressing ~~ĐOM~~ the_commands_of **YHWH** and_not you(pl)_will_prosper if/because you(pl)_have_ _abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_he_has_abandoned you(pl). **21** And_they_conspired on/upon/above_him/it and_they_ _stoned_him stone[s] by_the_command_of the_king in_the_ _courtyard_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **22** And_not Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_king he_remembered the_loyalty which Yəhōyādā' his/its_ _father he_had_done with_him/it and_he_killed ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_ _son and_just_as_he_died he_said **YHWH** may_he_see and_may_ _he_require. **23** And_he/it_was to_the_circuit_of the_year it_ _came_up on/upon/above_him/it the_army_of 'Arām and_ _they_came to Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_destroyed ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_leaders_of the_people from_ _the_people and_all booty_of_their they_sent to_the_king_of Dammeseq. **24** If/because with_a_small_number_of men they_ _came the_army_of 'Arām and_**YHWH** he_gave in_hand_of_ _their an_army to_increase_in_number exceedingly if/because they_had_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_ _of_their and_~~ĐOM~~ Yō'āsh they_did judgement(s). **25** And_ _when_went_they from_him/it if/because they_had_left ~~ĐOM~~_ _him/it in/on/at/with[141] great they_conspired on/upon/above_him/it servants_of_his_own in_the_blood(s)_of the_sons_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer and_they_ _killed_him on bed_of_his and_he/it_died and_they_buried_him in_the_city_of Dāvid and_not they_buried_him in_the_graves_ _of the_kings. **26** And_these are_the_ones_who_conspired on/upon/above_him/it Zāvād the_son_of Shim'at the_ _'Ammōnī_woman and_Yəhōzāvād/(Jehozabad) the_son_of Shimrīt the_Mō'āvite_woman. **27** And_sons_of_his and[142] of_ _the_oracle on/upon/above_him/it and_the_founding of_the_ _house_of the_'Ĕlohīm THERE_they are_written on the_record_ _of the_scroll_of the_kings and_ 'Amats^{yāh} son_of_his _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him.

139 RV 24:20-21 · Cross-ref. Mat 23:35; Luk 11:51.

141 LV 24:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **סיילחמ/ב**: (x-qere) **בְּיוֹלֶחַמְ**': lemma_b/4251 morph_HR/Ncmpa id_14qX2 **בְּיוֹלֶחַמְ**

142 LV 24:27 · Note OSHB variant note: **ור/בר**: (x-qere) **בָּרֵי**': lemma_7235 a morph_HVqi3ms id_1425M **בָּרֵי**

Literal Version

25:1 A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] 'Amatsyāh he_became_ _king and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Yəhō'addin/(Jehoaddan) from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** only not with_a_heart complete. **3** And_he/it_was just_as the_ _kingdom it_was_secure on/upon/above_him/it and_he_killed ĐOM servants_of_his who_had_struck_down ĐOM the_king his/its_father. **4** And_ĐOM children_of_their not he_put_to_ _death if/because according_what_is_written in_law in_the_ _book_of Mosheh which **YHWH** he_commanded to_say not parents they_will_die on children and_children not they_will_ _die on parents if/because each for_his_own_of_sin they_will_ _die. **5** And_ 'Amatsyāh _he_assembled ĐOM Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_appointed_them to_the_house_of ancestors to_the_ _commanders_of the_thousands and_to_the_commanders_of the_hundreds to/from_all/each/any/every Yəhūdāh and_ _Binyāmīn and_he_enrolled_them (to)_from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards and_he_found_them three hundred(s) thousand chosen_man who_goes_forth warfare who_holds a_spear and_a_body_shield. **6** And_he_hired from_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) one_hundred thousand mighty_man_of strength for_one_hundred talent[s]_of silver. **7** And_(the)_man_ _of the_'Elohīm he_came to_him/it to_say the_king not let_it_ _go with_you the_army_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because not **YHWH** is_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) all_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim. **8** If/because (if) you go act be_strong for_battle he_ _will_overthrow_you the_'Elohīm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_enemy if/because there_is strength in_god to_ _help and_to_overthrow. **9** And_ 'Amatsyāh _he/it_said to_the_ _man_of the_'Elohīm and_what is_to_do to_the_one_hundred_ _of the_talent[s] which I_paid to_the_troop[s]_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ the_man_of the_'Elohīm _he/it_said there_ _is to/for_**YHWH** to_give to/for_yourself(m) much more_than_ _this. **10** And_he_separated_them 'Amatsyāh (to)_the_troop[s] which it_had_come to_him/it from_'Efrayim to_go to_place_of_ _their and_ anger_of_their _it_glowed/burnt exceedingly on_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_returned to_place_of_their in_the_ _heat_of anger. **11** And_'Amatsyāh he_strengthened_himself and_he_led_out ĐOM people_of_his and_he/it_went the_Valley_ _of Salt and_he_struck_down ĐOM the_people_of Sē'īr ten_of thousand(s). **12** And_ten_of thousand(s) alive the_people_of Yəhūdāh they_took_captive and_they_brought_them to_the_ _top_of the_cliff and_they_threw_them from_the_top_of (the)_ _cliff and_all_of_of_them they_were_split_open. **13** And_the_ _sons of_the_troop which 'Amatsyāh he_had_turned_back from_ _going with_him/it to_battle and_they_made_a_raid on_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh from_Shomrōn and_unto Bēyt Ḥōrōn and_ _they_struck_down from_them three_of thousand(s) and_they_ _plundered plunder much.

Readers' Version

Yehudah's King Amatsyah · Southern kingdom[143]

25:1 Amatsyah was twenty-five when he became Yehudah's (Judah's) king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. His mother was Yeho'adin from Yerushalem. **2** He mostly followed Yahweh's instructions, but not whole-heartedly.

3 Once his rule was established, he killed those of his servants who'd assassinated his father Yoash. **4** However, he didn't order their sons to be executed, because he obeyed Yahweh's instructions that had been written down by Mosheh (Moses), "Parents mustn't die because of what their children did, and children mustn't die because of what their parents did, but each individual should be punished for their own disobedience."[144]

5 Then Amatsyah summoned Yehudah's men and appointed some, clan by clan, to be leaders of hundreds and of thousands, for all of Yehudah and Benyamin. They counted three-hundred thousand men who were twenty and over, and suitable for fighting with a spear and shield. **6** He also hired a hundred thousand powerful warriors from Yisrael (Israel) for three tonnes of silver.

7 However, a man of God came and told him, "Your majesty, don't let Yisrael's soldiers go with you, because Yahweh isn't with Yisrael—those people of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim).[145] **8** Even if you go and fight courageously in battle, God will cause you to be defeated by the enemy, because God has the power to help and the power to overthrow."

9 "So what should I do about all the silver that I've already paid to the troops from Yisrael?" Amatsyah asked.

"Yahweh can do much more for you than that," God's man replied.

10 So King Amatsyah told the troops from Yisrael to go home again, but they were extremely angry with Yehudah, and they got home still feeling furious.

11 Then Amatsyah took courage and led his army out to the Salt Valley, where they slaughtered ten thousand Edomi soldiers. **12** Yehudah rounded up another ten thousand and herded them to the top of a cliff, where they drove them over to kill them.

13 However, during that time, the warriors that Amatsyah had sent back to Yisrael raided Yehudah's cities all the way from Shomron (Samaria) to Beyt-Horon. They'd killed three thousand people and taken back a large amount of plunder.

143 RV 25:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 14:2-6

144 RV 25:4 · Cross-ref. Deu 24:16.

145 RV 25:7 · Note The northern kingdom of Yisrael also came to be known as 'Efrayim' (similar how the area of the tribes of Yehudah and Benyamin (plus others who moved in—see 11:16) became known as 'Yehudah').

Readers' Version

Amatsyah worships false gods · Southern kingdom

14 After King Amatsyah returned from fighting the Edomim, he brought back their idols and set them up to be his gods—bowing down to them and offering sacrifices. **15** That made Yahweh very angry at Amatsyah, and he sent a prophet to tell him, "Why did you want those gods who weren't even able to save their own people from your army?"

16 While he was still speaking, the king snapped at him, "Who asked you to be my counsellor? Stop right this minute or they'll strike you down!"

So the prophet stopped talking, but then he added, "I know that God has decided to destroy you because you've done that, and because you didn't listen to my advice."

Yehudah brings trouble on itself · Both kingdoms

17 Some time later, Yehudah's (Judah's) King Amatsyah consulted his advisors, then sent a challenge to Yisrael's (Israel's) King Yoash (son of Yehoahaz, son of Yehu (Jehu)), "Let's face each other on the battlefield." **18** But Yisrael's King Yoash replied, "A thistle in Levanon sent a message to a cedar in Levanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son for a wife,' but some random animal passed through the Lebanese countryside and trampled the thistle. **19** You defeated Edom and now it's gone to your head. So stay in your chair at home and don't get over-excited, otherwise both you and Yehudah will be toppled."

20 But King Amatsyah took no notice, because God was planning for him to be defeated for worshipping Edom's gods. **21** So Yisrael's King Yoash advanced, and the two armies faced each other at Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) in Yehudah, **22** and Yehudah was badly defeated by Yisrael, and all their warriors fled back home. **23** Yisrael's King Yoash captured King Amatsyah (son of Yoash, son of Yehoahaz) at Beyt-Shemesh and took him to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Then he tore down Yerushalem's wall from the Efrayim Gate to the Corner Gate—a section about 180m long. **24** He took back to Shomron (Samaria) all the gold and silver and other valuable items that Oved-Edom had been guarding in the temple, as well as the valuables from the palace and some hostages.

25 After the death of Yisrael's King Yoash (son of Yehoahaz), Yehudah's King Amatsyah lived for a further fifteen years. **26** The account of everything else Amatsyah did was written in the scroll of 'The Kings of Yehudah and Yisrael'. **27** From the time that Amatsyah had turned from following Yahweh, there was a conspiracy to assassinate him in Yerushalem, but he fled to Lakish. However, they traced him to Lakish and killed him there. **28** They used horses to carry his body back to Yerushalem, and he was buried with his ancestors in 'The City of David'.[146]

Literal Version

14 And_he/it_was after 'Amatsʸāh came from_when_defeated ~~ĐOM~~ the_'Edōmites and_he/it_brought ~~ĐOM~~ the_gods_of the_ _people_of Sē'īr and_he_set_them_up to_him/it to_gods and_ _before_face_of_them he_bowed_down and_to_them he_made_ _smoke. **15** And_ the_anger of_**YHWH** _it_glowed/burnt on_ _'Amatsʸāh and_he_sent to_him/it a_prophet and_he/it_said to_ _him/it to/for_what have_you_sought ~~ĐOM~~ the_gods_of the_ _people which not they_delivered ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_their_own from_your(ms)_hand. **16** And_he/it_was when_he_was_ _speaking to_him/it and_he/it_said to_him/it into_a_ _counsellor to/for_the_king have_we_made_you cease to/for_ _yourself(m) to/for_what will_people_strike_you_down and_ the_prophet _he_ceased and_he/it_said I_know if/because_that god he_has_planned to_destroy_you if/because you_have_done this and_not you_have_listened to_counsel_of_my.

17 And_ 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_took_ _counsel and_he_sent to Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yēhū'/(Jehu) the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say wwww[147] let_us_look_at_one_another faces. **18** And_ Yō'āsh the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_sent to 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say the_thornbush which was_in_Ləvānōn it_sent to the_cedar which was_in_Ləvānōn to_say give ~~ĐOM~~ daughter_of_your to_son_of_my to/for_(a)_ _woman and_ the_animal_of the_field which was_in_Ləvānōn _ _it_passed_by and_it_trampled ~~ĐOM~~ the_thornbush. **19** You_ _have_said HERE you_have_defeated ~~ĐOM~~ 'Edōm and_it_has_ _lifted_you heart_of_your to_display_honour now remain in_ _house_of_your to/for_what will_you_engage_in_strife with_ _harm and_ you _you_will_fall and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) with_ _you. **20** And_not 'Amatsʸāh he_listened if/because was_from_ _(the)_god it so_as to_give_them in_a_hand if/because they_ _had_sought ~~ĐOM~~ the_gods_of 'Edōm. **21** And_ Yō'āsh the_king_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ascended and_ he and_'Amatsʸāh the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh _they_looked_at_one_another faces in_ _house_of shemesh which belonged_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **22** And_ Yəhūdāh _it_was_defeated to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_fled each to_tents_of_his. **23** And_~~ĐOM~~ 'Amatsʸāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh the_son_of Yō'āsh/(Joash) the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) Yō'āsh the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_seized in_house_of shemesh and_ _he_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_made_a_ _breach in_the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_the_ _gate_of 'Efrayim to the_gate_of the_face four hundred(s) cubit[s]. **24** And_all the_gold and_the_silver and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_ _vessels which_were_found in_house_of the_'Elohīm with ʻŌvēd- 'Edōm and_~~ĐOM~~ the_treasures_of the_house_of the_king and_~~ĐOM~~ the_sons_of the_pledges and_he_returned Shomrōn. **25** And_ 'Amatsʸāh the_son_of Yō'āsh the_king_of Yəhūdāh _ _he/it_lived after the_death_of Yō'āsh the_son_of Yəhō'āḥāz the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) fif- teen year[s]. **26** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of 'Amatsʸāh (the)_former and_(the)_latter not THERE_are_they written on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **27** And_from_the_time when 'Amatsʸāh he_ _turned_aside from_after **YHWH** and_people_conspired

146 RV 25:28 · Note The Hebrew actually has the unusual 'The City of Yehudah' here.

147 LV 25:17 · Note OSHB variant note: דל: (x-qere) ה֫כְל: lemma_1980 n_0.0 morph_HVqv2ms/Sh id_14tNx ה֫כְל

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on/upon/above_him/it a_conspiracy in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_fled to_Lākīsh and_they_
_sent after_him to_Lākīsh and_they_put_him_to_death there.
28 And_they_carried_him on the_horses and_they_buried ÐOM_
_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_city_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

26:1 And_ all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh _they_took ÐOM
ʻUzziy^{yāh} and_he was_a_son_of six- teen year[s] and_they_
_made_king ÐOM_him/it in_place_of his/its_father ʼAmats^{yāh}.
2 He he_built ÐOM ʼĒylōt and_bring_back_restored_it to_
_Yəhūdāh after the_king lay_down with ancestors_of_his.
3 Was_a_son_of six- teen year[s] ʻUzziy^{yāh} when_he_became_
_king and_fifty and_two year[s] he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_
Yəkol^{yāh}/(Jecholiah)[151] from Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** And
_he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_
_to_all that ʼAmats^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_done. **5** And_he/it_
_was to_seek god in_the_days_of Zəkar^{yāh} who_was_skilled in_
_the_seeing the_ʼElohīm and_in_the_days_of his_seeking ÐOM
YHWH he_made_him_prosper the_ʼElohīm. **6** And_he/it_went_
_out and_he_fought against_Pəlishtiy and_he_made_a_breach_
_in ÐOM the_wall_of Gath and_ÐOM the_wall_of
Yavneh/(Jabneh) and_ÐOM the_wall_of ʼAshdōd and_he_built
cities in_ʼAshdōd and_among_Pəlishtiy. **7** And_he_helped_him
the_ʼElohīm on the_Pəlishtiy and_on the[152] who_were_dwelling
in_Gūr baʻal and_the_Məʻūnāy. **8** And_ the_ʻAmmōnī _they_paid
tribute to_ʻUzziy^{yāh} and_ his/its_name _he/it_went to the_
_entrance[153] of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because he_displayed_
_strength to (to)_upwards. **9** And_ ʻUzziy^{yāh} _he/it_built towers
in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) at the_gate_of the_corner and_at
the_gate_of the_valley and_at the_buttress and_he_made_
_them_strong. **10** And_he/it_built towers in_wilderness and_he_
_dug wells many if/because livestock much it_belonged to_
_him/it and_in_Shephelah and_in_plain farmers and_
_vinedressers in_mountains and_in_orchard[s] if/because
loving the_ground he_was. **11** And_he/it_was to_ʻUzziy^{yāh} an_
_army maker[s]_of war those_who_go_forth_of army to_
_troop[s] by_the_number_of their_muster_of_their by_the_
_hand_of Yəʼī^{ʼēl}/(Jeiel)[154] the_scribe and_Maʻ$_a$sē^{yāh} the_official
on the_hand_of Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} one_of_the_officials_of the_king.
12 All_of the_number_of the_heads_of the_fathers of_mighty_
_men_of strength two_thousand and_six hundred(s). **13** And_
_was_on hand_of_their an_army_of war three hundred(s)
thousand and_seven_of thousand(s) and_five hundred(s)
makers_of war with_power_of strength to_help to/for_the_king
on the_enemy. **14** And_he_prepared to/for_them ʻUzziy^{yāh}
to/from_all/each/any/every the_army shields and_spears and_
_helmets and_body_armour(s) and_bows and_(to)_stones_of
slings. **15** And_he/it_made in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) war_
_engines the_invention_of an_inventor to_be on the_towers
and_on the_corners to_shoot with_arrows and_with_stones
large and_ his/its_name _he/it_went_out to (to)_from_a_

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Yehudah's King Uziyah · Southern kingdom[148]

26:1 Then all the people took sixteen-year-old Uziyah and made him king to replace his father Amatsyah. **2** Uziyah restored Eylot City to Yehudah (Judah) and rebuilt it after his father's death.

3 Uziyah was sixteen when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-two years. His mother was Yekaleyah from Yerushalem. **4** He did the things that Yahweh said were good, like his father Amatsyah had done. **5** He strived to follow God during the lifetime of Zekaryah (Zechariah), who instructed him. During the time that he obeyed Yahweh, God made him successful.

6 Uziyah went to attack the Pelishtim, and successfully broke through the walls at Gat, Yavneh, and Ashdod. He rebuilt Ashdod and other cities in the Peleshet region. **7** God helped him against the Pelishtim, against the Aravim who were living in Gur-Ba'al, and against the Meunim. **8** The Amonim paid tribute to Uziyah, and his fame spread as far as the Mitsri (Egyptian) border because he was becoming more powerful.

9 King Uziyah built fortified towers in Yerushalem at the Corner Gate, the Valley Gate, and at the angle in the wall. **10** He also built towers in the wilderness, and dug a lot of wells, because he had a lot of cattle—both in the lowlands and in the plains. He was also interested in horticulture, so he had workers stationed in his vineyards and in his fertile fields.

11 Uziyah's army was trained for fighting battles, and organised into divisions set up by Yeiel the scribe and the commander Ma'aseyah, under the supervision of Hananyah, one of the king's officials. **12** There were 2,600 clan leaders who led the powerful warriors, **13** and the full force of 37,500 was under their authority, to support the king against his enemies. **14** Uziyah supplied shields, spears, helmets, armoured vests, bows, and slingshots for the entire army. **15** Using a local invention, he made war machines in Yerushalem to be placed on the towers and corners of the walls to fire arrows and large stones. His fame now spread widely because he'd received a lot of help that had made him very powerful.

16 However, at the peak of his strength, he became very arrogant, and that led to his destruction. He disobeyed his god Yahweh and went into the temple to burn incense on the incense altar. **17** The high priest Azaryah and eighty other brave priests

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148 RV 26:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 14:21-22; 15:1-7

151 LV 26:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **הילכי**: (x-qere) 'הֶיָלְכִי': lemma_3203 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_14cKK **הֶיָלְכִי**

152 LV 26:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **מיברע/ה**: (x-qere) 'מֵיֶבְרַעֲ/ה': lemma_d/6163 b n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_14dbh **מֵיֶבְרַעֲ/ה**

153 LV 26:8 · Note OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as **אֹנֻבֶל**

154 LV 26:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **לאועי**: (x-qere) 'לֶאֱוִעִי': lemma_3273 morph_HNp id_14fYJ **לֶאֱוִעִי**

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went in after him. **18** They confronted King Uziyah and challenged him, "It's not permitted for you, Uziyah, to sacrifice to Yahweh, only for Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants the priests—the ones consecrated to sacrifice.[149] Leave the sanctuary, because you've disobeyed Yahweh God, so now he won't honour you."

19 Then Uziyah, who was holding an incense pan, became very angry, but when he started raging at the priests, spots of leprosy suddenly appeared on his forehead while he was still there beside the incense altar in front of the priests. **20** The high priest Azaryah looked more closely, and confirming that it was indeed leprosy on his forehead, hurried him outside. The king was now also in a hurry, because Yahweh had afflicted him.

21 King Uziyah had leprosy until he died, so he had to live in an isolated residence and wasn't allowed to approach the temple. His son Yotam (Jotham) stood in for him—supervising the palace and ruling Yehudah (Judah).

22 The record of all the other things Uziyah did while he was king was written by the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) (son of Amots). **23** When Uziyah died,[150] because of his leprosy they buried him with his ancestors in a royal grave in the countryside, and his son Yotam replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Yotam · Southern kingdom[157]

27:1 Yotam (Jotham) was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years. His mother was Yerusha, daughter of the priest Tsadok. **2** He did the things that Yahweh said were good like his father Uziyah had done (except that he didn't trespass in Yahweh's temple). However, the people were still behaving corruptly.

3 He rebuilt the temple's Upper Gate and extended the Ofel wall. **4** He built cities in the Yehudah (Judah) hill country, and built fortresses and towers in the forests. **5** He attacked the Amonim' king and dominated them. Then for the next three

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_distance if/because he_made_wonderful to_be_helped until if/because he_was_strong. **16** And_according_to_of_his_ _strengthening his/its_heart it_was_haughty until (to)_ _behaved_corruptly and_he_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** his/its_god and_he_went into the_temple_of **YHWH** to_make_ _smoke on the_altar_of (the)_incense. **17** And_he_went after_ _him ʻAzar^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_were_with_him priests to/for_**YHWH** eighty sons_of strength. **18** And_they_took_ _their_stand on ʻUzziy^{yāh} the_king and_they_said to_him/it not to/for_yourself(m) Oh_ʻUzziy^{yāh} to_make_smoke to/for_**YHWH** if/because to_priests the_descendants_of ʾAh$_a$ron who_are_ _consecrated to_make_smoke go_out from the_sanctuary if/because you_have_acted_unfaithfully and_not to/for_ _yourself(m) for_honour from_**YHWH** god. **19** And_ ʻUzziy^{yāh} _ _he_was_enraged and_was_in_hand_of_his a_censer to_make_ _smoke and_when_he_was_enraged with the_priests and_(the)_ _skin_disease it_arose on_forehead_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_priests in_house_of **YHWH** from_under to_the_altar_of (the)_incense. **20** And_he_turned to_him/it ʻAzar^{yāh} the_priest_of the_head and_all the_priests and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE he was_one_who_had_a_skin_disease on_ _forehead_of_his and_they_hastened_him from_there and_also he he_hurried_himself to_go_out if/because he_had_struck_ _him **YHWH**. **21** And_he/it_was ʻUzziy^{yāh} the_king having_a_ _skin_disease until the_day_of his_death_of_his and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived the_house_of the[155] having_a_skin_ _disease if/because he_was_cut_off from_the_house_of **YHWH** and_Yōtām/(Jotham) his/its_son was_over the_house_of the_ _king he_was_judging ~~ĐOM~~ the_people_of the_earth/land. **22** And_the_rest_of the_matters_of ʻUzziy^{yāh} (the)_former and_ _(the)_latter[156] Yəsha^{ʻyāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of ʾĀmōts the_ _prophet he_has_written. **23** And_ ʻUzziy^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried ~~ĐOM~~_him/it with ancestors_of_his in_the_field_of (the)_grave which belonged_ _to_kings if/because they_said he was_one_who_had_a_skin_ _disease and_ Yōtām his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_of_ _him.

27:1 Was_a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] Yōtām when_he_ _became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _Yərūshāʾ/(Jerusha) the_daughter_of Tsādōq/(Zadok). **2** And_ _he/it_made the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_ _to_all that ʻUzziy^{yāh} his/its_father he_had_done only not he_ _went into the_temple_of **YHWH** and_yet the_people were_ _behaving_corruptly. **3** He he_built ~~ĐOM~~ the_gate_of the_house_ _of **YHWH** (the)_upper and_on_the_wall_of (the)_ʻOfel he_built to_increase_in_number. **4** And_cities he_built in_the_hill_ _country_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_heights he_built fortresses and_towers. **5** And_he he_waged_war with the_king_ _of the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_he_prevailed over_them and_

149 RV 26:18 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:7-8; Num 3:10.

150 RV 26:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 6:1.

155 LV 26:21 · Note OSHB variant note: תושפה/ה: (x-qere) תִּישְׁפָּ֫ח/ה֑ʾ: lemma_d/2669 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_14DcB תִּישְׁפָּ֫ח/ה֑ʾ

156 LV 26:22 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

157 RV 27:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 15:32-38

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_they_gave to_him/it the_people_of ´Ammōn in_year (the)_that one_hundred talent[s]_of silver and_ten_of thousand(s) kor_ _measures wheat(s) and_barley(s) ten_of_thousand(s) this they_ _brought to_him/it the_people_of ´Ammōn and_in_year the_ _second(fs) and_(the)_third. **6** And_ Yōtām/(Jotham) _he_ _strengthened_himself if/because he_had_directed ways_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** his/its_god. **7** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Yōtām and_all wars_of_his and_ _ways_of_his THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_of the_ _kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah). **8** A_son_of twenty and_five year[s] he_was when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_ Yōtām _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried ĐOM_him/it in_the_city_of Dāvid and_ 'Āḥāz his/its_son _he_ _became_king in_place_of_him.

28:1 Was_a_son_of twenty year[s] 'Āḥāz when_he_became_king and_six- teen year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not he_did the_right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** like_Dāvid his/its_father. **2** And_he/it_went in_the_ways_of the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_also molten_images he_made for_Ba´al. **3** And_he he_made_smoke in_valley_of son_of Hinnom and_he_ _burnt ĐOM sons_of_his in_fire according_to_the_abominations_ _of the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_ _face/in_front_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_he_ _sacrificed and_he_made_smoke at_places and_on the_hills and_under every_of tree luxuriant.

5 And_he_gave_him **YHWH** his/its_god in_the_hand_of the_ _king_of 'Arām and_they_defeated in_him/it and_they_took_ _captive from_him/it captive[s] large and_they_brought_them Dammeseq and_also in_the_hand_of the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_was_given and_he_defeated in/on/over_ _him/it a_defeat great. **6** And_ Peqaḥ the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū _ _he_killed among_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one_hundred and_twenty thousand in/on_day one (the)_all were_sons_of strength because_they_had_abandoned ĐOM **YHWH** the_god_of their_ _ancestors_of_their. **7** And_he_killed Zikrī (the)_warrior_of 'Efrayim ĐOM Ma´$_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of the_king and_ĐOM ´Azrīqām the_officer_of the_house and_ĐOM 'Elqānāh the_second_of the_ _king. **8** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_took_captive of_relatives_of_their two_hundred thousand women sons and_ _daughters and_also booty much they_plundered from_them and_they_brought ĐOM the_booty to_Shomrōn.

9 And_there he_was a_prophet to/for_**YHWH** was_´Ōdēd his/its_name and_he/it_went_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_army which_was_coming to_Shomrōn and_ _he/it_said to/for_them HERE in_the_rage_of **YHWH** the_god_ _of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) towards Yəhūdāh he_gave_ _them in_hand_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_killed among_ _them in_a_rage which_to to_heavens it_has_reached. **10** And_

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years, the Amonim brought him three tonnes of silver, and 2,000 tonnes each of wheat and barley each year. **6** Yotam became more powerful because he'd established a pattern of obeying his god Yahweh. **7** The record of all the other things Yotam did while he was king, including all his battles, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah'. **8** He was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem for sixteen years. **9** Then (at forty-one years old), Yotam died and was buried in 'The City of David', and his son Ahaz replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Ahaz · Southern kingdom[158]

28:1 Ahaz was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for sixteen years, but he didn't do what Yahweh wanted, like his ancestor David had. **2** Instead, he followed the example of Yisrael's (Israel's) kings, including casting metal idols for the Ba'al. **3** He offered incense in the Ben-Hinom valley and he burnt his children with fire,[159] following the detestable customs of the nations that Yahweh had driven away as the Israelis had entered the region, **4** plus he offered sacrifices and burnt incense at the hilltop shrines, and on the hills, and under every large, green tree.

War between Aram and Yisrael · Both kingdoms[160]

5 So his god Yahweh allowed King Ahaz to be defeated by Aram's (Syria's) king—they attacked and took many prisoners back to Damesek (Damascus). In addition, Yahweh allowed Yisrael's (Israel's) king to be victorious, and they slaughtered many fighters.[161] **6** Yisrael's King Pekah (Remalyah's son) killed 120,000 powerful warriors in Yehudah (Judah) in one day, after they'd abandoned their ancestors' god. **7** A warrior from Efrayim (Ephraim) named Zikri killed King Ahaz's son Ma'aseyah, Azrikam the palace supervisor, and Elkanah the king's second-in-command. **8** Yisrael's soldiers captured two-hundred thousand of their relatives, including their wives and children. They also took a lot of plunder back to Shomron (Samaria) with them.

The prophet Oded

9 Now there was a prophet of Yahweh named Oded, and he went out to Yisrael's (Israel's) army as it was returning to Shomron (Samaria), and told them, "Listen, your ancestors' god, Yahweh, was angry with Yehudah (Judah), so he helped you defeat them. However, you people killed them in rage, and God has taken notice. **10** Now you want to keep the

158 RV 28:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 16:1-4

159 RV 28:3 · Note Probably, but not definitely, referring to the practice of child sacrifice.

160 RV 28:5 · Parallel 2 Kgs 16:5

161 RV 28:5-6 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 16:5; Isa 7:1.

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people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah as your own male and female slaves, but that would certainly make you people guilty in your god Yahweh's view. **11** So then, listen to me and return those captives, because they're your own relatives, and Yahweh is extremely angry at you people."

12 Then some of the leaders of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) took action and confronted those returning from battle: Azaryah (Yehohanan's son), Berekyah (Meshilemot's son), Yehizkiyah (Shalum's son), and Amasa (Hadlay's son) **13** told the ones returning, "Don't bring those captives here, because that would be disobedience, and add to the rest of our disobedience and wrongdoing, because Yahweh's already angry at us here in Yisrael." **14** So the returning soldiers released the captives in front of the leaders and all the assembled people, and dropped all the plunder there as well. **15** Then some men from Yisrael were called out by name to come and search the plunder to find clothes and dress the naked captives from Yehudah and give them sandals. Then they gave them food and drink, as well as oil to rub on their wounds. They gave donkeys to those who couldn't easily walk, and took them to Yeriho (Jericho) (Yeriho, the Palm City) which was nearer their relatives, then those men returned to Shomron.

16 Around that time, King Ahaz requested help from the Assyrian kings, **17** because the Edomim had been and attacked Yehudah and taken captives. **18** Also the Pelishtim had raided the lowland cities and the Negev, and they'd captured Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis), Ayalon, and Gederot, as well as Sokoh, Timnah, and Gimzo with their surrounding villages, **19** because Yahweh was humbling Yehudah because King Ahaz had thrown off restraint there and been very unfaithful to Yahweh. **20** So the Assyrian King Tiglat-Pileser came, but he ended up adding to his troubles rather than helping. **21** Ahaz gave the Assyrian king valuables from the temple and the palace and from other leaders, but that didn't help.

Ahaz's disobedience · Southern kingdom

22 While King Ahaz was experiencing those troubles, he disobeyed Yahweh even more **23** and sacrificed to the gods of Damesek (Damascus) (because Aram (Syria) had defeated him). He reasoned, "Since the gods of the Aramean kings helped them, I'll sacrifice to them, and then they'll help me." However, that led to Ahaz's fall, and to the fall of all of Yehudah (Judah).[162] **24** Then Ahaz gathered all the furnishings that were used in the temple, and broke them

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_now the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl) are_saying to_force_into_slavery to_male_slaves and_ _to_female_slaves to/for_you(pl) not certainly you(pl) with_ _you(pl) are_guilt(s) to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **11** And_ _now listen_to_me and_return the_captive[s] which you(pl)_ _have_taken_captive from_relatives_of_your(pl) if/because the_ _burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** is_towards_you(pl). **12** And_ men of_the_chiefs_of the_descendants_of 'Efrayim ´Azarʸᵃʰ the_ _son_of Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) Berekʸᵃʰ the_son_of Məshillēmōt and_Jechizkiah the_son_of Shallūm and_´Amāsā' the_son_of Ḥadlay _they_rose_up on the_(ones_who)_went from the_war. **13** And_they_said to/for_them not you(pl)_must_ _bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_captive[s] here if/because (to)_the_guilt_of **YHWH** on_us you(pl) are_saying to_add to sins_of_our and_to guilt_of_our if/because much guilt to/for_us and_burning_of anger is_towards Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_ the_man_equipped _ _he_left ᴅᴏᴍ the_captive[s] and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_plunder to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_commanders and_all the_assembly. **15** And_ the_men who they_had_been_designated by_names _ _they_arose and_they_took_hold on_captive[s] and_all people_ _of_their_naked they_clothed from the_booty and_they_ _clothed_them and_they_shod_them and_they_fed_them and_ _they_gave_them_to_drink and_they_anointed_them and_they_ _led_them on_donkeys to/from_all/each/any/every one_who_ _stumbled and_they_brought_them Yərīḥō/(Jericho) the_city_ _of the_palm_trees beside relatives_of_their and_they_returned Shomrōn. **16** At_time (the)_that the_king 'Āḥāz he_sent to the_ _kings_of 'Ashshūr to_help to_him/it. **17** And_again the_ _'Edōmites they_had_come and_they_had_defeated (in)_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_had_taken_captive captive[s]. **18** And_the_Pəlishtiy they_had_made_a_raid on_the_cities_of the_Shephelah and_the_Negeѵ of_Yəhūdāh and_they_had_ _captured ᴅᴏᴍ Bēyt Shemesh and_ᴅᴏᴍ 'Ayyālōn and_ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_ _Gədērōt and_ᴅᴏᴍ Sōkoh and_her/its_daughters and_ᴅᴏᴍ Timnah and_her/its_daughters and_ᴅᴏᴍ Gimzō and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_its and_they_lived there. **19** If/because **YHWH** he_had_humbled ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh in_account_of 'Āḥāz the_king_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because he_had_allowed_lack_of_ _restraint in_Yəhūdāh and_he_had_acted_unfaithfully unfaithfulness against_**YHWH**. **20** And_he_came on/upon/above_him/it Tiglat pil'eṣer the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_he/it_laid_siege to_him/it and_not he_strengthened_him. **21** If/because 'Āḥāz he_had_plundered ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_king and_the_officials and_ _he/it_gave to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_not for_help to_ _him/it.

22 And_at_the_time_of harassed to_him/it and_he_increased to_act_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** that the_king 'Āḥāz. **23** And_ _he/it_sacrificed to_the_gods_of Dammeseq which_had_ _defeated in/on/over_him/it and_he/it_said if/because the_ _gods_of the_kings_of 'Arām they are_helping them to/for_ _them I_will_sacrifice and_they_will_help_me and_they they_ _became to_him/it (into)_causing_overthrow_his and_to/for_ _all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** And_ 'Āḥāz _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _utensils_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_he_cut_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_

162 RV 28:23 · Note Sometimes in 2 Chronicles, Yehudah is referred to as Yisrael, but as that can be confusing for readers, we've made adjustments.

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_utensils_of the_house_of the_ʾElohīm and_he/it_closed_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_doors_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_made to_ _him/it altars in_all corner in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **25** And_on/over_all city and_a_city of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _made high_places to_make_smoke to_gods other and_he_ _provoked ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** the_god_of his_ancestors_of_his. **26** And_ _the_rest_of his_matters_of_his and_all ways_of_his (the)_ _former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_written on the_ _scroll_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **27** And_ ʾĀḥāz _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_ _him in_city in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because not they_ _brought_him to_the_graves_of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ Ḥizqiyʸāh son_of_his _he_became_king in_place_of_him. **29:1** Ḥizqiyʸāh he_became_king a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] and_twenty and_nine year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_ _ʾAvʿiyʸāh the_daughter_of Zəkarʸāh. **2** And_he/it_made the_ _right in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that Dāvid his/its_father he_had_done. **3** He in_year (the)_first of_ _reigning_his in_month (the)_first he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ the_doors_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_he_repaired_them. **4** And_he/it_ _brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Lēviyyiy and_he_ _gathered_them to_the_open_place_of the_east. **5** And_he/it_ _said to/for_them listen_to_me Oh_Lēviyyiy now consecrate_ _yourselves and_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** the_god_ _of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_bring_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _impurity from the_holy_place. **6** If/because fathers_of_our they_acted_unfaithfully and_they_did the_evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** god_of_our and_they_abandoned_him and_ _they_turned faces_of_their away_from_the_tabernacle_of **YHWH** and_they_gave a_neck. **7** Also they_shut the_doors_of the_porch and_they_extinguished ᴅᴏᴍ the_lamps and_incense not they_made_smoke and_burnt_offering[s] not they_offered_ _up in_place to_the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** And_he/it_was the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** towards Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_has_made_them mmm[165] a_ _horror and_into_a_hissing just_as you(pl) are_seeing with_ _your_two's_own_of_eyes. **9** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE fathers_of_ _our they_have_fallen by_sword and_sons_of_our and_ _daughters_of_our and_wives_of_our are_in_captivity on this. **10** Now is_with heart_of_my to_make a_covenant to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_it_will_turn_back from_him/it the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. **11** My_sons_of_my now do_ _not be_negligent if/because (in)_you(pl) **YHWH** he_has_ _chosen to_stand before_him to_serve_him and_to_be to_ _him/it servants and_makers_of_smoke. **12** And_ the_Lēviyyiy _ _they_arose Maḥat the_son_of ʿAmāsāʾi and_Yōʾēl/(Joel) the_ _son_of ʿAzarʸāh of the_descendants_of the_Qəhātite[s] and_ _from the_descendants_of Mərārī Qīsh the_son_of ʿAvʿdiy and_ _ʿAzarʸāh the_son_of Yəhallelʾēl/(Jehallelel) and_from the_ _Gershonite[s] Yōʾāḥ/(Joah) the_son_of Zimmāh and_ʿĒden the_ _son_of Yōʾāḥ. **13** And_from the_descendants_of ʾElītsāfān

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into pieces and locked the temple doors. Then he set up pagan altars at every Yerushalem (Jerusalem) intersection, **25** and in every Yehudah city he set up hilltop shrines to make sacrifices to other gods, thus angering Yahweh, his ancestors' god.

26 The record of all the other things Ahaz did while he was king was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yehudah and Yisrael' (Israel). **27** Then Ahaz died[163] and was buried in 'The City of David', but not in the tombs of the other kings of Yisrael. Then his son Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) replaced him as king.

Purifying the temple · Southern kingdom[164]

29:1 Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for twenty-nine years. His mother was Zekaryah's (Zechariah's) daughter Aviyah. **2** He did what pleased Yahweh, like his ancestor King David had done.

3 In the very first month of his reign, he unlocked the temple doors and repaired them. **4** Then he summoned the priests and the Levites, assembled them in the eastern temple courtyard, **5** and told them, "Now you Levites, listen to me. You need to consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the residence of Yahweh, your ancestors' god, and remove any defilement from the sacred place, **6** because our ancestors were unfaithful and disobeyed our god Yahweh. Then they abandoned him, lost interest in this temple, and turned their back on it all. **7** They extinguished the lamps and locked the temple up. After that, they didn't burn any incense or offer any burnt sacrifices in the sacred place of Yisrael's (Israel's) god. **8** That's why Yahweh was angry at Yerushalem and all of Yehudah (Judah), and allowed us to become a place of terror and horror and scorn, as you've all seen with your own eyes. **9** As a result, our fathers died in battle, and our wives and children have been captured and taken to other countries.

10 Now I sincerely want to make an agreement with Yisrael's god Yahweh, so that his fierce anger will turn away from us. **11** So lads, don't mess around, because Yahweh has chosen you to stand in his presence to serve him, and to be ministering and burning incense.

12 Then these Levites took action:

from the Kohatites: Mahat (Amasay's son) and Yoel (Joel) (Azaryah's son),

from the descendants of Merari: Kish (Avdi's son) and Azaryah (Yehalel'el's son),

from the Gershonim: Yoah (Zimah's son) and Eden (Yoah's son),

163 **RV 28:27 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:28.

164 **RV 29:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 18:1-3

165 **LV 29:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: העוז/ל: (x-qere) הֲוָעִ֥יז/לְ֖: lemma_l/2189 n_0.1.0 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_14FaA הֲוָעִ֥יז/לְ֖

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13 from Elitsafan's descendants: Shimri and Yeiel,
from Asaf's descendants: Zekaryah (Zechariah) and Matanyah,
14 from Heyman's descendants: Yehiel and Shimei, and
from Yedutun's descendants: Shemayah and Uziel.
15 They assembled their relatives and consecrated themselves, then they entered the temple to purify it, as the king had ordered as a result of Yahweh's message. 16 The priests entered the inner part of the temple to purify it, and they took everything they found that shouldn't be in there and brought it out to the temple courtyard, and then the Levites took it all out to be burnt, down in the Kidron valley.
17 They began the purification at the beginning of March and worked outwards, reaching the porch by the eighth, and then it took eight more days for the courtyard, so they finished on the sixteenth.
18 Then they reported to King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), "We've purified the whole of Yahweh's temple, including the altar for burnt offerings and all its utensils, and the bread display table and all its utensils. 19 We've prepared and consecrated all the items which King Ahaz rejected during his unfaithful reign, and they're back in front of Yahweh's altar."

Temple sacrifices restored

20 Early the next morning, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) assembled the city officials and went to Yahweh's residence, 21 taking seven bulls, seven rams, seven male lambs, and seven male goats to be a sin offering for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Yehudah (Judah). He instructed the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants) to sacrifice the animals to Yahweh on the altar. 22 So they slaughtered the bulls and took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. Then they did the same for the rams, and then the lambs. 23 Finally, they brought the goats for the sin offering to the front, and the king and the people placed their hands on them, 24 and then the priests slaughtered them and splashed their blood on the altar so Yahweh would forgive all of Yisrael's (Israel's) disobedience. (The king had ordered the burnt offerings and the sin offering be for all of Yisrael.)
25 Then he told the Levites to stand in the temple with cymbals, harps, and lyres—obeying what David and his prophets Gad and Natan (Nathan) had commanded. (Yahweh had actually given those orders through his prophets.) 26 The Levites stood with David's instruments, and the priests with their trumpets, 27 then Hizkiyah said to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When they started to slaughter the animals, the people sang and praised Yahweh as the trumpets were blown and the other instruments played. 28 The entire assembly were bowing down and worshipping as the singers sang and the trumpeters played, until the burnt offering was completed, 29 then the king and ev-

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Shimrī and[166] and_from the_descendants_of ʾĀṣāf Zəkar^{yāh} and_ _Mattan^{yāh}. 14 And_from the_descendants_of Hēymān Yəḥīʾ^{ēl}/(Jehiel)[167] and_Shimʿī and_from the_descendants_of Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) Shəmaʿ^{yāh} and_ʿUzziyʾ^{ēl}. 15 And_they_ _gathered ĐOM relatives_of_their and_they_consecrated_ _themselves and_they_came according_to_the_command_of the_king by_the_words/messages_of **YHWH** to_cleanse the_ _house_of **YHWH**. 16 And_ the_priests _they_came to_within the_house_of **YHWH** to_cleanse_it and_they_brought_out ĐOM all_of the_uncleanness which they_found in_(the)_palace of_ _**YHWH** to_the_courtyard_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ the_ _Lēviyyiy _they_took_it to_bring_it_out to_the_wadi_of Qidrōn outside_to_the. 17 And_they_began on_day_one of_month (the)_first to_consecrate and_on_day_of eight of_month they_ _came to_the_porch_of **YHWH** and_they_consecrated ĐOM the_ _house_of **YHWH** for_days eight and_on_day_of six- teen of_ _month (the)_first they_finished. 18 And_they_went within to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_they_said we_have_cleansed ĐOM all_of the_house_of **YHWH** ĐOM the_altar_of the_burnt_offering and_ _ĐOM all_of utensils_of_its and_ĐOM the_table_of the_row and_ _ĐOM all_of utensils_of_its. 19 And_ĐOM all_of the_vessels which the_king ʾĀḥāz he_had_rejected in_reign_of_his in_ _unfaithfulness_of_his we_have_prepared and_we_have_ _consecrated and_THERE_they to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_altar_of **YHWH**.

20 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king _he_rose_early and_he_gathered ĐOM the_officials_of the_city and_he/it_ascended the_house_of **YHWH**. 21 And_they_brought young_bulls seven and_rams seven and_lambs seven and_he-goats_of goats seven to_a_sin_ _offering on the_kingdom and_on the_sanctuary and_on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said to_the_descendants_of ʾAh$_a$ron the_priests to_offer_up on the_altar_of **YHWH**. 22 And_ _they_slaughtered the_cattle and_ the_priests _they_took ĐOM the_blood and_they_sprinkled_it to_the_altar and_they_ _slaughtered the_rams and_they_sprinkled the_blood to_the_ _altar and_they_slaughtered the_lambs and_they_sprinkled the_blood to_the_altar. 23 And_they_brought_near ĐOM the_ _goats_of the_sin_offering to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_the_assembly and_they_laid hands_of_their on_ _them. 24 And_they_slaughtered_them the_priests and_they_ _made_a_sin_offering ĐOM blood_of_their to_the_altar to_make_ _atonement on all_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) if/because to/from_ _all/each/any/every Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) the_king he_had_said the_ _burnt_offering and_the_sin_offering. 25 And_he_stationed ĐOM the_Lēviyyiy the_house_of **YHWH** with_cymbals with_lyres and_with_harps by_the_command_of Dāvid and_Gād the_seer_ _of the_king and_Nathan the_prophet if/because was_by_the_ _hand_of **YHWH** the_command by_the_hand_of his_prophets_ _of_his. 26 And_ the_Lēviyyiy _they_stood with_the_ _instruments_of Dāvid and_the_priests with_trumpets. 27 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to_offer_up the_burnt_offering to_the_ _altar and_at_the_time the_burnt_offering when_it_began the_ _song_of **YHWH** and_the_trumpets it_began and_on the_hands_ _of the_instruments_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel).

166 **LV 29:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לאועי/ו**: (x-qere) **ו/לֶאֱיעִי**ʾ: lemma_c/3273 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_14poL **ו/לֶאֱיעִי**
167 **LV 29:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לאוחי**: (x-qere) **לֶאֱיחִי**ʾ: lemma_3171 morph_HNp id_14PYi **לֶאֱיחִי**

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28 And_all the_assembly were_bowing_down and_the_song was_singing and_the_trumpets were_blowing_a_trumpet[168][169] (the)_everything was_until (to)_was_ the_burnt_offering _ _complete. 29 And_just_as_finished to_offer_up the_king and_ _all those_who_were_found with_him/it they_bowed_down and_they_bowed_down. 30 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_the_ _officials _he/it_said to_Lēviyyiy to_praise to/for_**YHWH** with_ _the_words/messages_of Dāvid and_'Āṣāf the_seer and_they_ _praised to to_joy and_they_bowed_low and_they_bowed_ _down. 31 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_answered and_he/it_said now you(pl)_have_filled hand_of_your(pl) to/for_**YHWH** draw_near and_bring sacrifices and_thank-offerings to_the_house_of **YHWH** and_ the_assembly _they_brought sacrifices and_ _thank-offerings and_all person_willing_of heart burnt_ _offerings. 32 And_he/it_was the_number_of the_burnt_ _offering[s] which the_assembly they_brought cattle seventy rams one_hundred lambs two_hundred were_for_a_burnt_ _offering to/for_**YHWH** all_of these. 33 And_the_holy_offerings were_cattle six hundred(s) and_sheep three_of thousand(s). 34 Only the_priests they_were to_fewness and_not they_were_ _able to_skin ~~DOM~~ all_of the_burnt_offerings and_they_helped_ _them relatives_of_their the_Lēviyyiy until the_work was_ _complete and_unto the_priests they_had_consecrated_ _themselves if/because the_Lēviyyiy were_upright_of heart to_ _consecrate_themselves more_than_the_priests. 35 And_also burnt_offering[s] to_increase_in_number with_the_fat(s)_of the_peace_offerings and_with_offerings of_offering and_ the_ _service_of the_house_of **YHWH** _it_was_arranged. 36 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_all the_people _he_rejoiced on that_which_ the_ _'Elohīm _he_had_prepared for_people if/because in_ _suddenness the_thing it_had_happened.

30:1 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_sent to all_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_also letters he_wrote to 'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh to_come to_the_house_of **YHWH** in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_doing a_passover to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). 2 And_ the_king and_officials_of_his and_all the_assembly in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _he_had_ _taken_counsel for_doing the_passover in_month the_second. 3 If/because not they_had_been_able to_observe_it at_time (the)_that if/because the_priests not they_had_consecrated_ _themselves to_what_was sufficiency[171] and_the_people not they_had_gathered[172] to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 4 And_ the_ _thing _it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_in_ _the_eyes_of all_of the_assembly. 5 And_they_appointed a_ _message to_cause_to_pass a_proclamation in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) from_Bə'ēr- seven and_unto Dān to_come for_ _doing a_passover to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because not to_increase_in_ _number they_had_done according_what_is_written. 6 And_ the_runners _they_went with_letters from_the_hand_of the_ _king and_officials_of_his in_all Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_

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eryone with him bowed down and worshipped. 30 Then King Hizkiyah and his officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to Yahweh using compositions by David and the prophet Asaf, so they cheerfully sang praises and bowed down and worshipped.

31 Then Hizkiyah responded, "You've consecrated yourselves to Yahweh, so come near and bring your sacrifices and thanksgiving gifts into Yahweh's house." So the assembly brought in their sacrifices and thanksgiving gifts, plus those who wanted to brought their sacrifices to be burnt.

32 Altogether they brought seventy bulls, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs to be completely burnt on the altar, 33 as well as six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep as dedicated offerings. 34 There weren't enough priests to skin all the burnt offerings, so their relatives the Levites helped them until the work was finished and until all the priests had consecrated themselves, because the Levites had worked quicker to consecrate themselves than the priests had. 35 In addition to the burnt offerings, there was the fat from the peace offerings, and there were drink offerings.

So the service in Yahweh's temple was reinstituted, 36 and Hizkiyah and all the people celebrated about what God had prepared for the people, because it had all happened fairly quickly.

Hizkiyah orders a pass-over celebration · Both kingdoms

30:1 Then King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) sent invitations to all of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) (including Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh)) to come to Yahweh's temple, 2 because the king had consulted with his officials and the whole assembly in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and decided to have a late celebration of the Passover in April.[170] 3 (They couldn't have done it at the proper time because the priests hadn't consecrated themselves sufficiently then, and so the people hadn't gathered in Yerushalem.) 4 The plan pleased the king and all the people, 5 so they sent messages across all of Yisrael and Yehudah, from Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) in the south to Dan in the far north, for the people to come to Yerushalem to celebrate the Passover to honour Yisrael's god Yahweh. (They hadn't previously been observing the written instructions.) 6 Runners took the letters from the king and his officials, going to all of Yisrael and Yehudah with the king's command: "Descendants of Yisrael, return to Yahweh, the god of Avraham, Yitshak

168 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מירצצחמ**: (x-qere) 'סֵירְצַחַמ': lemma_2690 n_1 morph_HVhrmpa id_14x92 סֵירְצַחַמ

169 **LV 29:28 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

170 **RV 30:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Num 9:9-11.

171 **LV 30:3 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

172 **LV 30:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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(Isaac), and Yisrael, and he'll return to you—the group that escaped from the control of the Assyrian kings. **7** Don't be like your fathers and brothers who weren't faithful to Yahweh, their ancestors' god, provoking him to leave them decimated, as you can see. **8** So don't be stubborn like your ancestors were. Obey Yahweh and come to the sanctuary that he's consecrated forever, and serve your god Yahweh so he'll turn his anger away from you. **9** If you descendants of Yisrael return to Yahweh, your brothers and sons will be shown mercy by their captors and be able to return to this land, because your god Yahweh is gracious and compassionate, and he won't ignore you if you'll turn back to him.

10 The messengers went from city to city in the Efrayim (Ephraim) and Menasheh (Manasseh) regions, as far north as Zevulun, but many people there laughed at them and mocked them. **11** However, some of the people from Asher, Menasheh, and Zevulun humbled themselves and went to Yerushalem. **12** Also in Yehudah, God moved the people to want to obey the king and his officials and Yahweh's instructions.

The pass-over celebration · Both kingdoms

13 The next month, a huge crowd gathered in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to celebrate the Festival of Flat Bread. **14** They took action and removed the altars to Ba'al in Yerushalem, and all the incense altars, and threw them down into the Kidron valley to be burnt there. **15** In the middle of the month, they slaughtered the Passover lambs. The priests and Levites had been ashamed, so they'd consecrated themselves, then they brought the burnt offerings into the temple. **16** They stood at their stations, following the instructions written by Mosheh (Moses), then the Levites handed the bowls of blood to the priests to sprinkle on the altar. **17** Because many people in the assembly hadn't consecrated themselves, the Levites assisted them by slaughtering the lambs and consecrating them to Yahweh. **18** Although most of the people who'd travelled down from Efrayim (Ephraim), Menasheh (Manasseh), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun hadn't purified themselves, they ate the Passover food anyway despite the written instructions, because Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had prayed to Yahweh for them, "May Yahweh, who is good, declare as innocent **19** everyone who sincerely wants to honour and obey Yahweh, their ancestors' god, even if they haven't completed the formal purification ceremonies for the temple." **20** Yahweh took notice of Hizkiyah's request, and forgave the people, **21** so the Israelis who'd come to Yerushalem cel-

Literal Version

_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_according_to_the_command_of the_ _king to_say Oh_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) return[173] to **YHWH** the_god_of 'Avrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_ _that_he_may_return to the_escaped_remnant which_remains to/for_you(pl) from_the_palm_of the_kings_of 'Ashshūr. **7** And_ _do_not be like_fathers_of_your(pl) and_like_brothers_of_ _your(pl) who they_acted_unfaithfully against_**YHWH** the_god_ _of their_ancestors_of_their and_he_made_them into_a_horror just_as you(pl) are_seeing. **8** Now do_not stiffen neck_of_ _your(pl) like_fathers_of_your(pl) give a_hand to/for_**YHWH** and_come to_sanctuary_of_his which he_has_consecrated forever_perpetuity and_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) so_ _that_it_may_turn_back from_you(pl) the_burning_of his_ _anger_of_his. **9** If/because when_return_you(pl) to **YHWH** relatives_of_your(pl) and_children_of_your(pl) will_be_to_ _compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before captors_of_ _their and_to_return to_land (the)_this if/because is_gracious and_compassionate **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_not he_will_ _turn_aside face from_you(pl) if you(pl)_will_turn_back to_ _him/it. **10** And_ the_runners _they_were passing from_city to_ _city in_land_of 'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh and_unto Zəvūlūn and_they_were laughing on_them and_mocking (in)_them. **11** Nevertheless men from_'Āshēr and_Mənashsheh and_from_ _Zəvūlūn they_humbled_themselves and_they_came to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **12** Also on_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_was the_hand_of the_'Elohīm to_give to/for_them a_heart one for_ _doing the_command_of the_king and_the_officials by_the_ _message_of **YHWH**.

13 And_they_gathered Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_people numerous for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_festival_of the_unleavened_ _bread(s) in_month the_second an_assembly to_increase_in_ _number exceedingly. **14** And_they_arose and_they_removed ~~DOM~~ the_altars which were_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of the_incense_altars they_removed and_they_threw_ _them to_the_wadi_of Qidrōn. **15** And_they_slaughtered the_ _passover on_day_four- teen of_month the_second and_the_ _priests and_the_Lēviyyiy they_were_ashamed and_they_ _consecrated_themselves and_they_brought burnt_offerings the_house_of **YHWH**. **16** And_they_stood at place_of_their according_to_of_their_custom according_to_the_law_of Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm the_priests were_sprinkling ~~DOM~~ the_blood from_the_hand_of the_Lēviyyiy. **17** If/because many_of among_assembly who not they_had_consecrated_ _themselves and_the_Lēviyyiy were_over the_slaughter_of the_ _passovers to_all/each/any/every not clean to_consecrate_ _them to/for_**YHWH**. **18** If/because the_greater_part_of the_ _people many_of from_'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh Issachar and_ _Zəvūlūn not they_had_purified_themselves if/because they_ _ate ~~DOM~~ the_passover with_not according_what_is_written if/because Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_had_prayed on_them to_say **YHWH** (the)_good may_he_make_atonement for. **19** Every_of who_his_ _heart_of_one he_has_directed to_seek the_'Elohīm **YHWH** the_ _god_of his_ancestors_of_his and_not according_to_the_ _purification_of the_holy_place. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_listened to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_he_healed ~~DOM~~ the_people. **21** And_ the_

173 LV 30:6 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_were_found in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_made ÐOM the_festival_of the_
_unleavened_bread(s) seven_of days with_joy great and_they_
_were_praising to/for_**YHWH** a_day in/on_day the_Lēviyyiy
and_the_priests with_instruments_of strength to/for_**YHWH**.
22 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_spoke to the_heart_of all_of the_
_Lēviyyiy who_were_understanding understanding_of good
to/for_**YHWH** and_they_ate ÐOM the_appointed_feast the_
_seven_of the_days sacrificing sacrifices_of peace_offerings
and_giving_thanks to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_
_of_their.

23 And_ all_of the_assembly _they_took_counsel for_doing
seven_of days another and_they_observed seven_of days joy.
24 If/because Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_
_contributed for_assembly one_thousand young_bulls and_
_seven_of thousand(s) sheep and_the_officials they_
_contributed for_assembly young_bulls one_thousand and_
_sheep ten_of thousand(s) and_ priests _they_consecrated_
_themselves to_increase_in_number. **25** And_they_rejoiced all_
_of the_assembly_of Yəhūdāh and_the_priests and_the_
_Lēviyyiy and_all the_assembly the_(ones_who)_went from_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sojourners the_(ones_who)_went
from_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_who_were_dwelling in_
_Yəhūdāh. **26** And_it_became joy great in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because since_the_days_of
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid the_king_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not like_this in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
27 And_ the_priests the_Lēviyyiy _they_arose and_they_blessed
ÐOM the_people and_it_was_listened to_voice_of_their and_
prayer_of_their _it_came to_the_dwelling_of his_holiness_of_
_his to_heavens.
31:1 And_just_ all_of this _as_finished they_went_out all_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[176] who_were_found to_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh
and_they_broke the_sacred_pillars and_they_cut_down the_
_'Ashērāh_poles and_they_pulled_down ÐOM the_high_places
and_ÐOM the_altars from_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn
and_in_'Efrayim and_Mənashsheh until (to)_finished and_ all_
_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_returned each to_
_possession_of_his to_cities_of_their. **2** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_
_appointed ÐOM the_divisions_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy
on divisions_of_their each according_to_the_mouth_of his_
_service_of_his to_priests and_to_Lēviyyiy for_burnt_offering
and_for_peace_offerings to_serve and_to_give_thanks and_to_
_praise in_the_gates_of the_camps_of **YHWH**. **3** And_the_
_portion_of the_king from property_of_his_own was_for_
_offerings for_the_burnt_offerings_of the_morning and_the_
_evening and_the_burnt_offerings for_sabbaths and_for_moons
and_for_feasts according_what_is_written in_the_law_of
YHWH. **4** And_he/it_said to_people to_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_give the_portion_of the_priests
and_the_Lēviyyiy so_that they_may_be_strong in_the_law_of
YHWH. **5** And_just_ the_message _as_spread the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_multiplied the_first_of grain new_wine

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ebrated the Festival of Flat Bread for seven days with great excitement. The Levites and priests enthusiastically praised Yahweh every day using their musical instruments. **22** Hizkiyah sincerely thanked all the Levites who were very insightful about worshipping Yahweh. Then everyone ate for the prescribed seven days—sacrificing peace offerings and confessing to Yahweh, their ancestors' god.

The pass-over celebration gets extended · Southern kingdom

23 Then the whole group decided to celebrate for seven more days, so they enthusiastically celebrated for another whole week, **24** because Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had provided a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep for the people, and the officials had also contributed another thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep. Many more priests also consecrated themselves. **25** All the people from Yehudah celebrated, including the priests and Levites, and everyone who'd come down from Yisrael (Israel) to stay in Yehudah (whether just for the occasion, or to live permanently), plus others living in Yehudah. **26** Everyone in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was very happy, because nothing like that had happened in Yerushalem since the time when David's son Shelomoh (Solomon) was king. **27** Finally, the priests and Levites stood up and prayed a blessing on the people, and their voice was heard because their prayer reached God's holy residence in the heavens.

Hizkiyah's religious reforms · Southern kingdom

31:1 When that was all over, all those Israelis went out to Yehudah's (Judah's) cities and shattered the pillars and cut down the Asherah poles, and they tore down the hilltop shrines and altars from the entire Yehudah-Benyamin region, and also up in the Efrayim-Menasheh region. Once they'd finished that, they all returned to their own land and cities.

2 King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) allocated the priests and Levites into divisions for the various different types of duties: for doing burnt offerings and peace offerings, for other services, and for thanksgiving and praise at the temple gates. **3** The king contributed some of his own funds for burnt offerings to be sacrificed each morning and evening, as well as for the Rest Days and the New Moon celebrations, and on the other special days as per the written instructions that had come from Yahweh.[174]

4 He told the people living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to give the prescribed portions to the priests and Levites,[175] so that they could focus on serving Yahweh, **5** and as soon as the message reached them, the Israelis started giving the first portions of

174 **RV 31:3 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:1–29:39.

175 **RV 31:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:12-13,21.

176 **LV 31:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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their harvests of grain, new wine, oil, and honey, and of all the produce from the countryside, so they brought a tenth of the harvests of all their crops. **6** The people from Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah who were living in Yehudah's cities also brought a tenth of their cattle and sheep, as well as a sacred tenth consecrated to their god Yahweh, and it was all put in big piles. **7** That all began in May and was finished by September, **8** and when King Hizkiyah and his officials came and saw the piles, they praised Yahweh and his Israeli people. **9** When Hizkiyah asked the priests and Levites about the piles, **10** Azaryah the chief priest (a descendant of Tsadok) told him, "Since the people started bringing their contributions to the temple, we've been eating well, and even had left-overs, because Yahweh has blessed his people, and all this is the remainder."

11 So then Hizkiyah ordered them to prepare the temple storerooms, which they did, **12** and they brought in the contributions and the tenths that had been given, and the things faithfully dedicated to Yahweh. A Levite, Konaniyah, was appointed as supervisor, with his brother Shimei as deputy. **13** Those two supervised Yehiel, Azazyah, Nahat, Asahel, Yerimot, Yozavad, Eliel, Yismakyah, Mahat, and Benayah, by the arrangement of King Hizkiyah and Azaryah the temple supervisor.

14 The Levite Yimnah's son, Kore, who guarded the temple's eastern gate, was put in charge of the free-will offering to God—to distribute those offerings that were made to Yahweh, as well as any consecrated items. **15** Eden, Minyamin, Yeshua, Shemayah, Amaryah, and Shekanyah faithfully assisted him in the priests' cities to distribute those things to the different divisions of priests, regardless of their status or size. **16** Every male who was at least three years old, and was listed in the genealogical records, received a portion for their service in the temple, as each division performed their assigned duties. **17** Each priestly clan kept genealogical records and received a portion, and so did the Levites who were at least twenty years old, all according to their divisions, **18** as well as their wives and young children, and sons and daughters whose names were on the genealogies, because they'd also faithfully consecrated themselves for the sacred work. **19** Also, there were people chosen by name to give a portion to each male among Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants, the priests, who had pasture land around their cities, as well as to each Levite included on the genealogical records.

20 So King Hizkiyah did that throughout Yehudah (Judah), and he continued to faithfully follow his god Yahweh's instructions. **21** He tried hard to be diligent and sincere in whatever he did for the temple operation, as he followed God's rules and commands, and he prospered.

Literal Version

and_fresh_oil and_honey and_all/each/any/every produce_of the_field and_the_tithe_of (the)_everything to_increase_in_ _number they_brought. **6** And_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) who_were_dwelling in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) also they a_tithe_of herd[s] and_flock[s] and_ _a_tithe_of holy_things which_had_been_consecrated to/for_ _**YHWH** god_of_their they_brought and_they_made heaps heaps. **7** In_month (the)_third they_began the_heaps to_found and_in_month the_seventh they_finished. **8** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_the_officials _they_came and_they_saw ~~ĐOM~~ the_heaps and_they_blessed ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** and_~~ĐOM~~ people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **9** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_enquired to_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy on the_heaps. **10** And_he/it_said to_him/it ʿAzar^{yāh} the_priest/officer the_head of_the_house_of of_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) and_he/it_said from_when_began the_ _contribution to_bring the_house_of **YHWH** we_have_eaten and_we_have_been_satisfied and_we_have_had_more_than_ _enough to_abundance if/because **YHWH** he_has_blessed ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_his and_(the)_is_that_which_remains ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _abundance (the)_this. **11** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to_prepare rooms in_house_of **YHWH** and_they_prepared_them. **12** And_ _they_brought ~~ĐOM~~ the_contribution and_the_tithe and_the_ _holy_things in_faithfulness and_was_over_them an_officer Kōnan^{yāh}ū[177][178] the_Lēviyyiy and_Shimʿī brother_of_his was_ _second_in_command. **13** And_Yaḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_ʿAzaz^{yāh}ū and_Naḥat and_ʿAsāh'ēl and_Yərīmōt/(Jerimoth) and_ _Yōzāvʿād/(Jozabad) and_'Elī'ēl and_Yişmak^{yāh}ū/(Ismachiah) and_Maḥat and_Bənā^{yāh} were_overseers from_the_hand_of Kōnan^{yāh}ū[179] and_Shimʿī his/its_brother by_the_appointment_ _of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_ʿAzar^{yāh} the_ruler_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm. **14** And_Qōrē' the_son_of Yimnāh/(Imnah) the_ _Lēviyyiy the_gatekeeper to_east_to was_over the_freewill_ _offerings_of the_'Elohīm to_distribute the_contribution_of **YHWH** and_the_holy_things_of the_holy_things. **15** And_were_ _on his/its_hand ʿĒden and_Minyāmīn and_Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_Shəmaʿyāh 'Amar^{yāh} and_Shəkan^{yāh} in_the_cities_of the_ _priests in_faithfulness to_distribute to_brothers_of_their by_ _divisions as_great as_small. **16** (From)_besides_of their_ _genealogical_enrolment to_males from_a_son_of three years and_(to)_upwards to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_one_who_ _went to_the_house_of **YHWH** for_the_matter_of a_day in_its_ _day for_service_of_their by_duties_of_their according_to_of_ _their_divisions. **17** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_genealogical_enrolment of_ _the_priests to_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_their and_the_ _Lēviyyiy from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_(to)_upwards by_ _duties_of_their by_divisions_of_their. **18** And_to_genealogical_ _enrolment in_all one[s]_of_their_little wives_of_their and_ _sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_assembly if/because in_faithfulness_ _of_their they_had_consecrated_themselves holiness. **19** And_ _to_the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron the_priests in_the_fields_of the_pasture_land_of their_cities_of_their in_all city and_a_city men who they_had_been_designated by_names to_distribute

177 LV 31:12 · Note OSHB variant note: והיננוכ: (x-qere) 'וְהָיֻנֻּכ': lemma_3562 morph_HNp id_14YHd וְהָיֻנֻּכ

178 LV 31:12 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

179 LV 31:13 · Note OSHB variant note: והיננוכ: (x-qere) 'וְהָיֻנֻּכ': lemma_3562 n_0.2.0 morph_HNp id_14kR1 וְהָיֻנֻּכ

Literal Version

portions to/from_all/each/any/every male among_priests and_to/for_all the_genealogical_enrolment among_Lēviyyiy.
20 And_he/it_made like_this Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_made the_good and_the_right and_(the)_faithfulness to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** his/its_god.
21 And_on/over_all work which he_began in_the_service_of the_house_of the_ʾElohīm and_in_law and_in_command to_seek (to)_god_of_his in_all heart_of_his he_did_it and_he_succeeded.

32:1 After the_matters and_the_faithfulness the_these Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of ʾAshshūr he_came and_he_came in_Yəhūdāh and_ _he_encamped on the_cities (the)_fortified and_he/it_said to_ _break_into_them to_him/it. **2** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_saw if/because_that Ṣanḥērīv he_had_come and_face_of_his was_ _for_war on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_he_took_counsel with officials_of_his and_his_mighty_of_men to_stop_up ĐOM the_waters_of the_springs which were_from_the_outside of_ _city and_they_helped_him. **4** And_ people numerous _they_ _assembled and_they_stopped_up ĐOM all_of the_springs and_ _ĐOM the_wadi which_flowed in_the_middle the_earth/land to_ _say to/for_what the_kings_of ʾAshshūr will_they_come and_ _they_will_find waters many. **5** And_he_strengthened_himself and_he/it_built ĐOM all_of the_city_wall which_was_broken_ _down and_he/it_ascended on the_towers and_to_outside the_ _city_wall another and_he_strengthened ĐOM the_Millō' the_ _city_of Dāvid and_he/it_made weapon[s] to_increase_in_ _number and_shields. **6** And_he/it_gave commanders_of wars over the_people and_he_assembled_them to_him/it to the_ _open_place_of the_gate_of the_city and_he/it_spoke to heart_ _of_their to_say. **7** Be_strong and_be_courageous do_not be_ _afraid and_do_not be_dismayed from_face/in_front_of the_ _king_of ʾAshshūr and_from_before_of all_of the_multitude which with_him/it if/because is_with_us one_great more_than_ _with_him. **8** With_him/it an_arm_of flesh and_is_with_us **YHWH** god_of_our to_help_us and_to_fight battles_of_our and_ the_people _they_supported_themselves on the_ _words/messages_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **9** After this Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of ʾAshshūr he_sent servants_ _of_his to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he was_at Lākīsh and_ _all might_of_his_imperial with_him/it to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_to all_of Yəhūdāh which was_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say. **10** Thus Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of ʾAshshūr he_says on what are_you(pl) relying and_remaining in_siege in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **11** Not is_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} misleading you(pl) to_give you(pl) to_die by_hunger and_by_ _thirst to_say **YHWH** god_of_our he_will_deliver_us from_the_ _palm_of the_king_of ʾAshshūr. **12** Not that Ḥizqiy^{yāh} did_he_ _remove ĐOM places_of_his_high and_ĐOM altars_of_his and_ _he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ _say to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_altar one you(pl)_ _will_bow_down and_on_it you(pl)_will_make_smoke. **13** Not do_you(pl)_know what I and_fathers_of_my have_I_done to_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples_of the_lands ever_(able) the_ _gods_of the_nations_of the_lands were_they_able to_deliver ĐOM land_of_their from_hand_of_my. **14** Who in_all the_gods_of the_nations the_these which fathers_of_my they_totally_

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The Assyrians threaten Yerushalem · Southern kingdom[180]

32:1 After all those acts of faithfulness by Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) invaded Yehudah (Judah). He besieged the fortified cities and prepared to capture them for himself. **2** When King Hizkiyah saw that Sanheriv had entered the country and clearly intended to attack Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **3** he consulted with his officials and army leaders about blocking up the springs outside the city, and they helped him. **4** Many people gathered and blocked the springs from feeding the stream that flowed through the area, saying, "Why should the Assyrian kings come and find plenty of water?" **5** Then he strengthened his fortifications, repairing broken sections of the wall, and built towers and an outer wall. He strengthened the supporting wall on the east side of 'The City of David'. He also manufactured many weapons and shields, **6** and he appointed army commanders and assembled them at the plaza by the city gate, and encouraged them with these words, **7** "Be strong and be courageous. Don't be scared or discouraged because of the Assyrian king, or by his massive army, because we have someone on our side who's more powerful than him. **8** They can only rely on human strength, but we have our god Yahweh to help us and fight our battles for us." So the people took strength from King Hizkiyah's encouragement.
9 Later, when the Assyrian King Sanheriv was surrounding Lakish city with his army, he sent some servants to Yerushalem, to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah and all the residents, saying, **10** "I,Sanheriv, the king of Ashur (Assyria), am asking what you're all trusting in as you're staying there in Yerushalem while it's besieged. **11** Hizkiyah tells you, 'Our god Yahweh will rescue us from the Assyrian king,' but he's misleading you, and you'll all die of hunger and thirst! **12** Wasn't it Hizkiyah who removed his hilltop shrines and his altars, and spoke to the people of Yerushalem and all of Yehudah, telling you to bow down at only one altar and offer sacrifices on it? **13** Don't you people know what my ancestors and I have done to the people groups from other countries? Were any of their gods able to save them from me? **14** Which one of those nations' gods which my ancestors destroyed is a precedent showing that your god can rescue anyone from me? **15** So don't let Hizkiyah deceive you or mislead you like this. Don't believe him, because no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to save his people from my ancestors or from me. So your god certainly won't be able to protect you

180 RV 32:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 18:13-37; 19:14-19,35-37; Isa 36:1-22; 37:8-38

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from my army.

16 Then Sanheriv's servants said even more against the god Yahweh, and against his servant Hizkiyah, **17** plus he wrote letters insulting Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh and speaking against him, writing, "Just like the other nations' gods couldn't save their people from me, so too Hizkiyah's god won't be able to protect his people from my strength." **18** Then the Assyrians shouted loud threats in Hebrew to the people of Yerushalem who were on the wall, to try to frighten and terrify them so they could capture the city— **19** telling them Yerushalem's god was just another god made by people, and just as useless as other countries' gods.

20 Then King Hizkiyah and Yeshayah (Isaiah) (son of the prophet Amots) called out to the heavens requesting God's help, **21** and Yahweh sent a messenger who destroyed the powerful warriors, and the leaders and chiefs in the Assyrian army, and then their king had to return home in shame. When he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons ran him through with a sword.

22 So that's how Yahweh saved Hizkiyah and Yerushalem's inhabitants from the Assyrian King Sanheriv, and from the power of other nations, and he gave them peace on all sides. **23** Many people came to Yerushalem to bring offerings for Yahweh and valuable gifts for Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah, and after all that, he was highly respected by the other nations.

Hizkiyah's illness · Southern kingdom[182]

24 Some time afterwards, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) became very sick and was expected to die, but he prayed to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered him with a miracle. **25** However, Hizkiyah was very proud and didn't thank Yahweh, so his anger fell on Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah (Judah). **26** Then Hizkiyah and Yerushalem's inhabitants humbled themselves, and so Yahweh's anger didn't affect them during Hizkiyah's lifetime.

Hizkiyah's wealth · Southern kingdom

27 King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had become very wealthy, and he was highly respected. He established treasuries for gold and silver, for gemstones and spices, and for shields and other valuable things, **28** as well as

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_destroyed is_one_which it_was_able to_deliver ĐOM people_of_ _its from_hand_of_my that/for/because/then/when god_of_ _your(pl) he_will_be_able to_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_my. **15** And_now not Ḥizqiy^{yāh} let_him_deceive you(pl) and_not let_ _him_mislead you(pl) like_this and_do_not believe to_him/it if/because not any_of god of_any_of nation and_kingdom it_ _has_been_able to_deliver people_of_its from_hand_of_my and_ _from_the_hand_of my_fathers_of_my indeed if/because gods_ _of_your(pl) not they_will_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_my. **16** And_again servants_of_his they_spoke on **YHWH** the_ _'Elohīm and_on Ḥizqiy^{yāh} servant_of_his. **17** And_letters he_ _wrote to_taunt to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ _to_say on/upon/above_him/it to_say like_the_gods_of the_ _nations_of the_lands which not they_delivered people_of_ _their from_hand_of_my so not the_god_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_will_ _deliver people_of_his from_hand_of_my. **18** And_they_called_ _out with_a_voice great Yəhūdī/(Judean) to the_people_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which was_on the_wall to_make_ _them_afraid and_to_terrify_them so_that they_may_capture ĐOM the_city. **19** And_they_spoke concerning the_god_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) as_on the_gods_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land the_work_of the_hands_of the_humankind. **20** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king and_Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṣ the_prophet _he_prayed on this and_they_cried_out the_heavens. **21** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent an_messenger and_he_ _annihilated every_of mighty_man_of strength and_officer and_commander in_the_camp_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_he_ _returned with_shame_of face to_his_own_of_land and_he_ _came the_house_of his/its_god and[181] his_lower_parts_of_his there they_made_him_fall by_sword. **22** And_ **YHWH** _he_saved ĐOM Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_the_hand_of Ṣanḥērīv the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr and_from_the_hand_of everyone and_he_led_ _them from_round_about. **23** And_many_people were_bringing an_offering to/for_**YHWH** to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _excellent_gifts to_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _he_was_lifted_up to_the_eyes_of all_of the_nations from_after thus.

24 In_the_days the_those Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_became_sick until to_die and_he_prayed to **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_him/it and_a_sign he_gave to_him/it. **25** And_not according_to_the_benefit on/upon/above_him/it Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_repaid if/because his/its_ _heart it_was_haughty and_he/it_was on/upon/above_him/it severe_anger and_towards Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **26** And_he_humbled_himself Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_the_haughtiness_of his/its_heart he and_the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not it_came towards_them the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** in_the_days_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh}.

27 And_he/it_was to_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} wealth and_honour great exceedingly and_treasuries he_made to_him/it for_silver and_ _for_gold and_for_stone[s] precious and_for_spices and_for_ _shields and_to/for_all articles_of preciousness. **28** And_ _storehouses for_the_yield_of grain and_new_wine and_fresh_

181 LV 32:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/אִיצֵי/מְ/וֹ: (x-qere) יֶֽאֱצֵי/מְ/וֹ: lemma_c/m/3329 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc id_14mZJ יֶֽאֱצֵי/מְ/וֹ

182 RV 32:24 · Parallel 2 Kgs 20:1-3,12-19; Isa. 38:1-3; 39:1-8

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_oil and_stalls to/from_all/each/any/every livestock and_
_livestock and_flocks for_stalls. **29** And_cities he_made to_
_him/it and_livestock_of flock and_herd to_increase_in_
_number if/because he_had_given to_him/it god property
much very. **30** And_he Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_stopped_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_outlet_
_of the_waters_of Giyḥōn (the)_upper and_he_directed_them
(to)_downwards westward_to of_the_city_of of_Dāvid and_
Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_prospered in_all deed_of_his. **31** And_thus/so/as_
_follows in_the_envoys_of the_officials_of Bāvel who_sent
on/upon/above_him/it to_enquire the_sign which it_had_
_happened in/on_the_earth he_left_him the_ʾElohīm to_put_
_him_to_the_test to_know everything_of in_heart_of_his.

32 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_his_covenant_
_of_loyalti(es) THERE_they are_written in_the_vision_of
Yəsha′^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of ʾĀmōṣ the_prophet on the_
_scroll_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel).
33 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_
_people_buried_him at_the_ascent_of the_graves_of the_
_descendants_of Dāvid and_honour they_did to_him/it at_
_death_of_his all_of Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Mənashsheh son_of_his _he_
_became_king in_place_of_him.
33:1 Was_a_son_of two_plus ten year[s] Mənashsheh when_he_
_became_king and_fifty and_five year[s] he_reigned in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_the_abominations_of the_
_nations which **YHWH** he_had_dispossessed from_face/in_
_front_of the_people_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel). **3** And_he_returned
and_he/it_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_high_places which Ḥizqiy^{yāh} his/its_
_father he_had_pulled_down and_he_set_up altars to_Ba′al and_
_he/it_made ʾAshērāh_poles and_he_bowed_down to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens
and_he_served ᴅᴏᴍ_them. **4** And_he_built altars in_house_of
YHWH which **YHWH** he_had_said in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
it_will_be name_of_my forever_perpetuity. **5** And_he/it_built
altars to/from_all/each/any/every the_soldier/messenger_of
the_heavens in_the_two_of the_courtyards_of the_house_of
YHWH. **6** And_he he_made_pass ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his in_fire in_
_valley_of son_of Hinnom and_he_practiced_soothsaying and_
_he_practiced_divination and_he_practiced_sorcery and_he_
_dealt_with necromancer and_soothsayer he_increased for_
_doing (the)_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** to_provoke_him_
_to_anger. **7** And_he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ the_image_of (the)_image
which he_had_made in_house_of the_ʾElohīm which god he_
_had_said to Dāvid and_near/to Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_
_his in_house the_this and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which
I_have_chosen from_all the_tribes_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) I_will_put
ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_my forever_forever. **8** And_not I_will_repeat to_
_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_foot_of Yisrāʾ^{ēl}/(Israel) from_under the_soil
which I_appointed for_ancestors_of_your(pl) only if they_will_

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storehouses for grain, wine, and olive oil, and stalls for his flocks and all kinds of livestock. **29** He built cities for himself, and acquired large numbers of sheep and goats, and also cattle, because God had made him very prosperous.

30 Hizkiyah blocked off the upper outlet at the Gihon spring and directed the water down the western side of 'The City of David'. All his projects were successful, **31** and so when the Babylonian leaders sent messengers to ask about the miracle that had been done in the country, God left him alone to test him and see what he really believed.

Hizkiyah's reign ends · Southern kingdom[183]

32 The record of all the other things Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) did while he was king, which includes a record of his loyal commitment, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael' (Israel). **33** Then Hizkiyah died and was buried in the upper tombs with David's other descendants, and everyone in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah honoured him. Then his son Menasheh (Manasseh) replaced him as king.

Yehudah's king Menasheh · Southern kingdom[184]

33:1 Menasheh (Manasseh) was twelve when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for fifty-five years. **2** He did was what Yahweh had said was evil, like the disgusting things of the people groups that Yahweh had driven out ahead of the Israelis.[185] **3** The hilltop shrines that his father Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) had torn down, he turned around and rebuilt them and erected altars to the Baals, and he made Asherah poles, and he bowed down to all the stars in the sky and served them. **4** He built altars in Yahweh's temple in Yerushalem that Yahweh had previously said that his name would always be associated with.[186] **5** He built altars for all the stars in the sky in both of the temple courtyards, **6** and he made his sons pass through the fire in the Ben-Hinom valley, and he practiced fortune-telling and sorcery and magic, and connected with mediums and spirits. He did so much evil in Yahweh's eyes that it provoked him into getting angry.

7 He made an idol and put it in the temple, yes, where God had told David and his son Shelomoh (Solomon), "My name will be associated with that building forever, there in Yerushalem, which was chosen from among all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes.[187] **8** If Yisrael will be careful to do everything that I've instructed them and follow all the regulations and statutes that were given to them through Mosheh (Moses), then I won't force them to leave the land again that I gave to their ancestors." **9** So

183 RV 32:32 · Parallel 2 Kgs 20:20-21

184 RV 33:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 21:1-9

185 RV 33:2 · Cross-ref. Jer 15:4.

186 RV 33:4 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 6:6.

187 RV 33:7-8 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 9:3-5; 2Ch 7:12-18.

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Menasheh led Yerushalem's inhabitants astray, and all of Yehudah (Judah)—doing more evil than the nations that Yahweh had destroyed ahead of the Israelis.

10 Then Yahweh spoke to King Menasheh and his people, but they paid no attention, **11** so Yahweh brought in the Assyrian king's army leaders and they captured Menasheh. They put a hook in his nose and bronze chains around his feet, and they took him away to Bavel (Babylon). **12** When he was there suffering, he humbled himself in the presence of his ancestors' god Yahweh, and pleaded with him for help. **13** When he prayed, Yahweh listened to him and answered his request and brought him back to Yerushalem to his kingdom. Then Menasheh realised that Yahweh really is God.

14 After that, he rebuilt the outer wall for 'The City of David' on the west of Gihon to the Fish Gate and around the hill—also making it higher. Then he stationed army commanders in all of Yehudah's fortified cities. **15** He removed the foreign gods and idols from the temple, as well as all the altars that he'd built on the temple mount and throughout Yerushalem, and he dumped them all outside the city. **16** Then he rebuilt Yahweh's altar and sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and he told Yehudah to serve Yisrael's god Yahweh. **17** However, the people continued to offer sacrifices at the hilltop shrines, but now only to their god Yahweh.

18 The record of all the other things Menasheh did while he was king, including his prayer to his god and the messages spoken to him by the prophets, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael' (Israel). **19** It's written in 'The Words of Hozay' about his disobedience and unfaithful activities, and how he built the hilltop shrines and Asherah poles and idols before he humbled himself, as well as the response to his pleading in his prayer. **20** Then Menasheh died and was buried at his palace, and his son Amon replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Amon · Southern kingdom[189]

21 Amon was twenty-two when he became king, and he ruled from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for two years. **22** He did what Yahweh had said was evil, just like his father Menasheh (Manasseh) had done, and he sacrificed to all the idols his father had made, and served them. **23** He didn't humble himself and turn to

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_take_care for_doing ~~ÐOM~~ all_of that I_commanded_them to/from_all/each/any/every the_law and_the_regulations and_ _the_judgements by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **9** And_ Mənashsheh _he_misled ~~ÐOM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_doing evil more_than the_nations which **YHWH** he_had_destroyed from_face/in_front_of the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_spoke to Mənashsheh and_near/to people_of_his and_not they_paid_ _attention. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_brought on_them ~~ÐOM~~ the_ _commanders_of the_army which belonged_to_the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_they_captured ~~ÐOM~~ Mənashsheh with_thorns and_they_bound_him with_(the)_fetters and_they_brought_ _him to_Bāvel. **12** And_just_as_harassed to_him/it he_entreated ~~ÐOM~~ the_face_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_he_humbled_himself exceedingly from_to/for_face/front/presence the_god_of his_ _ancestors_of_his. **13** And_he_prayed to_him/it and_he_was_ _entreated to_him/it and_he/it_listened supplication_of_his and_bring_back_brought_him_back Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_kingdom_of_his and_ Mənashsheh _he/it_knew if/because_ _that **YHWH** he the_'Elohīm. **14** And_after thus he_rebuilt the_ _wall outer of_the_city_of of_Dāvid westward_on of_Giyḥōn in_ _wadi and_to_go in_the_gate_of the_fish(es) and_he_went_ _around (to)_'Ofel and_he_made_it_high very and_he/it_ _assigned commanders_of the_army in_all the_cities (the)_ _fortified in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **15** And_he_removed ~~ÐOM~~ the_ _gods_of (the)_foreignness and_~~ÐOM~~ the_image from_the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_all the_altars which he_had_built on_ _the_mountain_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_threw_them outside_to_the of_city. **16** And[188] ~~ÐOM~~ the_altar_of **YHWH** and_he/it_sacrificed on/upon/above_him/it sacrifices_of peace_offering(s) and_ _thanksgiving and_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh to_serve ~~ÐOM~~ **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **17** But still the_people were_ _sacrificing at_places only to/for_**YHWH** god_of_their. **18** And_ _the_rest_of the_matters_of Mənashsheh and_prayer_of_his to his/its_god and_the_words/messages_of the_seers who_spoke to_him/it in/on_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) THERE_they are_on the_matters_of the_kings_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **19** And_prayer_of_his and_being_entreated to_ _him/it and_all sin_of_his and_unfaithfulness_of_his and_the_ _places which he_built in/among_them high_places and_he_ _set_up the_'Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before he_humbled_himself THERE_they are_written on the_words/messages_of Ḥōzay. **20** And_ Mənashsheh _he_ _lay_down with ancestors_of_his and_people_buried_him house_of_his and_ 'Āmōn his/its_son _he_became_king in_ _place_of_him.

21 Was_a_son_of twenty and_two year[s] 'Āmōn when_he_ _became_king and_two years he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **22** And_he/it_made (the)_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** just_as Mənashsheh his/its_father he_had_done and_to/for_all the_idols which Mənashsheh his/its_father he_had_made 'Āmōn he_sacrificed and_he_ _served_them. **23** And_not he_humbled_himself from_to/for_

188 LV 33:16 · Note OSHB variant note: וְכִי/ן: (x-qere) וַיְּבִי/ו: lemma_c/1129 n_1.2.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_14jd4 וַיְּבִי/ו

189 RV 33:21 · Parallel 2 Kgs 21:19-26

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face/front/presence **YHWH** as Mənashsheh his/its_father _ _had_humbled_himself if/because that ’Āmōn he_increased guilt. **24** And_they_conspired on/upon/above_him/it servants_ _of_his and_they_killed_him in_his_own_of_house. **25** And_ the_ _people_of the_earth/land _they_struck_down ᵭᵒᵐ all_of those_who_had_conspired on the_king ’Āmōn and_ the_people_ _of the_earth/land _they_made_king ᵭᵒᵐ Yo’shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) son_of_his in_place_of_him.

34:1 Was_a_son_of eight years Yo’shiy^{yāh} when_he_became_king and_thirty and_one year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_he/it_made the_right in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_he/it_went in_the_ways_of Dāvid his/its_father and_not he_turned_aside right_hand and_left_ _hand. **3** And_in_eight years of_reigning_his and_he still_he was_a_youth he_began to_seek (to)_the_god_of Dāvid his/its_ _father and_in_two_plus ten year he_began to_cleanse ᵭᵒᵐ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from the_ _high_places and_the_’Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols and_the_ _molten_images. **4** And_people_pulled_down before_him ᵭᵒᵐ the_altars_of the_Ba‘al and_the_incense_altars which were_ _upward_upwards (from)_above_them he_cut_down and_the_ _’Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols and_the_molten_images he_ _broke_in_pieces and_he_pulverised_them and_he_sprinkled_ _them on the_surface_of the_graves which_had_sacrificed to/for_them. **5** And_the_bones_of priests he_burnt on altars_of_ _their[194] and_he_cleansed ᵭᵒᵐ Yəhūdāh and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_in_the_cities_of Mənashsheh and_’Efrayim and_Shim‘ōn and_unto Naftālī in/on/at/with mmm[195] all_around. **7** And_he_pulled_down ᵭᵒᵐ the_altars and_ᵭᵒᵐ the_’Ashērāh_poles and_the_idols he_crushed to_ _pulverise and_all the_incense_altars he_cut_down in_all the_ _land_of Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) and_he_returned to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** And_in_year_of eight- teen of_ _reigning_his to_cleanse the_earth/land and_the_house he_ _sent ᵭᵒᵐ Shāfān the_son_of ’Atsal^{yāh}ū and_ᵭᵒᵐ Ma‘$_a$sē^{yāh} the_ _official_of the_city and_ᵭᵒᵐ Yō’āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of Yō’āḥaz the_recorder to_repair ᵭᵒᵐ the_house_of **YHWH** his/its_god. **9** And_they_came to Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_priest/officer (the)_great and_they_gave ᵭᵒᵐ the_money which_had_been_brought the_ _house_of god which the_Lēviyyiy who_kept_of (of)_the_ _threshold they_had_gathered from_the_hand_of Mənashsheh and_’Efrayim and_from_all the_remnant_of Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) and_from_all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn and[196] of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** And_they_gave_it on the_hand_of the_doer[s]_of the_work who_had_been_appointed in_house_of **YHWH** and_they_gave ᵭᵒᵐ_him/it the_doers_of the_work who were_working in_house_of **YHWH** to_mend and_to_repair the_

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Yahweh like his father had, so Amon's guilt was even worse.

24 Then Amon's servants conspired against him, and assassinated him in his palace, **25** but the local people executed everyone who'd conspired against King Amon, and made his son Yoshiyah (Josiah) king in his place.

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34:1 Yoshiyah (Josiah) was eight when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for thirty-one years.[191] **2** He did what Yahweh had said was right, and made similar decisions to his ancestor David—not deviating to the right or the left.

3 In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still a teenager, he began to learn more about the god of his ancestor David, and in the twelfth year, he began to remove the hilltop shrines from Yerushalem and across Yehudah (Judah), as well as the Asherah poles, and the carved and cast metal idols. **4** He watched while they tore down the altars for the Baals and cut down the incense altars that were above them. He shattered the Asherah poles and the idols,[192] then crushed them to powder, which he scattered over the graves of the people who'd sacrificed to them. **5** He burnt the bones of those priests on their altars,[193] and that's how he purified Yerushalem and all of Yehudah, **6** as well as the cities in the tribes of Menasheh (Manasseh), Efrayim (Ephraim), Shim'on (Simeon), and as far north as Naftali (Naphtali), including in the ruins around them. **7** He tore down the altars and the Asherah poles, ground the idols into pieces, and cut down the incense altars in all of Yisrael (Israel), before returning to Yerushalem.

8 In his eighteenth year as king, in order to purify the land and the temple, he sent Atsalyah's son Shafan, Ma'aseyah the city official, and Yo'ahaz's son Yoah the secretary, to repair his god Yahweh's residence. **9** They went to Hilkiyah the high priest and handed over the funds that had been donated for God's house, which had been collected by the Levites as doorkeepers—the money was from the tribes of Menasheh, Efrayim, and other places in the northern kingdom of Yisrael, as well as from Yerushalem's inhabitants and people across all of Yehudah and Benyamin. **10** The priests then paid the workers who'd been assigned to work in Yahweh's temple to repair and strengthen it. **11** They also paid the carpenters and builders to buy cut stone

190 RV 34:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 22:1-2

191 RV 34:1 · Cross-ref. Jer 3:6.

192 RV 34:4 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 21:3; 2Ch 33:3.

193 RV 34:5 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 13:2.

194 LV 34:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **מיתוחבזמ**: (x-qere) **’ם/תוֹחְבְּזִמ**’: lemma_4196 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3mp id_14MNm **ם/תוֹחְבְּזִמ**

195 LV 34:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **סה/יתְּבְרַח/ב**: (x-qere) **’סֶה/יתְּבְרַח/ב**’: lemma_b/2719 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3mp id_14CXE **סֶה/יתְּבְרַח/ב**

196 LV 34:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבשי/ו**: (x-qere) **’וּבֶשְׁי/ו**’: lemma_c/7725 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3mp id_14d7c **וּבֶשְׁי/ו**

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and timber for the beams and braces which Yehudah's kings had allowed to deteriorate, **12** and the workers did their work faithfully. Their supervisors were Yahat and Ovadyah (Obadiah) (Levites descended from Merari), as well as Zekaryah (Zechariah) and Meshulam (descendants of Levi's son Kohat), and all the Levites who were good on their musical instruments. **13** They also supervised the porters and people working on various other tasks. Some of the Levites were secretaries, officials, and guards.

14 When they were bringing the money out of the temple, Hilkiyah the high priest found a scroll containing Yahweh's instructions that had been given via Mosheh (Moses). **15** Hilkiyah informed the scribe Shafan that he'd found a Torah scroll in the temple, and he gave him the scroll. **16** Shafan took the scroll with him to the king and reported to him, "Your servants are doing everything they were assigned to do. **17** They've taken the cash that was in Yahweh's residence, and passed it on to the supervisors of the workers." **18** Then Shafan told the king, "I've brought a scroll that the priest Hilkiyah gave me," and then he started reading it out to the king.

19 When the king heard the words of God's instructions, he tore his clothes in grief. **20** Then he commanded Hilkiyah, Shafan's son Ahikam, Mikah's son Avdon, Shafan himself, and the king's special advisor Asayah, **21** "Go and ask Yahweh on my behalf, and on behalf of everyone in Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah), what he wants us to do with respect to the instructions on the scroll that's just been found, because it seems that Yahweh will be very angry at us because our ancestors haven't followed all of Yahweh's instructions as they're written on that scroll."

22 So Hilkiyah and the others went to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) Second District, to the prophetess Huldah (wife of Shalum, son of Tokahat, son of Hasrah who took care of the temple robes). They passed on the king's question, **23** and she replied, "Yisrael's god Yahweh says to tell the king: **24** Yahweh says, 'Listen, I'm going to bring disaster on this place and its inhabitants, as per all the curses written on that scroll that was read to Yehudah's king, **25** because they've abandoned me and offered incense to other gods. That's made me angry, and so my rage will be poured out on this place, and it can't be prevented.' **26** However, Yehudah's king sent you all to ask for Yahweh's direction, so tell him, 'Yisrael's god Yahweh says that after hearing the scroll's words, **27** you were sincere, and you humbled yourself in front of God when you heard his words about this place and its inhabitants. Yes, Yahweh declares you've humbled yourself in front of me and torn your clothes, and wept in front of me, and I've personally heard you. **28** So listen, I'll allow you to die and be buried in peace, and so your eyes won't see the disas-

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_house. **11** And_they_gave_it to_craftsmen and_to_builders to_ _acquire stones_of hewing and_wood(s) for_clamps and_to_ _make_beams_for ᴅᴏᴍ the_houses which the_kings_of Yəhūdāh they_had_ruined. **12** And_the_men were_working in_ _faithfulness in_work and_over_them Yaḥat/(Jahath) and_ _ʿOvadʸāh the_Lēviyyiy of the_descendants_of Mərārī and_ _Zəkarʸāh and_Məshullām of the_descendants_of the_Qəhātites were_appointed to_act_as_overseers and_the_Lēviyyiy every_of one_who_was_skilled in_instruments_of song. **13** (And)_were_ _over the_burden-bearers and_were_acting_as_overseers to_ _all/each/any/every doer_of work for_labour and_labour and_ _some_of_the_Lēviyyiy were_scribes and_officials and_ _gatekeepers. **14** And_when_they_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_money which_had_been_brought the_house_of **YHWH** Ḥilqiyʸāh the_ _priest/officer he_found ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll_of the_law_of **YHWH** by_the_hand_of Mosheh. **15** And_ Ḥilqiyʸāh _he_answered and_ _he/it_said to Shāfān the_scribe the_scroll_of the_law I_have_ _found in_house_of **YHWH** and_ Ḥilqiyʸāh _he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _scroll to Shāfān. **16** And_ Shāfān _he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll to the_king and_he_brought_back again ᴅᴏᴍ the_king message to_say all that it_was_given in_the_hand_of your_servants they are_doing. **17** And_they_have_poured_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_money which_was_found in_house_of **YHWH** and_they_have_given_it on the_hand_of those_who_had_been_appointed and_on the_ _hand_of the_doers_of the_work. **18** And_ Shāfān the_scribe _ _he_told to/for_the_king to_say a_scroll he_has_given to_me Ḥilqiyʸāh the_priest/officer and_he/it_called in_him/it Shāfān to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **19** And_he/it_was just_ the_king _as_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_law and_he_tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his. **20** And_ the_king _he/it_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Ḥilqiyʸāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʾAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿAvdōn the_son_of Mīkāh and_ᴅᴏᴍ Shāfān the_ _scribe and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʿAsāʸāh the_servant_of the_king to_say. **21** Go consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** for_me and_for the_one_who_remains among_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_among_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on the_ _words/messages_of the_scroll which it_has_been_found if/because is_great the_rage_of **YHWH** which it_has_been_ _poured_out on_us on that not ancestors_of_our they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_message_of **YHWH** for_doing according_to_every_of (the)_ _thing_written on the_scroll (the)_this. **22** And_ Ḥilqiyʸāh and_ _which the_king _he/it_went to Ḥuldāh the_prophetess the_ _wife_of Shallūm the_son_of Tōqahat[197] the_son_of Ḥaṣrāh the_ _keeper_of the_garments and_she was_dwelling in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_district and_they_spoke to_her/it like_this. **23** And_she/it_said to/for_them thus **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says say to_man who he_sent you(pl) to_ _me. **24** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_curses which_are_written on the_scroll which people_have_read_aloud to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **25** Because that they_have_abandoned_ _me and[198][199] to_gods other so_as to_provoke_me_to_anger by_ _all_of the_works_of their_hands_of_their and_ rage_of_my _it_ _will_pour_forth on_place the_this and_not it_will_be_

197 LV 34:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תהקות: (x-qere) 'תַּהֲקָת': lemma_8445 n_1.1.1 morph_HNp id_14SpF תַּהֲקָת

198 LV 34:25 · Note OSHB variant note: וריטקי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְרִטַּקְי/ו': lemma_c/6999 a n_1.2.0 morph_HC/Vpw3mp id_14LnE וְרִטַּקְי/ו

199 LV 34:25 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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_quenched. **26** And_near/to the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_
_sent you(pl) to_consult (in)_**YHWH** thus you(pl)_will_say to_
_him/it thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says the_
_words/messages which you_have_heard. **27** Because heart_of_
_your it_was_soft and_you_humbled_yourself from_to/for_
_face/front/presence god when_heard_you ÐOM
words/messages_of_his on the_place the_this and_on
inhabitants_of_its and_you_humbled_yourself to/for_my_
_face/front and_you_tore ÐOM clothes_of_your and_you_wept
before_me and_also I I_have_heard the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
28 HERE_I will_gather_of_you to ancestors_of_your and_you_
_will_be_gathered to grave(s)_of_your in_peace and_not eyes_
_of_your they_will_look on_all_of the_distress which I will_
_bring on the_place the_this and_on inhabitants_of_its and_
_they_brought_back ÐOM the_king message. **29** And_ the_king _
_he_sent and_he_gathered ÐOM all_of the_elders_of Yəhūdāh
and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **30** And_ the_king _he/it_
_ascended the_house_of **YHWH** and_all (the)_person_of
Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_all the_people from_
_the_great and_unto the_small and_he/it_called in_ears_of_
_their ÐOM all_of the_words/messages_of the_scroll_of the_
_covenant which_had_been_found the_house_of **YHWH**.
31 And_ the_king _he_stood at place_of_his and_he_made ÐOM
the_covenant to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_go
after **YHWH** and_to_keep ÐOM commands_of_his and_
_testimonies_of_his and_regulations_of_his in_all heart_of_his
and_on/over_all being_of_his for_doing ÐOM the_
_words/messages_of the_covenant which_were_written on the_
_scroll (the)_this. **32** And_he_made_stand ÐOM every_of (the)_
_one_who_was_found in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
Binyāmīn and the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _
_they_did according_to_the_covenant_of god the_god_of their_
_ancestors_of_their. **33** And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_removed
ÐOM all_of the_abominations from_all the_lands which
belonged_to_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_made_to_
_serve ÐOM every_of (the)_one_who_was_found in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_serve ÐOM **YHWH** god_of_their all_of
his/its_days not they_turned_aside from_after **YHWH** the_god_
_of their_ancestors_of_their.

35:1 And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh} _he/it_made in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
a_passover to/for_**YHWH** and_people_slaughtered the_
_passover on_day_four- teen of_month (the)_first. **2** And_he_
_appointed the_priests on duties_of_their and_he_encouraged_
_them for_the_service_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_he/it_
_said to_Lēviyyiy the[205] to/from_all/each/any/every
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (the)_holy to/for_**YHWH** put ÐOM the_box_of
(the)_holiness in_house which Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_
_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_built there_will_not_
_be to/for_you(pl) a_burden on_shoulder now serve ÐOM
YHWH god_of_your(pl) and_ÐOM people_of_his Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 And_be_prepared[206][207] to_the_house_of your(pl)_ancestors_

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ter that I'll send to this place and its inhabitants.' "
So they took that response back to the king.
29 Then the king summoned all the elders from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and from across Yehudah, **30** and they all walked up to the temple, with the inhabitants of Yerushalem and all of Yehudah, and the priests and the Levites, and all the people, irrespective of their standing in the community. Then the king read everything out to them that was on the Torah scroll that had been found in the temple. **31** Then the king stood at his normal place and made an agreement with Yahweh: to obey Yahweh and follow his instructions and his regulations and statutes, sincerely and with all his energy—doing what was in the joint understanding that had been written on the scroll. **32** Then he had everyone from Yerushalem and Benyamin take a stand in agreement to it, and so Yerushalem's inhabitants renewed their agreement with their ancestors' god. **33** So King Yoshiyah (Josiah) removed all the disgusting idols from all the Israeli regions, and he made everyone in Yisrael (Israel) serve their god Yahweh—during his lifetime they never turned away from Yahweh, their ancestors' god.

Celebrating the messenger's 'passing-over' · Southern kingdom[200]

35:1 Then King Yoshiyah (Josiah) prepared a 'pass-over' celebration in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and they slaughtered the lambs at the end of March. **2** He assigned the priests to the various tasks that needed to be done, and encouraged them to do their work well. **3** He told the Levites (they'd been separated from the other tribes in order to serve Yahweh) who were teaching all of Yisrael (Israel), "Place the sacred box in the house that was built by David's son, Yisrael's King Shelomoh (Solomon)—it won't be a

200 RV 35:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 23:21-23

205 LV 35:3 · Note OSHB variant note: הינובמ/ה: (x-qere) ה'מ֫יְנִיבְמִ֫/ה': lemma_d/995 morph_HTd/Vhrmpa id_14LZM מ֫יְנִיבְמִ֫/ה

206 LV 35:4 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

207 LV 35:4 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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burden any more for your shoulders. Now serve your god Yahweh and his Israeli people, **4** and prepare yourselves in your clan divisions as per the instructions written by Yisrael's King David and his son Shelomoh.[201] **5** Then stand in the temple area, grouped by your clans and ready to help the other tribes. **6** Consecrate yourselves and slaughter the 'pass-over' lambs for the people as per the instructions given through Mosheh (Moses) by Yahweh.

7 King Yoshiyah provided thirty thousand lambs and young goats from his own flocks for the 'pass-over' sacrifices, and three thousand bulls from his own herds. **8** His officials also contributed for the benefit of the people, priests, and Levites. The chief temple officials Hilkiyah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Yehiel donated 2,600 lambs and three hundred cattle to the priests. **9** The Levite leaders Konaniyah and his younger brothers Shemayah and Netanel, along with Hashavyah, Yeiel, and Yozavad, together contributed five thousand lambs and three hundred bulls.

10 So everything was prepared as the king had commanded, and the priests stood at their places, and the Levites were there in their various divisions, **11** and they slaughtered the 'pass-over' lambs, then the priests sprinkled the blood while the Levites skinned the animals. **12** They set aside the animals to be burnt on the altar, in order to give them to the various family groups to offer to Yahweh, following the instructions Mosheh had written down. They did the same thing with the cattle. **13** They roasted the 'pass-over' meal over the fire as per the instructions,[202] and they boiled the meat of the sacred offerings in pots and kettles and pans, and served the meat immediately to all the people who were there. **14** Afterwards, the Levites prepared the meal for themselves and for the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants), because the priests had been busy sacrificing the burnt offerings and the fat portions right through to the evening. **15** The singers (Asaf's descendants) were at their posts, as they'd been commanded by King David, Asaf, Heyman, and the king's prophet Yedutun.[203] The men guarding the gates didn't have to leave their posts, because their fellow Levites prepared food for them.

16 So on that day, everything that needed to be done for worshipping Yahweh was done. They celebrated the 'pass-over' festival, and they sacrificed burnt offerings as King Yoshiyah (Josiah) had commanded. **17** The Israelis who were there celebrated the 'pass-over' that day, then they celebrated the 'Festival of Flat Bread' for seven days.[204] **18** There hadn't been a

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_of_your(pl) according_to_of_your(pl)_divisions by_the_ _writing_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_by_the_ _writing_of Shəlomoh son_of_his. **5** And_stand in_place to_the_ _divisions_of the_house_of the_ancestors of_countrymen_of_ _your(pl) the_sons_of the_people and_a_division_of the_house_ _of an_ancestor for_Lēviyyiy. **6** And_slaughter the_passover and_consecrate_yourselves and_prepare for_countrymen_of_ _your(pl) for_doing according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh. **7** And_ Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_ _contributed for_the_sons_of the_people flock[s] lambs and_ _the_sons goats (the)_everything for_passovers to/from_ _all/each/any/every (the)_one_who_was_found to_the_ _number_of thirty thousand and_cattle three_of thousand(s) these were_from_the_property_of the_king. **8** And_officials_of_ _his to_a_freewill_offering for_people for_priests and_for_ _Lēviyyiy they_contributed Ḥilqiy^{yāh} and_Zəkar^{yāh} and_ _Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) the_officers_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm to_ _priests they_gave for_passovers two_thousand and_six hundred(s) and_cattle three hundred(s). **9** And[208] and_ _Shəma'^{yāh} and_Nətan'ēl brothers_of_his and_Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} and_ _Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) Yōzāvˇād/(Jozabad) the_leaders_of the_Lēviyyiy they_contributed for_Lēviyyiy for_passovers five_of thousand(s) and_cattle five hundred(s). **10** And_ the_service _it_ _was_arranged and_ the_priests _they_stood at place_of_their and_the_Lēviyyiy on divisions_of_their according_to_the_ _command_of the_king. **11** And_they_slaughtered the_passover and_ the_priests _they_sprinkled from_hand_of_their and_the_ _Lēviyyiy were_skinning_them. **12** And_they_put_aside the_ _burnt_offering[s] to_give_them to_the_divisions of_the_house_ _of ancestors of_the_sons_of of_the_people to_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** according_what_is_written in_the_scroll_of Mosheh and_thus/so/as_follows for_cattle. **13** And_they_ _cooked the_passover in_fire according_the_ordinance and_ _the_holy_offerings they_boiled in_pots and_in_(the)_pots and_ _in_bowls and_they_brought_them_quickly to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_children_of the_people. **14** And_after they_prepared to/for_them and_for_priests if/because the_ _priests the_descendants_of 'Ah$_a$ron were_in_offering_up the_ _burnt_offering[s] and_the_fat(s) until night and_the_Lēviyyiy they_prepared to/for_them and_for_priests the_descendants_ _of 'Ah$_a$ron. **15** And_the_singers the_descendants_of 'Āṣāf were_ _at position_of_their according_to_the_command_of Dāvid and_'Āṣāf and_Hēymān and_Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun) the_seer_of the_king and_the_gatekeepers were_to_a_gate and_a_gate[209] there_was_not to/for_them to_turn_aside from_under service_ _of_their if/because relatives_of_their the_Lēviyyiy they_ _prepared to/for_them. **16** And_ all_of the_service_of **YHWH** _ _it_was_arranged in_the_day (the)_that for_doing the_passover

201 **RV 35:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 8:14.

202 **RV 35:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:8-9.

203 **RV 35:15 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 25:1.

204 **RV 35:17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-20.

208 **LV 35:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְהִינָנֻכְ/ו: (x-qere) וְהֵינֵנָכְ/ו': lemma_c/3562 n_1.0.1.1 morph_HC/Np id_141sn וְהֵינֵנָכְ/ו

209 **LV 35:15 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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and_to_offer_up burnt_offerings on the_altar_of **YHWH** according_to_the_command_of the_king Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah). **17** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_were_found _they_ _made ĐOM the_passover at_time (the)_that and_ĐOM the_ _festival_of the_unleavened_bread(s) seven_of days. **18** And_not a_passover it_had_been_observed like_it in_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) since_the_days_of Shəmū'^{ēl}/(Samuel) the_prophet and_all (the)_kings_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) not they_had_observed like_ _passover which Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) which_was_ _found and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_ _observed. **19** In_eight- teen year of_(the)_reign of_Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_passover (the)_this it_was_observed.

20 After all_of this when Yo'shiy^{yāh} he_had_prepared ĐOM the_ _house Nəkō the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he_went_up to_do_ _battle at_Karkəməysh/(Carchemish) on the_Pərāt and_he/it_ _went_out to_meet_him Yo'shiy^{yāh}. **21** And_he_sent to_him/it messengers to_say what to/for_me and_to_you Oh_king_of Yəhūdāh not on_you you the_day if/because against the_ _house_of my_battle_of_my and_god he_has_said I_to_hurry cease to/for_yourself(m) from_god who is_with_me and_not he_will_destroy_you. **22** And_not Yo'shiy^{yāh} he_turned face_of_ _his from_him/it if/because to_fight in/on/over_him/it he_ _disguised_himself and_not he_listened to the_ _words/messages_of Nəkō from_the_mouth_of god and_he_ _went to_do_battle in_the_valley_of Məgiddōn. **23** And_ the_ _archers _they_shot_arrows to/for_the_king Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) and_ the_king _he/it_said to_servants_of_his take_me_away if/because I_have_been_wounded exceedingly. **24** And_they_ _took_him_away servants_of_his from the_chariot and_they_ _made_him_ride on the_chariot_of (the)_second which to_ _him/it and_they_brought_him Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _he/it_died and_he_was_buried in_the_grave(s)_of his_ _ancestors_of_his and_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) were_mourning on Yo'shiy^{yāh}. **25** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _he_made_a_lament on Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_they_said all_of the_male_singers and_the_female_singers in_lamentations_of_their on Yo'shiy^{yāh} until the_day and_they_ _made_them into_a_decree on Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_THERE_they are_written on the_lamentations. **26** And_the_rest_of the_ _matters_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_his_covenant_of_loyalti(es) according_what_is_written in_the_law_of **YHWH**. **27** And_ _matters_of_his (the)_former and_(the)_latter THERE_they are_ _written on the_scroll_of the_kings_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah).

36:1 And_ the_people_of the_earth/land _they_took ĐOM Yəhō'āḥāz/(Jehoahaz) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} and_they_made_ _him_king in_place_of his/its_father in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** Was_a_son_of three and_twenty year[s] Yəhō'āḥāz when_he_became_king and_three months he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_he_removed_ _him the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_imposed_a_fine_on ĐOM the_ _earth/land one_hundred talent[s]_of silver and_a_talent_of

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'pass-over' celebration done like that in Yisrael (Israel) since the time of the prophet Shmuel (Samuel), and none of Yisrael's kings had ever done it like Yoshiyah did, along with the priests and Levites and the people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all of Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael. **19** They celebrated that festival in the eighteenth year of Yoshiyah's reign.

The death of Yehudah's King Yoshiyah · Southern kingdom[210]

20 After all of Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) work on temple restoration, Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Nekoh went to attack Karkemish city on the Perat (Euphrates) river, and Yoshiyah went out to confront him. **21** Nekoh sent messengers to tell Yoshiyah, "What's this got to do with you, King of Yehudah (Judah)? We're not attacking you at present, because we're in a different fight, and God told me to hurry. Don't oppose God, who's with me, and don't make him destroy you." **22** However, Yoshiyah wouldn't listen, but disguised himself before going into battle. He didn't listen to Nekoh even though he was speaking for God, so he went to fight on the Megidon plain.

23 King Yoshiyah was hit by the archers, and he told his servants, "Get me away from here, because I'm badly wounded." **24** So his servants lifted him off his chariot and took him on his reserve chariot back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), where he died. He was buried in a tomb with his ancestors, and all of Yerushalem and Yehudah mourned over him.

25 The prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) wrote a funeral song for him, which the male and female singers still use at funerals to this day. That became a custom in Yisrael (Israel) —the words of that song are written in a scroll of funeral songs.

26 The record of all the other things Yoshiyah did while he was king, and his loyal commitment to following Yahweh's instructions, **27** including his actions from the beginning to the end of his reign, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael and Yehudah'.

Yehudah's King Yehoahaz · Southern kingdom[211]

36:1 Then the people of Yehudah (Judah) took Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son Yehoahaz and made him king in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to replace his father. **2** Yehoahaz was twenty-three when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem for only three months. **3** Then Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king deposed him and forced the country to pay an annual tribute of thirty kilograms of gold and three tonnes of silver. **4** Mitsrayim's King

210 RV 35:20 · Parallel 2 Kgs 23:28-30

211 RV 36:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 23:30-35

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Nekoh took Yehoahaz to Mitsrayim,[212] and then the king made his younger brother Elyakim king over Yehudah and Yerushalem, although he changed Elyakim's name to Yehoyakim.

Yehudah's King Yehoyakim · Southern kingdom[213]

5 Yehoyakim was twenty-five when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. He did many things that Yahweh had said were evil.[214] 6 Bavel's (Babylon's) King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) attacked and captured Yehoyakim and took him to Bavel in bronze chains,[215] 7 along with some items from Yahweh's temple that were taken to Bavel and placed in the king's temple there.

8 The record of all the other things Yehoyakim did while he was king, including the disgusting things he did, was written on the scroll 'The kings of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah' (Judah), and his son Yehoyakin replaced him as king.

Yehudah's King Yehoyakin · Southern kingdom[216]

9 Yehoyakin was eighteen[217] when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for just ten days. He did many things that Yahweh had said were evil. 10 At the beginning of the next year, King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) sent soldiers to bring him to Bavel (Babylon), bringing valuable items from the temple,[218] and he made his younger brother Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) king over Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem.[219]

Yehudah's king Tsidkiyah · Southern kingdom[220]

11 Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) was twenty-one when he became king, and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years.[221] 12 He did many things that Yahweh had said were evil, in fact, he didn't even humble himself when the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) brought him a message from Yahweh. 13 He'd become very stubborn and wouldn't return to Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh, and he also rebelled against King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), who'd made him promise in front of God to be loyal.[222] 14 In addition, all the leaders of the priests and the people of Yehudah (Judah) became more and more unfaithful,

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gold. 4 And_ the_king_of Mitsrayim _he_made_king ĐOM ʾElyāqīm his/its_brother over Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_changed ĐOM his/its_name Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_ĐOM Yəhōʾāḥāz his/its_brother Nəkō he_took and_he_brought_him towards_Mitsrayim.

5 Was_a_son_of twenty and_five year[s] Yəhōyāqīm when_he_ _became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_god. 6 On/upon/above_him/it Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_came_up and_he_ _bound_him with_(the)_fetters to_take_him to_Bāvel. 7 And_ _some_of_the_articles_of the_house_of **YHWH** Nebuchadnezzar he_brought to_Bāvel and_he_put_them in_palace_of_his in_ _Bāvel. 8 And_the_rest_of the_matters_of Yəhōyāqīm and_ _abominations_of_his which he_did and_that_which_was_found on/upon/above_him/it THERE_they are_written on the_scroll_ _of the_kings_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_ Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) his/its_son _he_became_king in_place_ _of_him.

9 Was_a_son_of eight years Yəhōyākīn when_he_became_king and_three months and_ten_of days he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH**. 10 And_to_the_return_of the_year the_ _king Nebuchadnezzar he_sent and_he_brought_him to_Bāvel with the_articles_of preciousness_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_ _he_made_king ĐOM Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) his/its_brother over Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

11 Was_a_son_of twenty and_one year[s] Tsidqiy^{yāh} when_he_ _became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 12 And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_ _both_eyes_of **YHWH** his/its_god not he_humbled_himself from_to/for_face/front/presence Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_ _prophet from_the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 13 And_also against_king Nebuchadnezzar he_rebelled who he_had_made_him_swear_ _an_oath by_god and_he_stiffened ĐOM neck_of_his and_he_ _made_hard ĐOM heart_of_his from_turning_back to **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 14 Also all_of the_leaders_of the_ _priests and_the_people they_increased to_act_unfaithfully unfaithfulness[226][227] according_to_all_of the_abominations_of the_nations and_they_made_unclean ĐOM the_house_of **YHWH**

212 **RV 36:4 · Cross-ref.** Jer 22:11-12.

213 **RV 36:5 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 23:36–24:7

214 **RV 36:5 · Cross-ref.** Jer 22:18-19; 26:1-6; 35:1-19.

215 **RV 36:6 · Cross-ref.** Jer 25:1-38; 36:1-32; 45:1-5; Dan 1:1-2.

216 **RV 36:9 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 24:8-17

217 **RV 36:9 · Note** Using 2 Kings 24:8 to (hopefully) correct the Hebrew here which has 'eight'.

218 **RV 36:10 · Cross-ref.** Jer 22:24-30; 24:1-10; 29:1-2; Eze 17:12.

219 **RV 36:10 · Cross-ref.** Jer 37:1; Eze 17:13.

220 **RV 36:11 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 24:18-20; Jer. 52:1-3a

221 **RV 36:11 · Cross-ref.** Jer 27:1-22; 28:1-17.

222 **RV 36:13 · Cross-ref.** Eze 17:15.

226 **LV 36:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

227 **LV 36:14 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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which he_had_consecrated in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
15 And_ **YHWH** the_god_of their_ancestors_of_their _he_sent to_them by_the_hand_of his_messengers_of_his rising_early and_sending if/because he_had_compassion on people_of_his and_on place_of_his_dwelling. **16** And_they_were deriding (in)_ _the_messengers_of the_'Elohīm and_despising words/messages_of_his and_mocking at_prophets_of_his until the_rage_of **YHWH** came_up on_people_of_his until (to)_there_ _was_not healing. **17** And_he/it_ascended on_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _king_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy[228] and_he_killed men_of_their_ _young with_sword in_house_of their_sanctuary_of_their and_ _not he_had_compassion on young_man and_young_woman the_old and_the_decrepit (the)_everyone he_gave in_his/its_ _hand. **18** And_all/each/any/every the_articles_of the_house_of the_'Elohīm the_big(pl) and_(the)_small and_the_treasures_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_treasures_of the_king and_ _officials_of_his (the)_everything he_brought Bāvel. **19** And_ _they_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_they_pulled_ _down ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_all palaces_of_its they_burnt with_fire and_all the_articles_of its_ _desirable_things_of_her to_destroy. **20** And_he_took_into_exile the_remainder from the_drought//sword/knife to Bāvel and_ _they_became to_him/it and_for_sons_of_his (into)_slaves until the_kingdom_of Pāraṣ reigned. **21** To_fulfill the_message_of **YHWH** by_the_mouth_of Yirmᵊyāh/(Jeremiah) until the_ _earth/land it_has_accepted ᴅᴏᴍ sabbaths_of_its all_of the_ _days_of its_being_made_desolate it_rested to_complete seventy year[s].
22 And_in_year_of one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_king_ _of Pāraṣ to_fulfill the_message_of **YHWH** by_the_mouth_of Yirmᵊyāh **YHWH** he_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_spirit_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) the_king_of Pāraṣ and_he_caused_to_ _pass a_proclamation in_all his/its_kingdom and_also in_ _writing to_say. **23** Thus he_says Kōresh the_king_of Pāraṣ all_of the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land he_has_given to_me **YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens and_he he_has_appointed (on)_me to_ _build to_him/it a_house in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which is_ _in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who is_among_you(pl) from_all people_ _of_his **YHWH** his/its_god with_him/it and_let_him_go_up.

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doing disgusting things often done in other nations, and then they defiled Yahweh's residence, which he'd consecrated in Yerushalem.

15 So Yahweh, their ancestors' god, sent many messages via his prophets, because he felt compassion for his people and his residence, **16** but they mocked God's messengers and rejected the messages—ridiculing his prophets until Yahweh became so angry that he couldn't be stopped. **17** So Yahweh sent the Chaldean king against them, and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) ran Yehudah's young men through with the sword, even in the temple, and they didn't spare any of the young men or women, or even those who were older or elderly—God allowed Nevukadnetsar to thoroughly defeat them.[223] **18** Then he took everything valuable, big or small, from God's temple, as well as from the king and his officials. **19** They set God's temple on fire,[224] and tore down some of the wall surrounding Yerushalem, burnt all its palaces, and destroyed everything valuable. **20** Anyone else who was still alive was taken to Bavel (Babylon), where they became servants to the king and his children until the time when the Persians came to power. **21** That fulfilled God's message that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had previously proclaimed, that the land would become desolate to make up for the Rest Days that had been ignored—that took seventy years.[225]

Koresh sends the exiles back to Yehudah · Southern kingdom[229]

22 During the first year that King Koresh (Cyrus) reigned over Paras (Persia), in order to further fulfil what Yahweh had said via the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), Yahweh worked on the spirit of King Koresh who then wrote this ruling and sent messengers to announce it throughout his kingdom: **23** "I, Paras's King Koresh, declare that Yahweh, the god of the heavens, has given me all these earthly kingdoms, and he's given me the job of building a house for him in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), which is in Yehudah (Judah).[230] To help with that, anyone who's from there is allowed to return, and may their god Yahweh be with them and help them.

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223 RV 36:17 · Cross-ref. Jer 21:1-10; 34:1-5.

224 RV 36:19 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 9:8.

225 RV 36:21 · Cross-ref. Jer 25:11; 29:10.

228 LV 36:17 · Note OSHB variant note: יירדשכ: (x-qere) יְהוּדָֽה׃: lemma_3778 n_1.1.1 morph_HNgmpa id_14UwH יְהוּדָֽה׃

229 RV 36:22 · Parallel Ezra 1:1-4

230 RV 36:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 44:28.

Proverbs

Introduction

This collection of *Proverbs*, is one way of teaching so that godly people have good examples of sensible life principles. Most of these sayings concern a person's lifestyle and internal values. Perhaps the most critical proverb included in here is: "The first step towards being wise is to strive to obey Yahweh" (1:7; 9:10). The sayings illustrate the good results that can come from following wise paths and not that of stupidity, as the path of wicked people is like deep darkness (4:19), and in contrast, the path of those who do what is right, is like a bright light (v18). These proverbs are a collection of useful sayings that help to impart godly wisdom to the reader.

Main components of this collection

Praising wisdom *1:1–9:18*
Shelomoh's (Solomon's) sayings *10:1–29:27*
Agur's sayings *30:1-33*
Various other proverbs *31:1-31*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_proverbs_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_son_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** To_know wisdom and_discipline to_teach words/messages_of understanding. **3** To_ _take/accept/receive correction_of insight righteousness and_ _justice and_uprightness(es). **4** To_give to_naive_people prudence to_a_youth knowledge and_discretion. **5** A_prudent_ _one let_him_listen and_let_him_increase learning and_one_ _who_has_understanding guidance(s) let_him_get. **6** To_ _understand a_proverb and_a_parable the_words/messages_of learned_ones and_parables_of_their.

7 The_fear_of **YHWH** is_the_beginning_of knowledge wisdom and_discipline fools they_despise. **8** Listen_to my_son_of_my the_correction_of your_father_of_your and_do_not reject the_ _instruction_of your_mother_of_your. **9** If/because will_be_a_ _wreath_of grace they for_head_of_your and_necklaces for_ _neck(s)_of_your. **10** My_son_of_my if they_will_entice_you sinners do_not be_willing. **11** If they_will_say come with_us let_ _us_lie_in_wait for_blood let_us_lie_hidden for_an_innocent_ _one without_cause. **12** Let_us_engulf_them like_Shə'ōl alive and_complete like_those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **13** All_of wealth prized we_will_find we_will_fill houses_of_our plunder. **14** Lot_of_your you_will_throw among_us a_bag one it_will_ _belong to_all_of_of_us. **15** My_son_of_my do_not walk in_the_ _way with_them restrain foot_of_your from_pathway_of_their. **16** If/because feet_of_their to_evil they_run and_they_make_ _haste to_shed blood. **17** If/because in_vain the_net is_spread_ _out in/on_both_eyes_of every_of owner_of[2] a_wing. **18** And_ _they for_their_own_of_blood they_lie_in_wait they_lie_hidden for_their_own_of_life. **19** Are_thus the_paths_of every_of one_ _who_gains_unjustly unjust_gain ~~ḎOM~~ the_life_of its_owners_of_ _his it_will_take.

20 Wisdom(s) in_street it_cries_aloud in_places she_gives_forth voice_of_her. **21** At_the_top_of noisy_places she_calls_out at_ _the_entrances_of the_gates in_city sayings_of_her she_utters. **22** Until when Oh_naive_people will_you(pl)_love naiveté and_ _mockers mockery do_they_delight_in to/for_them and_fools will_they_hate knowledge. **23** You(pl)_will_turn_back to_

Readers' Version

The purpose of proverbs

1:1 These are the proverbs collected by King Shelomoh (Solomon) of Yisrael (Israel) (King David's son):
2 These will help you to know wisdom and instruction,
and to comprehend sayings that give understanding.
3 Also to learn insight
and to understand what's right and leads to justice and integrity.
4 They give good advice to those who are naive—
teaching knowledge and discretion to young people.
5 Let wise people also listen to these sayings to keep learning more,
and discerning people can acquire guidance—
6 understanding proverbs and parables—
the words of wise people plus their challenges.

The warning to young people

7 Deciding to obey Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge.[1]
Fools despise wisdom and being told what they should do.
8 My child, listen to your father's instructions.
Don't reject what your mother has told you to do,
9 because their teaching is like a graceful garland to wear on your head,
or like beautiful necklaces to wear around your neck.
10 My child, if evil people tempt you to join them, don't agree to it. **11** If they say,
"Come with us. We'll find someone to kill—
we'll hide and ambush an innocent person just for fun.
12 Let's swallow innocent people just like the grave does,
and healthy people just like those going down to the pit.
13 We'll find lots of valuable loot.
We'll fill our houses with what we take.
14 You need to come and join us—
we share everything equally."
15 My child, don't follow their ways.
Keep your foot away from their path
16 because their feet run towards evil,
and they rush to pour out blood.
17 Surely it would be a waste of time
to spread out a net while the bird is watching,
18 but they lie in wait for their own blood—
they ambush their own lives.
19 That's what happens to anyone who gains wealth illegally—
it takes that person's life.

Accepting or rejecting wisdom

20 Wisdom calls out loudly on the street—
she makes her voice known in the plazas.[3]
21 She calls out from above the busy streets.
She tells her sayings at the meeting place at the city gates.

1 RV 1:7 · Cross-ref. Yob 28:28; Psa 111:10; Prv 9:10.

2 LV 1:17 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

3 RV 1:20-21 · Cross-ref. Prv 8:1-3.

Readers' Version

22 How much longer will naive people love their naivety,
and mockers enjoy their mockery,
and stupid people despise knowledge?
23 Change your ways when I correct you.
Listen, I'll pour my spirit out on you all.
Let me declare my messages to you all
24 because I've called and you've all refused to listen.
I held out my hand but no one paid any attention
25 and you all ignored all my advice
and took no notice when I corrected you.
26 So I'll laugh when calamity hits you all
and I'll ridicule you when you're all terrified
27 when panic strikes you all like a storm
and calamity comes like a whirlwind
and when trouble and anguish reach you all.
28 Then they'll call out to me for help but I won't answer.
They'll search for me but won't be able to find me
29 because they hated wisdom
and didn't choose to respect and obey Yahweh.
30 They didn't listen to my advice.
They didn't want to hear whenever I corrected them,
31 so they'll eat the fruit of their own chosen path
and they'll be filled with their own schemes.
32 Naive people will get killed as a result of their own turning away,
and the fools' own complacency will destroy them.
33 However, those who listen to me will have secure lives
and be able to relax without worrying about troubles coming.

The peace/prosperity from wisdom

2:1 My child, if you accept my sayings
and internalise my commands,
2 so you'll be attentive to wisdom
and your mind will look for understanding,
3 if you'll call out for insight,
raising your voice to ask for understanding,
4 if you go after it as if it's silver
and search for it as if it was hidden treasure,
5 then you'll understand how to respect and obey Yahweh
and you'll learn more about God.
6 That's because Yahweh gives wisdom—
knowledge and understanding come from his mouth
7 and he gives true wisdom to godly people—
a protective shield for those walking with integrity.
8 to guard the paths of justice,
and he will preserve the way of those who are faithful to him.
9 Then you'll understand righteousness and justice and integrity—every good path to walk,
10 because wisdom will enter into your mind
and knowledge will give you pleasure.

Literal Version

_rebuke_of_my HERE I_will_pour_forth to/for_you(pl) my_
_breath/wind/spirit let_me_declare words/messages_of_my
you(pl). **24** Because I_called and_you(pl)_refused I_stretched_
_out hand_of_my and_there_was_not one_who_paid_attention.
25 And_you(pl)_ignored all_of advice_of_my and_rebuke_of_my
not you(pl)_yielded_to. **26** Also I at_calamity_of_your(pl) I_will_
_laugh I_will_mock when_ dread_of_your(pl) _comes. **27** When_
_comes mmm[4] dread_of_your(pl) and_calamity_of_your(pl)
like_a_storm-wind it_will_arrive when_comes on_you(pl)
trouble and_distress. **28** Then they_will_call_to_me and_not I_
_will_answer they_will_seek_me_earnestly and_not they_will_
_find_me. **29** Because if/because they_hated knowledge and_
_the_fear_of **YHWH** not they_chose. **30** Not they_yielded to_
_advice_of_my they_spurned all_of rebuke_of_my. **31** And_they_
_will_eat from_the_fruit their_way_of_their and_from_their_
_own_of_schemes they_will_be_surfeited. **32** If/because the_
_turning_away_of naive_people it_will_ruin_them and_the_
_security_of fools it_will_destroy_them. **33** And_one_who_
_listens to_me he_will_dwell security and_he_will_be_at_ease
from_dread_of trouble.

2:1 My_son_of_my if you_will_receive words/messages_of_my
and_commands_of_my you_will_treasure with_you. **2** To_make_
_attend to_wisdom ear_of_your you_will_incline heart_of_your
to_understanding. **3** If/because if to_discernment you_will_call
to_understanding you_will_give_forth voice_of_your. **4** If you_
_will_seek_it like_silver and_like_(the)_treasures you_will_
_search_for_it. **5** Then you_will_discern the_fear_of **YHWH** and_
_the_knowledge_of god you_will_find. **6** If/because **YHWH** he_
_gives wisdom are_from_mouth_of_his knowledge and_
understanding. **7** And[5] for(the)_people success a_shield for_
_those_who_walk_of integrity. **8** To_guard the_paths_of justice
and_the_way_of his_faithful_people[6] he_will_preserve. **9** Then
you_will_understand righteousness and_justice and_
_uprightness(es) every_of track_of good. **10** If/because wisdom
it_will_come in_heart_of_your and_knowledge to_self_of_your
it_will_be_pleasant. **11** Discretion it_will_watch over_you
understanding it_will_preserve_you. **12** To_deliver_you from_
_the_way the_wicked from_man who_speaks perverse_things.
13 Who_leave paths_of uprightness to_go in_the_ways_of
darkness. **14** The_ones_joyful for_doing evil they_exult in_
_perverse_things_of evil. **15** Who paths_of_their are_twisted
and_they_are_crooked in_tracks_of_their. **16** To_deliver_you
from_a_woman strange from_a_foreign_woman

4 **LV 1:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: הוּאשׁ/כ: (x-qere) הָאוֹשִׁ/כ: lemma_k/7722 b n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_20iee הָאוֹשִׁ/כ
5 **LV 2:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְפַצ/ו: (x-qere) וְפֹּצֵי: lemma_6845 morph_HVqi3ms id_20GpK וְפֹּצֵי
6 **LV 2:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דיסח: (x-qere) וְ/יְדִיסָח: lemma_2623 morph_HAampc/Sp3ms id_20Unh וְ/יְדִיסָח

Literal Version

words/messages_of_who_her she_makes_smooth. **17** Who_
_leaves the_close_friend_of her_youth(s)_of_her and_ĐØM the_
_covenant_of her_god_of_her she_forgets. **18** If/because she_
_sank_down to death house_of_her and_near/to the_shades
tracks_of_her. **19** All_of those_of_who_go_to_her not they_
_return and_not they_reach the_paths_of life. **20** So_that you_
_may_walk in_the_way_of good_people and_the_paths_of
righteous_people you_will_keep. **21** If/because upright_people
they_will_dwell[789] the_land and_blameless_people they_will_
_remain in_it. **22** And_wicked_people from_the_land they_will_
_be_cut_off and_those_who_act_treacherously people_will_
_tear_away from_it.

3:1 My_son_of_my instruction_of_my do_not forget and_
_commands_of_my heart_of_your let_it_keep. **2** If/because
length_of days and_years_of life and_peace they_will_add
to/for_you(fs). **3** Loyalty and_faithfulness not may_they_leave_
_you bind_them on neck(s)_of_your write_them on the_tablet_
_of your_heart_of_your. **4** And_find favour and_insight good
in/on_both_eyes_of god and_human/'Ādām. **5** Trust to **YHWH**
in_all heart_of_your and_near/to understanding_of_your_own
do_not depend. **6** In_all ways_of_your acknowledge_him and_he
he_will_make_straight paths_of_your. **7** Do_not be wise in_
_your_two's_own_of_eyes fear ĐØM **YHWH** and_turn_aside
from_evil. **8** Healing may_it_be to_navel_of_your and_
_refreshment to_bones_of_your. **9** Honour ĐØM **YHWH** from_
_wealth_of_your and_from_the_first_of_all_of produce_of_your.
10 So_ barns_of_your _that_they_may_be_filled plenty and_
_new_wine wine-vats_of_your they_will_burst_open. **11** The_
_discipline_of **YHWH** my_son_of_my do_not reject and_do_not
loath (in)_rebuke_of_his. **12** If/because ĐØM the_one_whom he_
_loves **YHWH** he_reproves and_like_a_father ĐØM a_son whom_
_he_is_pleased_with. **13** How_blessed is_a_person who_he_finds
wisdom and_human/'Ādām who_he_obtains understanding.
14 If/because is_good profit_of_her_trading more_than_the_
_trading_profit_of silver and_more_than_gold gain_of_her.

Readers' Version

11 Discretion will watch over you.
Understanding will guard you
12 to rescue you off the path of wicked people—
from people who speak perversely—
13 the ones who abandon the paths of godliness
to walk in the ways of darkness,
14 the ones who are glad to do evil.
They rejoice in perverse things of evil,
15 whose paths are crooked
and going astray in their tracks.
16 Being discreet and insightful will rescue you from a strange woman—
from a foreign woman who makes her sayings smooth,
17 who's left her husband from her younger days,
and has forgotten her promise to her god.
18 Her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed spirits.
19 No one who goes into her place will return,
and they won't find the paths that lead to life.
20 So follow the ways of good people,
and stay on the path of those who want to do what's right,
21 because it's people who do what is right who'll live in this land,
and those who are blameless will remain in it.
22 However, the wicked people will be taken off the land,
and those who are treacherous will be torn away from it.
3:1 My son, don't forget my instructions, **Advice to the young**
and keep my commands in your thoughts,
2 →because they'll give you a longer lifetime
and add peace to your life.
3 Don't let loyal commitment and faithfulness leave you:
tie them around your neck,
and inscribe them into your mind.
4 Then you'll find favour and good insight
in the eyes of God and man.[10]
5 Trust in Yahweh with everything in you,
^and don't rely on your own logic.
6 Acknowledge Yahweh's involvement in everything you do,
and he'll make the way easier to follow.
7 Don't pride yourself on your own wisdom,[11]
^but rather obey Yahweh and turn away from evil.
8 It will be healing for your stomach,
and refreshment for your bones.
9 Honour Yahweh from your wealth
and from the first of everything you harvest,
10 →then your barns will be completely filled,

7 **LV 2:21 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 **LV 2:21 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 **LV 2:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

10 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** Luk 2:52.

11 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Rom 12:16.

Readers' Version

and your vats will overflow with new wine.
11 My son, don't reject correction from Yahweh,
and don't resent his rebuke,[12]
12 because Yahweh disciplines those he loves,[13]
just like a father does to his child that he appreciates.[14]
13 The person who discovers wisdom is blessed,
as is the one who obtains understanding,
14 because it's better than a good income.
Being wise is of more value than gold.
15 Wisdom is more valuable than jewelry.
→There's nothing else you could want that's worth as much as being wise.
16 On one hand, wisdom leads to a longer life.
On the other hand, being wise will enable riches and honour.
17 The ways of wisdom are pleasant,
and all its ways are peaceful.
18 Wisdom is a tree of life for those who embrace it.
People who are consistently wise are blessed.
19 Yahweh founded the world using wisdom.
He established the atmosphere and sky by understanding.
20 As a result of his knowledge, the ocean depths broke open,
and the clouds dripped dew.
21 My son, don't let wisdom, knowledge, or understanding escape from your sight.
Safeguard sound wisdom and discretion
22 and they'll liven your mind,
and then people will notice it about you.
23 Then you'll walk in confidence
without tripping or stumbling.
24 When you go to bed, your mind won't be filled with fear.
You'll lie down and your sleep will be relaxing.
25 Don't worry about something terrible suddenly happening to you,
or about when you see wicked people facing ruin,
26 because your confidence will be in Yahweh,
and he will protect you on your journey.
27 Don't hold back when you're able to do good to someone—
when you have the ability and opportunity to act.
28 Don't tell your neighbour, "Go home now, but come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you then,"
when you had it there the whole time.
29 Don't plot how to take advantage of your neighbour,
when he's living beside you and trusting you.
30 Don't quarrel with others for no reason—

Literal Version

15 Is_precious she mmm[16] and_all pleasures_of_your not they_
_compare with_her. **16** Length_of days is_in_her_right_of_hand
are_in_her_left_of_hand wealth and_honour. **17** ways_of_her
are_ways_of kindness and_all pathways_of_her are_well-being.
18 Is_a_tree_of life she to_who_take_hold on_her and_those_of_
_who_hold_fast_to_her is_called_blessed. **19** **YHWH** by_wisdom
he_founded the_earth he_established the_heavens by_
_understanding. **20** By_knowledge_of_his the_depths they_
_were_split_open and_clouds they_dripped dew. **21** My_son_of_
_my not let_them_depart from_eyes_of_your keep sound_
_wisdom and_discretion. **22** And_they_will_be life for_self_of_
_your and_grace for_neck(s)_of_your. **23** Then you_will_walk to_
_security way_of_your and_foot_of_your not you_will_strike.
24 If you_will_lie_down not you_will_fear and_you_will_lie_
down and sleep_of_your _it_will_be_pleasing. **25** Do_not be_
_afraid from_terror suddenly and_from_the_devastation_of
wicked_people if/because it_will_come. **26** If/because **YHWH**
he_will_be (in)_confidence_of_your and_he_will_keep foot_of_
_your from_capture. **27** Do_not withhold good from_owners_of_
_its when_belongs to_the_power_of mmm[17] for_doing. **28** Do_
_not say mmm[18] go and_come_back and_tomorrow I_will_give_
it and(there) it_is_with_you. **29** Do_not devise on neighbour_
_of_your harm and_he is_dwelling to_security with_you. **30** Do_
_not contend[19] with anyone without_cause if not he_has_dealt_
_out_to_you evil. **31** Do_not be_jealous of_a_person_of violence
and_do_not choose in_all ways_of_his. **32** If/because is_(the)_
_abomination_of **YHWH** one_who_is_crooked and_~~DOM~~ upright_
_people intimacy_of_his. **33** The_curse_of **YHWH** in_house_of
the_wicked and_the_habitation_of righteous_people he_blesses.
34 Though (to)_mockers he he_mocks and[20] he_gives favour.
35 Honour wise_people they_will_inherit and_fools is_lifting_up
shame.

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12 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** Yob 5:17.

13 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:19.

14 **RV 3:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:5-6.

16 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מ/יינפ: (x-qere) 'מ/ינְּנְפִּ': lemma_m/6443 n_1 morph_HR/Ncbpa id_20w1U מ/ינְּנְפִּ

17 **LV 3:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: ד/ירי: (x-qere) 'ךָ/דָּי': lemma_3027 morph_HNcbsc/Sp2ms id_20GXq ךָ/דָּי

18 **LV 3:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: ל/יער/ד: (x-qere) 'ךָ/עֵר/ל': lemma_l/7453 n_1.0.0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_20kCD ךָ/עֵר/ל

19 **LV 3:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: בורת: (x-qere) 'בֵּירָתּ': lemma_7378 morph_HVqj2ms id_20emQ בֵּירָתּ

20 **LV 3:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יינע/ל: (x-qere) 'ו/לֵּוָּע/ל': lemma_c/l/6035 n_0.0 morph_HC/R/Aampa id_20j8W ו/לֵּוָּע/ל

Literal Version

4:1 Listen_to Oh_children the_correction_of a_father and_be_
_attentive to_know understanding. **2** If/because teaching good
I_give to/for_you(pl) instruction_of_my do_not neglect.
3 If/because a_son I_was to_father_of_my a_tender and_only_
child to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before mother_of_my.
4 And_he_taught_me and_he/it_said to_me heart_of_your let_
_it_hold_fast_to words/messages_of_my keep commands_of_my
and_live. **5** Acquire wisdom acquire understanding do_not
forget and_do_not turn_aside from_the_words/messages_of
my_mouth_of_my. **6** Do_not abandon_her and_she_will_keep_
_you love_her and_she_will_guard_you. **7** The_beginning_of
wisdom acquire wisdom and_on/over_all acquisition_of_your
acquire understanding. **8** Esteem_her and_she_will_exalt_you
she_will_honour_you if/because you_will_embrace_her. **9** She_
_will_put to_head_of_your a_wreath_of grace a_crown_of
beauty she_will_give_you. **10** Listen my_son_of_my and_receive
words/messages_of_my so_that_they_may_increase to/for_
_yourself(m) years_of life. **11** (In)_the_way_of wisdom I_taught_
_you I_led_you in_tracks_of uprightness. **12** When_walk_you not
step_of_your it_will_be_restricted and_if you_will_run not you_
_will_stumble. **13** Take_hold on_discipline do_not let_go keep_
_her if/because she your(ms)_life. **14** In_the_path_of wicked_
_people do_not go and_do_not advance in_the_way_of evil_
_people. **15** Avoid_it do_not pass_along in/on/over_him/it
turn_aside from_on_it and_pass_on. **16** If/because not they_
_will_sleep if not they_do_harm and_ sleep_of_their _it_is_
_taken_away if not they_bring_injury[21]. **17** If/because they_eat
the_bread_of wickedness and_wine violence(s) they_drink.
18 And_the_path_of righteous_people is_like_a_light_of
brightness which_goes and_which_shines until the_
_established_part_of the_day. **19** The_way_of wicked_people is_
_like_darkness not they_know on_what are_they_stumbling.
20 My_son_of_my to_words/messages_of_my be_attentive to_
_utterances_of_my incline ear_of_your. **21** Do_not let_them_
_depart from_eyes_of_your keep_them in_the_middle your_
_heart_of_your. **22** If/because are_life they to_those_of_who_
_find_them and_to/for_all flesh_of_his healing. **23** From_all
guarding guard heart_of_your if/because from_him/it the_
_sources_of life. **24** Remove from_yourself crookedness_of
mouth and_deviousness_of lips put_far_away from_yourself.
25 Eyes_of_your to_the_front let_them_look and_eyelids_of_
_your let_them_look_straight before_you. **26** Make_level the_
_track_of your_foot_of_your and_all ways_of_your let_them_be_

Readers' Version

if they haven't done anything wrong to you.
31 Don't envy violent people,
and don't imitate how they behave,
32 because Yahweh detests crooked people
^but is friendly towards those who are godly.
33 Yahweh's curse is on the household of wicked people,
^but he blesses the home of those who do what's right.
34 He mocks those who mock others,
but he shows favour towards those who are humble.[15]
35 Wise people will inherit honour,
but fools will receive shame.

The teaching of children

4:1 My children, listen to your father's teachings.
Pay attention so you'll learn well,
2 because I'll give you good teaching.
Don't abandon my instructions.
3 When I was a boy in my father's house,
and I was my mother's tender son,
4 then he taught me and told me,
"Remember what I have told you.
Follow my instructions and live.
5 Acquire wisdom and understanding.
Always remember what I've told you and keep doing it.
6 Don't abandon wisdom and it'll preserve you.
Love it, and it will guard you.
7 Wisdom is the priority—get hold of it,
and more than anything, acquire understanding.
8 Esteem wisdom and it will lift you up.
Wisdom will honour you when you embrace it.
9 Wisdom will place a wreath of grace on your head.
It'll present you with a crown of beauty.
10 My child, listen to my words and accept them,
→and that'll increase the years of your life.
11 I taught you how to act wisely,
and I directed you towards the right paths.
12 When you walk, your steps won't be hampered,
and if you run, you won't stumble.
13 Take hold of my discipline—don't let it go.
Guard it, because it's your lifeline.
14 Don't imitate what wicked people do,
and don't go the same way as evil people.
15 Avoid that path—don't even walk across it.
Keep right away from it and go somewhere else,
16 because they can't nap unless they've done some harm,
and they'll be robbed of sleep if they haven't caused trouble.
17 Those evil people eat the bread of wickedness,
and drink the wine of violence.
18 In contrast, the path of those who do what is right, is like a bright light,

15 **RV 3:34 · Cross-ref.** Jam 4:6; 1Pe 5:5.

21 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ולושכי**: (x-qere) 'וּלְיֻשְׁכֵי': lemma_3782 n_0 morph_HVhi3mp id_20UCh **וּלְיֻשְׁכֵי**

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→that keeps getting brighter until the brightest time of day.
19 The path of wicked people is like deep darkness,
→so they don't even know what they're stumbling over.
20 My child, pay attention to what I'm saying,
and let my words sink in.
21 Don't let them out of your sight,
and keep them in the centre of your thoughts,
22 because they're life to those who find them,
and healing to their entire bodies.
23 Guard your mind and thoughts more than anything else,
→because the way you live all your life, bubbles out from your values.
24 Remove perverse talk from your mouth,
and keep devious words away from your lips.
25 Keep your eyes looking towards the front,
and let your gaze be straight ahead.
26 Make the path level for your footsteps,
and let everything you do be straight-forward.
27 Don't veer to the left or to the right—
keep your feet away from evil paths.

The warning concerning adultery

5:1 My child, pay attention to my wise words,
and listen carefully to what I've learnt
2 so you won't lose your discretion,
and so your lips might guard knowledge.
3 Although the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey,
and her speech is smoother than oil,
4 in the end, she's as bitter as wormwood,
and sharper than a double-sided sword.
5 Her feet are heading down towards death,
and her steps will take her to her grave.
6 She doesn't consider the path of life.
Her paths wander so she doesn't know where she'll end up.
7 So now my children, listen to me,
and don't deviate from my advice.
8 Stay far away from her,
and don't go near the entrance to her house,
9 in case you end up giving your youthful strength to others,
and your best years to a cruel person.
10 Then strangers might make use of your strength (as a slave)
and you end up working in a foreigner's house.
11 Then you'll groan when you are about to die
when your flesh and your body are worn out
12 and you recall, "How I hated discipline,
and didn't like being told what not to do.
13 I didn't listen to those who were teaching me,
and I didn't take any notice of those who were instructing me.
14 I was so close to utter calamity,
and everyone would have noticed me.
15 Drink water from your own supply[22]

Literal Version

_steadfast. **27** Do_not turn_aside right and_left turn_aside foot_
_of_your from_evil.

5:1 My_son_of_my to_wisdom_of_my be_attentive to_
_understanding_of_my incline ear_of_your. **2** To_guard/protect
discretion and_knowledge lips_of_your they_will_observe.
3 If/because honey the_lips_of a_strange_woman they_drip
and_is_smooth more_than_oil mouth_of_her. **4** And_end_of_her
is_bitter like_wormwood sharp like_a_sword_of mouths. **5** Feet_
_of_her are_going_down death Shə'ōl steps_of_her they_will_
_attain. **6** The_path_of life lest she_should_observe tracks_of_
_her they_wander not she_knows. **7** And_now Oh_children
listen to_me and_do_not depart from_the_words/messages_of
my_mouth_of_my. **8** Make_far_away from_with_her way_of_
_your and_do_not draw_near to the_entrance_of her_house_of_
_her. **9** Lest you_should_give to_others vigor_of_your and_
_years_of_your to_a_cruel_person. **10** Lest strangers they_
_should_be_satisfied strength_of_your and_your(pl)_hard_of_
_labours in_house_of a_foreigner. **11** And_you_will_groan at_
_end_of_your when_ flesh_of_your and_body_of_your _wastes_
_away. **12** And_you_will_say how I_hated discipline and_rebuke
heart_of_my it_spurned. **13** And_not I_listened to_the_voice_of
my_teachers_of_my and_to_those_of_who_taught_me not I_
_inclined ear_of_my. **14** Like_a_little I_was in_every_of calamity
in_the_middle the_assembly and_the_congregation. **15** Drink
water from_your_own_of_cistern and_streams from_the_midst_
_of your_own_well_of_your. **16** Springs_of_your will_they_
_overflow outside_to_the in_places streams_of water. **17** Let_
_them_belong to/for_yourself(m) you_alone and_not to_
_strangers with_you. **18** May_it_be spring_of_your blessed and_
_rejoice from_the_wife_of your_youth(s)_of_your. **19** A_doe_of
loves and_a_mountain_goat_of grace breasts_of_her may_they_
_satisfy_you at_every_of time by_love_of_her may_you_be_
_intoxicated continually. **20** And_for_what will_you_go_astray
my_son_of_my with_a_strange_woman and_will_you_embrace
the_bosom_of a_foreign_woman. **21** If/because are_in_front_of
the_eyes_of **YHWH** the_ways_of a_person and_all tracks_of_his

22 RV 5:15 · Note Many commentators believe that the next several lines are alluding to the marital relationship between a man and his wife.

Literal Version

he_is_observing. **22** Iniquities_of_his[23] they_will_seize_him ~~DOM~~ the_wicked_person and_by_the_cords_of his_sin_of_his he_will_ _be_held. **23** He he_will_die in_there_is_not discipline and_in_ _the_greatness_of his_foolishness_of_his he_will_go_astray.

6:1 My_son_of_my if you_have_stood_surety for_fellow-citizen_ _of_your you_have_struck to_stranger palms_of_your. **2** You_ _have_been_ensnared by_the_words/messages_of your_mouth_ _of_your you_have_been_caught by_the_words/messages_of your_mouth_of_your. **3** Do this then my_son_of_my and_ _deliver_yourself if/because you_have_come in_the_palm_of your_neighbour_of_your go humble_yourself and_importune neighbours_of_your. **4** Do_not give sleep to_eyes_of_your and_ _slumber to_eyelids_of_your. **5** Deliver_yourself like_a_gazelle from_a_hand and_like_a_bird from_the_hand_of a_fowler. **6** Go to an_ant Oh_sluggard consider ways_of_its and_become_wise. **7** Which there_is_not to/for_her/it commander officer and_ _ruler. **8** It_prepares in_summer food_of_its it_gathers at_ _harvest food_of_its. **9** Until when Oh_sluggard will_you_lie_ _down when will_you_rise from_sleep_of_your. **10** A_little_of sleep(s) a_little_of slumber(s) a_little_of folding_of hands to_ _rest. **11** And_it_will_come like_a_traveller poverty_of_your and_lack_of_your like_a_man shield. **12** A_person_of worthlessness a_person_of wickedness is_walking crookedness_ _of mouth. **13** He_is_winking with_eyes_of_his[2425] he_is_ _scraping with_foot_of_his[2627] he_is_pointing with_fingers_of_ _his. **14** Perverse_things are_in_heart_of_his he_is_devising evil in_all time contentions[28] he_sends_out. **15** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so suddenly disaster_of_his it_will_come suddenness he_will_be_broken and_there_will_not_be healing. **16** Six_things those **YHWH** he_hates and_are_seven the_

Readers' Version

and flowing water from your own well.
16 Should your springs overflow out onto the streets,
with streams of water in the plaza?
17 Let them be for you alone,
and not for any strangers who are with you.
18 May your fountain be blessed,
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth—
19 a loving doe, yes, a graceful deer.
Let her breasts satisfy you always.
Constantly be overwhelmed by her love.
20 My son, why would you stagger along with a strange woman,
or embrace the bosom of a foreign woman
21 because everything a person does is in front of Yahweh's eyes,
and he observes all of your decisions?
22 Wicked people get trapped by their own disobedience,
and they get tangled in their ropes of rebellion.
23 They'll die from a lack of discipline,
and their own stupidity will lead them astray.

The other still warning

6:1 My child, if you offer something as a guarantee for your neighbour's loan,
or you've shaken hands on a deal with a stranger,
2 then you've become trapped by your own lips—
you've been caught by the words out of your own mouth.
3 In that case, my child, go and rescue yourself:
Since you've fallen into your neighbour's control,
go and humbly appeal to your neighbour to release you from that pledge.
4 Don't say that you'll just sleep on it.
Don't think that you'll just have a nap first.
5 Save yourself immediately like a deer when it's snagged,
or a bird fleeing from a trapper.
6 You lazy person, go and watch an ant.
→Think about its behaviour, and be wise.
7 It doesn't even have a commander,
or overseer or ruler.
8 It prepares its food in the summer.
It stores up its supplies in the harvest season.
9 How much longer will you lie there, lazy person?
When will you get up from your sleep?
10 A little sleep, a quick nap,
a little folding of your arms to rest,

23 LV 5:22 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

24 LV 6:13 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

25 LV 6:13 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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28 LV 6:14 · Note OSHB variant note: מינדמ: (x-qere) 'מִינָּדְמ': lemma_4066 morph_HNcmpa id_20EG9 מִינָּדְמ

Readers' Version

11 and poverty will sneak in like a robber,
and need will threaten like an armed man.
12 The wicked and worthless man
walks around with a crooked mouth,
13 winking with his eyes,
shuffling his feet along,
and pointing with his fingers.
14 People like that think perversely—
always devising evil plans
and spreading dissension.
15 Because of that, disaster will come suddenly—
they'll be instantly broken beyond healing.
16 There are six things that Yahweh hates,
actually seven that he finds detestable.
17 1 arrogant eyes,
2 a lying tongue,
3 hands that shed innocent blood,
18 4 a mind that devises wicked plans,
5 feet that rush off to do something evil,
19 6 a dishonest witness that breathes out lies, and
7 a person that stirs up conflict within the family.
20 My child, follow your father's commands,
and don't abandon what your mother taught you.
21 Lock them into your mind.
Tie them around your neck.
22 When you walk around, what you learnt will guide you.
When you lie down, it will preserve you.
When you wake up, it'll speak to your mind,
23 because rules are like a lamp and teaching like a light.
Rebuke and discipline are the pathway to life
24 by keeping your from the evil woman—
from the smooth tongue of a foreign woman.
25 Don't lust in your mind for her beauty,
and don't let her capture you with her eyelashes,
26 because the price of a prostitute might be as cheap as a loaf of bread,
but another man's wife might cost you your precious life.
27 Can anyone carry fire against their chest,
without their clothes catching fire.
28 If a person walks on coals,
won't they get their feet burnt?
29 It's like that for anyone sleeping with his neighbour's wife,
No one will go unpunished for doing that.
30 They might not despite a thief
if they're stealing to satisfy their hunger,
31 yet even the thief has to pay back seven times as much if they're caught—
they might lose everything in their house.
32 Anyone who commits adultery lacks judgement—

Literal Version

_disgusting_thing_of[29][30] his_self_of_his. **17** Eyes haughty a_
_tongue_of falsehood and_hands which_shed blood innocent.
18 A_heart which_devises plans_of wickedness feet which_
_hurry to_run to_evil. **19** A_witness_of falsehood one_who_he_
_breathes_out lies and_one_who_spreads contentions between
brothers. **20** Keep my_son_of_my the_command_of your_
_father_of_your and_do_not abandon the_instruction_of your_
_mother_of_your. **21** Bind_them on heart_of_your continually
tie_them on neck(s)_of_your. **22** When_you_walk_about[31] it_
_will_guide you when_you_lie_down it_will_watch over_you
and_you_will_awake it it_will_speak_to_you. **23** If/because is_a_
_lamp the_command and_the_instruction is_a_light and_are_a_
_way_of life rebukes_of discipline. **24** To_keep_you from_a_
_woman_of evil from_smoothness_of tongue a_foreign_woman.
25 Do_not desire beauty_of_her in_heart_of_your and_not let_
_her_capture_you with_eyelids_of_her. **26** If/because the_price
a_woman a_prostitute is_to a_round_loaf_of bread and_the_
_wife_of a_man a_life precious she_hunts. **27** Will_ a_man _he_
_snatch_up fire in_bosom_of_his and_garments_of_his not will_
_they_be_burnt. **28** Or a_man will_he_walk on (the)_burning_
_coals and_feet_of_his not will_they_be_scorched. **29** Is_thus
the_one_who_goes into the_wife_of his/its_neighbour not
every_of (the)_one_who_touches (in)_her he_will_go_
_unpunished. **30** Not people_despise (to)_thief if/because he_
_will_steal to_fill appetite_of_his if/because he_will_be_hungry.
31 And_he_will_be_found_out he_will_make_restitution
sevenfold ~~DOM~~ all_of the_wealth_of his_house_of_his he_will_
_give. **32** one_who_commits_adultery a_woman is_lacking_of
heart he he_does_it one_who_destroys self_of_his_own. **33** A_
_wound and_shame he_will_find and_reproach_of_his not it_
_will_be_wiped_away. **34** If/because jealousy is_the_rage_of a_
_man and_not he_will_have_compassion in/on_day vengeance.
35 Not he_will_lift_up the_face_of any_of ransom and_not he_
_will_be_willing if/because you_will_make_great a_bribe.

29 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB variant note: תובעות: (x-qere) 'תָּבֵעוֹת': lemma_8441 morph_HNcfsc id_20mY8 תָּבֵעוֹת

30 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

31 LV 6:22 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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7:1 My_son_of_my keep words/messages_of_my and_
_commands_of_my you_will_treasure with_you. **2** Keep
commands_of_my and_live and_instruction_of_my like_the_
_pupil_of your_two's_eyes_of_your. **3** Bind_them on fingers_of_
_your write_them on the_tablet_of your_heart_of_your. **4** Say
to_wisdom sister_of_are_my you and_a_relative (to)_
_discernment you_will_call. **5** To_keep_you from_a_woman
strange from_a_foreign_woman words/messages_of_who_her
she_makes_smooth. **6** If/because at_the_window_of my_house_
_of_my through window-lattice_of_my I_looked_down. **7** And_I_
_saw among_people I_observed among_sons a_youth lacking_of
heart. **8** He_was_passing_by in_street beside corner_of_her and_
_the_direction_of her_house_of_her he_strode. **9** At_twilight in_
_the_evening the_day in_the_middle_of the_night and_
_darkness. **10** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_woman to_meet_him
the_garment_of a_prostitute and_guarded_of heart. **11** She is_
_boisterous and_rebellious in_house_of_her not feet_of_her
they_stay. **12** A_time in_street a_time in_places and_beside
every_of corner she_lies_in_wait. **13** And_she_takes_hold[32]
in/on/over_him/it[3334] and_she_kisses for_him/it she_has_
_made_firm face_of_her and_she/it_said to_him/it.
14 Sacrifices_of peace_offerings are_on_me the_day I_have_paid
vows_of_my. **15** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_come_
_out to_meet_you to_seek_eagerly face_of_your and_I_have_
_found_you. **16** Coverings I_have_spread couch_of_my
coloured_fabrics_of linen_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **17** I_have_
_sprinkled bed_of_my myrrh aloes and_cinnamon. **18** Come let_
_us_take_our_fill_of love(s) until the_morning let_us_delight_
_ourselves with_love(s). **19** If/because not the_man is_in_
_house_of_his he_has_gone on_a_journey from_a_distance.
20 The_bag_of (the)_money he_has_taken in_his/its_hand to_
_the_day_of the_full_moon he_will_come house_of_his. **21** She_
_turns_him with_the_greatness_of her_persuasiveness_of_her
with_the_seductiveness_of her/its_lips she_impels_him. **22** He_
_is_walking behind_her suddenly like_an_ox which_to the_
_slaughter[35] it_goes and_like_an_anklet to the_chastening_of a_
_fool. **23** Until an_arrow it_will_pierce liver_of_his as_ a_bird _
_hurries into a_trap and_not he_knows if/because_that is_for_
_life_of_his it. **24** And_now Oh_children listen to_me and_be_
_attentive to_the_words/messages_of my_mouth_of_my. **25** Not
let_it_turn_aside to ways_of_her heart_of_your not let_it_go_
_astray in_pathways_of_her. **26** If/because many slain_ones
she_has_made_fall and_are_numerous all_of her_killed_of_men.
27 Is_the_ways_of Shə'ōl house_of_her they_are_going_down to
the_chambers_of death.

Readers' Version

they end up destroying their own life.
33 They'll discover pain and dishonour,
and their shame will never be wiped away,
34 because jealousy arouses rage in an offended person
who won't show any compassion when it's time to avenge.
35 You won't just be able to pay them off,
even if you try to increase the amount.

The woman egpanpanlibug

7:1 My child, obey what I've told you,
and store my instructions securely inside you.
2 Follow my instructions and live,
and keep my teaching as the focus of your eyes.
3 Tie them onto your fingers.
Write them onto your mind.
4 Tell wisdom that she's your sister,
and call understanding a close relative,
5 so they'll keep you from the street woman—
from the ungodly woman whose words sound so smooth.
6 Once from the window of my house,
I looked down through the lattice slits,
7 and I saw a simple lad—
a youth lacking much judgement.
8 He was passing through her street near the corner,
then he strode along the path to her house.
9 In the twilight as evening began—
halfway towards night and darkness.
10 Then look, a woman greets him,
dressed like a prostitute and skilled at seduction.
11 She's boisterous and defiant,
and her feet don't know how to stay home.
12 She's often on the street or in the plazas,
and she lies in wait at every corner.
13 Then she grabbed him and kissed him.
She looks serious and tells him,
14 "I have meat at home from my sacrifice earlier—
today I've done my religious duties.
15 That's why I came out to meet you—
to look all around until I found you.
16 I've put nice covers on my couch—
coloured linen fabric from Mitsrayim (Egypt).
17 I've perfumed my bed
with fragrant myrrh and aloes and cinnamon.
18 Come and let's enjoy making love until morning.
We can delight ourselves in our love
19 because the man of the house is away—
he's gone away on a long journey.
20 He took a bag of money with him.
He won't be back home until the middle of the month."

32 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

33 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

34 LV 7:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

35 LV 7:22 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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21 She persuades him with her seductive talk.
She compels him with her smooth lips.
22 He suddenly started following her,
like a cow going to be slaughtered—
like a fool with a noose around his neck,
23 until an arrow pierces his stomach,
like a bird rushing into a trap,
not knowing that it will cost him his life.
24 So listen to me now my children,
and pay attention to what I'm telling you.
25 Do let your desires drive you in her direction.
Don't wander onto her pathways
26 because she's caused many to be pierced and fall—
it would be difficult to count them all.
27 Her house is the pathway to the grave—
descending downwards to deathly rooms.

Praising wisdom

8:1 Doesn't wisdom call out?
Doesn't understanding raise her voice?[36]
2 On the high places by the road,
she stations herself between the paths.
3 By the gates at the main entrance to the city,
she calls out loudly into the doorways.
4 "To you, people, I call—
my voice is calling all humankind.
5 You naive people must learn to be prudent,
and you foolish people must learn to be discerning.
6 Listen because I'll speak uplifting things,
and open my lips about what is right,
7 because my mouth will tell the truth,
and my lips detest wickedness.
8 All the words in my mouth are honest—
there's nothing twisted or crooked among them.
9 All of them are straightforward to anyone who understands,
and right to those looking for knowledge.
10 Choose my instruction over silver,
and knowledge rather than shiny gold,
11 because wisdom is better than jewels,
and there's nothing more desirable than her.
12 I, wisdom, live together with good judgement,
and I'm good at finding knowledge and discretion.
13 Those who strive to obey Yahweh, hate evil,
I, wisdom, hate pride and arrogance,
evil activities, and perverse talk.
14 Good advice and sound wisdom are mine.
I have understanding and strength.
15 I enable kings to reign well,
and rulers to administer justice.
16 By me, princes and the leading citizens rule—

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8:1 Not wisdom does_she_call_out and_understanding does_
_she_give_forth voice_of_her. 2 At_the_top_of the_heights on
the_way between_of the_pathways she_stations_herself. 3 To_
_the_side_of the_gates to_the_opening_of the_town the_
_entrance_of the_doorways she_cries_aloud. 4 To_you(pl) Oh_
_people I_call and_voice_of_my is_to the_children_of
humankind. 5 Understand Oh_naive_people prudence and_Oh_
_fools understand heart. 6 Listen if/because princely_things I_
_will_speak and_the_opening_of my_lips_of_my will_be_
_uprightness(es). 7 If/because truth palate_of_my it_will_utter
and_is_(the)_abomination_of my_lips_of_my wickedness. 8 Are_
_(in)_righteousness all_of the_words/messages_of my_mouth_
_of_my there_is_not (is)_in_them a_tortuous_thing and_a_
_perverse_thing. 9 Of_them_of_all are_straightforward to_who_
_has_understanding and_upright to_those_who_find_of (of)_
_knowledge. 10 Take discipline_of_my and_not silver and_
_knowledge more_than_gold chosen. 11 If/because is_good
wisdom more_than_corals and_all pleasures not they_compare
with_it. 12 I wisdom I_dwell prudence and_knowledge_of
discretion I_find. 13 The_fear_of **YHWH** is_to_hate evil pride
and_arrogance and_a_way evil and_a_mouth_of perversiti(es) I_
_hate. 14 To_me counsel and_sound_wisdom I am_
_understanding to_me strength. 15 By_me kings they_reign
and_rulers they_enact righteousness. 16 By_me princes they_
_rule and_noble_people all_of judges_of righteousness. 17 I
mmm[38] I_love and_those_of_who_seek_me_earnestly they_
_find_me. 18 Wealth and_honour are_with_me wealth enduring
and_righteousness. 19 Is_good fruit_of_my more_than_gold
and_more_than_pure_gold and_gain_of_my more_than_silver
chosen. 20 In_the_path_of righteousness I_walk[39] in_the_
_middle of_the_pathways_of justice. 21 To_give_as_an_
_inheritance those_of_who_love_me substance and_treasuries_
_of_their I_fill. 22 **YHWH** he_created_me the_beginning_of its_
_road/course the_beginning_of his_works_of_his from_then.
23 From_long_ago/eternity I_was_installed from_the_beginning
from_the_beginnings_of the_earth. 24 When_there_were_not

36 **RV 8:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Prv 1:20-21.

38 **LV 8:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: יְהוָה/יבהא: (x-qere) יְהוָֹה': lemma_157 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp1cs id_20eeu יְהוָֹה

39 **LV 8:20 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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the_deeps I_was_brought_forth when_there_were_not springs abounding_of water. **25** Before_before mountains they_were_ _planted to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_hills I_was_ _brought_forth. **26** Until not he_had_made the_earth and_the_ _open_places and_the_beginning_of the_dusts_of[40] the_world. **27** When_established_he the_heavens was_there I when_he_ _marked_out a_circle on the_surface_of the_deep. **28** When_he_ _made_firm the_clouds (from)_above when_became_strong the_springs_of the_deep.[41] **29** When_set_he for_sea limit_of_its and_water not they_will_transgress mouth_of_his when_he_ _marked_out the_foundations_of the_earth. **30** And_I_was beside_him a_craftsman and_I_was delight(s) day day playing before_him in_all time. **31** Playing in_the_world_of his_earth_ _of_his and_delight(s)_of_my were_with the_children_of humankind. **32** And_now Oh_children listen to_me and_how_ _blessed those_who_my_ways_of_are they_observe. **33** Listen_to correction and_act_wisely and_do_not neglect_it. **34** How_ _blessed is_anyone who_listens to_me by_keeping_watch at doors_of_my day day to_guard/protect the_doorposts_of my_ _doorways_of_my. **35** If/because finding_me he_finds[42][43] life and_he_obtained favour from_**YHWH**. **36** And_one_of_who_ _misses_me is_treating_violently self_of_his all_of those_of_ _who_hate_me they_love death.

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judging with impartiality.
17 I love those who love me,
and those who search for me will find me.
18 Riches and honour accompany me—
enduring wealth and fairness.
19 My fruit is better than purest gold,
and my produce is better than choice silver.
...
20 I walk along the road of doing what's right,
among the pathways that lead to justice,
21 so those who love me can inherit wealth,
as I fill their storerooms.
22 Yahweh created me among his first actions—
at the beginning of his works long ago.[37]
23 I was established from eternity—
before the beginnings of the world.
24 I was revealed before the deep oceans existed,
when there weren't yet any springs gushing water.
25 Before the mountains were set into place,
and before the hills were seen, I was revealed.
26 yes, even before he made the earth and fields,
or the first dust on the ground.
27 I was there:
when Yahweh made the skies,
when he inscribed the horizon circle above the oceans,
28 when he pressed the clouds into shape,
when he established the springs way down in the oceans.
29 when he determined the boundaries of the oceans so that the waters wouldn't go past his line,
when he marked out the earth's foundations.
30 I was beside him as a skilled craftsman—
He enjoyed my company every day,
playing in his presence all the time.
31 I was enjoying playing in his world,
and enjoying humankind's descendants.
32 So now my children, listen to me
because those who follow my ways will find happiness.
33 Listen when you're corrected
and don't neglect wisdom.
34 People who listen to me will be blessed
keeping watch on my doors every day—guarding my doorway,
35 because anyone who finds me, finds life
and obtains favour from Yahweh.
36 Anyone who misses finding me harms themself,
and those who hate me, love death.

37 **RV 8:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:14.

40 **LV 8:26 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

41 **LV 8:28 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

42 **LV 8:35 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יאצמ**: (x-qere) **'אָצָמ'**: lemma_4672 morph_HVqp3ms id_204Th **אָצָמ**

43 **LV 8:35 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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Wisdom versus stupidity

9:1 Wisdom has built her house—
chiselling out its seven pillars.
2 She's butchered her meat and mixed her wine—
her table is already nicely prepared.
3 She's sent out her young women.
She calls out from the heights in the city.
4 "Anyone who's naive, let him turn aside here,"
she says to the one lacking understanding.
5 "Come and eat my bread,
and drink the wine I've mixed.
6 Abandon foolish ways and live,
and walk on the path of understanding.
7 Anyone who tries to correct a mocker just gets insulted,
and anyone who tells off a wicked person is likely to get hurt.
8 Don't try to correct a mocker in case he just hates you.
^Correct a wise person on the other hand, and it'll be appreciated.
9 Give to a wise person and they'll become wiser still.
Inform an honest person and they'll keep learning.
10 The first step towards being wise is to strive to obey Yahweh,
and being aware of the heavenly beings is the beginning of understanding,
11 because it's by me that your days will be extended,
and years will be added to your life.
12 If you're wise, you'll be helping yourself,
^and if you mock, then you alone will suffer the result.
13 A foolish woman is boisterous and naive,
and she doesn't know anything.
14 She sits at the doorway of her house,
or on a seat in the city heights,
15 in order to call out to those who are passing by—
those men who are going straight past on their way.
16 "Anyone who's naive can turn in here,"
she says to those lacking sense.
17 "Stolen drinks are sweet,
and secret food tastes good."
18 But he doesn't realise that the dead are there,
or that her guests are in the depths of the grave.

Shelomoh's proverbs

10:1 The proverbs by Shelomoh (Solomon):
A wise son makes his father happy,
^but a foolish son causes grief for his mother.
2 Ill-gotten treasures profit nothing,
^but doing the right thing rescues you from death.
3 Yahweh doesn't allow those who do the right thing to go hungry,
^but he rejects those who are wicked.
4 Idle hands lead to poverty,
^but those who work hard gain wealth.
5 Anyone who stores their produce in the summer is being sensible,

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9:1 Wisdom(s) she_has_built house_of_her she_has_hewn pillars_of_her seven. **2** She_has_slaughtered slaughter_of_her she_has_mixed wine_of_her also she_has_arranged table_of_her. **3** She_has_sent_out servants_of_her_female she_calls_out on the_elevations_of the_heights_of the_town. **4** Who is_naive let_him_turn_aside here one_lacking_of heart she_says for_him/it. **5** Come eat in_food_of_my and_drink in_the_wine which_I_have_mixed. **6** Abandon foolish_things and_live and_advance in_the_way_of understanding. **7** one_who_admonishes a_mocker is_receiving to_him/it shame and_one_who_reproves (to)_a_wicked_person defect_of_his. **8** Do_not reprove a_mocker lest he_should_hate_you reprove (to)_a_wise_person and_he_will_love_you. **9** Give to_a_wise_person and_he_will_be_wise yet make_known to_a_righteous_person so_that_he_may_increase learning. **10** Is_the_beginning_of wisdom the_fear_of **YHWH** and_the_knowledge_of the_holy_one(s) is_understanding. **11** If/because by_me days_of_your they_will_increase and_they_will_add to_you years_of life. **12** If you_are_wise you_are_wise for_yourself and_you_mock you_alone you_will_bear_it. **13** A_woman_of folly is_boisterous naiveté and_not she_knows whatever. **14** And_she_sits to_the_doorway_of her_house_of_her on a_seat the_heights_of the_town. **15** To_call to_those_who_pass_by_of the_road those_who_make_straight paths_of_their. **16** Who is_naive let_him_turn_aside here and_one_lacking_of heart and_she_says for_him/it. **17** Waters stolen they_are_sweet and_bread_of secret_places it_is_pleasant. **18** And_not he_knows if/because_that the_shades are_there are_in_the_depths_of Shə'ōl her_invited_of_men.

10:1 The_proverbs_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) a_son wise he_makes_glad a_father and_a_son a_fool is_the_grief_of his/its_mother. **2** Not treasures_of wickedness they_profit and_righteousness it_delivers from_death. **3** Not **YHWH** he_allows_to_hunger the_appetite_of the_righteous and_the_desire_of wicked_people he_rejects. **4** Is_poor one_who_works a_palm_of slackness and_the_hand_of diligent_people it_gains_riches. **5** one_who_gathers in_summer is_a_son who_acts_prudently one_who_sleeps at_harvest is_a_son who_acts_shamefully. **6** Blessings belong_to_the_head the_righteous and_the_mouth_of wicked_people it_conceals violence. **7** The_memorial_of the_righteous is_for_a_blessing and_name_of wicked_people it_will_rot. **8** A_person_wise_of heart he_accepts commands and_a_fool lips he_will_be_ruined. **9** one_who_walks in_integrity he_walks security and_one_who_makes_crooked ways_of_his

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he_will_become_known. **10** one_who_winks[47][48] an_eye he_gives sorrow and_a_fool lips he_will_be_ruined. **11** Is_a_fountain_of life the_mouth_of a_righteous_person and_the_mouth_of wicked_people it_conceals violence. **12** Hatred it_stirs_up contentions and_over all_of transgressions love it_covers. **13** On_the_lips_of one_who_has_understanding wisdom it_is_ _found and_a_rod is_for_the_back_of one_lacking_of heart. **14** Wise_people they_store_up knowledge and_the_mouth_of a_ _fool is_ruin near. **15** The_wealth a_rich_person is_the_town_of his_strength_of_his is_the_ruin_of poor_people poverty_of_ _their. **16** The_wage[s]_of the_righteous is_(to)_life the_yield_of the_wicked is_(to)_sin. **17** Is_a_path to_life one_who_keeps discipline and_one_who_neglects rebuke is_leading_astray. **18** one_who_conceals hatred is_lips_of falsehood and_one_who_ _spreads a_bad_report he is_a_fool. **19** In_a_multitude_of words/messages not transgression it_ceases and_one_who_ _restrains lips_of_his is_acting_prudently. **20** Is_silver chosen the_tongue_of the_righteous the_heart_of wicked_people is_ _like_a_little. **21** The_lips_of the_righteous they_feed many_ _people and_fools by_lack_of heart they_die. **22** The_blessing_of **YHWH** it it_makes_rich and_not he_adds hard_labour with_ _her/it. **23** Is_like_laughter for_a_fool to_do wickedness and_ _wisdom for_a_person_of understanding. **24** The_fear_of a_ _wicked_person it it_will_come_to_him and_the_desire_of righteous_people someone_will_give. **25** Just_ a_storm-wind _ _as_passes_by and_not the_wicked_are and_a_righteous_person is_a_foundation_of perpetuity. **26** Like_vinegar to_teeth and_ _like_smoke to_eyes is_so the_sluggard to_those_of_who_send_ _him. **27** The_fear_of **YHWH** it_adds days and_the_years_of wicked_people they_will_be_short. **28** The_hope_of righteous_ _people is_joy and_the_hope_of wicked_people it_is_lost. **29** Is_ _a_refuge for_integrity the_way_of **YHWH** and_ruin for_those_ _who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **30** The_righteous forever_ _perpetuity not he_will_be_shaken and_wicked_people not they_will_dwell_in the_land. **31** The_mouth_of a_righteous_ _person it_will_bear_fruit wisdom and_(the)_tongue perversiti(es) it_will_be_cut_off. **32** The_lips_of the_righteous they_know pleasure and_the_mouth_of wicked_people perverse_things.

11:1 Balances_of deceit are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** and_ _stone_of perfect pleasure_of_is_his. **2** Presumption it_comes and_ shame _it_came and_~~DOM~~ modest_people wisdom. **3** The_ _integrity_of upright_people it and_the_perverseness_of those_ _who_act_treacherously and[49]. **4** Not wealth it_profits in/on_ _day fury and_righteousness it_delivers from_death. **5** The_ _righteousness_of a_blameless_person it_makes_straight its_ _road/course and_by_wickedness_of_his a_wicked_person he_ _falls. **6** The_righteousness_of upright_people it_delivers_them and_by_the_desire_of those_who_act_treacherously they_are_ _caught. **7** At_the_death_of a_person wicked hope it_is_lost and_the_hope_of strength(s) it_perishes. **8** A_righteous_person from_distress is_delivered and_ a_wicked_person _he_came in_

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^but the one who sleeps during the harvest is a disgraceful son.

6 Blessings come to those who do what is right,
^but wicked people lie to conceal their violence.
7 The memory of a godly person is a blessing,
^but the name of the wicked person will rot.
8 The wise person accepts instructions,
^but fools will be ruined by their own words.
9 Anyone who walks with integrity will walk securely,
^but the person with crooked ways will soon get found out.
10 The person who winks at you will cause grief,
and those who speak foolishly will be ruined.
11 The words from a godly person are a fountain of life,
^but the mouth of a wicked person conceals violence.
12 Hatred stirs up quarrels,
^but love covers over all wrongs.[44]
13 Wisdom is found on the lips of a person with discernment,
^but those lacking morals need to be punished.
14 Wise people store up knowledge,
^but the mouth of a fool invites destruction.
15 The wealth of a rich person gives them security,
^but poor people are destroyed by their poverty.
16 The reward of a godly person is life,
^but a wicked person ends up being punished.
17 The person who accepts instruction is on the path to life,
^but the one who rejects rebuke ends up lost.
18 Anyone who conceals hatred, has lying lips,
and anyone who spreads slander is foolish.
19 A lot of talking doesn't mean that a person isn't doing something wrong,
^but anyone who keeps their mouth closed is being sensible.
20 The tongue of a godly person adds value like good silver,
^but the thoughts of the wicked are of little value.
21 The lips of a godly person shepherd many people,
^but foolish people die from the lack of morals.
22 Yahweh's blessing leads to prosperity,
and that's without adding forced labour to it.
23 Doing wicked things is like a sport to foolish people,
^but a wise person enjoys doing sensible things.
24 The wicked person's fears will come to pass,
^but the godly person's desires will be given to them.
25 When a tornado passes over, it destroys wicked people,
^but godly people are like an enduring foundation.
26 Lazy people irritate their supervisors
→like vinegar on their teeth and smoke in their eyes.
27 Striving to obey Yahweh prolongs your life,
^but the years of wicked people will be short.

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44 RV 10:12 · Cross-ref. Jam 5:20; 1Pe 4:8.

47 LV 10:10 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

48 LV 10:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

49 LV 11:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/דש/ו: (x-qere) ם֫/הָשִׁי': lemma_7703 n_0 morph_HVqi3ms/Sp3mp id_20DUx ם֫/הָשִׁי

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28 Godly people anticipate future happiness,
^but wicked people will never gain what they expect.
29 Staying on Yahweh's paths is security for the godly,
^but ruin for those who do evil.
30 Godly people will never be shaken,
^but the wicked won't live long in the land.
31 The mouth of a godly person produces wisdom as its fruit,
^but the tongues of perverse people will be cut off.
32 The lips of godly person experience pleasure,
^but the mouth of the wicked experience perversity.
11:1 Yahweh hates dishonest scales,
^but he delights in an accurate weight
2 When presumption comes, shame follows,
^but modesty is followed by wisdom.
3 Godly people will be guarded by their integrity,
^but treacherous people will be destroyed by their deceit.
4 Wealth doesn't help in the day of rage,
^but doing what's right will rescue you from death.
5 When an innocent person does what's right things go straightforwardly,
^but the wicked person will fall due to their own wickedness.
6 The godliness of good people will rescue them,
^but treacherous people will be caught out by their own schemes.
7 When the wicked person dies, all hope is lost,
and the expectation of strength disappears.
8 The godly person is rescued from trouble,
^but the wicked person gets it instead.
9 A godless person destroys his neighbour with his mouth,
^but the godly will be rescued by knowledge.
10 When the godly do well, the city celebrates,
^and when the wicked perish, there's a cheerful shout.
11 A blessing from the upright people helps to elevate a city,
^but it gets torn down by the mouth of the wicked.
12 A person who despises their neighbour lacks good morals,
^but a person with understanding will stay quiet.
13 A gossip goes around revealing secrets,
^but a trustworthy person keeps things private.
14 When there are no directions, a nation falls,
^but there's safety in having lots of advisers.
15 You'll end up getting burnt if you guarantee a stranger's loan,
^but avoiding shaking on deals will lead to security.
16 A woman who displays grace to others will obtain honour,
^but ruthless people seize wealth.
17 People who display loyal commitment benefit themselves,
^but cruel people harm their own selves.
18 A wicked person can make a living from telling lies,

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_his_place. **9** By_the_mouth a_godless_person he_ruins his/its_
_neighbour and_by_knowledge righteous_people they_are_
_delivered. **10** In_the_prosperity_of righteous_people a_town it_
_rejoices and_when_ wicked_people _perish a_shout_of_joy.
11 By_the_blessing_of upright_people a_town it_is_exalted and_
_by_the_mouth_of wicked_people it_is_torn_down. **12** one_
_who_despises (to)_neighbour_of_his is_lacking_of heart and_a_
_person_of understanding(s) he_keeps_quiet. **13** one_who_goes_
_about slander is_revealing a_secret and_one_who_is_faithful_
_of spirit is_concealing a_matter. **14** When_there_is_not
guidance(s) a_people it_falls and_victory is_in_a_multitude_of
counsellor[s]. **15** Harm he_is_harmed if/because he_stood_
_surety_for a_stranger and_one_who_hates those_striking_
_hands is_secure. **16** A_woman_of grace she_lays_hold_of
honour and_ruthless_people they_take_hold_of wealth. **17** A_
_person_of loyalty is_dealing_bountifully_with self_of_his and_
_is_ a_cruel_person _troubling body_of_his. **18** A_wicked_person
is_making wage[s]_of falsehood and_one_who_sows
righteousness wage[s]_of truth. **19** true righteousness is_to_life
and_one_who_pursues evil is_to_his_own_of_death. **20** Are_
_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** people_perverse_of heart and_
_are_pleasure_of_his people_blameless_of way. **21** Hand to_hand
not an_evil_person he_will_go_unpunished and_the_offspring_
_of righteous_people he_will_be_delivered. **22** A_ring_of gold
in_the_nose_of a_pig a_woman beautiful and_who_turns_aside_
_of discernment. **23** The_desire_of righteous_people only is_
_good the_hope_of wicked_people is_fury. **24** There_is one_
_who_scatters and_he_is_increased still and_one_who_
_withholds from_uprightness only to_lack. **25** A_person_of
blessing he_will_be_made_fat and_one_who_gives_water also
he he_will_be_watered. **26** one_who_withholds grain they_
_curse_him a_people and_a_blessing belongs_to_the_head_of
one_who_sells_grain. **27** one_who_seeks_diligently good he_
_seeks favour and_one_who_seeks_carefully evil it_will_come_
_to_him. **28** one_who_trusts in_wealth_of_his he he_will_fall
and_like_leaf righteous_people they_will_bud. **29** one_who_
_troubles household_of_his he_will_inherit wind and_will_be_a_
_servant a_fool to_the_wise_of heart. **30** The_fruit_of the_
_righteous is_a_tree_of life and_one_who_takes people[50] is_
_wise. **31** THERE a_righteous_person on_the_earth he_is_
_rewarded indeed if/because a_wicked_person and_a_sinner.
12:1 one_who_loves discipline[5152] is_loving knowledge and_
_one_who_hates rebuke is_stupid. **2** A_good_person he_obtains
favour from_**YHWH** and_a_person_of evil_devices he_
_condemns_as_guilty. **3** Not anyone he_is_established by_
_wickedness and_the_root_of righteous_people not it_is_
_moved. **4** A_wife_of ability is_the_crown_of her_husband_of_
_her and_is_like_rottenness in_bones_of_his a_woman_who_
_acts_shamefully. **5** The_plans_of righteous_people are_justice
the_guidance(s)_of wicked_people are_deceit. **6** The_
_words/messages_of wicked_people are_to_lie_in_wait_for
blood and_the_mouth_of upright_people it_delivers_them.
7 Someone_overthrows wicked_people and_they_are_not and_

50 LV 11:30 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

51 LV 12:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

52 LV 12:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_the_household_of righteous_people it_endures. **8** To_the_
_mouth_of his_insight_of_his a_person he_is_praised and_one_
_who_is_perverted_of heart he_will_become (into)_contempt.
9 Is_good one_who_is_lightly_esteemed and_a_servant to_
_him/it more_than_one_who_honours_himself and_he_is_
_lacking_of food. **10** A_righteous_person is_knowing the_life_of
his_animals_of_his and_the_compassion(s)_of wicked_people
are_cruel. **11** one_who_tills land_of_his he_will_be_satisfied
food and_one_who_pursues worthless_things is_lacking_of
heart. **12** A_wicked_person he_covets a_net_of evil_things and_
_the_root_of righteous_people it_yields_produce. **13** Is_in_the_
_transgression_of lips a_snare evil and_he/it_went_out from_
_trouble a_righteous_person. **14** From_the_fruit of_the_mouth_
_of a_person he_will_be_satisfied good_thing[s] and_the_
_dealing_of the_hands_of a_person he_will_repay[53] to_him/it.
15 The_way_of a_fool is_right in_his_own_of_eyes and_one_
_who_listens to_advice is_wise. **16** A_fool in_the_day anger_of_
_his it_is_known and_ is_sensible _one_who_conceals shame.
17 He_breathes_out faithfulness he_declares righteousness
and_a_witness_of lies deceit. **18** There_is one_who_speaks_
_rashly[5455] like_thrusts_of a_sword and_(the)_tongue wise_
_people is_healing. **19** A_lip_of reliability it_will_be_established
forever_ever and_unto I_will_give_rest a_tongue_of falsehood.
20 Deceit is_in_the_heart_of those_who_devise_of (of)_evil and_
_belongs_to_counsellors_of peace joy. **21** Not it_happens to_
_righteous any_of trouble and_wicked_people they_are_full
distress. **22** Are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** lips_of falsehood
and_those_who_do_of (of)_faithfulness delight_of_are_his. **23** A_
_person sensible is_concealing knowledge and_the_heart_of
fools it_proclaims foolishness. **24** The_hand_of diligent_people
it_will_rule and_slackness[565758] it_will_become (into)_forced_
_labour. **25** Anxiety in_the_heart_of a_person it_bows_it_down
and_a_message good it_makes_it_glad. **26** He_makes_a_search
from_friend_of_his a_righteous_person and_the_way_of
wicked_people it_misleads_them. **27** Not slackness he_roasts
game_of_his_hunted and_the_wealth a_person precious a_
_diligent_person. **28** Is_in_the_path_of righteousness life and_
_the_direction_of a_pathway not death.
13:1 A_son wise the_discipline_of a_father and_a_mocker not
he_listens_to a_rebuke. **2** From_the_fruit of_the_mouth_of a_
_person he_eats good_thing[s] and_the_appetite_of those_who_
_act_treacherously is_violence. **3** one_who_guards mouth_of_
_his is_protecting life_of_his one_who_opens lips_of_his ruin
to_him/it. **4** Is_coveting and_there_is_not appetite_of_his a_
_sluggard and_the_appetite_of diligent_people it_will_be_
_made_fat. **5** A_message_of falsehood a_righteous_person he_
_hates and_a_wicked_person he_acts_odiously and_he_acts_
_shamefully. **6** righteousness it_preserves integrity_of way and_
_wickedness it_subverts sin. **7** There_is one_who_enriches_
_himself and_there_is_not anything one_who_impoverishes_

Readers' Version

^but someone who sows goodness gets a genuine wage.
19 True goodness leads to life,
^but those who chase after evil, receive death.
20 Yahweh hates those with perverse motives,
^but he appreciates those who choose blameless ways.
21 Most certainly, an evil person won't go unpunished,
^but the descendants of a godly person will be rescued.
22 A beautiful woman without discretion
→is like a gold ring in a pig's nose.
23 Godly people long for good things,
^but wicked people can only expect to receive fury.
24 Someone who helps generously, gains even more,
^but those who without what's due, end up poor.
25 A person who blesses will prosper,
and those who give water, will also be satisfied.
26 People will curse the person who hoards up grain,
^but the one who sells it will be blessed by them.
27 Anyone who strives diligently, strives for favour,
^but if you strive for evil, it'll come to you.
28 Anyone who trusts in their riches will fall,
^but godly people will thrive like green leaves.
29 Those who cause trouble for their households will inherit the wind,
and the fool will become a slave to those with sensible values.
30 The fruit of doing what's right is a tree of life,
and those who win people over are wise.
31 Listen, anyone who does what's right will be rewarded appropriately,
so how more so the wicked and disobedient person!
12:1 Anyone who loves discipline, loves knowledge,
^but those who hate correction are stupid.
2 A good person receives favour from Yahweh,
^but he will condemn the person with wicked plans.
3 No one can become established by means of wickedness,
^but the foundations of righteous people can't be moved.
4 A capable wife is the crown of her husband,
^but a wife who acts shamefully is like rottenness in his bones.
5 The plans of godly people are to do justice,
^but wicked people lean towards deceit.
6 The words of wicked people lie in wait for blood,
^but the speech of godly people rescues them.
7 The wicked get overthrown then disappear,
^but the homes of godly people endure.
8 A person will be praised for their insightful words,
^but anyone with a warped mind will end up despised.

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53 LV 12:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **בושי**: (x-qere) **בִּישָׁי**: lemma_7725 morph_HVhi3ms id_20VcL **בִּישָׁי**

54 LV 12:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

55 LV 12:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

56 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

57 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

58 LV 12:24 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

9 It's better to be little known yet have a servant,
than to be self-important but have nothing to eat.
10 A godly person cares for the life of their animal,
^but wicked people display cruelty rather than compassion.
11 The person who tills the ground will have enough food,
^but anyone chasing worthless things has the wrong values.
12 The wicked person covets evil gain,
^but godly people produce like a deep-rooted tree.
13 An evil person entices others with their rebellious lips,
^but godly people stay out of trouble.
14 A person will be rewarded with good things from the fruit of their mouth,
and a person's labour will be repaid to them by its results.
15 The fools' paths seem like the right ones in their own eyes,
^but a wise person listens to advice.
16 A fool's anger is made known straightaway,
^but a sensible person overlooks being disrespected.
17 Anyone who breathes out faithfulness, unashamedly says what's right,
^but a biased witness speaks deceitfully.
18 Some people speak recklessly, like a sword thrashing around,
^but wise people bring healing with their words.
19 Lips that produce reliable words will always be trusted,
^but a tongue that spurts out lies will be believed only for a moment.
20 Those who make evil plans, do it from a deceitful mind,
^but those who promote peace, end up contented.
21 Trouble doesn't come towards people who do what's right,
^but wicked people are full of distress.
22 Yahweh hates lying lips,
^but he's pleased by those who are trustworthy.
23 A sensible person doesn't show off everything they know,
^but foolish people like to proclaim their foolishness.
24 Those who work hard will rule,
^but an idle person will become forced labour.
25 A person who's full of anxiety gets weighed down by it,
^but good news cheers them up.
26 A godly person keeps an eye on their neighbour,
^but the ways of wicked people leads them astray.
27 A slack hunter doesn't roast his kill,
^but a diligent person values all their possessions.
28 Life can be found by following the path of doing what's right,
and there's no death if you stay on the pathway.
13:1 A wise son accepts his father's discipline,
^but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.

Literal Version

_himself and_wealth great. **8** The_ransom_of the_life_of a_
_person wealth_of_is_his and_one_who_is_poor not he_hears a_
_threat. **9** The_light_of righteous_people it_rejoices and_the_
_lamp_of wicked_people it_is_extinguished. **10** Only with_
_presumption it_gives contention and_~~DOM~~ those_who_receive_
_advice wisdom. **11** Wealth from_vanity it_will_become_small
and_one_who_gathers on hand he_will_increase. **12** Hope
deferred is_making_sick the_heart and_tree life a_desire which_
_comes. **13** one_who_despises (to)_a_message he_will_be_
_pledged to_him/it and_one_fearing_of (of)_a_command he he_
_will_be_rewarded. **14** The_instruction_of a_wise_person is_a_
_fountain_of life to_turn_aside from_the_snares_of death.
15 Insight good it_gives favour and_the_way_of those_who_act_
_treacherously is_enduring. **16** Every_of sensible_person he_
_acts with_knowledge and_a_fool he_spreads_out foolishness.
17 A_messenger wicked he_falls in_trouble and_an_envoy_of
faithfulness(es) is_healing. **18** Poverty and_shame one_who_
_ignores discipline and_one_who_keeps correction he_is_
_honoured. **19** A_desire realised it_is_pleasing to_a_person and_
_is_an_abomination_of fools to_turn_aside from_evil. **20** one_
_who_walks[596061] with wise_people and[62] and_one_who_
_associates_with fools he_will_be_harmed. **21** Sinners calamity
it_pursues and_~~DOM~~ righteous_people good it_rewards. **22** A_
_good_person he_leaves_an_inheritance_to children_of
children and_is_stored_up for_righteous the_wealth_of a_
_sinner. **23** Abundance_of food the_unplowed_ground_of those_
_who_are_poor and_there_is that_which_is_swept_away in_not
justice. **24** one_who_restrains rod_of_his is_hating son_of_his
and_one_of_who_loves_him he_seeks_him_diligently discipline.
25 A_righteous_person is_eating to_the_satiety_of his_appetite_
_of_his and_the_belly_of wicked_people it_is_lacking.
14:1 Wise_women_of women she_builds house_of_her and_folly
with_her_own_of_hands she_tears_it_down. **2** one_who_walks
in_uprightness_of_his is_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** and_one_who_
_is_crooked_of his_ways_of_his is_despising_of_him. **3** Is_in_
_the_mouth_of a_fool a_rod_of pride and_the_lips_of wise_
_people it_preserves_them. **4** When_there_are_not cattle(s)
the_feeding_trough_of is_clean and_abundance_of produce(s)
is_by_the_strength_of an_ox. **5** A_witness_of faithfulness(es)
not he_tells_lies and_ a_witness_of falsehood _he_breathes_out
lies. **6** A_mocker he_seeks wisdom and_there_is_not and_
_knowledge to_one_who_has_understanding it_is_trifling. **7** Go
from_before to_a_person a_fool and_not you_have_known lips_
_of knowledge. **8** The_wisdom_of a_sensible_person is_to_
_understand its_road/course and_the_foolishness_of fools is_
_deceit. **9** Fools he_mocks guilt and_between upright_people
favour. **10** A_heart is_knowing the_bitterness_of its_own_self_
_of_his and_in_joy_of_its not a_stranger he_shares. **11** The_
_house_of wicked_people it_will_be_destroyed and_the_tent_of
upright_people it_will_flourish. **12** There_is a_way right to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_person and_end_of_its is_
_the_ways_of death. **13** Also in_laughter a_heart it_is_in_pain

59 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: דולה: (x-qere) דָּלֻוֹת: lemma_1980 morph_HVqrmsa id_20Mem דָּלֻוֹת

60 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

61 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

62 **LV 13:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: וכח/מכח: (x-qere) מָכְחָי: lemma_2449 n_1 morph_HVqi3ms id_20yr6 מָכְחָי

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and_end_of_its[6364] joy may_be_grief. **14** From_ways_of_his one_
_who_is_backslidden_of heart he_will_be_satisfied and_from_
_with_himself a_person good. **15** A_naive_person he_believes
to/from_all/each/any/every thing and_a_sensible_person he_
_considers (to)_step_of_his. **16** A_wise_person is_fearing and_
_turning_aside from_evil and_a_fool is_arrogant and_confident.
17 A_person_short_of anger(s) he_does foolishness and_a_
_person_of evil_devices he_is_hated. **18** Naive_people they_
_inherit foolishness and_sensible_people they_surround
knowledge. **19** Evil_people they_bow to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before good_people and_wicked_people at the_gates_of
the_righteous. **20** Also by_neighbour_of_his one_who_is_poor
he_is_hated and_those_who_love_of (of)_the_rich are_many.
21 one_who_despises (to)_neighbour_of_his is_sinning and_
_one_who_shows_favour_to humble_people[65] how_of_blessed_
_is_he. **22** Am_not those_who_devise_of (of)_evil do_they_go_
_astray and_loyalty and_faithfulness those_who_devise_of (of)_
_good. **23** In_all hard_labour profit it_is and_message_of lips is_
_only to_lack. **24** The_crown_of wise_people wealth_of_is_their
the_folly_of fools is_folly. **25** A_witness_of reliability is_
delivering lives and deceit _he_breathes_out lies. **26** Is_in_
_the_fear_of **YHWH** confidence_of strength and_to_children_
_of_his a_refuge it_will_belong. **27** The_fear_of **YHWH** is_a_
_fountain_of life to_turn_aside from_the_snares_of death. **28** Is_
_in_the_multitude_of a_people the_glory_of a_king and_is_in_
_not_of a_people the_ruin_of a_ruler. **29** A_person_long_of
anger(s) is_great_of understanding and_a_person_short_of
spirit is_exalting foolishness. **30** Is_the_life_of bodies a_heart_of
health and_is_rottenness_of bones jealousy. **31** one_who_
_oppresses[6667] the_poor he_reproaches maker_of_his and_is_
_honouring_of_him one_who_shows_favour_to the_needy.
32 By_wickedness_of_his a_wicked_person he_is_pushed_down
and_is_seeking_refuge in_death_of_his a_righteous_person.
33 In_a_heart discerning wisdom it_rests and_in_the_inward_
_part[s]_of fools it_is_made_known. **34** righteousness it_exalts
a_nation and_is_a_shame_of to_a_people sin. **35** The_favour_of
a_king belongs_to_a_servant who_acts_prudently and_fury_of_
_his it_belongs one_who_acts_shamefully.
15:1 An_answer soft it_turns_away rage and_a_message_of hurt
it_raises anger. **2** The_tongue_of wise_people it_makes_good
knowledge and_the_mouth_of fools it_pours_forth foolishness.
3 In_all place the_eyes_of **YHWH** they_are_watching evil_
_people and_good_people.[68] **4** Health_of tongue is_a_tree_of life
and_perverseness with_it is_brokenness in_spirit. **5** A_fool he_
_spurns the_discipline_of his/its_father and_one_who_keeps
correction he_is_prudent. **6** Is_the_house_of a_righteous_
_person wealth great and_with_the_income_of a_wicked_
_person is_trouble. **7** The_lips_of wise_people they_scatter
knowledge and_the_heart_of fools is_not right. **8** The_sacrifice_
_of wicked_people is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** and_is_the_

Readers' Version

2 A person can eat well as a result of the fruit of their mouth,
^but the appetite of treacherous people is violence.
3 The person who zips their lips, protects their life,
^but those who open their mouths, destroy themselves.
4 Lazy people want a lot but get nothing,
^but those who are diligent will have plenty.
5 Godly people hate fake news,
^but the wicked person causes a stink and disgrace.
6 doing what's right preserves those who like to display integrity,
^but wickedness overcomes the sinner.
7 Some people pretend to be wealthy, but have very little.
Others act as if they're poor, but are actually very wealthy.
8 The rich man's wealth might be needed to ransom his life,
^but the poor person hears no threat.
9 The person who does what's right has a light that shines brightly,
^but the lamp of the wicked person gets put out.
10 Insolence only causes friction,
^but those who take advice, advance in wisdom.
11 Wealth gained dishonestly gets frittered away,
^but what's earnt through hard work will increase.
12 Hoping for something that never happens causes stress,
^but when a longing is fulfilled, it's like a new lease of life.
13 Anyone who despises instruction will pay for it,
^but a person who respects a command will be rewarded.
14 Instruction from the wise is a fountain of life,
→turning a person away from deadly traps.
15 Good insight gives favour,
^but the path of treacherous people is hard.
16 Every sensible person makes use of knowledge,
^but the fool displays his foolishness.
17 A wicked messenger gets into trouble,
^but reliable messengers help the situation.
18 Poverty and disgrace are for those who ignore discipline,
^but the person who heeds correction will end up being honoured.
19 A desire that gets fulfilled makes a person feel pleased,
^but foolish people hate to turn away from evil.
20 The person who walks with wise people will become wise,
^but anyone associating with fools will get harmed.
21 Calamity chases after sinners,
^but goodness will reward those who do what's right.
22 A good person leaves an inheritance for their children,
^but a sinner's wealth will be saved for those who do what's

63 LV 14:13 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

64 LV 14:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

65 LV 14:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) '**מְיַנֵּעַ**': lemma_6035 morph_HAampa id_20GDR **מְיַנֵּעַ**

66 LV 14:31 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

67 LV 14:31 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

68 LV 15:3 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

right.
23 The unused field of a poor person could produce a lot of food,
^but injustice sweeps it away from them.
24 The parent who doesn't spank their children must hate them,
^but the one who loves them, is diligent in disciplining them.
25 The person who does what's right will be able to satisfy their appetite,
^but the stomach of wicked people doesn't get enough.
14:1 The wisest woman builds her house,
^but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.
2 A good citizen respects and honours Yahweh,
^but a devious person despises him.
3 What comes out of a fool's mouth is prodded on by pride,
^but the lips of wise people protect them.
4 Where there's no cattle, the feeding trough will be spotless,
^but a good harvest requires the strength of the bull.
5 A trustworthy witness doesn't tell lies,
^but a biased witness just breathes out lies.
6 A mocker searches for wisdom, but finds none,
^but knowledge is simple to find for the one who understands.
7 Go away from where a fool is,
→otherwise you won't find knowledgeable lips.
8 a sensible person has the wisdom to understand their direction,
^but fools are deceived by their own foolishness.
9 Fools mock the idea of feeling guilty,
→so good citizens favour each other.
10 A person holds their own bitterness inside,
and they don't share their happiness with a stranger either.
11 The wicked person's house will be destroyed,
^but the good citizen's tent will do well.
12 There's a nice path right in front of a person,
→but there's death at the end of that road.
13 People who are laughing can still be aching inside,
and the end of happiness might be grief.
14 Someone who turns back on their morals will be satisfied by their ways,
^but a good person will be satisfied by what they do.
15 Naive people believe everything they hear,
^but smart people carefully consider their steps.
16 A wise person fears trouble and turns away from it,
^but a stupid one is careless and overconfident.

Literal Version

_prayer_of upright_people delight_of_his. **9** Is_(the)_
_abomination_of **YHWH** the_way a_wicked_person and_one_
_who_pursues righteousness he_loves. **10** Discipline bad is_for_
_one_who_forsakes_of (of)_the_path one_who_hates correction
he_will_die. **11** Shəʾōl and_'Avaddōn are_before **YHWH** indeed
if/because the_hearts_of the_children_of humankind. **12** Not a_
_mocker he_loves reproof to_him/it to wise_people not he_
_goes. **13** A_heart joyful it_makes_good a_face and_by_sorrow_
_of heart a_spirit is_stricken. **14** A_heart discerning it_seeks
knowledge and[69] fools it_feeds_on foolishness. **15** All_of the_
_days_of the_afflicted are_displeasing and_good heart is_a_feast
continually. **16** Is_good a_little with_the_fear_of **YHWH** more_
_than_treasure great and_turmoil in_him/it. **17** Is_good a_
_portion_of vegetable[s] and_love is_there more_than_an_ox
fattened and_hatred in_him/it. **18** A_person_of rage he_stirs_up
strife and_a_person_long_of[70] anger(s) he_makes_quiet a_
_dispute. **19** The_way a_sluggard is_like_a_hedge_of thorn[s]
and_the_path_of upright_people is_throw_up. **20** A_son wise
he_makes_glad a_father and_a_fool a_person is_despising
his/its_mother. **21** Foolishness is_a_joy to_one_lacking heart
and_a_person_of understanding he_makes_straight to_walk.
22 Plans they_go_wrong when_there_is_not counsel and_with_
_multitude_of counsellors it_is_established. **23** Joy belongs_to_
_person in_the_answer_of his_mouth_of_his and_is_a_message
at_its_appropriate_of_time how good. **24** The_path_of life is_
_upward_upwards for_one_who_acts_prudently so_as to_turn_
_aside from_Shəʾōl beneath. **25** The_house_of proud_people he_
_tears_down **YHWH** and_he_will_establish the_territory_of a_
widow. **26** Are(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** the_plans_of an_
_evil_person and_are_clean words/messages_of kindness.
27 one_who_gains_unjustly unjust_gain is_troubling house_of_
_his_own and_one_who_hates gifts he_will_live. **28** The_heart a_
_righteous_person it_considers to_answer and_the_mouth_of
wicked_people it_pours_forth evil_things. **29** Is_far **YHWH**
from_wicked_people and_the_prayer_of righteous_people he_
_hears. **30** Light_of eyes it_makes_glad a_heart a_report good it_
_makes_fat the_bone[s]. **31** An_ear which_hears_of[7172]
correction_of life in_the_midst_of wise_people it_will_remain.
32 one_who_ignores discipline[7374] is_rejecting self_of_his and_
_one_who_heeds correction is_acquiring heart. **33** The_fear_of
YHWH is_the_correction_of wisdom and_is_before_of honour
humility.
16:1 To/for_'Ādām/humankind the_plans_of the_heart and_is_
from**YHWH** the_answer_of the_tongue. **2** All_of the_ways_of
a_person are_pure in_his_own_of_eyes and_is_ **YHWH** _
_weighing spirits. **3** Roll to **YHWH** works_of_your and_ plans_
_of_your _they_will_be_established. **4** Everything[75] **YHWH** he_
_makes for_purpose_of_its and_also the_wicked for_a_day_of

69 LV 15:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ונפ/ו**: (x-qere) **יפ/ו**: lemma_c/6310 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_204qd **יפ/ו**

70 LV 15:18 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

71 LV 15:31 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

72 LV 15:31 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

73 LV 15:32 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

74 LV 15:32 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

75 LV 16:4 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

Literal Version

trouble. **5** Is_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** every_of person_
_haughty_of heart hand to_hand not he_will_go_unpunished.
6 By_loyalty and_faithfulness iniquity it_is_atoned_for and_is_
_by_the_fear_of **YHWH** turning_aside from_evil. **7** When_ the_
_ways_of a_person _is_pleased_with **YHWH** also enemies_of_his
he_causes_to_be_at_peace with_him/it. **8** Is_good a_little with_
_righteousness more_than_greatness_of gains with_not justice.
9 The_heart_of a_person it_plans its_road/course and_**YHWH**
he_directs step[s]_of_his. **10** Divination is_on the_lips_of a_king
in_judgement not mouth_of_his it_will_act_unfaithfully.
11 Scale[s] and_balances_of justice to/for_**YHWH** work_of_are_
_his all_of the_weights_of the_bag. **12** Is_an_abomination_of
kings to_do wickedness if/because by_righteousness a_throne
it_is_established. **13** Are_the_delight_of kings lips_of
righteousness and_one_who_speaks upright_things he_loves.
14 The_rage_of a_king is_messengers_of death and_a_person
wise he_covers_it. **15** Is_in_the_light_of the_face_of a_king life
and_favour_of_his is_like_a_cloud_of spring_rain. **16** To_acquire
wisdom how is_good more_than_gold and_to_acquire
understanding is_chosen more_than_silver. **17** The_highway_of
upright_people is_to_turn_aside from_evil is_protecting life_of_
_his one_who_guards its_road/course. **18** To_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before breaking pride and_is_before_of stumbling
haughtiness_of spirit. **19** Is_good to_be_lowly spirit with
humble_people[76] more_than_to_divide plunder with proud_
_people. **20** one_who_gives_attention on a_message he_finds
good and_one_who_trusts in_**YHWH** how_of_blessed_is_he.
21 To_the_wise_of heart one_who_has_understanding it_is_
_called and_sweetness_of lips it_increases persuasiveness. **22** Is_
_a_fountain_of life the_prudence_of its_owners_of_his and_the_
_discipline_of fools is_foolishness. **23** The_heart a_wise_person
it_gives_insight_to mouth_of_his and_to lips_of_his it_adds
persuasiveness. **24** Are_a_honeycomb_of honey
words/messages_of kindness a_sweet_thing to_soul and_
_healing to_bone[s]. **25** There_is a_way right to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before a_person and_end_of_its is_the_ways_of
death. **26** The_appetite_of a_labourer it_toils for_him/it
if/because it_presses on/upon/above_him/it mouth_of_his.
27 A_person_of worthlessness is_digging_up evil and_is_on
mmm[77] like_a_fire scorching. **28** A_person_of perversiti(es) he_
_sends_out strife and[78] is_separating a_close_friend. **29** A_
_person_of violence he_deceives his/its_neighbour and_he_
_leads_him in_a_way not good. **30** one_who_shuts eyes_of_his
is_to_devise perverse_things one_who_purses lips_of_his he_
_accomplishes evil. **31** Is_a_crown_of splendour grey_hair in_
_the_way_of righteousness it_is_found. **32** Is_good a_person_
_long_of anger(s) more_than_a_warrior and_one_who_rules
over_spirit_of_his more_than_one_who_captures_of a_city.
33 In_bosom ~~DOM~~ the_lot it_is_hurled_down and_is_from_
_**YHWH** every_of decision_of_its.
17:1 Is_good a_piece_of_bread dry and_security is_with_it more_
_than_a_house full sacrifices_of_strife. **2** A_servant who_acts_
_prudently he_will_rule over_a_son who_acts_shamefully and_
_among_of brothers he_will_share the_inheritance. **3** A_

Readers' Version

17 People who quickly become angry, act foolishly,
and those planning evil schemes are hated.
18 Naive people inherit foolishness,
^but clever people are surrounded by knowledge.
19 Evil people will be forced to bow down in front of those who are good,
and wicked people at the gates of those who do what's right.
20 A poor person is hated even by their neighbour,
^but there are many who love the rich.
21 Anyone who despises their neighbour disobeys God,
^but the person who is kind to the poor will be happy.
22 Don't those who devise evil schemes end up losing their way?
^However, those with loyal commitment and faithfulness devise good things.
23 Hard work results in a profit,
^but words from lips only lead to poverty.
24 The crown of wise people is their wealth.
^The foolishness of fools is really foolish.
25 A truthful witness saves lives,
^but a deceitful one breathes out lies.
26 Respecting and obeying Yahweh leads to confidence of strength,
and that will be a safe place for their children.
27 Respecting and obeying Yahweh is a fountain of life,
→to turn people from deadly traps.
28 The pride of a king is being over lots of people,
^but a shortage of people signals the ruin of a ruler.
29 People who are slow to get angry, have more understanding,
^but a quick-tempered person prioritises foolishness.
30 A peaceful mind gives a healthy body,
^but envy causes the bones to rot.
31 Anyone who oppresses the poor, taunts their maker,
^but showing favour to a needy person honours him.
32 Wicked people destroy themselves by doing evil things,
^but those who do what's right find a safe place in their death.
33 Wisdom resides in an understanding mind,
→and it's made known even among foolish people.
34 Doing what's right makes a nation great,
^but disobeying God brings disgrace to people groups.
35 The king shows favour to a servant who acts with insight,
^but his rage is for those who act shamefully.
15:1 A gentle answer turns fury away,
^but a hurtful reply makes people angrier.
2 A wise person's tongue advances knowledge,
^but the mouth of fools pours out nonsense.
3 Yahweh's eyes are everywhere—
→watching both good and evil people.

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76 **LV 16:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיינע**: (x-qere) '**מְיֻנָּע**': lemma_6035 n_1 morph_HAampa id_20bfm **מְיֻנָּע**

77 **LV 16:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/יתפש**: (x-qere) '**וְ/תָפְשׂ**': lemma_8193 n_0.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_20LMG **וְ/תָפְשׂ**

78 **LV 16:28 · Note** OSHB note: Small letter(s). Shown as small letters without a superscript note number.

Readers' Version

4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life,
^but perversity crushes the spirit.
5 Fools reject discipline from their father,
^but sensible people accept correction.
6 There's great wealth in the home of a person who does what's right,
^but the income of a wicked person will just be trouble.
7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
^but it's not so for the minds of fools.
8 The sacrifices of wicked people are hated by Yahweh,
^but he delights in the prayer of a godly person.
9 Yahweh detests what wicked people do,
^but he loves those who strive to do what's right.
10 Severe discipline is coming for those who abandon the right path,
and those who hate correction will die.
11 The grave and place of destruction aren't hidden from Yahweh,
→so how much more the thoughts and values of humankind.
12 Mockers never love the one who corrects them,
→and they never approach the wise.
13 Inner happiness makes a face glad,
^but a spirit is crushed by a broken heart.
14 A discerning mind wants knowledge,
^but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.
15 Every day is bad for those who are suffering,
^but cheerful people have a continual feast.
16 It's better to have a little along with respect for Yahweh,
^than having great wealth, and then turmoil with it.
17 It's better to have a meal of vegetables where there's love,
^than to have roast meat where there's hate.
18 Quick-tempered people stir up trouble,
^but a patient person calms a quarrel.
19 The path of a slacker is like a hedge of thorns,
^but the road for godly people is a level highway.
20 A wise child brings happiness to their father,
^but a foolish person despises their mother.
21 Foolishness brings happiness to those who lack morals,
^but an understanding person makes sensible decisions.
22 Plans go wrong where no one gets advice,
^but they get implemented where there's many advisers.
23 A person is always pleased to give the right answer,
and the right thing said at the right time is so good.
24 Life's path is upward for the wise person,
→to prevent them going down to the grave.
25 Yahweh tears down the houses of the proud,
^but he'll protect a widow's boundary.
26 Evil plans are hated by Yahweh,
^but kind messages are pure.

Literal Version

_crucible is_for_silver and_a_furnace is_for_gold and_is_ **YHWH** _testing hearts. **4** An_evil-doer is_paying_attention on a_lip_of wickedness deception is_giving_ear on a_tongue_of destruction(s). **5** one_who_mocks (to)_one_who_is_poor he_ _reproaches maker_of_his a_person_joyful for_calamity not he_ _will_go_unpunished. **6** The_crown_of old_people is_children_of children and_the_honour_of children parents_of_is_their. **7** Not is_suitable for_a_fool a_lip_of excellence indeed if/because for_ _a_noble_person a_lip_of deception. **8** Is_a_stone_of favour the_ _bribe in/on_both_eyes_of its_owners_of_his to all_of that he_ _turns he_prospers. **9** one_who_conceals a_transgression is_ _seeking love and_one_who_repeats (in)_a_matter is_separating a_close_friend. **10** A_rebuke it_goes_down in_one_who_has_ _understanding more_than_striking a_fool a_hundred_times. **11** Only rebellion an_evil_person he_seeks and_a_messenger cruel he_will_be_sent in/on/over_him/it. **12** Let_it_meet a_bear robbed_of_cubs (in)_a_person and_not a_fool in_foolishness_of_ _his. **13** one_who_returns evil for good not it_will_depart[79] evil from_house_of_his. **14** Water is_one_who_lets_out_of the_ _beginning_of strife and_before_of it_has_broken_out the_ _dispute abandon. **15** one_who_justifies the_wicked and_one_ _who_condemns_as_guilty the_righteous are_(the)_ _abomination_of **YHWH** also both_of_of_them. **16** To/for_what this is_a_price in_the_hand_of a_fool to_acquire wisdom and_ _heart_of there_is_not. **17** In_all time the_friend is_loving and_ _a_brother for_adversity he_is_born. **18** A_person lacking_of heart he_is_striking a_palm is_pledging a_pledge to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before his/its_neighbour. **19** one_who_loves transgression is_loving contention one_who_makes_high entrance_of_his is_seeking ruin. **20** A_person_perverse_of heart not he_finds good and_one_who_is_perverted in_tongue_of_his he_falls in_trouble. **21** one_who_begets a_fool to_grief to_ _him/it and_not the_father_of a_fool he_rejoices. **22** A_heart joyful it_makes_good healing and_spirit stricken it_dries_up the_bone[s]. **23** A_bribe from_the_bosom_of a_wicked_person he_accepts to_turn_aside the_paths_of justice. **24** Is_with the_ _presence_of one_who_has_understanding wisdom and_the_ _eyes_of a_fool are_at_the_end_of the_earth. **25** Is_grief to_ _father_of_his a_son a_fool and_bitterness to_the_of_one_who_ _bore_him. **26** Also to_impose_a_fine to_(the)_person not is_ _good to_strike noble_people is_on uprightness. **27** one_who_ _restrains words/messages_of_his is_knowing knowledge and[80] spirit is_a_person_of understanding. **28** Also a_fool who_keeps_ _silent a_wise_person he_is_considered one_who_shuts lips_of_ _his one_who_has_understanding.
18:1 (To)_desire one_who_separates_himself he_seeks in_all sound_wisdom he_breaks_out. **2** Not a_fool he_delights in_ _understanding if/because (if) in_ his/its_heart _revealing_ _itself. **3** When_ a_wicked_person _comes also contempt it_ _comes and_with shame reproach. **4** Are_waters deep the_ _words/messages_of the_mouth_of a_person a_wadi flowing a_ _fountain_of wisdom. **5** To_lift_up the_face_of a_wicked_person not is_good to_turn_aside a_righteous_person in_judgement. **6** The_lips_of a_fool they_go in_strife and_mouth_of_his for_

79 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB variant note: שׁימת: (x-qere) שׁוֹמֶת: lemma_4185 morph_HVqi3fs id_202pa שׁוֹמֶת
80 LV 17:27 · Note OSHB variant note: רק/ו: (x-qere) רַקִּי: lemma_3368 morph_HAamsc id_206Fc רַקִּי

Literal Version

_beatings it_calls. **7** The_mouth_of a_fool is_ruin to_him/it and_
_lips_of_his are_(the)_snare_of his_life_of_his. **8** The_
_words/messages_of a_slanderer are_like_delicacies and_they
they_go_down the_chambers_of the_belly. **9** Also one_who_
_shows_himself_idle in_work_of_his is_a_brother he to_a_
_master_of destruction. **10** Is_a_tower_of strength the_name_of
YHWH in/on/over_him/it a_righteous_person he_runs and_
_he_is_set_on_high. **11** The_wealth a_rich_person is_the_town_
_of his_strength_of_his and_like_a_wall high in_his_own_of_
imagination. **12** To(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
destruction the_heart_of a_person it_is_haughty and_is_before_
_of honour humility. **13** one_who_brings_back a_message
before_before he_listens is_folly it to_him/it and_ignominy.
14 The_spirit_of a_person it_will_endure sickness_of_his and_
_spirit stricken who will_he_bear_it. **15** A_heart discerning it_
_acquires knowledge and_the_ear_of wise_people it_seeks
knowledge. **16** The_gift_of a_person it_makes_space to_him/it
and_before_of great_people it_leads_him. **17** Is_righteous the_
_first in_case_of_his and_he_will_come[81] his/its_neighbour
and_he_will_examine_him. **18** Contentions the_lot it_puts_an_
_end_to and_between mighty_people it_separates. **19** A_brother
transgressed is_more_than_a_town_of strength and[82] are_like_
_the_bar_of a_fortress. **20** From_the_fruit of_the_mouth_of a_
_person belly_of_his it_is_satisfied the_produce_of his_lips_of_
_his he_is_satisfied. **21** Death and_life are_in_the_hand_of the_
_tongue and_those_of_who_love_it he_will_eat fruit_of_its.
22 He_finds a_wife he_finds a_good_thing and_he_obtained
pleasure from_**YHWH**. **23** Supplications one_who_is_poor he_
_speaks and_a_rich_person he_answers strong_
_words/messages. **24** A_person_of companions is_to_be_broken
and_there_is one_who_loves clinging more_than_a_brother.
19:1 Is_good one_who_is_poor who_walks in_integrity_of_his
more_than_the_person_perverse_of his_lips_of_his and_he is_a_
_fool. **2** Also with_not knowledge a_person not is_good and_
_one_who_hastens with_feet is_missing. **3** The_folly_of a_
_person it_subverts its_road/course and_towards **YHWH**
his/its_heart it_rages. **4** Wealth it_adds friends many and_a_
_poor_person friend_of_his_close[83] he_is_separated. **5** A_
_witness_of lies not he_will_go_unpunished and_he_breathes_
_out lies not he_will_escape. **6** Many_people they_entreat the_
_face_of a_noble_person and_all is_the_friend of_a_person_of
gift. **7** All_of the_brothers_of one_who_is_poor they_hate_him
indeed if/because friend[s]_of_his_close they_are_distant from_
_him/it he_is_pursuing words/messages to_him[84] they. **8** one_
_who_acquires heart is_loving self_of_his_own one_who_keeps
understanding is_to_find good. **9** A_witness_of lies not he_will_
_go_unpunished and_he_breathes_out lies he_will_perish.
10 Not is_suitable for_a_fool luxury indeed if/because for_a_
_slave to_rule over_princes. **11** The_prudence_of a_person it_
_makes_long anger_of_his and_glory_of_his[85] is_to_pass over
transgression. **12** Is_a_roaring like_(the)_lion the_rage_of a_king

Readers' Version

27 The person who makes unjust gains, brings troubles on their own home,
^but the one who hates bribes will live.
28 The person who does what's right, thinks carefully before answering,
^but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.
29 Yahweh is far from the wicked,
^but he hears the prayer of those who do what's right.
30 A bright look makes others glad.
Good news makes your bones healthy.
31 The ear that listens to correction lives—
→it will remain among the wise people.
32 Someone who ignores discipline, despises themself,
^but anyone who listens to correction strengthens their values.
33 Wise instructions lead to striving to obey Yahweh,
and humility leads to honour.
16:1 People make their own plans,
→then Yahweh decides what will happen.
2 People always tell themselves that they're doing the right thing,
^but Yahweh evaluates their motives.
3 Entrust what you're doing to Yahweh,
→and your plans will be effective.
4 Yahweh makes everything for his purpose,
→even the wicked for the day of disaster.
5 Yahweh detests every person who's arrogant—
→they certainly won't go unpunished.
6 Disobedience can be made up for by faithfulness and loyal commitment,
and those who respect and honour Yahweh avoid doing what's evil.
7 When Yahweh is pleased with a person's behaviour,
→he causes even his enemies to be at peace with them.
8 It's better to have just a little from doing what's right,
than a large income acquired dishonestly.
9 People plan their ways in their minds,
→but Yahweh directs their steps.
10 Inspired judgements come from the king's lips.
When making judgements, his mouth must not betray justice.
11 Honest scales and balances come from Yahweh.
The weights in the bag are his work.
12 Wicked behavior is detestable for kings,
because a throne is established by doing what's right.
13 Kings appreciate lips that say what's right,
and they value people who tell the truth.

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81 **LV 18:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אבי**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/אָב': lemma_c/935 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_20jvq וֹ/אָב

82 **LV 18:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מינודמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/מִנָּיְדִמ': lemma_c/4079 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpa id_205EL וֹ/מִנָּיְדִמ

83 **LV 19:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

84 **LV 19:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל**: (x-qere) 'וֹ/ל': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_20xJG וֹ/ל

85 **LV 19:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

14 A king's rage is a messenger of death,
→and wise people will appease it.
15 When a king's face brightens, there's life.
His favour is like a rain cloud in the spring.
16 It's better to acquire wisdom than gold,
and to choose understanding rather than silver.
17 The highway of godly people steers them away from evil.
Anyone who carefully considers their path, protects their life.
18 Pride goes before destruction,
and arrogance before a stumble.
19 It's better to live humbly among poor people,
^than to be dividing up the plunder with the proud.
20 The person who gives attention to a matter will succeed,
and those who put their trust in Yahweh will be blessed.
21 A person with a wise nature will be called 'understanding',
and pleasant lips are more persuasive.
22 Having insight is like a fountain of life,
^but disciplining fools would be foolishness.
23 The wise person's mind gives insight to their mouth,
and adds persuasiveness to their lips.
24 Kind messages are like the honey in a honeycomb,
→sweet for the self-esteem, and healing for the bones.
25 There's a clear path right in front of a person,
→but its end is the ways to death.
26 The workers' appetites work on their behalf,
→because their hunger presses them on.
... **27** A worthless person dredges up scandal,
→and it's like scorching fire on their lips.
28 Perverse people stir up strife,
→then it separates close friends.
29 Violent people deceive their neighbours,
→and lead them on a path that isn't good.
30 Those who shut their eyes are planning perverse things.
People who purse their lips are doing evil.
31 Gray hair is a crown of splendour,
that's found with a life of doing what's right.
32 It's better to be slow to get angry than to be powerful,
and better to be able to control yourself than to capture a city.
33 The dice are thrown onto the table,
^but Yahweh determines their fall.
17:1 It's better to have a dry piece of bread in quietness,
^than a house full of feasting with strife.
2 A servant who acts wisely will rule over a shameful son,
→and he'll share in the inheritance along with the brothers.
3 There's a crucible and furnace for gold and silver,
^but it's Yahweh who tests hearts.

Literal Version

and_is_like_dew on grass favour_of_his. **13** Is_destruction(s) to_
_father_of_his a_son a_fool and_are_a_dripping continual the_
_contentions_of a_wife. **14** House and_wealth are_an_
_inheritance_of fathers and_is_from_**YHWH** a_wife prudent.
15 Laziness it_makes_fall deep_sleep and_a_person_of slackness
he_will_be_hungry. **16** one_who_keeps_of a_command is_
_guarding_of life_of_his the_one_who_despises_of ways_of_(of)_
_his he_will_die[86]. **17** Is_lending_of **YHWH** one_who_shows_
_favour_to a_poor_person and_recompense_of_his he_will_
_repay to_him/it. **18** Discipline son_of_your if/because there_is
hope and_near/to putting_him_to_death do_not lift_up desire_
_of_your. **19** A_person_great_of[87] rage is_bearing the_fine
if/because if you_will_rescue and_again you_will_repeat.
20 Listen_to counsel and_accept correction so_that you_may_
_become_wise in_end_of_your. **21** Many plans are_in_the_heart_
_of a_person and_the_purpose_of **YHWH** it it_will_stand. **22** Is_
_the_desire_of a_person loyalty_of_his and_good one_who_is_
_poor from_man falsehood. **23** The_fear_of **YHWH** is_to_life
and_satisfied he_will_pass_the_night not he_will_be_visited
trouble. **24** A_sluggard he_hides his/its_hand in_bowl also to
mouth_of_his not bring_back_brings_it_back. **25** A_mocker you_
_will_strike and_a_naive_person he_will_become_prudent and_
_to_reprove (to)_one_who_has_understanding he_will_
_understand knowledge. **26** one_who_assaults_of a_father who_
_he_drives_away a_mother is_a_son who_brings_shame and_
_who_causes_shame. **27** Cease my_son_of_my[88] to_listen_to
correction to_stray from_words/messages_of knowledge. **28** A_
_witness_of worthlessness he_mocks justice and_the_mouth_of
wicked_people it_swallows_up wickedness. **29** They_are_
_prepared for_mockers judgements and_beatings for_the_back_
_of fools.
20:1 Is_a_mocker (the)_wine[89] is_noisy strong_drink and_all
one_who_staggers in/on/over_him/it not he_is_wise. **2** Is_a_
roaring like(the)_lion the_terror_of a_king one_of_who_
_infuriates_him is_missing life_of_his. **3** Is_honour to_person
cessation from_strife and_all fool he_breaks_out. **4** From_
_winter a_sluggard not he_plows and_he_asks[90] at_harvest and_
_there_is_not. **5** Is_water deep a_plan in_the_heart_of a_person
and_a_person_of understanding he_draws_it_out. **6** A_
_multitude_of person[s] he_proclaims each_one loyalty_of_his
and_a_person_of faithfulness(es) who will_he_find. **7** Is_going_
_about in_integrity_of_his a_righteous_person how_blessed
sons_of_are_his after_him. **8** A_king who_sits on a_throne_of
judgement is_winnowing with_eyes_of_his all_of evil. **9** Who
will_he_say I_have_kept_pure heart_of_my I_am_pure from_sin_
_of_my. **10** A_weight and_a_weight a_measure and_a_measure
are_(the)_abomination_of **YHWH** also both_of_of_them. **11** Also
by_deeds_of_his a_youth he_makes_himself_known if is_pure
and_if is_upright activity_of_his. **12** An_ear which_hears and_
_an_eye which_sees **YHWH** he_has_made also both_of_of_them.
13 Do_not love sleep lest you_should_become_impoverished

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86 LV 19:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **תמוי**: (x-qere) 'תּוֹמָיו': lemma_4191 n_0 morph_HVqi3ms id_20SmQ תּוֹמָיו

87 LV 19:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **לרג**: (x-qere) 'לָדֶגֶ': lemma_1419 a morph_HAamsc id_20yUJ לָדֶגֶ

88 LV 19:27 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

89 LV 20:1 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

90 LV 20:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **לאשי**: (x-qere) 'לָאָשִׁיו': lemma_c/7592 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_2096q לָאָשִׁיו

Literal Version

open eyes_of_your be_satisfied food. **14** Bad bad the_buyer he_
_says and_he_is_going_away to_him/it then he_boasts.
15 There_is gold and_abundance_of jewels and_are_an_article_
_of preciousness lips_of knowledge. **16** Take garment_of_his
if/because he_stands_surety_for a_stranger and_for a_foreign_
_woman[91] hold_it_in_pledge. **17** Is_sweet to_person food_of
falsehood and_after mouth_of_his it_will_be_filled gravel.
18 Plans by_counsel it_is_established and_by_guidance(s) make
war. **19** one_who_goes_about_of slander is_uncovering secret_
_counsel and_to_one_who_opens lips_of_his not you_will_get_
_involved. **20** one_who_curses his/its_father and_mother_of_his
lamp_of_his it_will_be_extinguished in/on/at/with[92] darkness.
21 An_inheritance hastily_gained[93] at_first and_end_of_its not
it_will_be_blessed. **22** Do_not say I_will_repay evil wait to/for_
_**YHWH** so_that_he_may_deliver to/for_you(fs). **23** Are_(the)_
_abomination_of **YHWH** a_weight and_a_weight and_balances_
_of deceit not are_good. **24** Are_from_**YHWH**[949596] the_steps_of
a_man and_human/'Ādām what will_he_understand its_
_road/course. **25** Is_a_snare_of a_person one_who_he_will_say_
_rashly holiness and_after the_vows to_consider. **26** A_king wise
is_winnowing wicked_people and_he_brought_back over_them
a_wheel. **27** The_lamp_of **YHWH** is_the_breath_of a_human it_
_is_searching all_of the_chambers_of the_belly. **28** Loyalty and_
_faithfulness they_preserve a_king and_he_supports by_loyalty
throne_of_his. **29** The_glory_of young_men strength_of_is_their
and_the_splendour_of old_people is_grey_hair. **30** Wounds_of
bruise[s] are_a_cleansing[97] (in)_evil and_blows_of the_
_chambers_of the_belly.
21:1 Is_streams_of water the_heart_of a_king in_the_hand_of
YHWH to all_of that he_desires he_turns_it. **2** Every_of way_of
a_person is_upright in_his_own_of_eyes and_is_ **YHWH** _
_weighing hearts. **3** To_do righteousness and_justice is_chosen
to/for_**YHWH** more_than_sacrifice. **4** Haughtiness_of eyes and_
_a_person_wide_of heart the_lamp_of wicked_people is_sin.
5 The_plans_of a_diligent_person are_only to_profit and_all
one_who_hastens is_only to_lack. **6** The_acquisition_of
treasures by_a_tongue_of falsehood is_a_breath driven_about
seekers_of death. **7** The_violence_of wicked_people it_will_
_drag_them_away if/because they_refuse for_doing justice.
8 Is_crooked the_way_of a_person guilty and_a_pure_person is_
_upright work_of_his. **9** Is_good to_dwell on a_corner_of a_roof
more_than_a_woman_of contentions and_a_house_of
association. **10** The_appetite_of a_wicked_person it_craves evil
not he_is_shown_favour in_eyes_of_his his/its_neighbour.
11 When_impose_a_fine_on a_mocker[98] a_naive_person he_
_becomes_wise and_when_instruct (to)_a_wise_person he_
_receives knowledge. **12** The_righteous_one is_giving_attention
to_the_house_of a_wicked_person he_is_subverting wicked_

Readers' Version

4 Those who do evil pay attention to wicked lips.
A liar listens to a destructive tongue.
5 Anyone who mocks the poor, taunts their maker.
Someone who's happy about a calamity won't go unpunished.
6 Grandchildren are the crown of the aged,
and children are proud of their parents.
7 Excellent lips wouldn't be suitable for a fool,
and certainly deceptive lips don't suit a ruler.
8 Doing a favour can act like a bribe for the donor.
→It causes everything they do to prosper.
9 The person who conceals an offence is seeking acceptance,
^but the one repeating the matter separates close friends.
10 Rebukes work on a sensible person,
more than a hundred lashes on a fool.
11 Only an evil person seeks rebellion
→and so a cruel opponent will be sent against him.
12 It's better to meet a mother bear robbed of its cubs,
→than to meet a fool displaying their foolishness.
13 Someone who returns evil for good,
→will find that evil never departs from their house.
14 The beginning of a dispute is like a small water leak,
→so stop it before it breaks out into a quarrel.
15 The person who justifies wicked people,
and the one who condemns an innocent person,
→are both detestable to Yahweh.
16 Why would a fool need money in their hand
when they have no intention of acquiring wisdom.
17 A true friend loves at all times,
and relatives are born to help during periods of difficulty.
18 A person lacking integrity is quick to give a handshake—
→guaranteeing a loan in front of their neighbour.
19 The one who loves to disobey, loves contention.
The person who builds a high fence, invites destruction.
20 The person with twisted values won't find goodness,
and the one with a perverse tongue will descend into disaster.
21 It's sad for the parents of a child who makes bad choices,
and the father of a fool won't be a happy person.
22 A cheerful attitude promotes healing,
^but a crushed spirit makes your bones dry up.
23 A wicked person accepts a secret bribe
→to pervert the paths of justice.
24 Wisdom is present with the understanding person,
^but a fool's eyes are unable to concentrate.

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91 **LV 20:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מירכנ**: (x-qere) 'תָּיְרְכָנ': lemma_5237 morph_HAafsa id_20uMy תָּיְרְכָנ
92 **LV 20:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ב/ושיא**: (x-qere) 'וְנִשֵּׂאָב': lemma_b/380 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_20hMA וְנִשֵּׂאָב
93 **LV 20:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תלחבמ**: (x-qere) 'תֻּלָּהֹבְמ': lemma_926 morph_HVPsfsa id_20JoU תֻּלָּהֹבְמ
94 **LV 20:24 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
95 **LV 20:24 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
96 **LV 20:24 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
97 **LV 20:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: **קירמת**: (x-qere) 'קֻורְמַת': lemma_8562 morph_HNcmsa id_20fDj קֻורְמַת
98 **LV 21:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

25 A foolish child brings grief to his father,
and bitterness to the mother who gave birth to them.
26 It's not good to impose a fine on the innocent.
Beating up an official isn't a good thing to do.
27 A person who's truly knowledgeable, restrains what they say,
and an understanding person stays calm.
28 Even a fool who stays silent is considered to be wise.
The one with closed lips appears to have understanding.
18:1 People who keep themselves separate, seek their own desires,
They reject sound wisdom.
2 Fools don't enjoy learning,
^but always like to make their opinions known.
3 When a wicked person arrives, contempt from others also comes,
and when shame arrives, so does reproach.
4 The utterances from a person's mouth are deep waters.
A fountain of wisdom produces a flowing stream.
5 It's not good to show partiality to the wicked
or to deprive an innocent person of justice.
6 The fool's lips brings strife,
and the fool's mouth invites a beating.
7 The fool's mouth will bring ruin,
and the lips of fools are a trap for their minds.
8 'News' snippets from a gossip are like delicious snacks—
→they get absorbed like food going down into your stomach.
9 The person who is slack in their work,
→is a cousin to the one who destroys.
10 Yahweh's name is a strong tower.
→Godly people run into it to be safe.
11 The rich person's wealth is like a fortified city,
and in their imagination, like a high wall.
12 Before destruction hits, a person is proud,
^but humility precedes honour.
13 Someone who answers before they've even listened
→is being foolish and shameful.
14 A person's spirit can endure through sickness,
^but who can bear a crushed spirit?
15 Understanding people acquire knowledge,
and wise people want information.
16 A person's donation can make space for them,
and it will give them access to important people.
17 The first person to state their case sounds right,
→until their opponent cross-examines them.

Literal Version

_people to_calamity. **13** one_who_shuts ear_of_his from_the_
_cry_of the_poor also he he_will_call_out and_not he_will_be_
_answered. **14** A_gift in_secrecy it_subdues anger and_a_bribe
in_bosom rage strong. **15** Is_a_joy to_person to_do justice and_
_terror to_those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness. **16** Anyone who_
_wanders from_the_way_of insight in_the_assembly_of the_
_shades he_will_rest. **17** Will_be_a_person_of lack one_who_
_loves pleasure one_who_loves wine and_oil not he_will_gain_
_riches. **18** Is_a_ransom for_person a_wicked_person and_in_
_place_of upright_people one_who_acts_treacherously. **19** Is_
_good to_dwell in_land_of wilderness more_than_a_woman_of
contentions[99] and_anger. **20** Treasure desirable and_oil are_in_
_the_habitation_of a_wise_person and_a_fool a_person he_
_swallows_it_up. **21** one_who_pursues righteousness and_
_loyalty he_finds life righteousness and_honour. **22** A_city_of
warriors a_wise_person he_goes_up and_he_brought_down
the_strength_of its_confidence_of_her. **23** one_who_guards
mouth_of_his and_tongue_of_his is_keeping from_troubles self_
_of_his. **24** An_arrogant_person proud is_mocker his/its_name
he_is_acting in_the_overflowing_of presumption. **25** The_
_desire_of a_sluggard it_kills_him if/because hands_of_his
they_refuse for_doing. **26** All_of the_day he_craves a_craving
and_a_righteous_person he_gives and_not he_keeps_back.
27 The_sacrifice_of wicked_people is_an_abomination indeed
if/because with_evil_intent he_brings_it. **28** A_witness_of lies
he_will_perish and_a_person who_listens to_perpetuity he_
_will_speak. **29** A_person wicked he_makes_firm with_face_of_
_his and_an_upright_person he he_considers[100] mmm[101].
30 There_is_not wisdom and_there_is_not understanding and_
_there_is_not counsel to_before **YHWH**. **31** A_horse is_prepared
for_a_day_of battle and_belongs_to_**YHWH** the_victory.
22:1 A_name is_to_be_chosen more_than_wealth great more_
_than_silver and_more_than_gold favour good. **2** The_rich and_
_the_poor they_meet_one_another is_the_maker_of all_of_
_them_of_their **YHWH**. **3** A_sensible_person he_sees trouble
and[102] and_naive_people they_pass_on they_are_punished.
4 The_consequence_of humility the_fear_of **YHWH** is_wealth
and_honour and_life. **5** Thorns snares are_in_the_path_of a_
_perverse_person one_who_guards_of self_of_his he_will_be_far
from_them. **6** Train (to)_youth on the_mouth_of his_way_of_his
also if/because he_will_be_old not he_will_turn_aside from_it.
7 A_rich_person over_those_who_are_poor he_rules and_is_a_
_servant one_who_borrows to_a_person who_lends. **8** one_who_
_sows unrighteousness he_will_reap[103] trouble and_the_rod_of
his_fury_of_his it_will_end. **9** A_person_good_of eye he he_will_
_be_blessed if/because he_gives some_of_his_food to_(the)_
_person. **10** Drive_out a_mocker and_ strife _it_will_go_out and_
dispute and_shame _it_will_cease. **11** one_who_loves pure_of[104]
heart who_are_grace_of lips_of_his his/its_neighbour a_king.
12 The_eyes_of **YHWH** they_guard knowledge and_he_has_

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99 LV 21:19 · Note OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) 'מְנֻיָּדִמ': lemma_4079 morph_HNcmpa id_20VTa מְנֻיָּדִמ
100 LV 21:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ויכי: (x-qere) 'וֹיְבָי': lemma_995 morph_HVqi3ms id_20QMs וֹיְבָי
101 LV 21:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/יכרד: (x-qere) 'וְ/כְּרַד': lemma_1870 n_0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_2027y וְ/כְּרַד
102 LV 22:3 · Note OSHB variant note: רתסי/ו: (x-qere) 'וָ/תֶּסֶנְ': lemma_c/5641 n_1 morph_HC/VNp3ms id_20wq8 וָ/תֶּסֶנְ
103 LV 22:8 · Note OSHB variant note: רוצקי: (x-qere) 'יָצָק': lemma_7114 b morph_HVqi3ms id_20eMv יָצָק
104 LV 22:11 · Note OSHB variant note: רוהט: (x-qere) 'רָהְטָ': lemma_2889 morph_HAamsc id_20CAN רָהְטָ

Literal Version

_subverted the_words/messages_of one_who_acts_
_treacherously. **13** A_sluggard he_says a_lion is_in_street in_
_the_middle the_open_places I_will_be_killed. **14** Is_a_pit deep
the_mouth_of strange_women one_who_is_cursed_of **YHWH**
he_will_fall[105] there. **15** Foolishness is_bound in_the_heart_of a_
_youth a_rod_of discipline it_will_put_it_far_away from_him.
16 one_who_oppresses the_poor to_increase to_him/it one_
_who_gives to_a_rich_person is_only to_lack.

Readers' Version

18 Tossing a coin ends quarrels,
→and it settles things between powerful people.
19 Someone who's offended is as approachable as a fortified city,
and quarrels are like the bars on a fortress.
20 The fruit of a person's mouth satisfies their stomach,
and they'll be satisfied with the product of their lips.
21 The tongue has power over life and death,
→and those who love using it will eat its fruit.
22 A man who finds a wife, finds a good thing,
→and receives favour from Yahweh.
23 Poor people make requests,
^but the rich person answers harshly.
24 A person with many companions will come to ruin,
^but there is a companion that sticks closer than a brother.
19:1 It's better to walk with integrity,
^than to be a foolish person with perverse speech.
2 What's more, a person without knowledge isn't good,
and anyone who shifts their feet quickly, misses their way.
3 A person's foolishness subverts their course,
→then their mind rages against Yahweh.
4 Wealth adds many friends,
^but the poor friend ends up being isolated.
5 A false witness won't go unpunished,
and the one who tells lies, won't escape the consequences.
6 Many people make requests to a generous leader,
and everyone is the friend of the person who gives gifts.
7 All the relatives of a poor person hates them,
→so how much more do their friends avoid them.
The poor person sends messages after them, but they're no longer around.
8 Anyone who acquires integrity, loves their own life.
The one who preserves understanding will find success.
9 A lying witness won't go unpunished,
and the one who tells lies will die.
10 Luxury is not suitable for a fool—
even worse for a slave to rule over princes.
11 A person's insight makes them slow to anger,
and it's their privilege to overlook an offense.
12 The king's rage is like a lion's roar,
^but his favour is like dew on the grass.
13 A foolish child leads to their father's destruction,
and an argumentative wife is like something constantly dripping.
14 Houses and wealth are an inheritance from your parents,
→but a sensible wife is from Yahweh.
15 Laziness makes a person fall into a deep sleep,
and a slack person will go hungry.
16 The ones who obey Yahweh's instructions will preserve their lives.
^Anyone who despises his ways, will die.

105 LV 22:14 · Note OSHB variant note: לוֹפִי: (x-qere) לְפִי': lemma_5307 morph_HVqi3ms id_20biE לְפִי

Readers' Version

17 Someone who's kind to a poor person is lending to Yahweh,
→and he will repay for the good deed.
18 Discipline your child because that gives hope,
^but don't think about their death.
19 People who get very angry will end up paying a fine,
→because if you rescue them, you'll have to do it again and again.
20 Listen to advise and accept correction
→so that you'll become wise for your life ahead.
21 People make many plans in their minds,
^but Yahweh's advice will endure time.
22 People desire loyal commitment from others,
and it's better to have a poor friend than one who lies.
23 Respecting and honouring Yahweh leads to life,
→and that person will have peaceful nights without trouble arriving.
24 The lazy person hides their hands in the dish—
→not even troubling to lift it to their mouth.
25 Beat a mocker then that simple one will become sensible,
and correct an intelligent person and they'll know even more.
26 Children who assault their fathers and drive away their mothers
→bring shame and reproach.
27 My child, if you want to stray from knowledge,
→stop listening to correction.
28 A worthless witness makes a mockery of justice,
and the mouth of the wicked person gulps in more wickedness.
29 Judgements are prepared for scoffers,
and beatings for the backs of fools.
20:1 Wine is a mocker and strong drink makes you boisterous,
→and everyone who staggers due to it, isn't wise.
2 A king's rage is like a roaring lion.
→Anyone who provokes him to anger risks their life.
3 It's honourable for a person to step away from strife,
^but every fool would rather break out an argument.
4 A lazy person won't plough when it's still cold,
→then he looks at harvest time and there's nothing.
5 The plans in a person's mind are like deep water,
^but an understanding person will draw them out.
6 Many people talk about their loyalty,
^but who can actually find a faithful person.
7 Godly people act with integrity.
→Their children will be blessed after them.
8 A king sitting on his throne to make a judgement,
→sifts all evil out with his eyes.
9 Who can say, "I've kept my motives pure—
I've been freed from sin"?
10 Differing weights and unequal measures—
→Yahweh hates both of them.
11 Even young people are known by their actions
→if they're honest and obedient.
12 The ear that hears and the eye that sees—
→it was Yahweh that made both of them.

Literal Version

Literal Version

Readers' Version

13 Don't love sleep or you might end up in poverty.
Open your eyes then you'll have enough food.
14 "Worthless, worthless," say the buyers,
^but as soon as they've left, they boast about the good deal.
15 There's gold around, and plenty of jewels,
^but lips with knowledge are a rare commodity.
16 Take the person's coat if they've used it to guarantee the loan of a stranger,
and hold it in pledge if they did it for a foreign woman.[45]
17 The bread of lies tastes good at first,
^but afterwards it's like a mouthful of gravel.
18 Plans are established with advisers,
→so wise guidance is required for war.
19 The person who gossips reveals a secret,
→so don't get involved with someone with a big mouth.
20 The one who curses their father and mother,
→will have their lamp extinguished in deep darkness.
21 An inheritance that's gained at too young an age,
→won't be a blessing in the end.
22 Don't say, "I'll repay that evil."
→Wait for Yahweh and he'll rescue you.
23 Fiddling with the weights is hated by Yahweh,
and deceitful scales aren't good.
24 It's Yahweh that determines a person's steps,
→so how does a mere human understand their course?
25 It's a trap for a person to rashly declare something as sacred,
→and then to only reflect later after making vows.
26 A wise king winnows out the wicked to separate them.
He uses the thresher to break them off.
27 The human spirit is Yahweh's lamp,
→searching all the innermost parts.
28 Loyal commitment and faithfulness to king preserves him,
and his throne is upheld by that loyal commitment.
29 The splendour of young men is their strength,
and the adornment of old people is their grey hair.
30 Lashes and wounds clean out evil,
and beatings clean out the innermost parts.
21:1 The king's thoughts are like streams of water to Yahweh—
→he directs them to go wherever he wants.
2 All a person's ways seem right in their own eyes,
^but Yahweh evaluates motives.
3 To do what's right and fair
→is more desirable to Yahweh than sacrificing.
4 Arrogance and pride—the lamp of wicked people,
→is disobeying Yahweh.
5 The plans of diligent people will only lead to abundance,
^but those who just rush around will only get poverty.
6 Wealth that's acquired via a lying tongue,
→will be like a quick breath for those seeking death.
7 The violence of wicked people will drag them away,
because they refuse to apply justice.

45 **RV 20:16 · Cross-ref.** 27:13.

Readers' Version

8 The paths of a guilty person are crooked,
^but well-behaved people act with decency.
9 It's better to live in the corner of the attic[46]
than inside the main house with the company of an argumentative wife.
10 Wicked people have a strong, inner craving for evil.
→Even their neighbours won't be shown any favour.
11 By punishing a mocker, a naive person becomes wise,
and when wise people are instructed, they acquire knowledge.
12 People who do what's right pay attention to the wicked person's house,
→subverting the wicked until they're ruined.
13 Any person who shuts their ears to the cry of the poor
→will also call out for help but won't be answered.
14 A discreet gift subdues anger,
and a bribe quietens down a strong rage.
15 The godly person enjoys promoting justice,
^but brings terror to those doing wicked things.
16 Anyone who wanders away from the path of insight,
→will rest in the assembly of the dead.
17 The lover of pleasure will become poor.
Anyone who loves wine and rich food won't become wealthy.
18 A wicked person becomes the payment to free someone who does what's right,
and a treacherous person to free a godly person.
19 It's better to live in a wilderness region,
than with a wife who's argumentative and negative.
20 Precious treasures and oil will be in the house of a wise person,
^but a foolish person consumes it all.
21 The person who strives to do what's right and who shows loyal commitment,
→will find life, forgiveness, and honour.
22 A wise man can climb up into a city of warriors,
→and bring down the strength of its confidence.
23 Any person who guards their mouth and tongue
→will keep trouble away from their life.
24 A proud and arrogant person is called a mocker,
→because they act with arrogant presumption.
25 The craving of slackers will kill them,
because their hands refuse to work.
26 All day long, they fantasise their craving,
^but people who do what's right, give without holding back.
27 The wicked person's sacrifice is detestable,
because it's brought with evil intent.
28 A lying witness will die,
^but a good listener will speak out success.
29 The wicked person makes their face look stern,
^but godly people carefully consider their ways.
30 There's no wisdom or understanding

Literal Version

46 **RV 21:9 · Note** We made an adjustment here for most of our readers in houses with sloping roofs, as distinct from living in an arid climate and having a flat roof.

Literal Version

17 Incline ear_of_your and_hear the_words/messages_of wise_
_people and_heart_of_your you_will_set to_knowledge_of_my.
18 If/because will_be_pleasant that/for/because/then/when
you_will_keep_them in_belly_of_your they_will_be_prepared
together on lips_of_your. **19** To_be in_**YHWH** confidence_of_
_your I_teach_you the_day even you. **20** Not have_I_written
to/for_yourself(m) officers[106] (in)_counsels and_knowledge.
21 To_make_known_to_you the_truth_of[107] of_
_words/messages_of faithfulness to_bring_back
words/messages faithfulness to_those_of_who_sent_you.

Readers' Version

or advice that would oppose Yahweh.
31 A horse is prepared for the day of battle,
^but the victory belongs to Yahweh.
22:1 A good reputation is more desirable than great wealth,
and good favour more than gold or silver.
2 Rich and poor meet each other at their end.
Yahweh is the creator of all of them.
3 A prudent person notices trouble and avoids it,
whereas naive people just blunder onwards and suffer.
4 The consequence of humility and respecting and honouring Yahweh
→is riches and honour and life.
5 Thorns and traps are on the perverse person's path,
^but those who guard their own self-esteem keep far away from them.
6 Train your children in the way they should go,
→then when they're older they won't turn away from it.
7 A rich person rules over those who are poor,
and the one who borrows is enslaved to the lender.
8 The person who sows evil will harvest trouble,
and the power from his anger will end.
9 Generous people will be blessed,
because they share their food with the poor.
10 Drive away a mocker and then strife will disappear,
→and abuse and disputes will stop.
11 The person who values pure motives, who speaks graciously,
→will have the king for a friend.
12 Yahweh's eyes guard knowledge,
^but he overthrows the plans of those who behave treacherously.
13 The lazy person says, "There's a lion outside—
→I'll be killed if I go outside!"
14 The mouth of a loose woman is a deep pit.
→Those who are cursed by Yahweh will fall into it.
15 Foolish ideas are natural in the mind of a youth.
→but the rod bringing discipline drives it far from them.
16 Those who oppress the poor or give to the rich, in order to make a profit,
→will just end up in poverty themselves.

17 Listen carefully to what wise people have said. **The thirty sayings**
Set your mind to apply what I'm teaching you
18 because internalising my instructions will be worthwhile—
→then they'll be easy for you to share with others.
19 I'll instruct you today
→so that you'll put your trust in Yahweh.
20 Actually, I've written thirty proverbs
to advise and teach you—
21 to show you true and reliable principles
so that you can give accurate answers to those sent to you.

106 LV 22:20 · Note OSHB variant note: שלשום: (x-qere) שְׁלִשִׁים: lemma_7991 c n_1 morph_HAompa id_20aYb שְׁלִשִׁים

107 LV 22:21 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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22 Don't rob those in poverty just because they're poor
and don't 'crush' a poor person at the community gate
23 →because Yahweh will take their side.
Yes, he'll plunder the lives of those who plunder them.
24 Don't associate with angry people,
and don't go along with a hot-headed person,
25 →in case you end up copying their habits,
and get yourself tangled in that trap.
26 Don't be among those quick to shake hands
to guarantee the loans of others,
27 because if you're unable to make the payment,
→you could have your bed taken out from under you.
28 Don't move an ancient boundary marker,
which your ancestors had placed there.
29 You've seen a man who's skilled at his work—
→he'll take his position in front of kings.
^He won't do his work just for anybody.
23:1 When you sit down to eat with a political leader,
pay attention to what's in front of you,
2 and put a knife to your throat,
if you have an enormous appetite.
3 Don't crave their delicacies,
because it's the food of lies.
4 Don't just work to get rich.
Your wisdom should tell you to stop.
5 You glance at wealth then it'll be gone,
because it'll make wings for itself and fly away into the sky like an eagle.
6 Don't eat the food of a stingy person,
and don't crave for their delicacies,
7 because they're always calculating internally—
telling you to eat and drink but it's not really genuine.
8 You'll vomit up the bit that you've eaten
and your pleasant greetings will have been wasted.
9 Don't bother speaking to a foolish person
because they'll despise the wise things that you say.
10 Don't move an ancient boundary marker,
or encroach on the fields of those who are disadvantaged,
11 because the one who watches out for them is strong

-1- **-2-** **-3-** **-4-** **-5-** **-6-** **-7-** **-8-** **-9-** **-10-**

Literal Version

22 Do_not rob a_poor_person if/because is_poor he and_do_not crush a_poor_person at_gate. **23** If/because **YHWH** he_will_conduct case_of_their and_he_will_rob ᴅᴏᴍ those_of_who_rob_them life.

24 Do_not associate with a_master_of anger and_ᴅᴏᴍ a_person_of rage(s) not you_must_go. **25** Lest you_should_learn his[108] and_you_will_take a_snare for_self_of_your.

26 Do_not be among_those_who_strike_of (of)_a_palm among_who]_stand_surety_for debts. **27** If there_is_not to/for_yourself(m) to_pay to/for_what will_anyone_take bed_of_your from_under_you.

28 Do_not displace a_boundary_of antiquity which ancestors_of_your they_made.

29 You_see a_person skilled in_work_of_his to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before kings he_will_take_his_stand not he_will_take_his_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before insignificant_people.

23:1 If/because you_will_sit_down to_eat with a_ruler carefully_(consider) you_will_consider ᴅᴏᴍ that_which is_before_of_you. **2** And_you_will_put a_knife in_throat_of_your if are_a_master_of appetite you. **3** Do_not crave[109][110] for_his_delicious_of_food(s) and_he is_food_of lies.

4 Do_not labour to_gain_riches from_understanding_of_your cease. **5** Mmm[111] eyes_of_your in/on/over_him/it and_not_existing_he if/because surely_(make) it_makes for_him/it wings like_an_eagle and[112] the_heavens.

6 Do_not eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_food_of a_person_evil_of eye and_do_not crave[113] for_his_delicious_of_food(s). **7** If/because as he_calculates in_self_of_his is_so he eat and_drink he_says to/for_you(fs) and_heart_of_his not is_with_you. **8** Of_bread_of_your_piece which_you_have_eaten you_will_vomit_it_up and_you_will_spoil words/messages_of_your (the)_pleasant.

9 In_the_ears_of a_fool do_not speak if/because he_will_despise (to)_the_insight_of your(pl)_words/messages_of_your.

10 Do_not displace a_boundary_of antiquity and_in_the_fields_of fatherless_ones do_not go. **11** If/because redeemer_of_their is_strong he he_will_conduct ᴅᴏᴍ case_of_their with_you.

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108 **LV 22:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תחרא**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֶתְחָרֵ֑א': lemma_734 n_1 morph_HNcbpc/Sp3ms id_202eu וְ/יֶתְחָרֵ֑א

109 **LV 23:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

110 **LV 23:3 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

111 **LV 23:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יועת/ה**: (x-qere) 'תִּיעָ֥ת/ה': lemma_i/5774 a morph_HTi/Vhi2ms id_20Tsm תִּיעָ֥ת/ה

112 **LV 23:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יע/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָע֣וּף': lemma_5774 a morph_HVqi3ms id_2017A וְ/יָע֣וּף

113 **LV 23:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ואתת**: (x-qere) 'וְ/אֶתְתֵּ֑ת': lemma_183 n_0.0 morph_HVtj2ms id_20QAE וְ/אֶתְתֵּ֑ת

Literal Version

12 Bring to_discipline heart_of_your and_ear_of_your to_
_words/messages_of knowledge.

13 Do_not withhold from_a_youth discipline if/because you_
_will_strike_him with_rod not he_will_die. 14 You with_rod
you_will_strike_him and_life_of_his from_Shə'ōl you_will_
_deliver.

15 My_son_of_my if heart_of_your it_is_wise heart_of_my also I
it_will_rejoice. 16 And_ kidneys_of_my _they_will_rejoice
when_ lips_of_your _speak uprightness(es).

17 Not heart_of_your let_it_be_jealous of_sinners if/because (if)
in_the_fear_of **YHWH** all_of the_day. 18 If/because if there_is a_
_future and_hope_of_your not it_will_be_cut_off.

19 Oh_you listen son_of_my and_be_wise and_guide in_way
heart_of_your. 20 Do_not be among_drunkards_of wine among_
_gluttons_of meat (for)_themselves. 21 If/because a_drunkard
and_a_glutton he_will_become_impoverished and_rags
drowsiness it_will_clothe_him.

22 Listen to_father_of_your who he_begot_you and_do_not
despise if/because mother_of_your she_is_old. 23 Truth buy
and_do_not sell_it wisdom and_discipline and_understanding.
24 Greatly_(rejoice)[114] he_rejoices[115] the_father_of a_righteous_
_son and_one_who_begets[116] a_wise_son and[117] in/on/over_
_him/it. 25 father_of_your and_mother_of_your may_he_rejoice
and_ the_one_of_who_bore_you _may_she_rejoice.

26 Give my_son_of_my heart_of_your to_me and_eyes_of_your
ways_of_my let_them_observe[118].[119] 27 If/because is_a_pit deep
a_prostitute and_is_a_well narrow a_foreign_woman. 28 Also
she like_a_robber she_lies_in_wait and_those_who_act_
_treacherously among_humankind she_increases.

29 Belongs_to_whom woe belongs_to_whom woe belong_to_
_whom contentions[120] belongs_to_whom complaint belong_to_
_whom bruises without_cause belongs_to_whom dullness_of

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and he'll take up their case against you.
12 Make continual learning part of your values, **-11-**
and use your ears for gaining knowledge.
13 It's important to discipline your children. **-12-**
They won't die from getting a spanking.
14 Spank them with a stick
and you'll keep them from the grave.
15 My child, if you value wisdom **-13-**
then I'll certainly be very happy.
16 My mind will be celebrating
when your lips speak out what's right.
17 Don't let yourself start envying sinners— **-14-**
instead it should be Yahweh that you respect and strive to obey,
18 because then there'll certainly be a future.
Your hope for the future won't be chopped off.
19 My child, listen and become wise, **-15-**
and channel your values in the right direction.
20 Don't associate with those drinking too much wine,
or with those who gorge themselves on meat,
21 →because drunkards and gluttons will become impoverished,
and their drowsiness will leave them dressed in rags.
22 Listen to what your father tells you, **-16-**
and don't despise your mother when she gets old.
23 Acquire truth and don't sell it,
and similarly for wisdom, instruction, understanding.
24 The father of someone who does what's right will be encouraged.
Yes, anyone who fathers a sensible child will be glad.
25 Let your father be happy.
and may your mother celebrate.
26 My child, follow me with sincerity, **-17-**
and let your eyes observe my ways,
27 because a prostitute is a deep pit,
and an adulteress is a narrow well.
28 They lie in wait like a robber would,
and keep adding to the number of men who become unfaithful.
29 Who has dread or sorrow or contentions? **-18-**

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114 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: לוֹג: (x-qere) 'לֹגְ': lemma_1524 a morph_HVqa id_20KFN לֹגְ
115 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: לוני: (x-qere) 'לֹנְיָ': lemma_1523 n_1.0 morph_HVqi3ms id_20L7f לֹנְיָ
116 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: דלוי: (x-qere) 'דֵּלֹוִי/ו': lemma_c/3205 morph_HC/Vqrmsa id_209VK דֵּלֹוִי/ו
117 LV 23:24 · Note OSHB variant note: חמשי/ו: (x-qere) 'חַמְשֵׁי': lemma_8055 morph_HVqi3ms id_20Toi חַמְשֵׁי
118 LV 23:26 · Note OSHB variant note: הנצרת: (x-qere) 'הָנַרְצְתְ': lemma_5341 n_0 morph_HVqj3fp id_20RFy הָנַרְצְתְ
119 LV 23:26 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
120 LV 23:29 · Note OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) 'מִנָּיְדְמ': lemma_4079 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20BVw מִנָּיְדְמ

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Who has complaints, or needless wounds, or bloodshot eyes.
30 It's those who linger over wine,
or try various mixed drinks.
31 Don't look at wine when it's red and sparkling in the cup,
and when it would slide down smoothly.
32 →In the end it bites like a snake,
and stings like a viper.
33 →Then your eyes will see strange things,
and perverse things in your mind will get spoken.
34 →You'll feel like someone sleeping out in the ocean—
just like someone lying down at the top of a mast.
35 You'll say, "They hit me but it didn't hurt.
They beat me but I couldn't feel it.
When will I wake up? I'll have some more—where is it?"

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24:1 Don't be envious of evil men,
and don't try to associate with them,
2 because they have violent thoughts,
and their lips cause trouble.

-20-

3 It's through wisdom that a house is built,
and it's established by understanding.
4 It's through knowledge that its rooms get filled
→with beautiful and valuable treasures.

-21-

5 A wise person is strong,
and those with knowledge increase their power,
6 →because you need wise guidance to go to war,
and victory requires many advisers.

-22-

7 Wisdom is too much for fools.
→They don't open their mouths at the city gate.

-23-

8 The person who plans to do evil,
will be known by others as a master schemer.

-24-

9 A foolish plan is sinful,
and people hate a mocker.

-24-

10 If you display a lack of courage when you have troubles,
→your strength is limited.

-25-

11 Rescue those being led away to their death,
and those who will be staggering to their slaughter if you restrain.
12 If you just say that you didn't know anything about it,
→then the one who weighs motives will realise.
→Then the one who guards your life will repay everyone according to what they've done.

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13 My child, eat honey because it's good,
and honeycomb tastes sweet.
14 Wisdom is like that for your mind,
and if you find it, there'll be a future for you,

Literal Version

eyes. 30 To_who_delay over the_wine to_who_go to_examine mixed_wine. 31 Do_not see wine if/because it_will_be_red if/because it_will_give in/on/at/with[121] eye_of_its it_will_go with_smoothness(es). 32 End_of_its like_a_snake it_will_bite and_like_a_viper it_will_sting. 33 Eyes_of_your they_will_see strange_things and_heart_of_your it_will_speak perverse_ _things. 34 And_you_will_be like_one_who_lies_down in_the_ _heart_of the_sea and_like_one_who_lies_down at_the_top_of a_mast. 35 They_struck_me not I_am_sick they_struck_me not I_know when will_I_awake I_will_repeat I_will_seek_it again.

24:1 Do_not be_jealous of_people_of evil and_do_not desire[122] to_be with_them. 2 If/because violence[123][124] heart_of_their it_ _plots and_trouble lips_of_their they_speak.

3 By_wisdom a_house it_is_built and_by_understanding it_is_ _established. 4 And_by_knowledge rooms they_are_filled all_of wealth precious and_pleasant.

5 A_man wise is_strength and_a_person_of knowledge is_ _making_firm strength. 6 If/because by_guidance(s) you_will_ _make for_yourself war and_victory is_in_a_multitude counsellor[s].

7 Are_high for_a_fool wisdom(s) in_gate not he_opens mouth_ _of_his.

8 one_who_plans to_do_evil to_him/it master_of plots people_ _will_call.

9 A_plan_of foolishness is_sin and_is_an_abomination_of to/for_'Ādām/humankind a_mocker.

10 You_have_shown_yourself_without_courage in/on_day trouble is_narrow strength_of_your.

11 Deliver those_who_are_being_taken to_death and_those_ _who_are_staggering to_slaughter if you_will_restrain.
12 If/because you_will_say HERE not we_knew this not one_ _who_weighs hearts he does_he_perceive and_one_who_guards life_of_your he does_he_know and_will_he_repay to/for_ _'Ādām/humankind according_to_of_his_work.

13 Eat my_son_of_my honey if/because it_is_good and_honey is_sweet on palate_of_your. 14 Thus know wisdom for_self_of_ _your if you_find_it and_there_is a_future and_hope_of_your not it_will_be_cut_off.

121 **LV 23:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיכ/ב: (x-qere) 'סֹוכְּ/בִּ': lemma_b/3563 a morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_20GXn סֹוכְּ/בִּ

122 **LV 24:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: ואתת: (x-qere) 'וְאָתְּ': lemma_183 n_0.0 morph_HVtj2ms id_206mr וְאָתְּ

123 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

124 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

15 Do_not lie_in_wait wicked_person to_the_habitation_of a_
_righteous_person do_not devastate place_of_his_
_resting.[125][126][127] 16 If/because seven_times a_righteous_person
he_will_fall and_he_will_rise and_wicked_people they_will_
_stumble in_trouble.

17 When_falls mmm[128][129] do_not rejoice and_when_stumbles_
_he not let_it_rejoice heart_of. 18 Lest **YHWH** he_should_see
and_it_will_be_displeasing in_eyes_of_his and_he_will_turn_
_back from_towards_him anger_of_his.

19 Do_not fret_yourself by_evil-doers do_not be_jealous of_
_(the)_people. 20 If/because not a_future it_will_belong to_
_person the_lamp_of wicked_people it_will_be_extinguished.

21 Fear ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** my_son_of_my and_the_king with those_
_who_change do_not get_involved. 22 If/because suddenly
calamity_of_their it_will_arise and_the_disaster_of both_of_
_them who is_knowing.

23 Also these belong_to_wise_people to_pay_regard_to faces in_
_judgement not is_good. 24 one_who_says to_a_wicked_person
are_righteous you they_will_curse_him peoples they_will_
_denounce_him nations. 25 And_to_who_rebuke_him it_will_
_be_pleasant and_on_them blessing_of good_thing[s] it_will_
_come. 26 Lips one_who_brings_back words/messages
straightforward he_kisses. 27 Establish on_outside work_of_
_your and_make_it_ready in_the_field to/for_you(fs) after and_
_you_will_build house_of_your. 28 Do_not be a_witness
without_cause in_neighbour_of_your and_will_you_deceive
with_lips_of_your. 29 Do_not say just_as he_has_done to_me so
I_will_do for_him/it I_will_repay to_person according_to_of_
_his_deed. 30 At the_field_of a_person lazy I_passed_by and_at
the_vineyard_of a_person lacking_of heart. 31 And_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE of_it_of_all it_had_grown_up nettles surface_
_of_its they_were_covered weeds and_the_wall_of its_stones_
_of_his it_was_broken_down. 32 And_ I _I_saw I_set heart_of_my
I_saw I_received instruction. 33 A_little_of sleep(s) a_little_of
slumber(s) a_little_of folding_of hands to_rest. 34 And_it_will_
_come going_about poverty_of_your and_lack(s)_of_your like_a_
_man shield.

Readers' Version

and what you hope for won't be taken away from you.
15 Don't lie in wait like a wicked person **-27-**
does at a good person's home.
Don't devastate the place where a good person lives,
16 because a good person might fall several times then get up again,
^but the wicked stumble when calamity comes.
17 Don't cheer when your enemy falls, **-28-**
and when they stumble, don't celebrate
18 →because Yahweh will see and disapprove,
→and turn his anger away from them.
19 Don't get yourself worrying because of **-29-**
evil people.
Don't be jealous of the wicked,
20 →because there's no future for an evil person.
The lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.
21 My child, honour Yahweh and the **-30-**
king and strive to obey them,
Don't get involved with those who change sides
22 →because disaster will suddenly hit them
and who knows what ruin they both might bring then?
23 These are more sayings of the wise: **More wise sayings**
It's not good to show partiality when deciding a case.
24 Anyone who says to the guilty that they're innocent,
→will be cursed by the peoples and hated by the nations.
25 However, those who convict the guilty will be admired,
→and they'll be blessed by good things happening.
26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.
27 Establish your work for outsiders and prepare your food gardens
then after that, build your house.
28 Don't be a witness against your neighbour without good reason,
or deceive others with what you say.
29 Don't say, "I'll do to him what he did to me,
I'll pay him back for what he's done."
30 I passed by the field of a lazy person
and by the vineyard of a person with no initiative.
31 Wow, thorns had grown up over all of it,
and it was completely covered with weeds,
and its stone walls were broken down.
32 I looked and made a decision.
I saw it and learnt from it:
33 A little sleep, a quick nap,
a little folding your arms to rest,
34 and poverty will sneak up on you like a robber,
and need will approach like an armed bandit.

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125 **LV 24:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

126 **LV 24:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

127 **LV 24:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

128 **LV 24:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יביוא/ך**: (x-qere) **בִּיּוֹאֵ֫ךָ**: lemma_341 n_1.0 morph_HVqrmsc/Sp2ms id_20UXx **בִּיּוֹאֵ֫ךָ**

129 **LV 24:17 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

Readers' Version

More of Shelomoh's sayings

25:1 There are also these other proverbs
from Shelomoh (Solomon) that the men
working for Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)
copied:
2 It is God's privilege to conceal a matter,
^and the king's privilege to try to discover a matter.
3 The skies are high and the earth goes deep,
→and the motives of kings are unable to be predicted.
4 Remove the dross from silver,
→and then a container comes from the silversmith's hands.
5 Remove the wicked person from the king's presence,
→and then his rule will be established as being honest and fair.
6 Don't promote yourself in front of a king,
and don't claim a place among the well-known people,[130]
7 because it's better if they tell you, "Come up here,"
than to be placed lower right in front of a prince as you look at him.
8 Don't be in a rush to take someone to court.
→What would you do at the end, if your neighbour put you to shame?
9 Sort out your case with your neighbour,
without revealing other people's secrets,
10 in case someone hears you and puts you to shame
and your bad reputation never gets repaired.
11 Good advice given at the right time
is like gold apples set in a silver frame.
12 A wise rebuke to a listening ear
is like a gold earring and a fine-gold ornament.
13 To those who send him, a faithful messenger
is like cool snow when doing a day's hard work,
and it refreshes the soul of his masters.
14 A person who boasts about a gift that never comes
is like clouds and wind without rain.
15 A ruler can be persuaded by being patient,
and a soft tongue can break a bone.
16 When you find honey, eat just what you need,
otherwise you might vomit if you've had too much.
17 Don't set foot in your neighbour's house too often,
in case they get fed up with you and end up hating you.
18 A man who gives a false testimony against his neighbour,
is like a club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.
19 Having confidence in someone who acts treacherously in a time of trouble,
is like having a broken tooth, or having your foot slip.
20 Taking off your coat on a cold day,
is like pouring vinegar on baking soda
or singing songs to someone who's feeling sad.

Literal Version

25:1 Also these are_the_proverbs_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon)
which they_copied the_men_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **2** Is_the_glory_of god to_conceal a_matter
and_is_the_glory_of kings to_search_out a_matter. **3** heaven
for_height and_earth for_depth and_the_heart_of kings there_
_is_not searching. **4** Remove dross(es) from_silver and_he/it_
_went_out for_metalsmith a_vessel. **5** Remove the_wicked to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king and_it_will_be_
_established in_righteousness throne_of_his. **6** Do_not claim_
honour to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king and_in_
_the_place_of great_people do_not stand. **7** If/because is_good
to_say to/for_yourself(m) come_up here more_than_setting_
_you_low to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_noble_person
that_which eyes_of_your they_have_seen. **8** Do_not go_forth to_
_contest_a_lawsuit quickly lest what will_you_do at_end_of_its
when_ neighbour_of_your _puts_to_shame you. **9** Case_of_your_
_own conduct with neighbour_of_your and_the_secret another_
_person do_not reveal. **10** Lest he_should_bring_you_shame
one_who_hears and_your_bad_of_report not it_will_turn_back.
11 Apples_of gold in_carvings_of silver a_message spoken on
times_of_its_proper. **12** An_earring_of gold and_an_ornament_
_of gold one_who_reproves wise on an_ear listening. **13** Is_like_
_the_cold_of snow in/on_day harvest an_envoy faithful to_
_those_of_who_sent_him and_the_life_of his_masters_of_his
he_will_restore. **14** Clouds and_spirit and_rain there_is_not a_
_person who_boasts in_a_gift_of falsehood. **15** By_length_of
anger(s) a_ruler he_will_be_persuaded and_a_tongue soft it_
_will_break a_bone. **16** Honey you_have_found eat sufficiency_
_of_your lest you_should_be_surfeited_with_it and_you_will_
_vomit_it_up. **17** Make_precious foot_of_your from_the_house_
_of your_neighbour_of_your lest he_should_be_surfeited_with_
_you and_he_will_hate_you. **18** A_war-club and_a_sword and_
_an_arrow sharpened a_person who_testifies against_
_neighbour_of_his a_witness_of falsehood. **19** A_tooth broken
and_a_foot slipped the_confidence one_who_acts_
_treacherously in/on_day trouble. **20** one_who_removes a_
_garment in/on_day coldness vinegar on soda and_one_who_
_sings (with)_songs to a_heart_of sad. **21** If is_hungry one_of_
_who_hates_you give_him_to_eat food and_if he_is_thirsty
give_him_to_drink water. **22** If/because burning_coals you will_
_be_snatching_up on his/its_head and_**YHWH** he_will_repay
to/for_you(fs). **23** A_wind_of the_north it_brings_forth rain
and_faces indignant a_tongue_of secrecy. **24** Is_good to_dwell
on the_corner_of a_roof more_than_a_woman_of
contentions[135] and_a_house_of association. **25** Water cool on a_
_person weary and_a_report good from_a_land_of distance.
26 A_spring fouled and_a_fountain ruined a_righteous_person
who_sways to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_wicked_
_person. **27** To_eat honey_of much not is_good and_the_
_searching_of their_own_honour_of_their is_an_honour. **28** A_
_city_of broken_into there_is_not a_wall a_person whom there_
_is_not control for_spirit_of_his.
26:1 Like_snow in_summer and_like_rain at_harvest so not is_
_suitable for_a_fool honour. **2** Like_bird for_fluttering like_

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130 **RV 25:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Luk 14:8-10.

135 **LV 25:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) 'מֹנָיְדִמ': lemma_4079 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20KEw מֹנָיְדִמ

Literal Version

_swallow for_flying so a_curse_of without_cause to_him[136] it_
_will_come. **3** A_whip is_for_horse a_bridle is_for_donkey and_
_a_rod is_for_the_back_of fools. **4** Do_not answer a_fool
according_to_of_his_foolishness lest you_should_become_like
for_him/it also you. **5** Answer a_fool according_to_of_his_
_foolishness lest he_should_be wise in_his_own_of_eyes. **6** one_
_who_cuts_off feet violence one_who_drinks one_who_sends
words/messages by_the_hand_of a_fool. **7** Legs they_hang_
_down from_a_lame_person and_a_proverb in_the_mouth_of
fools. **8** As_ties a_stone in_a_sling is_so one_who_gives to_a_fool
honour. **9** A_thornbush it_goes_up in_the_hand_of a_drunkard
and_a_proverb in_the_mouth_of fools. **10** An_archer who_
_pierces everyone and_one_who_hires a_fool and_one_who_
_hires those_who_pass_by. **11** Like_a_dog which_returns to
vomit_of_its_own a_fool who_repeats (in)_foolishness_of_his.
12 You_see a_person wise in_his_own_of_eyes hope belongs_to_
_a_fool more_than_him. **13** A_sluggard he_says a_lion is_in_road
a_lion is_between the_open_places. **14** The_door it_turns on
hinge[s]_of_its and_a_sluggard on bed_of_his. **15** A_sluggard he_
_hides his/its_hand in_bowl he_is_weary to_bring_it_back to
mouth_of_his. **16** Is_wise a_sluggard in_his_own_of_eyes more_
_than_seven_people who_bring_back_of (of)_discernment.
17 one_who_takes_hold on_the_ears_of a_dog one_who_passes_
_by who_becomes_furious on a_dispute which_not to_him/it.
18 Like_a_madman who_throws burning_arrows arrows and_
_death. **19** Is_so a_person who_he_deceives ~~DOM~~ his/its_
_neighbour and_saying(ms) not was_I jesting. **20** With_not_of
wood(s) a_fire it_is_extinguished and_when_there_is_not a_
_slanderer strife it_becomes_quiet. **21** Charcoal to_burning_
_coals and_wood(s) to_fire and_a_person_of contentions[137] to_
_kindling strife. **22** The_words/messages_of a_slanderer are_
_like_delicacies and_they they_go_down the_chambers_of the_
_belly. **23** Silver_of dross(es) overlaid on earthenware lips
burning and_a_heart_of evil. **24** His[138] one_who_hates he_
_disguises_himself and_in_his_inner_of_being he_puts deceit.
25 If/because voice_of_his he_will_make_favourable do_not
trust in/on/over_him/it if/because seven abominations are_in_
_heart_of_his. **26** Hatred it_covers_itself with_deception
wickedness_of_his it_will_be_revealed in_the_assembly. **27** one_
_who_digs a_pit in_it he_will_fall and_one_who_rolls a_stone
to_him/it it_will_return. **28** A_tongue_of falsehood it_hates its_
_crushed_of_people and_a_mouth smooth it_makes calamity.
27:1 Do_not boast in/on_day tomorrow if/because not you_
_know what a_day will_it_bring_forth. **2** Let_him_praise_you a_
_stranger and_not mouth_of_your_own a_foreigner and_not
lips_of_your_own. **3** The_weight_of a_stone and_the_burden_of
(the)_sand and_the_provocation_of a_fool is_heavy more_than_
_of_both_of_them. **4** The_cruelty_of rage and_the_flood_of
anger and_who will_he_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_

Readers' Version

21 Give your enemy food to eat if they're hungry,
and water to drink if they're thirsty,
22 because you're heaping burning coals on their head,[131]
and Yahweh will be the one to repay you.
23 The northerly wind brings rain with it,
and a gossipping tongue brings indignant looks.
24 If better to live in the corner of an attic,
than to live inside the house with a contentious wife.
25 Good news from a distant country,
is like cool water for a tired person.
26 A godly person giving in to someone wicked,
is like a spring that gets muddied, or a well that gets ruined.
27 It isn't good to eat too much honey,
and nor is trying to make yourself look good.
28 A person who has no self-control,
is like a city where the walls have been broken down.
26:1 Like snow in the summer, or rain at harvest time,
so too honour isn't fitting for a fool.
2 Like a fluttering bird or a darting swallow,
so too an undeserved curse won't land on you.
3 There's a whip for the horse and a bridle for the donkey,
and a rod to beat the fool's back.
4 Don't answer a fool with a foolish answer,
otherwise you'll just end up like them.
5 Answer a fool according to their foolish thinking,
so they don't think they're cleverer than they are.
6 Sending a fool with your message to pass on
is like cutting off your feet and drinking in violence.
7 The legs of a lame person just dangle down,
like a proverb in the mouth of fools.
8 Giving honour to a fool,
is like tying the stone into the sling.
9 A drunkard getting thorns in his hand,
is like a fool trying to explain a proverb.
10 Hiring a fool or an unknown passer-by,
is like an archer just randomly shooting arrows.
11 A fool who keeps doing the same foolish things,
is like a dog that returns to its vomit.[132]
12 Do you see a person who thinks they're clever?
There's more hope for a fool than for that person.
13 The lazy person says, "There's a young lion on the road.
There's a lion out there on the streets."
14 The door turns on its hinges,
and the slacker turns in their bed.

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131 RV 25:21-22 · Cross-ref. Rom 12:20.

132 RV 26:11 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:22.

136 LV 26:2 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וְלֹ: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_209wB וְלֹ

137 LV 26:21 · Note OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) מִנְיָדִמ: lemma_4079 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20NA8 מִנְיָדִמ

138 LV 26:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/תפש/ו: (x-qere) ב/יְתָפֵשׂ/ו: lemma_b/8193 n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncfdc/Sp3ms id_20RP4 ב/יְתָפֵשׂ/ו

Readers' Version

15 The sluggard keeps their hand in the dish—
they're too lazy to bring it back to their mouth.
16 The slacker is wiser in their own eyes,
than seven people who give good advice.
17 The person who gets angry about a quarrel that's nothing to do with them,
is like someone grabbing the ears of a dog that's passing by.
18–19 A person who deceives their neighbour then says they were just joking
is like a madman shooting flaming arrows.
20 When there's no more firewood, the fire goes out,
and when there's no gossiper, a conflict dies down.
21 Like wood gets the fire burning
and charcoal keeps the embers hot,
→so too a contentious person kindles strife.
22 The words of a gossip are like delicious morsels,
and they go right down into the person's insides.
23 Burning lips and evil motives
are like a silver overlay on a clay pot.
24 A person who hates can disguise it with their lips,
but they're accumulating deceit inside.
25 When they say favourable things, don't trust them,
because there's seven detestable things in within them.
26 Hatred can be covered by deception,
→but it will be uncovered when people gather together.
27 The person who digs a pit will fall into it,
and the one who rolls a stone will have it come back on them.
28 A lying tongue despises those who are crushed by it,
^and a flattering mouth leads to calamity.
27:1 Don't boast about what will happen tomorrow,
because you don't know what the next day will bring.[133]
2 Let some other person praise you, rather than your own mouth—
someone from out of town and not your own lips.
3 Stones are heavy, and sand weighs you down,
→but being provoked by a fool is heavier than either of them.
4 Anger is overwhelming and rage is cruel,
→but who can tolerate jealousy?
5 Open rebuke is better than concealed love.
6 Wounds from a friend are faithful,
^but kisses from an enemy are confusing.
7 Honey isn't so attractive when you're full,

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_of/before jealousy. 5 Is_good[139][140] rebuke uncovered more_
_than_love hidden. 6 Are_reliable the_bruises_of one_who_loves
and_are_abundant the_kisses_of one_who_hates. 7 An_appetite
satisfied it_treads_down honey and_an_appetite hungry every_
_of bitter_thing is_sweet. 8 Like_a_bird which_wanders from
nest_of_its is_so a_person who_wanders from_his_own_of_
_place. 9 Oil and_perfume it_makes_glad a_heart and_the_
_sweetness_of his/its_neighbour is_from_the_counsel_of a_
_person. 10 Friend_of_your[141][142] and[143] your_father_of_your
do_not abandon and_the_house_of your(ms)_brother/kindred
do_not go in/on_day your_calamity_of_your is_good a_
_neighbour near more_than_a_brother far_away. 11 Be_wise
my_son_of_my and_make_glad heart_of_my so_that_I_may_
_bring_back one_of_who_taunts_me a_message. 12 A_sensible_
_person he_sees evil he_hides_himself naive_people they_pass_
_on they_are_punished. 13 Take garment_of_his if/because he_
_stands_surety_for a_stranger and_for a_foreign_woman hold_
_it_in_pledge. 14 one_who_blesses his/its_neighbour with_a_
_voice great in_morning rising_early a_curse it_is_reckoned to_
_him/it. 15 A_dripping continual in/on_day persistent_rain
and_a_wife_of contentions[144] she_is_like. 16 Those_of_who_
_hide_her he_hides the_wind and_oil_of hand_of_his_right it_
_meets. 17 Iron by_iron it_grows_sharp and_anyone he_
_sharpens the_face_of his/its_neighbour. 18 one_who_keeps_of
a_fig_tree he_will_eat fruit_of_its and_one_who_protects
master(s)_of_his he_will_be_honoured. 19 Like_water the_face
to_face so the_heart_of the_humankind to_person. 20 Sha'ōl
and[145] not they_are_satisfied and_the_eyes_of the_humankind
not they_are_satisfied. 21 A_crucible is_for_silver and_a_
_furnace is_for_gold and_a_person is_to_the_mouth_of his_
_praise_of_his. 22 If you_will_pound ᴅᴏᴍ the_fool in_mortar in_
_the_middle the_grain(s) with_pestle not it_will_depart from_
_with_him foolishness_of_his. 23 Well_(know) you_will_know
the_face_of your_flock_of_your set heart_of_your to_the_herds.
24 If/because not is_forever wealth and_if a_crown is_to and_a_
_generation[146]. 25 Grass it_disappears and_ fresh_grass _it_
appears and the_vegetation(s)_of the_mountains _they_are_
_gathered. 26 lambs are_for_clothing_of_your and_are_the_
_price_of a_field goats. 27 And_a_sufficiency_of the_milk_of
goats is_for_food_of_your for_the_food_of your_household_of_
_your and_life of_maids_of_your.
28:1 They_flee and_there_is_not one_who_pursues the_wicked
and_righteous_people like_a_young_lion he_is_confident. 2 By_
_the_transgression_of a_land are_many princes_of_its and_by_
_a_person who_has_understanding who_knows the_right it_
_will_last_long. 3 A_man poor and_one_who_oppresses poor_

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133 **RV 27:1 · Cross-ref.** Jam 4:13-16.

139 **LV 27:5 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

140 **LV 27:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

141 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

142 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

143 **LV 27:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: הער/ו: (x-qere) ’עֵרְ/וֹ’: lemma_c/7453 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_2044e עֵרְ/וֹ

144 **LV 27:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מינודמ: (x-qere) ’מֹנָיֹדְמ’: lemma_4079 n_0.0 morph_HNcmpa id_20BJQ מֹנָיֹדְמ

145 **LV 27:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: הדבא/ו: (x-qere) ’וֹהַבֶּאְ/וֹ’: lemma_c/10 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_20mvX וֹהַבֶּאְ/וֹ

146 **LV 27:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוד: (x-qere) ’רְוֹדְ/וֹ’: lemma_c/1755 n_0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_20U84 רְוֹדְ/וֹ

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_people rain which_prostrates and_there_is_not food. **4** Those_
_who_abandon_of (of)_the_law they_praise the_wicked and_
_those_who_keep_of (of)_the_law they_engage_in_strife with_
_them. **5** People_of evil not they_understand justice and_those_
_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** they_understand everything. **6** Is_
_good one_who_is_poor who_walks in_integrity_of_his more_
_than_a_person_perverse_of two_ways and_he is_rich. **7** one_
_who_keeps the_law is_a_son who_has_understanding and_
_one_who_associates_with gluttons he_shames his/its_father.
8 one_who_increases wealth_of_his by_interest and_
_in/on/at/with[147] for_one_who_shows_favour_to poor_people
he_gathers_it. **9** one_who_turns_aside ear_of_his from_hearing
the_law also prayer_of_his is_an_abomination. **10** one_who_
_leads_astray upright_people in_a_way_of evil in_his_own_of_
_pit he he_will_fall and_blameless_people they_will_inherit
good. **11** Is_wise in_his_own_of_eyes a_person rich and_a_poor_
_person who_has_understanding he_examines_him_
thoroughly. **12** When righteous_people _rejoice great glory
and_when_ wicked_people _arise everyone he_is_searched_for.
13 one_who_conceals transgressions_of_his not he_will_prosper
and_one_who_confesses and_one_who_forsakes_them he_will_
_be_shown_mercy. **14** How_blessed is_a_person who_fears
continually and_one_who_hardens his/its_heart he_will_fall in_
_calamity. **15** Is_a_lion roaring and_a_bear rushing a_ruler
wicked over a_people poor. **16** A_ruler lacking_of
understanding(s) and_great_of extortion(s) one_who_hates[148]
unjust_gain he_will_prolong days. **17** A_person oppressed by_
_the_blood_of a_person[149][150][151] to the_pit he_will_flee not let_
_people_support in_him/it. **18** one_who_walks blameless he_
_will_be_delivered and_one_who_is_crooked_of two_ways he_
_will_fall at_one. **19** one_who_tills_of land_of_his he_will_be_
_satisfied food and_one_who_pursues worthless_things he_
_will_be_satisfied poverty. **20** A_person_of faithfulness(es) will_
_be_great_of blessings and_one_who_hastens to_gain_riches
not he_will_go_unpunished. **21** To_pay_regard_to faces not is_
_good and_on a_piece_of bread a_man he_will_transgress. **22** Is_
_hastening to_wealth a_person_of evil_of eye and_not he_
_knows if/because_that poverty it_will_come_to_him. **23** one_
_who_reproves a_person after favour he_will_find more_than_
_one_who_makes_smooth the_tongue. **24** one_who_robs
his/its_father and_mother_of_his and_one_who_says there_is_
_not a_transgression is_a_companion he of_a_person
destruction. **25** A_person_arrogant_of self he_stirs_up strife
and_one_who_relies on **YHWH** he_will_be_made_fat. **26** one_
_who_trusts in_his_own_of_heart he is_a_fool and_one_who_
_walks in_wisdom he he_will_be_delivered. **27** one_who_gives
to_poor there_is_not lack and_one_who_hides eyes_of_his is_
_great_of curses. **28** When_ wicked_people _arise everyone he_
_hides_himself and_when_perish_they righteous_people they_
_increase.

Readers' Version

^but even bitter food is sweet when you're hungry.
8 A person who wanders away from their home,
is like a bird that wanders from its nest.
9 Lotions and perfumes make a person cheery,
→but it's so pleasant to be given good advice by a friend.
10 Don't abandon your friends or your father's friends,
and don't go to your brother's house when calamity hits you.
A friend nearby is better than a brother living a long way away.
11 My child, make me happy by becoming wise,
and then I'll be able to answer anyone who taunts me.
12 A sensible person sees evil and stays out of sight
but naive people continue on then get punished.
13 If someone guarantees a stranger's loan, then definitely take their coat,
or if they stand as guarantee for a foreign woman.[134]
14 If someone blesses their neighbour using a loud voice early in the morning,
→it will be considered as a curse.
15 A contentious woman is like a continual dripping on a rainy day,
16 Restraining her is like stopping the wind,
or like catching something oily with one hand.
17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one neighbour sharpens another.
18 The caretaker of a fig tree can eat its fruit,
and someone protecting his master should be honoured.
19 As water reflects your face,
so too, a person's behaviour reflects their values.
20 The grave and destruction are never satisfied,
and people's eyes are never satisfied.
21 There's a smelting pot for silver, and a furnace for gold,
but a person is refined by the praise they receive.
22 Even if you could pound a fool like grain in a mortar,
→their foolishness can't be separated from them.
23 Make sure you know the state of your flock well.
Set your mind on your cattle herds,
24 because wealth doesn't last forever,
and a crown isn't passed down to every generation.
25 The grass dries off and then fresh grass appears,
and then the herbs are gathered from the mountains.
26 The lambs will be for your clothing,
and the male goats will become the price for a field.
27 The female goats will give enough milk for your household,
and nourishment for your servant girls.
28:1 The wicked run away when no one's even chasing them,

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134 **RV 27:13 · Cross-ref.** 20:16.

147 **LV 28:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיברת/ב/ו: (x-qere) 'תְּיֻבַּרַת/וְ': lemma_c/8636 n_1 morph_HC/Ncfsa id_20M3A תְּיֻבַּרַת/וְ

148 **LV 28:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: יאנש: (x-qere) 'אֲנָשׁ': lemma_8130 morph_HVqrmsa id_2052N אֲנָשׁ

149 **LV 28:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

150 **LV 28:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

151 **LV 28:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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^but the godly person is as confident as a lion.
2 A country in rebellion has many rulers,
^but an understanding man who knows what's right will last long.
3 Someone who's poor but oppresses other poor people,
is like driving rain when you have nothing to eat.
4 Those who've abandoned the law, praise the wicked,
^but those who keep the law strive against them.
5 Evil people don't understand justice,
^but those who strive after Yahweh, understand everything.
6 A poor person with integrity
^is better than someone who's rich but crooked.
7 A sensible child follows Yahweh's instructions,
^but those who carouse with gluttons, shame their father.
8 The person who increases their wealth by charging interest and by overcharging,
gathers it but it'll end up going to someone who's kind to the poor.
9 A person who turns their ear away from hearing Yahweh's instructions,
→even their prayers are detestable.
10 The one who leads good people astray will fall into their own pit,
^but those who are blameless will inherit good.
11 Rich people see themself as wise,
^but a poor person with understanding, sees right through them.
12 When godly people triumph, there's great celebration,
^but when it's the wicked, people hide.
13 Someone covering their faults won't prosper,
^but the one who confesses and then abandons their bad behaviour, will be shown mercy.
14 The person who strives to allows obey Yahweh will be blessed,
^but the one who firmly resists will fall into trouble.
15 A wicked ruler over struggling people,
is like a lion roaring or a bear attacking.
16 A ruler lacking understanding can become an oppressor.
The person who hates dishonest gain will have a longer life.
17 A man tormented by the killing of another will flee to the pit.
Don't let anyone support him.
18 The person with blameless behaviour will be rescued,
^but the crooked one will suddenly fall.
19 The person working their land will have enough food,
^but those wasting their time will have their fill of poverty.
20 A faithful person will have great blessing,
^but the one trying to get rich quick won't go unpunished.
21 It's not good to show partiality,
yet a person will break the rules for a piece of bread.
22 Those who rush to get wealthy are greedy,
^but they don't realise that poverty will come to them.
23 If you correct another person, you'll be appreciated in the

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29:1 A_person_of rebukes who_stiffens a_neck suddenness he_ _will_be_broken and_there_will_not_be healing. **2** When_ righteous_people _increase the_people it_rejoices and_when_ a_wicked_person _rules a_people it_groans. **3** A_person who_ _loves wisdom he_makes_glad his/its_father and_one_who_ _associates_with prostitutes he_destroys wealth. **4** A_king by_ _justice he_establishes a_land and_a_person_of contributions he_breaks_it_down. **5** A_man who_flatters to his/its_neighbour a_net is_spreading on footsteps_of_his. **6** Is_in_the_ _transgression_of a_person evil a_snare and_a_righteous_ _person he_cries_aloud and_he_rejoices. **7** A_righteous_person is_knowing the_case_of poor_people a_wicked_person not he_ _understands knowledge. **8** People_of mockery they_inflame a_ _town and_wise_people they_turn_away anger. **9** A_person wise is_entering_into_judgement with a_person a_fool and_he_rages and_he_laughs and_there_is_not quietness. **10** People_of blood(s) they_hate a_blameless_person and_upright_people they_seek life_of_his. **11** All_of his/its_breath/wind/spirit a_ _fool he_sends_forth and_a_wise_person in_backwards he_ _calms_it. **12** A_ruler is_paying_attention on a_message_of falsehood all_of servants_of_his will_be_wicked. **13** one_who_is_ _poor and_a_person_of oppression(s) they_meet_one_another **YHWH** is_giving_light_to the_eyes_of both_of_them. **14** A_king who_judges in_truth poor_people throne_of_his forever_always it_will_be_established. **15** A_rod and_rebuke it_gives wisdom and_a_youth let_untie/release is_putting_to_shame his/its_ _mother. **16** When_ wicked_people _increase transgression it_ _increases and_righteous_people on_downfall_of_their they_ _will_look. **17** Discipline son_of_your and_he_will_give_you_rest and_he_will_give delights to_self_of_your. **18** When_there_is_ _not vision a_people it_is_let_untie/release and_one_who_ _keeps the_law blessed_is_he_of_how. **19** By_words/messages not a_slave he_will_let_himself_be_instructed if/because he_ _will_understand and_not he_is_answering. **20** Do_you_see anyone who_hastens in_words/messages_of_his hope belongs_ _to_a_fool more_than_him. **21** one_who_pampers from_youth slave_of_his and_end_of_his it_will_be trouble. **22** A_person_of anger he_stirs_up strife and_a_master_of rage is_great_of transgression. **23** The_pride_of a_person it_will_bring_him_low and_a_person_lowly_of spirit he_will_attain honour. **24** one_ _who_has_shares with a_thief is_hating self_of_his_own an_ _oath he_hears and_not he_tells. **25** Trembling_of a_person it_ _makes a_snare and_one_who_trusts in_**YHWH** he_will_be_set_ _on_high. **26** Many_people are_seeking the_face_of a_ruler and_ _is_from_**YHWH** justice_of a_person. **27** Is_an_abomination_of righteous_people a_person_of injustice and_is_an_ _abomination_of the_wicked a_person_upright_of way.

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end
more than someone who just says what they wanted to hear.
24 People who rob their parents and say they've done nothing wrong
are in the same class as those who are destructive.
25 Greedy people stir up strife,
^but the one who trusts Yahweh will prosper.
26 The person who trusts their own plans is a fool,
^but the one who walks with wisdom will be rescued.
27 Those who give to the poor will have all they need,
^but the one who just looks away will receive many curses.
28 When wicked people come to power, everyone hides,
^but when they die, godly people increase.
29:1 The person who gets rebuked but just stiffens their neck,
will be broken suddenly and beyond recovery.
2 When it's the godly ones who increase, the people are happy,
^but when it's the wicked, a nation groans.
3 Those who love wisdom, make their parents glad,
^but the one who spends time with prostitutes, destroys wealth.
4 A king establishes the country with justice,
^but one who accepts bribes, tears it down.
5 Someone who flatters their neighbour
is spreading out a net to capture them.
6 The disobedience of an evil person will trap them,
^but the godly person sings and celebrates.
7 A godly person understands the poor person's court case,
^but the wicked person doesn't understand knowledge.
8 Mockers inflame a city,
^but wise people deflect anger.
9 If a wise person takes a fool to court,
then there'll be rage and ridicule, but no resolution.
10 People who've killed hate those who are blameless,
^but good citizens try to protect them .
11 The fool vents all their anger,
^but a wise person holds it back.
12 A ruler who pays attention to lies,
will only have wicked officials.
13 A poor person and someone who's oppressed have lots in common
^but it's Yahweh who gives hope to both of them.
14 A king who judges the poor fairly,
will always rule securely.
15 A scolding and a spanking give wisdom,
^but an undisciplined child will bring shame to their mother.
16 When the wicked increase, crime increases,
^but those who do what's right will live to see their downfall.
17 Discipline your child and you'll be able to relax,
and they'll bring you happiness.
18 When there's no vision, the people have no boundaries,
^but those who follow Yahweh's instructions will be happy.
19 A servant can't be corrected just with words,
because even if they understand, they won't answer.

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20 If a person is quick to speak out,
there's more hope for a fool than for them.
21 Someone who's pampered their servants since they were young,
can only expect insolence in the end.
22 An angry person stirs up strife,
and someone who rages causes big trouble.
23 A person's pride will bring them down,
^but a humble person will be honoured.
24 Someone who helps a thief, hates their own life.
They take the oath yet refuse to testify.
25 A person's fear becomes a trap,
^but the one who trusts Yahweh will be kept safe.
26 Many people want to plead to the ruler,
^but it's Yahweh who gives a person justice.
27 those who do what's right detest corrupt people,
^but on the other hand, the wicked detest good citizens.

Agur's sayings

30:1 These are the sayings by Yakeh's son Agur, the burden, told to Itiel and Ukal:
2 I'm certainly among the stupid people
and lack the understanding that most people have,
3 and I haven't been well educated,
^but I do know about the holy ones.
4 Who's been up to heaven and come back down again?
Who's captured the wind between their two hands?
Who's wrapped the oceans around them like a cloak?
Who's set up all the earth's boundaries?
What's his name, and what's the name of his son?
Surely you know?
5 Every message from God is flawless.
He protects those who go to him to be safe.
6 Don't add to his messages
in case he rebukes you and you're found to be a liar.

More sayings

7 There's two things that I want from you—
don't keep them from me before I die:
8 Keep deceitfulness and lying far away from me,
and don't give me either poverty or riches—
just give me the food that I need
9 because if I had plenty, I might deny God, asking, "Who is Yahweh?"
and if I became poor, I might steal and dishonour God's reputation.
10 Don't make false accusations to a slave's master,
in case he curses you and you have to bear the guilt.
11 There's a generation that curses their fathers
and doesn't bless their mothers.
12 There's a generation who are pure in their own eyes,
^but they're not actually washed from their filthiness.

Literal Version

30:1 The_words/messages_of 'Āgūr the_son_of Yāqeh/(Jakeh) the_oracle the_utterance_of the_man to_'Îtî·'ēl to_'Îtî·'ēl and_Ukal. 2 If/because am_stupid I from_man and_not the_ _understanding_of a_person to_me. 3 And_not I_have_learned wisdom and_knowledge_of the_holy_one(s) I_know. 4 Who has_ _he_gone_up heaven and_has_he_come_down who has_he_ _gathered the_wind in_the_hollow_of_of_his_hands who has_ _he_wrapped the_waters in_cloak who has_he_set_up all_of the_ends_of the_earth what name_of_is_his and_what is_the_ _name_of his/its_son if/because you_know. 5 Every_of message_of god is_refined is_a_shield he for_who]_take_refuge in/on/over_him/it. 6 Do_not add to words/messages_of_his lest he_should_rebuke (in)_you and_you_will_be_proved_a_liar.

7 Two_things I_ask from_with_you do_not withhold_them from_me before_before I_will_die. 8 Deceitfulness and_a_ _message_of falsehood put_far_away from_me poverty and_ _wealth do_not give to_me let_me_devour the_food_of my_ _allotment_of_my. 9 Lest I_should_be_satisfied and_I_will_deny and_I_will_say who is_**YHWH** and_lest I_should_become_ _impoverished and_I_will_steal and_I_will_seize the_name_of my_god_of_my. 10 Do_not slander a_slave to his[152] lest he_ _should_curse_you and_you_will_be_held_guilty. 11 A_ _generation his/its_father it_curses and_~~DOM~~ his/its_mother not it_blesses. 12 A_generation is_pure in_its_own_of_eyes and_ _from_excrement_of_its not it_has_been_washed. 13 A_ _generation how eyes_of_its they_are_raised and_eyelids_of_its they_are_lifted_up. 14 A_generation are_swords teeth_of_its and_are_knives fangs_of_its[153] to_devour afflicted_people from_the_earth and_needy_people from_humankind.
15 Belong_to_a_leech two_of_daughters give give three_things they not they_are_satisfied four_things not they_say enough.

152 **LV 30:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/נדא: (x-qere) ו/יָגְּדֶא': lemma_113 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_206WH ו/יָגְּדֶא

153 **LV 30:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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16 Shəʾōl and_barrenness_of a_womb land which_not it_is_
_satisfied water and_fire which_not it_says enough. 17 An_eye
which_it_mocks (to)_a_father and_which_it_despises (to)_
_obedience_of a_mother they_will_peck_it_out the_ravens_of
the_wadi and_they_will_eat_it the_young_of an_eagle.
18 Three_things they they_are_too_wonderful for_me and[154]
not I_know_them. 19 The_way_of the_eagle in_heavens the_
_way_of a_snake on a_rock the_way_of a_ship in_the_heart_of
the_sea and_the_way_of a_man with_a_young_woman. 20 Is_
_thus the_way_of a_woman adulterous she_eats and_she_
_wipes_clean mouth_of_her and_she_says not I_have_done
wickedness. 21 Under three_things the_earth it_quakes and_
_under four_things not it_is_able to_bear_up. 22 Under a_slave
if/because he_will_become_king and_a_fool if/because he_will_
_be_satisfied food. 23 Under a_woman_who_is_hated if/because
she_will_be_married and_a_female_servant if/because she_
_will_dispossess mistress_of_her. 24 Four_things they are_
_small_things_of the_earth and_they are_wise_things made_
_wise. 25 The_ants are_a_people not strong and_they_prepared
in_summer food_of_their. 26 Rock_badgers are_a_people not
mighty and_they_made in_rock[s] home_of_their. 27 A_king
there_is_not for_locust and_he/it_went_out dividing of_it_of_
_all. 28 A_lizard in_two_hands you_will_grasp and_she is_in_
_the_palaces_of a_king. 29 Three_things they are_doing_well_of
step and_four_things are_doing_well_of (of)_to_walk. 30 A_lion
is_mighty among_animal[s] and_not it_turns_back from_
_face/in_front_of anything. 31 A_rooster_of loins or a_male_
_goat and_a_king who_a_band_of_soldiers with_him/it. 32 If
you_have_been_foolish by_exalting_yourself and_if you_have_
_planned hand to_mouth. 33 If/because squeezing_of milk it_
_brings_forth curd[s] and_squeezing_of a_nose it_brings_forth
blood and_squeezing anger(s) it_brings_forth strife.

Readers' Version

13 There's a generation with very proud eyes,
and their eyebrows are also raised.
14 There's a generation whose teeth are swords,
and its fangs are knives
to eliminate from the earth those who are suffering,
and the needy from humankind.
15 The leech has two daughters: Give! Give!"
There are three, maybe four, things that are never satisfied—
four that never have enough:
16 1. the grave,
2. a childless woman,
3. land that never has enough water, and
4. fire that never stops spreading.
17 The eye that mocks its father,
and scorns its mother instead of obeying,
will be pecked out by the ravens in the valley,
and the young vultures will eat it.
18 There's three things that are too wonderful for me,
maybe four that I don't understand:
19 1. how an eagle's soars in the sky,
2. how a snake slithers over a rock,
3. how a ship sails across the ocean, and
4. how a young man loves a young woman.
20 This is the way of a woman who commits adultery:
She eats and wipes her mouth,
and declares that she hasn't done anything wrong.
21 There's three things that makes the earth tremble—
four things it can't handle:
22 1. a slave becoming king,
2. a fool who has plenty to eat,
23 3. a hated woman who gets married, and
4. a female slave who supplants her mistress.
24 There are four creatures on the earth
that are small but extremely wise:
25 1. Individual ants aren't strong, but they store up food in the summer.
26 2. Rock badgers aren't very powerful, but they make their homes in the cliffs.
27 3. Locusts don't have a king, but they go out in formation like soldiers.
28 4. You can catch a lizard in your hands, yet they get into king's palaces.
29 There are three things that take fancy steps—
maybe four that walk impressively.
30 1. the lion who's a powerful animal that doesn't turn back from facing anything,
31 2. the strutting rooster,
3. male goats, and
4. a king with his bodyguards around him.
32 If you've been foolish enough to brag about yourself,
then plan to put your hand over your mouth,

154 LV 30:18 · Note OSHB variant note: עברא/ו: (x-qere) הָֽעִבְרֵ֣א/וֹ': lemma_c/702 n_0.0 morph_HC/Acmsa id_20XRp הָֽעִבְרֵ֣א/וֹ

Readers' Version

33 because churning milk makes butter,
squeezing the nose makes it bloody,
and stirring up anger produces strife.

King Lemuel's sayings

31:1 These are the sayings by King Lemuel, the burden, that his mother had taught him:
2 Now what my son? My son that I gave birth to.
The son from my marriage.
3 Don't give your strength to women,
or use your intelligence to destroy kings.
4 Lemuel, it's not for kings to drink wine
or for rulers to crave strong drink,
5 in case they drink and forget their own laws
and end up depriving the poor of justice.
6 Give strong drink to those who are dying,
and wine to those who are bitterly depressed.
7 They'll drink it then forget their poverty,
and not remember their misery any more.
8 Open your mouth for those who can't speak—
for the cause of all those who are dying.
9 Open your mouth to promote justice,
and to defend the poor and needy.

The good spouse woman

א (Alef)
10 Who can find a capable wife,
→and she'll be worth far more than jewels?
ב (Beyt)
11 Her husband trusts her completely,
→and he doesn't lack in prosperity.
ג (Gimel)
12 She doesn't harm him, but does him good,
right throughout her life.
ד (Dalet)
13 She searches for wool and flax,
and works eagerly with her hands.
ה (He)
14 She's like those merchant ships—
she brings her food from far away.
ו (Vav)
15 She gets up when it's still dark
to provide food for her household
and her servant girls.
ז (Zayin)
16 She appraises a field and buys it.
Using her own earnings, she plants a vineyard.
ח (Het)
17 She keeps herself fit,
and her arms are strong.

Literal Version

31:1 The_words/messages_of Ləmūʾēl the_king an_oracle which she_instructed_him his/its_mother. 2 What my_son_of_my and_what Oh_son_of my_womb_of_my and_what Oh_son_of my_vows_of_my. 3 Do_not give to_women strength_of_your and_ways_of_your to_wiping_out kings. 4 Not is_for_kings Oh_ _Ləmūʾēl not for_kings to_drink wine and_for_rulers where[155] strong_drink. 5 Lest he_should_drink and_he_will_forget that_ _which_is_decreed and_he_will_change the_cause_of all_of the_ _sons_of affliction. 6 Give strong_drink to_one_who_is_ _perishing and_wine to_people_bitter_of soul. 7 He_will_drink and_he_will_forget poverty_of_his and_trouble_of_his not he_ _will_remember again. 8 Open mouth_of_your for_the_dumb to the_cause_of all_of the_sons_of passing_away. 9 Open mouth_ _of_your judge righteousness and_plead_the_cause_of the_poor and_the_needy.

10 A_wife_of ability who will_he_find and_is_far more_than_ _corals price_of_her. 11 It_trusts in_her the_heart_of her_ _husband_of_her and_gain not he_lacks. 12 She_does_to_him good and_not evil all_of the_days_of her_life_of_her.[156] 13 She_ _seeks wool and_flax(es) and_she_worked in_the_delight_of her_hands_of_her. 14 She_is like_the_ships_of a_trader from_a_ _distance she_brings food_of_her. 15 And_she/it_arose when_ _still night and_she/it_gave food to_household_of_her and_an_ _allotted_portion to_her_female_of_servants. 16 She_considers a_field and_she_took_it from_the_fruit her_hands_of_her she_ _plants[157] a_vineyard. 17 She_girds with_strength loins_of_her and_she_strengthened arms_of_her. 18 She_tastes if/because_ _that is_good profit_of_her_trading not it_is_extinguished in/on/at/with[158] lamp_of_her. 19 Hands_of_her she_stretches_ _out on_distaff and_palms_of_her they_grasp the_spindle. 20 Palm_of_her she_spreads_out to_(the)_person and_hands_of_ _her she_stretches_out to_person. 21 Not she_is_afraid for_ _household_of_her from_snow if/because all_of household_of_ _her is_clothed scarlet(s). 22 Coverings she_makes for_herself is_fine_linen and_purple clothing_of_her. 23 Is_known in_gates husband_of_her when_sits_he with the_elders_of the_land. 24 Linen_garment[s] she_makes and_she_sold and_a_belt she_ _supplies to_merchants. 25 Is_strength and_honour clothing_ _of_her and_she_laughed to_a_day future. 26 Her/its_mouth she_opens with_wisdom and_instruction_of loyalty is_on tongue_of_her. 27 She_is_watching_over the_goings_of her_ _household_of_her and_the_bread_of laziness not she_eats. 28 Sons_of_her they_rise_up and_they_called_her_blessed

155 **LV 31:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וא**: (x-qere) '**יָ֫א**': lemma_335 morph_HTi id_20nHM **יָ֫א**
156 **LV 31:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
157 **LV 31:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עטנ**: (x-qere) '**הָעְטָנָ֑ה**': lemma_5193 morph_HVqp3fs id_20ATh **הָעְטָנָ֑ה**
158 **LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לילב**: (x-qere) '**הַלַּיְלָ֗ב**': lemma_b/3915 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_20UMb **הַלַּיְלָ֗ב**

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husband_of_her and_he_praised_her.[159][160][161] **29** Many daughters they_have_done ability and_you you_have_gone_up above of_them_of_all. **30** Is_deception (the)_grace and_Abel (the)_beauty a_woman fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** she she_will_be_ _praised. **31** Give to/for_her/it from_the_fruit her_hands_of_ _her and_let_them_praise_her in_gates works_of_her.

Readers' Version

ט (Tet)
18 She's aware that her merchandise is quality.
Her lamp doesn't go out at night.
י (Yod)
19 Her hands work the spindle—
spinning thread for cloth.
כ (Kaf)
20 She's generous to the poor,
and reaches out to the needy.
ל (Lamed)
21 She's not worried about her household when it snows,
because they're all dressed in quality clothes.
מ (Mem)
22 She makes blankets for herself,
fine linen, and her purple clothing.
נ (Nun)
23 Her husband is well-known in the community,
where he sits with the nation's elders.
ס (Samek)
24 She makes linen clothes and sells them,
and she supplies sashes to the merchants.
ע (Ayin)
25 She's clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs as she thinks about the future.
פ (Pe)
26 It's always wisdom that comes out of her mouth,
and loyal commitment guides the instructions on her tongue.
צ (Tsade)
27 She keeps an eye on the comings and goings of her household,
and she doesn't indulge in laziness.
ק (Qof)
28 Her sons stand and compliment her,
and her husband also praises her:
ר (Resh)
29 "There's many women with ability,
^but you're better than any of them."
ש (Sin/Shin)
30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting,
^but a woman that honours and strives to obey Yahweh will be praised.
ת (Tav)
31 Give her the honour that she deserves,
and let her abilities praise her at the city gates.

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159 LV 31:28 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
160 LV 31:28 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
161 LV 31:28 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

Reflections

commonly called
Kohelet
(meaning 'The group leader')

Introduction

This collection of *Reflections* (commonly called *Ecclesiastes*), was written by a wise leader. Some of the proverbs here were written by King Shelomoh (Solomon), but there's also proverbs from other writers. The authors of these thought carefully about the meaning of life. They looked at everything that happens here in the world ('under the sun') to discover its purpose and to try to understand the meaning of life. They advise that it's necessary to respect and obey Yahweh, to strive to find happiness in our daily lives. (The meaning of Ecclesiastes is 'The group leader'. The title commonly used in English is a Latin transliteration of the Greek translation of the Hebrew word קֹהֶלֶת.) In Hebrew texts, this document is grouped in with 'The Writings (Ketuvim)'.

Main components of this document

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Conclusion *12:9-14*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_words/messages_of Teacher the_son_of Dāvid king in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2 Futility_of futilities Teacher he_said futility_of futilities (the)_
_everything is_futility. **3** What advantage belongs_to_
_humankind in_all toil_of_his which_he_toils under the_sun.
4 A_generation is_going and_a_generation is_coming and_the_
_earth forever_perpetuity is_continuing. **5** And_ the_sun _it_
rises and the_sun _it_goes and_near/to place_of_its it_is_
_panting it is_rising there. **6** It_is_going to the_south and_it_is_
_circling to the_north circling_around circling_around the_
_wind is_going and_on its_of_circuits the_wind is_returning.
7 All_of the_rivers are_going to the_sea and_the_sea not_it is_
_full to the_place_of (of)_where_the_rivers are_going there
they are_returning to_go. **8** All_of (the)_things are_wearisome
not anyone he_is_able to_speak_them not an_eye it_is_satisfied
to_see and_not an_ear it_is_filled from_hearing. **9** Whatever
(that)_it_has_been it is_that_which_it_will_be and_whatever
(that)_it_has_been_done it is_that_which_it_will_be_done and_
_there_is_not any_of new_thing under the_sun. **10** Is_there
anything which_anyone_will_say see this is_new it already it_
_has_been to_ancient_times which it_was from_before_face_of_
_us. **11** There_is_not remembrance_of things and_also of_things
which_they_will_be not it_will_be to/for_them remembrance
with those_who_they_will_be to_time.

12 I Teacher I_was king over Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** And_I_gave ~~ĐOM~~ heart_of_my to_
_study and_to_discover by_wisdom on all that it_has_been_
_done under the_heavens it is_a_business evil god which_he_
_has_given to_the_children_of the_humankind to_be_busy
in/on/over_him/it. **14** I_have_seen ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_works which_
_they_have_been_done under the_sun and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
(the)_everything is_futility and_striving_of wind. **15** That_
_which_is_bent not it_is_able to_become_straight and_
_something_missing not it_is_able to_be_numbered. **16** I I_
_have_spoken with heart_of_my to_say I HERE I_have_made_
_great and_I_have_increased wisdom above every one_who he_
_was to/for_my_face/front over Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_heart_of_my it_has_seen much wisdom and_knowledge.
17 And_I_gave heart_of_my to_know wisdom and_to_know
madness(es) and_folly I_knew that_also this it is_a_striving_of
wind. **18** If/because is_in_abundance_of wisdom abundance_of
frustration and_someone_will_increase knowledge he_will_
_increase pain.
2:1 I I_said in_heart_of_my come please let_me_put_you_to_the_
_test with_pleasure and_look on_good and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
also it was_futility. **2** Of_laughter I_said it_is_mad and_of_

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1:1 The following are the words of the leader,[1] David's son, king in Yerushalem (Jerusalem):

Everything's meaningless

2 "Totally pointless," says the leader.
"A complete waste of time. Everything's worthless."
3 What profit does humanity gain from all their hard work in this world?
4 Generations come, and generations go,
but the world just carries on going.
5 The sun rises and the sun sets,
then rushes around to its place, rising there again.
6 Going to the south then around to the north,
the wind is going, changing, turning,
then it's returning on its rounds.
7 All the rivers flow into the sea but it never gets full.
The place that the rivers are going to, they end up going there again.
8 Everything is wearisome—not even worth talking about.
The eyes never stop seeing,
and your ears never fill up with everything they hear.
9 Whatever that was in the past, it will be in the future,
and everything that's happened before, will happen again.
There's nothing new in this world.[2]
10 If someone says, "Look at this—it's new,"
well, it was already done long ago before we even got here.
11 Things that happened in the past get forgotten,
and the same will also happen for future events.
People in the future will be exactly the same.

The persecution of wise

12 I, the leader, was king over Yisrael (Israel) in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
13 I used my mind and wisdom to discover and to explore everything that is done in this world.
It's a difficult job that God has given humanity to be busy with.
14 I saw everything that gets done in this world,
and look—everything's pointless like chasing after the wind.
15 Something that's bent can't be straightened again,
and what's missing can't be counted.
16 I spoke with sincerity, saying, "Look at me—I've become powerful,
and I've increased in wisdom relative to everyone who ruled before me here in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[3]
My mind has acquired much knowledge and wisdom."
17 I made it my aim to discover knowledge and wisdom versus madness and folly.
I was aware that that also is chasing after the wind
18 because having much wisdom leads to much frustration
and anyone who's adding knowledge is also adding pain.

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1 RV 1:1 · Note We don't have enough information to fully understand the meaning of the Hebrew word 'קֹהֶלֶת' (Kohelet), but it probably means something like 'leader/speaker of the assembly', so we use 'the leader' throughout this document.

2 RV 1:9 · Note 'Under the sun' isn't a natural English idiom

3 RV 1:16 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 4:29-31.

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2:1 I said to myself,
"Come on, let me find out what's good and enjoy the pleasure from them."
But look, it was also pointless.
2 To laughter, I said, "It's madness,"
and to joy, "What's the point of this?"
3 I explored in myself how to indulge my body with wine, but my mind was guiding me in wisdom.
Also, how to grasp foolishness
until I could see whether that's better for humanity to do while they live out their lives here on this earth.
4 I expanded my program of works.
I built houses for myself.
I planted vineyards for myself.[4]
5 I made gardens for myself, and royal parks,
and I planted all different kinds of fruit trees in them.
6 I constructed pools for myself
to irrigate a forest of growing trees.
7 I acquired male and female servants,
and the children born to them belonged to me.
Also a large number of sheep and cattle belonged to me—
more than all my predecessors in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[5]
8 I also accumulated gold and silver for myself,
and treasure from kings and from the provinces.[6]
I appointed male and female singers for myself,
and the pleasures of the sons of humanity—many women.
9 So I became famous,
and I added more than all who preceded me in Yerushalem.[7]
Also my wisdom stayed with me.
10 Everything my eyes wanted, I gave them.
I didn't hold back from anything that would make me happy,
because I was happy inside from all my work
and that was my reward from all my effort.
11 And I turned, I, to all the things that I'd made
and to the work that I'd done,
and look, everything was pointless and chasing after the wind,
and there wasn't any profit in anything done in this world.
12 Then I changed direction to investigate wisdom and madness and folly,
because what could any future king do that hasn't already been done?
13 I saw that wisdom is to be preferred over folly,
just as light is to be preferred over darkness.
14 The wise person uses their eyes,
but the fool walks in the darkness,
and even I know that the same fate comes to both of them.
15 I said to myself, "The fool's end will also come to me,

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_pleasure what this is_it_doing. **3** I_searched in_heart_of_my to_ _gratify with_wine ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ flesh_of_my and_heart_of_my was_ _guiding with_wisdom and_to_take_hold on_folly until that I_ _saw where this is_good for_the_children_of the_humankind which they_will_do under the_heavens the_number_of the_ _days_of their_lives_of_their. **4** I_made_great works_of_my I_ _built to_me houses I_planted to_me vineyards. **5** I_made to_me gardens and_parks and_I_planted in/among_them tree[s]_of every_of fruit. **6** I_made to_me pools_of water to_water from_ _them a_forest_of sprouting_of trees. **7** I_acquired male_slaves and_female_slaves and_the_sons house he_belonged to_me also livestock herd[s] and_flock[s] many it_belonged to_me from_all those_who_they_were to/for_my_face/front in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **8** I_gathered to_me also silver and_ _gold and_treasure_of kings and_(the)_provinces I_acquired to_ _me male_singers and_female_singers and_the_delights_of the_ _children_of the_humankind breast and_breasts. **9** And_I_ _became_great and_I_increased from_all one_who_he_was to/for_my_face/front in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) also wisdom_of_my it_remained to/for_me. **10** And_ _all/each/any/every that eyes_of_my they_asked not I_ _withheld from_them not I_restrained ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ heart_of_my from_ _all pleasure if/because heart_of_my was_joyful from_all toil_ _of_my and_this it_was reward_of_my from_all toil_of_my. **11** And_ I _I_turned in_all works_of_my which_ hands_of_my _ _they_had_done and_on_toil which_I_had_toiled for_doing and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE (the)_everything was_futility and_striving_of wind and_there_was_not advantage under the_sun. **12** And_ I _ _I_turned to_see wisdom and_madness(es) and_folly if/because what the_humankind who_he_will_come after the_king ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ that_which already people_have_done_it. **13** And_ I _I_saw that_ _is advantage of_wisdom more_than (the)_folly like_the_ _advantage_of the_light more_than the_darkness. **14** The_wise_ _person eyes_of_his are_in_head_of_his and_the_fool in_ _darkness is_walking and_ also I _I_knew that_fate one it_will_ _happen_to ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ of_them_of_all. **15** And_ I _I_said in_heart_of_ _my like_the_fate_of the_fool also me it_will_happen_to_me and_for_what I have_I_become_wise then excessively and_I_ _said in_heart_of_my that_also this is_futility. **16** If/because there_is_not remembrance_of man with the_fool for_a_long_ _time in_that_already the_days the_(ones_who)_went (the)_ _everything it_has_been_forgotten and_how the_wise_person he_will_die with the_fool. **17** And_I_hated ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ (the)_life if/because was_evil on_me the_work which_it_was_done under the_sun if/because (the)_everything is_futility and_striving_of wind. **18** And_ I _I_hated ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of toil_of_my which_I was_ _toiling under the_sun that_I_will_leave_it to_person who_he_ _will_be after_me. **19** And_who is_knowing a_wise_person will_ _he_be or a_fool and_he_will_have_power in_all toil_of_my which_I_have_toiled and_which_I_have_been_wise under the_ _sun also this is_futility. **20** And_ I _I_turned to_make_despair ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ heart_of_my on all_of the_toil which_I_have_toiled under

4 **RV 2:4-8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:23-27; 2Ch 9:22-27.
5 **RV 2:7 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:23.
6 **RV 2:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 10:10,14-22.
7 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 29:25.

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the_sun. **21** If/because there_is a_person who_toil_of_his was_
_with_wisdom and_with_knowledge and_with_skill and_to/for_
_humankind who_not he_toiled in/on/over_him/it he_will_
_give_it portion_of_his also this is_futility and_an_evil great.
22 If/because what is_becoming to_person in_all toil_of_his
and_in_the_striving_of his_heart_of_his[111213] which_he was_
_toiling under the_sun. **23** If/because all_of his/its_days are_
_pains and_is_vexation business_of_his also in_night not
his/its_heart it_rests also this is_futility it. **24** There_is_not
good for_person that_will_eat and_he_will_drink and_he_will_
_show ~~DOM~~ self_of_his good in_toil_of_his also this I I_have_seen
if/because_that is_from_the_hand_of the_'Elohīm it.
25 If/because who will_he_eat and_who will_he_enjoy outside
from_me. **26** If/because to/for_'Ādām/humankind who_is_good
before_him he_gives wisdom and_knowledge and_joy and_to_
_sinner he_gives the_business to_gather and_to_gather to_give_
_it to_a_person_good to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_
_'Elohīm also this is_futility and_striving_of wind.

3:1 Belongs_to_everything an_appointed_time and_a_time
to/from_all/each/any/every matter under the_heavens. **2** A_
_time to_give_birth and_a_time to_die a_time to_plant and_a_
_time to_pluck_up that_which_is_planted. **3** A_time to_kill and_
_a_time to_heal a_time to_break_down and_a_time to_build.
4 A_time to_weep and_a_time to_laugh a_time_of to_mourn
and_a_time_of to_leap_about. **5** A_time to_throw_away stones

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so what use was it being so wise back then?"
Then I told myself that that also is pointless,
16 because neither the wise person nor the fool will be remembered forever,
as they'll both be forgotten in the days to come—
and how strange it is that the wise die just like the fool!
17 Then I hated life because of the misfortune around me—
the work that was done in this world,
because everything was pointless and chasing after the wind.
18 Then I hated all the work that I'd done in this world
that will get left to those who follow me after I go.
19 And who knows whether my successor will be wise or a fool?
He'll have authority over all my projects that I worked hard on
and which I've applied wisdom to in this world.
That also was pointless.
20 Then I changed to despairing over all the projects in this world that I'd worked hard on,
21 because there are people whose work is in wisdom and knowledge, and in skill.
However, then a person who hasn't worked on it, will gain it as their inheritance.
That also is pointless and a great misfortune
22 because what does a person get in exchange for all their work and their goals in life that they work towards in this world?
23 Because all his days are painful, and anger is his business—
even in the night, his mind doesn't rest.[8]
That also is pointless.
24 There's nothing better for humanity other than eating and drinking,
and genuinely enjoying their hard work.[9]
Also I saw that that comes from God
25 because who could eat and enjoy life apart from him?
26 Yes, he gives wisdom and knowledge and happiness to people who are good in his sight.[10]
But to the sinner, he gives the job of gathering and collecting to give to the one who's good in God's sight.
That also is pointless and chasing after the wind.

A right time for everything

3:1 There's an appointed time for everything,
and an appropriate time for every activity in this world:
2 A time to give birth and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to pull out what was planted.
3 A time to kill and a time to heal.

8 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Yob 5:7; 14:1.

9 **RV 2:24 · Cross-ref.** Ecc 3:13; 5:18; 9:7; Isa 56:12; Luk 12:19; 1Cor 15:32.

10 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** Yob 32:8; Prv 2:6.

11 **LV 2:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

12 **LV 2:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

13 **LV 2:22 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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A time to tear down and a time to build up.
4 A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to mourn and a time to dance.
5 A time to throw stones and a time to pick up stones.
A time to embrace and a time to avoid embracing.
6 A time to search and a time to lose.
A time to keep and a time to toss out.
7 A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be silent and a time to speak up.
8 A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.

Enjoying life and work

9 What do people gain from all the work they do?
10 I've seen the task that God has given people to keep them occupied.
11 God makes everything happen at the appropriate time.
Also, he puts the awareness of eternity into the human mind,
yet humanity can't grasp what God has done from the beginning to the end.
12 I know that there's nothing better for them
than being cheerful and doing good during their lives
13 and everyone should eat and drink and see good in everything they do—
that's a gift from God.
14 I know that everything God does will be enduring.
There's nothing that needs to be added to it, or taken away,
and God has done it like that so that people will respect and want to obey him.
15 Whatever there is, it already was,
and whatever is to be, it already is,
and God will watch whatever's being worked on.

Not/None correct judging here of world

16 Then again I saw in this world at the place of judgement, there was wickedness,
and at the place of righteousness, there was wickedness.
17 I said to myself, "God will judge the righteous and the wicked,
because there's a time for every matter, and for every action to be judged."
18 I said to myself, "God tests humanity
so they can see that they themselves are like animals
19 because the same one thing happens to both people and animals:
just like one dies, so does the other—they both have the same breath.
But people have no advantage over animals—everything is pointless.
20 Both go to the same place—
both came from the dust and both return to the dust.
21 Who can know that a person's spirit is the one going up—upwards,
and the animal's spirit is the one going down—downwards to

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and_a_time_of to_gather stones a_time to_embrace and_a_time to_be_far from_embracing. 6 A_time to_seek and_a_time to_ _count_as_lost a_time to_keep and_a_time to_throw_away. 7 A_ _time to_tear and_a_time to_sew a_time to_be_silent and_a_ _time to_speak. 8 A_time to_love and_a_time to_hate a_time_of warfare and_a_time_of peace.

9 What is_the_advantage_of the_one_who_works in_that_which he was_toiling. 10 I_have_seen ~~DOM~~ the_business which god he_ _has_given to_the_children_of the_humankind to_be_busy in/on/over_him/it. 11 ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything he_has_made beautiful in_time_of_its also ~~DOM~~ (the)_perpetuity he_has_put in_heart_of_their from_not_of which not the_humankind he_ _will_find ~~DOM~~ the_work which the_'Elohīm he_has_done from_ _beginning and_unto end. 12 I_know if/because_that there_is_ _not good for_them if/because (if) to_rejoice and_to_do good in_life_of_his. 13 And_also every_of the_humankind who_he_ _will_eat and_he_will_drink and_he_will_see good in_all toil_of_ _his is_a_gift_of god it. 14 I_know if/because_that all that the_ _'Elohīm he_does it it_will_be forever_perpetuity on/upon/above_him/it there_is_not to_add and_from_it there_ _is_not to_take_away and_(the)_god he_has_acted that_people_ _will_fear from_before_face_of_him. 15 Whatever (that)_it_is has_been_already it and_which to_be already it_has_been and_ _(the)_god he_will_seek ~~DOM~~ that_which_was_pursued.

16 And_again I_have_seen under the_sun the_place_of (the)_ _justice was_(to)_(to) (the)_wickedness and_the_place_of (the)_ _righteousness was_(to)_(to) (the)_wickedness. 17 I I_said in_ _heart_of_my ~~DOM~~ the_righteous and_~~DOM~~ the_wicked the_ _'Elohīm he_will_judge if/because a_time to/from_ _all/each/any/every matter and_on every_of (the)_deed there. 18 I I_said in_heart_of_my on the_cause_of the_children_of the_ _humankind to_test_them the_'Elohīm and_to_see that_they are_animal[s] they to/for_them. 19 If/because the_fate of_the_ _children_of the_humankind and_the_fate the_cattle/livestock and_fate one to/for_them like_the_death_of this so the_death_ _of this and_spirit one belongs_to_all and_the_advantage_of the_humankind is_more_than the_cattle/livestock not if/because (the)_everything is_futility. 20 (The)_everything is_ _going to place one (the)_everything it_was from the_dust and_ _(the)_everything is_returning to the_dust. 21 Who is_knowing the_spirit_of the_children_of the_humankind which_is_going_ _up it (to)_upwards and_spirit the_cattle/livestock which_is_ _going_down it (to)_downwards to_earth. 22 And_I_saw if/because_that there_is_not good more_than_that the_ _humankind he_will_take_pleasure in_work(s)_of_his if/because it portion_of_is_his if/because who will_he_bring_ _him to_see on_whatever (that)_it_will_be after_him.
4:1 And_ I _I_returned and_I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_oppression(s)

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which were_being_done under the_sun and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_tear[s]_of the_oppressed and_there_was_not to/for_them a_comforter and_was_from_the_hand_of their_oppressors power and_there_was_not to/for_them a_comforter. **2** And_ I _ _I_commended ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ the_dead_people who_already they_had_ _died more_than the_living who they were_alive pleasure_still. **3** And_good more_than_of_both_of_them ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ one_who still not he_has_been one_who not he_has_seen ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ the_activity (the)_ _evil which it_is_done under the_sun. **4** And_ I _I_considered ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_toil and_~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_skill_of the_work that/for/because/then/when it is_envy_of everyone from_ _neighbour_of_his also this is_futility and_striving_of wind. **5** The_fool is_folding ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ hands_of_his and_he_is_eating ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ flesh_of_his_own. **6** Is_good the_fullness_of a_palm_of quietness more_than_the_fullness_of the_hollow_of_hands toil and_ _striving_of wind. **7** And_ I _I_returned and_I_saw futility under the_sun. **8** There_was one_person and_there_was_not a_ _second_person also a_son and_a_brother there_belonged_not to_him/it and_there_was_not an_end to/from_ _all/each/any/every toil_of_his also mmm[14] not it_was_ _satisfied wealth and_for_whom am_I toiling and_depriving ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ self_of_my from_good also this is_futility and_is_a_ _business evil it. **9** Are_good (the)_two_people more_than the_ _one that there_is to/for_them a_reward good for_toil_of_their. **10** If/because if they_will_fall_down the_one he_will_raise ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ companion_of_his and_woe_to_him the_one who_he_will_fall_ _down and_there_is_not a_second_person to_raise_him. **11** Also if two_people they_will_lie_down and_it_will_be_warm to/for_ _them and_to_one_person how will_it_be_warm. **12** And_if someone_will_overpower_him the_one the_two_people they_ _will_stand before_him and_the_thread (the)_threefold not (in)_quickly it_will_be_torn_apart. **13** Is_good a_youth poor and_wise more_than_a_king old and_a_fool who not he_knows to_be_warned still. **14** If/because from_the_house_of the_ _prisoners he_came_out to_become_king if/because also in_ _his_own_of_kingdom he_had_been_born poor. **15** I_saw ~~ᵈᵒᵐ~~ all_of the_living who_are_walking_about under the_sun with the_youth the_second who he_will_arise in_place_of_him. **16** There_is_not an_end to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _people to_all/each/any/every those_whom he_was before_ _them also the_subsequent_people not they_will_rejoice in_ _him/it if/because also this is_futility and_a_striving_of wind.

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the earth?

22 Then I saw that there is nothing better than that people would enjoy their work,
because that's their assignment.
Yes, who can see what will happen to them after they die?

4:1 Then I turned and I saw all the oppression around the world,
and, look, see the tears of the oppressed
but there was no one to comfort them.
The oppressors exerted their power against them,
but there was no one to comfort the oppressed.

2 So I praised those who were dead—who've already died,
more than the living—those who are still alive.

3 But better than both of them, is the one who hasn't yet lived—
who hasn't seen the evil things that are being done in this world.

4 Then I noticed all the skills used and the work that gets done,
but also saw that it raised the envy of others.
That is also pointless and chasing after the wind.

5 The fool folds his hands together instead of working
and ends up ruining himself.

6 A small handful of quietness is better
than two very full handfuls of work and chasing after the wind.

7 Then I turned and I saw a pointless thing in this world:

8 Sometimes there's a person living alone without a child or a relative, who works hard without stopping.
However, wealth doesn't satisfy them because they wonder why they're working so hard and not sitting down to enjoy their good things.
That also is pointless, and it's an unpleasant business.

9 Two people are better than one.
because their working together can give a better result.

10 Yes, if they fall, one person can help his companion up,
but it wouldn't end so well if one person falls alone
and there's no second person to help them.

11 Similarly, if two people lie down together, they can help each other stay warm,
but how can one person stay warm by themself?

12 And even if one person would be easily overpowered,
two people could stand against an attacker.
A three-stranded rope can't be easily broken.

13 A poor but wise youth is better off
than an old but foolish king who can't accept advice,

14 because coming from a family who'd spent time in prison, he made it to become king—yet even in his kingdom he was born poor.

15 I saw all those walking around in this world with the next child who will rule after him—

16 there was no end to all the people who've ruled before them.
Even the ones who follow him won't speak kindly about him,

14 **LV 4:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: יניע/ו: (x-qere) ניע/ו': lemma_5869 a n_1.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_21ycY ניע/ו

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because even that is pointless and chasing after the wind.

5:1 Watch your step when you go to God's house.

Be careful of your words

Going in to listen is better than fools who offer sacrifices,
because they don't realise that what they're doing there is evil.
2 Don't speak out too quickly,
and don't let your emotions rush to make you request something from God,
because God is in the heavens,
but you're on the earth, so let your words be few.
3 A dream can lead to a lot of panic,
and a fool's voice brings many words.
4 When you promise something to God,
don't put off doing what you promised
because no one likes fools.
Whatever you promise, do it![15]
5 It's better not to make a promise
than to promise something and then not do it.
6 Don't allow your mouth to cause your whole body to sin,
and don't tell the temple messenger that it was an unintentional sin.
Why make God angry by what you say
and destroy the good things that you've done?
7 Yes, there's many dreams and pointless things and many words—
just respect and strive to obey God.
8 If you see the extortion of the poor
and the perversion of justice and righteousness in the provinces,

Not/None purpose of wealth

don't be amazed about it because a high official is watching over another official,

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17 **16** Guard mmm[17] just_as you_will_go to the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm and_draw_near to_listen more_ the_fools _than_to_ _give a_sacrifice if/because not_they are_knowing for_doing evil.
5:1 **18** Do_not be_hasty on mouth_of_your and_heart_of_your not let_it_hasten to_bring_forth a_matter to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_'Elohīm if/because the_'Elohīm is_in_ _heavens and_you(ms) are_on the_earth/land therefore yes/correct/thus/so[19] let_them_be words/messages_of_your few. **2** **20** If/because the_dream it_comes with_abundance_of business and_the_voice_of a_fool with_a_multitude_of words/messages. **3** **21** Just_as you_will_vow a_vow to_god do_ _not delay to_pay_it if/because there_is_not pleasure in_fools ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ that_which you_will_vow pay. **4** **22** Is_good which/who not you_will_vow more_that_you_will_vow[232425] and_not you_will_ _pay. **5** **26** Do_not permit ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ mouth_of_your to_cause_to_sin ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ flesh_of_your and_do_not say to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_messenger if/because_that was_inadvertence it to/for_what the_'Elohīm will_he_be_angry towards voice_of_ _your and_he_will_ruin ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_ _your. **6** **27** If/because in_abundance_of dreams and_futilities and_words/messages many if/because ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_'Elohīm fear.

7 **29** If oppression_of one_who_is_poor and_robbery_of justice and_righteousness you_will_see in_province do_not be_ _astonished on the_matter if/because a_high_one from_under a_high_one[303132] is_watching and_high_ones over_them. **8** **33** And_the_profit_of a_land is_in_everything it[34] a_king to_a_field he_has_been_served. **9** **35** one_who_loves silver not he_will_be_

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15 **RV 5:4 · Cross-ref.** Psa 66:13-14.
16 **LV 4:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.1
17 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ילנר/ך: (x-qere) ךְ/לָנּוּר: lemma_7272 n_1.2.1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2ms id_21to2 ךְ/לָנּוּר
18 **LV 5:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.2
19 **LV 5:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
20 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.3
21 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.4
22 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.5
23 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
24 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
25 **LV 5:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
26 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.6
27 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.7
29 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.8
30 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
31 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
32 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
33 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.9
34 **LV 5:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: איה: (x-qere) אָיְהּ: lemma_1931 n_1 morph_HPp3ms id_21rhu אָיְהּ
35 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.10

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_satisfied silver and_whoever is_loving (in)_wealth not income also this is_futility. **10** [36] When_ the_good _increases those_of_ _who_consume_it they_increase and_what profit belongs_to_ _owner(s)_of_its if/because (if) the_sight_of[37] his_eyes_of_his. **11** [38] Is_sweet the_sleep_of the_labourer whether a_little and_if much he_will_eat and_the_plenty of_person not_it is_ _permitting to_him/it to_sleep. **12** [39] There_is an_evil severe which_I_have_seen under the_sun wealth was_being_kept by_ _owner(s)_of_its to_harm_of_his. **13** [40] And_ the_wealth (the)_ _that _it_was_lost in_a_business evil and_he_fathered a_son and_there_was_not in_his/its_hand anything. **14** [41] Just_as he_ _came_out from_the_womb_of his/its_mother naked he_will_ _return to_go just_as_he_came and_anything not he_will_carry in_toil_of_his which_he_will_take in_his/its_hand. **15** [42] And_ _also this is_an_evil severe as_to exactly_as_of (that)_he_came so he_will_go and_what advantage to_him/it who_will_toil for_ _wind. **16** [43] Also all_of his/its_days in_darkness he_eats and_ _he_is_vexed greatly and_sickness_of_his and_anger. **17** [44] HERE that_which I I_have_seen to_be_good that_which is_beautiful is_to_eat and_to_drink and_to_see good in_all toil_of_his which_someone_will_toil under the_sun the_number_of the_ _days_of his[454647] which he_has_given to_him/it the_'Elohīm if/because it portion_of_is_his. **18** [48] Also every_of the_ _humankind whom he_has_given to_him/it the_'Elohīm wealth and_riches and_he_has_given_him_power to_eat from_him/it and_to_receive ~~DOM~~ portion_of_his and_to_take_pleasure in_ _toil_of_his this is_a_gift_of god it. **19** [49] If/because not much he_will_remember ~~DOM~~ the_days_of his/its_life if/because the_ _'Elohīm is_keeping_him_busy with_the_joy_of his/its_heart. **6:1** There_is an_evil which I_have_seen under the_sun and_is_ _great it on the_humankind. **2** Anyone whom he_gives to_ _him/it the_'Elohīm wealth and_riches and_honour and_not_ _existing_he is_lacking to_appetite_of_his from_all that he_ _desires and_not he_gives_him_power the_'Elohīm to_eat from_ _him/it if/because a_man foreign he_eats_it this is_futility and_ _is_an_affliction an_evil it. **3** If anyone he_will_father one_ _hundred_children and_years many he_will_live and_will_be_ _many that_which_ the_days_of his_years_of_his _they_will_be and_self_of_his not it_will_be_satisfied from the_good and_also burial not it_belonged for_him/it I_say is_good from_him/it

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and higher ones are watching over them.

9 Land is an advantage for everyone—the king gets served from the countryside.

10 A person who loves money won't be satisfied with it,

and anyone who loves wealth won't be satisfied with their income.

That's also pointless.

11 When material goods increase, people's consumption increases,

and what advantage does the owner get other than just feeding his eyes?

12 The labourer has a pleasant sleep, whether they've had a lot to eat or just a little,

^but the many investments of the rich person don't permit them to sleep.

13 There's a sad contradiction that I've seen in this world:

wealth hoarded up by its owner, but working to destroy him.

14 Then that wealth was lost in a failed investment

and although he had a son, he had nothing left to live on.

15 He was naked when he was born and he'll be naked when he goes again,

and despite all his hard work, he won't be able to take any money with him.[28]

16 This is also a sickening misfortune:

He will leave this world just like he entered it,

and what profit belongs to him who will work hard for the wind?

17 What's more, all his life he'll eat in darkness,

and in a lot of distress, as well as sickness and anger.

18 Listen, this is what I myself have discovered to be good:

It's good for a person to eat and drink

and to see benefit in all the hard work that they'll do in this world

during the number of the days of their life that God has given that person,

because that's their allocation in life.

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28 **RV 5:15 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:21; Psa 49:17; 1Tim 6:7.

36 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.11

37 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיאר: (x-qere) 'תְּוֵאֵר': lemma_7207 morph_HNcfsc id_21DLP תְּוֵאֵר

38 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.12

39 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.13

40 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.14

41 **LV 5:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.15

42 **LV 5:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.16

43 **LV 5:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.17

44 **LV 5:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.18

45 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/יח: (x-qere) 'ו/יָחֵ': lemma_2416 e n_0.0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_21yrH ו/יָחֵ

46 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

47 **LV 5:17 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

48 **LV 5:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.19

49 **LV 5:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Eccl.5.20

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19 Also, each person who's been given wealth and possessions by God and has been empowered
to eat from it
and to accept their allocation in life
and to enjoy their hard work:
that's a gift from God.
20 Those people don't retain a memory of each day that passed
because God keeps them full of internal happiness.
6:1 There's a problem in this world
and it troubles people:
2 God gives wealth and possessions and prestige to someone,
and that person has access to everything they want,
but God doesn't allow them to enjoy it—
instead a foreigner will get to enjoy it.
That's totally pointless, and it's senseless and unfair.
3 If a man should father a hundred children
and live many years however long his life might be,
but he's not satisfied in himself by his prosperity
and he doesn't have anywhere to be buried,
then I'd say that a stillborn child would have been better off than him,
4 because that child came for no reason
and it went in darkness, and its name will be covered in darkness.
5 It didn't even see the sun or know about it.
It'll rest easier than that man will.
6 Even if that man lived a thousand years twice over,
but never saw good in anything,
aren't they both going to the same place?
7 All of humanity's work is for their mouth,
but the inner cravings are never fulfilled.
8 So what advantage does a wise person have over a fool?
What advantage does a poor person's knowledge give them over others?
9 It's better to enjoy what's right there than to feed the imagination.
That's also pointless and chasing after the wind.
10 Everything that existed has already been named.
It's known what humankind is
and that humans can't dispute with the one who's stronger than them.
11 Yes, many words just become more pointless.
What advantage is that to anyone?
12 Who knows what's good for a person
for those pointless days that he/she lives?
The days pass by like a shadow
but who can tell anyone what will happen to them next in this world?

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the_miscarriage. **4** If/because in_futility it_came and_in_
_darkness it_will_go and_in_darkness his/its_name it_is_
_covered. **5** Also the_sun not it_saw and_not it_knew_it
quietness belongs_to_this_one more_than_this_one. **6** And_if
he_lived a_thousand years two_times and_good not he_saw not
to a_place one are_(the)_all going. **7** All_of the_toil_of the_
_humankind is_for_mouth_of_his and_also the_living_creatures
not it_will_be_filled. **8** If/because what advantage belongs_to_
_person more_than the_fool what belongs_to_person who_
_knows to_walk before the_living. **9** Is_good the_sight_of eyes
more_ desire _than_going also this is_futility and_striving_of
wind. **10** Whatever (that)_it_has_been already his/its_name it_
_has_been_named and_ which/who he is_human _it_is_known
and_not he_is_able to_contend with mmm[50] more_than_him.
11 If/because there_are words/messages many which_increase
futility what advantage belongs_to_person. **12** If/because who
is_knowing what is_good for_person in_life the_number_of the_
_days_of the_life_of his_futility_of_his and_he_spends_them
like_shadow that who will_he_tell to_person what will_it_be
after_him under the_sun.

50 **LV 6:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: שׁ/היקתה: (x-qere) שׁ/הֵיקַתְּ': lemma_s/8623 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_21fTQ שׁ/הֵיקַתְּ

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7:1 Is_good a_name more_than_ointment good and_the_day_of (the)_death more_than_the_day_of his_being_born. **2** Is_good to_go to a_house_of mourning more_than_to_go to a_house_of a_feast because_what it is_the_end_of every_of the_humankind and_the_living_person he_will_give to his/its_heart. **3** Is_good vexation more_than_laughter if/because by_sadness_of face a_ _heart it_will_be_good. **4** The_heart_of wise_people in_house_of mourning and_the_heart_of fools in_house_of rejoicing. **5** Is_ _good to_listen_to the_rebuke_of a_wise_person from_man who_listens_to the_song_of fools. **6** If/because like_the_sound_ _of (the)_thorns under the_pot so the_laughter_of the_fool and_also this is_futility. **7** If/because (the)_oppression it_will_ _make_look_foolish a_wise_person and_ a_bribe _it_will_ _destroy ᴅᴏᴍ a_heart. **8** Is_good the_end_of a_matter more_ _than_of_its_beginning is_good a_person_long_of spirit more_ _than_a_person_haughty_of spirit. **9** Do_not be_hasty in_spirit_ _of_your to_become_angry if/because anger in_the_bosom_of fools it_settles. **10** Do_not say why that_the_days (the)_former they_were good from_these was_it if/because not from_wisdom you_have_asked on this. **11** Is_good wisdom with an_ _inheritance and_is_an_advantage to_those_who_see_of (of)_ _the_sun. **12** If/because (in)_the_shade of_(the)_wisdom (in)_ _the_shade of_(the)_money and_the_advantage_of knowledge (the)_wisdom it_preserves_alive owners_of_its. **13** Consider ᴅᴏᴍ the_work_of the_'Elohīm if/because who is_he_able to_make_ _straight ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_has_bent_it. **14** In/on_day good be in_good and_on_a_day_of adversity consider also ᴅᴏᴍ this exactly_as_of this the_'Elohīm he_has_made on cause_of that_ _not the_humankind he_will_find_out after_him anything. **15** ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_everything I_have_seen in_the_days_of my_ _futility_of_my there_is a_righteous_person who_perishes in_ _righteousness_of_his and_there_is a_wicked_person who_ _prolongs in_evil_of_his. **16** Do_not be righteous greatly and_ _do_not make_yourself_wise excessively to/for_what will_you_ _destroy_yourself. **17** Do_not be_wicked greatly and_do_not be a_fool to/for_what will_you_die at_not time_of_your. **18** Is_good which/who you_will_take_hold on_this and_also from_this do_ _not give_rest_to ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_your if/because one_fearing_of (of)_god he_will_go_out ᴅᴏᴍ of_them_of_all. **19** (The)_wisdom it_gives_strength to_person from_ten rulers who they_are in_ _city. **20** If/because anyone there_is_not righteous on_the_earth who he_does good and_not he_sins. **21** Also to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_words/messages which people_speak do_not give heart_of_your that not you_will_hear ᴅᴏᴍ servant_ _of_your cursing_of_you. **22** If/because also times many heart_ _of_your it_knows which/who also you[53] you_have_cursed others. **23** All_of this I_have_put_to_the_test by_wisdom I_said let_me_be_wise and_she was_far from_me. **24** Is_far_away whatever (that)_it_has_been and_deep deep who will_he_find_ _it_out. **25** I (and)_heart_of_my I_turned to_know and_to_ _examine and_to_seek wisdom and_the_scheme_of_things and_ _to_know wickedness stupidity and_the_folly madness(es). **26** And_was_ I _finding bitter more_than_death ᴅᴏᴍ the_woman who she is_snares and_is_nets her/its_heart are_fetters hands_

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7:1 A good reputation is better than expensive perfume,[51]
and the day you die is more important than the day of your birth.
2 It's better to go to a house where there's mourning than to a house where there's a party,
because death is the end of each person,
and those still alive should consider this in their hearts.
3 Laughter is better than grief
because a serious face means that the mind is working.
4 Wise people do their thinking at a funeral,
whereas foolish people prefer to spend time at a party.
5 It's better to accept a rebuke from a wise person
than to listen to the songs from foolish people,
6 because the laughter of a fool
is like the crackling of burning thorn twigs under a cooking pot—
that's also pointless.
7 Oppression drives a wise person insane,
and a bribe destroys a person's morals.
8 Finishing something is better than starting it,
and being patient is better than being proud.
9 Don't be quick to get angry,[52]
because anger belongs in a fool's toolbox.
10 Don't ask, "What was it about the old days that were better than these?"
because that question doesn't display wisdom.
11 Wisdom is good when you get an inheritance,
and it's an advantage to those doing well.
12 Wisdom can protect us just like money can,
but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of its owner.
13 Look at God's work:
who can straighten what he's made crooked?
14 Be happy on a good day,
but on a day of problems, consider this:
God caused one, as well as the other—
humanity can't discover what's going to come next.
15 I've seen everything in my days of pointlessness:
There's godly people dying despite doing everything right,
and there are wicked people living long lives doing evil.
16 Don't be highly righteous or overly wise—
Why go to the trouble of destroying yourself?
17 Don't be very wicked and don't be a fool—
why should you die when it's not your time?
18 It's good to take hold of wisdom and don't rest from doing what is right,
because the godly person should continue with both of them.

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51 RV 7:1 · Cross-ref. Prv 22:1.

52 RV 7:9 · Cross-ref. Jam 1:19.

53 LV 7:22 · Note OSHB variant note: תֹּא: (x-qere) 'הָתֵּא': lemma_859 c n_0.0 morph_HPp2ms id_21fA1 הָתֵּא

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19 Wisdom gives strength to the wise—
more than the ten most powerful men in the city.
20 But yes, there's no person on the earth who's truly good,
only doing what is right and never disobeying.
21 Don't give your attention to everything that people say,
otherwise you might hear your servant speaking against you,
22 because you know how often you've belittled others yourself.
23 I tested all of that with wisdom.
I said, "Let me be wise," but it eluded me.
24 It seemed far away
and deeper down than anyone can find.
25 I changed my mind's direction to try to learn and explore—
to search for wisdom and to understand how things work,
and to understand the foolishness of wickedness and how that leads to madness.
26 I learnt that a woman who takes advantage of you leads to more bitterness than death would be—
her heart is like a net and her hands become chains.
Any person that's good in God's eyes would escape from her,
but an ungodly person would end up captured by her.
27 The leader has discovered that—
adding one thing to another to try to find an explanation for everything.
28 I continually tried to learn more, but I didn't find it.
I found one special man out of a thousand
but I couldn't find one such woman out of all of them.
29 This is the only conclusion I came to:
God made humankind to do good, but instead they've come up with many other kinds of schemes.
8:1 Who's like the wise person and understands what's going on?
A person's wisdom makes their face lighten up
and gives their face a certain firmness.
2 Follow the king's orders
because of your promise to God.
3 Don't rush away from the king's presence
or take a stand on an evil matter
because whatever he wants to do, he'll do.
4 A king's word is authoritative—
who'll ask him what he thinks he's doing?
5 Those who follow commands will stay out of trouble,
and a wise person will know the right time and place for something
6 because there's a time and a right way to do everything,
otherwise humanity's misery will be severe.
7 No one knows what the future will bring
so no one can tell you what will happen next.
8 Just as no person has control over the wind to be able to restrain it,
nor does anyone have authority over the day of their death.
Just as no one can be discharged in the middle of a war,

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_of_her a_person_good to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm he_escapes from_her/it and_a_sinner he_is_ _captured by_her. **27** Consider this I_have_found Teacher she_ _said one to_one to_find the_scheme_of_things. **28** Which again self_of_my it_has_sought and_not I_have_found a_man one of_ _a_thousand I_have_found and_a_woman among_all_of these not I_have_found. **29** Only_only consider this I_have_found which/who the_'Elohīm he_made ~~DOM~~ the_humankind upright and_they they_have_sought schemes many.
8:1 Who is_like_the_wise_person and_who is_knowing the_ _interpretation_of a_matter the_wisdom_of anyone it_makes_ _shine his/its_faces/face and_the_strength_of his/its_ _faces/face it_is_changed. **2** I the_mouth_of a_king keep and_on the_cause_of the_oath_of god. **3** Do_not be_hasty from_before_ _of_him you_will_go do_not stand in_a_matter evil if/because all that he_will_desire he_will_do. **4** Because_that a_message_of a_king is_mastery and_who will_he_say to_him/it what are_ _you_doing. **5** one_who_keeps_of (of)_a_command not he_will_ _know a_thing evil and_an_appropriate_time and_custom the_ _heart a_wise_person it_will_know. **6** If/because to/from_ _all/each/any/every matter there_is an_appropriate_time and_ _a_custom if/because the_trouble_of the_humankind is_great on/upon/above_him/it. **7** If/because not_he is_knowing what (that)_will_it_be if/because just_as it_will_be who will_he_tell to_him/it. **8** There_is_not anyone having_mastery over_wind to_restrain ~~DOM~~ the_wind and_there_is_not mastery in/on_day of_(the)_death and_there_is_not discharge in_battle and_not wickedness it_will_rescue ~~DOM~~ owners_of_its. **9** ~~DOM~~ all_of this I_ _have_seen and_I_have_given ~~DOM~~ heart_of_my to/from_ _all/each/any/every deed which it_is_done under the_sun a_ _time when the_humankind he_has_power over_a_person for_ _harm to_him/it. **10** And_in_such I_have_seen wicked_people being_buried and_they_came and_from_a_place_of holy they_ _went and_they_will_be_forgotten in_city where right they_ _had_done also this is_futility. **11** That not the_sentence_of the_ _deed_of the_evil it_is_done quickly therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_heart_of the_children_of the_ _humankind it_is_full (is)_in_them for_doing evil. **12** That a_ _sinner is_doing evil a_hundred_times_of and_he_is_prolonging to_him/it if/because also I am_knowing which/who it_will_ _belong good to_those_fearing_of the_'Elohīm that they_fear from_before_face_of_him. **13** And_good not it_will_belong to_ _wicked and_not he_will_prolong days like_shadow that not_he he_has_feared from_to/for_face/front/presence god. **14** There_ _is futility which it_is_done on the_earth/land which/who there_are righteous_people whom it_is_happening to_them according_to_the_deed[s]_of (the)_wicked_people and_there_ _are wicked_people whom_it_is_happening to_them according_ _to_the_deed[s]_of (the)_righteous_people I_said that_also this is_futility. **15** And_ I _I_commend ~~DOM~~ (the)_pleasure that there_ _is_not good for_humankind under the_sun if/because (if) to_ _eat and_to_drink and_to_rejoice and_he it_will_join_him in_ _toil_of_his the_days_of his/its_life which he_has_given to_ _him/it the_'Elohīm under the_sun. **16** Just_as I_gave ~~DOM~~ heart_of_my to_know wisdom and_to_see ~~DOM~~ the_business which it_is_done on the_earth/land if/because also in_the_day and_in_the_night sleep with_eyes_of_his not_he is_seeing. **17** And_I_saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_work_of the_'Elohīm if/because

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not the_humankind he_is_able to_find_out ~~DOM~~ the_work which it_is_done under the_sun in_that_(to) that the_humankind he_ _toils to_seek and_not he_will_find_out and_also if the_wise_ _person he_will_say to_know not he_will_be_able to_find_out.
9:1 If/because ~~DOM~~ all_of this I_have_given to heart_of_my and_ _to_make_clear ~~DOM~~ all_of this which/who the_righteous and_ _the_wise and_deeds_of_their are_in_the_hand_of the_'Elohīm both love as_well_as hatred not the_humankind is_knowing (the)_everything is_before_of_them. **2** (The)_all just_as for_all fate one belongs_to_righteous and_to_wicked to_good and_to_ _clean and_to_unclean and_to_who_sacrifices and_to_one_who not_he is_sacrificing as_person as_sinner the_one_who_swears_ _an_oath just_as an_oath one_fearing. **3** This is_an_evil in_all that it_is_done under the_sun if/because fate one belongs_to_ _everyone and_also the_heart_of the_children_of the_ _humankind is_full evil and_madness(es) is_in_heart_of_their in_lives_of_their and_after_it to the_dead_people. **4** If/because who is_the_one_who he_is_united[54] to all_of the_living there_is hope if/because to_a_dog living it is_good more_than the_lion (the)_dead. **5** If/because the_life are_knowing that_will_die and_the_dead_people not_they are_knowing anything and_ _there_is_not still to/for_them a_reward if/because memorial_ _of_their it_is_forgotten. **6** Both love_of_their as_well_as hatred_of_their as_well_as envy_of_their already it_has_ _perished and_a_portion there_is_not to/for_them again forever_perpetuity in_all that it_is_done under the_sun. **7** Go eat with_joy food_of_your and_drink with_a_heart_of good wine_of_your if/because already the_'Elohīm he_has_taken_ _pleasure_in ~~DOM~~ deeds_of_your. **8** In_all time let_them_be clothes_of_your white and_oil on head_of_your not let_it_be_ _lacking. **9** See life with a_wife whom you_love all_of the_days_ _of the_life_of your_futility_of_your which he_has_given to/for_yourself(m) under the_sun all_of the_days_of your_ _futility_of_your if/because it portion_of_is_your in_life and_ _in_toil_of_your which you are_toiling under the_sun. **10** All that hand_of_your it_finds for_doing with_strength_of_your do if/because there_is_not work and_the_scheme_of_things and_ _knowledge and_wisdom in_Shə'ōl where you are_going to_(to).
11 I_returned and_I_saw under the_sun if/because_that not belongs_to_ones the_race and_not belongs_to_men the_battle and_also not belongs_to_people food and_also not belongs_to_ _who_has_understanding wealth and_also not belongs_to_who_ _has_knowledge favour if/because time and_chance it_ _happens_to ~~DOM~~ of_them_of_all. **12** If/because also not the_ _humankind he_knows ~~DOM~~ time_of_his like_fish(es) which_ _are_caught in_a_net evil and_like_birds which_are_caught in_ _snare like_them the_children_of the_humankind are_ensnared to_a_time_of evil when_it_falls on_them suddenly.

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nor can being wicked rescue you from your situation.
9 I saw all that and applied my mind to everything that happens in this world.
I saw that sometimes a person can dominate someone else to that person's detriment.
10 I've seen wicked people being buried—
being carried out from a sacred place,
and what they'd done there in the city was just forgotten.
That's also pointless.
11 When an evil activity isn't quickly condemned,
then humanity will become totally determined to do evil.
12 Even if an ungodly person does some evil thing a hundred times over and goes on to live a long time,
I know that things will go better for those who respect and obey God.
13 It won't go well for the wicked and what they do won't help them live longer
because they've shown no respect for God's presence.
14 There's something else strange that happens in this world:
when bad things happen to godly people
and when good things happen to evil people.
That's also hard to understand.
15 Then I recommended enjoyment
because there's nothing better for a person in this world than to eat and drink and be cheery,
then that attitude will be with them as they work
during the days of their life that God gives them in this world.
16 So when I set my mind on gaining wisdom
and observing all the business done on this earth,
because day and night there's someone not sleeping,
17 and I saw everything that God does—
realising that humanity can't discover everything that's done in this world—
they'll try to discover it but fail.
Even if a wise person claimed to know,
they wouldn't be able to discover it.
9:1 Indeed I set my mind to examine all this
and concluded that godly and wise people and their work is in God's hands.
Being loved or being hated, humankind doesn't know what's ahead of them.
2 We all have the same fate whether godly or wicked,
or good or pure or impure,
whether you sacrifice or not,
or you're good or disobedient,
or you make a promise or you're the subject of a promise.
3 There's evil in everything that's done in this world:
that same final event for everyone.
Yes, humankind's minds are full of evil and madness during their lifetimes,
and after that they join the dead.

54 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: רחבי: (x-qere) 'רַבָּחִי': lemma_2266 n_1.1 morph_HVPi3ms id_21t8g רַבָּחִי

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4 Anyone who's joined to the living has hope,
because a dog that's alive is better than a lion that's dead,
5 because the living know that we'll die
but the dead don't know anything
and have no further reward because their memory is forgotten.
6 Their love and hatred and their envy will have already perished,
and they no longer have a part in everything that's done in this world.
7 So go and enjoy eating your food and drinking your wine
because God has already approved what you've been doing.
8 Always let your clothes be clean and white,
and don't spare the use of lotion on your head.
9 Live together with the wife that you love
for all the length of your pointless life that you're given in this world,
because that's your allocation in your life
and in the work that you're doing in this world.
10 Everything that you find to do, do it well,
because in the grave where you'll be going,
there's no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom.
11 I again saw in this world
that the fastest ones don't always win the race,
the most powerful side doesn't always win the war,
wise people don't always have enough to eat,
intelligent people don't always get wealthy,
and people with understanding don't always win favour,
because chance and timing affects them all.
12 You see, humanity doesn't know when their time is about to be up:
just like a fish getting caught in a deadly net,
or birds that get caught in a trap,
so too people can get caught out when trouble suddenly hits them.

Wisdom is better than stupidity

13 I also saw this about wisdom in this world
and found it powerful: 14 There was a small walled city with not so many inhabitants and a powerful king decided to attack it so he surrounded it and built large siege ramps against the walls. 15 There was a poor man in the city who was wise and used his wisdom to save it from that king, but the people soon forgot about that poor man. 16 So I concluded that wisdom is better than strength and yet the poor person's wisdom wasn't appreciated and his words were soon forgotten.
17 The words of wise people are quietly heeded—
more than those of a ruler shouting at a bunch of fools.
18 It's better to be wise than to have many weapons,

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13 Also this I_have_seen wisdom under the_sun and_was_great it to_me. 14 A_city small and_men in_it were_few and_he_came to_her/it a_king great and_he_surrounded ~~DOM~~_her/it and_he_ _built on/upon_it(f) siege_works great. 15 And_someone_found in_it a_man poor wise and_ he _he_delivered ~~DOM~~ the_city by_ _wisdom_of_his and_human/'Ādām not he_remembered ~~DOM~~ the_man (the)_poor (the)_that.[565758] 16 And_ I _I_said is_good wisdom more_than_strength and_the_wisdom_of the_poor_ _person is_despised and_words/messages_of_his not_they are_ _heard. 17 The_words/messages_of wise_people in_quietness heard are_more_than_the_cry_of a_ruler among_fools. 18 Is_ _good wisdom more_than_weapons_of war and_a_sinner one he_will_destroy good much.
10:1 Flies_of death it_causes_to_stink it_ferments the_oil_of a_ _perfumer is_weighty more_than_wisdom more_than_honour

56 **LV 9:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
57 **LV 9:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
58 **LV 9:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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folly_of a_little. **2** The_heart a_wise_person is_to_his_right_of_
_hand and_the_heart a_fool is_to_his_left_of_hand. **3** And_also
on_way the[5960] is_walking his/its_heart he_lacks and_
_saying(ms) to_everyone is_a_fool he. **4** If the_spirit_of the_
_ruler it_will_go_up towards_you place_of_your do_not leave
if/because health it_will_cause_to_rest sins great. **5** There_is
an_evil which_I_have_seen under the_sun like_an_inadvertence
which_is_going_forth from_to/for_face/front/presence the_
_ruler. **6** (The)_folly it_is_put in_(the)_places many and_rich_
_people in_place they_sit. **7** I_have_seen slaves on horses and_
_princes who_walk like_slaves on the_earth/land. **8** one_who_
_digs a_pit in/on/over_him/it he_will_fall and_one_who_
_breaks_through a_wall it_will_bite_him a_snake. **9** one_who_
_quarries stones he_will_be_hurt (is)_in_them one_who_cleaves
wood(s) he_will_be_endangered by_them. **10** If the_iron_axe it_
_is_blunt and_he not faces he_has_sharpened and_strength(s)
he_will_make_strong and_is_an_advantage_of to_give_
_success[6162] wisdom. **11** If the_snake it_will_bite with_not
charming and_there_is_not advantage for_the_master_of the_
_tongue. **12** The_words/messages_of the_mouth_of a_wise_
_person are_favour and_the_lips_of a_fool it_swallows_him.
13 The_beginning_of the_words/messages_of his_mouth_of_his
is_folly and_the_end_of his_mouth_of_his is_madness evil.
14 And_the_fool he_multiplies words/messages not the_
_humankind he_knows what (that)_will_it_be and_which it_
_will_be from_after_him who will_he_tell to_him/it. **15** The_
_toil_of (the)_fools it_wearies_him that not he_knows to_go to
a_city. **16** Woe to/for_you(fs) Oh_land which_king_of_your is_a_
_youth and_princes_of_your in_morning they_eat. **17** How_of_
_blessed_are_you Oh_land which_king_of_your is_a_son_of
nobles and_princes_of_your at_time they_eat for_strength and_
_not for_drinking. **18** In_laziness(es) the_rafter[s] it_comes_low
and_in_lowering_of hands the_house it_leaks. **19** For_laughter
people_are_making food and_wine it_makes_glad life and_
_(the)_money it_answers ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything. **20** Also in_
_mind_of_your a_king do_not curse and_in_the_chambers_of
your_lying_down_of_your do_not curse a_rich_person
if/because (the)_bird_of the_heavens it_will_carry ~~DOM~~ the_
_sound and_an_owner_of the[63] it_will_tell the_matter.

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but one disobedient person will destroy a lot of good.
10:1 Dead flies make a perfumer's product stink.
Similarly, a little foolishness can ruin all your wisdom or honour.
2 A wise person's thoughts lead to protection,
^but a fool's thoughts lead to vulnerability
3 and while they're walking along the road,
the fool lacks common sense
and everyone is aware of what a fool they are.
4 If a ruler gets upset with you, don't quit your position,
because calmness will smooth over large offenses.
5 I saw another misfortune in this world:
where an error happened in front of a ruler.
6 Foolishness can happen even in high positions,
^and wealthy people can be in low positions.
7 I've seen slaves riding horses
^and princes walking on the ground like slaves.
8 A person who digs a pit can fall into it,[55]
and an attacker who breaks through a wall gets bitten by a snake.
9 A person who pulls out rocks might be hurt by them.
Someone who splits wood might get injured by it.
10 If your iron axe head gets blunt and the owner doesn't sharpen it,
then he has to use lots of strength,
so use wisdom if you want to succeed.
11 If a snake bites before it's charmed,
the snake charmer won't be able to charge for the show.
12 A wise person's words earn them favour,
but a fool's lips destroy him—
13 as soon as he opens his mouth, foolishness comes out,
and the end of his chatter is wicked madness.
14 Then the fool continues again with more nonsense.
No one knows what will happen next.
Who can tell you what will happen in the future?
15 A foolish person's work wears him out,
because he doesn't know how to get to a city.
16 A country won't end well
if its king is young and its princes feast in the morning.
17 A country is blessed if its king comes from a noble family
and its princes eat and drink for strength and not for drunkenness.
18 With a lazy owner, the roof beams will sag.
Idle hands will result in a leaky house.
19 There's laughter around the meal table,
wine makes people glad,

55 **RV 10:8 · Cross-ref.** Psa 7:15; Prv 26:27.

59 **LV 10:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: לכס/ה/ש/כ: (x-qere) 'לָכָסֵ֫שׁ/כ': lemma_k/s/5530 morph_HR/Tr/Ncmsa id_21kMd לָכָסֵ֫שׁ/כ

60 **LV 10:3 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

61 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: רישכה: (x-qere) 'רֵשְׁכָה': lemma_3787 n_0.0 morph_HVhc id_212fr רֵשְׁכָה

62 **LV 10:10 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

63 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיפנכ/ה: (x-qere) 'סַיְפִנְּכ': lemma_3671 n_0.0 morph_HNcfda id_21ckn סַיְפִנְּכ

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and money is the answer to everything.
20 Don't curse the king even in your mind,
and don't curse the rich even in your bedroom,
because a little birdie will carry your words
and some feathered critter will pass on what you said.

The to do of wise

11:1 Throw your bread out onto the waters
because you'll find it again in several days.
2 Share it around seven or eight others
because you don't know when a calamity will hit your area.
3 If the clouds are filled with rain, they'll pour it out,
and if a tree falls to the north or the south,
wherever it falls, that's where it'll be.
4 A person who worries about the wind,
won't sow any seed,
and someone who keeps looking at the clouds,
will never harvest their crop.
5 Just as you don't know how the winds work,
or how the bones get into a pregnant woman's womb,
nor do you know how God does everything that he does.
6 Sow your seed in the morning
and don't stop planting until the evening,
because you don't know which areas will grow well,
or whether it will all succeed equally.
7 Light is sweet
and it's good for your eyes to see the sun.
8 Even if a person lives for many years,
they should take pleasure in all of them,
but remember the dark days
because everything that happens is pointless.

Advice to young people

9 Young people, enjoy being young and strong
and stay cheerful during that youthful stage.
Follow your ambitions and your desires
but be aware that God will judge you concerning all those things.
10 Don't allow yourself to be controlled by anger
and keep your body away from evil,
because youth and good looks are a vapour that passes.
12:1 Think about your creator while you're still young,
before troubling times come
and the years arrive when you'll say that you no longer find pleasure in them.
2 Yes, before the sun and the light, and the moon and the stars seem darker,
and the clouds return after the rain.
3 That day when the guards of the house will get the trembles
and the strong men will be bent over,
and the women grinding grain will stop because there's only a few of them left,

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11:1 Send bread_of_your on the_surface_of the_waters
if/because in_(the)_abundance_of the_days you_will_find_it.
2 Give a_portion to_seven and_also to_eight if/because not
you_know what calamity will_it_be on the_earth/land. **3** If the_
_clouds they_will_be_filled rain on the_earth/land they_will_
_pour_it_out and_if a_tree it_falls at_south and_if at_north the_
_place_of (of)_where_ the_tree _it_falls there it_will_become.
4 one_who_watches_of a_wind not he_will_sow and_one_who_
_looks on_clouds not he_will_reap. **5** Just_as not_you are_
_knowing what is_the_way_of the_wind like_bones in_the_
_womb_of the_full_woman thus not you_know ~~DOM~~ the_work_of
the_'Elohīm who he_makes ~~DOM~~ (the)_everything. **6** In_morning
sow ~~DOM~~ seed_of_your and_to_evening do_not give_rest_to
hand_of_your if/because not_you are_knowing[64] where this
will_it_succeed this or this and_if both_of_them as_one be_
_good. **7** And_is_sweet the_light and_good for_eyes to_see ~~DOM~~
the_sun. **8** If/because if years many the_humankind he_will_
_live in_all_of_of_them let_him_take_pleasure and_let_him_
_remember ~~DOM~~ the_days_of the_darkness if/because many
they_will_be all that_it_has_come is_futility.

9 Take_pleasure Oh_young_man in_youth(s)_of_your and_let_it_
_make_you_good heart_of_your in_the_days_of your_youth(s)_
_of_your and_walk in_the_ways_of your_heart_of_your and_in_
_the_sight_of your_two's_eyes_of_your and_know if/because_
_that on all_of these_things he_will_bring_you the_'Elohīm in_
_judgement. **10** And_remove vexation from_heart_of_your and_
_put_away evil from_flesh_of_your if/because (the)_youth and_
_the_black_hair are_futility.
12:1 And_remember ~~DOM~~ your(pl)_of_creator(s) in_the_days_of
your_youth(s)_of_your until that not the_days_of (the)_evil
they_will_come and_ years which you_will_say there_is_not to_
_me in/among_them pleasure _they_will_arrive. **2** Until that
not the_sun and_the_light and_the_moon and_the_stars it_will_
_become_dark and_ the_clouds _they_will_return after the_
_rain. **3** In_the_day when_ those_who_keep_of (of)_the_house _
_they_will_tremble and_ the_people_of (the)_strength _they_
_will_bend_themselves and_ the_female_grinders _they_will_
_cease if/because they_have_become_few and_ the_women_
_who_look in_windows _they_will_grow_dim. **4** And_ the_doors
_they_will_be_shut_up on_street when_ the_sound_of the_
_grinding_mill _becomes_low and_someone_will_arise to_
sound/voice of(the)_bird and_ all_of the_daughters_of (the)_
_song _they_will_be_reduced. **5** Also from_a_high_place people_

64 LV 11:6 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_will_be_afraid and_terrors are_in_way and_ the_almond_tree _
_it_will_bloom and_ the_grasshopper _it_will_drag_itself_along
and_ the_caper-berry _it_will_fail if/because the_humankind
is_going to the_house_of its_perpetuity_of_his and_they_will_
_go_about in_street[666768] the_mourners. **6** Until that not it_
_will_be_snapped[69] the_cord_of (the)_silver and_ the_bowl_of
the_gold _it_will_be_crushed and_ the_jar _it_will_be_broken at
the_water_spring and_ the_water_wheel _it_will_be_crushed to
the_well. **7** And_ the_dust _it_will_return to the_earth/land
just_as_it_was and_the_spirit it_will_return to the_'Elohīm who
he_gave_it. **8** Futility_of futilities the_Teacher he_said (the)_
_everything is_futility.

9 And_excess that_ Teacher _he_was wise again he_taught
knowledge ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_he_weighed and_he_searched_
_out he_arranged_in_order proverbs many. **10** Teacher he_
_sought to_find words/messages_of delight and_that_which_
_was_written uprightness was_words/messages_of truth.
11 The_words/messages_of wise_people are_like_goads and_
_are_like_nails firmly_fixed masters_of collections they_are_
_given from_a_shepherd one. **12** And_excess more_than_them
my_child_of_my be_warned to_make books many there_is_not
an_end and_study much is_weariness_of flesh. **13** The_end_of
the_matter (the)_everything it_has_been_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_'Elohīm fear and_ᴅᴏᴍ commands_of_his keep if/because this
is_all_of the_humankind. **14** If/because ᴅᴏᴍ every_of deed the_
_'Elohīm he_will_bring in_judgement with every_of hidden_
_thing whether good and_if evil.

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and the women looking out the windows will no longer see clearly.[65]
4 Then the doors in the street will be shut
so that the grinding that gets louder with the first birdsong will be barely heard
and all the girls singing will be quietened.
5 The people will also become afraid of heights
and the road will have its terrors.
The almond trees will blossom
and the locusts will drag themselves along.
Normal desires will be lost
because you'll be heading for your eternal home
and the mourners will be in the streets.
6 Think about God before the silver cord gets broken
and the golden bowl breaks,
the pitcher shatters at the well
and the wheel is crushed at the cistern,
7 the dust returns to the earth as it was
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
8 "Nothing but a puff of air," says the leader. "Everything is pointless."

Conclusion

9 Besides the fact that the leader was wise, he still taught the people knowledge, and he searched and evaluated. He arranged and edited many proverbs. **10** The leader searched for pleasing words, and wrote down many truthful words that would lead to godliness.
11 The words of wise people can prod others along,
and they're like nails holding things firm.
They're all given by one shepherd.
12 My son, be careful of anything in addition to these,
because there's no end to producing books
and too much study wears you out.
13 So after listening to everything, here's the final conclusion:
Respect God and strive to follow him and obey his commands,
because that's humanity's whole duty.
14 Yes, God will judge everything we do
including everything that's been hidden
whether good or bad.

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65 RV 12:3 · Note This may also be referring to the failing body, e.g., the guards being the arms, the stooping being the legs, the grinders being few would refer to the teeth, and the windows might refer to the eyes.

66 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

67 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

68 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

69 LV 12:6 · Note OSHB variant note: קחרי: (x-qere) קָתְרֵי׳: lemma_7576 n_1.1.0 morph_HVNi3ms id_21cWZ קָתְרֵי׳

Song of Songs

Introduction

The *Song of Songs* is about courtship, love, and marriage, and tells about the happiness of a man and woman due to their love. The characters in this document are the groom, the bride, and Yerushalem's young women and young men.

The story from the Song of Songs can also be seen as an illustration of God's love for his people, and looking back from the Messianic Update (the New Testament), his love for followers of Yeshua, going even further about Yeshua and his bride, the church.

Main components of this document

The first song *1:1–2:7*
The second song *2:8–3:5*
The third song *3:6–5:1*
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The fifth song *6:4–8:4*
The sixth song *8:5-14*

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1:1 The_song_of the_songs which is_of_Shəlomoh.
2 Let_him_kiss_me from_the_kisses_of his_mouth_of_his if/because are_good love(s)_of_your more_than_wine. **3** To_ _odour oils_of_your are_good is_oil which_it_is_poured_out your(ms)_name therefore yes/correct/thus/so young_women they_love_you. **4** Draw_me after_you let_us_run he_has_ _brought_me the_king chambers_of_his let_us_be_glad and_let_ _us_rejoice on/over_you(fs) let_us_bring_to_remembrance love(s)_of_your more_than_wine uprightness(es) they_love_ _you. **5** Am_black I and_lovely Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_the_tents_of Qēdār like_the_ _tent_curtains_of Shəlomoh. **6** Do_not look_at_me who_I am_ _blackish whom_it_has_looked_on_me the_sun the_sons_of my_ _mother_of_my they_were_angry with_me they_made_me one_ _who_keeps ᴅᴏᴍ the_vineyards vineyard_of_my_own which_ _belongs_to_me not I_have_kept. **7** Tell to/for_me Oh_ self_of_ _my _the_one_whom_it_loves where will_you_graze where will_ _you_make_them_lie_down at_noon(s) which_why will_I_be like_a_veiled_woman with the_flocks_of your(pl)_companions_ _of_your. **8** If not you_know to/for_you(fs) Oh_beautiful_one among_women go_out to/for_you(fs) in_the_footprints_of the_ _flock and_pasture ᴅᴏᴍ goats_of_your_young at the_dwelling_ _places_of the_shepherds. **9** To_mare_of_my among_the_ _chariots_of Par'oh I_liken_you my_friend_of_my. **10** Cheeks_of_ _your they_are_delightful with_(the)_jewels neck_of_your with_ _beads. **11** Strings_of_jewels_of gold we_will_make for_you with (the)_studs_of (the)_silver. **12** Until that_the_king was_at_table_ _of_his nard_of_my it_gave_forth odour_of_its. **13** Is_(the)_bag_ _of (the)_myrrh lover_of_my to_me between breasts_of_my it_ _lodges. **14** Is_(the)_cluster_of (the)_henna_blossom lover_of_ _my to_me in_the_vineyards_of ʿĒyn. **15** Here_you are_beautiful my_friend_of_my here_you are_beautiful eyes_of_your are_ _doves. **16** Here_you[23] are_beautiful my_lover_of_my also pleasant also couch_of_our is_luxuriant. **17** The_beams_of our_ _houses_of are_cedar(s) mmm[4] are_cypress(es).
2:1 I am_the_crocus_of (the)_Shārōn (the)_lily_of the_valleys.
2 Like_a_lily between the_thornbushes is_so friend_of_my between the_daughters. **3** Like_an_apple_tree among_the_ _trees_of the_forest is_so lover_of_my between the_sons in_ _shade_of_his I_desired and_I_sat and_fruit_of_his was_sweet to_palate_of_my. **4** He_has_brought_me into the_house_of (the)_wine and_standard_of_his over_me is_love. **5** Sustain_me with_raisin-cakes refresh_me with_apples if/because am_weak_ _of love I. **6** Hand_of_his_left is_under (to)_head_of_my and_his_ _right_of_hand it_embraces_me. **7** I_adjure you(pl) Oh_ _daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_gazelles or by_the_ _does_of the_field if you(pl)_will_awaken and_if you(pl)_will_ _arouse ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_love until that_it_will_please.

Readers' Version

1:1 The song to beat all songs by Shelomoh (Solomon).[1]
The bride **The first song**
2 Let him kiss me on the lips,
because your caresses are better than wine.
3 As for the fragrance of your perfumes—they're good.
Your reputation is like fragrant oil
so the eligible young women love you.
4 Take me with you—let's run.
May the king has brought me to his bedroom.
Yerushalem's young women
Let's be happy and celebrate with you.
We will praise your love more than wine.
The bride
It's right that they love you.
5 I am black but lovely, daughters of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
like the tents in Kedar.
Like Shelomoh's (Solomon's) palace curtains.
6 Don't look at me, that I'm black.
That the sun scorched me.
My brothers were angry with me.
They forced me to look after our vineyards—
but I haven't maintained my own vineyard.
7 Declare to me, you who my heart loves.
Where do you graze?
Where do you make your flocks lie down at noontime?
Why should I be like a woman who covers herself beside your companions' flocks?
The groom
8 If you don't know, most beautiful among women,
follow the footprints of the flock,
and graze your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.
9 I liken you, my darling,
to a mare walking among Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) stallions hitched to chariots.
10 Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings.
Your neck is beautiful with necklaces.
Yerushalem's young women
11 We'll make gold earrings
with silver studs.
The bride
12 While the king was on his couch,
my perfume gave off its fragrance.
13 My dearest is like a perfume sachet
that stays between my breasts.
14 My dearest is like a cluster of henna blossoms to me,
in the Eyn-Gedi vineyards.
The groom
15 Wow, you're beautiful, my darling.

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 4:32.
2 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
3 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
4 **LV 1:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְנִטְּיָהַר/וְנִטְּיחַר: (x-qere) 'וְנִטְּיָהַר': lemma_7351 n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cp id_222Kt וְנִטְּיָהַר

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Look at you, beautiful, with your doves' eyes.
The bride
16 Look at you. You're handsome, my dearest, truly pleasant.
Indeed, our couch is comfortable.
17 The beams of our house are cedar.
Our rafters are pine.
2:1 I'm a wildflower of Sharon.
A lily of the valleys.
The groom
2 My darling is among the young women
like a lily among the thorns.
The bride
3 Like an apple tree among the trees in the forest,
so is my dearest among the young men.
In his shadow I greatly delighted, and I sat,
and his fruit is sweet to my taste.
4 He brought me to the house of food and wine
and his desire for me is to show love.
5 Sustain me with raisin cakes.
Refresh me with apples,
because I'm weak with love.
6 His left hand is under my head,
^and his right arm embraces me.
7 Promise me, you young women from Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
by the female gazelles or the does in the countryside,
don't awaken or stir love until it's the right time.
The bride

The second song

8 Listen, my dearest is coming,
leaping over the mountains,
jumping over the hills.
9 My dearest is being like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, that one is standing behind our wall,
gazing through the windows—
looking through the lattices.
10 My dearest answered and said to me,
"Stand up, my darling, my beauty, and come,
11 because, look, the winter is over.
The rain has passed—
it went away.
12 Blossoms have appeared across the land.
The time of birds tweeting has arrived,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
13 The fig tree ripens its green figs,
and the grapevines are in blossom.
They give off a scent.
Stand up, my beautiful darling and come.
14 My dove, in the holes in the rocks,

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8 The_sound_of my_lover_of_my THERE this he_is_coming he_ _is_leaping over the_mountains he_is_bounding over the_hills. **9** Lover_of_my is_like (to)_a_gazelle or (to)_the_fawn_of the_ _deer(s) THERE this he_is_standing behind wall_of_our he_is_ _gazing from the_windows he_is_peering from the_lattices. **10** Lover_of_my he_answered and_saying(ms) to_me arise to/for_you(fs) my_friend_of_my my_beautiful_of_one and_ _come to/for_you(fs). **11** If/because THERE the[5] it_has_passed rain it_has_passed_away it_has_gone to_him/it. **12** The_ _blossoms they_have_appeared in/on_the_earth the_time_of (the)_pruning it_has_arrived and_the_sound_of the_turtle-dove it_has_been_heard in_land_of_our. **13** The_fig_tree it_has_ _ripened figs_of_its_early and_the_vines blossom they_have_ _given_forth odour arise wwww[6] my_friend_of_my my_ _beautiful_of_one and_come to/for_you(fs). **14** My_dove_of_my in_the_clefts_of the_rock in_the_hiding_place_of the_steep_ _place let_me_see ~~DOM~~ form_of_your[789] cause_me_to_hear ~~DOM~~ voice_of_your if/because voice_of_your is_sweet and_form_of_ _your is_lovely. **15** Seize to/for_us foxes foxes small which_ruin vineyards and_vineyards_of_our are_blossom.

5 **LV 2:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּתְמֹ/ה: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְּמֹ/ה': lemma_d/5638 n_1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_22ibe וְיִתְּמֹ/ה

6 **LV 2:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יכל: (x-qere) 'דֹּ/לֶ': lemma_l n_0.0.0 morph_HR/Sp2fs id_22GpK דֹּ/לֶ

7 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

8 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

9 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

16 Lover_of_my to_me and_I to_him/it who_is_grazing among_ _lilies. **17** Until that_ the_day _it_will_breathe and_ the_ _shadows _they_will_flee turn be_like to/for_yourself(m)[1011] my_lover_of_my (to)_a_gazelle or (to)_the_fawn_of the_deer(s) on the_mountains_of ravine[s].
3:1 On bed_of_my in_nights I_sought ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_my _one_ _whom_it_loves I_sought_him and_not I_found_him. **2** I_will_ _arise please and_I_will_go_around in_city in_streets and_in_ _places I_will_seek ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_my _one_whom_it_loves I_ _sought_him and_not I_found_him. **3** They_found_me the_ _watchmen who_go_around in_city ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_my _one_ _whom_it_loves have_you(pl)_seen. **4** Like_a_little that_I_had_ _passed_away from_them until that_I_found ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ self_of_ _my _one_whom_it_loves I_grasped_him and_not I_let_him_go until that_I_had_brought_him to the_house_of my_mother_of_ _my and_near/to the_room_of the_one_who_conceived_me. **5** I_ _adjure you(pl) Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_ _gazelles or by_the_does_of the_field if you(pl)_will_awaken and_if you(pl)_will_arouse ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ (the)_love until that_it_will_ _please.

6 Who this is_coming_up from the_wilderness like_columns_of smoke she_is_perfumed_of myrrh and_frankincense from_all the_scent-powder_of a_trader. **7** THERE bed_of_his which_ _belongs_to_Shəlomoh/(Solomon) sixty warriors are_around to/for_her/it some_of_the_warriors_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **8** Of_ _them_of_all[12] are_grasped_of a_sword trained_of warfare each_one sword_of_his is_on thigh_of_his from_dread in_ _nights.[131415] **9** A_litter he_has_made to_him/it the_king Shəlomoh from_(the)_wood(s)_of (the)_Ləvānōn. **10** Posts_of_ _its he_made silver back_of_its gold seat_of_its purple_wool middle_of_its was_fitted_out leather from_the_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **11** Come_out and_look Oh_ _daughters_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) on_king Shəlomoh on_crown which_she_crowned for_him/it his/its_mother in/on_day his_ _wedding_of_his and_on_the_day_of the_rejoicing_of his/its_ _heart.

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in the hiding places of the cliff,
Show me your appearance,
make me hear your voice,
because your voice is sweet, and you look lovely.
15 Catch the foxes for us—
the little foxes that destroy the vineyards,
and our vineyards are in blossom.
The bride **The woman's dream**
16 My dearest belongs to me and I belong to him—
the man grazing among the lilies.
17 Until the daylight arrives and the shadows flee, turn.
My dearest resembles a gazelle or a young stag on the rugged mountains.
3:1 On my bed in the night, I search for the one that my soul loves.
I searched for him, but I didn't find him.
2 I'll get up now and go about in the city—
in the streets and in the town squares.
I will search for the man who my soul loves.
I looked for him, but I didn't find him.
3 The guards going around in the city found me:
"Have you seen the man whom my soul loves?"
4 I'd hardly passed by the guards
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him and I wouldn't let him go
until I'd brought him to my mother's house
and to the room of the woman who conceived me.
5 I strongly advise you, young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
by the female gazelles or the does in the countryside,
don't awaken or stir love until it pleases.
The bride **The third song**
6 Who's that coming up from the wilderness like columns of smoke—
fragrant smoke of myrrh and frankincense from all the merchant's powders?
7 Look, it's his chair carried on poles.
It belongs to Shelomoh (Solomon) and sixty Israeli warriors surround it.
8 Each of them is studied in war and holding a sword.
Each one has his sword at his thigh against the dangers in the nights.
9 King Shelomoh had a chair carried on poles made for himself
from the trees from Levanon.
10 Its posts were made of silver, its back, gold, and its seat, pur-

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ple cloth.
Its interior was decorated with love by Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) young women.
11 Go out and look, young women of Tsiyon (Zion), at King Shelomoh.
Look at the crown his mother crowned him with
on the day of his wedding—
on the day that his heart was filled with happiness.
The groom
4:1 Wow, you're beautiful, my darling.
Look, at you, so beautiful.
Your eyes are doves from behind your veil.
Your hair is like a flock of goats that hop down from the slopes of Gilead.
2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep that have come up from the washing,
all of which have identical pairs and none of them have been lost.
3 Your lips are like a scarlet thread and your mouth is lovely.
Your cheeks are like a slice of pomegranate from behind your veil.
4 Your neck is like the tower of David that's built of layers—
a thousand shields hanging on it—all the shields of the warriors.
5 Your two breasts are like two fawns—
twins of a gazelle grazing among the lilies.
6 Until the daylight arrives and the shadows flee,
I myself will go to the mountain of myrrh
and to the hill of frankincense.
7 All of you is beautiful, my darling,
and you don't have any flaws.
8 Come with me from Levanon, my bride.
Descend from the top of Amanah,
from the top of Senir and Hermon,
from the hiding places of lions,
from the mountains of leopards.
9 You have enchanted my heart, my girlfriend, my bride.
You've enchanted my heart with one look from your eyes—
with one jewel from your necklace.
10 How your love is beautiful, my girlfriend, my bride.
How your love is better than wine
and the smell of your oils is nicer than all spices.
11 Your lips drip with nectar, my bride.
Honey and milk are under your tongue,
and your clothes smell nice like Levanon's forests.
12 My girlfriend, my bride, is a locked garden,
a locked spring, a sealed fountain.
13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranate trees with delicious fruits,
and henna and nard spice plants,
14 nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees

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4:1 Here_you are_beautiful my_friend_of_my here_you are_ _beautiful eyes_of_your are_doves from_behind to_veil_of_your hair_of_your is_like_(the)_flock_of (the)_she-goats which_they_ _have_descended from_hill of_Gil'ād. **2** Teeth_of_your are_like_ _(the)_flock_of (the)_shorn_ewes which_they_have_come_up from the_washing which_all_of_of_them are_bearing_twins and_one_deprived_of_offspring there_is_not among_them. **3** Are_like_(the)_thread_of (the)_scarlet lips_of_your and_ _mouth(s)_of_your is_lovely is_like_(the)_slice_of (the)_ _pomegranate temple_of_your from_behind to_veil_of_your. **4** Is_like_the_tower_of Dāvid neck_of_your built to_layers (the)_ _thousand (the)_shield[s] is_hung on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_shields_of the_warriors. **5** The_two_of breasts_of_your are_ _like_two_of fawns twins_of a_gazelle which_graze among_ _lilies. **6** Until that_ the_day _it_will_breathe and_ the_shadows _they_will_flee I_will_go to_me to the_mountain_of (the)_ _myrrh and_near/to the_hill_of (the)_frankincense. **7** Of_you_ _of_all is_beautiful my_friend_of_my and_blemish there_is_not on/over_you(fs). **8** With_me from_Ləvānōn Oh_bride with_me from_Ləvānōn you_will_come you_will_come_down from_the_ _top_of Amana from_the_top_of Sənīr and_Ḥermōn from_the_ _dens_of lions from_the_mountains_of leopards. **9** You_have_ _stolen_my_heart my_sister_of_my bride you_have_stolen_my_ _heart in/on/at/with[16] of_eyes_of_your one_of necklace of_ _necklaces_of_your. **10** How love(s)_of_your they_are_beautiful my_sister_of_my bride how love(s)_of_your they_are_good more_than_wine and_the_odour_of your(pl)_oils_of_your from_ _all spices. **11** Honey lips_of_your they_drip Oh_bride honey and_milk are_under tongue_of_your and_the_odour_of your(pl)_garments_of_your is_like_the_odour_of Ləvānōn. **12** Is_a_garden locked sister_of_my bride a_spring locked a_ _spring sealed_up. **13** Shoots_of_your are_a_garden_of pomegranates with fruit_of excellence(s) henna_plants with nard_plants. **14** Nard and_saffron calamus and_cinnamon with all_of the_trees_of frankincense myrrh and_aloes with all_of the_best_of spices. **15** A_spring_of gardens a_well_of water living and_flowing from Ləvānōn. **16** Awake Oh_north_wind and_come Oh_south_wind make_breathe garden_of_my spices_ _of_its let_them_flow lover_of_my let_him_come to_garden_of_ _his and_let_him_eat the_fruit_of its_excellence(s)_of_his. **5:1** I_have_come to_garden_of_my my_sister_of_my bride I_ _have_gathered myrrh_of_my with spice_of_my I_have_eaten honeycomb_of_my with honey_of_my I_have_drunk wine_of_ _my with milk_of_my eat Oh_friends drink and_become_drunk Oh_lovers.

16 LV 4:9 · Note OSHB variant note: דחא/ב: (x-qere) תָּחַאְ/בְ': lemma_b/259 morph_HR/Acfsa id_22zCS תָּחַאְ/בְ

Literal Version

2 I was_sleeping and_heart_of_my was_awake the_sound_of my_lover_of_my is_knocking open to_me my_sister_of_my friend_of_my dove_of_my my_perfect_of_one that_head_of_my is_filled dew locks_of_my[17] dewdrops_of night. **3** I_have_ _stripped_off ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ tunic_of_my how will_I_put_it_on I_have_ _washed ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ feet_of_my how will_I_dirty_them. **4** Lover_of_my he_sent his/its_hand from the_hole and_inward_parts_of_my they_were_turbulent on/upon/above_him/it. **5** I I_arose to_ _open to_lover_of_my and_hands_of_my they_dripped myrrh and_fingers_of_my myrrh flowing on the_handles_of the_bolt. **6** I I_opened to_lover_of_my and_lover_of_my he_had_turned_ _away he_had_passed_away being_of_my it_went_out when_he_ _turned_aside I_sought_him and_not I_found_him I_called_him and_not he_answered_me. **7** They_found_me the_watchmen who_go_around in_city they_struck_me they_wounded_me they_lifted ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ shawl_of_my from_on_me the_watchmen_of the_walls. **8** I_adjure you(pl) Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if you(pl)_will_find ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ lover_of_my what will_you(pl)_tell to_him/it that_weak_of love I. **9** How_is lover_of_your more_than_a_lover Oh_beautiful_one among_ _women how lover_of_is_your more_than_a_lover that_thus you_have_adjured_us. **10** Lover_of_my is_dazzling and_ruddy he_is_conspicuous more_than_ten_thousand. **11** His/its_head is_gold_of pure_gold locks_of_his[18] are_curls black like_raven. **12** Eyes_of_his are_like_doves at channels_of water washing in_ _milk sitting on fullness. **13** Cheeks_of_his are_like_(the)_bed_of (the)_spice towers_of aromatic_herbs lips_of_his are_lilies dripping myrrh flowing. **14** Hands_of_his are_rods_of gold filled with_chrysolite parts_of_his_lower are_a_plate_of ivory covered sapphires. **15** Legs_of_his are_pillars_of marble founded on bases_of pure_gold appearance_of_his is_like_Lə✓ānōn it_is_ _chosen like_cedars. **16** Mouth_of_his is_sweetness(es) and_all_ _of_of_him is_desirableness(es)[19][20][21] this lover_of_is_my and_

Readers' Version

used for incense,
myrrh and aloes, with all the best spices,
15 a fountain of gardens,
a well of living waters,
and streams flowing down from Levanon.
The bride
16 Wake up, north wind, and come, south wind.
Blow on my garden and let its spices flow.
Let my dearest come to his garden and eat its delicious fruit.
The groom
5:1 I have come to my garden, my girlfriend, my bride.
I've plucked my myrrh with my spice.
I've eaten my honeycomb with my honey.
I've drunk my wine with my milk.
Yerushalem's young women
Eat, friends,
drink, and drink freely, dear ones.

The fourth song

The bride
2 I'm asleep, but my heart is awake.
A sound—my dearest is knocking.
The groom
"Open to me, my girlfriend, my darling, my dove, my perfect one,
because my head is full of dew—
my hair is wet with the night dampness."
The bride
3 "I've already undressed—do I have to get dressed again?
I've washed my feet—won't I get them dirty now?"
4 My dearest stretched out his hand through the hole
and my stomach tightened when I saw him.
5 I got myself up to open to my dearest and my hands dripped with myrrh.
My fingers dripped with flowing myrrh on the arm of the bolt.
6 I opened the door to my dearest,
but my dearest had turned and gone.
My stomach sunk because he'd left.
I searched for him, but I couldn't find him.
I called him, but he didn't answer me.
7 The guards going about in the city found me.
They beat me and wounded me.
The guards of the walls took my shawl off me.
8 I adjure you, young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem):
if you find my dearest, what will you tell him?
Tell him that I'm sick with love.
Yerushalem's young women
9 Most beautiful among women, how is your dearest better

17 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

18 **LV 5:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

19 **LV 5:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

20 **LV 5:16 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

21 **LV 5:16 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

than another darling?
What is your dearest more than another, that you adjure us like that?
The bride
10 My dearest is dazzling and red—
→he would stand out among ten thousand.
11 His head is gold, refined gold.
His hair is wavy, and black like the raven.
12 His eyes are like doves beside streams of water,
bathing in milk, sitting beside the pools.
13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices—like towers where aromatic herbs are hung.
His lips are lilies—dripping with flowing myrrh.
14 His arms are rods of gold mounted with topaz stones.
His belly is a plate of ivory covered with sapphires.
15 His thighs are pillars of alabaster set on bases of refined gold.
His appearance is like Levanon—as attractive as the cedar trees.
16 His mouth is most sweet,
and all of him is most desirable.
This is my dearest, and this is my friend,
young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
Yerushalem's young women
6:1 Where did he go, your dearest, most beautiful woman among women?
Where did he turn, your dearest—let us join you in looking for him.
The bride
2 My dearest went down to his garden, to the beds of spices,
→in order to graze in the gardens and in order to gather lilies.
3 I belong to my dearest, and my dearest belongs to me.
He grazes among the lilies.
The groom

The fifth song

4 You are beautiful, my darling, like Tirtsah,
lovely like Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
awe-inspiring like armies marching with banners.
5 Turn your eyes away from me, because they excite me.
Your hair is like a flock of goats that hop down from Mt. Gilead.
6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes that have come up from the washing,
all of which have twin lambs and none of them have died.
7 Your cheeks are like a slice of a pomegranate
from behind your veil.
8 He has sixty queens, and eighty concubines,
and young women without number.
9 She's special, my dove, my perfect one.

Literal Version

_this friend_of_is_my Oh_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
6:1 Where lover_of_your has_he_gone Oh_beautiful_one among_ _women where lover_of_your has_he_turned so_that_we_may_ _seek_him with_you. **2** Lover_of_my he_has_gone_down to_ _garden_of_his to_the_beds_of (the)_spice to_graze in_gardens and_to_gather lilies. **3** I belong_to_lover_of_my and_lover_of_ _my to_me the_one_who_is_grazing among_lilies.[222324]

4 Are_beautiful you my_friend_of_my like_Tirtsāh lovely like_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) majestic like_(the)_ _soldiers/messengers_banners. **5** Turn eyes_of_your from_ _before_me that_they[25] they_have_confused_me hair_of_your is_like_(the)_flock_of (the)_she-goats which_they_have_ _descended from (the)_Gil'ād. **6** Teeth_of_your are_like_(the)_ _flock_of (the)_ewes which_they_have_come_up from the_ _washing which_all_of_of_them are_bearing_twins and_one_ _deprived_of_offspring there_is_not among_them. **7** Is_like_ _(the)_slice_of (the)_pomegranate temple_of_your from_behind to_veil_of_your. **8** Are_sixty they queens and_eighty concubines and_young_women there_is_not number. **9** Is_one she dove_of_ _my my_perfect_of_one is_one_daughter she of_mother_of_her is_a_pure_daughter she of_the_one_of_who_bore_her they_ _saw_her daughters and_they_called_her_blessed queens and_ _concubines and_they_praised_her. **10** Who this is_the_one_

22 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
23 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
24 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
25 **LV 6:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

Literal Version

_who_looks_down like the_dawn beautiful like_moon pure like_ _sun majestic like_(the)_soldiers/messengers_banners. **11** To a_ _garden_of nut[s] I_went_down to_see on_the_green_shoots_of the_wadi to_see had_ the_vine _it_budded the_pomegranates had_they_bloomed. **12** Not I_knew desire_of_my it_set_me the_ _chariots_of Ammi-_-[26] of_Ammi-.
7:1 [27] Return return Oh_Shulammite_woman return return so_ _that_we_may_look on/over_you(fs) why will_you(pl)_look on_ _woman like_the_dance_of the_two_groups. **2** [28] How feet_of_ _your they_are_beautiful in_sandals Oh_daughter_of a_noble_ _person the_curves_of your_two's_thighs_of_your are_like ornaments the_work_of the_hands_of a_master-craftsman. **3** [29] Navel_of_your is_(the)_bowl_of (the)_roundness not (the)_ _mixed_wine may_it_lack belly_of_your is_a_heap_of wheat(s) which_is_fenced_around with_lilies. **4** [30] The_two_of breasts_of_ _your are_like_two_of fawns twins_of a_gazelle. **5** [31] Neck_of_ _your is_like_(the)_tower_of (the)_ivory eyes_of_your are_pools in_Ḫeshbōn at the_gate_of Bath- Rabbim nose_of_your is_like_ _the_tower_of (the)_Lə֯ānōn which_watches the_face_of Damascus. **6** [32] Head_of_your on_you is_like_Karmel/(Carmel) and_the_hair_of your_head_of_your is_like_(the)_wool the_king is_bound by_tresses. **7** [33] How you_are_beautiful and_how you_ _are_lovely Oh_love with_delights. **8** [34] This stature_of_your it_ _is_like (to)_a_palm_tree and_breasts_of_your (to)_clusters. **9** [35] I_say I_will_climb_up on_the_palm_tree I_will_take_hold on_ _fruit-stalks_of_its and_may_they_be please breasts_of_your like_the_clusters_of (the)_vine and_the_odour_of your_nose_of_ _your like_apples. **10** [36] And_mouth_of_your be_like_(the)_ _wine_of (the)_good which_goes for_lover_of_my to_ _smoothness(es) which_flows_gently the_lips_of sleepers. **11** [37] I belong_to_lover_of_my and_is_towards_me his/its_ _longing/desire. **12** [38] Come my_lover_of_my let_us_go the_field let_us_pass_the_night in_villages. **13** [39] Let_us_rise_early to_ _vineyards let_us_see if the_vine it_has_budded the_blossom it_ _has_opened the_pomegranates they_have_bloomed there I_ _will_give ~~DOM~~ love(s)_of_my to/for_you(fs). **14** [40] The_ _mandrakes they_have_given_forth an_odour and_will_be_over doorway(s)_of_our all_of excellent_things new also old my_ _lover_of_my I_have_stored_up to/for_you(fs).
8:1 Who will_he_give_you like_a_brother to_me the_sucking_

Readers' Version

She's special to her mother—perfect to the woman who bore her.
The young women saw her and called her blessed.
The queens and the concubines praised her:
10 "Who is that, the woman who looks down like the dawn,
beautiful like the moon,
pure like the sun,
awe-inspiring like armies marching with banners?"
11 I went down to the nut tree garden to look at the green shoots of the valley
to see if the grapevine had budded?
Had the pomegranates bloomed?
12 Before I realised it,
my desire had put me among my people's chariots, a leading citizen.
Yerushalem's young women
13 Return, return, woman from Shulam.
Return, return and let us look at you.
The bride
Why do you look at the Shulamit
like the dance of two armies?
The groom
7:1 Your feet are so beautiful in sandals, daughter of a noble.
The curves of your thighs are like ornaments—the work of a craftsman's hands.
2 Your navel is like a round bowl
that never lacks spiced wine.
Your belly is like a pile of threshed wheat
encircled with lily flowers.
3 Your two breasts are like two fawns—
a gazelle's twins.
4 Your neck is like a tower of ivory.
Your eyes are pools in Heshbon
by the gate of Bat Rabbim.
Your nose is like the tower of Levanon,
looking to the face of Damesek (Damascus).

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26 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as יְמַע׃
27 **LV 7:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.6.13
28 **LV 7:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.1
29 **LV 7:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.2
30 **LV 7:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.3
31 **LV 7:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.4
32 **LV 7:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.5
33 **LV 7:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.6
34 **LV 7:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.7
35 **LV 7:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.8
36 **LV 7:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.9
37 **LV 7:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.10
38 **LV 7:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.11
39 **LV 7:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.12
40 **LV 7:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Song.7.13

Readers' Version

5 Your head crowns you like Mt. Karmel,
and the loose hair of your head is like purple robes—
a king is held captive in their tresses.
6 You're so beautiful and so lovely—
you're love with added delights!
7 You're tall like a palm tree,
and your breasts like its clusters of dates.
8 I said, "I'll go up the palm tree.
I'll grab hold of its stalks of fruit."
And, please, let your breasts be like the clusters on the grapevine,
and let the fragrance of your nose be like apples,
9 and let your mouth be like the best wine
going down smoothly for my dearest—
gliding over the lips of those who sleep.
The bride
10 I belong to my dearest
and his longing is for me.
11 Come, my dearest, let's go out to the countryside.
Let's spend the night in the villages.
12 Let's go early to the vineyards.
We'll see if the grapevine has budded,
if the blossoms have opened,
and if the pomegranates have bloomed.
There I'll give my love to you.
13 The mandrakes give off a scent,
and over our doors are all kinds of choice dried fruits—
new ones and also old ones.
My dearest, I've stored these up for you.
8:1 Who will give you to me like a brother,
who nursed at my mother's breasts?
If I found you outside, I would kiss you.
Yes, they wouldn't despise me.
2 I would lead you.
I would bring you to my mother's house—she who taught me.
I would have you drink some spiced wine,
and some of my pomegranate juice.
3 His left hand is under my head
and his right hand embraces me.
4 I adjure you, young women of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
don't awaken and stir up love until it desires.
Yerushalem's young women

The sixth song

5 Who is that coming up from the wilderness,
leaning against her dearest?
The bride
Under the apple tree I awakened you.
Your mother was in labour with you there.

Literal Version

_child of_the_breasts_of my_mother_of_my I_will_find_you on_
_outside I_will_kiss_you[414243] also not people_will_despise to_
_me. 2 I_will_lead_you I_will_bring_you to the_house_of my_
_mother_of_my who_she_taught_me I_will_give_you_to_drink
some_(the)_wine of_(the)_spice some_of_the_juice_of my_
_pomegranate_of_my. 3 Hand_of_his_left is_under my_head
and_his_right_of_hand it_embraces_me. 4 I_adjure you(pl) Oh_
_daughters_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) why will_you(pl)_
_awaken and_why will_you(pl)_arouse ~~DOM~~ (the)_love until
that_it_will_please.

5 Who this is_coming_up from the_wilderness leaning_herself
on lover_of_her under the_apple_tree I_aroused_you there_(to)
she_was_in_labour_with_you mother_of_your there_(to) she_
_was_in_labour she_bore_you. 6 Put_me like_seal on heart_of_
_your like_seal on arm_of_your if/because is_strong like_death
love is_severe like_Shə'ōl jealousy flames_of_its are_flames_of
fire a powerful_flame.[45] 7 Waters many not they_are_able to_

41 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

42 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

43 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

45 **LV 8:6 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

Literal Version

_extinguish ~~DOM~~ (the)_love and_rivers not they_will_overflow_it if anyone he_will_give ~~DOM~~ all_of the_wealth_of his_house_of_ _his for_love utterly_(despise) people_will_despise to_him/it. **8** A_sister to/for_us small and_breasts there_are_not to/for_ _her/it what will_we_do for_sister_of_our in_the_day when_it_ _will_be_spoken for_her. **9** If is_a_wall she we_will_build on/upon_it(f) a_battlement_of silver and_if is_a_door she we_ _will_shut_up on/upon_it(f) a_board_of cedar. **10** I was_a_wall and_breasts_of_my are_like_towers then I_was in_eyes_of_his like_one_who_finds peace. **11** A_vineyard it_belonged to_ _Shəlomoh/(Solomon) at_Ba´al- hamon he_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _vineyard to_who_keep each_one he_will_bring for_fruit_of_its a_thousand silver. **12** Vineyard_of_my[464748] which_belongs_to_ _me is_before_of_me the_thousand_shekels to/for_yourself(m) Oh_Shəlomoh and_two_hundreds belong_to_those_who_keep ~~DOM~~ fruit_of_its. **13** Oh_you_who_dwell[495051] in_gardens companions are_listening for_voice_of_your cause_me_to_ _hear_it. **14** Hasten my_lover_of_my and_be_like to/for_ _yourself(m) (to)_a_gazelle or (to)_the_fawn_of the_deer(s) on mountains_of spices.

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Readers' Version

There she was in labour—she gave birth to you.
6 Place me like the seal on your heart,
like the seal on your arm,
because live is strong like death.
Zeal is unyielding like the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire—Yah's flame.
7 Many waters aren't able to quench this love
and rivers can't drown it.
If a man would give all the family's wealth in exchange for love,
he'd be utterly despised.
Bride's older brothers
8 We have a young sister—
small and without her breasts developed.
What will we do for our sister
on the day when she is spoken for?
9 If she's a wall,[44] we'll build a silver turret on her.
And if she is a door, we'll protect her with cedar planks.
The bride
10 I was a wall and my breasts were like towers.
Then, in his eyes, I was like a person who finds peace.
11 There was a vineyard for Shelomoh (Solomon) at Ba'al-Hamon.
He gave the vineyard to keepers.
Each person brought a thousand silver coins in exchange for its fruit.
12 My own vineyard is right in front of me.
Those thousand coins belong to you, Shelomoh,
and the two hundred belong to the people who are keepers of its fruit.
The groom
13 You, the one residing in the gardens:
my companions are listening intently for your voice—
let me hear it.
The bride
14 Flee, my dearest, and be like a gazelle
or a young stag on the mountains of spices.

SNG · OET-RV v0.2.2

44 **RV 8:9 · Note** Some consider these analogies to refer to her (still young) flat chest, others to a wall/door protecting her virginity.
46 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
47 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
48 **LV 8:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
49 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
50 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
51 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Yoel

(Joel)

Introduction

This account was written around 400-500 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), at a time when other nations were being ruled over by the Persian kings. Yahweh's message is brought to the people via Petuel's son, Yoel (Joel).
This document was written because God's revelation to Yoel included warnings about his coming judgement and punishment of the surrounding nations, known as *Yahweh's day*. When that day arrived, it would be the time for God's punishment of all those who had disobeyed him. The prophet explained that Yahweh was calling his people to turn away from their sinful lifestyles, and then he followed this up with a promise that his people would again live peaceful and prosperous lives and receive his blessings. It's also recorded here how Yahweh promised to send his spirit to all people groups.

Main components of this document

The destruction by locusts *1:1–2:17*
The promise of restoration of a peaceful life *2:18-27*
Yahweh's day of action *2:28–3:21*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Yō'ēl/(Joel) the_ _son_of Pətū'ēl.

2 Hear this Oh_elders and_give_ear Oh_all_of the_inhabitants_ _of the_earth/land has_ this _it_happened in_days_of_your(pl) and_if in_the_days_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl). **3** On_it to_children_of_your(pl) recount and_children_of_your(pl) to_ _children_of_their and_children_of_their to_a_generation another. **4** The_remainder_of the_locust[s] the_locust[s] it_has_ _eaten and_the_remainder_of the_locust[s] the_locust[s] it_has_ _eaten and_the_remainder_of the_locust[s] the_locust[s] it_has_ _eaten. **5** Awake Oh_drunkards and_weep and_wail Oh_all_of you(pl)_who_drink_of (of)_wine on sweet_wine if/because it_ _has_been_cut_off from_mouth_of_your(pl). **6** If/because a_ _nation it_has_come_up on land_of_my it_is_mighty and_there_ _is_not number teeth_of_its are_the_teeth_of a_lion and_the_ _fangs_of a_lion to_him/it. **7** It_has_made vine[s]_of_my into_a_ _waste and_my_fig_of_tree[s] into_a_stump completely_(strip_ _bare) it_has_stripped_it_bare and_it_has_thrown_it_away branches_of_its they_have_become_white. **8** Wail like_a_virgin girded_of sackcloth on the_husband_of her_youth(s)_of_her. **9** Grain_offering and_drink_offering it_has_been_cut_off from_ _the_house_of **YHWH** the_priests who_serve_of (of)_**YHWH** they_are_in_mourning. **10** The_field[s] it_is_devastated the_ _ground it_is_dried_up if/because the_grain it_is_devastated the_new_wine it_has_dried_up the_fresh_oil it_has_languished. **11** Be_ashamed Oh_farmers wail Oh_vinedressers on the_wheat and_on the_barley if/because the_harvest_of the_field it_has_ _perished. **12** The_vine it_has_dried_up and_the_fig_tree it_has_ _languished the_pomegranate_tree also the_palm_tree and_ _the_apple_tree all_of the_trees_of the_field they_have_dried_ _up if/because joy it_has_been_ashamed from the_children_of humankind. **13** Gird_yourselves and_lament Oh_priests wail Oh_you(pl)_who_serve_of (of)_the_altar come spend_the_night in_sackcloth(s) Oh_you(pl)_who_serve_of god_of_(of)_my if/because it_has_been_withheld from_the_house_of your(pl)_ _god_of_your(pl) grain_offering and_drink_offering. **14** Consecrate a_fast call an_assembly gather the_elders all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_house_of **YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) and_cry_out to **YHWH**. **15** Alas for_day if/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** and_like_devastation from_the_ _almighty[3] it_will_come. **16** Am_not before eyes_of_our food has_it_been_cut_off from_the_house_of our_god_of_our joy and_rejoicing. **17** The_seeds they_have_shrivelled under shovels_of_their the_storehouses they_are_desolate the_ _granaries they_have_been_torn_down if/because the_grain it_ _has_dried_up. **18** How the_livestock it_has_groaned the_herds_ _of cattle they_have_wandered_in_confusion if/because there_ _is_not pasture to/for_them also the_flocks_of (the)_sheep they_have_suffered. **19** To_you Oh_**YHWH** I_call if/because fire it_has_consumed the_pastures_of the_wilderness and_a_flame it_has_set_ablaze all_of the_trees_of the_field. **20** Also the_ _animals_of the_field it_pants to_you if/because the_channels_ _of water they_have_dried_up and_fire it_has_consumed the_ _pastures_of the_wilderness.

Readers' Version

1:1 This is Yahweh's message that came to Petuel's son Yoel (Joel):

Destruction by locusts

2 Hear this, you elders,
and listen, all you people that live in this country.
Has this sort of thing ever happened in your lifetime
or in the days of your ancestors?
3 Tell your children about it,
and your children to their children,
and their children to the following generation.
4 What the cutting locusts left behind, the swarming locusts have eaten,
and what the swarming locusts left behind, the hopping locusts have eaten,
and what the hopping locusts left behind, the destroying locusts have eaten.
5 Wake up, drunkards, and weep.
Yes, wail, all you wine drinkers.
Wail about the sweet wine, because it's all gone now.
6 Because a powerful nation (of locusts) with innumerable soldiers has come against my land,
Its teeth are like a lion's teeth,
and the fangs are like those of a lioness.[1]
7 It's made my grapevine into a piece of rubbish
and my fig tree into splinters.
Stripping everything, it's stripped it and thrown it away.
Its branches have become white (without the bark).
8 Mourn like a young woman dressed in sackcloth after losing her young husband.
9 The grain offering and the drink offering have been discontinued at Yahweh's temple.
The priests mourn—Yahweh's servants.
10 The countryside has been devastated.
The soil mourns, because the grain has been destroyed.
The new wine dried up,
The fresh oil isn't good.
11 Feel shame, farmers, for the wheat and for the barley.
Wail, vinedressers, because the harvest from the countryside has perished.
12 The grapevine has dried up and the fig tree has been made weak.
The pomegranate tree, also the palm tree and the apple tree, all of the trees across the countryside have dried up.
→So humanity's joy has dried up.
13 Get dressed in sackcloth and sing dirges, you priests.
Wail, you servants of the altar.
Come, spend the night in sackcloth, servants of my god,
because the grain offering and the drink offering have been withheld from the house of your god.
14 Consecrate a fast,

1 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 9:8.

3 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

call an assembly.
Gather the elders and all the residents of the country
to the house of Yahweh your god,
and cry out to Yahweh.
15 What a terrible day,
because Yahweh's day is near,
and it will come as destruction from the powerful one.[2]
16 Hasn't our food been cut off right in front of our eyes,
and joy and gladness cut off from God's house?
17 The seeds have shrivelled under their clods.
The storehouses are in ruins.
The granaries have been torn down,
because the grain has dried up.
18 How the livestock groan.
The herds of cattle are perplexed,
because there's no pasture to graze.
Also the flocks of sheep have suffered.
19 I call for help to you, Yahweh,
because fire has devoured the pastures in the wilderness,
and the flame has burnt all the trees in the countryside.
20 Even the wild animals pant for you,
because the streams of water have dried up,
and fire has destroyed the pastures in the wilderness.

Yahweh's day arrives · Southern kingdom

2:1 Blow the shofar in Tsiyon (Zion),
and shout on the mountain of my holiness.
Let all of the country's residents tremble,
because Yahweh's day is coming,
yes, it's close.
2 It'll be a day of darkness and gloom—
a day of clouds and thick darkness
like the dawn being spread out on the mountains.
There hasn't been a great and mighty army like that since the beginning of time,
and after it there won't be again for many generations.
3 A devouring fire goes ahead of it,
and behind it a flame is burning.
Ahead of it, the land is like the garden of Eden,
but behind it is a wilderness of desolation,
and indeed, there's no escape from it.
4 At first, it appears like horses,
and they run like war horses.[4]
5 Like the sound of chariots, they leap along the tops of the hills—
like the sound of flames devouring stubble,
like a mighty people organised for war.
6 People flinch in horror when they see them coming.
All of their faces turn dark.[5]

Literal Version

2:1 Give_a_blast_on a_ram's_horn in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_
_sound_a_battle_signal on_the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_
_my all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land let_them_tremble
if/because the_day_of **YHWH** is_about_to_come if/because it_
_is_near. **2** A_day_of darkness and_gloom a_day_of cloud and_
_thick_darkness like_dawn spread_out over the_mountains a_
_people numerous and_mighty like_it not it_has_occurred since
(the)_antiquity and_after_it not it_will_repeat until years_of a_
_generation and_a_generation. **3** Before_it fire it_has_consumed
and_after_it a_flame it_sets_ablaze is_like_the_garden_of ʼĒden
the_earth/land before_it and_after_it a_wilderness_of
desolation and_also escape not it_belongs for_him/it. **4** Is_like_
_the_appearance_of horses appearance_of_its and_like_
_horsemen so they_run. **5** Like_the_sound_of chariots over the_
_tops_of the_mountains they_leap like_the_sound_of a_flame_
_of fire which_consumes stubble like_a_people mighty
deployed_of battle. **6** From_before_of_it peoples they_are_in_
_anguish all_of faces they_gather a_glow. **7** Like_warriors they_
_run like_men_of war they_go_up a_wall and_each on_ways_of_
_its they_go and_not they_exchange paths_of_their. **8** And_each
his/its_brother not they_thrust a_man on_track_of_its they_go
and_through the_weapon[s] they_fall not they_stop. **9** On_city
they_rush on_wall they_run in_houses they_go_up through
the_windows they_go like_thief. **10** Before_it the_earth it_
_trembles the_heavens they_shake sun and_moon they_
_become_dark and_the_stars they_withdraw brightness_of_
their. **11** And**YHWH** he_gives_forth voice_of_his to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before army_of_his if/because is_great

2 **RV 1:15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:6.

4 **RV 2:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Rev 9:7-9.

5 **RV Joel 2:6b · Note** We don't have a good understanding of an uncommon Hebrew word used here, so other translations might differ.

Literal Version

very camp_of_his if/because is_mighty the_one_who_does_of message_of_(of)_his if/because is_great the_day_of **YHWH** and_ _awesome exceedingly and_who will_he_endure_it.

12 And_also now the_utterance_of **YHWH** return to_me in_all heart_of_your(pl) and_with_fasting and_with_weeping[8] and_ _with_wailing. **13** And_tear heart_of_your(pl) and_not garments_of_your(pl) and_return to **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) if/because is_gracious and_compassionate he he_is_long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_he_is_relenting on (the)_harm. **14** Who is_knowing he_will_turn and_he_will_ _relent and_he_will_leave behind_him a_blessing a_grain_ _offering and_a_drink_offering to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **15** Give_a_blast_on a_ram's_horn in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) consecrate a_fast call an_assembly. **16** Gather the_people consecrate an_ _assembly gather the_elders gather children and_sucking_ _children_of breasts the_bridegroom let_him_go_out from_ _room_of_his and_the_bride from_chamber_of_her. **17** Between the_porch and_the_altar the_priests who_serve_of (of)_**YHWH** let_them_weep and_let_them_say have_compassion Oh_**YHWH** on people_of_your and_do_not make inheritance_of_your into_ _a_reproach to_mock on_them nations to/for_what will_ _people_say among_peoples where god_of_is_their.

Readers' Version

7 They run like warriors.
Like men of war, they climb the wall.
Then they walk, each man choosing his own way forward,
and they don't veer off their paths.
8 There's no jostling each other—
each man marches straight forward.
They handle those who present weapons against them
and their progress isn't interrupted.
9 They rush on the city.
They run along the wall.
They climb through the windows into the houses like thieves.
10 The earth shakes as they approach.
The heavens tremble.
The sun and the moon become dark,
and the stars cease their shining.[6]
11 Yahweh speaks in front of his army,
because there's a huge number of them,
because those executing his commands are very powerful.
Yes, Yahweh's day is really terrible,
and who could possibly survive it?[7]

A call for genuine repentance · Southern kingdom

12 Yahweh declares: Even now,
return to me with all of your hearts,
and with fasting and weeping, and with mourning.
13 Yes, tear your hearts and not your clothes,
and return to your god Yahweh,
because he's gracious and merciful,
slow to get angry, but displaying loyal commitment,
and relenting from sending disaster.
14 Who knows? He might change his mind and relent
and leave a blessing after him:
grain and wine that you can all use as offerings for your god Yahweh.
15 Blow the shofar in Tsiyon (Zion),
declare a fast,
announce an assembly.
16 Gather the people,
consecrate the congregation,
assemble the elders,
gather the children
and the ones suckling the breasts.
May the bridegroom come out from his chamber
and the bride from her room.
17 Let Yahweh's servants the priests weep between the porch and the altar.
And let them say, "Have pity on your people, Yahweh,
and don't allow others to mock the people that you inherited,
and then other nations to rule over them.
Why should the other nations ask, 'Where is their god?' "

6 **RV 2:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 8:12.

7 **RV 2:11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:17.

8 **LV 2:12 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

18 Then Yahweh was jealous for his land,
and he had pity on his people.
19 Then Yahweh answered and told his people,
"Listen, I'll send you grain and new wine and oil,
and it'll be enough for you all,
and I'll no longer make you a country for the other nations to mock.
20 And I will distance the northern army from you,
and I will banish them into a land of dryness and desolation—
their face into the eastern sea
and their back into the western sea.
Their stench will rise,
and their odour will spread,
because they've made many powerful moves."
21 Don't fear, land. Be glad and celebrate,
because Yahweh has been doing powerful things.
22 Don't worry, you animals in the countryside,
because the pastures in the wilderness have sprouted,
and the tree has borne its fruit—
the fig tree and the grapevine have produced their best.
23 And be glad, you descendants of Tsiyon (Zion),
and celebrate about your god Yahweh,
because he's given you the early rain as vindication,
and he's brought down showers for you—
the early rains and the late rains like before.
24 Then the threshing floors will be full of grain,
and the vats will overflow with grape juice and olive oil.
25 "And I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust and the hopping locust,
the destroying locust and the cutting locust have eaten—
my huge army that I sent among you.
26 You'll all eat and be full,
and you'll praise the name of your god Yahweh,
who's done miracles among you all,
and my people will never feel shamed.
27 Then you'll all know that I'm right there in Yisrael (Israel)—
that I'm your god Yahweh and there isn't any other,
and my people will never feel shamed.

The restoration of the harvests · Southern kingdom

28 And it will happen after that,
that I'll pour out my spirit onto all peoples,
and your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your elderly will dream dreams,
Your young people will see visions.
29 At that time I'll pour out my spirit
even on the male and female slaves.

Yahweh's spirit poured out

Literal Version

18 And_ **YHWH** _he_became_jealous for_land_of_his and_he_ _had_compassion on people_of_his. **19** And_ **YHWH** _he_ _answered and_he/it_said to_people_of_his HERE_I am_about_ _to_send to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ (the)_grain and_(the)_new_wine and_(the)_fresh_oil and_you(pl)_will_be_satisfied ~~DOM~~_him/it and_not I_will_make you(pl) again a_reproach among_nations. **20** And_~~DOM~~ the_northerner[s] I_will_remove_far_away from_ _with_you(pl) and_I_will_drive_it_away into a_land dryness and_desolation ~~DOM~~ his/its_faces/face into the_sea (the)_ _eastern and_end_of_its into the_sea (the)_western and_ stench_of_its _he/it_would_go_up and_ smell_of_its_foul _it_ _will_go_up if/because he_has_made_great for_doing. **21** Do_ _not fear Oh_land be_glad and_rejoice if/because **YHWH** he_ _has_made_great for_doing. **22** Do_not fear Oh_animals_of the_ _field if/because the_pastures_of the_wilderness they_are_ _green if/because the_tree[s] it_has_borne fruit_of_its the_fig_ _tree and_the_vine they_have_given strength_of_their. **23** And_ _the_sons of_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) be_glad and_rejoice in_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) if/because he_has_given to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_early_rain for_righteousness and_he_has_sent_down to/for_you(pl) rain early_rain and_spring_rain in_month. **24** And_ the_threshing_floors _they_will_be_full grain and_ the_ _wine-vats _they_will_overflow new_wine and_fresh_oil. **25** And_I_will_restore to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_years which the_ _locust[s] the_locust[s] and_the_locust[s] and_the_locust[s] army_of_my (the)_great which I_sent among_you(pl) it_has_ _eaten. **26** And_you(pl)_will_eat eating and_being_satisfied and_ _you(pl)_will_praise ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) who he_has_dealt with_you(pl) by_doing_wonderfully and_not people_of_my they_will_be_ashamed forever_perpetuity. **27** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that am_in_the_midst_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I and_I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_there_ _is_not yet and_not people_of_my they_will_be_ashamed forever_perpetuity.

3:1 [9] And_it_was after thus I_will_pour_out ~~DOM~~ my_ _breath/wind/spirit on all_of flesh and_ sons_of_your(pl) and_ _daughters_of_your(pl) _they_will_prophesy your_old_of_men dreams they_will_dream men_of_your_young visions they_will_ _see. **2** [10] And_also on the_male_servants and_on the_female_ _servants in_the_days (the)_those I_will_pour_out ~~DOM~~ my_ _breath/wind/spirit.

9 **LV 3:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.28

10 **LV 3:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.29

Literal Version

3 [13] And_I_will_put wonders in_heavens and_on_earth blood
and_fire and_columns_of smoke. 4 [14] The_sun it_will_be_
_changed into_darkness and_the_moon into_blood to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_day_of **YHWH** (the)_great and_
_(the)_awesome comes. 5 [15] And_it_was every one_who he_will_
_call in/on_name_of **YHWH** he_will_escape if/because on_the_
_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
an_escaped_remnant it_will_be just_as **YHWH** he_has_said and_
_will_among_the_survivors those_whom **YHWH** will_be_
_calling.

4:1 [19] If/because THERE in_the_days (the)_those and_at_time
(the)_that when I_will_turn_back[20] ~~DOM~~ the_captivity_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 2 [21] And_I_
_will_gather ~~DOM~~ all_of the_nations and_I_will_bring_them_
_down to the_valley_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) and_I_will_
_enter_into_judgement with_them there on people_of_my and_
_inheritance_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_have_scattered
among_nations and_~~DOM~~ land_of_my they_have_divided_up.
3 [22] And_near/to people_of_my they_have_throw a_lot and_
_they_have_exchanged the_boy for_prostitute and_the_girl
they_have_sold for_wine and_they_have_drunk. 4 [23] And_also
what are_you(pl) to_me Oh_Tyre and_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_
_all/each/any/every the_territories_of Pəleshet recompense
are_you(pl) repaying to_me and_if are_you(pl) making_
_recompense to_me swift quickly I_will_return recompense_of_
_your(pl) on_head_of_your(pl). 5 [24] That silver_of_my and_gold_
_of_my you(pl)_took and_my_desirable_of_things (the)_good
you(pl)_took to_your(pl)_own_of_temples. 6 [25] And_the_sons
of_Yəhūdāh and_the_sons of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_
_sold to_the_people_of the_Greeks so_as to_remove_them_far_
_away from_under territory_of_their_own. 7 [26] Here_I am_
_about_of_to_rouse_them from the_place where you(pl)_sold
~~DOM~~_them there_(to) and_I_will_return recompense_of_
_your(pl) on_head_of_your(pl). 8 [27] And_I_will_sell ~~DOM~~ sons_of_
your(pl) and~~DOM~~ daughters_of_your(pl) in_the_hand_of the_
_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_they_will_sell_them to_the_
_Sabeans to a_nation distant if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken.

Readers' Version

The warning about Yahweh's day · Southern kingdom

30 Then I'll do miracles in the skies and on the earth—
blood and fire and columns of smoke.
31 The sun will be turned into darkness
and the moon into blood,[11]
ahead of the coming of Yahweh's incredible yet scary day.
32 Then it will happen that everyone who calls on Yahweh's name will be saved,
because on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) there'll be a way of escape, just as Yahweh has said,
and among the survivors who Yahweh is calling.[12]

Yahweh's judgement of the nations

3:1 Listen, in those days and at that time
when I return those who were taken away as captives from Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
2 then I'll gather all the nations,
and bring them down to Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) valley.
Then I'll judge them there
because they scattered my people—Yisrael (Israel) my inheritance—among the nations,
and they divided up my land.
3 Then they threw dice to decide who'd get my people—
they traded a boy for a prostitute,
and sold a girl for wine so they could drink.
4 Tsor (Tyre), Tsidon (Sidon), and all of the regions of Peleshet, what are you to me?
Are you trying to get even with me?
If you are, I'll very quickly deflect your actions back on yourselves,[16]
5 because you took my gold and silver,
and you took my precious treasures into your temples.
6 Then you sold the people of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to the Hellains (Greeks),
so that they'd be taken far away from their homeland.
7 Listen, I'll stir them up there in the place where you sold

11 **RV 2:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:29; Mrk 13:24-25; Luk 21:25; Rev 6:12-13.
12 **RV 2:28-32 · Cross-ref.** Acts 2:17-21.
13 **LV 3:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.30
14 **LV 3:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.31
15 **LV 3:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).2.32
16 **RV 3:4-8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 23:1-18; Eze 26:1–28:26; Amos 1:9-10; Zech 9:1-4; Mat 11:21-22; Luk 10:13-14.
19 **LV 4:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.1
20 **LV 4:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בושא**: (x-qere) **בְּיָשָׁא**: lemma_7725 n_0.0.0 morph_HVhi1cs id_29VRt **בְּיָשָׁא**
21 **LV 4:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.2
22 **LV 4:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.3
23 **LV 4:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.4
24 **LV 4:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.5
25 **LV 4:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.6
26 **LV 4:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.7
27 **LV 4:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.8

Readers' Version

them,
and I'll deflect your behaviour back on yourselves,
8 because I'll sell *your* sons and daughters to the people of Yehudah,
and they'll sell them to people from Sheva—to a faraway nation."
Yes, Yahweh has spoken.
9 Proclaim this among the nations:
"Prepare for war.
Arm the warriors!
Let them approach.
Let all the men of war start coming.
10 Hammer your plough blades into swords
and your pruning hooks into spears.[17]
Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'
11 Hurry and come all you surrounding nations,
and gather yourselves there."
Yahweh, send down your warriors.
12 "Let the nations rouse themselves
and come to Yehoshafat's (Jehoshaphat's) valley,
because I'll sit there to judge all the surrounding nations.
13 Swing the sickle, because the harvest has ripened.
Come on, go down, because the wine-pressing pit is full.
The vats overflow, because their wickedness is great."
14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision,
because Yahweh's day is near in the valley of decision.
15 The sun and the moon become dark,
and the stars withhold their brightness.
16 Yahweh will roar from Tsiyon (Zion),
and from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) he'll utter his voice,[18]
and the heavens and the earth will shake.
But Yahweh will be a shelter for his people
and a fortress for the Israelis.
17 "Then you will know that I'm your god Yahweh,
living in Tsiyon (Zion), on my sacred mountain.

The blessing of God of his people · Southern kingdom

Then Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be sacred,
and foreign warriors won't pass through it again.

Literal Version

9 **28** Proclaim this among_nations consecrate a_war rouse the_ _warriors let_them_draw_near all_of the_men_of (the)_war let_ _them_go_up. **10** **29** Beat plowshares_of_your(pl) into_swords and_your(pl)_pruning_of_knives into_spears the_weak_man let_him_say am_a_warrior I. **11** **30** Hurry and_come Oh_all_of the_nations from_round_about and_they_will_gather there_(to) bring_down Oh_**YHWH** your_of_warriors. **12** **31** Let_them_be_ _roused and_ the_nations _let_them_go_up to the_valley_of Yəhōshāfāṭ/(Jehoshaphat) if/because there I_will_sit to_judge ~~DOM~~ all_of the_nations from_round_about. **13** **32** Send_out the_ _sickle if/because the_harvest it_has_grown_ripe come tread if/because the_winepress it_is_full the_wine-vats they_are_ _overflowing if/because is_great evil_of_their. **14** **33** Multitudes multitudes are_in_the_valley_of (the)_decision if/because is_ _near the_day_of **YHWH** in_the_valley_of (the)_decision. **15** **34** Sun and_moon they_have_become_dark and_the_stars they_ _have_withdrawn brightness_of_their. **16** **35** And_**YHWH** from_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_will_roar and_from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_give_forth voice_of_his and_ heaven and_earth _they_will_shake and_**YHWH** will_be_a_ _refuge for_people_of_his and_a_stronghold for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

17 **36** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) who_dwells in_Tsiyyōn the_mountain_of my_ _holiness_of_my and_it_will_be Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_ _holy_place and_strangers not they_will_pass in_it again. **18** **37** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_mountains they_will_drip sweet_wine and_the_hills they_will_go milk and_all the_ _ravines_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_go water and_a_spring

17 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 2:4; Mic 4:3.
18 **RV 3:16 · Cross-ref.** Amos 1:2.
28 **LV 4:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.9
29 **LV 4:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.10
30 **LV 4:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.11
31 **LV 4:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.12
32 **LV 4:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.13
33 **LV 4:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.14
34 **LV 4:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.15
35 **LV 4:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.16
36 **LV 4:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.17
37 **LV 4:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.18

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from_the_house_of **YHWH** it_will_go_forth and_it_watered ~~DOM~~ the_wadi_of (the)_Shittim. **19** [38] Mitsrayim/(Egypt) (into)_a_ _desolation it_will_become and_'Edōm (into)_a_wilderness_of desolation it_will_become from_the_violence_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh whom they_shed blood innocent in_land_of_their. **20** [39] And_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) forever_perpetuity it_will_ _remain and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_a_generation and_a_ _generation. **21** [40] And_I_will_leave_unpunished blood_of_their which_not I_left_unpunished and_**YHWH** is_dwelling in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion).

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Readers' Version

18 Then at that time, the mountains will drip sweet wine,
and the hills will flow with milk,
and all of Yehudah's (Judah's) streams will flow with water,
and a spring will go forth from Yahweh's residence and water the Shitim valley.
19 Mitsrayim (Egypt) will become uninhabited,
and Edom will become a lonely wilderness
because of the violence against the people of Yehudah—
they shed innocent blood in their country.
20 But Yehudah will remain forever,
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will continue throughout the generations,
21 and I will declare their blood to be innocent (which I hadn't done previously),
because Yahweh resides in Tsiyon (Zion)."

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38 LV 4:19 · Note Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.19

39 LV 4:20 · Note Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.20

40 LV 4:21 · Note Note: KJB: Yō'ēl/(Joel).3.21

Mikah

(Heb. Mikah)

Introduction

The prophets Mikah/Micah and Yeshayah (Isaiah) lived at the same time—Mikah came from a town in the southern kingdom of Yehudah. God revealed to Mikah the coming destruction to Yehudah that had been prophesied by the prophet Amos concerning the northern kingdom. Yahweh would punish the people due to their disobedient actions and due to his anger over their biased court decisions, but the account of prophet Mikah also talks about a hopeful future.

Now there are famous prophecies included in this document : Yahweh's announcement about ruling the entire world and bringing of peace/prosperity (4:1-4), the prophesying concerning the coming king from David's descendants bringing of peace/prosperity (5:2-5a); and the vital command taught by prophet Mikah there to Yisrael: "[Yahweh] has told humanity what is good, and what [he] requires from you: Act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with your god." (6:8)

Main components of this document

The punishment of Yisrael and Yehudah *1:1–3:12*
The arrival of promised teacher of Yisrael bringing good living *4:1–5:15*
The warning and telling of hopefulness *6:1–7:20*

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1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Mīkāh the_ _Mōrashtiy in_the_days_of Yōtām/(Jotham) ʾĀḥāz Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which he_saw on Shomrōn and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2 Hear Oh_peoples of_them_of_all pay_attention Oh_earth and_ _what_of_fills_it and_let_it_be my_master **YHWH** in_you(pl) (into)_a_witness my_master from_the_temple_of his_holiness_ _of_his. **3** If/because HERE **YHWH** is_about_to_go_forth from_ _place_of_his and_he_will_come_down and_he_will_tread on the_high_places_of[5] the_earth. **4** And_ the_mountains _they_ _will_melt under_him and_the_valleys they_will_be_cleft like_ _wax from_face/in_front_of the_fire like_water poured_out on_ _a_descent. **5** Is_for_the_transgression_of Ya′$_a$qov/(Jacob) all_of this and_for_the_sins_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) who is_ _the_transgression_of Ya′$_a$qov am_not is_it_Shomrōn and_who are_the_high_places_of Yəhūdāh am_not is_it_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_I_will_make Shomrōn into_ _(the)_heap_of_ruins_of the_field into_planting_place(s)_of a_ _vineyard and_I_will_pour_down to_valley stones_of_its and_ _foundations_of_its I_will_uncover. **7** And_all images_of_its they_will_be_crushed and_all hire(s)_of_its they_will_be_burnt with_fire and_all idols_of_its I_will_make a_waste if/because from_the_hire_of a_prostitute it_gathered_them and_unto the_ _hire_of a_prostitute they_will_return. **8** On this I_will_lament and_I_will_wail I_will_go barefoot[6] and_naked I_will_make a_ _lament like_jackals and_a_mourning like_the_daughters_of an_ _ostrich. **9** If/because is_incurable wounds_of_its if/because it_ _has_come to Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_reached to the_gate_of my_people_of_my to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

10 In_Gath do_not tell at_all_(weep) do_not weep in_house_of leaphrah dust roll_yourself[7]. **11** Pass_on to/for_you(pl) Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of Shaphir bareness shame not the_ _inhabitant[s]_of Tsa'$_a$nān/(Zaanan) she_came_forth the_ _lament_of Bēyt Ezel it_will_take from_you(pl) ground_of_its_

Readers' Version

1:1 This is Yahweh's message that came to Mikah (from Morashet) in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) kings Yotam (Jotham),[1] Ahaz,[2] and Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),[3] that he saw concerning Shomron (Samaria) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Shomron and Yerushalem's mourning · Both kingdoms

2 Listen, all you peoples.
Let the world and everything in it pay attention.
Let my master Yahweh be against you as a witness,
my master from his sacred temple
3 because wow, Yahweh comes out of his place.
He will come down and tread on the high places[4] of the earth.
4 The mountains will melt under him.
The valleys will break apart,
like wax that's near a fire,
like waters that are poured out from a steep place.
5 All that is because of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) disobedience,
and because of the sins of the Israeli people.
What was Ya'akov's transgression? Isn't it Shomron (Samaria)?
What is Yehudah's (Judah's) high place? Isn't it Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?
6 "I will make Shomron a heap of ruins in the countryside—
a place for planting vineyards.
Then I'll pour the stones from her buildings down into the valley
and I'll uncover her foundations.
7 All her carved statues will be smashed into pieces,
and all her wages will be burnt.
Yes, I'll totally destroy all her idols.
Since she used prostitutes' wages to pay for them,
the crushed pieces of idols will become prostitutes' wages again."
8 Because of that, I'll mourn and wail.
I'll go barefoot and undressed.
I'll wail like the jackals
and mourn like owls
9 because her wound is incurable.
Yes, it's come to Yehudah (Judah).
It's reached the gate of my people—reached Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

War is coming to Yerushalem · Southern kingdom

10 Don't tell about it in Gat.
Don't weep at all.
I roll myself in the dust at Beyt-Le'afrah (the house of dust).

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:32-38; 2Ch 27:1-9.

2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:1-20; 2Ch 28:1-27.

3 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 18:1–20:21; 2Ch 29:1–32:33.

4 **RV 1:3 · Note** Possibly referring to the pagan temples which were often constructed on hilltops.

5 **LV 1:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתומב: (x-qere) יְתֻמָּ֔ב: lemma_1116 morph_HNcfpc id_33Wkf יְתֻמָּ֔ב

6 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: לליש: (x-qere) לָלֹ֖וּשׁ: lemma_7758 n_1.0 morph_HAamsa id_33jQ8 לָלֹ֖וּשׁ

7 **LV 1:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתשלפתה: (x-qere) יְשַׁלַּ֥פְתָּה: lemma_6428 n_0 morph_HVtv2fs id_33aMT יְשַׁלַּ֥פְתָּה

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11 Pass by undressed and humiliated, inhabitants of Shafir.
Don't come out, inhabitants of Tsa'anan.
Beyt-Haetsel mourns—its place to stand is taken from you
12 because the inhabitants of Marot wait anxiously for good,
because disaster has come down from Yahweh to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) gates.
13 Harness the chariot to the team of horses, inhabitants of Lakish.
She was the beginning of sin for the daughter of Tsiyon (Zion),
because Yisrael's (Israel's) transgressions were first found in you.
14 So you'll give parting gifts to Moreshet-Gat.
The town of Akziv will deceive Yisrael's kings.
15 I will again bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah.
Yisrael's best will come to Adulam.
16 Shave your head
and cut off your hair
for the children who you delight in.
Make yourselves as bald as eagles,
because they'll be taken from you and into exile.

Punishing the oppressors

2:1 Woe to those who plan to do wicked things—
to those who do evil on their beds.
They do it in the morning light
because they make use of their power.
2 They see fields that they'd like and seize them,
and houses and they just take them.
They'll oppress a man and his household—
even taking property handed down in the family.
3 Therefore Yahweh says,
"Listen, I'm planning to bring disaster against this clan,
which you won't be able to avoid.
You won't walk so proudly,
because it'll be a terrible time for you all.
4 In that day someone will sing a song against you all.
and mourn with a song of wailing,
and say, 'We're completely ruined.
Yahweh changes my people's territory.
How can he remove the land from me?
He divides our fields up to give to traitors.' "
5 Therefore, there'll be no one in Yahweh's assembly
who'll have authority to measure you out any more land.
6 "Don't tell us that,"
they tell us!
"They shouldn't preach those things—
that sort of disgrace will never happen to us."
7 Do Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants really ask,

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_standing. **12** If/because she_is_in_anguish for_good the_
_inhabitant[s]_of Mārōt if/because calamity it_has_come_down
from_with **YHWH** to_the_gate_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
13 Harness the_chariot to_steed[s] Oh_inhabitant[s]_of Lākīsh
was_the_beginning_of sin it for_the_daughter_of
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) if/because in_you the_transgressions_of
Yisrā'ēl[8]/(Israel) they_were_found. **14** For_so/thus/hence you_
_will_give parting_gifts to Mōreshet Gat the_houses_of 'Akzīv
will_become_(into)_a_deceitful_thing to_the_kings_of
Yisrā'ēl[8]/(Israel). **15** Again the_one_who_dispossesses I_will_
_bring to/for_you(fs) Oh_inhabitant[s]_of Mar'ēshāh to
'Adullām[8][9][10] the_glory_of Yisrā'ēl[8]/(Israel) he_will_come.
16 Make_bald and_shave on the_children_of your(pl)_delights_
_of_your make_large baldness_of_your like_eagle if/because
they_will_go_into_exile from_you.

2:1 Woe_to those_who_plan_of (of)_wickedness and_those_who_
_do_of (of)_evil on beds_of_their at_the_light_of the_morning
they_do_it if/because (there)_it_is to_the_power_of their_hand_
_of_their. **2** And_they_desire fields and_they_seize_them and_
_houses and_they_take_them and_they_oppress a_man and_
_his/its_house(hold) and_a_man and_inheritance_of_his. **3** For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says here_I am_planning on
the_clan (the)_this calamity which not you(pl)_will_remove
from_there necks_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_will_walk
haughtily if/because will_be_a_time evil it. **4** In_the_day (the)_
_that someone_will_lift_up on_you(pl) a_saying and_he_will_
_wail a_wailing it_is_finished he_will_say utterly_(devastate)
we_are_devastated the_portion_of my_people_of_my he_
_changes how he_removes_it to_me to_an_apostate fields_of_
_our he_apportions. **5** For_so/thus/hence not he_will_belong
to/for_yourself(m) one_who_throws a_measuring-line by_lot
in_the_assembly_of **YHWH**. **6** Do_not prophesy they_prophesy
not they_will_prophesy of_these_things not ignomini[es] it_
_will_be_turned_back. **7** Is_it_said Oh_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob)
is_ the_spirit_of **YHWH** _it_short or are_these deeds_of_his am_
_not words/messages_of_my do_they_do_good with the_
_upright_person walking. **8** And_yesterday people_of_my to_
_an_enemy he_raises_up from_in_front_of a_garment a_mantle
you(pl)_strip_off from_those_who_pass_by security those_who_
_turn_back_of war. **9** The_women_of my_people_of_my you(pl)_
_drive_out from_the_house_of her_delights_of_her from_under
children_of_her you(pl)_take_away glory_of_my forever_
_perpetuity. **10** Arise and_go if/because not this is_(the)_
_resting_place in_account_of uncleanness it_will_ruin and_the_
_ruin will_be_grievous. **11** If anyone who_walks_of wind and_

8 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

9 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

10 **LV 1:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_falsehood he_told_a_lie I_will_prophesy to/for_yourself(m) of_
_wine and_of_(the)_drink and_it_was the_prophesier_of the_
_people (the)_this. **12** Surely_(gather) I_will_gather Oh_Ya'ₐqov
of_you_of_all surely_(assemble) I_will_assemble the_remnant_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) together I_will_make_it like_sheep a_
_sheepfold like_a_flock in_the_middle of_(the)_pasture_of_its
they_will_be_distraught from_humankind. **13** The_one_who_
_breaks_through he_will_go_up before_them they_will_break_
_through and_they_have_passed_through the_gate and_they_
_went_out in_him/it and_ king_of_their _he/it_passed_through
before_them and_**YHWH** will_be_of_at_their_head.

3:1 And_I_said hear please Oh_leaders_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_
_Oh_rulers_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) am_not to/for_
_you(pl) to_know ~~DOM~~ (the)_justice. **2** Oh_you(pl)_who_hate_of
(of)_good and_you(pl)_who_love_of (of)_evil[12] who_tear_away_
_of skin_of_(of)_their from_on_them and_flesh_of_their from_
_under bones_of_their. **3** And_which they_have_eaten the_
_flesh_of my_people_of_my and_skin_of_their from_on_them
they_have_stripped_off and_~~DOM~~ bones_of_their they_have_
_broken_in_pieces and_they_have_chopped_them_up just_as
in_pot and_like_meat in_the_middle a_caldron. **4** Then they_
_will_cry_out to **YHWH** and_not he_will_answer them and_he_
_will_hide his/its_faces/face from_them at_time (the)_that
just_as they_have_made_evil deeds_of_their. **5** Thus **YHWH** he_
_says on the_prophets who_mislead ~~DOM~~ people_of_my who_
_bite with_teeth_of_their and_they_proclaim peace and_which
not he_puts on mouth_of_their and_they_consecrate
on/upon/above_him/it war. **6** For_so/thus/hence night to/for_
_you(pl) from_vision and_it_will_grow_dark to/for_you(pl)
from_divining and_ the_sun _it_will_go on the_prophets and_it_
_will_be_dark on_them the_day. **7** And_they_will_be_ashamed[13]
the_seers and_ those_who_divine _they_will_be_abashed and_
_they_will_cover over a_moustache of_them_of_all if/because
there_will_not_be an_answer_of god. **8** And_but I I_am_full
power with the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_justice and_might to_
_announce to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) transgression_of_its and_to_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) sin_of_its. **9** Hear please this Oh_leaders_of
the_house_of Ya'ₐqov and_Oh_rulers_of the_house_of

Readers' Version

"Is the Yahweh's spirit impatient?
Are these his actions?"
Don't my words do good to anyone who obeys them?
8 Lately my people have risen up against me like an enemy.
You strip the rich robe off those who are innocently going past,
like a soldier on the battlefield might have done to his enemy.
9 You've driven our widows out of their pleasant houses.
You've forever deprived their young children of what I'd blessed them with.
10 Get ready and leave because this isn't a place for resting.
It's about to be completely destroyed because of its disobedience.
11 If someone comes to you full of talk and lies and says,
"I'll prophesy to you about enjoying wine and strong drink,"
he'd be considered to be a prophet for this people.
12 I will certainly gather all of you, Ya'akov (Jacob).
I'll definitely assemble the remnant of Yisrael (Israel).
I'll bring them together like sheep in a pen—
like a flock in the middle of their pasture.
Noisy because there'll be so many people.
13 Someone will go in front of them to break open the way.
They'll force open the gate and go out.
Their king will pass on ahead of them.
Yahweh will be at their head.

Scolding Yisrael's leaders and prophets · Both kingdoms

3:1 Then I said, "Now listen,
you leaders of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and rulers of the house of Yisrael (Israel):
Isn't it your responsibility to understand justice?
2 Those who hate good
and love evil,
those who tear their skin off them
and their flesh from their bones,
3 those who eat the flesh of my people,
and their skin that they've stripped off them,
they break their bones,
and chop them in pieces,
just like soup in a pot—
like meat in a cauldron.
4 Then they'll call out to Yahweh for help,
but he won't answer them.
He'll hide himself from them at that time,
because they've done evil things."
5 So Yahweh speaks out against the 'prophets' who lead his people astray:
"They lie through their teeth and proclaim, 'Peace.'
They're fighting against the one who never put a single word into their mouths.

12 LV 3:2 · Note OSHB variant note: הער: (x-qere) 'עֶרֶ': lemma_7451 b n_1 morph_HAamsa id_33pm7 עֶרֶ

13 LV 3:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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6 Therefore, it'll be night for you prophets, without any visions.
It will be dark for you all, without any prophesying.
The sun will go down on the 'prophets',
and the day will be black for them.
7 The tellers of the future will be put to shame,
and the diviners will be disgraced.
They will cover their lips, all of them,
because there'll be no answer from God."
8 But I'm full of power from Yahweh's spirit,
and full of justice and strength,
to declare to Ya'akov (Jacob) his disobedience,
and to Yisrael (Israel) his sin.
9 Now listen to this,
you leaders of the house of Ya'akov,
and rulers of the house of Yisrael,
you all who detest justice,
and who take everything that's right and make it crooked.
10 You build Tsiyon (Zion) with blood
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with evil.
11 Her leaders judge for a bribe,
her priests teach for a price,
and her prophets do divination for money.
Yet they claim to depend on Yahweh, and they say,
"Isn't Yahweh right here with us?
Nothing bad can happen to us."
12 Therefore, because of you all,
Tsiyon (Zion) will become a ploughed field,
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will become a heap of rubble,
and the temple hill will become covered with scrub.[11]

Yahweh's mountain · Both kingdoms[14]

4:1 In the last days it'll come about
that the mountain where Yahweh's residence is
will become more important than other mountains.
Then it'll be lifted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.
2 Many nations will go and say,
"Come, let's go up to Yahweh's mountain,
to the house of the Ya'akov's (Jacob's) god
so that he will teach us his ways,
and we will walk on his paths."
Because the law will go out from Tsiyon (Zion),
and Yahweh's message from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
3 He'll judge among many peoples
and will arbitrate for strong countries far away.
They'll beat their swords into plough blades
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nations won't attack other nations,
nor will they train for war any longer.
4 Then every person will be able to sit under their grapevine

11 **RV 3:12 · Cross-ref.** Jer 26:18.

14 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** Isa. 2:2-4

Literal Version

Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_loathe justice and_~~ḏom~~ every_of (the)_
_straight_thing they_make_crooked. **10** Who_build
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_blood(s) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
with_injustice. **11** Leaders_of_its for_a_bribe they_judge and_
_priests_of_its for_a_price they_teach and_prophets_of_its for_
_money they_divine and_on **YHWH** they_depend to_say am_
not is**YHWH** in_midst_of_our not it_will_come on_us
calamity. **12** For_so/thus/hence on_account_of_of_you(pl)
Tsiyyōn a_field it_will_be_plowed and_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) heaps_of_ruins it_will_be and_the_
_mountain_of the_house (into)_high_places_of a_forest.

4:1 And_it_was in_end/latter the_days it_will_be the_mountain_
_of the_house_of **YHWH** established (in)_the_chief_of the_
mountains and it _will_be_lifted_up more_than_the_hills and_
_they_will_stream on/upon/above_him/it peoples. **2** And_
nations many _they_will_come and_they_will_say come and_
_let_us_go_up to the_mountain_of **YHWH** and_near/to the_
_house_of the_god_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) so_that_he_may_teach_
_us from_ways_of_his and_so_that_we_may_walk in_paths_of_
_his if/because from_Tsiyyōn instruction it_will_go_forth and_
_the_message_of **YHWH** from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_
_he_will_judge between peoples many and_he_will_decide for_
_nations mighty to far_away and_they_will_beat swords_of_
_their into_plowshares and_spears_of_their into_pruning_
_knives not nation they_will_lift_up against nation a_sword
and_not they_will_learn again warfare. **4** And_they_will_dwell
everyone under vine_of_his_own and_under fig_tree_of_his_
_own and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies if/because the_
_mouth_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_has_spoken.
5 If/because all_of the_peoples they_walk everyone in/on_
_name_of his/its_god and_we we_will_walk in/on_name_of
YHWH god_of_our forever_perpetuity and_ever.

Literal Version

6 In_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_gather the_one_who_is_lame and_the_one_who_is_outcast I_will_ _assemble and_which I_have_done_harm_to. **7** And_I_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_one_who_was_lame into_a_remnant and_the_one_ _who_was_straying to_(a)_nation mighty and_ **YHWH** _he_will_ _reign over_them in_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) from_ _now and_unto perpetuity. **8** And_you(ms) Oh Migdal Oh_hill_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn to_you it_will_come and_ the_ _dominion (the)_former a_kingdom_of to_the_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_will_come. **9** Now to/for_what do_ _you_shout shouting a_king is_there_not on/over_you(fs) or counsellor_of_your has_he_perished that/for/because/then/when it_has_taken_hold_of_you anguish like_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **10** Writhe_in_pain and_ _burst_forth Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn like_(the)_who]_gives_ _birth if/because now you_will_go_out from_the_town and_ _you_will_dwell in_the_field and_you_will_go to Bāvel there you_will_be_delivered there he_will_redeem_you **YHWH** from_ _the_palm_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your. **11** And_now they_ _have_gathered on_you nations many which_are_saying let_ _her_be_polluted and_let_it_look on_Tsiyyōn eyes_of_our. **12** And_they not they_know the_thoughts_of **YHWH** and_not they_understand counsel_of_his if/because_that he_has_ _gathered_them like_(the)_grain threshing_floor_to_the. **13** Arise and_thresh Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn if/because horn_ _of_your I_will_make iron and_hooves_of_your I_will_make bronze and_you_will_pulverise peoples many and_I_will_ _dedicate_to_destruction to/for_**YHWH** gain_of_their_unjust and_wealth_of_their to_the_master_of all_of the_earth/land. **14** [16] Now you_will_cut_yourself Oh_daughter_of troop[s] a_ _siege someone_has_set on_us with_rod they_will_strike on the_cheek ᴅᴏᴍ the_judge_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).

Readers' Version

and under their fig tree.
No one will make them afraid,[15]
because Commander-in-chief Yahweh has spoken.
5 All various people groups follow their own god,
but we will obey our god Yahweh's instructions
forever and ever.

Yisrael will return from exile · Both kingdoms

6 Yahweh declares: "At that time, I'll gather the lame people
and assemble those who were scattered—those who I've done harm to.
7 And I will turn those lame people into a growing group,
and those scattered ones into a strong nation,
and Yahweh will reign over them on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion),
from now and until forever.
8 And you, watchtower for the flock,
hill of the daughter of Tsiyon—
to you it will come—your former dominion will arrive—
the kingdom that belongs to the daughter of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
9 Now, why do you shout so loudly?
Is it because you don't have a king?
Is it because your advisor passed away
that pain's gripping you like that of a woman in labour.
10 Be in pain and labour daughter of Tsiyon,
like a woman giving birth.
For now, you need to go out of the city
and live in the countryside.
Then you'll go to Bavel (Babylon) and be rescued from there.
There Yahweh will redeem you from your enemies' control.
11 Now many nations have assembled against you.
They say, 'Let her be overrun.
Let our eyes gloat over Tsiyon's fall.'
12 But those enemies don't know Yahweh's thoughts,
and they don't understand his plans,
because he's gathered them up like bundles of grain ready to be broken on the threshing floor.
13 Get going and thresh, daughter of Tsiyon,
because I'll make your horn into iron,
and I'll make your hooves into bronze.
And you'll break many peoples into pieces
and you'll confiscate their unjust earnings to devote to Yahweh—
their wealth will be for the master of the whole world."
5:1 Now come together in battle ranks, daughter of soldiers.
A siege has been set up against us.
They strike Yisrael's (Israel's) judge on the cheek with a rod.

15 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Zech 3:10.

16 **LV 4:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.1

Readers' Version

God promises a ruler from Beyt-Lehem · Southern kingdom

2 But you, Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) Efratah,
even though you're insignificant among Yehudah's (Judah's) clans,
out of you, one will come to me to rule in Yisrael (Israel),
whose beginning is from ancient times—
from everlasting.[17]
3 Therefore God will hand them over to their enemies,
until the time when the woman in labour gives birth,
and the rest of his brothers return to the people of Yisrael.
4 He'll stand and shepherd his flock with Yahweh's strength,
in the majesty of the name of his god Yahweh.
They'll remain, because then he will be famous to the ends of the earth.
5 That one will be our peace.
When the Assyrians come into our land
and when they march against our fortresses,
then we'll raise seven shepherds against them
and eight leaders of men.

God's salvation and his vengeance

6 They'll shepherd the land of Ashur (Assyria) with the sword—
that country founded by Nimrod in its entrances.[22]
He'll rescue us from the Assyrians,
when they come into our land,
when they march inside our borders.
7 The remnant of Ya'akov (Jacob) will end up among many peoples,
like dew from Yahweh,
like showers on the grass,
that don't need help from any person,
and they don't rely on human intervention.
8 The remnant of Ya'akov will be among the nations,
among many peoples,
like a lion among the animals of the forest,
like a young lion among the flocks of sheep.

Literal Version

5:1 [18] And_you(ms) Oh_Bēyt- leḥem 'Efrātāh are_insignificant to_be among_the_families_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_you to_ _me someone_will_go_out to_be ruler over_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_origins_of_his from_east from_days_of antiquity. **2** [19] For_ _so/thus/hence he_will_deliver_them_up until a_time when_ _one_who_is_about_to_give_birth she_has_given_birth and_ _the_rest_of his_brothers_of_his they_will_return with the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** [20] And_he_will_stand and_he_will_ _shepherd by_the_strength_of **YHWH** by_the_majesty_of the_ _name_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_they_will_remain if/because now he_will_be_great to the_ends_of the_earth. **4** [21] And_it_was this_one peace 'Ashshūr if/because it_will_come in_land_of_our and_because/when it_will_tread on_fortresses_of_our and_we_ _will_raise_up on/upon/above_him/it seven shepherds and_ _eight princes_of man.

5 [23] And_they_will_shepherd ~~DOM~~ the_land_of 'Ashshūr with_ _sword and_~~DOM~~ the_land_of Nimrōd at_entrances_of_its and_ _he_will_deliver_us from_'Ashshūr if/because it_will_come in_ _land_of_our and_because/when it_will_tread in_territory_of_ _our. **6** [24] And_it_was the_remnant_of Ya'ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) in_the_ _midst_of peoples many like_dew from_with **YHWH** like_ _showers on vegetation which not it_waits for_anyone and_not it_waits for_the_children_of humankind. **7** [25] And_it_was the_ _remnant_of Ya'ₐqoѵ among_nations in_the_midst_of peoples many like_a_lion among_the_animals_of the_forest like_a_ _young_lion among_flocks_of[26][27][28] sheep which if it_has_ _passed_through and_it_tramples and_it_tears and_there_is_ _not a_deliverer. **8** [29] Hand_of_your may_it_be_lifted_up above foes_of_your and_all enemies_of_your may_they_be_cut_off. **9** [30] And_it_was in_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _I_will_cut_off horses_of_your from_midst_of_your and_I_will_ _destroy chariots_of_your. **10** [31] And_I_will_cut_off the_cities_of your_land_of_your and_I_will_tear_down all_of fortresses_of_

17 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 2:6; Yhn 7:42.
18 **LV 5:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.2
19 **LV 5:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.3
20 **LV 5:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.4
21 **LV 5:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.5
22 **RV 5:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 10:8-11.
23 **LV 5:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.6
24 **LV 5:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.7
25 **LV 5:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.8
26 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
27 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
28 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
29 **LV 5:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.9
30 **LV 5:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.10
31 **LV 5:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.11

Literal Version

_your. **11** [32] And_I_will_cut_off sorceries from_hand_of_your and_soothsayers not they_will_belong to/for_you(fs). **12** [33] And_I_will_cut_off images_of_your and_your(pl)_sacred_of_ _pillars from_midst_of_your and_not you_will_bow_down again to_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your. **13** [34] And_I_will_ _pluck_up poles_your_'Ashērāh from_midst_of_your and_I_will_ _destroy cities_of_your. **14** [35] And_I_will_do in_anger and_in_ _rage vengeance with the_nations which not they_have_ _obeyed.

6:1 Hear please ~~ĐOM~~ that_which **YHWH** is_saying arise conduct_ _a_case with the_mountains and_ the_hills _let_them_hear voice_of_your. **2** Hear Oh_mountains ~~ĐOM~~ the_case_of **YHWH** and_Oh_enduring_ones the_foundations_of the_earth if/because a_case_at_law to/for_**YHWH** with people_of_his and_with Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_argue. **3** My_people_of_my what have_I_done to/for_yourself(m) and_what have_I_made_ _you_weary testify against_me.[41][42] **4** If/because I_brought_you_ _up from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_household slaves I_ransomed_you and_I_sent to_your_face ~~ĐOM~~ Mosheh 'Ah$_a$ron and_Miriam. **5** My_people_of_my remember please what Bālāq the_king_of Mō'āv did_he_plan and_what Bil'ām the_son_of Bə'ōr did_he_answer ~~ĐOM~~_him/it from (the)_Shiṭṭīm to (the)_Gilgal so_as to_know the_righteousness(es)_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

As he passes through them,
he'll trample over them and tear them to pieces,
and there'll be no one to save them.
9 You'll use your power against your enemies,
and they'll be destroyed.
10 Yahweh declares: "At that time,
I'll wipe out your horses
and demolish your chariots.
11 I'll destroy the cities in your country
and tear down all your fortresses.
12 I'll destroy the witchcraft that you practise,
and you'll no longer have any diviners.
13 I'll destroy your carved statues,
and the engraved stone pillars from among you.
You'll no longer worship the workmanship of your hands.
14 I'll topple your Asherah poles where you worship,
and I'll destroy your cities.
15 In my anger, I'll execute vengeance
on the nations that haven't obeyed.

Yahweh's challenge to Yisrael · Full kingdom

6:1 Now listen to what Yahweh says,
"Take action, present your case to the mountains.
and let the hills hear your voice.
2 Listen to Yahweh's lawsuit, you mountains,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
because Yahweh has a lawsuit with his people,
and he'll present evidence against Yisrael (Israel)."
3 "My people, what have I done to you?
How have I worn you down?
Present your case against me.
4 I rescued you out of slavery
and brought you out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).[36]
I sent Mosheh (Moses), Aharon (Aaron),[37] and Miryam (Miriam)[38] to you.
5 My people, remember what Moav's (Moab's) King Balak devised,
and how Be'or's son Bil'am (Balaam) answered that king[39]
as you went from Shitim to Gilgal.[40]
Think about that so you can know Yahweh's righteous actions."

32 **LV 5:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.12
33 **LV 5:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.13
34 **LV 5:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.14
35 **LV 5:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Mic.5.15
36 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:50-51.
37 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 4:10-16.
38 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Exo 15:20.
39 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:2–24:25.
40 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:1–4:19.
41 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
42 **LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

The desire of Master God

6 What should I bring to Yahweh,
as I bow down to the high God?
Should I come to him with burnt offerings,
with year-old calves?
7 Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams,
or with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Should I sacrifice my oldest child to pay for my disobedience—
my biological offspring to pay for my own sin?
8 He has told humanity what is good,
and what Yahweh requires from you:
Act justly,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with your god.[43]
9 Yahweh is making an announcement to the city—
even now wisdom is calling out to you:
"Pay attention to the rod of punishment,
and to the one who has put it in place.
10 There's dishonest wealth in wicked people's houses,
along with hated false weights and measures.
11 Should I consider people to be innocent if they use fraudulent scales
or a bag of deceptive weights?
12 The city's rich men are full of violence,
the inhabitants have spoken lies,
and you can't believe a word that they say.
13 Therefore I'll strike you with a terrible blow,
and I'll make you into a desolate country because of your sins.
14 You'll eat but not be satisfied—your emptiness will remain inside you.
You'll store goods away but not be able to save them, and what you do save I will be taken by force.
15 You'll sow, but not harvest.
You'll tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with their oil.
You'll press grapes, but not drink the wine.
16 As a city, you've kept the regulations made by King Omri,[44]
and behaved similarly to Ahav's evil descendants.[45]
You walk by their advice, so I'll make you into a ruin.
People will hiss at your inhabitants,
and my people will mock you."

Dysfunctional society

7:1 I'm miserable because I've become like the gathering of left-over fruit,
and like the grapes that have already been gleaned.
There's no grape clusters to eat,
and none of the ripe early figs that I really felt like.
2 The faithful people have disappeared from the land.

Literal Version

6 With_what will_I_come_to_meet **YHWH** will_I_bow_myself_
_down to_the_god_of height will_I_come_to_meet_him with_
_burnt_offerings with_calves sons_of a_year. 7 Will_ **YHWH** _
_he_take_pleasure in_thousands_of rams in_tens_of_thousands_
_of torrents_of oil will_I_give firstborn_of_my transgression_of_
_my the_fruit_of my_belly_of_my the_sin_of my_self_of_my.
8 He_has_told to/for_yourself(m) Oh_humankind what is_good
and_what is_**YHWH** requiring from_you if/because (if) to_do
justice and_the_love_of covenant_loyalty and_to_be_modest to_
_walk with god_of_your. 9 The_voice_of **YHWH** to_city it_calls_
_out and_success it_will_see your(ms)_name hear Oh_tribe and_
_whoever he_appointed_it. 10 Still are_there house_of the_
_wicked treasures_of wickedness and_an_'ēyfāh_of scantness
accursed. 11 Will_I_be_clean with_balances_of wickedness and_
_with_a_bag_of weights_of deceit. 12 Which its_rich_of_people
they_are_full violence and_inhabitants_of_its they_speak
falsehood and_tongue_of_their is_deceit in_mouth_of_their.
13 And_also I I_will_make_sick by_striking_you I_will_make_
_desolate_you on sins_of_your. 14 You you_will_eat and_not
you_will_be_satisfied and_emptiness_of_your will_be_of_in_
_your_midst and_you_will_carry_away and_not you_will_bring_
_to_safety and_which you_will_bring_to_safety to_sword I_will_
_give. 15 You you_will_sow and_not you_will_reap you you_will_
_tread olive[s] and_not you_will_anoint_yourself oil and_new_
_wine and_not you_will_drink wine. 16 And_it_has_been_kept
the_regulations_of ʿOmrī and_all/each/any/every (the)_deed_
_of the_house_of 'Aḥ'āv and_you(pl)_have_walked in_schemes_
_of_their so_as I_to_make you into_a_horror and_inhabitants_
_of_its into_hissing and_the_reproach_of my_people_of_my
you(pl)_will_bear.

7:1 Woe to_me if/because I_have_become like_gathering(s)_of
summer_fruit like_gleanings_of the_grape_harvest there_is_not
a_cluster_of_grapes to_eat an_early_fig appetite_of_my it_
_craves. 2 The_faithful he_has_perished from the_earth/land
and_an_upright_person among_humankind there_is_not of_
_them_of_all for_blood(s) they_lie_in_wait each ~~DOM~~ brother_
_of_his they_hunt a_net. 3 Are_on (the)_evil both_hands to_do_

43 **RV 6:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 10:12-13.

44 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 16:23-28.

45 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 16:29-34; 21:25-26.

Literal Version

_it_well the_official is_asking and_the_judge for_bribe[474849]
and_the_great_person he is_speaking the_desire_of his_self_of_
_his and_they_weave_it. **4** Their_good_of_person is_like_a_
_thorn-bush an_upright_person more_than_a_thorn_hedge
the_day_of your_watchmen punishment_of_your it_has_come
now confusion_of_their it_will_be. **5** Do_not believe in_a_
_neighbour do_not trust in_a_close_friend from_the_woman_
_who_lies_of your_bosom_of_your guard the_openings_of your_
_mouth_of_your. **6** If/because a_son is_treating_with_contempt
a_father a_daughter is_arising on_mother_of_her a_
_daughter-in-law on_mother-in-law_of_her are_the_enemies_of
a_person the_people_of his_own_household_of_his. **7** And_I for_
_**YHWH** I_will_watch I_will_wait for_the_god_of my_salvation_
_of_my he_will_hear_me god_of_my.

8 Do_not rejoice my_enemy_of_my to_me if/because I_have_
_fallen I_will_arise if/because I_sit in_darkness **YHWH** will_be_
_light to_me. **9** The_rage_of **YHWH** I_will_bear if/because I_
_have_sinned to_him/it until that he_will_conduct case_of_my
and_he_will_do justice_of_my he_will_bring_me_out to_the_
_light I_will_look on_righteousness_of_his. **10** And_ enemy_of_
_my _she_will_see and_it_will_cover_her shame who_says to_
_me where_is_he **YHWH** god_of_your eyes_of_my they_will_
_look on_her now she_will_become (into)_a_trampling_place
like_the_mud_of the_streets. **11** A_day to_build walls_of_your a_
_day (the)_that a_boundary it_will_be_far. **12** A_day that and_
_to_you someone_will_come (to)_from 'Ashshūr and_the_cities_
of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and(to)_from Mitsrayim and_unto the_
_River and_sea from_sea and_mountain the_mountain. **13** And_
the_earth/land _it_will_become (into)_a_desolation on
inhabitants_of_its from_the_fruit their_deeds_of_their.

Readers' Version

There is no godly person among all mankind.
They all lie in wait to shed blood—
each one hunts his own fellow countryman with a net.
3 They're very good at doing harm:
the leader asks for money,
the judge is ready for bribes,
and the powerful man is telling others what he wants to obtain,
and so they scheme together.
4 The best of them is like a thorn-bush.
The most upright is worse than a prickly hedge.
It's the day foretold by your watchmen—
the day of your punishment.
Now is the time of their confusion.
5 Don't trust any neighbour.
Put no confidence in any friend.
Be careful about what you say
even to the woman who lies in your arms,
6 because sons dishonour their fathers,
daughters rise up against their mothers,
and daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law.
A person's enemies are the people in their own household.[46]
7 But as for me, I'll look out for Yahweh.
I'll wait for the god who saves me.
My god will hear me.

The saving/explaining of Master God

8 Don't be happy about what happened to me, my enemy.
After I fall, I'll get up and stand again.
When I sit in darkness, Yahweh will be a light for me.
9 Because I sinned against Yahweh, I'll endure his rage
until he pleads my cause on my behalf, and executes judgement for me.
He'll bring me to the light, and I'll see him rescue me in his justice.
10 Then my enemy will see it,
and shame will cover the one who said to me,
"Where is Yahweh your god?"
My eyes will look at her;
she'll be trampled down like the mud in the streets.
11 The time will come for rebuilding your walls.
On that day your boundaries will be greatly expanded.
12 On that day your people will come to you,
from Ashur (Assyria) and the cities in Mitsrayim (Egypt),
from Mitsrayim to the Perat (Euphrates) River,
from sea to sea,
and from mountain to mountain.
13 But the land will be desolate
because of the people who are living there,

46 **RV 7:6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:35-36; Luk 12:53.

47 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

48 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

49 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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because of the fruit of their actions.

God's mercy towards Yisrael

14 Shepherd your people with your staff—
the flock of your inheritance.
They live alone in a forest,
surrounded by pastureland.
Let them graze in Bashan and Gilead as in the old days.
15 Just like in the days when you were rescued out of Mitsrayim (Egypt),
I'll display miracles to them.
16 The nations will see and be ashamed of all their power.
They'll put their hands over their mouths—
and act like their ears are deaf.
17 They'll lick the dust like a snake—
like creatures that crawl on the earth.
They'll be trembling as they come out of their fortresses.
They'll come with fear to you, our god Yahweh,
and they'll be afraid because of you.
18 What other God is there like you, who takes away sin?
Who forgives the disobedience of the remnant of his inherited people?
He doesn't stay angry forever,
because he happily demonstrates his loyal commitment.
19 You'll have compassion on us yet again.
You'll wipe away our disobedience.
You will throw all our sins into the deepest parts of the sea.
20 You'll give truth to Ya'akov (Jacob)
and loyal commitment to Avraham,
as you promised to our ancestors long ago.

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Literal Version

14 Shepherd people_of_your with_rod_of_your the_flock_of your_inheritance_of_your which_dwells_of (of)_alone a_forest in_the_middle a_garden-land let_them_graze Bāshān and_Gil'ād like_the_days_of antiquity. **15** Like_the_days_of you_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim I_will_show_him wonders. **16** Nations they_will_see and_they_will_be_ashamed from_all strength_of_their they_will_put a_hand over a_mouth ears_of_ _their they_will_be_deaf. **17** They_will_lick_up dust like_snake like_things_which_crawl_of the_earth they_will_quake from_ _strongholds_of_their to **YHWH** god_of_our they_will_be_in_ _dread and_they_will_be_afraid from_you. **18** Who is_a_god like_you who_forgives iniquity and_who_passes over transgression to_the_remnant_of his_inheritance_of_his not he_keeps_hold_of forever_forever anger_of_his if/because is_ _one_desiring covenant_loyalty he. **19** He_will_return he_will_ _have_compassion_on_us he_will_subdue iniquities_of_our and_you_will_throw in_the_depths_of the_sea all_of sins_of_ _their. **20** You_will_give faithfulness to_Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) covenant_loyalty to_'Avˇrāhām which you_swore to_fathers_of_ _our from_days_of antiquity.

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Yeshayah

(Isaiah)

Introduction

The author of this document was Yeshayah, son of Amots (Amos). Called 'Yeshayah' in older English translations, 'Yeshayah' means 'Yahweh saves'. He was one of Yahweh's prophets and lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the southern kingdom known by the name of its largest tribe, Yehudah (Judah). This document was written between 740 B.C. and 680 B.C., and is divided into three main parts:
1. *Chapters 1–39*: This section tells how Yehudah was threatened by Ashur. Yeshayah saw that that was due to the people's disobedience and failure to put their trust in Yahweh. Yeshayah warns the people and their teachers that they need to live godly lives that valued doing the right things, and promoting true justice. He warns them that if they don't listen to Yahweh's messages, destruction would indeed come to them. Yeshayah also predicts the birth of a descendants of David who would be followed by the people at some future time, plus he mentions a future period when there's peace across the entire world.
2. *Chapters 40–55*: In this second section, Yeshayah predicts the coming capture of many people from Yehudah, and how they'll be taken to exile in Bavel. Yeshayah explains that even in those times, the people mustn't become weak and lose hope, because Yahweh has a plan to save his people and return them there to Yerushalem to start a new life there. The theme of these chapters is how Yahweh controls what happens to his people and has a future plan for them, and included in that is that all nations will receive blessing from God by means of Yisrael (Israel).
3. *Chapters 56–66*: Yeshayah also predicts the circumstances of those who God returns to Yerushalem. He passes on Yahweh's instructions concerning godly living, true justice, observing the rest day, sacrificing, and praying. It's in this section that we can read the source of Yeshua's (Jesus') speech about his being chosen in order to declare the good news (Yeshayah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-19.)

Main components of this document

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1:1 This is the vision of Yeshayah (Isaiah) (son of Amots), which he saw concerning Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the days of Uziyah,[1] Yotam (Jotham),[2] Ahaz,[3] and Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),[4] kings of Yehudah.

Yahweh scolds Yehudah · Southern kingdom

2 Hear, heavens, and listen, earth, because Yahweh has spoken:
"I've raised sons and brought them up,
^but they've rebelled against me.
3 The bull knows his owner,
and the donkey knows its master's feeding trough,
but Yisrael (Israel) doesn't know—
my people don't understand."
4 This sinful nation won't come to a good end.
these people who excel at disobeying.
Descendants of those in the habit of doing evil things.
Children who act corruptly.
They have abandoned Yahweh.
They have despised Yisrael's holy one.
They have estranged themselves from him.
5 Why do you want more beatings?
Why do you keep rebelling?
Your whole head is sick,
and your motivation is weak.
6 From the sole of the foot up to the head nothing is healthy.
Bruises and sores and fresh wounds haven't been cleaned out,
and they haven't been bandaged or treated with olive oil.
7 Your country is totally ruined with your cities all burnt down.
Right in front of you, strangers are taking all the harvest from your field—
leaving devastation and destruction behind.
8 Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter is left isolated
like a hut in a vineyard,
like a shed in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.
9 If it wasn't for the fact that Commander-in-chief Yahweh left a few survivors behind,
we would have been wiped out like both Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah).[5]
10 Hear what Yahweh has to say, you who are like Sedom's rulers.
Listen to God's instructions, you who are like Amorah's people:
11 "What do your many sacrifices mean to me?" asks Yahweh.
"I've had enough of the burnt offerings of rams,
and the fat of fattened animals,

Literal Version

1:1 The_vision_of Yəsha῾^{yāh} the_son_of 'Āmōts which he_saw on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_the_days_of ῾Uzziy^{yāh} Yōtām/(Jotham) 'Āḥāz Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_kings_of Yəhūdāh.

2 Hear Oh_heavens and_give_ear Oh_earth if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken children I_have_brought_up and_I_have_raised and_they they_have_rebelled against_me. **3** An_ox it_knows owner_of_its and_a_donkey the_feeding_trough_of its_ _owner(s)_of_his Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) not it_knows people_of_my not it_considers_carefully. **4** Woe_to a_nation which_sins a_ _people heavy_of iniquity offspring_of evil-doers children who_behave_corruptly they_have_abandoned ~~ĐØM~~ **YHWH** they_have_spurned ~~ĐØM~~ the_holy_one_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) they_ _have_become_estranged back_part. **5** Concerning what will_ _you(pl)_be_struck again will_you(pl)_increase rebellion all_of the_head is_for_sickness and_all the_heart is_faint. **6** From_the_ _sole_of the_foot and_unto the_head there_is_not in/on/over_ _him/it soundness bruise[s] and_welt[s] and_wound[s] fresh not they_have_been_pressed_out and_not they_have_been_ _bound_up and_not it_has_been_softened with_oil. **7** Land_of_ _your(pl) is_a_desolation cities_of_your(pl) have_been_burnt fire ground_of_your(pl) to_before_you(pl) strangers are_ _devouring ~~ĐØM~~_her/it and_desolation is_like_the_overthrow_ _of strangers. **8** And_ the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) _she_ _has_been_left like_a_shelter in_a_vineyard like_a_hut in_a_ _cucumber_field like_a_city besieged. **9** If_not **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_had_left to/for_us survivor[s] like_a_ _little like_Ṣədom we_were (to)_῾Amorāh/(Gomorrah) we_were_ _like. **10** Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_rulers_of Ṣədom give_ _ear_to the_instruction_of our_god_of_our Oh_people_of ῾Amorāh. **11** To/for_what to/for_me the_multitude_of your(pl)_ _sacrifices_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says I_have_been_surfeited burnt_offerings_of rams and_the_fat_of fatlings and_the_blood_ _of bulls and_lambs and_goats not I_am_pleased. **12** If/because you(pl)_come to_present_yourselves presence_of_my who did_ _he_require this from_hand_of_your(pl) to_trample courts_of_ _my. **13** Not you(pl)_must_repeat to_bring an_offering_of worthlessness incense is_an_abomination it to_me new_moon and_sabbath the_calling convocation[s] not I_am_able_to_ _endure wickedness and_assembli[es]. **14** Moons_of_your(pl)_ _new and_your(pl)_appointed_of_feasts self_of_my it_hates they_have_become on_me (into)_a_burden I_am_weary to_ _bear_them. **15** And_when_you_spread_out palms_of_your(pl) I_ _will_hide eyes_of_my from_you(pl) also if/because you(pl)_ _will_multiply prayer not_I will_be_hearing hands_of_your(pl) blood(s) they_are_full. **16** Wash make_yourselves_clean remove the_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) from_before eyes_of_my cease to_do_evil. **17** Learn to_do_good seek justice set_right the_oppressor vindicate the_fatherless conduct_a_ _case_for the_widow. **18** Come please and_let_us_argue_our_

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:1-7; 2Ch 26:1-23.
2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:32-38; 2Ch 27:1-9.
3 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:1-20; 2Ch 28:1-27.
4 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 18:1–20:21; 2Ch 29:1–32:33.
5 **RV 1:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24; Rom 9:29.

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_case_together **YHWH** he_says though sins_of_your(pl) they_
_are like_scarlet like_snow they_will_become_white though
they_are_red like_crimson like_wool they_will_be. **19** If you(pl)_
_will_be_willing and_you(pl)_will_obey the_good_thing[s]_of
the_earth/land you(pl)_will_eat. **20** And_if you(pl)_will_refuse
and_you(pl)_will_rebel the_sword you(pl)_will_be_eaten
if/because the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken.

21 How it_has_become (into)_a_prostitute a_town faithful full_
_of justice righteousness it_lodged in_it and_now murderers.
22 Silver_of_your it_has_become (into)_dross(es) drink_of_your
has_been_mixed with_water. **23** Leaders_of_your are_rebels
and_companions_of thieves of_it_of_all is_loving a_bribe and_
_it_is_pursuing rewards the_fatherless not they_vindicate and_
_the_lawsuit_of a_widow not it_comes to_them. **24** For_
_so/thus/hence the_utterance_of the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_mighty_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) woe I_
_will_ease_myself from_foes_of_my and_I_will_avenge_myself
from_enemies_of_my. **25** And_I_will_turn hand_of_my on_you
and_I_will_refine like_potash dross(es)_of_your and_I_will_
_remove all_of slag(s)_of_your. **26** And_I_will_restore judges_of_
_your as_at_time and_counsellors_of_your as_at_beginning
after thus it_will_be_called to/for_you(fs) the_city_of (the)_
_righteousness a_town faithful. **27** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_justice
it_will_be_redeemed and_its_repentant_of_ones with_
_righteousness. **28** And_a_crushing transgressors and_sinners

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and I'm not pleased by the blood of bulls or lambs or goats.[6]
12 Who told you all that you had to appear in front of me?
Who said that you all should come and trample through my courtyards?
13 Don't keep bringing me worthless offerings.
They smell terribly bad to me.
New moon holidays and sabbaths, calling of assemblies—
I can't stand your disobedience mixed with your festive celebrations.
14 My spirit hates your religious holidays and your feasts on the calendar.
They've become a burden to me that I'm tired of carrying.
15 So when you spread out your hands, I just hide my eyes from you all.
Even though you multiply prayers, I don't listen
because your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash yourselves and get cleaned up.
Remove the evil of your actions from in front of me.
Stop doing evil things.
17 Learn to do good.
Strive for justice.
Correct the oppressor.
Serve justice for the fatherless.
Stand up for the widow in court."
18 Yahweh says, "Come, now, and let's work things out together.
Even though your sins are like scarlet, they'll become as white like snow.
Even though they're red like crimson, they'll become like wool.
19 If you're willing and ready to obey,
you'll all eat the best food from the land,
20 but if you refuse and rebel,
war will be what eats you all.
That's what Yahweh is telling you."

Disobedient Yerushalem

21 How did the faithful city become a prostitute?
She who was full of justice—
with righteousness embedded in her,
but now ended up as murderers.
22 Your city's silver has turned into junk metal.
You wine is now mixed with water.
23 Your leaders are rebels and companions of thieves.
Everyone loves bribes and kick-backs.
They don't defend the fatherless,
and don't even think about standing up for the widow.
24 Here's the declaration of the Yisrael's (Israel's) powerful master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh:
"Oh well, I'll get relief from my opponents,
and avenge myself on my enemies;
25 I'll turn my actions against you,

6 RV 1:11-14 · Cross-ref. Amos 5:21-22.

Readers' Version

and refine your junk metal with chemicals
to remove all your impurity.
26 Then I'll restore your judges like they were before,
and your counsellors like they were at the start.
Afterwards you'll be a faithful city called 'The city of integrity'."
27 Tsiyon (Zion) will be set free by justice,
and those who repent, set free by doing what is right.
28 But those who rebel or disobey will be shattered,
and those who abandon Yahweh will come to their end,
29 because they'll be ashamed of the shrines that you liked at the sacred oak trees,
and you'll all be disgraced by the gardens that you chose to worship idols in.
30 You'll all be like an oak tree with withered leaves,
and like a garden that has no access to water.
31 The strong man will be like kindling and his work like a spark,
and both of them will burn together in a fire that no one can put out.

Yahweh's mountain is central[7]

2:1 This is the message the Amots's son Yeshayah (Isaiah) saw concerning Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem):
2 Near the end of time, the mountain where Yahweh's house is
will be established as the most important mountain.
It will become more famous than any other hill,
and all the nations will flow to visit it.
3 Many different peoples will come and say,
"Come on, let's go up to Yahweh's mountain—
to the temple of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) God,
so he can teach us his ways and we can walk in his paths."
Because God's instructions will emanate from Tsiyon (Zion),
and Yahweh's message will spread out starting from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
4 He'll judge between the nations,
and will settle cases for many different peoples.
They'll hammer their swords into plough blades,
and their spears into pruning hooks.[8]
The nations will stop attacking each other,
and they won't go to war again.
5 You descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
come and walk in Yahweh's light.

The day of Yahweh's judging

6 Yes, you've abandoned your people,
Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
because they're too influenced by eastern ideas
and they practice divination like the Pelishtim,
and they make deals with sons of foreigners.
7 Their land is full of silver and gold,
and there's no limit to its wealth.

Literal Version

together and_those_who_abandon_of (of)_**YHWH** they_will_
_come_to_an_end. **29** If/because they_will_be_ashamed from_
_the_oaks which you(pl)_have_desired and_you(pl)_will_be_
_abashed from_the_gardens which you(pl)_have_chosen.
30 If/because you(pl)_will_be like_a_terebinth which_is_
_withering_of leafage_of_its and_like_a_garden which water
there_is_not to/for_her/it. **31** And_ the_strong_person _it_was
(into)_tow and_work_of_his will_become_(into)_a_spark and_
both_of_them _they_will_burn together and_there_will_not_be
one_who_extinguishes.

2:1 The_message which Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts
he_saw on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
2 And_it_was in_end/latter the_days established it_will_be the_
_mountain_of the_house_of **YHWH** (in)_the_chief_of the_
_mountains and_lifted_up more_than_the_hills and_they_will_
_stream to_him/it all_of the_nations. **3** And_ peoples many _
_they_will_come and_they_will_say come and_let_us_go_up to
the_mountain_of **YHWH** to the_house_of the_god_of
Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) so_that_he_may_teach_us from_ways_of_his
and_so_that_we_may_walk in_paths_of_his if/because from_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) instruction it_will_go_forth and_the_message_
_of **YHWH** from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** And_he_will_judge
between the_nations and_he_will_decide for_peoples many
and_they_will_beat swords_of_their into_plowshares and_
_spears_of_their into_pruning_knives not nation it_will_lift_up
against nation a_sword and_not they_will_learn again warfare.
5 Oh_house_of Ya'$_a$qov come and_let_us_walk in_the_light_of
YHWH.

6 If/because you_have_abandoned people_of_your the_house_
_of Ya'$_a$qov if/because they_are_full from_east and_soothsayers
like_Pəlishtiy and_with_the_children_of foreigners they_clap_
hands. **7** And land_of_its _she/it_was_filled silver and_gold
and_there_is_not an_end to_treasures_of_its and_ land_of_its _
_she/it_was_filled horses and_there_is_not an_end to_chariots_
_of_its. **8** And_ land_of_its _she/it_was_filled idols to_the_work_
_of his_hands_of_his they_bow_down to_that_which fingers_of_

7 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** Mic. 4:1-3

8 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:10.

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_his they_have_made. **9** And_ everyone _he_has_been_humbled and_ everyone _he_has_become_low and_do_not forgive to/for_ _them. **10** Go in_rock and_hide_yourself in_dust from_face/in_ _front_of the_dread_of **YHWH** and_from_the_splendour_of his_ _majesty_of_his. **11** Eyes_of pride_of a_person it_will_become_ _low and_ the_haughtiness_of people _it_will_be_humbled and_ **YHWH** _he_will_be_exalted for_him/it_being_alone in_the_day (the)_that. **12** If/because a_day to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers on every_of proud_thing and_lofty_thing and_on every_of thing_lifted_up and_it_will_be_low. **13** And_on all_of the_cedars_of (the)_Ləvānōn which_are_lofty and_ _which_are_lifted_up and_on all_of the_oaks_of (the)_Bāshān. **14** And_on all_of the_mountains which_are_lofty and_on all_of the_hills which_are_lifted_up. **15** And_on every_of tower high[10] and_on every_of wall fortified. **16** And_on all_of the_ships_of Tarshiysh and_on all_of the_ships_of (the)_desire. **17** And_ the_ _pride_of the_humankind _it_will_be_humbled and_ the_ _haughtiness_of people _it_will_become_low and_ **YHWH** _he_ _will_be_exalted for_him/it_being_alone in_the_day (the)_that. **18** And_the_idols entirely it_will_pass_away. **19** And_people_ _will_go in_caves_of the_rocks and_in_holes_of the_ground from_face/in_front_of the_dread_of **YHWH** and_from_the_ _splendour_of his_majesty_of_his when_arises_he to_terrify the_earth/land. **20** In_the_day (the)_that the_humankind it_ _will_throw_away ~~DOM~~ the_idols_of its_silver_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_idols_of its_gold_of_his which they_made to_him/it to_ _bow_down to_the_moles moles and_to_bats. **21** To_go in_the_ _clefts_of the_rocks and_in_the_clefts_of the_cliffs from_ _face/in_front_of the_dread_of **YHWH** and_from_the_ _splendour_of his_majesty_of_his when_arises_he to_terrify the_earth/land. **22** Cease to/for_you(pl) from the_humankind whom breath is_in_nose_of_his if/because how is_he accounted.

3:1 If/because HERE the_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_ _about_to_remove from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_from_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) support and_support every_of support_of food and_all/each/any/every support_of water. **2** Warrior and_

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The land also is full of horses,
and there's no limit to its chariots,
8 Their land is full of idols.
They worship the craftsmanship of their own hands—
what their fingers have made.
9 Then a person will be bowed down,
and a man will be humbled,
but not forgiven.
10 Go into a cave in the rocks,
or hide in a hole in the ground
from the terror from Yahweh
and from the blinding light of his majesty.[9]
11 Proud people will be humbled,
and the arrogant will be take a lesson,
and Yahweh alone will be honoured on that day.
12 because Commander-in-chief Yahweh has chosen a day
for judgement against those who are proud and aloof,
and against every arrogant person—they'll all be humbled.
13 It's also against all the high and mighty cedars in Levanon,
and all the oak trees in Bashan,
14 against all the massive mountains
and all the high hills,
15 against every high tower
and fortified wall,
16 against all the ships from Tarshish
and all those beautiful sailing ships.
17 Humankind's pride will be humbled
and the arrogance of people will be cut off,
and only Yahweh will be honoured at that time.
18 All the idols will be completely eliminated.
19 Yes, men will go into the caves in the rocks
and into holes in the ground,
to escape from the terror of Yahweh,
and from the blinding light of his majesty,
when he takes action to terrify the earth.
20 On that day, people will throw away
their gold and silver idols which they made to worship.
They'll throw them into rabbit holes and bat caves.
21 Then they'll crawl into the crevices in the rocks
and into the openings in the ragged cliffs,
to escape from the terror of Yahweh,
and from the blinding light of his majesty,
when he takes action to terrify the earth.
22 Don't put your faith in humankind who need air to breathe,
because what can they do about anything?

Judgement on Yerushalem and Yehudah

3:1 Yes, listen, the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will take supply and support

9 RV 2:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:15; 2Th 1:9.

10 LV 2:15 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and from Yehudah (Judah)—
all the supply of bread and of water,
2 the top warriors and regular soldiers,
the judges and prophets,
the diviners and elders,
3 the unit captains and respected officials,
the counsellors and expert craftsman,
and any skillful enchanters.
4 "Then I'll put young people in place as their leaders,
and children will rule over them.
5 After that, the people will be oppressed—
one person fighting another,
and a man being taken advantage of by his neighbour.
The lad will insult the elderly,
and the dishonourable insult the honourable.
6 Indeed, a man will seize his brother in his own father's house:
'You have a coat so be our ruler,
and this ruin will be under your control.'
7 That will cause him to shout out,
'I have no intention of helping. I don't even have enough food and clothes for my own household.
and in my house there is no bread and there is no clothing.
Don't try to make me the ruler of the people.' "
8 Yes, Yerushalem (Jerusalem) has stumbled,
and Yehudah (Judah) has fallen,
because their words and actions are against Yahweh,
defying his royal authority.
9 You can tell their intentions by the look on their faces,
and they talk about their disobedience like the people in Sedom did.
They don't try to hide it.
Their lives won't end well because they've brought suffering on themselves.
10 Tell those who do what's right
that they'll be rewarded for their good deeds.
11 But the wicked won't end well.
They'll be repaid appropriately for their actions.
12 Even children will oppress my people,
and women rule over them.
Those who guide you lead my people astray
and confuse your progress to make you follow the wrong path.
13 Yahweh is getting ready to make his case
and is standing ready to judge the peoples.

Yahweh judges his people

14 He will come to pronounce judgement on the elders of his people and their leaders:
"Yes, all of you, you've taken all the fruit from the vineyard—

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_man_of war judge and_prophet and_diviner and_elder.
3 Commander_of fifty and_one_who_is_uplifted_of face and_
_counsellor and_one_skillful_of magic_arts and_one_who_has_
_understanding_of charming. **4** And_I_will_make youths
leaders_of_their and_wantonness(es) they_will_rule over_them.
5 And_ the_people _it_will_oppress each (in)_a_person and_
_each (in)_neighbour_of_his the_youth[s] they_will_act_
_insolently in_person and_one_who_is_lightly_esteemed in_
_who_is]_honoured. **6** If/because a_person he_will_seize (in)_
_brother_of_his the_house_of his/its_father a_cloak belongs_
_to_you a_ruler you_will_be to/for_ourselves and_the_heap_
_ruins (the)_this will_be_under hand_of_your. **7** He_will_lift_up
in_day (the)_that to_say not I_will_be one_who_binds_up and_
_in_house_of_my there_is_not food and_there_is_not a_cloak
not you(pl)_must_appoint_me a_ruler_of the_people.
8 If/because Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_stumbled and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) it_has_fallen if/because tongue_of_their
and_deeds_of_their are_against **YHWH** to_rebel_toward the_
_eyes_of his_glory_of_his. **9** The_expression_of_their_faces_of_
_their it_has_testified against_them and_sin_of_their like_
_Ṣədom they_have_declared not they_have_hidden_it woe to_
_self_of_their if/because they_have_done to/for_them harm.
10 Tell the_righteous if/because_that good if/because the_
_fruit_of_their_deeds_of_their they_will_eat. **11** Woe to_the_
_wicked it_will_be_bad if/because the_dealing_of his_hands_of_
_his it_will_be_done for_him/it. **12** People_of_my oppressors_
_of_its is_acting_like_children and_women they_have_ruled in_
_him/it my_people_of_my guides_of_your are_leading_astray
and_the_way_of your(pl)_paths_of_your they_have_confused.

13 Is_taking_his_stand to_conduct_a_case **YHWH** and_he_is_
_standing to_judge peoples. **14** **YHWH** in_judgement he_will_
_come with the_elders_of his_people_of_his and_leaders_of_its
and_you(pl) you(pl)_have_consumed the_vineyard the_
_robbery_of the_poor is_in_houses_of_your(pl). **15** Mmm[1112]
you(pl)_crush people_of_my and_the_faces_of poor_people
you(pl)_grind the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**

11 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מכ/ל/נ: (x-qere) 'הַמּ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_23UCh הַמּ־לְכָֽ֑': lemma_l n_1.1.0 morph_HR/Sp2mp id_23jZZ לְכָֽ֑

12 **LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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soldiers/messengers.

16 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said because if/because the_daughters_ _of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) they_are_haughty and_they_have_walked stretched_out[13] neck and_making_seductive_glances eyes walking and_mincing_along they_walk and_on_feet_of_their they_tinkle_with_anklets. **17** And_ my_master _he_will_make_ _scabby the_crown_of_the_head_of the_daughters_of Tsiyyōn and_**YHWH** forehead_of_their he_will_lay_bare. **18** In_the_day (the)_that my_master he_will_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_splendour_of the_anklets and_the_amulets and_the_ornaments. **19** The_ _pendants and_the_bracelets and_the_veils. **20** The_turbans and_the_ankle_chains and_the_sashes and_the_houses_of the_ _living_creatures and_the_charms. **21** The_signet-rings and_ _the_rings_of the_nose. **22** The_fine_robes and_the_over-tunics and_the_cloaks and_the_purses. **23** And_the_mirrors and_the_ _linen_garments and_the_headdresses and_the_shawls. **24** And_ _it_was in_place_of perfume rottenness it_will_be and_in_ _place_of a_belt a_rope and_in_place_of a_work well-set_hair baldness and_in_place_of a_robe a_girding_of sackcloth branding in_place_of beauty. **25** Men_of_your by_sword they_ _will_fall and_strength_of_your in_battle. **26** And_they_will_ _lament and_they_will_mourn gates_of_its and_it_will_be_ _emptied to_ground it_will_sit.

4:1 And_ seven women _they_will_take_hold on_a_man one in_ _the_day (the)_that to_say food_of_our_own we_will_eat and_ _our_own_of_clothing we_will_wear only name_of_your let_it_ _be_called on_us remove reproach_of_our.

2 In_the_day (the)_that it_will_become the_branch_of **YHWH** (into)_beauty and_(into)_glory and_the_fruit_of the_earth/land (into)_exaltation and_(into)_honour for_the_escaped_remnant_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **3** And_it_was the_one_who_remains in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_the_one_who_is_left in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) holy it_will_be_said to_him/it every_ _of (the)_one_who_is_recorded for_life in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** If my_master he_has_washed_ _away ᴅᴏᴍ the_excrement_of the_daughters_of Tsiyyōn and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_blood(s)_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_cleanse from_midst_of_its by_a_spirit_of judgement and_by_a_spirit_of burning. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_create over all_of the_place_of the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn and_over convocations_of_its a_cloud by_day and_smoke and_brightness_of fire flame night if/because will_be_over all_of the_glory a_canopy. **6** And_a_ _shelter it_will_be for_shade by_day from_the_heat and_for_ _refuge and_for_shelter from_the_rainstorm and_from_the_

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the plunder from the poor is in your houses.
15 Why do you crush my people
and rub the poor people's faces into the ground?"
That's the declaration of my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

A warning for Yerushalem's women

16 Then Yahweh said:
"Because Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughters are proud,
and they walk with their chins stuck out and with flirting eyes—
walking and mincing their steps and tinkling their feet,
17 Then my master will shave the heads of Tsiyon's daughters,
and Yahweh will make their foreheads bald."
18 At that time my master will remove their fancy ankle bracelets and headbands, crescent necklaces
19 and earrings, bracelets and veils,
20 scarves, armlets, and sashes, perfume bottles and charms,
21 rings on their fingers and in their noses,
22 festive robes and capes, veils and purses,
23 fine clothes and underwear, and their turbans and shawls.
24 When that happens, there'll be a stink instead of fragrance,
a rope instead of a nice sash,
baldness instead of a styled hairdo,
sackcloth instead of fancy clothes,
brands on the skin instead of beauty,
25 Your men will die from the sword
and your warriors in the battle.
26 The city gates will mourn and wail,
and she'll end up just sitting their on the ground, alone.
4:1 When that happens, seven women will take hold of one man, saying,
'We'll eat our food and wear our clothes.
Just let us marry you so we can take your name
to remove our shame.'

Yahweh blesses Yerushalem again

2 At that time, Yahweh's branch will become beautiful and glorious,
and the produce of the land will be a source of pride and delight for what remains of the Israelis. **3** All who remain in Tsiyon (Zion), i.e., the remnant in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), will then be his people who are destined to continue to live. **4** Surely my master will wash away the filth of Tsiyon's daughters, and clean up the blood stains from the middle of Yerushalem using the spirit of judgement and the spirit of fire. **5** Then over all of Mt. Tsiyon and her assemblies there, Yahweh will place a canopy over all the splendour—creating cloud during the day, and smoke and the brightness of a flaming fire during the night.[14] **6** During the day, it'll be a shelter that gives shade from the heat, as well as being a cover and place to get out of the storm and rain.

13 **LV 3:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוּטִנ: (x-qere) 'תְּנֹיוּטִנ': lemma_5186 morph_HVqsfpa id_234dp תְּנֹיוּטִנ

14 **RV 4:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 13:21; 24:16.

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The song about Yahweh's vineyard

5:1 Let me sing, please, to my dearest one,
a song for my darling about his vineyard.
My dearest had a vineyard on very fertile hillside.[15]
2 He dug it over and cleared it
and planted it with choice vines.
He built a watchtower in the middle of it
and also hewed a wine-pressing pit in a rocky portion.
Then he waited for it to produce grapes,
but it produced sour, wild grapes.
3 So now, you who lives in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
and man from Yehudah (Judah),
judge, please, between me and between my vineyard.
4 What more could have been done for my vineyard,
that I haven't already done for it?
I waited for it to produce grapes,
but why did it produce wild grapes?
5 So now, listen please,
because I'll tell you what I'm going to do to my vineyard:
I'll remove the hedge around it and burn it in a fire.
I'll tear its wall down so people can trample over it.
6 Then I'll allow it to become overgrown.
It won't be pruned or hoed, and thistles and thorns will grow through it.
Then I'll command the clouds not to rain on it any more.
7 Yes, Commander-in-chief Yahweh's vineyard is Yisrael (Israel),
and the people from Yehudah (Judah) are his nice plants.
Then he waited for justice, but look, slaughter came.
He waited for people to do what's right, but listen, screaming came.

People's bad activities

8 Those who acquire houses won't end well,
or those who add to their fields until there's no room left.
→Then the poor are made to remain alone in the middle of the country.
9 I heard Commander-in-chief Yahweh say:
'Surely many houses will end up empty—
even large and nice ones won't have anyone living in them.
10 A large vineyard will produce a measly amount of juice,
and ten baskets of seed will only give a harvest of one basket of grain.
11 Those who get up early in the morning to get a strong drink won't end well,
yes, those who loiter into the night as wine inflames them.
12 They celebrate with harp and lyre,
tambourine and flute and wine,
but they don't care about anything that Yahweh does,

Literal Version

_rain.

5:1 Let_me_sing please to_my_beloved_of_one a_song_of my_ _beloved_of_my of_vineyard_of_his a_vineyard it_belonged to_ _my_beloved_of_one on_a_horn_of a_son_of oil. **2** And_he_dug_ _it and_he_cleared_it_of_stones and_he_planted_it a_choice_ _vine and_he/it_built a_tower in_the_middle_of_of_it and_also a_wine-vat he_dug_out in/on/over_him/it and_he_waited for_ _doing grapes and_he/it_made wild_grapes. **3** And_now Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) judge please between_me and_between vineyard_of_my. **4** What is_to_do still for_vineyard_of_my and_ _not I_have_done in/on/over_him/it why did_I_wait for_doing grapes and_he/it_made wild_grapes. **5** And_now let_me_make_ _know please you(pl) ~~DOM~~ that_which I am_about_to_do to_ _vineyard_of_my I_will_remove hedge_of_its and_it_was (into)_ _grazing I_will_break_down wall_of_its and_it_was (into)_a_ _trampling_place. **6** And_I_will_make_it a_desolation not it_ _will_be_pruned and_not it_will_be_hoed and_ thorn[s] and_ _bush[es] _he/it_would_go_up and_to the_clouds I_will_ _command from_raining on/upon/above_him/it rain.
7 If/because the_vineyard_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_ _the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_everyone_of Yəhūdāh is_ _the_plantation_of his_delight(s)_of_his and_he_waited for_ _justice and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE bloodshed for_righteousness and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE an_outcry.

8 Woe_to those_who_make_touch_of (of)_a_house (in)_a_house a_field on_a_field they_bring_near until there_not_of is_room and_you(pl)_are_made_to_dwell you_alone in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **9** In_ears_of_my **YHWH** soldiers/messengers if not houses many (into)_a_waste they_will_become great_ _houses and_good_houses will_be_from_not an_inhabitant.
10 If/because ten_of acres_of vineyard they_will_produce a_ _bath one and_seed_of a_homer it_will_produce an_'ēyfāh.
11 Woe_to those_who_rise_early_of in_morning strong_drink they_pursue those_who_delay_of in_twilight wine it_inflames_ _them. **12** And_ harp and_lyre tambourine and_flute and_wine _ _it_was their_drinking/feast and_~~DOM~~ the_deed[s]_of **YHWH** not they_pay_attention_to and_the_work_of his_hands_of_his not they_see. **13** For_so/thus/hence people_of_my it_will_go_ _into_exile from_not_of knowledge and_honour_of_its will_be_ _men_of hunger and_multitude_of_its will_be_parched_of thirst. **14** For_so/thus/hence Shə'ōl it_will_enlarge throat_of_ _its and_it_will_open_wide mouth_of_its to_not limit and_ splendour_of_its and_multitude_of_its and_uproar_of_its and_

15 **RV 5:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:33; Mrk 12:1; Luk 20:9.

Literal Version

_one_exulting in_it _it_will_go_down. **15** And_ everyone _he_ _has_been_humbled and_ everyone _he_has_become_low and_ _the_eyes_of proud_people they_will_become_low. **16** And_he_ _was_exalted[16] **YHWH** soldiers/messengers by_judgement and_ _(the)_god (the)_holy will_show_himself_holy by_ _righteousness. **17** And_ lambs _they_will_graze like_their_own_ _of_pasture and_the_ruins_of fatlings those_who_sojourn they_ _will_eat. **18** Woe_to those_who_draw_along_of (of)_the_ _iniquity with_(the)_cords_of (the)_emptiness and_like_the_ _rope_of (the)_cart sin. **19** Those_who_say let_it_hurry let_it_ _make_haste work_of_his so_that we_may_see and_let_it_draw_ _near and_let_it_come the_plan_of the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_that_we_may_know. **20** Woe_to those_who_ _say of_evil good and_of_good evil those_who_make darkness into_light and_light into_darkness those_who_make bitter into_sweet and_sweet into_bitter. **21** Woe_to people_wise in_ _their_own_of_eyes and_before faces_of_their_own people_ _discerning. **22** Woe_to men_mighty for_drinking wine and_ _people_of ability for_mixing strong_drink. **23** Those_who_ _justify_of (of)_a_wicked_person the_consequence_of a_bribe and_the_righteousness_of righteous_people they_take_away from_him. **24** For_so/thus/hence as_ a_tongue_of fire _ _consumes stubble and_dry_grass a_flame it_sinks_down root_ _of_their like_rottenness it_will_be and_blossom_of_their like_ _dust it_will_go_up if/because they_have_rejected ~~DOM~~ the_ _law_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_~~DOM~~ the_message_of the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_spurned. **25** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_anger of_**YHWH** it_has_ _burnt on_people_of_his and_he_has_stretched_out his/its_ _hand on/upon/above_him/it and_he_has_struck_it and_ the_ _mountains _they_have_quaked and_ corpse_of_their _it_ _became like_offal in_the_middle_of the_streets in_all this not anger_of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_hand is_ _stretched_out. **26** And_he_will_lift_up a_standard for_nations from_a_distance and_he_will_whistle to_him/it from_the_end_ _of the_earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE quickly swift it_will_ _come. **27** There_is_not a_weary_one and_there_is_not one_ _who_stumbles in/on/over_him/it not anyone_will_slumber and_not anyone_will_sleep and_not the_loincloth_of its_loins_ _of_his it_has_been_opened and_not a_thong_of its_sandals_of_ _his it_has_been_torn_apart. **28** Which arrows_of_its are_ _sharpened and_all bows_of_its are_bent the_hooves_of its_ _horses_of_his like_flint they_are_regarded and_wheels_of_its like_storm-wind. **29** Roaring to_him/it like_lion and[17] like_ _(the)_lions and_it_will_growl and_it_will_seize prey and_it_ _will_carry_it_off and_there_is_not a_deliverer. **30** And_it_will_ _growl on/upon/above_him/it in_the_day (the)_that like_the_ _growling_of the_sea and_someone_will_look to_land and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE darkness distress and_light it_has_become_ _dark by_clouds_of_its.

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in fact, they don't even know what he's done for them.
13 Therefore, my people will be exiled because of their for lack of understanding,
and its honourable people are hungry,
and the parched crowds are thirsty.
14 Therefore, the grave has enlarged its appetite
and opened its mouth without limit.
and its elite and its crowd will descend into it,
along with its noisy crowd and those celebrating.
15 Everyone will be brought into submission and humbled.
All the proud people will be humiliated,
16 and Commander-in-chief Yahweh will be honoured for his justice.
God will demonstrate his holiness by doing what is right.
17 Then the lambs will feed in their pastures,
and fattened calves will graze around the houses.
18 Those who pull in wickedness with cords of lies won't end well,
and nor will those who drag disobedience along behind them with cart ropes.
19 They say, 'Let him hurry,
let him speed up his work so we can see what he's doing,
and let the counsel of the holy one of Yisrael (Israel) approach,
and let it come and let us know.'
20 Those who call evil good, and good evil, won't end well.
Nor will those who make darkness for light and light for darkness,
or who set bitter as sweet and sweet as bitter!
21 Those who are wise in their own eyes won't end well,
nor those who think they're clever.
22 Those who are experts at drinking wine won't end well,
nor those whose strength is mixing strong drinks,
23 or those who take a bribe then say a wicked person is innocent,
or those that deny justice to innocent people.
24 Therefore, the roots of their families will rot,
and their flowers will flower away like dust
just like how a tongue of fire devours stubble in a field
and the dry grass goes up in flame,
because they've rejected Commander-in-chief Yahweh's instructions,
and they've despised the message from the holy one of Yisrael (Israel).
25 That's why Yahweh got very angry at his people,
and he's taken action against them and has struck them.
The mountains tremble and their corpses become like garbage in the streets.
In all these things, his anger doesn't subside,
and he doesn't withdraw the actions he's started.

16 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

17 LV 5:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **וְ/נֹאשׂ**: (x-qere) **נָאְשִׂי**: lemma_7580 morph_HVqi3ms id_23cpd **נָאְשִׂי**

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26 He'll signal to faraway nations
and will whistle to those at the ends of the earth.
Then wow, how quickly they'll show up.
27 Those enemy armies won't get tired or stumble.
They won't stop for a rest or to sleep.
They never take their weapons off,
or loosen the straps on their sandals.
28 Their arrows are sharp,
and all their bows are strung.
Their horses have hooves as hard as flint,
and their chariot wheels are like a windstorm.
29 Their roar sounds like a lion,
and they growl like young lions.
They seize their prey and carry it off,
→and there's no rescuer in sight.
30 They will roar above their prey on that day,
like the roaring of the ocean.
If someone looks across the land they'd only see darkness and distress.
The light has been darkened by the clouds.

The showing of God to Yeshayah

6:1 In the year that King Uziyah died,[18] I saw my master sitting on a tall, elevated throne, and his long robe covered the temple floor. **2** There were 'serafs' standing above him. They each had six wings—they used two to cover their faces, two to cover their feet, and two to fly with. **3** They were calling out to each other,
"Commander-in-chief Yahweh is holy, yes, fully holy.
The whole earth is filled with his splendour."[19]
4 Whenever one of them spoke, the sound of their voices make the doorways shake, and the temple was filled with smoke,[20]
5 and I said,
"This isn't going to end well for me. Yes, I'm doomed because I am a man with unclean lips,
and I live among a people with unclean lips,
and yet my eyes have seen the king: Commander-in-chief Yahweh."
6 Then one of the 'serafs' flew to me. He was holding a hot coal that he'd taken off the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** He touched my mouth with that coal and said,
"Look, this has touched your lips,
and your guilt has been taken away
and the price has been paid for your sin."
8 Then I heard my master ask, "Who will I send? Who will go on our behalf?"
"I'm here," I answered. "Send me."
9 Then he said,
"Go and tell that nation:
'Listen closely, but don't understand,

Literal Version

6:1 In_year of_the_death_of the_king ʼUzziy^{yāh} and_I_saw ~~DOM~~ my_master sitting on a_throne high and_lifted_up and_the_ _skirts_of_of_his_robe were_filling ~~DOM~~ the_temple. **2** Seraphim were_standing from_above to_him/it six wings six wings belonged_to_one with_two_wings he_covered face_of_his and_ _with_two_wings he_covered feet_of_his and_with_two_wings he_flew. **3** And_ this _he_called to this and_saying(ms) is_holy holy holy **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_fullness of_all_of the_earth/land glory_of_is_his. **4** And_ the_foundations_of the_ _thresholds _they_shook from_the_voice_of the_one_who_ _called and_the_house it_was_filled smoke. **5** And_I_said woe to_me if/because I_am_destroyed if/because am_a_man unclean_of lips I and_among_of a_people unclean_of lips I am_ _dwelling if/because ~~DOM~~ the_king **YHWH** soldiers/messengers eyes_of_my they_have_seen. **6** And_he_flew to_me one of the_ _seraphim and_was_in_hand_of_his a_live_coal which_with_ _tongs he_had_taken from_under the_altar. **7** And_he_made_it_ _touch (on) mouth_of_my and_he/it_said HERE this it_has_ _touched (on) lips_of_your and_ iniquity_of_your _it_will_be_ _removed and_sin_of_your it_will_be_atoned_for. **8** And_I_heard ~~DOM~~ the_voice_of my_master saying ~~DOM~~ whom will_I_send and_who will_he_go to/for_us and_I_said here_I_am send_me. **9** And_he/it_said go and_you_will_say to_people the_this hear continually_(hear) and_do_not understand and_see continually_(see) and_do_not perceive. **10** Make_fat the_heart_ _of the_people the_this and_ears_of_its make_heavy and_eyes_ _of_its seal_over lest it_should_see with_eyes_of_its and_with_ _ears_of_its it_will_hear and_heart_of_its it_will_understand and_it_will_return and_someone_will_heal to_him/it. **11** And_I_ _said until when my_master and_he/it_said until that (if) cities they_have_lain_desolate from_not an_inhabitant and_houses from_not anyone and_the_ground it_will_be_devastated a_

18 **RV 6:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 15:7; 2Ch 26:23.

19 **RV 6:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:8.

20 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Rev 15:8.

Literal Version

desolation. **12** And **YHWH** _he_will_send_far_away ~~DOM~~ the_ _humankind and_ the_abandoned_land _it_will_become_great in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **13** And_still will_be_in_it a_ _tenth_part and_it_will_return and_it_will_become (into)_ _burning like_terebinth and_like_oak which in_the_felling a_ _stump is_in_them will_be_offspring_of holiness stump_of_its.

7:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of ʾĀḥāz the_son_of Yōtām/(Jotham) the_son_of ʿUzziy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Rətsīn the_king_of ʾArām and_Peqaḥ the_son_ _of Rəmal^{yāh}ū the_king_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_went_up Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_battle on/upon_it(f) and_not he_ _was_able to_engage_in_battle on_it. **2** And_it_was_told to_the_ _house_of Dāvid to_say ʾArām it_has_stood with ʾEfrayim and_ heart_of_his and_the_heart_of_his_people_of_his _it_shook as_ the_trees_of the_forest _shake from_face/in_front_of a_wind. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Yəshaʿyāh/(Isaiah) go_out please to_meet ʾĀḥāz you and_Shəʾār- yāshūv son_of_your to the_end_ _of the_conduit_of the_pool (the)_upper to the_highway_of the_field_of the_washer. **4** And_you_will_say to_him/it take_ _care and_show_quietness do_not be_afraid and_heart_of_your not let_it_be_timid from_the_two_of the_stumps_of (the)_ _pieces_of_firewood (the)_smoking the_these by_the_heat_of the_anger of_Rətsīn and_ʾArām and_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū. **5** Because if/because it_has_planned on_you ʾArām harm ʾEfrayim and_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū to_say. **6** Let_us_go_up on_ _Yəhūdāh and_let_us_demolish_it and_let_us_break_into_it to_ _ourselves and_let_us_make_king a_king in_the_midst_of_of_it ~~DOM~~ the_son_of Ṭ$_e$vʾ^{ēl}. **7** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says not it_will_stand and_not it_will_happen. **8** If/because the_head_of ʾArām is_Dammeseq and_the_head_of Dammeseq is_Rətsīn and_ _in_yet sixty and_five year[s] ʾEfrayim it_will_be_shattered from_a_people. **9** And_the_head_of ʾEfrayim is_Shomrōn and_ _the_head_of Shomrōn is_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū if not you(pl)_ _will_believe if/because not you(pl)_will_be_established.

Readers' Version

and see clearly, but don't perceive.'[21]
10 Fatten the heart of this people,
and dull its ears and dim its eyes.
Otherwise it might see with its eyes
and hear with its ears
and understand with its heart,
→and turn and be healed."
11 So I asked, "Until when, master?"
And he replied:
"Until cities are desolate—without inhabitants,
and the houses are without people,
→and the land is a ruined wasteland,
12 and Yahweh has driven the people far away,
→and the middle of the country is almost totally deserted.
13 If there's still a tenth of the people in it,
→then disaster will turn back and burn everything.
Like an elm or an oak tree that's been cut down but still has a stump—
→so too the sacred remnant is the nation's stump."

A message for Ahaz

7:1 During the reign of King Ahaz (son of Yotam (Jotham), son of Uziyah) in Yehudah (Judah), King Retsin from Aram (Syria) and King Pekah (son of Remalyah) from Yisrael (Israel), went up to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) attack it, but they weren't able to conquer it.[22] **2** It was reported to David's descendants that Aram stands by with Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), and the king and the people trembled just like the trees in the forest shaking in the wind.
3 Then Yahweh told Yeshayah (Isaiah), "Please go out with your son She'ar-Yashuv to meet Ahaz at the end of the channel from the upper pool, near the road to the field where they wash clothes, **4** and tell him, 'Be careful and calm and don't be afraid. Don't let your courage melt away because of these two tails of smoldering firebrands, i.e., by the anger of Retsin and Aram and Remalyah's son. **5** Yes, they've plotted together against you, saying, **6** "Let's go up against Yehudah together and terrify her. Let's break into her and crown Teve'el's son as king right there in the middle of her." '
7 However, my master Yahweh says:
'That's not going to happen.
They won't succeed
8 because Aram's capital is Damesek (Damascus)
and Damesek' leader is Retsin.
Nevertheless, with sixty-five years Yisrael will no longer exist as a nation.
9 Yisrael's capital is Shomron (Samaria).
and Shomron's leader is Remalyah's son.
If you don't keep believing,
then you'll end up not standing.' "

21 RV 6:9-10 · Cross-ref. Mat 13:14-15; Mrk 4:12; Luk 8:10; Yhn 12:40; Acts 28:26-27.

22 RV 7:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 16:5; 2Ch 28:5-6.

Readers' Version

Imanu-El will precede the thorns

10 Later, Yahweh spoke again to Ahaz,
11 "Ask your god Yahweh for a sign of confirmation for yourself. Request an incredible miracle."
12 "No, I won't ask," Ahaz replied. "I refuse to test Yahweh."
13 Then Yeshayah (Isaiah) said, "You descendants of David need to listen. It's bad enough that you're wearing out the people, but why are you also annoying my god? 14 Because of that, my master will take the initiative himself to choose a sign: listen, a young, virgin woman[23] will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and will name him 'Imanu-El' (which means 'God is with us').[24] 15 He'll know how to refuse evil and do good by the time that he can eat yoghurt and honey. 16 However, before the child is old enough to do that, the countries of the two kings that you're afraid of, will become deserted.
17 But instead, Yahweh will bring the Assyrian king to attack you and your people, and David's dynasty will be under its greatest stress since Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) broke away from Yehudah (Judah)."
18 When that happens, Yahweh will whistle for a fly that's in Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) distant streams, and for a bee that's in Ashur (Assyria). 19 They'll all come and settle down in deserted valleys and cracks in the rocks, and in all the thornbushes and watering holes.
20 At that time, my master will use a hired razor from beyond the Perat (Euphrates) to shave the head and legs of the Assyrian king, and to remove his beard.
21 In those days, a farmer will preserve a single, young cow alive, and a couple of sheep. 22 However, because they'll produce so much milk, they'll produce yoghurt, because everyone left in the country will eat yoghurt and honey.
23 During that period, every block of land with a thousand grapevines that would have been worth a thousand silver coins, will just be full of thistles and thorns. 24 Because it'll be so overgrown with briers, men will hunt there with their bows and arrows. 25 All the hills that had been cultivated, will now be off limits because of all the thistle and thorns, and sheep and cattle will be left there to tread it down.

Yeshayah's son is born

8:1 Then Yahweh told me, "Get yourself a large, stone tablet and inscribe the name 'Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz' (which means 'Quickly plunder and grab the loot') on it, 2 and I'll get my reliable witnesses to attest for me: the priest Uriyah, and Yeverekyah's son Zekaryah (Zechariah).
3 Then I slept with my wife, the prophetess, and she got pregnant and in due course, gave birth to a son. Yahweh told me, "Name him Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz, 4 because before he's old enough to call out 'papa' or 'mama', the riches from Damesek

Literal Version

10 And_ **YHWH** _he_repeated to_speak to 'Āḥāz to_say. 11 Ask to/for_yourself(m) a_sign from_with **YHWH** god_of_your make_deep a_request or make_high (to)_upwards. 12 And_ 'Āḥāz _he/it_said not I_will_ask and_not I_will_put_to_the_test ĐOM **YHWH**. 13 And_he/it_said hear please Oh_house_of Dāvid is_too_little for_you(pl) to_make_weary people that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_will_make_weary also ĐOM god_of_my. 14 For_so/thus/hence my_master he he_will_ _give to/for_you(pl) a_sign THERE the_young_woman will_be_ _pregnant and_she_will_bear a_son and_she_will_call his/its_ _name Immanu- 'ēl. 15 Curd[s] and_honey he_will_eat to_ _knowing_his to_reject (in)_evil and_to_choose (in)_good. 16 If/because before_before the_lad he_will_know to_reject (in)_evil and_to_choose (in)_good the_soil which you are_ _feeling_dread from_face/in_front_of the_two_of kings_of_its it_will_be_abandoned. 17 **YHWH** he_will_bring on_you and_on people_of_your and_on the_house_of your_father_of_your days which not they_have_come (to)_from_the_day_of 'Efrayim departed from_under Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ĐOM the_king_of 'Ashshūr. 18 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_ _whistle for_fly which is_at_the_end_of the_canals_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_for_bee which in_land of_'Ashshūr. 19 And_they_will_come and_ of_them_of_all _they_will_settle in_the_wadis_of the_cliffs and_in_the_clefts_of the_rocks and_ _on_all_of the_thornbushes and_in_all_of the_watering-places. 20 In_the_day (the)_that my_master he_will_shave with_a_razor (the)_hired on_the_other_sides_of (of)_the_River with_the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr ĐOM the_head and_the_hair_of the_feet[25] and_also ĐOM the_beard it_will_sweep_away. 21 And_it_was in_ _the_day (the)_that a_person he_will_preserve_alive a_heifer_of the_herd and_two_of sheep. 22 And_it_was from_the_ _abundance_of producing milk he_will_eat curd[s] if/because curd[s] and_honey every_of (the)_one_who_remains in_the_ _midst_of the_earth/land he_will_eat. 23 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that every_of place where it_was there a_thousand vine[s] for_a_thousand silver it_will_be (into)_thorn[s] and_ _(into)_bush[es] it_will_become. 24 With_arrows and_with_bow anyone_will_go there_(to) if/because thorn[s] and_bush[es] it_ _will_be all_of the_earth/land. 25 And_all/each/any/every the_ _hills which with_hoe they_were_hoed not you_will_go there_ _(to) fear_of thorn[s] and_bush[es] and_it_was (into)_ _pastureland_of ox[en] and_(into)_a_trampling_place_of sheep.
8:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me take to/for_yourself(m) a_ _tablet large and_write on/upon/above_him/it with_a_stylus_ _of a_person (to)_Mahēr- shālāl- ḥāsh Mahēr-. 2 And_I_will_ _call_as_witness to/for_me witnesses reliable ĐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_ _priest/officer and_ĐOM Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Yəverek^{yāh}ū/(Jeberekiah). 3 And_I_drew_near to the_ _prophetess and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_ _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me call his/its_name Mahēr- Shālāl- Ḥāsh Baz. 4 If/because before_ _before the_lad he_will_know to_call_out my_father_of_my and_Oh_of_my_mother someone_will_carry_off ĐOM the_ _wealth_of Dammeseq and_ĐOM the_plunder_of Shomrōn to_

23 **RV 7:14 · Note** See https://textandcanon.org/does-isaiah-predict-the-virgin-birth.

24 **RV 7:14 · Cross-ref.** Mat 1:23.

25 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king_of 'Ashshūr.

5 And_ **YHWH** _he_repeated to_speak to_me again to_say.
6 Because if/because the_people the_this it_has_rejected ~~ḎǪM~~ the_waters_of (the)_Shilluḥāh which_go to_gentleness and_ _rejoicing with Rətsīn and_the_son_of Rəmal^{yāh}ū. **7** And_ _therefore THERE my_master is_about_to_bring_up on_them ~~ḎǪM~~ the_waters_of the_river (the)_mighty and_(the)_many ~~ḎǪM~~ the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_~~ḎǪM~~ all_of glory_of_his and_he/it_ _would_go_up over all_of channels_of_its and_it_will_go over all_of banks_of_its. **8** And_it_will_pass_on in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_overflow and_it_will_pass_over to the_neck it_will_reach and_ the_spreading(s)_of its_wings_of_his _it_was the_fullness_ _of the_breadth_of your_land_of_your Oh_Immanu-$^{'ēl}$. **9** Be_bad Oh_peoples and_be_shattered and_give_ear Oh_all_of the_ _distant_places_of the_earth gird_yourselves and_be_shattered gird_yourselves and_be_shattered. **10** Plan a_plan and_it_will_ _be_frustrated speak a_message and_not it_will_stand if/because is_with_us god.

11 If/because thus **YHWH** he_said to_me as_grew_strong_of the_hand and_he_will_instruct_me from_walking in_the_way_ _of the_people the_this to_say. **12** Not you(pl)_must_say conspiracy to_all/each/any/every that the_people the_this it_ _is_saying conspiracy and_~~ḎǪM~~ fear_of_its not you(pl)_must_ _fear and_not you(pl)_must_regard_with_awe. **13** ~~ḎǪM~~ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers ~~ḎǪM~~_him/it you(pl)_will_regard_as_holy and_he be_your_fear_of_will and_he will_of_be_the_one_ _whom_you(pl)_regard_with_awe. **14** And_it_was (into)_a_ _sanctuary and_(into)_a_stone_of striking and_(into)_a_rock_of stumbling for_the_two_of the_houses_of Yisrā$^{'ēl}$/(Israel) (into)_ _a_trap and_(into)_a_snare for_the_inhabitant[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** And_they_will_stumble over_them many_people and_they_will_fall and_they_will_be_broken and_ _they_will_be_ensnared and_they_will_be_captured.

16 Bind_up the_transcript seal_up the_instruction among_my_ _of_apprentices/followers. **17** And_I_will_wait to/for_**YHWH** who_is_hiding his/its_faces/face from_the_house_of Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) and_I_will_wait_eagerly to_him/it. **18** HERE I and_the_youths whom he_has_given to_me **YHWH** are_for_ _signs and_for_portents in_Yisrā$^{'ēl}$/(Israel) from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_dwells on_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **19** And_because/when they_will_say to_you(pl) consult (to) the_necromancers and_near/to the_soothsayers who_whisper and_who_mutter am_not a_people (to) his/its_ _god will_it_consult for the_living (to) the_dead.

20 To_the_instruction and_to_the_transcript if not they_will_ _speak according_the_manner the_this that there_is_not to_ _him/it dawn. **21** And_it_will_pass in_it hard_pressed and_ _hungry and_it_was if/because it_will_be_hungry and_it_will_ _be_enraged and_it_will_curse (in)_king_of_its and_(in)_god_of_

Readers' Version

(Damascus) and the plunder from Shomron (Samaria) will all be taken to be presented to the Assyrian king.

Invasion by the Assyrians

5 Then Yahweh continued to speak to me again, saying, **6** "Yehudah (Judah) has refused the gentle waters of Shiloah and instead requests help from King Retsin and Remalyah's son King Pekah, **7** so therefore my master will send the waters of a large, powerful river onto them: the Assyrian king and all his majestic power. It'll come like a flood filling all the channels then overflowing all its banks. **8** It will sweep across Yehudah, flooding yet moving on until it reaches your neck. Its edges will cover your entire country, Imanu-El."

9 Raise the war cry, peoples, and be terrified,
and listen, all you distant places in the world.
Prepare yourselves for war and to be shattered.
Prepare yourselves for war and to be shattered.
10 Make whatever plans you want, but they'll come to nothing.
Give a presentation but it won't stand, because God is with us.

Yahweh warns Yeshayah

11 Yes, Yahweh spoke strongly to me, and warned me not to behave like other people, saying, **12** "Don't say 'conspiracy' everyone time that other people do, and don't be afraid when they're afraid, and don't live in dread.[26] **13** Only honour Commander-in-chief Yahweh, and be concerned about him and fear him. **14** He'll be like your safe retreat. He'll be both the stone that strikes and the rock that makes both Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) stumble,[27] and like a trap for the inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **15** Many people will stumble over that stone and that rock and fall and be broken, or be snared and captured."

Warning about consulting mediums

16 Tie up this report and seal up these instructions for my apprentices. **17** I'll wait for Yahweh to act. He's distanced himself from Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants, but I'll continue to expect his help.[28]

18 Both I myself, and the children that Yahweh has given me,[29] are like directions and warning signs for Yisrael (Israel), that come from Commander-in-chief Yahweh who lives on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).

19 When they tell you all to consult mediums and fortunetellers who chirp and mutter, shouldn't the people consult their god rather than the dead guiding the living?

The time of sadness

20 Shouldn't it be the written instructions that they talk about? If they're not following this message, dawn will never arrive for them, **21** and they'll be distressed and hungry as they pass it by. Then because they're hungry and an-

26 RV 8:12-13 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 3:14-15.

27 RV 8:14-15 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:8.

28 RV 8:17 · Cross-ref. Heb 2:13.

29 RV 8:18 · Cross-ref. Heb 2:13.

Readers' Version

gry, they'll curse their king and their god as they look upwards.
22 They'll look back to the ground, and wow, only see trouble
and darkness—gloom, distress, and thick darkness thrusting out
at them.

9:1 However, it won't not cover over those who are distressed.
Previously he humiliated the Zevulun and Naftali (Naphtali) regions, but later, he'll honour the way of the sea—beyond the
Yarden (Jordan) river—Galil of the nations.[30]

The coming king

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a powerful light.
The light has shone on those who've lived in a land of darkness.[32]
3 You have multiplied the nation itself.
You've increased its happiness.
They celebrate in front of you
like the happiness at harvest time.
Like their excitement when dividing the plunder,
4 because you've shattered the chains on its neck,
and the stick whacking its shoulders.
You've broken the rod of his oppressor
like when you defeated Midyan.
5 Yes, every warrior's boot treading loudly will be burnt,
along with every piece of clothing with blood on it,
6 because a child is born for us.
A son is given to us
and the government will be on his shoulder.
He'll be called 'Amazing adviser',
'Greatest God', 'Forever father', 'Prince of peace'.
7 His government will be without borders—
with peace that's never broken.
He'll rule on David's throne, and over his kingdom,
to establish it and sustain it with justice and with fairness from
now onwards.[33]
The zeal of Commander-in-chief Yahweh will do that.

Literal Version

_its and_it_will_turn (to)_upwards. 22 And_near/to the_earth
it_will_look and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE trouble and_darkness gloom_
_of distress and_darkness it_is_thrust_out. 23 [31] If/because not
gloom will_belong_to_that_which distress to/for_her/it like_
_time (the)_former he_treated_with_contempt towards_land
of_Zəvūlūn and_(to)_the_of_land of_Naftālī and_the_latter_
_time he_will_honour the_way_of the_sea the_other_side_of
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) Gālīl the_nations.

9:1 [34] The_people which_walk in_darkness they_will_see a_light
great those_who_dwell_of in_land deep_darkness a_light it_
_will_shine on_them. 2 [35] You_will_multiply the_nation to_it[36]
you_will_magnify the_rejoicing they_will_rejoice to_your_face
like_the_rejoicing_of at_harvest just_as people_are_glad when_
_divide_they plunder. 3 [37] If/because ~~DOM~~ the_yoke_of its_
_burden_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_staff_of its_shoulder_of_his the_
_rod_of the_one_who_oppresses in/on/over_him/it you_will_
_shatter like_the_day_of Midyān. 4 [38] If/because every_of boot
which_marches with_shaking and_cloak rolled in_blood(s) and_
_it_will_be to_burning fuel_of a_fire. 5 [39] If/because a_child he_
_will_be_born to/for_us a_son he_will_be_given to/for_us and_
_it_became the_dominion on shoulder_of_his and_he/it_called
his/its_name a_wonder_of a_counsellor god mighty father_of
perpetuity[40] prince_of peace. 6 [41] Mmm[42][43] of_the_dominion
and_to_peace there_will_not_be an_end on the_throne_of Dāvid
and_over his/its_kingdom establish ~~DOM~~_her/it and_to_sustain_
_it in_justice and_in_righteousness from_now and_unto
perpetuity the_zeal_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_will_
_accomplish this.

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30 **RV 9:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:15.
31 **LV 8:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.1
32 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:16; Luk 1:79.
33 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:32-33.
34 **LV 9:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.2
35 **LV 9:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.3
36 **LV 9:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וֹ/לִ': lemma_l n_1.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_23VmY וֹ/לִ
37 **LV 9:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.4
38 **LV 9:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.5
39 **LV 9:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.6
40 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.
41 **LV 9:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.7
42 **LV 9:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: הברם/ל: (x-qere) הֶֽבְרַ֫מְ/לִ': lemma_l/4766 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_237TK הֶֽבְרַ֫מְ/ל
43 **LV 9:6 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a consonant with an anomalous final form that is word-medial.

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7 [44] A_message my_master he_has_sent in_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_it_will_fall on_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** [45] And_ the_people of_it_ _of_all 'Efrayim and_the_inhabitant[s]_of Shomrōn _they_will_ _know with_pride and_with_greatness_of heart to_say. **9** [46] Bricks they_have_fallen and_hewn_stone we_will_rebuild sycamores they_have_been_cut_down and_cedars we_will_ _substitute. **10** [47] And_ **YHWH** _he_set_on_high ᴅᴏᴍ the_foes_of Rətsīn on/upon/above_him/it and_ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_his he_ _provoked. **11** [48] 'Arām from_east and_Pəlishtiy from_the_west and_they_consumed ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_all the_mouth in_ _all this not anger_of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_ _hand is_stretched_out. **12** [49] And_the_people not it_has_ _turned_back to the_one_who_of_struck_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers not they_have_sought. **13** [50] And_ **YHWH** _ _he_cut_off from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) head and_tail palm_branch and_bulrush day one. **14** [51] An_old_man and_one_who_is_ _uplifted_of face he is_the_head and_a_prophet who_teaches falsehood he is_the_tail. **15** [52] And_ the_guides_of the_people the_this _they_were leading_astray and_those_of_who_were_ _guided_by_him were_confused. **16** [53] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so on men_of_its_young not he_rejoices my_ _master and_ᴅᴏᴍ ones_of_its_fatherless and_ᴅᴏᴍ widows_of_its not he_has_compassion_on if/because of_it_of_all is_godless and_doing_evil and_all mouth is_speaking disgraceful_folly in_ _all this not anger_of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_ _hand is_stretched_out. **17** [54] If/because it_has_burnt like_fire wickedness thorn[s] and_bush[es] it_consumes and_it_has_ _kindled (in)_the_thickets_of the_forest and_they_have_swirled a_rising_up_of smoke. **18** [55] By_the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_land it_has_been_scorched and_ the_ _people _he/it_was like_fuel_of a_fire each (to) his/its_brother not they_spared. **19** [56] And_it_devoured on the_right_side and_ _it_was_hungry and_it_ate on the_left_side and_not they_were_ _satisfied everyone the_flesh_of his_own_arm_of_his they_ate. **20** [57] Mənashsheh ᴅᴏᴍ 'Efrayim and_'Efrayim ᴅᴏᴍ Mənashsheh together they were_on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_all this not anger_ _of_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_hand is_stretched_ _out.

10:1 Woe_to those_who_decree decrees_of wickedness and_ _writers who_trouble they_wrote. **2** To_turn_aside from_ _judgement poor_people and_to_take_away the_justice_of the_ _poor_people_of my_people_of_my to_be widows prey_of_their

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Yahweh's anger at Yisrael

8 My master sent a message against Ya'akov (Jacob),
and it dealt with Yisrael (Israel),
9 and all the people will know it—
Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) and those who live in Shomron (Samaria).
With a proud and arrogant heart they'll say,
10 "The bricks have fallen, but we'll rebuild with beautiful chiselled stone.
The sycamores are felled, but we'll replace them with expensive cedar."
11 But Yahweh will send King Retsin against them as an adversary,
and will stir up their enemies—
12 the Arameans on the east and the Pelishtim on the west,
and they'll be a big mouth that'll gobble Yisrael (Israel) up.
Even then, Yahweh's anger won't subside.
He'll still be taking action against them.
13 The people still won't return to the one who struck them,
and they won't strive to know Commander-in-chief Yahweh
14 so he'll cut off Yisrael's head and tail—
high palm branches and low reeds, all on the same day.
15 Yisrael's leaders are that head,
and the lying prophets are that tail.
16 These people's guides have led them the wrong way,
so the ones being guided were destroyed.
17 Therefore, my master won't be happy about their young men,
nor will he have compassion for their fatherless and their widows,
because everyone one of them is godless and does evil things,
and every mouth speaks out foolish things.
With all that going on, his anger never goes away,
and he continues to take action against them
18 because wickedness burns like fire.
It burns up the thistles and thorns,
and it spreads to the trees in the forest

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44 **LV 9:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.8
45 **LV 9:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.9
46 **LV 9:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.10
47 **LV 9:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.11
48 **LV 9:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.12
49 **LV 9:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.13
50 **LV 9:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.14
51 **LV 9:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.15
52 **LV 9:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.16
53 **LV 9:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.17
54 **LV 9:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.18
55 **LV 9:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.19
56 **LV 9:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.20
57 **LV 9:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.9.21

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as smoke swirls up into the air.
19 Commander-in-chief Yahweh's anger causes the entire land to be scorched,
and then the people become the fuel for the fire
as each man doesn't even spare his own brother.
20 They devoured on the right but were still hungry.
They ate on the left, but it didn't fill them up,
so everyone ate the flesh on their own arms.
21 Menasheh (Manasseh) fought Efrayim (Ephraim), then Efrayim found Menasheh,
then they fought together against Yehudah (Judah).
Even through all that, his anger didn't subside,
and he continues to take action against them.
10:1 Those who make wicked laws won't end well,
nor will administrators who write troublesome edicts,
2 suppressing the rights of the needy,
and robbing the poor among my people of justice,
making widows become plunder,
and preying on the fatherless.
3 Then what will you all do for the judgement day,
and for the destruction coming from far away?
Who will you all flee to for help then,
and where will you leave your wealth?
4 All they can do is to crouch among the prisoners,
or fall among the killed.
In all these things, Yahweh's anger doesn't subside,
and he continues to take action against them.

Yahweh uses but judges Ashur

5 Ashur (Assyria) won't end well.
The rod of my anger and the staff of my rage is in their hands,[58]
6 I've sent their king against an arrogant nation
and against the people that I'm angry with.
I order him to plunder the plunder and to prey on the prey,
and to trample them—trodden down like the mud in the streets.
7 However, that's not what's in his mind,
and he doesn't even think about those things,
because he's bent on destruction
and the elimination of not just a few nations.
8 In fact, he says,
"Aren't all my commanders like kings?
9 We destroyed Kalno liked we did at Karkemish,
Hamat like Arpad, and Shomron (Samaria) like Damesek (Damascus).
10 I've already punished idolatrous kingdoms,
and their idols and images were more impressive that those in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Shomron,

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and_DOM fatherless_ones they_will_plunder. **3** And_what will_
_you(pl)_do to_the_day_of punishment and_to_the_devastation
which_from_a_distance it_will_come to whom will_you(pl)_flee
for_help and_where will_you(pl)_leave abundance_of_your(pl).
4 Except anyone_knelt_down under prisoner[s] and_under
those_who_were_killed they_will_fall in_all this not anger_of_
_his it_has_turned_back and_still his/its_hand is_stretched_out.

5 Woe_to 'Ashshūr the_rod_of my_anger_of_my and_is_a_staff it
in_hand_of_their indignation_of_my. **6** On_a_nation godless I_
_sent_him and_on the_people_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_
_commanded_him to_plunder plunder and_to_take_as_spoil
spoil and[59] a_trampling_place like_the_mud_of the_streets.
7 And_he not thus he_intended and_heart_of_his not thus it_
_planned if/because to_destroy is_in_heart_of_his and_to_cut_
_off nations not a_few. **8** If/because he_said not commanders_
_of_are_my alike kings. **9** Not like_Karkəməysh/(Carchemish)
is_Kələneh or not like_'Arpād is_Ḥₐmāt or not like_Dammeseq
is_Shomrōn. **10** Just_as hand_of_my it_has_found (to)_the_
_kingdoms_of the_idol and_images_of_their were_more_than_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_more_than_Shomrōn. **11** Not
just_as I_did to_Shomrōn and_to_idols_of_its so will_I_do to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_images_of_its. **12** And_it_was
if/because my_master he_will_finish DOM all_of work_of_his on_
_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_will_visit_judgement on the_fruit_
_of the_greatness_of the_heart_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_on
the_glory_of the_haughtiness_of his_eyes_of_his. **13** If/because
he_has_said by_the_strength_of my_hand_of_my I_have_acted
and_by_skill_of_my if/because I_have_understanding and_I_
_have_removed the_borders_of peoples and[60] I_have_plundered

58 RV 10:5-34 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:24-27; Nah 1:1–3:19; Zeph 2:13-15.
59 LV 10:6 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/מוּשׁ/לְ/וּ: (x-qere) וְ/מוּשׁ/לְ/וּ: lemma_c/l/7760 a morph_HC/R/Vqc/Sp3ms id_23fc3 וְ/מוּשׁ/לְ/וּ
60 LV 10:13 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/יִתְדִּיתָ/הּ: (x-qere) וְ/יִתְוֹדוּתָ/עֲ/הֶ: lemma_c/6264 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Aampc/Sp3mp id_23Lft וְ/יִתְוֹדוּתָ/עֲ/הֶ

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and_I_have_brought_down like_a_mighty_man those_who_sit.
14 And_it_has_found like_nest hand_of_my (to)_the_wealth_of
the_peoples and_as_gathers eggs abandoned all_of the_
_earth/land I I_have_gathered and_not any_was fluttering a_
_wing and_opening a_mouth and_chirping. **15** Does_ the_axe _
_it_glorify_itself above the_one_who_cuts in/on/over_him/it or
the_saw does_it_magnify_itself above the_one_of_who_wields_
_it as_ a_rod _wields and_~~DOM~~ those_of_who_lift_it as_ a_staff _
_lifts not wood. **16** For_so/thus/hence the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_will_send on_his_fat_of_ones leanness
and_under glory_of_his it_will_burn a_burning like_the_
_burning_of fire. **17** And_ the_light_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_was
(into)_a_fire and_its_holy_of_one (into)_a_flame and_it_will_
_burn and_it_will_consume bush[es]_of_his and_thorn[s]_of_his
in/on_day one. **18** And_the_splendour_of his_forest_of_his and_
_orchard_of_his from_breath and_unto flesh it_will_bring_to_
_an_end and_it_was as_ one_who_is_sick _wastes_away. **19** And_
_the_remnant_of the_tree[s]_of his_forest_of_his a_number
they_will_be and_a_child he_will_record_them.

20 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that not it_will_repeat again
the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_escaped_remnant_of
the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) to_depend on the_one_of_who_
_struck_it and_it_will_depend on **YHWH** the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_truth. **21** A_remnant it_will_return the_
_remnant_of Ya'aqov to the_god_of mighty. **22** If/because
though it_will_be people_of_your Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_the_
_sand_of the_sea a_remnant it_will_return in/on/over_him/it
annihilation is_determined righteousness is_about_to_
_overflow. **23** If/because complete_destruction and_that_
_which_has_been_determined my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers is_about_to_do in_the_midst_of all_of the_
_earth/land.

24 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_says do_not be_afraid my_people_of_
_my which_dwells Tsiyyōn/(Zion) from_'Ashshūr with_rod it_
_will_strike_you and_staff_of_its it_will_lift_up on_you in_the_
_manner_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** If/because yet a_little_of a_
little and indignation _it_will_be_complete and_anger_of_my
will_be_on destruction_of_their. **26** And_he_will_wield

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11 so just like I did to Shomron and its idols,
I'll will also do to Yerushalem and its idols."
12 In due course, when my master has finished all his work against Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) and against Yerushalem, I'll deal with the result of the Assyrian king's proud plans and the arrogant attitude that he displays, **13** because he says,
"It was my own strength and initiatives that got me this far,
and by using my wisdom, because I was discerning.
Now I've removed the boundaries of the peoples,
and I've stolen their treasures,
and like a powerful animal, I've brought down the inhabitants.
14 My hand has seized the wealth of the nations
just like someone taking the eggs out of a nest.
I gathered it from all over the world
but no one fluttered a wing, or opened a mouth and chirped.
15 Will the axe say it's greater than the person who swings it?
Will the saw praise itself more than the one who uses it?
As if a rod could move those who are lifting it up,
or a staff could lift up what's not made from wood.
16 Therefore, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh
will make his muscular warriors waste away,
and instead of the Assyrian king getting glory,
he'll get his fingers burnt like with a burning flame.
17 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) light will become a fire,
and its holy one a flame,
→and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day.
18 His beautiful forest and his fruitful land
will be steadily destroyed,
like a sick person who wastes away.
19 There'll be so few trees left in his forest that even a child could count them.

Only a remnant will return

20 At that time, the remnant of Yisrael (Israel), i.e., the survivors of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants, will no longer rely on that king who makes them suffer, but instead will rely on Yahweh, Yisrael's holy one. **21** A remnant of Yisrael will return to their powerful god. **22** Although the Israelis are currently very numerous, only a remnant will return.[61] Destruction has been decreed because justice must prevail **23** Yes, complete destruction has been decreed by my master Yahweh and he's about to apply it throughout the country.

Yahweh will punish Ashur

24 Because of that, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "My people living in Tsiyon (Zion), don't be afraid of the Assyrians. They'll beat you with a rod and raise their staff against you like the Mitsrim (Egyptians) did **25** for a little while longer, and then I'll be upset with the Assyrians and my anger will lead to their destruction.

61 RV 10:22-23 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:27.

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26 Commander-in-chief Yahweh will wave a whip against them,
like when the Midyanites were struck at Orev rock, and wave his
staff over the sea like they did leaving Mitsrayim (Egypt).
27 Then at that time, he'll lift his load off your shoulders and his
yoke from off your neck, and that yoke will be broken as you be-
gin to thrive again.

Enemy invasion

28 The enemy has come to Ay, passed
through Migron, storing their supplies north of Yerushalem
(Jerusalem) at Mikmas. 29 They've crossed over the pass. They
camped at Geva. Ramah is trembling, and Giveah of Sha'ul (Saul)
has fled.
30 Cry out for help daughter of Galim,
pay attention Layshah,
you'll suffer Anatot.
31 Madmenah flees,
the residents of Gevim are taken to safety.
32 Yet today he will stand at Nov,
shaking his fist at the daughter of Tsiyon (Zion)—
the hill of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
33 Listen, my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will cut off
the branches with a crash,
and the tallest of the tall will be cut down,
and the high and mighty will be brought low.
34 He'll chop down the thickets in the forest with an axe,
→and Levanon will be felled by the mighty one.

The future, peaceful kingdom

11:1 Then a shoot will come out from the
stump of Yishay (Jesse),
and a branch from his roots will grow to produce fruit.[63]
2 Yahweh's spirit will be with him—
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of good advice and strength,
a spirit of knowledge and striving to obey Yahweh.
3 He'll be happy to respect and honour Yahweh.
He won't judge just by what can be seen,
or make decisions just from what can be heard,
4 but he'll judge the ordinary people with justice
and decide fairly for the poor in the world.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips, he'll execute the wicked.[64]
5 His waistbelt will be doing what's right,
and the strap for his hips will be faithfulness.
6 At that time, the wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
and the cow and the young lion and the calf,
→all there together, and a little child will lead them.[65]
7 The cow and the bear will graze together.

Literal Version

on/upon/above_him/it **YHWH** soldiers/messengers a_whip
like_the_defeat_of Midyān at_the_rock_of ʹOrēvʼ and_staff_of_
_his will_be_over the_sea and_he_will_raise_it in_the_manner_
_of Mitsrayim. 27 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that burden_of_
_its it_will_be_removed from_under shoulder_of_your and_
_yoke_of_its from_under neck_of_your and_ the_yoke _it_will_
_be_broken from_face/in_front_of fatness.

28 He_has_come to Aiath he_has_passed in_Migrōn to_Mikmāṣ
he_deposits baggage(s)_of_his. 29 They_have_passed_over the_
_pass Gevʼaʹ will_be_a_lodging_place to/for_us (the)_Rāmāh it_
_has_trembled Givʼāh of_Shā'ūl/(Saul) it_has_fled. 30 Cry_aloud
voice_of_your Oh_daughter_of Gallim pay_attention Oh_
_Layishah Oh_afflicted_one ʹAnātōt. 31 Madmenah it_has_fled
the_inhabitants_of (the)_Gēvīm they_have_brought_to_safety.
32 Yet the_day at_Novʼ to_stand he_will_shake his/its_hand the_
_mountain_of the_daughter_of[62] of_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_hill_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 33 THERE the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers is_about_to_lop_off bough[s] with_a_crash
and_the_exalted_ones_of (the)_height will_be_cut_down and_
_the_tall_ones they_will_become_low. 34 And_he_will_cut_
_down the_thickets_of the_forest with_(the)_axe and_the_(the)_
_Ləvānōn by_a_mighty_one it_will_fall.

11:1 And_ a_branch _it_will_go_forth from_the_rootstock_of
Yishay/(Jesse) and_a_shoot from_roots_of_his it_will_bear_
_fruit. 2 And_it_will_rest on/upon/above_him/it the_spirit_of
YHWH a_spirit_of wisdom and_understanding a_spirit_of
counsel and_strength a_spirit_of knowledge and_the_fear_of
YHWH. 3 And_delighting_his will_be_in_the_fear_of **YHWH**
and_not to_the_sight_of his_eyes_of_his he_will_judge and_not
to_the_hearing_of his_ears_of_his he_will_decide. 4 And_he_
_will_judge with_righteousness poor_people and_he_will_
_decide with_uprightness for_the_humble_people_of the_earth
and_he_will_strike the_earth with_the_rod_of his_mouth_of_his
and_with_the_breath_of his_lips_of_his he_will_put_to_death
the_wicked. 5 And_it_was righteousness the_loincloth_of his_
_hips_of_his and_(the)_faithfulness the_loincloth_of his_loins_
_of_his. 6 And_ wolf _it_will_sojourn with lamb and_leopard
with kid it_will_lie_down and_calf and_young_lion and_fatling
together and_a_child small will_be_leading (in)_them. 7 And_
_cow and_female_bear they_will_graze together young_of_their
they_will_lie_down and_the_lion like_ox it_will_eat straw.
8 And_ a_sucking_child _he_will_play over the_hole_of a_cobra
and_over the_nest_of a_viper a_weaned_child his/its_hand he_
_will_put_out. 9 Not they_will_do_harm and_not they_will_
_destroy in_all the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my if/because
the_earth/land it_will_be_full knowledge ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** like_

62 **LV 10:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: תִּיב: (x-qere) 'תֵּבֵ': lemma_1323 morph_HNcfsc id_231AV תֵּבֵ

63 **RV 11:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:5; 22:16.

64 **RV 11:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Th 2:8.

65 **RV 11:6-9 · Cross-ref.** Isa 65:25.

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_waters (to)_sea which_cover.

10 And_it_was in_the day (the)_that the_root_of Yishay/(Jesse) who will_be_standing for_a_standard_of peoples to_him/it nations they_will_seek and_it_will_be place_of_his_resting glory. **11** And_it_was in_the day (the)_that my_master he_will_ _repeat a_second_time his/its_hand to_acquire ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _remnant_of his_people_of_his which it_will_remain from_ _'Ashshūr and_from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_Patrōṣ and_ _from_Kūsh/(Cush) and_from_ʿĒylām and_from_Shinʿār and_ _from_Ḥₐmāt and_from_the_islands_of the_sea. **12** And_he_will_ _lift_up a_standard for_nations and_he_will_gather the_ _banished_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_scattered_women_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_will_assemble from_the_four the_ _corners_of the_earth/land. **13** And_ the_jealousy_of 'Efrayim _ _it_will_come_to_an_end and_the_foes_of Yəhūdāh they_will_ _be_cut_off 'Efrayim not it_will_be_jealous_of ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) not it_will_treat_as_foes ᴅᴏᴍ 'Efrayim. **14** And_they_will_fly on_the_shoulder the_Pəlishtiy westward_ _to together they_will_plunder ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of the_east 'Edōm and_Mō'āv will_be_the_stretching_out_of[69] their_hand_ _of_their and_the_sons of_ʿAmmōn be_their_subjects_of_will. **15** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_divide ᴅᴏᴍ the_tongue_of the_sea_of Mitsrayim and_he_will_brandish his/its_hand on the_river with_the_heat_of his/its_breath/wind/spirit and_he_will_ _strike_it into_seven wadis and_he_will_make_walk in_sandals. **16** And_ a_highway _it_will_belong to_the_remnant_of his_ _people_of_his which it_will_remain from_'Ashshūr just_as it_ _belonged to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in/on_day it_went_up from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

12:1 And_you_will_say in_the day (the)_that I_will_give_thanks_ _to_you Oh_**YHWH** if/because you_were_angry with_me anger_ _of_your let_it_turn_back and_may_you_comfort_me. **2** HERE god salvation_of_is_my I_will_trust and_not I_will_be_in_dread if/because might_of_is_my and_strength Yah **YHWH** and_ _he/it_was to_me (into)_salvation. **3** And_you(pl)_will_draw water with_joy from_the_springs_of (the)_salvation. **4** And_ _you(pl)_will_say in_the day (the)_that give_thanks to/for_ _**YHWH** call on_name_of_his make_known among_peoples

Readers' Version

Their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
8 A child will play over the cobra's hole,
and the toddler will stretch his hand over the viper's nest.
9 There'll be no more pain or destruction on all my sacred mountain,
because the world will be full of knowledge about Yahweh,
just as the waters cover the sea.[66]

The return of a remnant

10 Then on that day, Yishay's (Jesse's) root will stand as a signal to the peoples. Nations will search for him,[67] and his residence will be wonderful. **11** At that time, my master will again exercise his power to recover a remnant of his people who remain in Ashur (Assyria), Mitsrayim (Egypt), Patros, Kush (Ethiopia), Eylam, Shin'ar, Hamat, and from various islands.
12 He'll raise a banner for the nations,
and gather the Israelis who were banished—
assembling the Yehudim (Jews) who were scattered right around the world.
13 Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) jealousy will go, and Yehudah's (Judah's) enemies will be eliminated.
Yisrael will no longer be jealous of Yehudah, and Yehudah will no longer treat Yisrael as enemies.
14 They will swoop down the slopes to attack the Pelishtim on the west.
Together they'll plunder the peoples in the east.
They'll take over Edom and Moav (Moab),
and the Amonim will become their subjects.
15 Then Yahweh will completely destroy the gulf from the Mitsri (Egyptian) sea,
and wave his hand with his scorching wind over the Perat (Euphrates) river
→and divide it into seven streams that can be crossed in sandals.[68]
16 There'll be a highway for the remnant of his people coming from Ashur (Assyria),
just like when Yisrael (Israel) came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).

Song of praise

12:1 Then on that day you'll say,
"I'll praise you, Yahweh, because although you were angry at me,
your anger subsided and you've comforted me.
2 Yes, God is the one who saves me.
I will trust him and not be afraid
because my strength and the one I sing about is Yah—Yahweh,
and he's rescued me from my enemies.[70]

66 RV 11:9 · Cross-ref. Hab 2:14.

67 RV 11:10 · Cross-ref. Rom 15:12.

68 RV 11:15 · Cross-ref. Rev 16:12.

69 LV 11:14 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

70 RV 12:2 · Cross-ref. Exo 15:2; Psa 118:14.

Readers' Version

3 Then you'll cheerfully get water
from the springs of salvation.
4 "Give thanks to Yahweh," you'll say at that time.
"Ask him for help.
Tell all the people groups what he's done.
Tell everyone how wonderful he is.
5 Sing to Yahweh because he's done amazing things.
Make sure everyone in the world knows about them.
6 Yell and shout happily, you inhabitants of Tsiyon (Zion),
because Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one is powerful among you."

Yahweh's punishment of Bavel

13:1 This is the heavy message about Bavel (Babylon), which Amots' son Yeshayah (Isaiah) saw:[72]
2 Raise a banner on the bare mountain.
Call out to them and wave your hand,
and enter the gates of the princes.
3 I have commanded my sanctified ones
as well as angrily summoning warriors—
my boasting, arrogant ones.
4 There's a loud noise from the mountains,
like that from many people.
It's the sound of uproar from the kingdoms—
nations that are gathering.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh is mustering an army for battle.
5 They're coming from a far country,
from the end of the heavens.
They're the instruments of Yahweh's judgement,
coming to destroy the entire country.
6 Start wailing because Yahweh's day is close,
and destruction from the powerful one will come.[73]
7 That's why all hands hang limp,
and the heart of every person melts.
8 They'll have pangs of dismay,
and agony will seize them like a woman who writhes in labour.
They'll stare at their neighbours in astonishment
with their faces flushed red.
9 Yes, Yahweh's day is coming—
a cruel day with of fierce anger and rage,
to make the earth a desolate place
as sinners are destroyed from it.
10 The stars in the sky and their constellations
won't shine their light.
The sun coming out will be dark,
and the moon won't be shining its light.[74]

Literal Version

deeds_of_his bring_to_remembrance if/because_that his/its_
_name is_exalted. 5 Sing_praises_to **YHWH** if/because majesty
he_has_done is_made_known[71] this in_all the_earth/land.
6 Cry_aloud and_cry_out Oh_inhabitant[s] of_Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
if/because is_great in_midst_of_your the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

13:1 The_oracle_of Bāvel which Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) the_son_of
'Āmōts he_saw. 2 On a_mountain swept_bare lift_up a_standard
lift_up a_voice to/for_them wave a_hand so_that_they_may_go
the_doors_of noble_people. 3 I I_have_commanded to_my_
_consecrated_of_ones also I_have_summoned my_of_warriors
to_anger_of_my the_exultant_ones_of my_pride_of_my. 4 The_
_sound_of a_tumult is_on_mountains the_likeness_of a_people
numerous the_sound_of an_uproar_of kingdoms_of nations
which_are_gathering **YHWH** soldiers/messengers is_mustering
an_army_of battle. 5 Are_coming from_a_land_of distance
from_the_end_of the_heavens **YHWH** and_the_weapons_of his_
_indignation_of_his to_ruin all_of the_earth/land. 6 Wail
if/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** like_devastation from_
_the_almighty it_will_come. 7 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so
all_of hands they_will_drop and_all heart_of a_person it_will_
_melt.[76] 8 And_they_will_be_terrified pangs and_labour-pains
they_will_seize_them like_(the)_who]_gives_birth they_will_be_
_in_anguish each to his/its_neighbour they_will_look_in_
_astonishment will_be_faces_of flames faces_of_their. 9 THERE
the_day_of **YHWH** is_coming a_cruel_day and_severe_anger
and_burning_of anger to_make the_earth/land (into)_a_waste
and_its_of_sinners he_will_destroy from_it. 10 If/because the_
_stars_of the_heavens and_constellations_of_their not they_
_will_flash_forth light_of_their the_sun it_will_be_dark in_
_his/its_coming_out and_the_moon not it_will_make_shine
light_of_its.[77] 11 And_I_will_visit on the_world evil and_on
wicked_people iniquity_of_their and_I_will_put_an_end_to the_
_pride_of arrogant_people and_the_haughtiness_of ruthless_
_people I_will_bring_low. 12 I_will_make_precious humankind
more_than_pure_gold and_human/'Ādām more_than_(the)_
_gold_of 'Ōfīr. 13 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so heaven I_will_
_make_tremble and_ the_earth/land _it_will_shake from_place_
_of_its in_the_severe_anger_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
and_in_the_day_of the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. 14 And_it_
_was like_a_gazelle hunted and_like_sheep and_there_will_not_
_be one_who_gathers everyone to people_of_his_own they_
_will_turn and_everyone to land_of_his_own they_will_flee.
15 Every_of (the)_one_who_is_found he_will_be_pierced_

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71 LV 12:5 · Note OSHB variant note: תעדימ: (x-qere) תַּעֲדוּמִ': lemma_3045 morph_HVHsfsa id_234Rb תַּעֲדוּמִ

72 RV 13:1–14:23 · Cross-ref. Isa 47:1-15; Jer 50:1–51:64.

73 RV 13:6 · Cross-ref. Yoel 1:15.

74 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Eze 32:7; Mat 24:29; Mrk 13:24-25; Luk 21:25; Rev 6:12-13; 8:12.

76 LV 13:7 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

77 LV 13:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

_through and_all (the)_one_who_is_captured he_will_fall by_
_sword. **16** And_children_of_their they_will_be_dashed_in_
_pieces to_eyes_of_their houses_of_their they_will_be_
_plundered and_wives_of_their they_will_be_lain_with[78].
17 Here_I am_about_to_rouse on_them ᴅᴏᴍ Māday who silver
not they_value and_gold not they_delight in_him/it. **18** And_
_bows youths they_will_dash_in_pieces and_the_fruit_of the_
_womb not they_will_have_compassion_on on children not
eye_of_their it_will_look_with_pity. **19** And_it_will_be Bāvel
the_beauty_of kingdoms the_splendour_of the_pride_of the_
_ones_from_Kasdiy like_the_overthrow_of god ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣədom and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ ʹAmorāh/(Gomorrah). **20** Not it_will_remain to_perpetuity
and_not it_will_settle until a_generation and_a_generation
and_not he_will_pitch_tent there an_ʹArāvī and_shepherds not
they_will_make_lie_down there. **21** And_they_will_lie_down
there wilderness-dwellers and_ jackals _they_will_be_full
houses_of_their and_they_will_dwell there daughters_of an_
_ostrich and_goats they_will_leap_about there. **22** And_ hyenas
_it_will_sing in_palaces_of_its[79] and_jackals in_the_palaces_of
delight and_is_near to_go time_of_its and_days_of_its not they_
_will_be_prolonged.

14:1 If/because **YHWH** he_will_have_compassion_on ᴅᴏᴍ
Yaʹₐqovʹ/(Jacob) and_he_will_choose again (in)_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
and_he_will_give_them_rest on land_of_their_own and_ the_
_sojourner _he_will_join_himself to_them and_they_will_
_attach_themselves to the_house_of Yaʹₐqovʹ. **2** And_they_will_
_take_them peoples and_they_will_bring_them to place_of_
_their and_they_will_receive_them_as_an_inheritance the_

Readers' Version

11 I will punish the world for its evil
and the wicked for their disobedience.
I'll put an end to the pride of the arrogant,
and bring down the arrogance of the ruthless.
12 I'll make humans more rare than pure gold,
and people more scarce than the gold from Ofir.
13 So I'll make the sky wobble,
and the earth will be shaken out of its place
by the fury of Commander-in-chief Yahweh
on the day of his raging ≈anger.
14 Then like a gazelle being hunted
or sheep without a shepherd,
everyone will turn to their own people group
and they'll all flee back to their own countries.
15 Everyone who's discovered (in Bavel (Babylon)) will be run through with a spear,
and everyone who's caught will be killed by the sword.
16 Their children will be smashed to pieces right in front of them.
Their homes will be looted and their wives raped.
17 Listen, I'm stirring the Madim (Medes) up against them,
who don't value silver or care about gold.
18 Their arrows will strike down the young men.
They'll have no mercy on your infants,
and won't show any pity on your children.
19 Yes, that admirable kingdom of Bavel (Babylon),
the pride of the Kasdim (Chaldeans),
will be destroyed by God like Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) were.[75]
20 It'll never be inhabited again,
or lived in from one generation to the next.
The Arabs won't even set up their tents there,
and the shepherds won't rest their flocks there.
21 But desert animals will live there,
and jackals will live in the houses.
Ostrich chicks will grow there
and wild goats will romp around there.
22 Hyenas will howl in its towers,
and jackals in the nice palaces.
Her time is coming to an end,
and her lifetime won't be extended.

Return from exile

14:1 Yahweh will have compassion on Ya'akov (Jacob),
and will choose Yisrael (Israel) again,
and settle them on their own land.
Foreigners will join with them,
and attach themselves to the Israeli people.

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75 RV 13:19 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:24.

78 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הנלגשת: (x-qere) ʾהֻנְבְּכָשֶׁתʾ: lemma_7901 n_0 morph_HVNi3fp id_23fNB הֻנְבְּכָשֶׁת

79 LV 13:22 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

2 The nations will take them back to their own place,
and in Yahweh's land, the Israelis will take them as male and female servants.
They'll take their captors captive,
and they'll rule over their oppressors.
3 Then at the time when Yahweh gives you a break from your anguish and suffering,
and from the hard labour you did as slaves,
4 then you'll taunt Bavel's (Babylon's) king with this song,
"How the oppressor has stopped,
and how his fury has ceased.
5 Yahweh has broken the wicked peoples' staff,
the golden rod of the rulers.
6 In your rage, you struck the people groups with never-ending blows,
ruling the nations in anger—persecuting them without restraint.
7 Now the whole world is in restful peace.
People have broken out with a shout of celebration.
8 Even the cypress trees are happy about your demise,
as the cedars in Levanon.
Now that you're powerless,
→no one comes up to cut us down.
9 Down below, the grave is excited
waiting for your arrival.
It wakes up the dead for you—all the kings of the earth,
raising them from their thrones—all the kings of the nations.
10 They'll all speak and tell you
that you have been made weak like them,
in fact become completely like them.
11 Your reputation has been brought down to the grave,
along with the sound of your harps.
Maggots are spread to be your mattress,
and worms are your blanket.
12 How you've fallen from heaven, you shining son of the dawn.[80]
You've been cut down to the ground, you who defeated nations.
13 You had said to yourself,
'I will climb up to the heavens above God's stars.
I will elevate my throne and I will rule on the mountain
where they assemble on Tsafon's heights.
14 I'll go up above the tops of the clouds,
I'll make myself like the most high one.'
15 Nevertheless you've been taken down to the grave—
to the remotest parts of the pit.
16 Those who see you there will stare at you.
They'll ponder your fate—
if you're the man who make the earth tremble?
The one who made kingdoms shake?
17 The one who turned the world into a wilderness,

Literal Version

_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on the_land_of **YHWH** to_male_
_servants and_to_female_servants and_they_will_be taking_
_captive (to)_captors_of_their and_they_will_rule over_
_oppressors_of_their. 3 And_it_was in/on_day **YHWH** gives_rest
to/for_yourself(m) from_pain_of_your and_from_turmoil_of_
_your and_from the_labour (the)_hard which it_was_laboured
on/over_you(fs). 4 And_you_will_lift_up the_saying the_this on
the_king_of Bāvel and_you_will_say how the_oppressor he_
_has_ceased raging it_has_ceased. 5 **YHWH** he_has_broken the_
_staff_of wicked_people the_scepter_of rulers. 6 Which_struck
peoples in_severe_anger a_blow_of (of)_not ceasing which_
_ruled in_anger nations persecution which_not anyone_
_restrained. 7 It_is_at_rest all_of the_earth/land it_is_at_peace
people_have_broken_forth a_shout_of_joy. 8 Also the_fir_trees
they_have_rejoiced to/for_yourself(m) the_cedars_of Ləvānōn
from_then you_lay_down not the_cutter he_comes_up on_us.
9 Shə'ōl from_under it_is_excited to/for_yourself(m) to_meet
coming_your it_has_roused to/for_yourself(m) shades all_of
the_leaders_of the_earth it_has_made_rise from_thrones_of_
_their all_of the_kings_of the_nations. 10 Of_them_of_all they_
_will_answer and_they_will_say to_you also you you_have_
_been_made_weak like_us to_us you_have_become_like. 11 It_
_has_been_brought_down Shə'ōl pride_of_your the_sound_of
your(pl)_lyres_of_your under_you maggot[s] it_is_spread_as_a_
_bed and_coverings_of_your are_worm[s]. 12 How you_have_
_fallen from_heaven Oh_shining_one son_of dawn you_have_
_been_cut_down to_ground Oh_you_who_defeat over the_
_nations. 13 And_you(ms) you_said in_heart_of_your the_
_heavens I_will_ascend from_above (to)_the_stars_of 'Ēl I_will_
_raise throne_of_my and_I_will_sit on_the_mountain_of
appointed_meeting in_the_remotest_parts_of Tsāfōn. 14 I_will_
_ascend above the_high_places_of the_cloud[s] I_will_make_
_myself_like (to)_the_Most_High. 15 Nevertheless to Shə'ōl you_
_have_been_brought_down to the_remotest_parts_of the_pit.
16 Those_of_who_see_you to_you they_will_stare to_you they_
_will_consider_carefully is_this the_man who_made_tremble
the_earth/land who_made_shake kingdoms. 17 Who_made the_
_world like_wilderness and_cities_of_its he_tore_down
prisoners_of_his not he_opened home_to. 18 All_of the_kings_of
the_nations of_them_of_all they_have_lain_down in_splendour
each_one in_his_own_of_house. 19 And_you(ms) you_have_
_been_thrown_out from_tomb_of_your like_a_shoot abhorred
the_clothing_of those_who_were_killed those_who_were_
_pierced_of the_sword those_who_go_down_of to the_stones_of
the_pit like_a_corpse trodden_down. 20 Not you_will_be_united
with_them in_burial if/because land_of_your you_have_ruined
people_of_your you_have_slain not it_will_be_named forever_
_perpetuity the_offspring_of evil-doers. 21 Prepare for_sons_of_
_his a_place_of_slaughter in_the_iniquity_of their_ancestors_
_of_their not they_will_arise and_they_will_take_possession_of
the_earth and_they_will_fill the_surface_of the_world cities.

80 RV 14:12 · Cross-ref. Rev 8:10; 9:1.

Literal Version

22 And_I_will_rise_up on_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_cut_off to_Bāvel name and_ _remnant and_posterity and_progeny the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **23** And_I_will_make_it (into)_a_possession_of hedgehog[s] and_ _pools_of water and_I_will_sweep_it_away with_a_broom_of destruction the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

24 **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sworn to_say if not just_ _as I_have_intended so it_has_happened and_as_which I_have_ _planned it it_will_stand. **25** To_break 'Ashshūr in_land_of_my and_on mountains_of_my I_will_tread_it_down and_it_will_be_ _removed from_on_them yoke_of_its and_burden_of_its from_ _under shoulder_of_its it_will_be_removed. **26** This is_the_plan which_is_planned on all_of the_earth/land and_this is_the_ _hand which_is_stretched_out over all_of the_nations. **27** If/because **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_planned and_who will_he_frustrate_it and_is_hand_of_his the_one_ _which_is_stretched_out and_who will_he_turn_it_back.

28 In_year of_the_death_of the_king 'Āḥāz the_oracle (the)_this it_came. **29** Do_not rejoice Oh_Pəleshet of_you_of_all if/because_that the_rod of_the_one_who_struck_you it_has_ _been_broken if/because from_the_root_of a_snake a_viper it_ _will_go_forth and_fruit_of_its will_be_a_serpent flying. **30** And_ the_firstborn(s)_of poor_people _they_will_graze and_ _needy_people to_security they_will_lie_down and_I_will_put_ _to_death by_famine root_of_your and_remnant_of_your it_ _will_kill. **31** Wail Oh_gate cry_out Oh_city it_has_melted_away Pəleshet of_you_of_all if/because from_the_north smoke is_ _coming and_there_is_not an_isolated_one among_ranks_of_its. **32** And_what will_anyone_answer the_messengers_of a_nation if/because **YHWH** he_has_founded Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_it

Readers' Version

and tore down its cities?
The one wouldn't release his prisoners of war to go home?
18 All the kings of the nations have laid down in honour—
each one in his own tomb,
19 but you have been thrown out of your grave,
like an unwanted branch that's thrown away.
Those killed with the sword surround you like how clothes wrap around a person.
They went down to the stones in the pit like a trampled corpse.
20 You won't be buried with them because you've ruined your land.
You've killed your people—
the offspring of the wicked will never be mentioned again.
21 Prepare for the slaughter of his children because of their fathers' disobedience,
in case they rise up and possess the earth,
and fill the world with their cities.

Yahweh will destroy Bavel

22 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares, "I will take action against them and erase Bavel's (Babylon's) name and their remnant and their future offspring. **23** I'll make it into a place where owls live, and pools of water, and I'll sweep her with the broom of destruction." That's the declaration from Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

Destroyed by God the ones from-Asirya

24 Commander-in-chief Yahweh has promised,
"Everything that I intended will certainly happen,
and what I've planned will come to pass.
25 To break Ashur (Assyria)[81] in my land,
and trample them down on my hills.
Its yoke will be lifted from their necks
and its burden lifted from their shoulder.
26 That's the plan for the whole world,
and Yahweh's hand is ready to strike all the nations.
27 Commander-in-chief Yahweh has made his plans and who could prevent him?
His arm is stretched out and who could turn it back?

Yahweh will destroy the Pelishtim

28 In the year that King Ahaz died,[82] this message came:
29 All you Pelishtim, don't celebrate that the rod that struck you is now broken,
because out of the root of that snake, a viper will grow,
and its result will be a darting adder.[83]
30 Then the poor will graze in my pastures,
and the needy will lie down in safety.
I will kill your root with famine,
and it will kill your survivors.
31 Wail, you gate. Cry out, you city.

81 **RV 14:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 10:5-34; Nah 1:1–3:19; Zeph 2:13-15.

82 **RV 14:28 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 16:20; 2Ch 28:27.

83 **RV 14:29-31 · Cross-ref.** Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph 2:4-7; Zech 9:5-7.

Readers' Version

Peleshet, all of you will melt away,
because smoke comes from the north,
and no soldier is alone in his ranks.
32 What will Peleshet answer to the messengers from that nation?
Remember that Yahweh has founded Tsiyon (Zion),
and it's in her that the afflicted among his people will find safety.

Yahweh will destroy Moab

15:1 Here is a message for Moav (Moab):[84]
So, in a night Ar in Moav will be laid waste, destroyed.
So, in a night Kir in Moav will be laid waste, destroyed.
2 They've gone up to the temple, and Divon up to the hills to weep.
Moav wails about Nevo and Meydeva.
All their heads are bald.
All their beards are cut off.
3 In their streets they wear sackcloth.
On their (flat) roofs and in the square, everyone wails,
→coming down in tears.
4 Heshbon and El'aleh cry out—their voice is heard as far as Yahats.
So too, the soldiers from Moav call out as their spirit trembles inside them.
5 My heart cries out for Moav, those who flee to Tsoar and to Eglat-Shelishiyah,
because they weep as they climb the Luhit ascent,
yes, on the road to Horonayim, they cry loudly from their suffering.
6 The Nimrim spring has dried up so the grass has withered.
The vegetation has disappeared so there's no more greenery.
7 Because of that, they take the wealth they've made and their savings,
→and they carry it away across the stream with the willows.
8 Yes, the cry has surrounded the Moav (Moab) region,
and her wailing has carried as far as Eglayim and Be'er-Elim,
9 because the Dimon stream is full of blood,
→However, I'll bring more on Dimon.
I'll send a lion for Moav's survivors,
and for the remnant of the land.

Moav's hopeless situation

16:1 Send a ram to Yehudah's (Judah's) ruler
from Sela in the wilderness to the mountain of the daughter of Tsiyon (Zion).
2 Then just like birds flutter away from a nest that's disturbed,
so too the Moav (Moab) women will head to the fords at the Arnon river.
3 Bring some advice. Make a decision.
Make some shade that's dark in the middle of the day.

Literal Version

the_afflicted_people_of his_people_of_his they_will_take_
_refuge.

15:1 The_oracle_of Mō'āv if/because in_a_night_of ʿĀr of_Mō'āv it_was_devastated it_was_destroyed if/because in_a_night_of Qīr of it_was_devastated it_was_destroyed. **2** It_has_gone_up the_house and_Diyvōn the_high_places for_weeping on Nəvō and_on Mēydəvā' Mō'āv it_is_wailing in_all heads_of_its baldness every_of beard is_diminished. **3** In_streets_of_its they_ _have_girded_on sackcloth on roofs_of_its and_in_its_open_of_ _places of_it_of_all it_is_wailing going_down in_weeping. **4** And_ Ḥeshbōn and_'El'ālēh _it_has_cried_out to Yahatṣ/(Jahaz) voice_of_their it_has_been_heard therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_equipped_men_of Mō'āv they_are_ _shouting being_of_its it_is_trembling for_him/it. **5** Heart_of_ _my for_Mō'āv it_cries_out fugitives_of_its are_to Tsoʿar/(Zoar) ʿEglat Shəlishiy^{yāh} if/because the_ascent_of (the)_Lūḥīt with_ _weeping it_is_going_up in/on/over_him/it if/because the_ _road_of Ḥoronayim a_cry_of shattering they_rouse. **6** If/because the_waters_of Nimrīm wastes they_are if/because grass it_has_dried_up fresh_grass it_has_wasted_away greenery not it_is. **7** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_wealth which_it_ _has_made and_store_of_their over the_wadi_of the_poplars they_carry_them_off. **8** If/because the_cry it_has_gone_around ~~DOM~~ the_territory_of Mō'āv is_to Eglaim wailing_of_its and_ _Bə'ēr-^{ē}'īm wailing_of_its. **9** If/because the_waters_of Dimōn they_are_full blood if/because I_will_put on Dimōn added_ _things will_be_for_the_escaped_remnant_of Mō'āv a_lion and_ _for_the_remainder_of the_land.

16:1 Send a_lamb the_ruler_of the_land from_Ṣelaʿ wilderness_ _to_the to the_mountain_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **2** And_it_was like_a_bird fluttering a_nest sent_away they_will_ _be the_daughters_of Mō'āv the_fords of_'Arnōn. **3** Bring[85] counsel make a_decision make like_night shade_of_your in_ _the_middle the_noon(s) hide banished_ones a_fugitive do_not expose. **4** Let_them_sojourn among_you my_banished_of_ones Mō'āv become a_shelter for_them from_face/in_front_of the_ _destroyer if/because the_oppressor he_will_come_to_an_end devastation it_will_cease the_trampler they_will_be_finished

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84 **RV 15:1–16:14 · Cross-ref.** Isa 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.

85 **LV 16:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְאִיבָה: (x-qere) יְאֵיבָה׳: lemma_935 morph_HVhv2fs id_23YrG יְאֵיבָה׳

Literal Version

from the_earth/land. **5** And_it_will_be_established in_(the)_
_loyalty a_throne and_he_will_sit on/upon/above_him/it in_
_faithfulness in_the_tent_of Dāvid one_who_judges and_one_
_who_seeks justice and_one_prompt_of righteousness. **6** We_
_have_heard the_pride_of Mō'āv proud very haughtiness_of_its
and_pride_of_its and_arrogance_of_its are_not right boasts_of_
_its_empty. **7** For_so/thus/hence Mō'āv it_will_wail for_Mō'āv
of_it_of_all it_will_wail for_the_raisin-cakes_of Qīr you(pl)_will_
_groan only stricken_people. **8** If/because the_terraced_fields_
_of Ḥeshbōn it_has_languished the_vine[s]_of Səvām rulers_of
nations they_have_struck_down its_choice_of_grapes to
Ya'zēr/(Jazer) they_reached they_wandered the_wilderness
shoots_of_its they_were_spread_out they_passed_over the_sea.
9 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_weep with_the_weeping_of
Ya'zēr the_vine[s]_of Səvām I_water_you_abundantly tear[s]_
_of_my Oh_Ḥeshbōn and_'El'ālēh if/because on fruit_of_your_
_summer and_on harvest_of_your shouting it_has_fallen.
10 And_ gladness and_rejoicing _it_will_be_removed from the_
_orchard and_in_vineyards not anything_will_be_sung not
anything_will_be_shouted wine in_winepresses not the_
_treader[s] he_will_tread shouting I_have_made_to_cease.
11 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so parts_of_my_inward for_
_Mō'āv like_harp they_make_a_sound and_my_inner_of_being
for_Qīr- ḥeres. **12** And_it_was if/because it_has_presented_itself
if/because Mō'āv it_has_wearied_itself on the_high_place and_
_it_will_come to sanctuary_of_its to_pray and_not it_will_
_prevail. **13** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_has_spoken
concerning Mō'āv from_then. **14** And_now **YHWH** he_says to_
_say in_three years like_the_years_of a_hired_labourer and_
the_honour_of Mō'āv _it_will_be_lightly_esteemed for_all_of
the_multitude (the)_great and_a_remnant little fewness will_
_be_not mighty.

17:1 The_oracle_of Dammeseq THERE Dammeseq is_about_to_
_be_removed from_a_city and_it_will_be a_ruin_of a_ruin.
2 The_cities_of ʿArōʿēr will_be_abandoned for_flocks they_will_
_be and_they_will_lie_down and_there_will_not_be one_who_
terrifies. **3** And fortress _it_will_cease from_'Efrayim and_
_kingship from_Dammeseq and_the_remnant_of 'Arām like_
_the_glory_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_be the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **4** And_it_was in_
_the_day (the)_that the_glory_of Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) it_will_

Readers' Version

Hide the fugitives.
Don't expose the refugees.
4 Let Moav's refugees live among you.
Be a shelter for them from the destroyer,
because the oppressor will give up.
Destruction will cease.
The oppressors will disappear from the land.
5 A king will be established based on loyal commitment.
A descendant of David who will rule with faithfulness—
one who judges fairly and strives for justice,
and who quickly does what is right.
6 We've heard about Moav's (Moab's) excessive pride,
and their haughtiness and arrogance,
but their boasting is empty.
7 So Moav mourns for itself—all of them.
They long for the raisin-cakes from Kir-Hareset.
They're completely overcome
8 because Heshbon's fields have dried up
as have Sivmah's grapevines.
The rulers of nations have trampled down its best grapevines.
They reached Yazer—wandering through the wilderness.
Its shoots spread out—passing over the ocean.
9 So I'll weep along with those weeping in Yazer for Sivmah's grapevines.
I'll water you with my tears, Heshbon and El'aleh,
because they're shouting about your summer fruits and your harvest.
10 People will no longer be happy in their orchards,
and celebrations will disappear from the vineyards.
There won't be any singing or shouting in the wine-pressing pits,
and the shouting of those treading the grapes will cease.
11 My stomach tightens like a harp string when I think about Moav.
My insides groan about Kir-Hareset.
12 The people of Moav wear themselves out praying at their hilltop shrines.
They go to their temple to pray, but it doesn't help them.
13 That's what Yahweh already said about Moav (Moab), **14** and now he says that within three years like a hired labourer, Moav's honour will disappear, because out of their large population, only a small and insignificant group will remain.

Bad news for Damesek

17:1 A message for Damesek (Damascus):[86]
Listen, Damesek will cease to be a city
and will become a heap of rubble.
2 Aroer's cities will be abandoned to sheep and goats.
They'll lie down there and there'll be no one around to frighten them.
3 Forts will disappear from Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim)

86 RV 17:1-3 · Cross-ref. Jer 49:23-27; Amos 1:3-5; Zech 9:1.

Readers' Version

and Damesek will lose its kingdom.
The remnant from Aram (Syria) will be a prize for the Israelis.
That's what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says.
4 At that time, Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning Yisrael's (Israel's) people) will become insignificant.
The fat on his body will waste away.
5 Initially the harvester cut off all the stalks of grain and gathered them together,
→then an individual came along picking up any dropped stalks,
→in the Refaim valley.
6 There'll be a few stalks left over,
like beating an olive tree to ge the two or three olives at the top,
or four or five on the upper branches.
That's what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says.
7 At that time humankind will look at their maker,
and turn their eyes to the holy one of Yisrael.
8 They'll stop trusting the altars that they themselves made,
They'll stop noticing the Asherah poles and incense altars crafted with their own fingers.
9 At that time, their fortified cities will be abandoned like a deserted part of the forest,
and their summits will be abandoned and desolate as Yisrael advances,
10 because you've forgotten the god who saved you,
and you didn't remember the rock that you used for protection.
So you sow pleasant plantations
and plant vine cuttings from a stranger.
11 You nurture what you've planted,
and in the morning, your seed will have sprouted,
but the harvest will become a heap in a time of sickness,
and the pain will be incurable.

The defeat of enemies nations

12 The confusion of many peoples won't end well.
they roar like the roaring oceans
and the nations rumble like the rumble of a large waterfall.
13 Yes, the nations rumble like many rivers,
but he'll scold them and they'll flee away.
and be chased like how the wind chases chaff over the hills
and like whirling dust blown ahead of a storm.
14 Then in the evening, oh my, terror!
but it's gone by morning.
That's what happens to those who plunder us,
and the outcome for those who rob us.

Yahweh's message to Kush/Cush

18:1 You won't end well, you land of whirring wings
that's on the far side of Kush's (Ethiopia's) rivers.[87]
2 You who send ambassadors across the ocean

Literal Version

_become_low and_the_fatness_of its_flesh_of_his it_will_be_
_made_lean. **5** And_it_was as_ a_harvest _gathers standing_
_grain and_arm_of_his ears_of_grain someone_will_reap and_
_it_was like_one_who_gathers ears_of_grain in_the_valley_of
Rəfā'īm. **6** And_it_will_be_left in/on/over_him/it gleanings
like_the_beating_of an_olive_tree two three olives at_the_top_
_of the_top four five on_branches_of_its fruit-bearing the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** In_the_day
(the)_that the_humankind he_will_look on the_of_one_who_
_made_him and_eyes_of_his to the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
they_will_see. **8** And_not he_will_look to the_altars the_work_of
his_hands_of_his and_which fingers_of_his they_have_made
not he_will_see and_the_'Ashērāh_poles and_the_incense_
_altars. **9** In_the_day (the)_that they_will_be the_cities_of his_
_refuge_of_his like_the_abandoned_place_of the_forest and_
_the_top which they_abandoned from_face/in_front_of the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_it_will_be a_desolation.
10 If/because you_have_forgotten the_god_of your_salvation_
_of_your and_the_rock_of your_refuge_of_your not you_have_
_remembered therefore yes/correct/thus/so you_plant
plantations_of pleasantness(es) and_the_vine_branch_of a_
_stranger you_sow_it. **11** In/on_day your_planting_of_your you_
_cause_to_grow and_in_morning seed_of_your you_cause_to_
_sprout is_a_heap a_harvest in/on_day sickness and_pain
incurable.

12 Woe_to the_tumult_of peoples many as_ the_seas _roar they_
_roar and_the_uproar_of nations like_the_uproar_of waters
mighty they_are_in_an_uproar. **13** Nations like_the_uproar_of
waters many they_are_in_an_uproar and_he_will_rebuke
in/on/over_him/it and_it_will_flee from_a_distance and_it_
_will_be_chased like_chaff_of mountains to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before a_wind and_like_whirling_dust to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before a_storm-wind. **14** To_a_time_of evening
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE sudden_terror before_before morning it_
_is_not this will_be_the_portion_of those_who_plunder_us and_
_the_lot of_those_of_who_despoil_us.

18:1 Woe_to a_land_of whirring_of wings which is_from_the_
_other_side of_the_rivers_of of_Kūsh/(Cush). **2** The_one_which_
_is_sending on_sea envoys and_in_vessels_of papyrus on the_
_surface_of the_waters go Oh_messengers swift to a_nation tall
and_smooth_skinned to a_people feared from it and_beyond a_

87 RV 18:1-7 · Cross-ref. Zeph 2:12.

Literal Version

_nation strength strength and_trampling which rivers they_
_divide land_of_its. 3 Oh_all_of the_inhabitants_of the_world
and_those_who_dwell_of earth just_as_lifts_up a_standard
mountains you(pl)_will_see_it and_just_as_sounds a_trumpet
you(pl)_will_hear_it. 4 If/because thus **YHWH** he_said to_me I_
_will_remain_quiet[88] and_I_will_pay_attention in_place_of_my
like_heat_of shimmering with light like_a_cloud_of dew in_the_
_heat_of harvest. 5 If/because to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
of/before harvest just bud[s] _as_is_finished and_unripe_
_grape[s] ripening blossom it_will_become and_he_will_cut_off
the_shoots with_(the)_knives and_ ~~DOM~~ the_tendrils he_will_
_remove he_will_cut_away. 6 They_will_be_abandoned alike to_
_bird[s]_of_prey_of the_mountains and_to_the_animal[s]_of
the_earth/land and_it_will_pass_the_summer on/upon/above_
_him/it the_bird[s]_prey and_all (the)_animal_of the_
_earth/land on/upon/above_him/it it_will_pass_the_winter.
7 At_time (the)_that a_gift it_will_be_brought to/for_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers a_people tall and_smooth_skinned and_
_from_a_people feared from it and_beyond a_nation_of
strength strength and_trampling which rivers they_divide
land_of_its to the_place_of the_name_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion).

19:1 The_oracle_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) THERE **YHWH** is_riding
on a_cloud swift and_he_is_coming Mitsrayim and_ the_idols_of
Mitsrayim _they_will_tremble from_before_of_him and_the_
_heart_of Mitsrayim it_will_melt within_it. 2 And_I_will_
_provoke Mitsrayim against_Mitsrayim and_they_will_fight
each against_brother_of_his and_each against_neighbour_of_
_his city against_city kingdom against_kingdom. 3 And_ the_
_spirit_of Mitsrayim _it_will_be_disturbed within_it and_plan_
_of_its I_will_confuse and_they_will_consult (to) the_idols and_
_near/to the_spirits_the_dead and_near/to the_necromancers
and_near/to the_soothsayers. 4 And_I_will_hand_over ~~DOM~~
Mitsrayim in_the_hand_of a_master(s) cruel and_a_king strong
he_will_rule over_them the_utterance_of the_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers. 5 And_ waters from_the_sea _they_will_
_be_dried_up and_a_river it_will_become_dry and_it_will_be_
dry. 6 And the_rivers _they_will_stink they_will_be_low and_
_they_will_become_dry the_canals_of Mitsrayim reed[s] and_
_rush[es] they_will_wither. 7 Bare_places will_be_at the_River
at the_mouth_of the_River and_all/each/any/every the_sown_
_land_of the_River it_will_be_dry it_will_be_driven_about and_
_it_will_not_be. 8 And_they_will_lament the_fishermen and_
all_of those_who_throw_of in_River a_fish_hook _they_will_
_mourn and_those_who_spread_out_of (of)_a_fishing_net on

Readers' Version

skimming over the water in papyrus vessels.
You swift messengers, go to the nation where the people are tall and smooth-skinned—
a people who are feared—a very powerful nation
from a land that's divided by rivers.
3 All you inhabitants of the world
and those who live on the earth,
look when a signal is raised on the hills,
and listen when you hear a trumpet sounding.
4 This is what Yahweh told me:
I'll remain quite and pay attention from my place,
like when heat shimmers with light,
like a cloud of mist in the heat at harvest time.
5 Before the harvest starts, when the blossoming has finished,
and the flowers are forming into grapes,
then he'll cut off the unwanted shoots with the pruning knife
and cut away the long tendrils.
6 They'll be left there for the birds of prey from the hills,
and the wild animals across the land.
The birds of prey will spend the summer on them,
and then the animals across the land will spend the winter on them.
7 At that time, a gift will be brought for Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
from those tall, smooth-skinned people who are feared by every nation.
That very powerful nation whose land is divided by rivers.
They'll take it to Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) where Commander-in-chief Yahweh's name is known.

Yahweh's punishment for Mitsrayim

19:1 A message for Mitsrayim (Egypt):[89]
Look, Yahweh's riding on a swift cloud and he's coming to Mitsrayim.
Mitsrayim's idols will tremble in front of him,
and its people will lose their courage.
2 Then I'll stir Mitsrayim up against Mitsrayim,
→so brothers will fight their brothers and neighbours against neighbours,
city against city and kingdom against kingdom.
3 Mitsrayim's spirit will be weakened from within
→and I will confuse its advice,
so they'll consult idols and the spirits of the dead,
as well as mediums and diviners.
4 Then I'll hand Mitsrayim over to a cruel master—
a strong king will rule over them.
That's what the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says.
5 The waters from the sea will dry up,
and any river will drop in level and empty out.
6 Then the low rivers will stink,
and Mitsrayim's canals will dry up.

88 **LV 18:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: הטוקשא: (x-qere) 'הָטָקְשָׁא': lemma_8252 n_1.0 morph_HVqh1cs id_23oym הָטָקְשָׁא

89 **RV 19:1-25 · Cross-ref.** Jer 46:2-26; Eze 29:1–32:32.

Readers' Version

The reeds and rushes will wither.
7 There'll be exposed areas at the river mouth,
and all the cultivated land along the river
will turn to dust and cease to exist.
8 The fishermen will wail and mourn—
everyone who throws a hook into the Nile will grieve,
along with all those who spread a fishing net over the surface of the waters.
9 Flax workers will be ashamed,
as will those who weave white cloth.
10 Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) foundations will be crushed,
and their hired workers will be discouraged.
11 Tsoan city's officials are foolish.
Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) wise counsellors are stupid.
How could you all tell Par'oh that you're the son of wise people—
a son of ancient kings?
12 So where are your wise advisors now?
Please let them explain to you
so they'll know what Commander-in-chief Yahweh has planned for Mitsrayim (Egypt).
13 Tsoan's officials have become fools.
Nof's (Memphis') leaders have been deceived.
Their tribal leaders have led Mitsrayim astray.
14 Yahweh has mixed a confused spirit into them,
so they've misled Mitsrayim is everything it does,
making them stagger like a drunkard in his own vomit.
15 No one in Mitsrayim can do anything—
whether head or tail, palm branch or reed.

Mitsrayim will fear Yahweh

16 When that happens, the Mitsrim (Egyptians) will tremble like women, dreading Commander-in-chief Yahweh's raised fist held against them. 17 Yehudah (Judah) (the land of Yehudah) will become an object of terror to Mitsrayim (Egypt). Whenever they're reminded of Yehudah they'll become afraid, because of what Commander-in-chief Yahweh is planning against them.
18 At that time, there'll be five cities in Mitsrayim where they'll speak out in Hebrew, and make oaths by Commander-in-chief Yahweh. (One of those cities will be called 'the city of destruction'.)
19 At that time, there'll be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of Mitsrayim, and a stone pillar to him on their shared border. 20 It'll be for a sign in Mitsrayim and a witness to Commander-in-chief Yahweh, because when they're oppressed and cry out to Yahweh for help, he'll send a saviour and defender for them who will rescue them. 21 Then Yahweh will become known to Mitsrayim, and the Mitsrim will know Yahweh that day, and they'll worship him with sacrifices and offerings, and they'll make a commitment to Yahweh and then they'll honour it.
22 Then Yahweh will strike Mitsrayim—striking then healing, and they'll turn to Yahweh and he will take notice of their requests and will heal them.

Literal Version

the_surface_of the_waters they_will_languish. 9 And_ those_ _who_work_of flax(es) combed and_those_who_weave white_ _cloth _they_will_be_ashamed. 10 And_they_will_be foundations_of_its crushed all_of those_who_work_of wage[s] will_be_grieved_of soul. 11 Are_only fools the_officials_of Tsoʻan/(Zoan) the_wise_people_of the_counsellors_of Parʻoh are_counsel stupid how will_you(pl)_say to Parʻoh am_a_son_of wise_people I a_son_of kings_of ancient_time. 12 Where_are_ _they then your_wise_of_people and_they_will_tell please to/for_you(fs) and_they_will_know what **YHWH** soldiers/messengers has_he_planned on Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 13 The_officials_of Tsoʻan they_have_become_fools the_ _officials_of Nof/(Memphis) they_have_been_deceived the_ _corner_of its_tribes_of_her they_have_misled ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim. 14 **YHWH** he_has_mixed in_midst_of_its a_spirit_of confusion(s) and_they_have_misled ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim in_all deed_ _of_its as_ a_drunkard _is_made_to_stagger in_vomit_of_his. 15 And_not it_will_be for_Mitsrayim a_deed which head and_ _tail palm_branch and_bulrush it_will_do.

16 In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be Mitsrayim like_women and_ _it_will_tremble and_it_will_be_in_dread from_face/in_front_of the_brandishing_of the_hand_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers which he is_brandishing on/upon/above_him/it. 17 And_ the_ _land_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_will_become to_Mitsrayim (into)_ _an_object_of_terror every one_whom someone_will_bring_to_ _remembrance ~~DOM~~_her/it to_him/it he_will_be_in_dread from_face/in_front_of the_plan_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers which he is_planning on/upon/above_him/it. 18 In_the_day (the)_that five cities in_land of_Mitsrayim they_will_be which_ _speak the_language_of Kənaʻan/(Canaan) and_which_swear_ _an_oath to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_city_of (the)_ _destruction it_will_be_said of_one. 19 In_the_day (the)_that an_altar it_will_be to/for_**YHWH** in_the_middle of_the_land_of of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_a_pillar will_be_beside border_of_its to/for_**YHWH**. 20 And_it_was (into)_a_sign and_(into)_a_ _witness to/for_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_land of_ _Mitsrayim if/because they_will_cry_out to **YHWH** from_ _face/in_front_of those_who_oppress and_he_will_send to/for_ _them a_deliverer and_one_who_contends and_he_will_rescue_ _them. 21 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_make_himself_known to_ _Mitsrayim and_ Mitsrayim _they_will_know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** in_ _the_day (the)_that and_they_will_serve sacrifice and_offering and_they_will_vow a_vow to/for_**YHWH** and_they_will_pay_it. 22 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_strike ~~DOM~~ Mitsrayim striking and_ _healing and_they_will_turn to **YHWH** and_he_will_be_

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_entreated to/for_them and_he_will_heal_them. **23** In_the_day (the)_that a_highway it_will_be from_Mitsrayim to_'Ashshūr and_ 'Ashshūr _it_will_go in_Mitsrayim and_Mitsrayim in_ _'Ashshūr and_ Mitsrayim _they_will_serve with 'Ashshūr. **24** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_third to_ _Mitsrayim and_to_'Ashshūr a_blessing in_the_midst_of the_ _earth/land. **25** Which he_will_bless_it **YHWH** soldiers/messengers to_say people_of_my Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_work_of my_hands_of_my 'Ashshūr and_inheritance_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) be_blessed.

20:1 In_year the_commander_in_chief came to_'Ashdōd when_ Ṣargōn the_king_of 'Ashshūr _sent ~~ĐOM~~_him/it and_he_fought against_'Ashdōd and_he_captured_it. **2** At_time (the)_that **YHWH** he_spoke by_the_hand_of Yəsha'yāh/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts to_say go and_you_will_loosen the_sackcloth from_ _under hips_of_your and_sandal[s]_of_your you_will_take_off from_under feet_of_your and_he/it_made thus walking naked and_barefoot. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said just_as servant_of_my Yəsha'yāh he_has_gone naked and_barefoot three years a_sign and_a_portent on Mitsrayim and_on Kūsh/(Cush). **4** So the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr he_will_lead_away ~~ĐOM~~ the_captive[s]_of Mitsrayim and_~~ĐOM~~ the_exile[s]_of Kūsh/(Cush) young_men and_old_men naked and_barefoot and_bared_of buttock the_ _nakedness_of Mitsrayim. **5** And_they_will_be_dismayed and_ _they_will_be_ashamed from_Kūsh/(Cush) of_confidence_of_ _their_object and_from Mitsrayim boasting_of_their. **6** And_ one_who_dwells the_coast the_this _saying(ms) in_the_day (the)_that THERE is_thus of_confidence_of_our_object where we_fled there for_help to_be_delivered from_face/in_front_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr and_how we will_we_escape.
21:1 The_oracle_of the_wilderness_of the_sea like_storm-winds in_south to_sweep_on from_the_wilderness someone_is_ _coming from_a_land to_be_feared. **2** A_vision severe it_has_ _been_told to_me the_one_who_acts_treacherously is_acting_ _treacherously and_the_one_who_destroys is_destroying go_up Oh_'Ēylām lay_siege Oh_Māday all_of groaning_of_its I_will_ _cause_to_cease. **3** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so loins_of_my they_are_full anguish pangs they_have_seized_me like_the_ _pangs_of one_who_gives_birth I_am_bent_over from_hearing I_am_terrified from_seeing. **4** Heart_of_my it_has_wandered shuddering it_has_overwhelmed_me ~~ĐOM~~ the_twilight_of my_ _desire_of_my it_has_made to_me (into)_trembling. **5** They_ _are_arranging the_table they_are_spreading_out the_rug they_ _are_eating they_are_drinking arise Oh_officials smear a_ _shield. **6** If/because thus he_has_said to_me my_master go station the_watchman that_which he_will_see let_him_tell. **7** And_he_will_see a_rider a_pair_of horses a_rider_of a_donkey a_rider_of a_camel and_he_will_pay_attention attentiveness greatness_of attentiveness. **8** And_ a_lion _he/it_called on a_ _watchtower my_master I am_standing continually by_day and_at post_of_my I am_stationed all_of the_nights. **9** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE this a_rider_of a_man a_pair_of horses is_ _coming and_he_answered and_he/it_said it_has_fallen Bāvel it_has_fallen and_all the_images_of its_gods_of_her someone_

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23 At that time, there'll be a highway from Mitsrayim to Ashur (Assyria), so Assyrians will go to Mitsrayim and Mitsrim will go to Ashur, and they'll worship together. **24** Yisrael (Israel) will be the third in the group with Mitsrayim and Ashur—a blessing in the middle of the region **25** when Commander-in-chief Yahweh will bless them saying, "Blessed be my people Mitsrayim, and Ashur, the work of my hands, and Yisrael, my inheritance."

The undressed prophecy about Mitsrayim and Kush

20:1 In the year before the Assyrian King Sargon sent his top army commander to Ashdod, and he attacked and captured it, **2** Yahweh told Yeshayah (Isaiah) (Amots' son), "Take off the sackcloth and the sandals that you've been wearing." So he started walking around naked[90] and barefoot. **3** Later Yahweh said, "Just as my servant Yeshayah has been walking around naked and barefoot for three years, it's a sign and a prophecy about Mitsrayim (Egypt) and Kush (Ethiopia). **4** It's a sign that the Assyrian king will lead away captives from Mitsrayim and Kush—young men and old, barefoot and naked with their buttocks exposed—to Mitsrayim's shame. **5** They'll be discouraged and ashamed because of their unfounded confidence in Kush and their boasting about Mitsrayim. **6** Those who live along those coastlines will say, "Listen, we fled there for help because that was our hope to be saved from the Assyrian king—how can we escape now?"

Bavel's coming destruction

21:1 A message for the wilderness beside the ocean:
It comes like whirlwinds sweeping through the desert,
coming from a nation that induces terror.
2 I've been given a distressing vision.
The deceitful deceive and the destroyer destroys.
Go up Eylam. Lay siege, Maday (Media).
I'll make all her groaning come to an end.
3 That's why my stomach tightens.
Pangs of anguish seize me like a woman giving birth.
I'm stunned by what I hear.
I'm terrified by what I see.
4 My heart falters—I'm overwhelmed and I shudder.
The twilight that I longed for has turned into trembling.
5 They're setting the table and spreading out the rugs.
They're eating and drinking.
Take action you officials. Oil up your shields.
6 My master has told me to station a watchman who'll tell what he sees. **7** When he sees a rider or a pair of horses, or someone riding a camel or a donkey, he must pay attention—very careful attention.

90 RV 20:2 · Note This doesn't necessarily mean that he wore absolutely nothing.

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8 Then the watchman[91] calls out,
"My master, I've stood day after day on this watchtower,
and spent the nights stationed at my post, **9** so listen, a rider is coming with a pair of horses, and he brings the news that Bavel (Babylon) has fallen, yes fallen,[92] and all its carved idols lie broken on the ground."
10 Oh my down-trodden people who've been trampled all over.
I've passed on to you all what I heard from Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

A message about Edom/Se'ir

11 A message for Dumah:
Someone's calling me from Edom,
"Watchman, how long will it be before the night is over?"
12 "The morning's coming but also the next night. If you all want to ask, ask now, then come back again later."

A message about Arav

13 A message for Arav:
You'll all overnight in Arav's forest, you Dedani caravans.
14 Bring water out to meet the thirsty.
You who live in Teyma bring some food for the fugitives
15 because they've fled from the approaching army with their swords held out in front of them,
and from the taut bows and from the stress of battle.
16 Yahweh told me that in exactly one year from now,
like the end of the labourer's contract,
all the greatness of Kedar in Arav will come to an end.
17 Only a few of Kedar's archers will remain from their warriors,
because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has spoken.

A message about Yerushalem

22:1 A message for the Valley of Vision (Yerushalem (Jerusalem)):
What's happening to you all that you've all gone up to your flat rooftops?
2 The city is full of noise and commotion.
The town is so boisterous.
Those dead bodies weren't killed in fighting.
They didn't die in battle.
3 All your leaders fled together but they were captured without an arrow being shot.
All the others were captured together, even though they had fled far away.
4 Therefore I said: Don't look at me!
I'm weeping bitterly so don't rush to comfort me
concerning the destruction of my people,
5 because it's a day of panic and trampling and confusion
from the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh—
breaking down a wall in the Valley of Vision and crying out to the mountain.
6 Eylam picked up the quiver with chariots and horseriders,
and Kir uncovered their shields.

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_has_broken to_ground. **10** My_threshed_one_of_my and_the_
_son_of my_threshing_floor_of_my that_which I_have_heard from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_have_told to_you(pl).

11 The_oracle_of Dūmāh to_me someone_is_calling from_Sē'īr Oh_watchman what is_from_the_night Oh_watchman what is_
_from_the_night_of. **12** The_watchman he_says morning it_will_
_come and_also night if you(pl)_will_enquire enquire return come.

13 The_oracle on_'Arāv in_thicket[s] in_'Arāv you(pl)_will_
_lodge Oh_caravans_of Dədānīm. **14** To_meet the_thirsty bring water the_inhabitants_of the_land_of Tēymā' with_bread_of_
_his they_met fugitive[s]. **15** If/because from_face/in_front_of swords they_have_fled from_face/in_front_of a_sword drawn and_from_before_of a_bow bent and_from_before_of the_
_weight_of battle. **16** If/because thus my_master he_has_said to_me in_yet a_year like_the_years_of a_hired_labourer and_
all_of the_splendour_of Qēdār _it_will_be_finished. **17** And_the_
_remnant_of the_number_of the_bowmen of_the_warriors_of of_the_people_of of_Qēdār they_will_be_few if/because **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_spoken.

22:1 The_oracle_of the_valley_of vision what is_to_you then that/for/because/then/when of_you_of_all you_have_gone_up to_roofs. **2** Noises full Oh_city turbulent Oh_town exultant your_slain_of_ones not are_slain_of a_sword and_not they_are_
_dead_of battle. **3** All_of rulers_of_your they_have_fled together from_a_bow they_have_been_captured all_of those_found_of_
_in_you they_were_captured together from_a_distance they_
_had_fled. **4** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_said look_away from_me I_will_show_bitterness with_weeping do_not hasten to_comfort_me on the_devastation_of the_daughter_of my_
_people_of_my. **5** If/because a_day_of panic and_trampling and_
_confusion belongs_to_the_of_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_the_valley_of vision breaking_down_of a_wall and_crying_out to the_mountain. **6** And_'Ēylām it_took_
_up a_quiver with_chariotry_of a_man horsemen and_Qīr it_
_laid_bare a_shield. **7** And_he/it_was the_choicest_of your(pl)_
_valleys_of_your they_were_full chariotry and_the_horsemen powerfully_(take_a_stand) they_took_a_stand to_the_gate.
8 And_he_uncovered ~~DOM~~ the_covering_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_you_looked in_the_day (the)_that to the_weaponry_of the_
_house_of the_forest. **9** And_~~DOM~~ the_breaches_of the_city_of Dāvid you(pl)_saw if/because_that they_were_many and_
_you(pl)_gathered ~~DOM~~ the_waters_of the_pool (the)_lower.
10 And_~~DOM~~ the_houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_

91 RV 21:8 · Note We follow the Dead Sea Scrolls here—the Hebrew has 'a lion'.

92 RV 21:9 · Cross-ref. Rev 14:8; 18:2.

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_counted and_you(pl)_pulled_down the_houses to_fortify the_
_city_wall. **11** And_a_reservoir you(pl)_made between the_two_
_walls for_the_water_of the_pool (the)_old and_not you(pl)_
_looked to the_one_of_who_made_it and_the_one_of_who_
_planned_it from_distant_time not you(pl)_considered. **12** And_
my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_called in_the_
_day (the)_that for_weeping and_for_wailing and_for_baldness
and_for_girding sackcloth. **13** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE joy and_
_gladness they_are_killing cattle and_they_are_slaughtering
sheep they_are_eating meat and_they_are_drinking wine we_
_will_eat and_we_will_drink if/because tomorrow we_will_die.
14 And_he_has_revealed_himself in_ears_of_my **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers if it_will_be_atoned_for the_iniquity[94]
the_this to/for_you(pl) until you(pl)_will_die_(emph) my_
_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.

15 Thus my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says come
go to the_steward the_this to Shevnā' who is_over the_house.
16 What belongs_to_you here and_who to/for_yourself(m) here
that/for/because/then/when you_have_dug_out for_yourself
here a_tomb he_is_digging_out_of a_high_place tomb_of_his
he_is_cutting_of in_rock a_dwelling to_him/it. **17** THERE **YHWH**
is_about_of_to_hurl_you_away hurling Oh_man and_he_of_is_
_about_to_grasp_you firmly_(grasp). **18** Tightly_(wind_up) he_
_will_wind_you_up a_winding a_ball to a_land broad_of both_
sides there(to) you_will_die and_will_be_(to)_there the_
_chariots_of your_splendour_of_your Oh_disgrace_of the_
_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your. **19** And_I_will_drive_you
from_office_of_your and_from_position_of_your he_will_tear_
_you_down. **20** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_I_will_
_summon (to)_servant_of_my (to)_'Elyāqīm the_son_of
Ḥilqiy^{yāh}. **21** And_I_will_clothe_him tunic_of_your and_sash_of_
_your I_will_make_firm_on_him and_authority_of_your[96] I_
_will_put in_his/its_hand and_it_was (into)_a_father of_the_
_inhabitant[s]_of of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_of_the_
_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **22** And_I_will_put the_key_of the_
_house_of Dāvid on shoulder_of_his and_he_will_open and_
_there_will_not_be one_who_shuts and_he_will_shut and_
_there_will_not_be one_who_opens. **23** And_I_will_drive_him a_
_tent_peg in_a_place firm and_it_was (into)_a_seat_of honour
for_the_house_of his/its_father. **24** And_they_will_hang
on/upon/above_him/it all_of the_honour_of the_house_of
his/its_father the_descendants and_the_offshoot(s) all_of the_

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7 Our most productive valleys became full of chariots,
and the horseriders took position at the city gates.
8 He uncovered Yehudah's (Judah's) defences,
and that day you looked for the weapons in the Forest House.
9 You all saw that there were many breaches on the David's City,
and you fetched water from the lower pool.
10 You all counted Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) houses,
and pulled some down to fortify the city wall.
11 You all made a reservoir between the two walls for the water from the old pool,
but you didn't put your trust in the one who made it
and didn't consider its designer from long ago.
12 Then my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh called for weeping and wailing,
and for heads to be shaved and for sackcloth to be worn. **13** But look! There's celebration and gladness.
They're killing cattle and slaughtering sheep,
and eating meat and drinking wine,
saying, 'Let's eat and drink today because we'll die tomorrow.'[93]
14 So now, Commander-in-chief Yahweh has revealed to me:
'You all won't be forgiven for that wickedness until you die.'

A message about Shevna

15 My master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Go to the administrator who's in charge of Shevna.
16 Ask what right you have to come here to carve yourself a tomb—
chiselling a tomb to rest in, out of the tall cliff?
17 Listen man, Yahweh is about to take firm hold of you,
and he's about to hurl you away.
18 He'll swing you round and round like a ball,
tossed out into a wide open land where you'll die.
Your impressive chariots will be there,
but what a terrible disgrace for your master's household.
19 I will push you out of your official role,
and he'll pull you down from your position.
20 Then at that time, I'll summon my servant Elyakim (Hilkiyah's son) **21** and I'll put your robe and sash on him, and give him the authority that you had. He'll be like a father to those who live in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and right across Yehudah (Judah). **22** Then I'll place the key to David's house on his shoulder and he'll open the door that no one will be able to shut. Then he'll shut it, and no one will be able to open it.[95] **23** I'll fasten him in, like a peg into something solid, and he'll become a wonderful throne for his father's house.
24 Then they'll hang all the great things from his father's

93 **RV 22:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:32.

94 **LV 22:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

95 **RV 22:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:7.

96 **LV 22:21 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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house onto him—the offspring and descendants from the small containers and cups through to the largest jugs. **25** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that at that time, the peg driven into the firm place will give way, and break off and fall, and the burden that was relying on it will fail. Yahweh has spoken.

A message for Tsor and Tsidon

23:1 A message for Tsor (Tyre):[97]
Cry loudly, you ships from Tarshish because your home port has been destroyed. It's been reported to them from Kitim. **2** Be silent you who live along the coast, you traders from Tsidon (Sidon) who cross the ocean to be filled. **3** The grain from Shihor across the waters and the harvest from the Nile became hers, and it became the commerce of the nations.
4 Be ashamed Tsidon because the ocean has spoken.
The fortress by the sea said,
'I haven't been in labour or given birth,
and I haven't raised young men or young women.'
5 When the report reaches Mitsrayim (Egypt),
they'll be very upset about what happened to Tsor (Tyre).
6 Sail over to Tarshish.
Cry loudly, you who live along the coast.
7 Is this your happy city that's been around since ancient times—
whose feet carried her to settle in a far away place?
8 Who planned that for Tsor, the bestower of crowns,
whose traders are princes,
whose merchants were honoured around the world?
9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh planned it to dishonour the pride from all that splendour—
to treat the honoured people of the world with contempt.
10 Go across your land like the river does.
You daughter of Tarshish, there's no restraint any more.
11 He's stretched his hand over the ocean.
He's made the kingdoms tremble.
Yahweh has commanded Kena'an (Canaan) to destroy its fortresses.
12 He said, 'You won't continue celebrating, you oppressed young daughter of Tsidon (Sidon).
Take action and go across to Kupros (Cyprus) but you won't get any peace there.'
13 Look at the Kasdim' (Chaldeans') country—those people have come to nothing.
The Assyrians allocated it to animals that live in the wilderness.
They erected siege-towers against it—
demolishing its palaces and turning it into a pile of rubble.

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_vessels_of the_small from_the_vessels_of the_bowls and_unto all_of the_vessels_of the_jars. **25** In_the_day (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_tent_peg which_ _had_been_driven in_a_place firm it_will_be_removed and_it_ _will_be_cut_down and_it_will_fall and_ the_burden which on/upon_it(f) _it_will_be_cut_off if/because **YHWH** he_has_ _spoken.

23:1 The_oracle_of Tsor/(Tyre) wail Oh_ships_of Tarshiysh if/because it_has_been_devastated from_house from_coming from_the_land_of Kittim/(Cyprus) it_has_been_revealed to_ _them. **2** Be_silent Oh_inhabitants_of the_coastland Oh_trader_ _of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) one_who_passes_over the_sea they_have_ _filled_you. **3** And_was_on_waters many the_seed_of Shiyḥōr the_harvest_of the_River revenue_of_was_her and_it_became the_trading_profit_of nations. **4** Be_ashamed Oh_ _Tsīdōn/(Sidon) if/because the_sea the_stronghold_of the_sea it_has_said to_say not I_have_been_in_labour and_not I_have_ _given_birth and_not I_have_brought_up young_men I_have_ _raised young_women. **5** When_when a_report is_to_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) people_will_be_in_anguish like_the_report_ _of Tsor/(Tyre). **6** Pass_over to_Tarshiysh wail Oh_inhabitants_ _of the_coastland. **7** Is_this to/for_you(pl) exultant_city is_ _from_days_of antiquity beginning_of_its they_have_carried_it feet_of_its from_a_distance to_sojourn. **8** Who did_he_plan this on Tsor/(Tyre) which_bestows_crowns which traders_of_its were_princes merchants_of_its were_those_who_were_ _honoured_of the_earth. **9** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _planned_it to_profane the_pride_of all_of splendour to_treat_ _with_contempt all_of the_honoured_people_of the_earth. **10** Pass_over land_of_your like_River Oh_daughter_of Tarshiysh there_is_not a_restraint still. **11** His/its_hand he_has_stretched_ _out over the_sea he_has_made_tremble kingdoms **YHWH** he_ _has_commanded concerning Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_destroy strongholds_of_its. **12** And_he/it_said not you_will_repeat again to_exult Oh_you_who_are_oppressed the_virgin_of the_ _daughter_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) Kittim/(Cyprus)[98] arise pass_over also there not it_will_be_rest to/for_you(fs). **13** THERE the_ _land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy this is_the_people which_not it_was 'Ashshūr it_allocated_it to_wilderness-dwellers they_ _raised_up its[99] they_laid_bare palaces_of_its it_made_it (into)_ _a_ruin. **14** Wail Oh_ships_of Tarshiysh if/because stronghold_ _of_your(pl) it_has_been_devastated. **15** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_ Tsor/(Tyre) _will_be_forgotten seventy year[s] like_the_days_of a_king one from_the_end/extremity seventy year[s] it_will_happen to_Tsor/(Tyre) like_the_song_of the_ _prostitute. **16** Take a_harp go_around the_city Oh_prostitute forgotten do_well to_play multiply song so_that you_may_be_ _remembered. **17** And_it_was from_the_end/extremity seventy year[s] **YHWH** he_will_visit ~~ðom~~ Tsor/(Tyre) and_it_will_return to_hire_of_its and_it_will_act_the_prostitute with all_of the_ _kingdoms_of the_earth/land on the_surface_of the_soil. **18** And_it_was profit_of_its_trading and_hire_of_its a_holy_ _thing to/for_**YHWH** not it_will_be_stored_up and_not it_will_

97 **RV 23:1-18 · Cross-ref.** Eze 26:1–28:19; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10; Zech 9:1-4; Mat 11:21-22; Luk 10:13-14.

98 **LV 23:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: סייתכ: (x-qere) 'סִיתִּכְ': lemma_3794 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_23p6Q סִיתִּכְ

99 **LV 23:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: וניחב/: (x-qere) 'וְנָוחַבְ': lemma_971 n_0.1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_23k2Q וְנָוחַבְ

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_be_hoarded if/because to_who_dwell to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** it_will_belong profit_of_its_trading
for_eating to_satiety and_for_covering magnificent.

24:1 HERE **YHWH** is_about_to_lay_waste the_earth/land and_
_he_of_is_about_to_devastate_it and_he_will_twist surface_of_
_its and_he_will_scatter inhabitants_of_its. **2** And_it_was as_
_people as_priest as_servant as_master(s)_of_his as_
_maidservant as_mistress_of_her as_buyer as_seller as_lender
as_borrower as_creditor just_as a_creditor in_him/it.
3 Completely_(laid_waste) the_earth/land it_will_be_laid_waste
and_totally_(be_plundered) it_will_be_plundered if/because
YHWH he_has_spoken ~~DOM~~ the_message (the)_this. **4** It_has_
_dried_up the_earth/land it_has_withered it_has_languished
the_world it_has_withered the_noble[s]_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land they_have_languished. **5** And_the_earth it_has_
_been_polluted under inhabitants_of_its if/because they_have_
_transgressed laws they_have_overstepped the_decree they_
_have_broken the_covenant_of perpetuity. **6** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so a_curse it_has_consumed the_earth and_
the_inhabitants_of in_it _they_have_been_held_guilty therefore
yes/correct/thus/so the_inhabitants_of the_earth they_have_
diminished and humankind_of fewness _it_will_be_left.
7 New_wine it_has_dried_up the_vine it_has_languished all_of
the_people_joyful_of heart they_have_groaned. **8** The_joy_of
tambourines it_has_ceased the_uproar_of exultant_people it_
_has_stopped the_joy_of the_harp it_has_ceased. **9** With_song
not people_will_drink wine strong_drink it_will_be_bitter to_
_those_of_who_drink_it. **10** The_town_of formlessness it_has_
_been_broken every_of house it_has_been_shut_up from_
_entering. **11** An_outcry on (the)_wine will_in_the_streets all_of
gladness it_has_become_evening the_joy_of the_earth/land it_
_has_departed. **12** It_has_remained in_city desolation and_ruin
the_gate it_will_be_crushed. **13** If/because thus it_will_be in_
_the_midst_of the_earth/land in_the_middle the_peoples like_
_the_beating_of an_olive_tree like_gleanings if the_grape_
_harvest it_has_come_to_an_end. **14** They they_will_lift_up
voice_of_their they_will_shout_for_joy in_the_majesty_of
YHWH they_will_cry_aloud from_the_west. **15** Therefore
yes/correct/thus/so in_east glorify **YHWH** in_the_islands_of
the_sea the_name_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
16 From_the_extremity_of the_earth/land songs we_have_
_heard splendour belongs_to_one and_I_said leanness to_me
leanness to_me woe to_me those_who_act_treacherously they_

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14 Cry loudly, you ships from Tarshish.
because your fortress has been destroyed.
15 After that time, Tsor (Tyre) will be forgotten for seventy years like the lifespan of a single king. At the end of those seventy years, what will happen to Tsor will be like the prostitute in this song:
16 Take a harp and go around the city, you forgotten prostitute.
^Play many songs so that you'll be remembered.
17 Then at the end of those seventy years, Yahweh will visit Tsor. It'll return to hiring itself out and to her prostitution with all the world's kingdoms on this planet. **18** But their earnings and profits will be set apart for Yahweh. It won't be stored up or hoarded, because it will belong to those who live in Yahweh's presence for buying plenty of food and beautiful clothes.

The cursing of God of world

24:1 Listen, Yahweh is about to devastate the world
and about to leave it in ruins.
He'll twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants.
2 Then the priest won't be any better off than the people,
the master than his slave,
the mistress than her maids,
the seller than the buyer,
the borrower than the lender,
or the creditor than the debtor.
3 The world will be totally devastated and completely plundered.
It'll be plundered because Yahweh has spoken this message.
4 The land has dried up and everything has withered.
The world has declined and withered.
Its prominent people declined as well.
5 The world has been defiled by its inhabitants
because they've broken the laws,
disregarded the decree,
broken the eternal agreement.[100]
6 That's why a curse has consumed the world,
and its inhabitants are found guilty.
Therefore earth's inhabitants will decrease
and only a few will be left.
7 The new wine has dried up—the grapevine has deteriorated.
All the people who were cheery are now groaning.
8 The happy sound of the tambourines ceases.
The loud celebrations stop.
The harp's cheery music has gone silent.
9 They don't sing and drink wine any more.
Strong drink now tastes bitter when they drink it.
10 The town is completely disorganised.
All the homes have been boarded up to keep people out.
11 There's an outcry in the streets about the wine.
Cheeriness has degraded into twilight.
Happiness has departed from the world.

100 RV 24:5 · Note Perhaps referring to the instructions given to Noah and family in Genesis 9:1.

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12 Desolation has remained in the city.
The gates will be crushed into ruins.
13 It'll be like that all over the world—among the nations
like when an olive tree is beaten to shake the fruit off
or like the few left-over grapes when the grape harvest is finished.
14 They'll start singing with gusto and with happiness.
From the west they'll shout cheerfully about Yahweh's greatness.
15 Therefore in the east, praise Yahweh.
On the islands, praise the name of Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh.
16 We've heard songs from the end of the earth, 'Praise to the one who's always fair and right.'
Then I said, 'I'm wasting away—losing weight—I won't end well.
The treacherous have been treacherous,
yes, the treacherous have been treacherously treacherous.'
17 Terror and pit-traps and snare-traps await you,
you inhabitants of the earth.
18 The one who runs away from the sound of terror, will fall into the pit,
and those who get up out of the pits, will be caught in the snare,
because the windows in the high place have been opened,
and the earth's foundations have been shaken.
19 The earth will be totally shattered.
The earth will be split completely through.
The earth will be violently shaken.
20 The earth staggers around like a drunkard,
and sways like a hut in a gale.
Its sin will weigh it down
→and it'll fall—never to rise again.
21 At that time, Yahweh will punish the heavenly army
and the earthly kings on the earth.
22 They'll be rounded up and imprisoned in a pit.
They'll be shut up in that prison and after a long time, they'll be punished.
23 Then the moon will go shy, and the sun will hide in shame,
because Commander-in-chief Yahweh will reign on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
and with splendour in front of his elders.

A song for praising Yahweh

25:1 Yes, Yahweh, you're my god.
I will honour you and thank your name/reputation
because you've done incredible things,
planned long back in perfect faithfulness.
2 Yes, you can make a city into a heap of rubble,
or a fortified town into ruins.
You've destroyed some strangers' fortresses—never to be rebuilt again.
3 So yes, strong people will honour you—

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_act_treacherously and_treachery those_who_act_
_treacherously they_act_treacherously. **17** Dread and_pit and_
_snare are_on_you Oh_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land. **18** And_
_it_was the_one_who_flees from_the_sound_of the_dread he_
_will_fall into the_pit and_the_one_who_goes_up from_the_
_midst_of the_pit he_will_be_caught in_snare if/because
windows from_a_high_place they_have_been_opened and_ the_
_foundations_of the_earth _they_have_shaken. **19** Utterly_
_(break) the_earth/land it_has_been_broken utterly_(split) the_
_earth it_has_been_split_through utterly_(shake) the_earth it_
_has_been_shaken. **20** Wildly_(stagger) the_earth it_will_
_stagger like_drunkard and_it_will_sway like_hut and_it_will_
_be_heavy on/upon_it(f) transgression_of_its and_it_will_fall
and_not it_will_repeat to_rise. **21** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_
_that **YHWH** he_will_visit_judgement on the_
_soldier/messenger_of the_height in_height[s] and_on the_
_kings_of the_soil on the_soil. **22** And_they_will_be_gathered a_
_gathering prisoner[s] to a_pit and_they_will_be_shut_up at a_
_prison and_from_an_abundance_of days they_will_be_visited.
23 And_ the_moon _it_will_be_abashed and_ the_sun _it_will_
_be_ashamed if/because **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_
_reign on_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_before his_of_elders glory.

25:1 Oh_**YHWH** god_of_are_my you I_will_exalt_you I_will_give_
_thanks_to name_of_your if/because you_have_done wonder[s]
plans from_distant_time faithfulness faithfulness. **2** If/because
you_have_made from_a_city into_heap a_town fortified into_a_
_ruin a_fortress_of strangers from_a_city forever_perpetuity
not it_will_be_rebuilt. **3** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_
_will_honour_you a_people strong a_town_of nations ruthless
they_will_fear_you. **4** If/because you_have_been a_refuge for_
_person a_refuge for_person in_distress to_him/it a_shelter
from_rainstorm a_shade from_heat if/because the_breath_of
ruthless_people is_like_a_rainstorm_of a_wall. **5** Like_heat in_a_
_dry_land the_uproar_of strangers you_will_subdue heat by_

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_the_shade_of a_cloud the_song_of ruthless_people he_will_
_quieten.

6 And_ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he_will_make to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_peoples on_mountain the_this a_
_feast_of fat_things a_feast_of old_wine(s) fat_things full_of_
_marrow old_wine(s) refined. **7** And_he_will_swallow_up on_
_mountain the_this the_surface_of the_covering which_covers
over all_of the_peoples and_the_woven_stuff which_is_woven
over all_of the_nations. **8** He_will_swallow_up (the)_death to_
perpetuity and my_master **YHWH** _he_will_wipe_away tear[s]
from_under every_of face and_the_reproach_of his_people_of_
_his he_will_remove from_under all_of the_earth/land
if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **9** And_saying(ms) in_the_day
(the)_that HERE god_of_is_our this we_have_waited to_him/it
and_he_will_save_us this is_**YHWH** we_have_waited to_him/it
let_us_be_glad and_let_us_rejoice in_salvation_of_his.

10 If/because the_hand_of **YHWH** it_will_rest on_mountain
the_this and_ Mō'āv _it_will_be_trampled_down in_its_place
as_ a_heap_of_straw _is_trampled_down in/on/at/with[104] a_
_dung_hill. **11** And_it_will_spread_out hands_of_its in_midst_of_
_its just_as (the)_swimmer he_spreads_them_out to_swim and_
_he_will_bring_low haughtiness_of_its with the_tricks_of its_
_hands_of_his. **12** And_the_fortification_of the_refuge_of
your(pl)_walls_of_your he_will_lay_low he_will_bring_it_low
he_will_make_it_touch (to)_ground to the_dust.

26:1 In_the_day (the)_that the_song the_this it_will_be_sung in_
_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_city_of strength to/for_us
salvation he_sets walls and_a_rampart. **2** Open the_gates so_ a_
_nation righteous which_keeps faithfulness(es) _that_it_may_
_enter. **3** An_inclination firm you_will_keep peace peace
if/because in_you(ms) he_is_trusting. **4** Trust in_**YHWH** until
perpetuity if/because Yah **YHWH** a_rock_of
everlastingness(es). **5** If/because he_will_lay_low the_
_inhabitants_of a_high_place a_town set_on_high he_will_
_bring_it_low he_will_bring_it_low to the_ground he_will_
_make_it_touch to the_dust. **6** It_will_trample_it a_foot the_
_feet_of the_afflicted the_footsteps_of poor_people. **7** The_way
of_righteous is_level_paths Oh_upright_one the_track_of the_
_righteous you_make_level. **8** Also the_way_of your(pl)_
_judgements_of_your Oh_**YHWH** we_have_waited_for_you is_

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The towns in ruthless nations will fear you,
4 because you've been a safe place to be shelter for those who are distressed—
a shelter from the rain and a shade from the hot sun,
because the breath of ruthless people is like rain beating against a wall,
5 and like heat in a dry land.
You subdued the uproar from foreigners,
like the shade of a cloud reduces the heat.
He'll quieten down the song of ruthless people.

Yahweh hosts a banquet

6 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh will hold a banquet of good things for all that people on that mountain.
There'll be vintage wine and choice meat.
7 Then on that mountain, he'll swallow up the bedsheet that's covering all the peoples,
and the web that's woven over all the nations.
8 My master will permanently swallow death up.[101]
Yahweh will wipe the tears away from every face.[102]
He's removed his people's disgrace from all the earth, because Yahweh has spoken.
9 Then at the time it will be said, 'Look, that's our god.
We put our hope in him, and he saved us.
Yes, that's Yahweh—we maintained our trust in him.
We'll be happy and celebrate how he's saved us.'

The cursing of God of Moav

10 Yahweh's hand rests on this mountain to secure it.
Moav (Moab) will be trampled down like a heap of straw in a dung pile.[103]
11 Yahweh will spread out his hands in the middle of it,
like a swimmer spreading his arms to swim,
and he'll cancel their pride with the skill of his hands.
12 He'll knock down your high fortress walls,
and Moav's cities will be broken right down low.

Yehudah's victory song

26:1 A song will be sung in Yehudah (Judah) at that time:
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city is strong.
He gave us walls and ramparts to keep us safe.
2 Open the gates so a righteous nation can enter—
one that remains faithful.
3 The one with their mind made up firmly will have true peace,
because he puts his trust in you.
4 Put your trust in Yahweh forever,
because Yah (Yahweh) is a stable rock.
5 That's because he humbles those who live in high places.
He'll bring low the town that's been elevated.
He'll will lay it low to the ground—levelling it down to dust.

101 **RV 25:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:54.

102 **RV 25:8 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:17; 21:4.

103 **RV 25:10-12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 15:1–16:14; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.

104 **LV 25:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ימ/ב**: (x-qere) **וְמָב'**: lemma_1119 morph_HR id_23E6M **וְמָב**

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6 It will be trampled down by feet—
the feet of the oppressed,
the footsteps of the poor.
7 The righteous person's path is level.
You, the one who does what's right, will flatten their paths.
8 We've we've followed your instructions, Yahweh, we've kept our trust in you—
we desire to honour your name and reputation
9 From deep inside me, I have longed for you in the night—
my spirit within me earnestly waits for you,
because when people have your instructions,
the world's inhabitants learns to discern what's right.
10 If the wicked person is shown favour,
they won't learn to do what's right.
Even in a land where doing right is valued,
they act unjustly and won't get to see Yahweh's majesty.
11 Yahweh, when you take action, they don't perceive it.
Let them see and be ashamed by the people's zeal,
Also, the fire will consume your enemies.[105]
12 Yahweh, you'll establish peace for us,
because you indeed have taken action on our behalf.
13 Yahweh our god, we've been ruled over by other masters,
but you only, are the one that we honour.
14 Those dead ones won't live—those departed spirits won't rise again,
indeed you've visited and destroyed them,
and erased all memory of them.
15 You've enlarged the nation, Yahweh,
yes, enlarged it and gained honour—
you've extended all the land's boundaries.
16 Yahweh, when they were distressed,
the people went to find you with their quiet request, when you'd disciplined them.
17 Like a pregnant woman who's close to giving birth cries out from her labour pains,
that's what we were like in front of you, Yahweh.
18 It's like we were pregnant and in labour, giving birth to wind.
We haven't rescued anyone on the earth,
and the world's inhabitants haven't fallen.
19 Your dead will live—their corpses will rise.
Wake up and sing happily, you all who've lived in the dust,
because your dew is the dew that gives light
and the earth will release her dead.

Judgement is coming then restoration

20 Go my people—enter into your rooms and shut the door behind you.
Hide a little while until the indignation has passed by.

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_for_name_of_your and_for_memorial_of_your the_desire_of self. **9** Self_of_my I_have_desired_you in_night also my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_my_inner_of_being I_will_seek_you_ _earnestly if/because just_as judgements_of_your are_to_earth righteousness the_inhabitants_of the_world they_learn. **10** The_wicked he_is_shown_favour not he_learns righteousness in_land straightforwardness(es) he_acts_unjustly and_not he_sees the_majesty_of **YHWH**. **11** Oh_**YHWH** hand_of_ _your it_is_raised not they_BEHOLD they_will_BEHOLD and_ _they_will_be_ashamed the_zeal_of a_people also the_fire_of your(pl)_foes_of_your it_will_consume_them. **12** Oh_**YHWH** you_will_establish peace to/for_us if/because also all_of works_ _of_our you_have_done to/for_ourselves. **13** Oh_**YHWH** god_of_ _our they_have_ruled_over_us masters except_you only_alone in_you we_bring_to_remembrance name_of_your. **14** Dead_ones not they_will_live shades not they_will_rise for_so/thus/hence you_have_visited and_you_have_destroyed_them and_you_ _have_destroyed all_of remembrance of_them. **15** You_have_ _added to_nation Oh_**YHWH** you_have_added to_nation you_ _have_gained_glory you_have_extended all_of the_boundaries_ _of the_land. **16** Oh_**YHWH** in_distress people_sought_you they_ _poured_out a_whisper chastening_of_your was_to_them. **17** Like a_pregnant_woman who_she_brings_near to_give_birth she_is_in_labour she_cries_out in_labour-pains_of_her so we_ _were from_before_of_you Oh_**YHWH**. **18** We_were_pregnant we_were_in_labour like we_gave_birth_to wind deliverance(s) not we_accomplish the_earth and_not the_inhabitants_of the_ _world they_fall. **19** Your(pl)_dead_of_ones they_will_live corpse_of_my they_will_rise awake and_shout_for_joy Oh_ _you(pl)_who_dwell_of dust if/because will_be_the_dew_of lights dew_of_your and_the_earth the_shades it_will_make_fall.

20 Come my_people_of_my go in_rooms_of_your and_shut mmm[107] behind hide like_a_little_of a_moment until it_has_ _passed_by[108] indignation. **21** If/because THERE **YHWH** is_ _about_to_go_forth from_place_of_his to_visit the_iniquity_of the_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land on/upon/above_him/it

105 **RV 26:11 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:27.

107 **LV 26:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתלד/ך: (x-qere) תָּלְדָ֑ךְ: lemma_1817 b n_1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2ms id_23L75 תָּלְדָ֑ךְ

108 **LV 26:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: רובעי: (x-qere) רָבֶ֣עַי: lemma_5674 a morph_HVqi3ms id_23X1G רָבֶ֣עַי

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and_ the_earth/land _it_will_reveal ᴅᴏᴍ blood(s)_of_its and_not it_will_cover still over its_slain_of_ones.
27:1 In_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_visit_judgement with_sword_of_his[109] (the)_fierce and_(the)_great and_(the)_ _mighty on Livyātān a_snake fleeing and_on Livyātān a_snake twisting and_he_will_slay ᴅᴏᴍ the_sea_monster which is_in_ _sea. **2** In_the_day (the)_that a_vineyard_of desire[110] sing to/for_her/it. **3** I **YHWH** am_its_of_keeper to_moments I_ _water_it lest someone_should_injure on/upon_it(f) night and_ _day I_guard_it. **4** Rage there_is_not to_me who will_he_give_ _me thorn[s] bush[es] in_battle I_will_march against_it I_will_ _burn_it altogether. **5** Or let_anyone_take_hold on_protection_ _of_my let_anyone_make peace to_me peace let_anyone_make to/for_me. **6** The_(ones_who)_went Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) it_will_ _take_root it_will_blossom and_it_will_bud Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ _they_will_fill the_surface_of the_world fruit. **7** Like_the_blow_ _of the_one_who_struck_it has_he_struck_it or like_the_ _slaughter_of its_slain_ones has_it_been_slain. **8** By_startling[111] by_sending_it_away you_will_conduct_a_case_with_it he_ _removed by_wind_of_his (the)_fierce in/on_day the_east_ _wind. **9** For_so/thus/hence by_this the_iniquity_of Yaʹₐqovʿ it_ _will_be_atoned_for and_this is_all_of the_fruit_of the_ _removing its_sin_of_his when_makes_he all_of the_stones_of the_altar like_stones_of chalk pulverised not 'Ashērāh_poles and_incense_altars they_will_stand. **10** If/because a_city fortified is_alone it_is_a_habitation wildernessed and_ _abandoned like_wilderness there a_calf it_will_graze and_ _there it_will_lie_down and_it_will_bring_to_an_end branches_ _of_its. **11** When_ branch[es]_of_its _dry_up they_are_broken_ _off women are_coming they_are_setting_light_to it if/because not is_a_people_of understanding(s) it therefore yes/correct/thus/so not he_will_have_compassion_on_it the_ _one_of_who_made_it and_the_one_of_who_formed_it not he_ _will_show_favour_to_it. **12** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_beat_out from_the_flowing_stream_of the_river to the_wadi_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_ _gathered to_one one Oh_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **13** And_it_ _was in_the_day (the)_that it_will_be_blown on_a_trumpet great and_ those_who_were_lost in_land of_'Ashshūr and_ _those_who_were_banished in_land of_Mitsrayim _they_will_ _come and_they_will_bow_down to/for_**YHWH** on_the_ _mountain_of (the)_holiness in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

Readers' Version

21 Listen, Yahweh is about to come out of his place, to punish all the world's inhabitants,
and the earth will reveal all its bloodshed and will no longer cover over those who were killed.
27:1 At that time, Yahweh will use his extremely powerful sword,
to punish the slithering sea monster Livyatan—Livyatan the twisting snake-like creature,[106]
and he'll kill the monster that's in the ocean.
2 When that happens, sing about a delightful vineyard.
3 I, Yahweh, will look after it.
I'll keep it watered in case someone attacks it.
I'll guard it night and day.
4 I don't have any anger—who will give me thorn bushes?
I will march against it—I'll completely burn it up.
5 If anyone takes advantage of my protection,
then they'll make peace to me—
let them make peace with me.
6 The (time) is coming when Ya'akov (Jacob) will take root.
Yisrael (Israel) will blossom and bud,
and they'll fill the world with fruit.
7 Has he attacked us like he attacked those who attacked us,
or did he kill us like he killed those who killed us?
8 By sending her away, you have contended with her.
He released his fierce breath on an east-wind day.
9 So Ya'akov's (Jacob's) disobedience will be made right again by that,
and this is all the fruit of the removal of his sin:
when he'll make all the altar stones like pulverised pieces of chalk.
No Asherah poles or incense altars will remain standing,
10 because the fortified city is desolate.
That habitation is deserted and abandoned like a wilderness.
A calf grazes there, then it will lie down.
It will bring its branches to an end—
11 when its branches dry up, they'll be broken off.
Women will come and light fires with them because they're not a people with understanding.
Therefore the one who made and formed it, won't show any favour towards it.
12 Then at that time, Yahweh will thresh people
from the Perat (Euphrates) river in the northeast to Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river down in the southwest,
and you Israelis will be gathered in one by one.
13 Then on that same day, a loud trumpet will be blown,
and those who are perishing in Ashur (Assyria) will come

106 RV 27:1 · Cross-ref. Yob 41:1; Psa 74:14; 104:26.

109 LV 27:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

110 LV 27:2 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

111 LV 27:8 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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along with those who were banished to Mitsrayim,
and they will bow down to Yahweh on Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) sacred mountain.

A warning for Shomron (Samaria)

28:1 You won't end well Shomron (Samaria), you proud crown of Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) drunkards
or its beauty and splendour that's fading like a flower past its prime.
There at the head of a lush valley that's struck down by wine.
2 Look, the master is sending a very powerful one,
like a hailstorm, a destructive windstorm, or a huge flood.
He'll drive it down to the ground with his hand.
3 The proud crown of Yisrael's drunkards will be trampled underfoot.
4 The fading flower of its beauty and splendour at the head of a lush valley
will be like a very early fig before summer.
The ones who see it will grab it and swallow it.
5 At that time, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will become a beautiful crown,
and a splendid diadem for the remnant of his people,
6 and a spirit of justice for those who need judgements,
and strength for those who turn the battle back at the gates.

Yehudah's drunken prophets

7 Even those reeled from wine
and stagger from strong drink.
Priest and prophet reeled from the strong drink,
and they were confused by from the wine.
They staggered from the strong drink—
reeling in vision, they stagger in indecision.
8 Indeed, all their tables are covered with vomit—
there's no place without filth.
9 Who will he teach knowledge to,
and who will he get to understand the message?
Those who've been weaned from milk—
who've already been taken off the breasts.
10 Because it's 'command to command to command, line to line to line, a little there, a little there'.[113]
11 Indeed, with stammering lips and foreign language,
he will speak to this people group[114]
12 telling them, 'This is the resting place where the weary ones can rest',
and, 'This is the place for refreshing'.
but they weren't willing to listen.
13 So Yahweh's message to them,
'command to command to command, line to line to line, a little there, a little there',
so they can go, but they'll stumble backwards and will be bro-

Literal Version

28:1 Woe_to the_crown_of (the)_pride_of the_drunkards_of 'Efrayim and_the_blossom which_withers the_beauty_of its_ _splendour_of_his which is_on the_head_of a_valley_of fatness(es) those_struck_down_of wine. **2** THERE a_mighty_one and_a_strong_one belongs_to_the_of_master like_a_storm_of hail a_tempest_of destruction like_a_storm_of waters mighty overflowing he_will_thrust_it_down to_ground with_a_hand. **3** With_feet the_crown_of (the)_pride_of the_drunkards_of 'Efrayim they_will_be_trampled. **4** And_it_will_be a_flower (of)_ _which_withers the_beauty_of its_splendour_of_his which is_on the_head_of a_valley_of fatness(es) like_an_early_fig[112] before_ _before summer which the_one_who_sees it he_will_see while_ _still_it is_in_palm_of_his he_will_swallow_it. **5** In_the_day (the)_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_become (into)_ _a_crown_of beauty and_(into)_a_diadem_of splendour for_the_ _remnant_of his_people_of_his. **6** And_(into)_a_spirit_of justice for_who]_sits on (the)_judgement and_(into)_strength those_ _who_turn_back_of (of)_the_battle gate_to_the.

7 And_also these with_wine they_reeled and_with_(the)_drink they_staggered priest and_prophet they_reeled with_(the)_ _drink they_were_confused from (the)_wine they_staggered from (the)_strong_drink they_reeled in_vision they_staggered decision. **8** If/because all_of the_tables they_are_full vomit filth not room. **9** ~~DOM~~ whom will_he_teach knowledge and_~~DOM~~ whom will_he_make_understand the_message those_who_are_ _weaned_of from_milk ones_removed_of from_breasts. **10** If/because command to_command command to_command line to_line line to_line a_little there a_little there. **11** If/because by_stammerings_of lip and_by_a_language another he_will_speak to the_people (the)_this. **12** Whom he_ _said to_them this is_the_resting_place give_rest to_weary and_ _this is_the_place_of_rest and_not they_were_willing to_listen. **13** And_it_was to/for_them the_message_of **YHWH** command to_command command to_command line to_line line to_line a_ _little there a_little there so_that they_may_go and_they_will_ _stumble backwards and_they_will_be_broken and_they_will_ _be_ensnared and_they_will_be_captured.

112 LV 28:4 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

113 RV 28:10 · Note The Hebrew for this verse (and v13) includes 'tsav latsav, tsav latsav, kav lakav, kav lakav,' etc., suggesting that it might possibly have been intended as drunken gibberish.

114 RV 28:11-12 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 14:21.

Literal Version

14 For_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_people_ _of mockery Oh_rulers_of the_people the_this who are_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** If/because you(pl)_have_said we_ _have_made a_covenant with death and_with Shə'ōl we_have_ _made an_agreement a_scourge[120] overflowing if/because it_ _will_pass_by[121] not it_will_come_to_us if/because we_have_ _made falsehood refuge_of_our and_in_deception we_have_ _hidden_ourselves. **16** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I he_has_laid in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_stone a_ _stone_of testing a_corner_of preciousness_of a_foundation founded the_one_who_trusts not he_will_make_haste. **17** And_ _I_will_make justice (into)_a_measuring-line and_righteousness (into)_a_levelling_tool and_ hail _it_will_sweep_away the_ _refuge_of falsehood and_the_shelter waters they_will_ _overflow. **18** And_ covenant_of_your(pl) with death _it_will_be_ _annulled and_agreement_of_your(pl) with Shə'ōl not it_will_ _stand a_scourge overflowing if/because it_will_pass_by and_ _you(pl)_will_be to_him/it (into)_a_trampling_place. **19** From_ _sufficiency it_passes_by it_will_take you(pl) if/because in_ _morning in_morning it_will_pass_by in_the_day and_in_night and_it_was only terror to_understand the_message.
20 If/because the_bed it_is_too_short for_stretching_oneself and_the_woven_stuff it_is_narrow just_as_wraps_oneself_up.
21 If/because like_the_mountain_of Pərātsīm **YHWH** he_will_ _arise like_a_valley in_Giv˝ōn he_will_rage for_doing deed_of_ _his is_strange deed_of_his and_to_work work_of_his is_alien work_of_his. **22** And_now do_not show_yourselves_a_ _mocker(pl) lest fetters_of_your(pl) they_should_become_ _strong if/because complete_destruction and_that_which_has_ _been_determined I_have_heard from_with my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers on all_of the_earth/land.

23 Give_ear and_hear my_sound/voice pay_attention and_hear my_speech/discourse. **24** All_of the_day the_plowman does_he_ _plow to_sow does_he_loosen and_does_he_harrow land_of_his. **25** Am_not if he_has_levelled surface_of_its and_does_he_

Readers' Version

ken,
plus they'll become trapped and will be captured.

A vital foundation for Tsiyon/Zion

14 Therefore, listen to Yahweh's message,
you people who are always mocking,
you rulers of the people there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
15 because you've all said, "We've come to an agreement with death,
and we have an understanding with the grave.
When the overwhelming scourge goes past,
it won't bother us because we've made lies our shelter,
and we hide in deception."
16 Therefore, my master Yahweh says:
Look, I've put a foundation stone in place in Tsiyon (Zion)—one that's been tested.
It's a valuable cornerstone—a reliable foundation.
Anyone who trusts in it won't have to rush away.[115]
17 Then I'll make justice into a measuring stick,
and righteous into a levelling tool.
Hail will sweep away the shelter of lies,
and floods will drown the hiding place.[116]
18 Then your agreement with death will be dissolved,
and your understanding with the grave will collapse.[117]
When the overwhelming scourge comes past,
→you'll all be overwhelmed by it.
19 When it comes past, it'll take you all
because it'll come past morning by morning, and day and night.
Understanding the message will bring only terror,
20 because the bed is too short for stretching yourself out on,
and the woven blanket is too narrow to wrap around you.
21 Yahweh will take action like he did at Mt. Peratsim.[118]
He'll stir himself up like he did in Giveon valley[119]
to do his work—his special work.
To perform his task—his special task. **22** So now, don't show yourselves to be mockers
in case your chains become heavier,
because I've heard from my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh
about complete destruction and the rest that's been determined against the entire land.

The wisdom of God

23 Listen carefully to what I say.
Pay attention to my words.
24 Does a farmer spend all day ploughing and not sow any-

115 **RV 28:16 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:33; 10:11; 1Pe 2:6.
116 **RV 28:17b · Cross-ref.** 28:15b.
117 **RV 28:18 · Cross-ref.** 28:15.
118 **RV 28:21 · Cross-ref.** 2Sa 5:20; 1Ch 14:11.
119 **RV 28:21 · Cross-ref.** Josh 10:10-12.
120 **LV 28:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **טיש**: (x-qere) **טֹאשׁ**: lemma_7752 morph_HNcmsa id_23VHs **טֹאשׁ**
121 **LV 28:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רבע**: (x-qere) **רֹבֵעַ**: lemma_5674 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVqi3ms id_236WH **רֹבֵעַ**

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thing?
Does he just continue to break up and harrow his land?
25 Doesn't he level its surface and scatter fennel and sow cumin,
and put the wheat in rows and the barley in plots, and spelt around the border?
26 Yes, his god instructs him,
he teaches him to make good decisions.
27 Fennel isn't threshed with a threshing board,
nor is a cart wheel rolled over cumin,
but rather, fennel is beaten with a stick,
and cumin with a rod.
28 Grain for bread must be ground because anyone threshing it doesn't keep at it forever.
He can run his cart wheel over it and his horses don't crush it.
29 That too comes from Commander-in-chief Yahweh
who gives good advice—he has great wisdom.

The siege of Yerushalem

29:1 You won't end well Ariel—the town where David camped.
Year follows year—let the holidays come around,
2 but I'll bring distress to Ariel
and there'll be mourning and wailing
and it'll become like an altar hearth[122] to me.
3 Then I'll get troops to camp all around you and besiege you—building towers and ramps against your fortified walls.
4 You'll be brought down and will speak from the ground,
and your words will come from the dust.
Your voice will sound like a spirit speaking out of the ground,
and your speech will whisper from the dust.
5 But the multitude of foreigners will be like fine dust,
and that mass of ruthless people will be like chaff that gets blown away.
and it will happen so suddenly.
6 Commander-in-chief Yahweh will send thunder, an earthquake, and a loud noise,
a strong gale, a windstorm and a fire burning things up.
7 It'll be like a dream—a vision in the night.
Many of the world's nations will go to war against Ariel.
All those will attack its fortifications and put her under distress.
8 It'll be like a hungry person dreaming and eating in the dream, then waking up with an empty stomach.
Or like a thirsty person dreaming and drinking in the dream, then waking up with a dry throat and feeling faint.
That's what it'll be like for all those nations which go to war against Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).

Compromised prophets

9 Astonish yourselves and be astonished.
Blind yourselves and be blind.
Get drunk, but not with wine.

Literal Version

_scatter black_cumin and_cumin does_he_sprinkle and_does_
_he_put wheat a_row and_barley an_appointed_place and_spelt border_of_its. **26** And_he_instructs_him to_judgement his/its_
_god he_teaches_him. **27** If/because not with_(the)_sledge black_cumin it_is_threshed and_a_wheel_of a_cart over cumin it_is_turned if/because with_staff black_cumin it_is_beaten_out and_cumin with_rod. **28** bread it_is_crushed if/because not to_
perpetuity continually(thresh) anyone_threshes_it and_he_
_sets_in_motion the_wheel_of his_cart_of_his and_horses_of_
_his not he_crushes_it. **29** Also this from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_has_gone_out he_has_made_wonderful counsel he_has_made_great sound_wisdom.

29:1 Woe_to 'Arī'ēl 'Arī'ēl the_town_of Dāvid (of)_where_he_
_camped add year to year festivals let_them_go_around. **2** And_
_I_will_bring_distress to_'Arī'ēl and_it_will_be mourning and_
_lamentation and_it_will_be to/for_me like_an_altar_hearth.
3 And_I_will_encamp like_circle on_you and_I_will_lay_siege on_you siege-works and_I_will_raise on_you fortifications.
4 And_you_will_become_low from_the_ground you_will_speak and_from_the_dust utterance_of_your it_will_be_humbled and_
_it_was like_a_necromancer from_the_ground voice_of_your and_from_the_dust utterance_of_your it_will_whisper. **5** And_
_it_was like_dust fine the_multitude_of your_strangers and_
_will_be_like_chaff which_passes_away the_multitude_of ruthless_people and_it_was to_suddenness suddenly. **6** From_
_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_will_be_visited with_
_thunder and_with_earthquake and_a_sound great a_
_storm-wind and_a_tempest and_a_flame_of fire devouring.
7 And_it_was like_a_dream a_vision_of the_night the_
_multitude_of all_of the_nations which_go_to_war on 'Arī'ēl and_all those_of_who_go_to_war_against_it and_stronghold_of_
_its and_those_who_bring_distress to/for_her/it. **8** And_it_was just_as the_hungry_person he_dreams and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_eating and_he_awakes and_is_empty appetite_of_his and_
_as_which the_thirsty_person he_dreams and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_drinking and_he_awakes and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_is_
_faint and_throat_of_his is_longing so it_will_be the_multitude_
_of all_of the_nations which_go_to_war on the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion).

9 Delay and_be_astonished blind_yourselves and_be_blind people_have_become_drunk and_not wine people_have_
_staggered and_not strong_drink. **10** If/because he_has_
_poured_out on_you(pl) **YHWH** a_spirit_of deep_sleep and_he_

122 RV 29:2 · Note Here we use one of the possible translations of ''Arī'ēl' (rather than transliterating it as a name), but none of those three possible options seem to make a lot of sense.

Literal Version

_has_shut ~~DOM~~ your(pl)_eyes ~~DOM~~ the_prophets and_~~DOM~~ heads_
_of_your(pl) the_seers he_has_covered. **11** And_it_became
to/for_you(pl) the_vision_of the_whole like_the_
_words/messages_of the_scroll (the)_sealed which people_give
~~DOM~~_him/it to one_who_knows_of the[127] to_say read_aloud
please this and_saying(ms) not I_am_able if/because it is_
sealed. **12** And the_scroll _it_is_given to one_who not he_
_knows writing to_say read_aloud please this and_saying(ms)
not I_know writing. **13** And_ my_master _he/it_said because
if/because the_people the_this it_has_drawn_near with_
_mouth_of_its and_with_lips_of_its they_have_honoured_me
and_heart_of_its it_has_made_far_away from_me and_ fearing_
_their ~~DOM~~_me _it_became a_command_of people which_has_
_been_taught. **14** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I he_will_repeat to_
_deal_wonderfully_with ~~DOM~~ the_people the_this very_(deal_
_wonderfully) and_a_wonder and_ the_wisdom_of its_wise_
_people _it_will_perish and_the_understanding_of its_
_understanding_people it_will_hide_itself.

15 Woe_to those_who_make_deep from_**YHWH** to_hide a_plan
and_it_was in_a_dark_place deeds_of_their and_they_said who
is_seeing_of_us and_who is_knowing_of_us. **16** Perversity_of_
_your(pl) (if) like_clay_of the_potter will_he_be_regarded
that/for/because/then/when a_thing_made it_will_say to_the_
_one_of_who_made_it not he_made_me and_a_pot it_said to_
_potter_of_its not he_has_understood. **17** Am_not yet a_little_of
a_little and_ Lə·vānōn _it_will_turn into_orchard and_the_
_orchard to_forest it_will_be_considered. **18** And_they_will_
_hear in_day (the)_that the_deaf_people the_words/messages_
_of a_scroll and_from_gloom and_from_darkness the_eyes_of
blind_people they_will_see. **19** And_ humble_people _they_will_
add in**YHWH** joy and_needy_people_of humankind in_the_
_holy_one_of Yisrā·ēl/(Israel) they_will_be_glad. **20** If/because
the_ruthless_person he_will_come_to_an_end and_ the_mocker
_he_will_come_to_an_end and_ all_of those_who_lie_in_wait_of
wickedness _they_will_be_cut_off. **21** Those_who_cause_to_sin_
_of (of)_a_person with_a_message and_for_who]_adjudicates
in_gate they_lay_a_trap and_they_have_turned_aside with_
_emptiness the_righteous_person. **22** For_so/thus/hence thus
YHWH he_says to the_house_of Ya·a qov/(Jacob) who he_
_redeemed ~~DOM~~ 'Av·rāhām not now Ya·a qov it_will_be_ashamed
and_not now his/its_faces/face they_will_grow_pale.
23 If/because when_sees_it children_of_its the_work_of my_
_hands_of_my in_midst_of_its they_will_regard_as_holy name_

Readers' Version

Stagger, but not from strong drink,
10 because Yahweh has poured a spirit of deep sleep out onto you all,
and has shut your prophets' eyes,[123]
and has covered your visionaries' heads.
11 Then to you all, the entire vision will be like the words sealed in a scroll—
if it's handed to a person who's educated to read out, they'll say, 'I can't, because it is sealed up.'
12 ^Or if the scroll is given to an uneducated person to read out, they'll say, 'I can't read.'
13 My master says,
"Yes, those people come close to me with what their mouths say,
and honour me with lipservice,
but their heart is far from me,
and their respect for me is just something that they've been taught to do.[124]
14 Because of that, I'll confound those people again with wonder after wonder.
The wisdom of the wise will vanish,
and the intelligence of the intelligent will be hidden."[125][126]

Hope for the future

15 Those who keep their plans down deep to hide them from Yahweh, won't end well,
and they did what they wanted in dark places, saying, "Who can see us? Who could know what we're doing?"
16 Your thinking is crazy!
It's as if the potter's clay, the thing that was made by him, would be considered to say, 'He didn't make me.'
Or if the pot said to the potter, 'He doesn't understand.'[128]
17 Hasn't it been just a little while,
and Levanon will turn into an orchard,
and the orchard will be considered as a forest?[129]
18 At that time, deaf people will be able to hear the words from a scroll,
and from their gloom and darkness, the eyes of blind people will be able to see.
19 The people of low status will be happy again because of Yahweh,
and the poor people among us will celebrate because of Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one,
20 because ruthless people and mockers will come to an end,
and all those who plan wicked schemes will be eliminated—
21 those who give false evidence against a person,

123 **RV 29:10 · Cross-ref.** Rom 11:8.

124 **RV 29:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 15:8-9; Mrk 7:6-7.

125 **RV 29:14 · Note** Septuagint: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will hide the intelligence of the intelligent. Cited in 1 Corinthians 1:19.

126 **RV 29:14 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:19.

127 **LV 29:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: רִפְּס/ה: (x-qere) 'רֻפָּס': lemma_5612 a n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_238B7 רֻפָּס

128 **RV 29:16 · Cross-ref.** Isa 45:9; Rom 9:20.

129 **RV 29:17 · Cross-ref.** 32:15.

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and lay a trap at the city gate for the person who arbitrates,
and who deprive the innocent person of justice.
22 That's why Yahweh (who redeemed Avraham) says this to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants:
"My people will no longer be ashamed—
no longer will their faces be pale with fear,
23 because when they see their children who are the result of my work among them,
they will regard my name and reputation as sacred
and they will regard me as sacred and will show respect to me.
24 Then those whose spirits go astray, will know understanding,
and those who murmur will learn insight.

Yehudah's worthless treaty with Mitsrayim

30:1 Yahweh declares that you rebellious children won't end well.
You're making plans that don't come from me,
and pouring out drink offerings but not by my spirit,
thus adding disobedience to disobedience.
2 Those who go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) didn't ask my advice,
before trying to reach safety with Par'oh (Pharaoh),
and trying to find security in Mitsrayim's shadow.
3 But Par'oh's safety will bring you all shame,
and Mitsrayim's security will bring you all humiliation,
4 because its officials have been in Tsoan,
and its messengers have reached Hanes.
5 Everyone will be ashamed because of a nation that won't benefit them—
not help, nor advantage, but shame and even disgrace.
6 This is a message about the Negev desert's animals:
In the area of trouble and danger
from the lioness and the lion,
and the viper and the flying serpent,
they carry their wealth on donkeys' shoulders
and their treasures on camels' humps,
to a nation that can't help them.
7 Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) 'help' is futile and meaningless,
so I've called her 'Rahav who just sits there'.

The disobedient people

8 Now go to them and write it on a tablet—
inscribe it on a scroll
so that it'll be there for a future day—
something that'll endure forever
9 because this is a rebellious nation.
They're lying children—unwilling to listen to Yahweh's instructions,
10 who tell those who see visions, "Don't see."
And tell the prophets, "Don't show us 'what's right'—
Just flatter us and give us deceptive messages."

Literal Version

_of_my and_they_will_regard_as_holy ᵈᵒᵐ the_holy_one_of Ya'ₐqov and_ᵈᵒᵐ the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_regard_ _with_awe. **24** And_ those_who_go_astray_of spirit _they_will_ _know understanding and_those_who_murmur they_will_learn insight.

30:1 Woe_to children who_are_rebellious the_utterance_of **YHWH** for_doing a_plan and_not from_me and_by_pouring_out a_libation and_not my_breath/wind/spirit so_as to_add sin to sin. **2** Those_who_go to_go_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _mouth_of_my not they_have_consulted to_reach_safety in_ _the_refuge_of Par'oh and_to_seek_refuge in_the_shadow_of Mitsrayim. **3** And_it_was to/for_you(pl) the_refuge_of Par'oh (into)_shame and_the_refuge in_the_shadow_of Mitsrayim (into)_ignominy. **4** If/because they_have_been in_Tso'an/(Zoan) officials_of_its and_messengers_of_its Ḥānēṣ they_have_ _reached. **5** Everyone he_will_be_ashamed[130] on a_people which_not they_will_confer_profit to_them not for_help and_ _not to_confer_profit if/because for_shame and_also for_ _reproach. **6** The_oracle_of the_animals_of the_Negev in_land trouble and_distress lion and_lion from_them viper and_ _serpent flying they_carry on the_shoulder_of male_donkeys wealth(s)_of_their and_on the_hump_of camels treasures_of_ _their to a_people which_not they_will_confer_profit. **7** And_ _Mitsrayim futility and_emptiness they_will_help for_ _so/thus/hence I_call (to)_this_one Rahav they a_sitting_still.

8 Now go write_it on a_tablet with_them and_on a_scroll inscribe_it so_that_it_may_be for_a_day future forever_ever until perpetuity. **9** If/because is_a_people_of rebellion it children lying children who_not they_have_been_willing to_ _hear the_law_of **YHWH**. **10** Who they_have_said to_seers not you(pl)_must_see and_to_seers not you(pl)_must_see to/for_us straightforwardness(es) speak to/for_us flattering_ _words/messages see deception(s). **11** Turn_away from the_way turn_aside from the_path cause_to_cease from_before_of_us ᵈᵒᵐ the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** For_so/thus/hence thus the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says because you_ _have_rejected (in)_message the_this and_you(pl)_have_trusted in_oppression and_that_which_is_crooked and_you(pl)_have_

130 LV 30:5 · Note OSHB variant note: שיאבה: (x-qere) שִׁיבָה: lemma_954 n_1.1 morph_HVhp3ms id_23ozE שִׁיבָה

Literal Version

_depended on/upon/above_him/it. **13** For_so/thus/hence it_
_will_become to/for_you(pl) the_iniquity the_this like_a_
_breach which_is_about_to_fall a_bulging in_a_wall high which
suddenly to_suddenness breaking_of_its it_will_come. **14** And_
_someone_will_break_it like_the_breaking_of a_jar potters
crushed which_not anyone_will_spare and_not it_will_be_found
among_fragment[s]_of_its a_potsherd to_snatch_up fire from_
_a_fireplace and_to_draw water from_a_cistern. **15** If/because
thus my_master **YHWH** the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_
_says in_returning and_quietness you(pl)_will_be_delivered in_
_being_quiet and_in_trusting it_will_be strength_of_your(pl)
and_not you(pl)_were_willing. **16** And_you(pl)_said no
if/because on horse[s] we_will_flee therefore
yes/correct/thus/so you(pl)_will_flee and_on swift_horses we_
_will_ride therefore yes/correct/thus/so those_of_who_
_pursue_you(pl) they_will_prove_swift. **17** A_thousand one
from_face/in_front_of the_threat_of one from_face/in_front_of
the_threat_of five you(pl)_will_flee until (if) you(pl)_have_
_been_left like_flagstaff on the_top_of (the)_mountain and_
_like_standard on (the)_hill.

18 And_therefore **YHWH** he_is_waiting to_show_favour_to_
_you(pl) and_therefore he_is_rising_up to_have_compassion_
_on_you(pl) if/because is_a_god_of justice **YHWH** how_blessed
are_all_of those_who_wait_of to_him/it. **19** If/because a_people
in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it_will_dwell in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
certainly_(weep) not you_will_weep certainly_(show_favour)
he_will_show_favour_to_you to_sound/voice of_your_crying_
_out just_as_he_hears he_will_answer_you. **20** And_he/it_gave
to/for_you(pl) my_master bread distress and_water oppression
and_not he_will_hide_himself again teachers_of_your and_
eyes_of_your _they_will_be seeing ~~ḏōm~~ teachers_of_your.
21 And_ears_of_your they_will_hear a_message from_behind_
_you to_say this is_the_way walk in_him/it if/because you(pl)_
_will_go_to_the_right and_because/when you(pl)_will_go_to_
_the_left. **22** And_you(pl)_will_make_unclean ~~ḏōm~~ the_plating_
_of the_images_of your_silver_of_your and_~~ḏōm~~ the_sheathing_
_of the_molten_image_of your_gold_of_your you_will_throw_
_them_away like a_menstrual_rag filth you_will_say to_him/it.
23 And_he/it_gave the_rain_of your(ms)_seed/fruit which you_
_will_sow ~~ḏōm~~ the_soil and_food the_produce_of the_soil and_
_it_was fat and_fat livestock_of_your it_will_graze in_the_day
(the)_that pasture broad. **24** And_the_cattle(s) and_the_male_
_donkeys which_till_of the_soil fodder_of salted they_will_eat
which someone_has_been_winnowing with_shovel and_with_
_pitchfork. **25** And_it_was on every_of mountain high[131] and_on
every_of hill lifted_up streams watercourses_of water in/on_

Readers' Version

11 Turn off the road.
Go on a different path.
Keep Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one away from us.
12 Therefore Yisrael's holy one says,
"Because you've all rejected this message
and have trusted in oppression and perversion and depended on it,
13 then that disobedience will become your downfall,
→like a bulge in a high wall that will at some unexpected time, suddenly come smashing down.
14 It'll be like the smashing of a clay jar—completely shattered.
Among the fragments, a person wouldn't be able to find a piece big enough to pick up a hot coal from the fire,
or to dip some water out of a cistern to drink."
15 So this is what Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one says,
"You'll all be saved by returning and quietly waiting.
Your strength will come from quietness and confidence,
→but you all weren't willing.
16 You all said, 'Nah, we'll flee away on horses,'
and indeed you all will flee,
and you said, 'We'll ride on swift horses,'
but those who chase after you all will prove to be swifter.
17 A thousand will flee from the threat of just one.
You'll all flee from the threat of five of the enemy
until you're left like a lone flagstaff on the top of a mountain
or like a banner poked into a hill."

Yahweh will bless his people

18 And yet Yahweh is waiting to show favour to you all,
so he takes action to show you mercy
because Yahweh is a god of justice.
Those who wait for him to rescue them will be blessed,
19 because people will live in Tsiyon (Zion)—in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
You certainly won't weep anymore because at the sound of your crying out, he'll show favour to you.
As soon as he hears, he'll answer you.
20 My master will give you distress for your food
and oppression for your water,
and your teacher will no longer hide himself,
so you'll see him will your own eyes.
21 Your ears will hear a command coming from behind you saying,
'That's the right way to go,'
so you'll be guided whether you go to the right or to the left.
22 Then you all will desecrate your silver-plated idols
and your gold-sheathed images.
You'll throw them away like a menstrual rag
and you'll say, 'You piece of filth!'
23 Then he'll give you rain for the seed that you've planted in

131 LV 30:25 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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the ground,
→and the soil will produce plenty of food,
and your livestock will graze in wide pastures at that time.
24 The bulls and the male donkeys that till the ground
→will eat human-quality grain that's been properly winnowed.
25 On every high mountain and every substantial hill,
there'll be streams flowing with water,
at the time of much slaughter when fortified towers are defeated.
26 The light from the moon will be like the light from the sun,
and the sun's light will be seven times brighter
at the time when Yahweh bandages up his people's fracture
and when he heals their severe wound.

Yahweh's judgement for Ashur

27 Look, Yahweh is coming from far away.
He's very angry and his weight ascends.
His lips are full of indignation
and his tongue is like a consuming fire.
28 His breath is like a rushing river that comes up to the neck,
to sift the nations in a sieve that separates out worthlessness,
and with a bridle in the people's jaws to lead them astray.
29 You'll all have your own song like you would at a religious festival,
and be happy inside like when someone walks to Yahweh's mountain with their flute—
going to Yisrael's (Israel's) rock that gives protection.
30 Then Yahweh will make his majestic voice heard
and lowering his arm, he'll reveal his raging anger and the consuming flame,
as well as a windstorm, a rainstorm, and a hailstorm,
31 because Yahweh's voice will shatter Ashur (Assyria)—
he'll strike them with a rod.
32 With every stroke from the punishing rod that he puts across them,
there'll be tambourines and harps as he fights them in battle—brandishing his arm,
33 because a cremation place was arranged long ago.
Indeed, it's been prepared for the Assyrian king.
Its funeral pyre is deep and wide with the firewood piled high.
Yahweh's breath will ignite it like a stream of burning sulphur.

Yahweh's protection of Yerushalem

31:1 Those who go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) for help won't end well.
They depend on horses and rely on chariots that are many,
and on cavalry that are very numerous,
but they don't look towards Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one,
and they don't request help from Yahweh.
2 Yahweh is also wise and he brought calamity.
He hasn't changed his mind since his messages

Literal Version

day slaughter great when towers _fall. **26** And_it_was the_
_light_of the_moon like_the_light_of the_sun and_the_light_of
the_sun it_will_be sevenfold like_the_light_of seven_of the_
_days in/on_day **YHWH** binds_up ~~DOM~~ the_fracture_of his_
_people_of_his and_the_wound_of his_wound_of_his he_will_
_heal.

27 THERE the_name_of **YHWH** is_coming from_a_distance
anger_of_his is_burning and_is_weight lifting_up lips_of_his
they_are_full indignation and_tongue_of_his is_like_a_fire
consuming. **28** And_breath_of_his is_like_a_torrent overflowing
to the_neck it_reaches for_shaking nations in_a_sieve_of
worthlessness and_a_halter which_misleads on the_jaws_of
peoples. **29** (The)_song it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) like_the_
_night_of is_consecrated a_festival and_gladness_of heart like_
_who]_walks with_flute to_go on_the_mountain_of **YHWH** to
the_rock_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **30** And_ **YHWH** _he_will_cause_to_
_hear ~~DOM~~ the_majesty_of his_voice_of_his and_the_lowering_of
his_arm_of_his he_will_show with_rage_of anger and_a_flame_
_of fire consuming a_driving_storm and_a_rainstorm and_
_stone_of hail. **31** If/because from_the_voice_of **YHWH**
'Ashshūr it_will_be_shattered with_rod he_will_strike. **32** And_
_it_was every_of blow_of the_staff_of appointment which
YHWH he_will_place on/upon/above_him/it with_
_tambourines and_with_harps and_with_battles_of brandishing
he_will_fight in/on/at/with[132]. **33** If/because has_been_
_arranged from_yesterday a_place_of_burning also it[133] to/for_
_the_king it_has_been_prepared someone_has_made_it_deep
someone_has_made_it_large pile_of_its_wood fire and_wood(s)
is_much the_breath_of **YHWH** like_a_torrent_of sulfur is_
_about_to_burn (in)_it.

31:1 Woe_to those_who_go_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_help
on horses they_depend and_they_have_relied on chariotry
if/because it_is_many and_on horsemen if/because they_are_
_numerous exceedingly and_not they_look on the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~DOM~~ **YHWH** not they_seek. **2** And_also he
is_wise and_he/it_brought calamity and_~~DOM~~ words/messages_
_of_his not he_has_turned_aside and_he_will_rise_up on the_
_house_of evil-doers and_on the_help_of those_who_do_of (of)_
_wickedness. **3** And_Mitsrayim is_humankind and_not god and_

132 **LV 30:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ב: (x-qere) ם֫/ב': lemma_b n_0 morph_HR/Sp3mp id_231Ff ם֫/ב
133 **LV 30:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: אוה: (x-qere) אֶ֫יהָ': lemma_1931 n_1.0.0 morph_HPp3fs id_23xk4 אֶ֫יהָ

Literal Version

_horses_of_their are_flesh and_not spirit and_**YHWH** he_will_
_stretch_out his/its_hand and_ the_one_who_helps _he_will_
stumble and the_one_who_is_helped _he_will_fall and_
_together of_them_of_all they_will_come_to_an_end.
4 If/because thus **YHWH** he_has_said to_me just_as the_lion
and_the_young_lion it_growls over prey_of_its that it_is_
_summoned on/upon/above_him/it a_multitude_of shepherds
from_voice_of_their not it_is_dismayed and_from_tumult_of_
_their not it_cringes so **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_
_come_down to_go_to_war on the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
and_on hill_of_its. **5** Like_birds flying so **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_will_defend (on)
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_defend_it and_he_will_
_rescue_it he_will_pass_over_it and_he_will_deliver_it. **6** Return
to_the_one_whom people_have_made_deep rebellion Oh_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** If/because in_the_day (the)_that
they_will_reject everyone the_idols_of his_silver_of_his and_
_the_idols_of his_gold_of_his which they_have_made to/for_
_you(pl) hands_of_your(pl) sin. **8** And_ 'Ashshūr _it_will_fall by_
_a_sword not a_human and_a_sword not a_human it_will_
_consume_it and_it_will_flee to_him/it from_face/in_front_of
a_sword and_its_young_of_men (into)_forced_labour they_will_
_become. **9** And_rock_of_its from_terror it_will_pass_away and_
_they_will_be_dismayed from_a_standard commanders_of_its
the_utterance_of **YHWH** who fire to_him/it in_Tsiyyōn and_
_an_oven to_him/it in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

32:1 THERE for_righteousness a_king he_will_reign and_to_
_rulers for_justice they_will_rule. **2** And_it_was each like_a_
_hiding_place_of a_wind and_a_shelter_of a_rainstorm like_
_streams_of water in_a_dry_land like_the_shadow_of a_rock
heavy in_land weary. **3** And_not the_eyes_of those_who_see
they_will_look and_the_ears_of those_who_hear they_will_pay_
_attention. **4** And_the_heart_of hasty_people it_will_
_understand to_know and_(the)_tongue stammerers it_will_
_hasten to_speak clear_words/messages. **5** Not it_will_be_called
again to_a_fool noble and_of_a_scoundrel not a_noble_person
it_will_be_said. **6** If/because a_fool disgraceful_folly he_speaks
and_heart_of_his it_does wickedness for_doing godlessness
and_by_speaking concerning **YHWH** error by_keeping_empty
the_appetite_of the_hungry and_drink the_thirsty he_deprives.
7 And_a_scoundrel weapons_of_his are_evil he evil_purposes
he_plans to_ruin afflicted_people[134] with_words/messages_of
falsehood and_when_ the_needy _speaks justice. **8** And_a_
_noble_person noble_deeds he_plans and_he on noble_deeds
he_stands.

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and he'll take action against the place of evil-doers
and against those who do wicked things.
3 Mitsrayim (Egypt) is human and not a god.
Their horses are physical and not spiritual
and Yahweh will stretch out his hand and the ones trying to help will stumble,
and the ones being helped will be defeated,
→and all of them will die together.
4 Because this is what Yahweh has told me,
"As a lion growls and the young lion growls over its prey,
even if a large group of shepherds shout at it,
→it's not put off by their voices
and it doesn't cringe because of the commotion they make,
→so too Commander-in-chief Yahweh will descend to go to war on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) and its hill.
5 Just like birds do, Commander-in-chief Yahweh will protect Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
He'll defend and rescue it—passing over it and saving it."
6 You Israeli people, return to the one that you've seriously rebelled against, **7** because at that time, everyone will reject their gold and silver idols that you've all made with your disobedient hands.
8 Then Ashur (Assyria) will fall from a sword (but not a human one),
and a sword (not a human one) will destroy it.
It will flee away from that sword,
and its young men will become forced labour.
9 Their security will pass away from terror,
and their officers will be dismayed from seeing the banner flying.
That's the declaration from Yahweh who has fire in Tsiyon (Zion)
and a furnace in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

Predicting an honest government

32:1 Listen, a king will reign with fairness,
and officials will rule with justice.
2 Each of them will be like a hiding place from the wind
and a shelter in a rainstorm.
They'll be like streams in the desert,
and like the shade from a large rock in an arid land.
3 Then won't the eyes of those who see, look,
and the ears of those who hear, pay attention?
4 Then the heart of the hasty will understand knowledge,
and the tongue of stutterers will speak fluently and clearly.
5 The fool won't be called 'noble' any more,
and scoundrels will no longer be respected,
6 because the fool speaks foolishness
and his heart plans disobedience for doing ungodly things
and by speaking error about Yahweh.
He keeps those empty who have a hungry appetite,
and he deprives those who are thirsty.

134 **LV 32:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם׳יונע**: (x-qere) **'ם׳יִינֲע**: lemma_6041 n_0.1.0 morph_HAampa id_237qo **ם׳יִינֲע**

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7 As for the scoundrel, evil is his weapon.
He plans to ruin those already suffering with false stories,
and speaks against justice for the needy.
8 In contrast, the honourable person plans to do honourable things,
and they will stand on those noble actions.

Yerushalem's women in despair

9 Take action, you carefree women.
Listen to my voice you confident daughters.
Pay attention to what I have to say.
10 In just over a year you confident women will be agitated
because the grape harvest will fail and the fruit gathering won't happen.
11 Tremble you carefree women.
Be agitated you confident women.
Strip yourselves bare then put sackcloth around your waists.
12 Beat your breasts with grief over the pleasant fields
and over the fruitful grapevines.
13 My people's land has thorns and thistles growing up over it—
even in all the happy homes in the cheery town,
14 because the palace will be abandoned.
The busy city will be deserted.
The hill and the watchtower will forever be like caves—
a delight for the wild donkeys and a pasture for the flocks
15 until the spirit is poured down on us from up high,
and the wilderness becomes an orchard,
and the orchard is considered as a forest.[135]
16 Then justice will live in the wilderness,
and righteousness will stay in the orchard.
17 The result of their doing what's right will be peace,
and the service of righteousness will be quietness and permanent security.
18 Then my people will live peacefully,
and in secure homes and undisturbed resting places.
19 It will hail when the forest comes down,
and the city will be completely levelled.
20 You all who sow wherever there's water, will be blessed—
you all who untie your cow and donkey to give them free range.

Yahweh pushes Ashur away

33:1 The destroyer won't end well, but you haven't been destroyed.
The one who acts treacherously hasn't been dealt with treacherously.
When you finish destroying, that's when you'll be destroyed.
When you've stopped dealing treacherously, that's when people will deal treacherously with you.
2 Yahweh, show your favour to us because we've waited for your help.

Literal Version

9 Oh_women carefree arise hear my_sound/voice Oh_daughters confident give_ear_to my_speech/discourse. **10** Days with a_ _year you(pl)_will_be_agitated Oh_confident_women if/because the_grape_harvest it_will_fail the_gathering not it_will_come. **11** Tremble Oh_carefree_women be_agitated Oh_confident_ _women strip_off and_lay_yourselves_bare(pl) and_gird on loins. **12** On breasts mourning on fields_of desire on vine[s] fruitful. **13** On the_land_of my_people_of_my which_thorns thorn[s] it_will_grow_up if/because on all_of the_houses_of joy a_town exultant. **14** If/because the_palace it_will_be_ _abandoned the_tumult_of the_city it_will_be_abandoned the_ _hill and_the_watchtower it_will_become behind caves until perpetuity a_joy_of wild_donkeys a_pasture_of flocks. **15** Until it_will_be_poured_out on_us spirit from_a_high_place and_it_ _was the_wilderness (into)_orchard and[136] to_forest it_will_be_ _considered. **16** And_it_will_dwell in_wilderness justice and_ _righteousness in_orchard it_will_remain. **17** And_it_was the_ _work_of (the)_righteousness peace and_the_labour_of (the)_ _righteousness will_be_quietness and_security until perpetuity. **18** And_ people_of_my _it_will_dwell in_a_habitation_of peace and_in_dwelling_places_of securiti(es) and_in_resting_places_of undisturbed. **19** And_it_will_hail when_ the_forest _comes_ _down and_with_lowness the_city it_will_become_low. **20** How_ _of_blessed_are_you(pl) Oh_you(pl)_who_sow_of at every_of water Oh_you(pl)_who_let_untie/release_of (of)_the_foot_of the_ox and_the_donkey.

33:1 Woe_to the_destroyer and_you(ms) not have_been_ _destroyed and_the_one_who_acts_treacherously and_not people_have_dealt_treacherously in_him/it just_as_you_finish destroying you_will_be_destroyed just_as_you_complete to_ _deal_treacherously people_will_deal_treacherously with_you. **2** Oh_**YHWH** show_favour_to_us to/for_yourself(m) we_have_ _waited be arm_of_their to_mornings also salvation_of_our in_ _a_time_of distress. **3** From_the_sound_of tumult peoples they_ _flee from_arising_of_your nations they_were_scattered. **4** And_ plunder_of_your(pl) _it_will_be_gathered (the)_gathering_of

135 RV 32:15 · Cross-ref. 29:17.

136 LV 32:15 · Note OSHB variant note: לְמִרְכַּ/וֹ: (x-qere) לָמֶרַכ/הָ/וֹ: lemma_c/d/3759 n_0.0 morph_HC/Td/Ncmsa id_23N8o לָמֶרַכ/הָ/וֹ

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(the)_locust[s] like_the_rushing_of locusts someone_will_be_
_rushing in/on/over_him/it. **5** **YHWH** is_exalted if/because he_
_is_dwelling a_high_place he_will_fill Tsiyyōn/(Zion) justice
and_righteousness. **6** And_it_was the_steadiness_of your(pl)_
_times_of_your wealth_of deliverance(s) wisdom_of and_
_knowledge the_fear_of **YHWH** it be_his_treasure_of_will.
7 THERE their_valiant_one they_have_cried_out outside_to_the
messengers_of peace bitter they_weep. **8** Highways they_have_
_been_made_desolate one_who_passes_by_of a_path he_has_
_ceased someone_has_broken a_covenant someone_has_
_rejected cities not anyone_has_valued humankind. **9** It_has_
_dried_up the_land it_has_languished Ləvānōn it_has_
_displayed_shame it_has_withered (the)_Shārōn it_has_become
like_(the)_plain and_is_ Bāshān and_Karmel/(Carmel) _
_shaking_off.

10 Now I_will_arise **YHWH** he_says now I_will_exalt_myself
now I_will_lift_myself_up. **11** You(pl)_will_conceive dry_grass
you(pl)_will_give_birth_to stubble breath_of_your(pl) is_a_fire
which_it_will_consume_you(pl). **12** And_they_will_be peoples
burnings_of lime thorns cut_down with_fire they_will_be_
_kindled. **13** Hear Oh_distant_ones that_which I_have_done
and_know Oh_near_ones strength_of_my. **14** They_are_in_dread
in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) sinners trembling it_has_seized godless_
_people who will_he_sojourn to/for_us a_fire_of consuming
who will_he_sojourn to/for_us hearths_of perpetuity. **15** one_
_who_walks righteousness(es) and_one_who_speaks
uprightness(es) one_who_rejects (in)_unjust_gain_of
extortion(s) one_who_shakes palms_of_his from_taking_hold
on_bribe one_who_shuts ear_of_his from_hearing blood(s) and_
_one_who_shuts eyes_of_his from_looking on_evil. **16** He high_
_places he_will_dwell will_be_strongholds_of cliffs refuge_of_
_his food_of_his will_be_given water_of_his will_be_reliable.

17 A_king in_beauty_of_his eyes_of_your they_will_see they_
_will_see a_land_of distances. **18** Heart_of_your it_will_
_meditate_on terror where is_one_who_counted where is_one_
_who_weighed where is_one_who_counted ~~DOM~~ the_towers.
19 ~~DOM~~ a_people barbarous not you_will_see a_people too_
_deep_of_language for_hearing stammering_of tongue there_is_
_not understanding. **20** See Tsiyyōn the_town_of our_
_appointed_feast_of_our eyes_of_your they_will_see
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_habitation undisturbed a_tent
which_not anyone_will_pack_up which_not pegs_of_its_tent

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Be our strength each morning as well as our rescuer when trouble comes.
3 The peoples flee when they hear the commotion.
When you took action, the nations were scattered.
4 You all gather the plunder like locusts—
like locusts swarming in over it.
5 Yahweh is praised because he lives in a high place.
He will rule Tsiyon (Zion) by doing what's both right and fair.
6 He will be your constant source of stability—
a large supply of security, wisdom, and knowledge.
Respect and honour for Yahweh will be its treasure.
7 Look, their warriors have cried outside—
the messengers of peace weep bitterly.
8 The highways are deserted—
no one is going past on the paths.
Agreements are broken, people avoid cities, no one values people.
9 The land has dried up and become unproductive.
Levanon is ashamed and has withered.
The Sharon plain is like the desert,
and Bashan and Karmel are losing their leaves.

Yahweh warns his enemies

10 "Now I'll take action" says Yahweh.
"Now I'll be praised.
Now I'll be elevated.
11 You'll all conceive chaff and give birth to stubble.
Your breath is a fire that will devour you all.
12 The people will be burnt down into ashes,
like thorn bushes cut down and burnt in a heap.
13 You who are far away, listen to what I've done.
^and you all who are nearby, feel my strength."
14 The sinners in Tsiyon (Zion) are very afraid—
trembling has seized the godless.
"How can we stay in this place with a devouring fire?
Which of us can live with continual burning?"
15 The one who does what's right,
and is honest in what they say,
who rejects dishonest gain from extortion,
and who avoids shaking hands on a deal involving a bribe,
who refuses to listen to ideas of murder,
and who won't let his eyes look into evil schemes,
16 that person will live in high places—
the mountain fortress will be their refuge.
They'll have a reliable source of food and water.

The ruling king

17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty.
They'll see a distant land.
18 Your heart will recall the terror.
"Where's the taxation accountant? Where's the one doing the weighing?
Where's the one who counted the towers?"
19 You'll no longer see those fierce people
whose language is too confusing to comprehend

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and whose sounds are too foreign to understand.
20 Look at Tsiyon (Zion), the town of our festivals.
Your eyes will see Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—a place to live undisturbed.
No tents will be packed up and no tent pegs will ever be pulled out,
and none of its ropes will be snapped.
21 Yahweh the majestic one will be there with us—
a place with rivers and wide canals.
No ship that's rowed will be able to go over it,
and no huge sailing ships will pass along it.
22 Yes, Yahweh is our judge—he's our commander.
Yahweh is our king—he'll rescue us.
23 Your ropes are coming undone—they can't secure the base of the mast.
They can't spread the sail out.
Then the large booty onboard will be divided as plunder—
even lame people will take some spoil.
24 None of the residents will say that they're sick—
the people who live there will be forgiven for their disobedience.

Yahweh punishes his enemies

34:1 Come close you nations to listen.
and you peoples pay attention.
The earth and everything that fills it must listen—
the world and everything that it's produced.
2 Yahweh is very angry at all the nations
and furious at all their armies.
He'll completely destroy them—
he'll hand them over to be slaughtered.
3 Then their slain will be tossed out
and the hills will soak up their blood,
and their corpses will release a stench.
4 All the stars in the sky will rot away,
and the skies will be rolled up like a scroll.
All their objects will wither like leaves falling off a grapevine,
and like withered fruit dropping off a fig tree.[137]
5 Once my sword will have drunk its fill in the skies/heavens,
look, it will descend on Edom and on the people who will receive total destruction as my judgement.[138]
6 Yahweh's sword is full of blood and fattened with fat
from the blood of lambs and goats, and from the fat from rams' kidneys,
because Yahweh has a sacrifice in Batserah,
and a great slaughter in the nation of Edom.
7 Wild bulls will go down with them,
as well as young bulls and powerful ones.
Their land will drink its fill of blood,
and the dust will be smeared with fat,
8 because Yahweh will have his day of vengeance—

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anyone_will_pull_out to_perpetuity and_all ropes_of_its not they_will_be_torn_apart. **21** If/because (if) there will_be_ _majestic **YHWH** to/for_us a_place_of rivers canals broad_of both_sides not it_will_go in/on/over_him/it ship[s]_of rowing and_a_ship majestic not it_will_pass_along_it. **22** If/because **YHWH** is_our_of_judge **YHWH** is_our_of_commander **YHWH** king_of_is_our he he_will_deliver_us. **23** Ropes_of_your they_ _are_untie/release not they_make_firm the_base_of their_ _mast_of_their not they_have_spread_out the_sail then booty_ _of plunder in_abundance_of it_will_be_divided lame_people they_will_take_as_spoil spoil. **24** And_not an_inhabitant he_ _will_say I_am_sick the_people which_dwells in_it will_be_ _forgiven_of iniquity.

34:1 Draw_near Oh_nations to_hear and_Oh_peoples pay_ _attention the_earth/land and_what_of_fills_it the_world and_ _all produce(s)_of_its let_it_hear. **2** If/because severe_anger to/for_**YHWH** towards all_of the_nations and_rage towards every_of their_group/army/objects he_will_totally_destroy_ _them he_will_deliver_them_up to_slaughter. **3** And_their_ _slain_of_ones they_will_be_thrown_out and_corpses_of_their stench_of_their it_will_go_up and_ mountains _they_will_melt_ _away from_blood_of_their. **4** And_ all_of the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens _they_will_rot_away and_ _they_will_be_rolled_up like_scroll the_heavens and_all their_ _group/army/objects it_will_wither as_ leafage _withers from_ _a_vine and_like_withered_fruit from_a_fig_tree. **5** If/because it_has_drunk_its_fill in_the_heavens sword_of_my THERE on 'Edōm it_will_come_down and_on the_people_of my_total_ _destruction_of_my for_judgement. **6** A_sword to/for_**YHWH** it_is_full blood it_has_fattened_itself from_fat from_the_blood_ _of lambs and_goats from_the_fat_of the_kidneys_of rams if/because a_sacrifice to/for_**YHWH** in_Botsrāh and_a_ _slaughter great in_land of_'Edōm. **7** And_ wild_oxen _they_ _will_go_down with_them and_young_bulls with mighty_bulls and_ land_of_their _it_will_drink_its_fill from_blood and_dust_ _of_their from_fat it_will_be_fattened. **8** If/because a_day_of vengeance to/for_**YHWH** a_year_of retribution(s) for_the_ _cause_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **9** And_ torrents_of_its _they_will_be_ _changed into_pitch and_dust_of_its into_sulfur and_ land_of_ _its _it_will_become (into)_pitch burning. **10** Night and_by_day not it_will_be_extinguished forever_perpetuity smoke_of_its it_ _will_go_up from_generation to_generation it_will_be_desolate to_perpetuity_of perpetuities there_will_not_be one_who_ _passes in_it. **11** And_they_will_take_possession_of_it wilderness_owl and_hedgehog and_great_owl and_raven they_

137 **RV 34:4 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:29; Mrk 13:25; Luk 21:26; Rev 6:13-14.

138 **RV 34:5-17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

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_will_dwell in_it and_he_will_stretch_out on/upon_it(f) a_
_measuring-line_of formlessness and_stones_of emptiness.
12 Nobles_of_its and_there_will_not_be there that_which_a_
_kingship people_will_call and_all princes_of_its they_will_be
nothing. **13** And_it_will_grow_up fortresses_of_its thorns
nettle[s] and_thornbush[es] will_be_of_on_its_fortifications
and_it_will_be a_habitation_of jackals grass for_daughters_of
an_ostrich. **14** And_ wilderness-dwellers _they_will_meet DOM
hyenas and_goat to his/its_neighbour it_will_call surely there
the_night-creature it_will_rest and_it_will_find to/for_her/it a_
_resting_place. **15** There_(to) arrow_snake[s] it_will_make_a_
_nest and_it_laid_eggs and_it_will_hatch and_it_will_gather_a_
_brood in_shadow_of_its surely there red_kites they_will_be_
_gathered each companion_of_its. **16** Seek from_under the_
_scroll_of **YHWH** and_read one of_them not it_will_be_missing
each companion_of_its not they_will_miss if/because mouth_
_of_my it it_has_commanded and_spirit_of_his it it_will_
_gather_them. **17** And_he he_has_throw for_them a_lot and_
_hand_of_his it_has_divided_it to/for_them by_measuring-line
until perpetuity they_will_possess_it to_a_generation and_a_
_generation they_will_dwell in_it.

35:1 They_will_rejoice[143] the_wilderness and_the_dry_region
and_ the_wilderness_plain _let_it_be_glad and_it_will_bud like_
_a_crocus. **2** Profusely_(bud) it_will_bud and_let_it_be_glad also
gladness_of and_shouting_for_joy the_glory_of (the)_Ləvānōn
it_will_be_given to/for_her/it the_splendour_of (the)_
Karmel/(Carmel) and(the)_Shārōn they they_will_see the_
_glory_of **YHWH** the_splendour_of our_god_of_our.
3 Strengthen hands slack and_knees which_stumble make_firm.
4 Say to_people_hasty_of heart be_strong do_not be_afraid
HERE god_of_your(pl) vengeance he_will_come the_
_recompense_of god he he_will_come and_he_will_deliver_
_you(pl). **5** Then the_eyes_of blind_people they_will_be_opened
and_the_ears_of deaf_people they_will_be_unstopped. **6** Then
he_will_leap like_deer a_lame_person and_ the_tongue_of a_
_dumb_person _it_will_shout_for_joy if/because they_will_

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a year of retribution for Tsiyon's (Zion's) sake.
9 Its streams will be changed into tar,
and its dust into sulfur,
and its land will become burning pitch.
10 It'll burn night and day and its smoke will permanently go up.[139]
It'll be a wasteland throughout the generations
and no one will ever pass through it again.
11 Desert owls and hedgehogs will take it over—
owls and ravens will live there.
Yahweh will stretch the measuring line of ruin over it
and plumb lines of destruction.
12 Its leading citizens will have nothing left to call a kingdom,
and all its princes will become nobodies.
13 Thorns will grow up its fortresses.
Nettles and thornbushes will grow on its high walls,
and it'll become a place for jackals to live in—
grass for ostriches.
14 Wild animals will meet hyenas,
and the wild goats will bleat to each other.
The lilith owl[140] will rest there,
and find a place for itself to nest.
15 Owls will nest and lay eggs there,
and hatch and brood the chicks in its shade.
Indeed the hawks will gather there with their mates.
16 Look through Yahweh's scroll and read—not one of them will be missing.
Not one will lack its mate because Yahweh has commanded it,
and his spirit will gather them there.
17 He has thrown dice for them,
and his hand divided out their territory with a measuring line.
It'll be theirs forever—they'll live there throughout the generations.

The happiness of those saved by God

35:1 The wilderness and the desert will celebrate,
and the Aravah plain will be happy and blossom like a lily.
2 It will blossom widely and be glad,
even with happiness and cheery shouting.
Levanon's glory will be given to it,
as well as the splendour of Karmel and Sharon.
They will see Yahweh's brightness—the splendour of our god.
3 Strengthen the limp hands,
and steady the stumbling knees.[141]
4 Tell those with anxious hearts,
"Be strong—don't be afraid.
Listen, your god will come with vengeance—

139 **RV 34:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 14:11; 19:3.

140 **RV 34:14 · Note** See article on 'lilith' at https://www.sil.org/resources/publications/entry/111035.

141 **RV 35:3 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:12.

143 **LV 35:1 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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paying them back for what they've done.
→He himself will come and rescue you."
5 Then the blind will be able to see again,
and deaf people will be able to hear.[142]
6 Then the lame person will leap like a deer
and the one who's mute will shout happily
because springs will burst out in the wilderness,
and streams in the Aravah plain.
7 The parched ground will become a pool,
and the thirsty place will become springs of water.
The place where jackals lived and relaxed
→will grow grass, reeds, and papyrus.
8 There'll be a highway to travel on
→and it'll be called 'the sacred road'.
The 'unclean' won't use it
but it'll be for those walking in the right direction—
fools won't be allowed to wander onto it.
9 There'll be no lions there
and no dangerous wild animals on it.
Those creatures won't be found there,
but those people who've been bought back will walk on it.
10 Then the people ransomed by Yahweh will return
and they'll come to Tsiyon (Zion) with a cheerful shout.
They'll always be happy and gladness and celebration will overwhelm them,
and sorrow and groaning will disappear.

Ashur threatens Yerushalem[144]

36:1 In the fourteenth year of the reign of King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), Ashur's (Assyria's) King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) attacked Yehudah's (Judah's) fortified cities and captured them. **2** Then from Lakish, the Assyrian king sent his top negotiator to King Hizkiyah in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with a large army. He stopped by the aqueduct at the upper pool on the road to the field where women wash clothes, **3** and Hilkiyah's son Elyakim, the palace supervisor, went out to meet him, taking Shevna the administrator, and Asaf's son Yoah the secretary. **4** The negotiator instructed them, "Tell Hizkiyah that Ashur's powerful king wants to know who or what you think you're trusting in to rescue you? **5** Your plan and war preparations are only hot air, so who are you relying on that encourages you to rebel against me? **6** Listen, if it's Mitsrayim (Egypt), that's like trusting a staff made from a splintered reed. If a man were to lean on it, it would pierce his palm—that's what relying on Mitsrayim's King Par'oh (Pharaoh) is like for those who put their trust in him. **7** But if you tell me that you're relying on your god Yahweh, hasn't Hizkiyah removed his hilltop shrines and altars, and forced all Yehudah to worship him in front of the altar there in Yerushalem?
8 "So now, make a deal with my master, the Assyrian king. Let me give you two thousand horses if you can find that many rid-

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_burst_forth in_wilderness waters and_torrents in_plain.
7 And_ the_parched_ground _it_was (into)_a_pool and_thirsty_
_ground will_become_(into)_springs_of water will_be_in_a_
_habitation_of jackals place_of_its_resting herbage will_
become(into)_reeds and_papyrus. **8** And_it_was there a_
_highway and_a_way and_the_way_of (the)_holiness it_will_be_
_called to/for_her/it not he_will_pass_along_it the_unclean
and_he will_belong_to_them one_who_walks_of the_way and_
_fools not they_will_wander_about. **9** Not it_will_be there a_lion
and_a_violent_one_of living_creatures not it_will_go_up_on_it
not it_will_be_found there and_ those_redeemed _they_will_
_walk. **10** And_the_people_ransomed_of **YHWH** they_will_
_return and_they_will_come Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_a_shout_of_
_joy and_gladness_of perpetuity will_be_on head_of_their joy
and_gladness they_will_overtake_them and_ sorrow and_
_groaning _they_will_flee.

36:1 And_he/it_was in_four- teen year to/for_the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh}
Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_came_up on all_of the_
_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (the)_fortified and_he_seized_them.
2 And_ the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_sent ~~DOM~~ the_Rab- shaqeh
from_Lākīsh to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh}
with_an_army_of massive and_he_stood at_the_conduit_of the_
_pool (the)_upper on_the_highway_of the_field_of the_washer.
3 And_he/it_went_out to_him/it 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh}
who was_over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_
_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder. **4** And_he/it_said
to_them the_Rab- shaqeh say please to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} thus the_king
(the)_great the_king_of 'Ashshūr he_says what is_the_trust the_
_this which you_trust. **5** I_say only a_message_of lips is_a_plan
and_strength for_war now on whom do_you_rely
that/for/because/then/when you_have_rebelled against_me.
6 HERE you_rely on the_staff_of (the)_reed (the)_crushed the_
_this on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) which anyone he_will_support_
_himself on/upon/above_him/it and_it_will_go in_palm_of_his
and_it_will_pierce_it is_thus Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim
to/from_all/each/any/every those_who_rely on/upon/above_
_him/it. **7** And_because/when you_will_say to_me to **YHWH**
god_of_our we_trust am_not is_he the_one_whom Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_
_has_removed ~~DOM~~ places_of_his_high and_~~DOM~~ altars_of_his
and_he/it_said to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
the_altar the_this you(pl)_will_bow_down. **8** And_now make_a_

142 **RV 35:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:5; Luk 7:22.

144 **RV 36:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 18:13-27; 2 Chr. 32:1-19

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_wager please with my_master the_king of_'Ashshūr and_let_ _me_give to/for_yourself(m) two_thousand horses if you_will_ _be_able to_put to/for_yourself(m) riders on_them. **9** And_how will_you_turn_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of the_governor_of (of)_one of_the_servants_of my_master (the)_little and_you_have_been_ _relying to/for_yourself(m) on Mitsrayim for_chariotry and_ _for_horsemen. **10** And_now (from)_without **YHWH** have_I_ _come_up on the_earth/land (the)_this to_destroy_it **YHWH** he_said to_me go_up against the_earth/land (the)_this and_ _destroy_it. **11** And_ 'Elyāqīm and_Shevnā' and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) _ _he/it_said to the_Rab- shaqeh speak please to your_servants 'Arāmīt if/because we are_understanding and_do_not speak to_ _us Yəhūdī/(Judean) in_the_ears_of the_people which is_on the_wall. **12** And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he/it_said to master(s)_of_ _your and_to_you(ms) has_he_sent_me my_master to_speak ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these not to the_men who_are_ _sitting on the_wall to_eat ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[145] and_to_drink ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[146] with_you(pl). **13** And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he_stood and_ _he/it_called with_a_voice great Yəhūdī/(Judean) and_he/it_ _said hear ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_king (the)_great the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **14** Thus the_king he_says not let_him_ _deceive to/for_you(pl) Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because not he_will_be_ _able to_deliver you(pl). **15** And_not Ḥizqiy^{yāh} let_him_make_ _trust you(pl) to **YHWH** to_say certainly_(deliver) he_will_ _deliver_us **YHWH** not the_city (the)_this it_will_be_given in_ _the_hand_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **16** Do_not listen to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} if/because thus the_king of_'Ashshūr he_says make with_me a_blessing and_come_out to_me and_eat everyone vine_of_his_own and_everyone fig_tree_of_his_own and_drink everyone the_water_of his_own_cistern_of_his. **17** Until come_I and_I_will_take you(pl) to a_land like_your_own_of_land a_ _land_of grain and_new_wine a_land_of bread and_vineyards. **18** Lest Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_should_mislead you(pl) to_say **YHWH** he_ _will_deliver_us have_ the_gods_of the_nations _they_delivered anyone ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_its from_the_hand_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **19** Where were_the_gods_of Ḥ$_a$māt and_'Arpād where were_the_gods_of Ṣəfarvayim and_because/when they_have_ _delivered ᴅᴏᴍ Shomrōn from_hand_of_my. **20** Who in_all the_ _gods_of the_lands the_these are_those_which they_have_ _delivered ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_their from_hand_of_my that/for/because/then/when **YHWH** he_will_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_hand_of_my. **21** And_they_kept_ _silent and_not they_answered ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it anything if/because was_the_command_of the_king it to_say not you(pl)_must_ _answer_him. **22** And_ 'Elyāqīm the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} who was_ _over the_house and_Shevnā' the_secretary and_Yō'āḥ/(Joah) the_son_of 'Āṣāf the_recorder _he_went to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} torn_of clothes and_they_told to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_Rab- shaqeh.

37:1 And_he/it_was just_ the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _as_heard and_he_ _tore ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_his and_he_covered_himself with_ _sackcloth and_he_went the_house_of **YHWH**. **2** And_he_sent

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ers for them. **9** How could you even repel a captain who's one of the least of my master's servants since you've been relying on Mitsrayim for chariots and horsemen to rescue you? **10** Also, listen, I didn't come here to destroy this region without Yahweh—it was Yahweh who told me to come here and destroy this nation."

11 Then Elyakim and Shevna and Yoah asked the negotiator, "Please speak Aramit to your servants, because we understand it. Don't speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who are up on the wall."

12 But the negotiator replied, "Do you think that my master sent me to give this message just to you and your master? Don't you think that it's also for the men sitting on the wall who'll have to join you in eating their own dung and drinking their own urine?"

13 Then the negotiator stood and looked up, and shouted in Hebrew, "Listen to this message from the great Assyrian king. **14** The king says not to let your king Hizkiyah deceive you all, because he won't be able to save you. **15** Don't let him make you rely on Yahweh by telling you all that Yahweh will rescue you, and that this city won't be captured by the Assyrian king. **16** No, don't listen to Hizkiyah, because the Assyrian king says that if you all surrender and come out here, you'll be allowed to continue to harvest your own grapevines and fig trees, and everyone will be able to drink the water from their own wells **17** until I come and take you to a land like your own that has grain and new wine—a land with bread and vineyards.

18 "Don't let Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) mislead you all by saying that Yahweh will rescue you. Did the gods of any other nations saved them from the Assyrian king's power? **19** Where were Hamat and Arpad's gods? Where were Sefarvayim's gods? Did any gods save Shomron (Samaria) from my power? **20** From all those regions, which of their gods saved them from my power, so what makes you all think that Yahweh will save Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from me."

21 But those on the wall kept silent and didn't answer him, because King Hizkiyah had ordered them not to respond. **22** Then Elyakim (Hilkiyah's son who was the palace supervisor) and Shevna (the administrator) and Yoah (the secretary) returned to Hizkiyah with their clothes torn in grief and passed the negotiator's messages on to him.

37:1 When King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) heard the report, he torn his clothes too,

Hizkiyah consults Yeshayah[147]

145 **LV 36:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: הם/ירח: (x-qere) 'םָ֫תָאוֹצ': lemma_6675 n_0.0.1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3mp id_233dV םָ֫תָאוֹצ

146 **LV 36:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: הם/ינש: (x-qere) 'ֵיֵמִימ': lemma_4325 morph_HNcmpc id_23Qsw ֵיֵמִימ'םָ֫ה/יִלְגַר': lemma_7272 n_0.0 morph_HNcfdc/Sp3mp id_23CF2 םָ֫ה/יִלְגַר

147 **RV 37:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 19:1-7

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and covered himself with sackcloth and went into Yahweh's residence. **2** Then he sent Elyakim (the palace supervisor) and Shevna (the administrator) and the elders of the priests to go to Yeshayah (Isaiah), the son of Amots the prophet, **3** and they told him, "King Hizkiyah says that today is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, like when children go to their mother who's about to deliver her baby but she doesn't have the strength to give birth. **4** Perhaps your god Yahweh heard the messages from the negotiator who was sent by his master, the Assyrian king, to defy the living god. Perhaps Yahweh will rebuke him for the words that Yahweh heard. So send up a prayer for the remnant of us here."

5 When King Hizkiyah's servants got to Yeshayah, **6** he told them to tell their master, "Yahweh says not to be afraid because of the words that you heard when the Assyrian king's servants insulted me. **7** Listen, I'll put a spirit in him and he'll hear a report that he needs to return to his own country, and then I'll cause him to be assassinated at home."

A further threat from Ashur[148]

8 Then the Assyrian negotiator returned to find the Assyrian king because he'd heard that he had left Lakish, and he found him fighting against Livnah. **9** Then the king heard that Kush's (Ethiopia's) King Tirhakah was marching out to attack him, so he sent messengers back to Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) with instructions, **10** "Tell Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah: don't let your god that you trust in, deceive you by telling you that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) won't be conquered by the Assyrian king. **11** Listen, you've heard how that the Assyrian kings have destroyed all the other regions. Don't think that you'll be saved. **12** Did the gods of those other nations save them—places like Gozan and Haran and Retsef, and the people of Eden who lived in Telasar? **13** What happened to the kings of Hamat, Arpad, La'ir, Sefarvayim, Hena, and Ivah?"

Hizkiyah's Prayer

14 Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) accepted the letter brought by the messengers and read it. Then he went into Yahweh's residence and spread it out in front of Yahweh **15** and prayed to Yahweh, saying, **16** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, who's enthroned above the winged creatures. You alone are God over all of earth's kingdoms—you made the heavens and the earth. **17** Yahweh, please pay attention and listen. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and look, and listen to everything that Sanheriv (Sennacherib) has said to defy the living god. **18** Yahweh, it's true that the Assyrian kings have destroyed all those nations and their regions, **19** and his men threw their gods into the fire, because they weren't gods at all—they're just crafted from wood and stone, so they destroyed them. **20** But

148 RV 37:8 · Parallel 2 Kgs 19:8-9

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ĐOM 'Elyāqīm who was_over the_house and_ĐOM Shevnā' the_ _secretary and_ĐOM the_elders_of the_priests covered with_ _sackcloth(s) to Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts the_ _prophet. **3** And_they_said to_him/it thus Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_says is_ _a_day_of distress and_rebuke and_insult the_day the_this if/because children they_have_come to the_mouth_of_the_ _womb and_strength there_is_not for_giving_birth. **4** Perhaps **YHWH** god_of_your he_will_hear ĐOM the_words/messages_of the_Rab- shaqeh whom he_has_sent_him the_king_of 'Ashshūr master(s)_of_his to_taunt the_god living and_he_will_rebuke (in)_words/messages which **YHWH** god_of_your he_has_heard and_you_will_lift_up prayer for the_remnant which_is_found. **5** And_ the_servants_of the_king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _they_came to Yəsha'^{yāh}. **6** And_he/it_said to_them Yəsha'^{yāh} thus you(pl)_ _will_say to master(s)_of_your(pl) thus **YHWH** he_says do_not be_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_words/messages which you_have_heard which the_servants_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr they_have_blasphemed me. **7** HERE_I am_about_to_put in/on/over_him/it a_spirit and_he_will_hear a_report and_he_ _will_return to land_of_his_own and_I_will_make_him_fall by_ _sword in_his_own_of_land.

8 And_ the_Rab- shaqeh _he_returned and_he_found ĐOM the_ _king_of 'Ashshūr fighting on Livnāh if/because he_had_heard if/because_that he_had_set_out from_Lākīsh. **9** And_he/it_ _listened on Tirhāqāh the_king_of Kūsh/(Cush) to_say he_has_ _come_out to_do_battle with_you and_he/it_listened and_he_ _sent messengers to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} to_say. **10** Thus you(pl)_will_say to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say not let_him_ _deceive_you god_of_your whom you are_trusting in/on/over_ _him/it to_say not Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr. **11** HERE you you_have_ _heard that_which the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_have_done to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands by_totally_destroying_ _them and_you(ms) will_you_be_delivered. **12** Did_ the_gods_of the_nations which they_destroyed ancestors_of_my ĐOM Gōzān and_ĐOM Ḥārān and_Retsef and_the_sons of_'Ēden who were_ _in_Təla'ssar _they_deliver them. **13** Where is_the_king_of Ḥ$_a$māt and_the_king_of 'Arpād and_the_king of_Lair Ṣəfarvayim Hēna' and_'Ivvāh.

14 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_took ĐOM the_letters from_the_hand_ _of_the_messengers and_he_read_it and_he/it_ascended the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_he_spread_it_out Ḥizqiy^{yāh} to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **15** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_prayed to **YHWH** to_say. **16** Oh_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_sits the_cherubims you he the_'Elohīm you_alone to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_ _earth/land you you_made ĐOM the_heavens and_ĐOM the_ _earth/land. **17** Incline Oh_**YHWH** ear_of_your and_hear open Oh_**YHWH** eyes_of_your and_see and_hear ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of Ṣanḥērīv which he_has_sent to_taunt the_ _god living. **18** Truly Oh_**YHWH** the_kings_of 'Ashshūr they_ _have_made_desolate ĐOM all_of the_lands and_ĐOM land_of_ _their. **19** And_they_have_put ĐOM gods_of_their in_fire if/because not were_gods they if/because (if) the_work_of the_

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_hands_of humankind wood and_stone and_they_have_
_destroyed_them. **20** And_now Oh_**YHWH** god_of_our save_us
from_hand_of_his[149] so_ all_of the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land
_that_they_may_know if/because_that you are_**YHWH** you_
_alone.
21 And_ Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōṯs _he_sent to
Ḫizqiy^{yāh} to_say thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_
_says that you_have_prayed to_me concerning Ṣanḥērīv the_
_king_of 'Ashshūr. **22** This is_the_message which **YHWH** he_
_has_spoken on/upon/above_him/it she_has_despised to/for_
_yourself(m) she_has_mocked to/for_yourself(m) the_virgin_of
the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) behind_you a_head the_
_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) she_has_shaken. **23** ~~ḎǪM~~
whom have_you_taunted and_have_you_blasphemed and_on
whom have_you_raised a_voice and_have_you_lifted_up height
eyes_of_your against the_holy_one_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **24** By_
_the_hand_of your_servants you_have_taunted my_master and_
_she/it_said with_the_abundance_of my_chariotry_of_my I I_
_have_gone_up the_height[s]_of mountains the_remotest_
_parts_of Ləvānōn and_I_have_cut_down the_height_of its_
_cedars_of_his the_choicest_of its_pines_of_his and_I_have_
_gone the_height_of its_end_of_his the_forest_of its_
_plantation_of_his. **25** I I_have_dug and_I_have_drunk water
and_I_have_dried_up with_the_sole_of my_feet_of_my all_of
the_canals_of Miṣrayim/(Egypt). **26** Am_not have_you_heard
(to)_from_distant_time it I_appointed from_days_of antiquity
and_I_planned_it now I_have_brought_it and_you_are about_
_to_make_desolate heaps ruined cities fortified. **27** And_
_inhabitants_of_their were_short_of hand they_were_dismayed
and_they_were_ashamed they_were vegetation_of the_field
and_greenery_of fresh_grass grass_of roofs and_a_field to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before standing_grain. **28** And_your_
_sitting_down and_your_going_out and_coming_your I_know
and_~~ḎǪM~~ raging_your against_me. **29** Because raged_you to_me
and_your_of_arrogance it_has_come_up in_ears_of_my and_I_
_will_put hook_of_my in_nose_of_your and_bridle_of_my on_
_lips_of_your and_I_will_make_you_return by_way which you_
_came by_it. **30** And_this for_you will_be_the_sign you_will_eat
this_year self-sown_grain and_in_year the_second(fs)
self-seeded_plant[s] and_in_year (the)_third sow and_reap and_
_plant vineyards and[151] fruit_of_their. **31** And_ the_escaped_
_remnant_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which_remains _
_it_will_add a_root (to)_downwards and_it_will_produce fruit
(to)_upwards. **32** If/because from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_
_remnant it_will_go_out and_an_escaped_remnant from_hill of_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) the_zeal_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers it_
_will_accomplish this. **33** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_
_says concerning the_king_of 'Ashshūr not he_will_come into
the_city (the)_this and_not he_will_shoot there an_arrow and_
_not he_will_confront_it a_shield and_not he_will_pour_out on_

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now, Yahweh our god, save us from his power so that all of the world's kingdoms will know that you alone are Yahweh who is God.

Yeshayah's message to Hizkiyah[150]

21 Then Amots' son Yeshayah (Isaiah) sent this message to King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah): "Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that because you prayed to me about the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib), **22** then this is what Yahweh pronounces about him:

Tsiyon's (Zion's) virgin daughter despises you—she scorns you.
Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) daughter shakes her head at you.
23 Who is it that you've defied and insulted?
Who did you raise your voice against
and arrogantly challenged?
It was Yisrael's holy one.
24 You've defied my master by sending your servants,
and you've said that you've gone to the tops of the mountains with your chariots—
up to the remotest parts of Levanon to cut down its tallest cedars and best pines.
You've said that you'll enter the highest parts of its forest plantation.
25 It's me who has dug and drunk water,
and dried up all of Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) canals with the soles of my feet.
26 "Haven't you heard that I determined it from long ago.
I planned it since ancient times and now I'm making it happen,
→and you're about to make fortified cities into desolate heaps of ruins.
27 Their powerless inhabitants are dismayed and ashamed.
They come and go like the vegetation in the countryside,
and like how a grass roof doesn't stay green for long
and like a field as the grain crop grows.
28 "I know when you sit down and when you go in or out,
and I know your raging against me.
29 Because of that raging against me,
and your arrogance that's reached my ears,
I'll put my hook in your nose
and my bit in your mouth,
and I'll send you home on the same road that you came here on."
30 So this will be the sign for you Hizkiyah (Hezekiah):
This year you'll eat wild crops,
and next year you'll eat the self-seeded growth.

149 **LV 37:20 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

150 **RV 37:21 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 19:20-37

151 **LV 37:30 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוכא/ו: (x-qere) וְלָכְאָ֑וְ: lemma_c/398 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_23SPW וְלָכְאָ֑וְ

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But in the third year you must sow and harvest,
and plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
31 The people of Yehudah (Judah) who've remained here
will send their roots down and their fruit will grow up,
32 because a remnant will come out of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
and survivors from Mt. Tsiyon (Zion).
Commander-in-chief Yahweh will accomplish this through his zeal.
33 Therefore Yahweh says this about the Assyrian king:
He won't come into this city and he won't shoot an error here.
He won't bring a shield near it, and he won't build ramps up against it.
34 He'll return by the road that he came on, and he won't enter this city.
That is Yahweh's declaration 35 and I'll protect this city and rescue it for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.

Sanheriv's retreat and assassination

36 Then Yahweh's messenger went out and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers—when the others got up early the next morning, wow, there were corpses all around! 37 Then the Assyrian King Sanheriv (Sennacherib) left and headed back there, and he settled down in Nineveh. 38 One day he was worshipping in the temple of his god Nisrok, and his sons Adramelek and Sharetser ran a sword through him before escaping to the Ararat region, and his son Esar-Hadon replaced him as king.

Hizkiyah's sickness and recovery[153]

38:1 Then a time came when King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) became critically ill, and the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) (Yeshayah, Amots' son) went to him and told him, "Yahweh says that you should put all your affairs into order, because you won't recover—your time is up."
2 Then Hizkiyah rolled over to face the wall and prayed to Yahweh, 3 "Oh Yahweh, please remember how I've served you faithfully and with integrity, and done what pleases you." Then Hizkiyah cried and cried.
4 Later, Yahweh gave Yeshayah this message, 5 "Go and tell the king that Yahweh, the god of his father David has taken notice of his prayer and seen his tears. So he'll give him another fifteen years 6 and will rescue both him and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) from the Assyrian king. Yahweh will defend this city 7 and this will be the sign from him that he will do what he's said, 8 'Look, I will turn the shadow on the steps built by King Ahaz, back ten steps.' " So the sun's shadow went back up ten steps that it had gone down.

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_it[152] a_mound. 34 By_way which he_came by_it he_will_return and_near/to the_city (the)_this not he_will_come the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. 35 And_I_will_defend (on) the_city (the)_ _this to_deliver_it for_my_own_sake and_for_the_sake_of Dāvid servant_of_my.

36 And_he/it_went_out the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_he_ _struck_down in_the_camp_of 'Ashshūr one_hundred and_ _eighty and_five thousand and_they_rose_early in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE of_them_of_all were_corpses dead.
37 And_he_set_out and_he/it_went and_ Ṣanḥērīv the_king_of 'Ashshūr _he_returned and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_Nīnəvēh. 38 And_he/it_was he was_bowing_down the_ _house_of Nişrok his/its_god and_'Adrammelek and_Shar'etser sons_of_his they_struck_him_down with_sword and_they they_ _escaped the_land_of 'Arāraṭ and_ 'Ēşar- ḥaddōn his/its_son _ _he_became_king in_place_of_him.
38:1 In_the_days the_those Ḥizqiy^{yāh} he_became_sick to_die and_he_came to_him/it Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) the_son_of 'Āmōts the_prophet and_he/it_said to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says command to_household_of_your if/because you are_about_to_ _die and_not you_will_live. 2 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_turned his/its_ _faces/face to the_wall and_he_prayed to **YHWH**. 3 And_he_ _said please Oh_**YHWH** remember please ~~ḎOM~~ how I_have_ _walked_about to_your_face in_faithfulness and_with_a_heart complete and_the_good in_eyes_of_your I_have_done and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he_wept weeping great. 4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yəsha'^{yāh} to_say. 5 Go and_you_will_say to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} thus **YHWH** the_god_of Dāvid ancestor_of_your he_ _says I_have_heard ~~ḎOM~~ prayer_of_your I_have_seen ~~ḎOM~~ tear[s]_of_your here_I he_will_add to days_of_your fif- teen year[s]. 6 And_from_the_palm_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr I_will_ _deliver_you and_~~ḎOM~~ the_city (the)_this and_I_will_defend (on) the_city (the)_this. 7 And_this for_you will_be_the_sign from_with **YHWH** which/who **YHWH** he_will_do ~~ḎOM~~ the_thing the_this which he_has_spoken. 8 HERE_I am_about_to_turn_ _back ~~ḎOM~~ the_shadow_of the_steps which it_had_gone_down on_the_steps_of 'Āḥāz with_sun backwards ten steps and_ the_ _sun _it_went_back ten steps on_steps which it_had_gone_ _down.

152 LV 37:33 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

153 RV 38:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 20:1-11; 2 Chr. 32:24-26

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9 A_writing of_Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) when_ _he_was_sick and_he/it_lived from_sickness_of_his. **10** I I_said in_the_half_of my_days_of_my let_me_go in_the_gates_of Shə'ōl I_have_been_caused_to_miss the_remainder_of my_years_of_ _my. **11** I_said not I_will_see Yah Yah in_land of_the_living not I_will_look_at humankind again with the_inhabitants_of cessation. **12** Dwelling-place_of_my it_has_been_pulled_up and_ _it_has_been_removed from_me like_the_tent_of my_shepherd I_have_rolled_up like_weaver life_of_my from_the_loom he_ _cuts_me_off from_day unto night you_make_an_end_of_me. **13** I_have_lain_down until morning like_lion so he_breaks all_of bones_of_my from_day unto night you_make_an_end_of_me. **14** Like_a_swallow_of a_crane so I_chirp I_moan like_dove eyes_ _of_my they_are_low to_height[s] my_master oppression to/for_me stand_surety_for_me. **15** What will_I_say and_ _saying(ms) to_me and_he he_has_acted I_will_walk_ _deliberately all_of years_of_my on the_bitterness_of my_self_ _of_my. **16** My_master on_them people_live and_to/for_all in_ _them the_life_of my_breath/wind/spirit and_may_you_ _restore_me_to_health and_preserve_me_alive. **17** HERE for_ _welfare bitterness to_me it_was_bitter and_you(ms) you_loved life_of_my from_the_pit_of destruction if/because you_threw_ _away behind back_of_your all_of sins_of_my. **18** If/because not Shə'ōl it_gives_thanks_to_you death it_praises_you not those_ _who_go_down_of the_pit they_hope to faithfulness_of_your. **19** The_living the_living he he_gives_thanks_to_you as_I the_ _day a_father to_children he_makes_known concerning faithfulness_of_your. **20** **YHWH** is_to_save_me and_stringed_ _instruments_of we_will_play all_of the_days_of our_lives_of_ _our at the_house_of **YHWH**. **21** And_ Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) _he/it_ _said let_them_take a_cake_of figs and_let_them_rub_it on the_ _boil so_that_he_may_live. **22** And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said what will_be_the_sign if/because_that I_will_go_up the_house_of **YHWH**.

39:1 At_time the_that Mərodak Bal'$_a$dān the_son_of Bal'$_a$dān the_king_of Bāvel he_sent letters and_a_gift to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_ _he/it_listened if/because_that he_had_been_sick and_he_was_ _strong. **2** And_he_rejoiced on_them Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_he_showed_ _them ~~ḎOM~~ the_house_of mmm[156] ~~ḎOM~~ the_silver and_~~ḎOM~~ the_ _gold and_~~ḎOM~~ the_spices and_~~ḎOM~~ the_oil (the)_good and_~~ḎOM~~ all_of the_house_of his_weapons_of_his and_~~ḎOM~~ all_of that it_ _was_found in_storehouses_of_his not it_was anything which

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Hizkiyah's poem of praise

9 Yehudah's (Judah's) King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) wrote this poem after he'd recovered from his sickness:

10 I said, "I'll go through the gates to the grave in the prime of my life,
I'll miss out on the remainder of my years."
11 I said, "I won't see Yah in the land of the living.
I'll no longer look at humankind but rather those who've ceased living."
12 The body that I live in has been pulled up and removed from over me like a shepherd's tent.
I've rolled my life up like a weaver cutting me off from the loom.
From day until night, you make an end of me—
13 I lie down[154] until the morning.
He breaks all my bones like a lion would.
From day until night, you make an end of me.
14 I chirp like a swallow and moan like a dove.
My eyes feel weak from looking upwards.
I'm oppressed, my master, help me out.
15 What will I say? He told me and then he did it.
I'll walk slowly my remaining years because of my soul's bitterness.
16 My master, people live by such things,
and my spirit finds life in all of them.
Please restore my health and preserve my life.
17 Look, this severe bitterness was for my welfare,
and you held my life back from the pit of destruction
because you threw all my sins back over your shoulder.
18 No, the grave doesn't thank you.
Death doesn't praise you.
Those who go down into the pit don't expect you to be faithful.
19 The living, yes only the living, give thanks to you like I do today.
A father tells his children about your faithfulness.
20 Yahweh will save me and we'll play stringed instruments
at his residence for the rest of our lives.
21 Then Yeshayah (Isaiah) said, "Get them to apply a cake of figs to the boil so he'll recover."
22 Now Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) asked, "What will be the sign that I should go up to Yahweh's residence?"

Hizkiyah shows off his wealth[155]

39:1 At that time, Babylonian King Merodak-Bal'adan (son of Baladan) sent messengers with letters and a gift to King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah) because he had heard that he'd been sick and then recovered.
2 Hizkiyah happily welcomed them, and showed them his treasure house—the gold and silver and spices and high-quality oil, as well as his armoury and other storehouses. Hizkiyah showed

154 **RV 38:13 · Note** The Hebrew could be read: I cried out or I lie down.

155 **RV 39:1 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 20:12-19

156 **LV 39:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תכנ/ה: (x-qere) תֹּכְנִי/וֹ: lemma_5238 n_1.1.1.2 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_23X3B תֹּכְנִי/וֹ

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them everything in his palace and all over his kingdom.
3 Afterwards, the prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) went to King Hizkiyah and asked him where those men had come from and what they had said.
"They came from the distant region of Bavel (Babylon)," Hizkiyah replied.
4 "What did they see in your palace?" Yeshayah asked.
"They've seen everything that's in my palace," Hizkiyah answered. "There's none of my treasures that I didn't show them."
5 Then Yeshayah told Hizkiyah, "Listen to this message from Commander-in-chief Yahweh: 6 The time is definitely coming when everything in your palace will be carried away to Bavel—everything that your ancestors collected in the past until now. Yahweh says that nothing will be left. 7 In addition, some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood, will be taken away and be castrated so as to become servants in the Babylonian king's palace."
8 "Yahweh's message that you've passed on is appropriate," Hizkiyah told Yeshayah, "because at least there'll be peace and stability during my time."

Yahweh will comfort his people

40:1 "Encourage my people," says your god. "Encourage them.
2 Speak to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) heart and tell her that her period of service is ended,
because the punishment for her disobedience has been accepted.
She's received double punishment from Yahweh for all her sins.
3 A voice calls out in the wilderness[157] to clear the path for Yahweh.
Make a straight road in the Aravah plain for our god.[158]
4 Every valley will be filled in and every mountain and hill will be flattened,
and so the slopes will be levelled and the rough places smoothed out,
5 then Yahweh's splendour will be revealed and all people will see it simultaneously,
because that's what Yahweh has declared.
6 A voice says, 'Call out!' and I ask, 'What should I call out?'
Say that all people are like grass—
all their 'loyal commitment' is as temporary as a flower in the countryside.[159]
7 The grass dries up and the flower wilts
when Yahweh's breath blows over it.
Surely humankind is like grass.
8 The grass dries up, the flower wilts,
but the decree from our god will stand forever.
9 Go up onto a high hill you bearer of news for Tsiyon (Zion).
Raise your voice you bringer of news to Yerushalem

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not he_showed_them Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_house_of_his and_on/over_ _all realm_of. 3 And_ Yəsha'^{yāh} the_prophet _he_came to the_ _king Ḥizqiy^{yāh} and_he/it_said to_him/it what did_they_say the_men the_these and_from_where are_they_coming to_you and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said from_a_land distant they_have_come to_me from_Bāvel. 4 And_he/it_said what did_they_see in_ _house_of_your and_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said ~~DOM~~ all_of that is_in_ _house_of_my they_saw not anything which not I_showed_ _them it_was in_storehouses_of_my. 5 And_ Yəsha'^{yāh}/(Isaiah) _ _he/it_said to Ḥizqiy^{yāh} hear the_message_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. 6 HERE days are_coming and_it_will_be_ _carried_off all_of that is_in_house_of_your and_which ancestors_of_your they_have_stored_up until the_day the_this Bāvel not anything it_will_be_left **YHWH** he_says. 7 And_some_ _of_your_descendants who they_will_come_forth from_you whom you_will_father people_will_take and_they_will_be eunuchs in_(the)_palace of_the_king_of of_Bāvel. 8 And_ Ḥizqiy^{yāh} _he/it_said to Yəsha'^{yāh} is_good the_message_of **YHWH** which you_have_spoken and_he/it_said if/because peace and_stability it_will_be in_days_of_my.

40:1 Comfort comfort people_of_my god_of_your(pl) he_says. 2 Speak to the_heart_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_proclaim to_her/it if/because_that service_of_its it_has_been_completed if/because_that iniquity_of_its it_has_been_accepted if/because_that it_has_received from_the_hand_of **YHWH** double in_all sins_of_its. 3 A_voice is_calling in_wilderness make_clear the_way_of **YHWH** make_straight in_plain a_ _highway for_god_of_our. 4 Every_of valley it_will_be_lifted_up and_all mountain and_hill they_will_become_low and_ the_ _steep_place _it_was (into)_level_ground and_the_rough_places (into)_a_plain. 5 And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_will_be_revealed and_ all_of flesh _they_will_see_it together if/because the_ _mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken. 6 A_voice is_saying proclaim and_saying(ms) what will_I_proclaim all_of (the)_flesh is_grass and_all loyalty_of_its is_like_the_blossom_of the_field. 7 Grass it_dries_up blossom it_withers if/because the_breath_of **YHWH** it_blows in/on/over_him/it truly is_grass the_people. 8 Grass it_dries_up blossom it_withers and_the_message_of our_god_ _of_our it_will_stand forever_perpetuity. 9 On a_mountain high go_up to/for_you(fs) Oh_bearer_of_news_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) lift_ _up with_strength voice_of_your Oh_bearer_of_news_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) lift_it_up do_not be_afraid say to_ _the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) HERE god_of_your(pl). 10 HERE my_master **YHWH** (in)_a_strong_one he_will_come and_arm_ _of_his is_ruling to_him/it HERE reward_of_his with_him/it and_wage[s]_of_his is_before_of_him. 11 Like_a_shepherd flock_ _of_his he_will_shepherd in_arm[s]_of_his he_will_gather lambs and_in_bosom_of_his he_will_carry_them nursing_ewes he_ _will_lead.

157 **RV 40:3 · Note** It's unclear from the Hebrew if the ***voice*** is in the wilderness, or if the ***path*** is in the wilderness.
158 **RV 40:3 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:3; Mrk 1:3; Yhn 1:23.
159 **RV 40:6-8 · Cross-ref.** Jam 1:10-11; 1Pe 1:24-25.

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12 Who has_he_measured in_the_hollow_of_of_his_hand the_
_waters and_the_heavens with_span has_he_marked_off and_all
in_(the)_a_measure the_dust_of the_earth/land and_has_he_
_weighed with_scale[s] mountains and_hills with_balances.
13 Who has_he_directed ~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_the_
_person_of his_counsel_of_his will_he_inform_him. **14** With
whom did_he_take_counsel and_did_he_give_him_
_understanding and_did_he_teach_him (in)_the_path_of justice
and_did_he_teach_him knowledge and_the_way_of
understanding(s) will_he_inform_him. **15** THERE nations are_
_like_a_drop from_a_bucket and_like_the_dust_of balances
they_are_regarded THERE islands like_(the)_dust he_lifts.
16 And_Ləvānōn not is_sufficiency_of burning and_animal[s]_
_of_its not are_sufficiency_of burnt_offering. **17** All_of the_
_nations are_as_nothing before_him from_nothingness and_
_emptiness they_are_regarded to_him/it. **18** And_near/to
whom will_you_liken god and_what likeness will_you(pl)_
_compare to_him/it. **19** The_idol a_craftsman he_has_throw
and_a_metalsmith with_gold he_will_overlay_it and_chains_of
silver he_is_refining. **20** The_impoverished_person a_
_contribution wood which_not it_will_rot he_chooses a_
_craftsman skillful he_seeks to_him/it to_prepare an_idol
which_not it_will_be_shaken. **21** Am_not do_you(pl)_know am_
_not do_you(pl)_hear am_not has_it_been_told from_the_
_beginning to/for_you(pl) am_not have_you(pl)_understood
the_foundations_of the_earth/land. **22** The_one_who_sits above
the_circle_of the_earth/land and_inhabitants_of_its are_like_
_grasshoppers the_one_who_stretched_out like_curtain the_
_heavens and_he_spread_them_out like_tent to_dwell_in.
23 The_one_who_appoints rulers to_nothing judges_of the_
_earth like_nothingness he_makes. **24** Even not they_have_
_been_planted even not they_have_been_sown even not it_has_
_taken_root on_the_earth rootstock_of_their and_also he_blows
(is)_in_them and_they_have_dried_up and_a_tempest like_chaff
it_carries_them_off. **25** And_near/to whom will_you_liken_me
and_will_I_be_equal the_holy_one he_says. **26** Lift_up height
your(pl)_eyes and_see who did_he_create these the_one_who_
_brings_out by_number their_group/army/objects to/for_all_
_them in/on_name_of he_calls from_greatness_of strength(s)
and_a_strong_one_of power any not it_is_missing. **27** To/for_
_what do_you_say Oh_Yaʹaqovʹ/(Jacob) and_do_you_declare Oh_
_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) way_of_my it_is_hidden from_**YHWH** and_
_from_god_of_my justice_of_my it_passes_away. **28** Am_not do_

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(Jerusalem)—shout loudly and don't be afraid.
Tell Yehudah's (Judah's) cities that their god is here.
10 Look, my master Yahweh will be coming with strength,
and he will be ruling with power.
Look, he's bringing his reward
and his wages are there in front of him.[160]
11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd does.[161]
He will hold the lambs to his chest.
He will lead along the ewes who've just had lambs.
12 Who has measured the oceans in their palm,
and has marked off the sky with their handspan?
Who can count the dust grains on the earth,
and has weighed the mountains with scales and the hills with balances?

Not/None like of Master of Yisrael

13 Who has told Yahweh's spirit what to do,
and has any person given him good advice?[162]
14 Who did he ask for advice?
Who informed him about something?
Who taught him how to judge fairly,
and taught him knowledge and helped him to understand something?
15 Listen, the nations are like a drop in a bucket,
and are as insignificant as dust on the scales.
He lifts the islands as if they just specks.
16 It's not enough to set fire to Levanon,
and it doesn't have enough animals to be an adequate burnt offering.
17 All the nations together are still nothing to him.
He considers their combined power as useless and worthless.
18 Who could you compare God with?
What is there that you all could say is anything like him?[163]
19 An idol that was cast by a craftsman,
overlaid with gold by a goldsmith,
and then decorated with silver chains?
20 The poorer person chooses a contribution of wood that won't rot.
They choose a skillful craftsman to make an idol that won't topple over.
21 Don't you all know? Haven't you heard?
Didn't anyone tell you all from the beginning?
Don't you all understand the earth's foundations?
22 He's the one who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers.
He's the one who stretches the skies out like a curtain
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
23 He decides which officials will come to nothing.

160 **RV 40:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 62:11; Rev 22:12.

161 **RV 40:11 · Cross-ref.** Eze 34:15; Yhn 10:11.

162 **RV 40:13 · Cross-ref.** Rom 11:34; 1Cor 2:16.

163 **RV 40:18-19 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:29.

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He makes the world's judges irrelevant.
24 Indeed, they're hardly planted, yes, hardly sown.
Indeed, their stem has barely taken root in the earth,
but he also blows on them and they wither,
and the wind carries them away like straw.
25 "Who else is like me?" asks the holy one.
"Who else could be equal to me?"
26 Look up and see the stars.
Who created them?
Yahweh knows their number as he brings them out.
He calls them all by name.
Because of his great strength and mighty power
not a single one is missing.
27 Why do you talk, Ya'akov (Jacob)?
And why do you speak, Yisrael (Israel)?
Saying, 'My path is hidden from Yahweh,
and my rights disappear.'
28 Don't you know?
Haven't you heard?
The eternal God Yahweh is the creator of one end of the earth to the other.
He doesn't get tired
and he won't become weary.
You won't find a limit to his understanding.
29 He gives energy to those who are weary,
and increases the strength of those who are weak.
30 Even young people get tired and weary,
and young men can stumble clumsily,
31 but those who trust Yahweh will renew their strength.
They will rise up with wings like eagles.
They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not become weary.

Yahweh will help Yisrael

41:1 Stay silent in front of me, you islands,
and let the peoples renew their strength.
Let them approach then let them speak.
Let's gather together for judgement.
2 Who has stirred up punishment from the east?
It meets with his feet.
He destroys nations in front of him.
He causes kings to rule.
He makes them like dust with his sword—
like chaff driven by his bow.
3 He chases after them—going forward in peace.
He comes on a path without using his feet.
4 Who has done it and has accomplished it—
calling the generations out from the beginning?
I Yahweh, am the first and the last. I am he.
5 The islands have seen and are afraid.
The whole world trembles.
They approach and come.
6 Everyone helps out their neighbours,

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_you_know or not have_you_heard is_a_god_of perpetuity **YHWH** the_one_who_created the_ends_of the_earth/land not he_grows_weary and_not he_becomes_weary there_is_not searching to_understanding_of_his. **29** He_is_giving to_person strength and_to_not strength(s) power he_increases. **30** And_youths _they_grow_weary and_they_become_weary and_young_men surely_(stumble) they_stumble. **31** And_those_who_wait_for_of (of)_**YHWH** they_will_renew strength they_will_go_up wing[s] like_eagles they_will_run and_not they_will_become_weary they_will_walk and_not they_will_grow_weary.

41:1 Be_silent to_me Oh_islands and_peoples let_them_renew strength let_them_approach then let_them_speak together for_judgement let_us_draw_near. **2** Who has_he_stirred_up from_the_east righteousness it_meets_him to_foot_of_his he_delivers_up before_him nations and_kings he_causes_to_rule he_makes_them like_dust sword_of_his like_chaff which_is_driven_about bow_of_his. **3** He_pursues_them he_passes_on peace a_path with_feet_of_his not he_comes. **4** Who has_he_done_it and_has_he_accomplished_it calling_forth the_generations from_the_beginning I **YHWH** am_first and_ꝺꝋᴍ the_last I am_he. **5** Islands they_have_seen and_they_are_afraid the_ends_of the_earth/land they_tremble they_have_drawn_near and_they_have_come. **6** Each ꝺꝋᴍ his/its_neighbour they_help and_to_brother_of_his he_says be_strong. **7** And_ a_craftsman _he_encouraged ꝺꝋᴍ a_metalsmith one_who_smooths_of a_hammer ꝺꝋᴍ one_who_strikes_of an_anvil saying of_soldering is_good it and_he_strengthened_it with_nails not it_will_be_shaken. **8** And_you(ms) Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) servant_of_my Ya'ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) whom I_have_chosen_you the_offspring_of 'Aѵrāhām friend_of_my. **9** Whom I_took_hold_of_you from_the_ends_of the_earth/land and_from_its_remotest_of_parts I_called_you and_I_said to/for_yourself(m) servant_of_are_my you I_have_chosen_you and_not I_have_rejected_

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_you. **10** Do_not be_afraid if/because am_with_you I do_not fear if/because I god_of_am_your I_have_strengthened_you also I_ _have_helped_you also I_have_supported_you with_the_right_ _hand_of my_righteousness_of_my. **11** THERE they_will_be_ _ashamed and_ all_of those_who_are_angry on/over_you(fs) _ _they_will_be_put_to_shame they_will_be as_nothing and_ the_ _people_of your_strife_of_your _they_will_perish. **12** You_will_ _seek_them and_not you_will_find_them the_people_of your_ _strife_of_your they_will_be as_nothing and_as_nothing the_ _people_of your_warfare_of_your. **13** If/because I **YHWH** god_ _of_your am_taking_hold_of hand_of_your_right the_one_who_ _says to/for_yourself(m) do_not be_afraid I I_will_help_you. **14** Do_not be_afraid Oh_worm_of Ya'aqov Oh_men_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I I_will_help_you the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _is_redeemer_of_your the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** HERE I_will_make_you (into)_a_threshing-sledge_of sharp new an_ _owner_of edges you_will_thresh mountains and_you_will_ _crush_them and_hills like_chaff you_will_make. **16** You_will_ _winnow_them and_spirit it_will_carry_them_away and_a_ _tempest it_will_scatter them and_you(ms) you_will_be_glad in_**YHWH** in_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you_will_boast. **17** The_poor_people and_the_needy_people are_seeking water and_there_was_not tongue_of_their with_thirst it_is_dry I **YHWH** I_will_answer_them the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not I_ _will_abandon_them. **18** I_will_open on bare_heights rivers and_in_the_middle_of valleys springs I_will_make the_ _wilderness (into)_a_pool_of water and_a_land_of dryness (into)_springs_of water. **19** I_will_put in_wilderness cedar[s] acacia_tree[s] and_myrtle_tree[s] and_tree oil I_will_set in_ _plain cypress[es] elm[s] and_box_tree[s] together. **20** So_that people_may_see and_people_will_know and_people_will_set and_people_will_have_insight all_together if/because_that the_ _hand_of **YHWH** it_has_done this and_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_created_it.

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and tells each other to be strong.

7 The craftsman encourages the goldsmith who smooths with a hammer.

The one who strikes the anvil says that the welding is good

and the strengthen it with nails so it won't topple over.

8 But you, my servant Yisrael (Israel),

Ya'akov (Jacob) who I've chosen,

the offspring of my friend Avraham,

9 I pulled you back from the ends of the earth,

calling you from its most distant corners,

and I told you, 'You're my servant.'

I've chosen you and won't reject you.

10 Don't be afraid, because I'm with you.

Don't be anxious, because I'm your God.

I'll strengthen you, indeed, I'll help you.

Yes, I'll support you with my strength—always doing what's right.

11 Listen, all those who are angry with you will be ashamed and disgraced.

Those who contend with you will be reduced to nothing and will perish.

12 You'll search for those who contended against you, but you won't be able to find them.

Those who battled against you will be useless and irrelevant,

13 because I, your god Yahweh, will hold up your right hand—

the one who tells you not to be afraid because I'll help you.

14 Don't be afraid, Ya'akov (Jacob), you worm—you Israeli people.

I will help you declares Yahweh—the one who rescues you—

Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.

15 Listen, I'm making you into a threshing sledge—sharp and doubled-edged.

You'll thresh mountains and crush them,

and make the hills like chaff.

16 You'll toss them into the air and the wind will carry them away,

and a whirlwind will scatter them.

Then you'll be happy about Yahweh—

you'll boast about Yisrael's holy one.

17 The poor and needy people look for water, but there's none.

Their tongues are dry from thirst.

I, Yahweh, will respond to them.

I, Yisrael's god won't abandon them.

18 I'll make streams flow down from barren hills,

and will cause springs to appear in the middle of the valleys.

I'll make the wilderness into a pool of water,

and fill the dry land with springs.

19 I'll grow cedar, acacia, myrtle, and olive trees in the wilderness.

I'll plant cypress, elm, and boxwood trees on the desert plain,

20 so that people will be able to see, to realise, and to have determination and insight together

→because Yahweh has personally done this—Yisrael's (Israel's)

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holy one has created it.

Yahweh's challenge to idols

21 "Bring your case to me," says Yahweh.
"Present your arguments," says Ya'akov's (Jacob's) king.
22 Let them bring them out and tell us what will happen.
What happened before that?
Tell us so we can ponder them and so we can know what's been done
and then tell us what's still coming.
23 Tell the signs of the future so that we can know if you're all gods.
Yes, do something good or bad so that we can be amazed or afraid together.
24 Look, you're all nothing and your actions are worthless.
Anyone who chooses you all to worship is disgusting.
25 I have stirred up a ruler from the north,
and he's coming from the east.
He'll put his trust in me
and he'll step on officials like mud
and like a potter who works the clay with his feet.
26 Who told us that from the beginning so that we'd know?
Who predicted it so that we can now say that they were correct?
Actually, no one said or announced it—
no, no one heard your messages.
27 Firstly to Tsiyon (Zion), look they're here!
Then I sent a runner to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to give them the news.
28 Then I looked at those idols but there was no life there.
There wasn't any advisor among them.
29 No, all of them are a delusion—they accomplish nothing.
Their cast metal images are as empty as the wind.

Yahweh's chosen servant · The first servant song

42:1 Look, here's my servant who I support—my chosen one who I'm pleased with.[165]
I've put my spirit onto him. He'll bring justice to the nations.
2 He won't cry out or lift up his head.
and he won't make his voice heard in the streets.
3 He won't break a crushed reed
and nor will he extinguish a dim oil-lamp.
He will faithfully bring justice to the people.
4 He won't grow dim or be crushed
before he's established justice in the world,
and while the islands wait for his instructions.
5 The god Yahweh who created the skies and stretched them out,
who formed the earth and all its produce,
who gives breath to the people on it
and a spirit to those who walk on it, says this:

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21 Bring_near case_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says bring_near arguments_of_your(pl) the_king_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) he_says. **22** Let_them_bring_them_near and_let_them_tell to/for_us ~~DOM~~ the_things_which they_will_happen the_former_things what were_they tell so_that_we_may_set heart_of_our and_so_that_we_may_know end_of_their or the_coming_things proclaim_to_us. **23** Tell the_things_coming to_afterwards so_that_we_may_know if/because_that are_gods you(pl) also you(pl)_will_do_good and_you(pl)_will_do_harm so_that_we_may_fear and[164] altogether. **24** HERE you(pl) are_from_nothing and_work_of_your(pl) is_from_something_worthless is_an_abomination one_who_he_chooses (in)_you(pl). **25** I_have_stirred_up from_the_north and_he_has_come from_the_rising_of the_sun he_will_call on_name_of_my and_he_will_come officials like mud and_like a_potter who_he_tramples clay. **26** Who did_he_tell_it from_the_beginning so_that_we_may_know and_from_before so_that_we_may_say correct also there_was_not one_who_told also there_was_not one_who_proclaimed also there_was_not one_who_heard words/messages_of_your(pl). **27** A_first_one to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) HERE here_they_are and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_bearer_of_news I_gave. **28** And_I_will_look and_there_is_not a_person and_from_these and_there_is_not a_counsellor and_I_will_ask_them and_they_will_bring_back a_message. **29** THERE of_them_of_all are_deception are_nothing deeds_of_their are_a_wind and_emptiness images_of_their_molten.

42:1 HERE servant_of_my whom_I_support in/on/over_him/it one_of_my_chosen self_of_my whom_it_is_pleased_with I_have_put my_breath/wind/spirit on/upon/above_him/it justice to_nations he_will_bring_forth. **2** Not he_will_cry_out and_not he_will_lift_up and_not he_will_make_heard in_street voice_of_his. **3** A_reed crushed not he_will_break and_a_wick dim not he_will_extinguish_it to_faithfulness he_will_bring_forth justice. **4** Not he_will_grow_dim and_not he_will_be_crushed until he_will_establish on_the_earth justice and_for_instruction_of_his islands they_will_wait. **5** Thus he_says (the)_god **YHWH** who_created_of the_heavens and_who_stretched_of_them_out who_beat_out_of the_earth/land and_produce(s)_of_its who_gives breath to_people on/upon_it(f) and_spirit to_who_walk on_it. **6** I **YHWH** I_have_called_you in_righteousness and_I_will_take_hold on_hand_of_your and_I_will_watch_over_you and_I_will_make_you (into)_a_covenant_of the_people (into)_a_light_of the_nations. **7** To_open eyes blind to_bring_out from_prison prisoner[s] from_a_house_of imprisonment those_who_dwell_of darkness. **8** I am_**YHWH** it

164 LV 41:23 · Note OSHB variant note: אֹרְנִ֖/וֹ: (x-qere) 'הֲאֹרְנִ֖/וֹ': lemma_c/7200 morph_HC/Vqh1cp id_23BYD הֲאֹרְנִ֖/וֹ

165 RV 42:1 · Cross-ref. Mat 3:17; 17:5; Mrk 1:11; Luk 3:22; 9:35.

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name_of_is_my and_glory_of_my to_another not I_will_give and_praise_of_my to_images. **9** The_former_things THERE they_have_come and_new_things I am_about_to_tell before_ _before they_will_spring_up I_will_cause_to_hear_them[166] you(pl).

10 Sing to/for_**YHWH** a_song new praise_of_his from_the_end_ _of the_earth/land Oh_you(pl)_who_go_down_of the_sea and_ _what_of_fills_it Oh_islands and_inhabitants_of_their. **11** The_ _wilderness and_cities_of_its let_them_lift_up the_villages Qēdār where_it_dwells the_inhabitants_of Ṣela׳ let_them_ _shout_for_joy from_the_top_of the_mountains let_them_cry_ _aloud. **12** Let_them_give to/for_**YHWH** glory and_praise_of_his in_islands let_them_declare. **13** **YHWH** like_warrior he_will_go_ _forth like_a_man_of war(s) he_will_stir_up zeal he_will_raise_ _a_war-cry also he_will_raise_a_battle-shout over enemies_of_ _his he_will_prevail.

14 I_have_been_silent from_long_ago/eternity I_have_kept_ _silent I_have_restrained_myself like_(the)_who]_gives_birth I_ _groan I_puff and_I_pant together. **15** I_will_lay_waste mountains and_hills and_all vegetation_of_their I_will_dry_up and_I_will_make rivers (into)_islands and_pools I_will_dry_up. **16** And_I_will_lead blind_people by_a_way which_not they_ _have_known by_paths which_not they_have_known I_will_ _guide_them I_will_make the_dark_place before_them to_the_ _light and_rough_places (into)_level_ground these are_the_ _things I_have_made_them and_not I_will_abandon_them. **17** They_will_be_turned_back backwards they_will_be_ashamed shame those_who_trust in_idol those_who_say to_a_molten_ _image you(pl) god_of_are_our.

18 Oh_deaf_people listen and_Oh_blind_people look to_see. **19** Who is_blind if/because (if) servant_of_my and_deaf like_ _messenger_of_my whom_I_will_send who is_blind like_one_in_ _a_covenant and_blind like_the_servant_of **YHWH**. **20** You_

Readers' Version

6 I, Yahweh, have called you my servant for a godly purpose,
and I'll take hold of your hand and watch over you.
I will make you into a promise for the people—a light for the nations:
7 to open the eyes of the blind—
to bring prisoners out of the dungeon—
to release those who live in dark prisons.
8 I am Yahweh. That's my name
and I won't allow anyone else to receive the honour that only I deserve,
and nor will I allow images to receive the praise that should come to me.
9 Listen, things said before have come to pass
and I'm about to reveal new things—
I'll let you all know about them before they come to be.

A song to praise Yahweh

10 Sing a new song for Yahweh—praising him from the end of the earth.
Those who go down to the sea and everything that fills it.
You islands and their inhabitants.
11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice—
the villages where the Bedouins live.
Let the inhabitants of Edom's capital Sela sing.
Let them shout from the mountaintops.
12 Let them honour Yahweh
and praise him from the islands.
13 Yahweh will go ahead like a warrior—
he'll stir up zeal like a man of war.
He'll raise a war cry—shouting out loudly,
and then he'll defeat his enemies.

Yahweh promises help

14 I've been silent for a long time now.
I've been still—I've restrained myself.
Now I'll cry out like a woman giving birth.
I'll puff and pant at the same time.
15 I'll make the mountains and hills dry up
and all their vegetation will wither.
plus I'll turn the rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.
16 I'll lead the blind down a path that they don't know.
I'll guide them on roads that they're not familiar with.
I'll make the dark places in front of them, light,
and the rough places into level ground.
I'll do those things for them, and I won't abandon them.
17 Those who trust in idols will be turned back and totally humiliated—
those who tell a cast metal figure, 'You're our god.'

Yisrael's stubborn deafness

18 Listen you deaf people,
and look you blind people and see.
19 Who is blind other than my servant,

166 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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or deaf like my messenger who I'll send?
Who's blind like my partner in our agreement,
or blind like Yahweh's servant.
20 You see many things but don't take any notice.
Your ears are open but you don't listen.
21 Yahweh was pleased to do what's right—
he made his instructions honourable and splendid.
22 But this is a people who've been robbed and plundered.
They're all trapped in holes and hidden away in prisons.
They've become the spoil, and there's no one to rescue them.
They've become plunder and no one speaks up to help them back.
23 Will any of you take any notice of that?
Will anyone listen or pay attention afterwards?
24 Who gave Ya'akov (Jacob) to the robbers,
and Yisrael (Israel) to the looters?
→Wasn't it Yahweh, the one we disobeyed?
They weren't willing to do what he wanted,
and they didn't listen to his instructions.
25 Then he poured out his rage and the violence of war.
The flames burnt all around, yet Yisrael didn't realise.
They burnt it up, but it didn't take it to heart.

Yahweh promises rescue and return

43:1 But now Yahweh, the one who created you, Ya'akov (Jacob),
and who formed you, Yisrael (Israel), says this:
Don't be afraid, because I've paid the price to free you.
I've called you by name—you belong to me.
2 When you pass through the waters, I'm with you,
and through the rivers, they won't carry you away.
When you walk through the fire, you won't get scorched
and the flames won't burn you up
3 because I'm your god, Yahweh—
your rescuer, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.
I've given Mitsrayim (Egypt) as your ransom—
Kush (Ethiopia) and Seva in your place
4 since you are precious in my eyes.
You are honoured and I love you,
and I'll give humankind in your place,
and nations in exchange for your life.
5 Don't be afraid, because I'm with you.
I'll bring your descendants from the east,
and I'll gather you in from the west.
6 I'll tell the north to hand you over,
and tell the south not to hold you back.
Bring my sons back from distant lands,
and bring my daughters from the ends of the earth—
7 yes, all those who belong to me
and who I've created as my showpiece—
those who I formed when I made them.

Literal Version

_have_seen[167] many_things and_not you_keep_them they_are_
_open ears and_not he_listens. **21** **YHWH** he_was_pleased for_
_the_sake_of righteousness_of_his he_will_make_great the_law
and_he_will_make_it_glorious. **22** And_he is_a_people despoiled
and_plundered they_are_trapped in_holes of_them_of_all and_
_in_houses_of imprisonment(s) they_are_hidden they_have_
_become (into)_spoil and_there_is_not a_deliverer plunder
and_there_is_not one_who_says bring_it_back. **23** Who among_
_you(pl) will_he_give_ear_to this will_he_pay_attention and_
_will_he_listen to_afterwards. **24** Who has_he_given mmm[168][169]
Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_those_who_despoil am_
_not was_it_**YHWH** whom we_have_sinned to_him/it and_not
they_were_willing in_ways_of_his to_walk and_not they_
_listened to_law_of_his. **25** And_he_poured_out
on/upon/above_him/it rage anger_of_his and_the_fierceness_
_of battle and_it_set_it_ablaze from_round_about and_not it_
_knew and_it_burnt in/on/over_him/it and_not it_set_it on
heart.

43:1 And_now thus **YHWH** who_created_of_you Oh_Ya'ₐqovˇ
and_who_formed_of_you Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says do_not
be_afraid if/because I_have_redeemed_you I_have_called_you
by_name_of_your to_me you. **2** If/because you_will_pass in_
_waters will_be_with_you I and_in_rivers not they_will_
_overflow_you if/because you_will_walk in fire not you_will_
_be_scorched and_flame not it_will_burn on/over_you(fs).
3 If/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_your the_holy_one_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deliverer_of_your I_have_given ransom_of_your
Mitsrayim/(Egypt) Kūsh/(Cush) and_Şəvˇā' in_place_of_you.
4 Because_that you_are_precious in_eyes_of_my you_are_
_honoured and_I I_love_you and_I_will_give humankind in_
_place_of_you and_peoples in_place_of_life_of_your. **5** Do_not
be_afraid if/because am_with_you I from_the_east I_will_bring
offspring_of_your and_from_the_west I_will_gather_you. **6** I_
_will_say to_north deliver_up and_to_the_south do_not
withhold bring sons_of_my from_a_distance and_daughters_of_
_my from_the_end_of the_earth/land. **7** Every_of (the)_one_
_who_is_called by_name_of_my and_whom_for_glory_of_my I_
_created_him whom_I_formed_him also I_made_him.

167 **LV 42:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיאר: (x-qere) 'תֹּאַר': lemma_7200 morph_HVqa id_23yvx תֹּאַר
168 **LV 42:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: הסושמ/ל: (x-qere) 'הָסָשְׁמַ/ל': lemma_l/4933 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_23oUN הָסָשְׁמַ/ל
169 **LV 42:24 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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8 Bring_out a_people blind and_eyes there_are and_deaf_people and_ears belong_to_them. **9** All_of the_nations they_have_ _assembled together and_ peoples _they_gather who in/among_them will_he_declare this and_former_things will_ _they_proclaim_to_us let_them_appoint witnesses_of_their so_ _that_they_may_be_justified and_let_them_hear and_let_them_ _say truth. **10** You(pl) witnesses_of_are_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_servant_of_my whom I_have_chosen so_that you(pl)_may_know and_you(pl)_may_believe to_me and_ _you(pl)_may_perceive if/because_that I am_he to/for_my_ _face/front not a_god it_was_formed and_after_me not it_will_ _be. **11** I I am_**YHWH** and_there_is_not (from)_except_me a_ _deliverer. **12** I I_have_declared and_I_have_saved and_I_have_ _proclaimed and_there_was_not among_you(pl) a_strange_god and_you(pl) witnesses_of_are_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _I am_god. **13** Also from_a_day I am_he and_there_is_not from_ _hand_of_my a_deliverer I_act and_who will_he_revoke_it.

14 Thus **YHWH** redeemer_of_your(pl) the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says for_your(pl)_sake I_have_sent to_Bāvel and_I_will_bring_down in_boats of_them_of_all and_the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy in_the_ships_of their_shout_of_joy_of_their. **15** I am_**YHWH** your_holy_of_one the_one_who_created_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) king_of_your(pl). **16** Thus **YHWH** who_made in_ _sea a_way and_in_waters mighty a_path he_says. **17** Who_sent_ _out chariotry and_horse[s] an_army and_a_strong_one together they_lay_down not they_rose they_were_extinguished like_wick they_were_quenched. **18** Do_not remember former_ _things and_ancient_things do_not consider. **19** Here_I am_ _about_to_do a_new_thing now it_is_springing_up am_not do_ _you_know_it also I_will_make in_wilderness a_way in_a_ _desolate_place rivers. **20** It_honours_me the_animal[s]_of the_ _field jackals and_daughters_of an_ostrich if/because I_have_ _put in_wilderness water rivers in_a_desolate_place to_water people_of_my one_of_my_chosen. **21** A_people which I_formed to_me praise_of_my they_will_recount.

Readers' Version

The calling of God of Yisrael as witness

8 Bring out the people with eyes who still seem blind,
and those who have ears but still seem deaf.
9 All the nations have gathered together,
and the peoples assemble.
Which of them could have predicted this?
They announce things that have happened in the past!
Let them appoint their own witnesses so they can be justified.
Let them hear and then let them say that it's true.
10 But Yahweh declares that you all are *my* witnesses
and my servant who I've chosen
so that you all can know and believe me
and understand that I am God.
There's no other god that was formed before me,
^and none will be format after me.
11 I (and no one else) am Yahweh.
and other than me, there's no one else who can save you.
12 I have declared that I would save and I have saved,
and I have proclaimed that I have done it,
and you all are my witnesses that I am God.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
13 From the first day, I am he,
and no one can oppose my power.
I take action and who could reverse it?

The punishment of Bavel

14 Yahweh, the one who paid to set you all free, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one, says this:
For your sake, I've sent an army to Bavel (Babylon),
and I'll bring all of them down as fugitives in boats,
and all those Kasdim (Chaldeans) in the ships that they usually cheer about.
15 I am Yahweh, your holy one
creator of Yisrael, your king.
16 I am Yahweh,
the one who made a path through the sea
and a road through the surging waters.
17 I enticed the chariots and horses out,
together with a strong army,
They fell down together and didn't rise again.
They were extinguished like how a wick is quenched.
18 Yahweh says,
Don't meditate on what happened previously,
and don't keep thinking about past history.
19 Listen, I'm going to do something new.
It's springing up—haven't you noticed it?
Yes, I'll make a road in the wilderness—
streams in that desolate place.
20 The animals in the countryside will honour me—
the jackals and the ostriches
because I've put water in the wilderness,
streams in the desolate place
to provide water for my chosen people.
21 I formed that nation for myself.

Readers' Version

They will discuss their praise for me.
22 But you didn't call to me for help, Ya'akov (Jacob),
because you've grown tired of me, Yisrael (Israel).
23 You haven't brought sheep to me as your burnt offerings,
and you haven't honoured me with your sacrifices.
I haven't burdened you with grain offerings,
and I haven't made you weary by demanding incense.
24 You didn't spend any money to buy fragrant reeds for me,
and you haven't satisfied me with the fat from your sacrifices.
Nevertheless you've burdened me with your disobedience—
you've tired me out with your wickedness.
25 I'm the only one who wipes your offenses out for my own sake,
and then I won't remember your sins any more.
26 Remind me, let's plead the case together.
You retell it all so that you can be declared innocent.
27 Your founding father sinned,
and your spokesmen have disobeyed me,
28 so I'll defile your sacred officials,
and send destruction to Ya'akov (Jacob),
and insults to Yisrael (Israel).

Yisrael's sin

44:1 Now listen Ya'akov (Jacob) my servant,
and Yisrael (Israel) who I've chosen.
2 The one who made you and formed you in the womb,
Yahweh says this:
Don't be afraid, Ya'akov my servant,
and Yisrael who I've chosen,
3 because I'll pour water out onto the thirsty ground
and streams on the dry ground.
I'll pour my spirit out onto your offspring
and my blessing onto your descendants.
4 They'll spring up among the grasses
like poplars beside flowing streams.
5 This one will say that they're in favour of Yahweh,
and that one will out Ya'akov's (Jacob's) name out.
Another one will write 'Belonging to Yahweh' on their hand,
and others will use the title 'From Yisrael'.
6 Yisrael's (Israel's) king and the one who bought their freedom,
Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
I'm the first and the last,[170]
and there's no other god—just me.
7 Yes, who's like me? Let him proclaim it,
and let him declare it.
Let him recount to me the historical sequence of how this nation was established in the past,
and let them declare what's about to happen.
8 Don't dread the future
and don't be afraid.

Yahweh's chosen people

Literal Version

22 And_not ~~DOM~~_me you_have_called_on Oh_Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) if/because you_have_grown_weary with_me Oh_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **23** Not you_have_brought to/for_me the_ _sheep_of your(pl)_burnt_offerings_of_your and_sacrifices_of_ _your not you_have_honoured_me not I_have_burdened_you with_offering[s] and_not I_have_made_you_weary with_ _frankincense. **24** Not you_have_bought to/for_me for_money calamus and_the_fat_of your(pl)_sacrifices_of_your not you_ _have_satisfied_me nevertheless you_have_burdened_me with_ _sins_of_your you_have_made_me_weary with_iniquities_of_ _your. **25** I I am_he who_is_wiping_out transgressions_of_your for_my_own_sake and_sins_of_your not I_will_remember. **26** Cause_me_to_remember let_us_enter_into_judgement together you recount so_that you_may_be_justified. **27** Ancestor_of_your (the)_first he_sinned and_spokesmen_of_ _your they_transgressed against_me. **28** And_I_will_profane the_officials_of holiness and_I_will_give to_(the)_destruction Ya'$_a$qov and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_reviling_words/messages.

44:1 And_now listen Oh_Ya'$_a$qov servant_of_my and_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom_I_have_chosen in_him/it. **2** Thus **YHWH** who_made_of_you and_who_formed_of_you from_the_womb he_will_help_you he_says do_not be_afraid my_servant_of_my Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) and_Yəshurūn/(Jeshurun) whom_I_have_ _chosen in_him/it. **3** If/because I_will_pour_out water on thirsty_ground and_streams on dry_ground I_will_pour_out my_breath/wind/spirit on offspring_of_your and_blessing_of_ _my on descendants_of_your. **4** And_they_will_spring_up in_ _between herbage like_poplars at watercourses_of water. **5** This_one he_will_say to/for_**YHWH** I and_this he_will_call_ _out with_the_name_of Ya'$_a$qov and_this he_will_write his/its_ _hand to/for_**YHWH** and_with_the_name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_give_a_title. **6** Thus **YHWH** the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_redeemer_of_its **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I am_ _first and_I am_last and_(from)_except_me there_is_not a_god. **7** And_who is_like_me let_him_proclaim_it and_let_him_ _declare_it and_let_him_recount_it_in_order to_me from_ _when_I_established a_people_of antiquity the_coming_things and_which they_will_come let_them_declare to_them. **8** Do_not be_in_dread and_do_not fear not from_then did_I_proclaim_to_ _you and_did_I_declare and_you(pl) witnesses_of_are_my is_ _there a_god (from)_except_me and_there_is_not a_rock not I_ _know.

170 RV 44:6 · Cross-ref. Isa 48:12; Rev 1:17; 22:13.

Literal Version

9 Those_who_form_of (of)_an_idol of_them_of_all are_ _nothingness and_their_desired_of_things not they_confer_ _profit and_witnesses_of_their they[174] not they_see and_not they_know so_that they_may_be_ashamed. **10** Who has_he_ _formed a_god and_an_idol has_he_throw to_not to_confer_ _profit. **11** THERE all_of companions_of_his they_will_be_ _ashamed and_craftsmen they from_humankind of_them_of_all let_them_gather_together let_them_stand_up let_them_be_in_ _dread let_them_be_ashamed altogether. **12** A_craftsman_of iron a_tool and_he_works_it on_charcoal and_with_hammers he_forms_it and_he_worked_it with_the_arm_of his_strength_ _of_his also he_is_hungry and_there_is_not strength not he_ _drinks water and_he_grew_weary. **13** A_craftsman_of wood(s) he_stretches_out a_measuring-line he_outlines_it with_marker he_works_it with_(the)_tools and_with_compass he_outlines_it and_he_made_it like_the_form_of a_man like_the_beauty_of a_ _man to_dwell a_house. **14** To_cut_down to_him/it cedars and_ _he/it_took a_cypress and_an_oak and_he_strengthened_it to_ _him/it among_the_trees_of the_forest he_plants wwww[175] and_rain it_makes_it_grow. **15** And_it_was to/for_ _ʾĀdām/humankind to_burn and_he/it_took from_them and_ _he_became_warm also he_kindles_a_fire and_he_bakes bread also he_makes a_god and_he_bowed_down he_makes_it an_idol and_he_prostrated_himself to_it. **16** Of_it_of_half he_burns in a_ _fire over of_it_of_half meat he_eats he_roasts roasted_meat and_he_is_satisfied also he_is_warm and_he_says aha I_am_ _warm I_see a_fire. **17** And_the_remainder_of_of_it (into)_a_god he_makes (into)_idol_of_his he_prostrates_himself[176] to_him/it and_he_bows_down and_he_prays to_him/it and_he_says deliver_me if/because god_of_are_my you. **18** Not they_know and_not they_understand if/because it_is_besmeared from_ _seeing eyes_of_their from_having_insight hearts_of_their. **19** And_not he_brings_back to his/its_heart and_not knowledge and_not understanding to_say of_it_of_half I_burnt in a_fire and_also I_baked on coals_of_its bread I_roasted meat and_I_ _ate_it and_the_remainder_of_of_it (into)_an_abomination will_ _I_make to_a_product_of a_tree will_I_prostrate_myself. **20** He_ _is_feeding ash[es] a_heart which_it_is_deceived it_has_turned_ _him_aside and_not he_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ self_of_his and_not he_ _will_say am_not is_falsehood in_my_right_of_hand. **21** Remember these_things Oh_Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) and_Oh_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because servant_of_are_my you I_formed_ _you are_a_servant to_me you Oh_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not you_will_ _be_forgotten_by_me. **22** I_have_wiped_out like_(the)_cloud transgressions_of_your and_like_cloud sins_of_your return to_ _me if/because I_have_redeemed_you. **23** Shout_for_joy Oh_

Readers' Version

Didn't I already declare it to you
and announce what would happen, and you all are my witnesses?
Is there some other god[171] than me?
There's no other 'rock' that I know of.

The absurdity of crafting an idol

9 All those who form idols are losers
and their expectations won't be realised.
Their witnesses can't see and they don't know anything,
so they'll be ashamed.
10 Who would form a god
or an idol that never helps them?
11 All their associates will be put to shame—
craftsmen are just human beings.
Let all of them gather together and take their stand.
Let them dread the consequences and be ashamed together.
12 The blacksmith takes a tool and works on the iron over the coals.
He hammers it with his strong arm to form it into shape.
But then he gets hungry and feels weaker.
If he doesn't drink water, he'll feel exhausted.
13 The carpenter measures a piece of wood.
He outlines it with a marker and works it with his chisels.
He outlines it with a compass and makes it like the figure of a man—
like a good-looking man who might live in a house.
14 He cuts down cedar trees
or selects a cypress or an oak.
He lets it grow strong among the trees in the forest.
He plants a fir tree and the rain makes it grow.
15 Then the wood is used by humankind to burn.
The carpenter uses some of the wood to warm himself,
Yes, he kindles a fire and bakes bread on it.
He also makes a god out of it and bows down to it.
He makes the wood into an idol and kneels in front of it.
16 He burns half of the wood for the fire,
and roasts meat on that half—he eats the meat and is satisfied.
He also warms himself and says 'Aha, I'm warm,' as he looks at the fire.
17 He uses the rest of the wood to make a god.
He makes an idol and kneels in front of it.
He bows down and prays to it
→and says, 'Rescue me, because you're my god.'
18 Those people don't know and don't understand
because their eyes are plastered over so they can't see
and their minds are prevented from having insight.
19 No one gives much thought to their actions.

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171 RV 44:8 · Note This is the only place where Yeshayah uses Eloah (singular) for God instead of Elohim (plural).

174 LV 44:9 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

175 LV 44:14 · Note OSHB note: Small letter(s). Shown as small letters without a superscript note number.

176 LV 44:17 · Note OSHB variant note: דוגסי: (x-qere) דָּגְסִי: lemma_5456 morph_HVqi3ms id_23ZkF דָּגְסִי

Readers' Version

They don't apply knowledge and understanding, to say,
'I burnt half of the wood in the fire and baked bread on the coals.
I roasted meat on it and ate it.
Then I'll take the remainder to make a detestable idol.
I'll bow down to a piece of wood from a tree.'
20 He eats thanks to those ashes.
He's deceived and been led astray.
He doesn't escape from his own situation and say,
'I'm holding a lie in my right hand.'
21 Remember that, Ya'akov (Jacob),
and Yisrael (Israel) because you're my servant.
I formed you—you're my servant Yisrael—I won't forget about you.
22 I've blotted out your disobedience like a cloud.
and your sins like a fog.
Return to me because I paid the price for your freedom.
23 Shout happily you skies because Yahweh has taken action.
Shout triumphantly you depths of the earth.
Sing loudly you mountains and forests and all you trees
because Yahweh has paid the price for Ya'akov's (Jacob's) freedom
and will be honoured by Yisrael (Israel).
24 Yahweh, the one who paid for your freedom
and the one who formed you in the womb, says this:
I am Yahweh who made everything,
who alone stretched out the skies and formed the earth.
Who was it who helped me?
25 Who else frustrates the sign of empty-talkers,
and makes diviners look foolish?
Who else turns wise people back
and makes their knowledge seem foolish?[172]
26 Who else confirms the words of his prophet,
and fulfills the advice of his messengers
who say that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be inhabited,
and that Yehudah's (Judah's) towns will be rebuilt,
and the country's ruins will be rebuilt?
27 Who else tells the deep sea to dry out,
and makes your rivers dry up?
28 Who else calls King Koresh (Cyrus) 'my shepherd',
and says that he'll do everything I want?
Who else says that Yerushalem will be rebuilt,
and that the temple foundations will be restored.[173]

Yahweh send Koresh

45:1 Yahweh has appointed Koresh (Cyrus) and given him power
to subdue other nations and defeat kings—
to open doors ahead of him,

Literal Version

_heaven if/because **YHWH** he_has_acted shout_in_triumph Oh_ _lower_parts_of the_earth break_forth Oh_mountains a_shout_ _of_joy Oh_forest and_all tree in/on/over_him/it if/because **YHWH** he_has_redeemed Ya'aqov and_by_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_ _will_get_glory_for_himself. **24** Thus **YHWH** redeemer_of_your and_the_one_of_who_formed_you from_the_womb he_says I am_**YHWH** who_made everything who_stretched_out the_ _heavens I who_beat_out_of the_earth/land wwww mmm[177]. **25** Who_frustrates the_signs_of empty_talkers and_diviners he_ _makes_look_foolish who_turns_back wise_people backwards and_knowledge_of_their he_makes_foolish. **26** Who_establishes the_message_of his_servant_of_his and_the_counsel_of his_ _messengers_of_his he_performs who_says of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_be_inhabited and_of_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_be_rebuilt and_ruins_of_ _its I_will_raise_up. **27** Who_says to_ocean-deep be_dried_up and_rivers_of_your I_will_make_dry. **28** Who_says to/for_ _Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) shepherd_of_my and_all desire_of_my he_will_perform and_to_say of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) let_it_ _be_rebuilt and_the_temple let_it_be_refounded.

45:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says to_his_of_anointed to/for_Kōresh whom I_have_taken_hold on_his_right_of_hand to_subdue before_him nations and_the_loins_of kings I_will_loosen to_ _open before_him doors and_gates not they_will_be_shut. **2** I to_your_face I_will_go and_the_mountainous_land(s) I_will_

172 **RV 44:25 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:20.

173 **RV 44:28 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 36:23; Ezr 1:2.

177 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: יְ/תֵאָ/מ: (x-qere) יְ/תֵאָ/מ': lemma_m/854 n_0 morph_HR/R/Sp1cs id_23BvR יְ/תֵאָ/מ

Literal Version

_make_smooth[178] doors_of bronze I_will_break and_bars_of iron I_will_cut_through. 3 And_I_will_give to/for_yourself(m) treasures_of darkness and_hidden_treasures_of secret_places so_that you_may_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_calls by_name_of_your the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 4 For_the_sake_of servant_of_my Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) one_of_my_ _chosen and_I_summoned to/for_yourself(m) by_name_of_your I_will_give_you_a_title and_not you_know_me. 5 I am_**YHWH** and_there_is_not yet besides_me there_is_not a_god I_will_ _gird_you and_not you_know_me. 6 So_that people_may_know from_the_rising_of the_sun and_from_its_setting_of_place[179] if/because_that nothing is_apart_from_me I am_**YHWH** and_ _there_is_not yet. 7 I_am_forming light and_I_am_creating darkness I_am_bringing_about well-being and_I_am_creating calamity I am_**YHWH** who_does all_of these_things. 8 Drip_ _down Oh_heaven (from)_above and_clouds let_them_flow righteousness the_earth let_it_open_up and_let_them_bear_ _fruit salvation and_righteousness let_it_cause_to_sprout together I **YHWH** I_have_created_it.

9 Woe_to one_who_contends with the_one_of_who_formed_ _him a_potsherd with potsherds_of the_ground does_it_say[181] clay to_the_one_of_who_forms_it what are_you_making and_ _work_of_your there_belong_not hands to_him/it. 10 Woe_to one_who_says to_a_father what are_you_fathering and_to_a_ _woman what are_you_in_labour_with. 11 Thus **YHWH** the_ _holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_one_of_who_formed_it he_says the_coming_things ask_me on children_of_my and_on the_work_of my_hands_of_my you(pl)_command_me. 12 I I_ _made the_earth and_human/'Ādām on/upon_it(f) I_created I hands_of_my they_stretched_out the_heavens and_all their_ _group/army/objects I_commanded. 13 I I_have_stirred_him_ _up in_righteousness and_all ways_of_his I_will_make_smooth he he_will_build city_of_my and_exile[s]_of_my he_will_let_go not for_price and_not for_a_bribe **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. 14 Thus **YHWH** he_says the_produce_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_trading_profit_of Kūsh/(Cush) and_ _the_Ṣāvā' people_of stature to_you they_will_pass_over and_ _to_you they_will_belong behind_you they_will_walk in_fetters they_will_pass_over and_to_you they_will_bow_down[182] to_you

Readers' Version

and no gates will shut him out.
Now Yahweh says this:
2 I'll go ahead of you Koresh and level the mountains.
I'll break down bronze doors and cut through iron bars,
3 and I'll give you the treasures that are hidden away
and the riches stored in secret places
so that you'll know that it's me, Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, who calls you by name.
4 For the sake of my servant Ya'akov (Jacob)
and Yisrael my chosen one,
I've summoned you by name.
Although you don't know me, I'll give you a title of honour.
5 I am Yahweh and there's no one else.
Apart from me, there's no other God.
Even though you don't know me,
I will strengthen you
6 so that from the east to the west they'll know
that there's nothing apart from me.
I'm Yahweh, and there's no other God.
7 I formed the light and created the darkness.
I bring peace and prosperity, and I cause disasters.
It's me, Yahweh, who does all those things.
8 Rain down from above you skies,
and let the clouds pour down godliness.
Let the earth open up and let salvation grow on the trees
and at the same time, let righteousness sprout up.
I, Yahweh, have created it.

Don't argue with Yahweh

9 The person who argues against their creator won't end well.
They're like a piece of broken pottery lying among all the other pieces on the ground.
Does the clay ask the potter what he's making,[180]
or ask why he didn't do a very good job making what he did?
10 Anyone who asks a father what he's fathering won't end well,
and nor will anyone who asks a woman what she's in labour for.
11 Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one and the one who formed it, asks this:
'Concerning the things to come, do you question me about my children?
And will you all tell me what actions that I should take?'
12 I made the earth and created humankind on it.
My own hands stretched the skies out,
and I ordered all the heavenly bodies into place.

178 LV 45:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **רשוא**: (x-qere) 'רֶשַׁיְא': lemma_3474 n_1 morph_HVpi1cs id_23woV רֶשַׁיְא

179 LV 45:6 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

180 RV 45:9 · Cross-ref. Isa 29:16; Rom 9:20.

181 LV 45:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

182 LV 45:14 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

13 I stirred Koresh (Cyrus) up to do what's right,
and I'll smooth out his paths ahead of him.
He'll be the one to build my city, and he'll release my exiles—
not for a ransom or for a bribe.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that.
14 Yahweh says this:
Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) produce and Kush's (Ethiopia's) profit and those tall people from Seva
will all be turned over to you and they'll belong to you.
They'll walk behind you and will be handed over in chains.
They'll bow down to you and state,
'Surely God is with you—he's the only god—there's no other.'
15 You are certainly a god who hides himself,
you god who rescues Yisrael (Israel).
16 Those who craft idols will be humiliated—
all of them will be put to shame together.
Those who craft idols will be publicly disgraced.
17 Yisrael has been rescued by Yahweh—freed forever.
You all won't be humiliated or put to shame ever again.
18 Yahweh who created the skies, is God.
He formed the earth and established it.
He didn't create it as a wasteland,
^but rather, he formed it to be lived in.
Yahweh says this:
19 I didn't speak in secrecy in a place where it's all dark.
It wasn't in vain that I told Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants to search for me.
I am Yahweh who says what is right and declares what is proper.

Yahweh and false gods

20 Gather together and come.
Assemble together you fugitives from the nations.
Those who carry their wooden idols don't know what's going on—
those who pray to a god that can't help them.
21 Declare and approach. Let them also get advice together.
Who predicted that in the past and then declared it?
Wasn't it me, Yahweh?
There's no god other than me—
a god who does what is right and who rescues his people.
There's no other rescuer except me.
22 Turn to me and be saved, all you at the ends of the earth,
because I'm God and there isn't any other.
23 I've solemnly promised that—
I only say what's right and I don't change my mind,
because every knee will bow to me.
Every tongue will promise allegiance to me.[183]
24 They'll say that righteousness and strength are only in Yahweh.
All those who were angry at him will come to him in their shame.

183 RV 45:23 · Cross-ref. Rom 14:11; Php 2:10-11.

Literal Version

they_will_pray surely on/over_you(fs) god and_there_is_not yet there_not_of are_gods. 15 Truly you are_a_god who_hides_ _himself Oh_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deliverer. 16 They_will_be_ _ashamed and_also of_them_of_all they_will_be_put_to_shame together they_will_walk in_ignominy craftsmen_of images. 17 Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_has_been_saved by_**YHWH** a_salvation_of everlastingness(es) not you(pl)_will_be_ashamed and_not you(pl)_will_be_put_to_shame until everlastingness(es)_of perpetuity. 18 If/because thus **YHWH** who_created the_heavens he the_'Elohīm who_formed the_earth/land and_who_made_ _of_it he he_established_it not a_wasteland he_created_it to_ _dwell_in he_formed_it he_says I am_**YHWH** and_there_is_not yet. 19 Not in_secrecy I_spoke in_a_place_of a_land_of darkness not I_said to_the_offspring_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) emptiness seek_ _me I **YHWH** am_speaking righteousness I_am_declaring uprightness(es).

20 Gather_together and_come draw_near together Oh_ _fugitives_of the_nations not those_who_carry ~~DOM~~ the_wood_ _of their_idol_of_their and_those_who_pray to a_god which_not it_will_save they_know. 21 Declare and_bring_near also let_ _them_take_counsel together who did_he_proclaim this from_ _east from_then did_he_declare_it am_not was_it_I **YHWH** and_ _there_is_not again a_god (from)_except_me a_god righteous and_a_deliverer there_is_not besides_me. 22 Turn to_me and_ _be_saved Oh_all_of the_ends_of the_earth if/because I am_god and_there_is_not yet. 23 By_myself I_swear it_goes_forth from_ _mouth_of_my righteousness a_message and_not it_will_return if/because_that to_me every_of knee it_will_bow_down every_ _of tongue it_will_swear. 24 Only are_in_**YHWH** to_me everyone_will_say righteousness(es) and_strength to_him he_ _will_go and_ all_of those_who_are_angry in/on/over_him/it _ _they_will_be_ashamed. 25 By_**YHWH** they_will_be_justified and_ all_of the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_boast.

Literal Version

46:1 Bel he_has_bowed_down Nəvō is_stooping_low idols_of_ _their they_belong to_animal[s] and_to_cattle burdens_of_ _your(pl) are_carried a_load for_a_weary_animal. **2** They_have_ _stooped_low they_have_bowed_down together not they_have_ _been_able to_rescue a_burden and_self_of_their in_captivity it_has_gone. **3** Listen to_me Oh_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_ _all the_remnant_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_have_ _been_carried from the_belly who_have_been_borne from the_ _womb. **4** And_unto old_age I am_he and_unto grey_hair[184] I I_ _will_carry I I_made and_I I_will_bear and_I I_will_carry and_I_ _will_rescue. **5** To_whom will_you_liken_me and_will_you(pl)_ _make_me_equal and_will_you_compare_me so_that_we_may_ _be_alike. **6** Those_who_pour_out gold from_a_bag and_silver on_scale[s] they_weigh_out they_hire a_metalsmith and_he_ _makes_it a_god they_prostrate_themselves also they_bow_ _down.[185] **7** They_lift_it_up on a_shoulder they_carry_it and_ _they_set_it_down in_its_place and_it_stands from_place_of_its not it_departs also he_cries_out to_him/it and_not it_answers from_trouble_of_his not it_delivers_him. **8** Remember this and_ _pluck_up_courage bring_it_back Oh_rebels on heart. **9** Remember former_things from_long_ago/eternity if/because_that I am_god and_there_is_not yet god and_there_ _not is_like_me. **10** Who_declares from_the_beginning the_end and_from_antiquity things_which not they_have_been_done who_says purpose_of_my it_will_be_fulfilled and_all desire_of_ _my I_will_accomplish. **11** Who_calls from_the_east a_bird_of_ _prey from_a_land_of distance a_man_of mmm[186] also I_have_ _spoken also I_will_bring_it I_have_planned also I_will_ _accomplish_it. **12** Listen to_me Oh_people_mighty_of heart Oh_people_distant from_righteousness. **13** I_have_brought_ _near righteousness_of_my not it_is_far_away and_salvation_ _of_my not it_will_delay and_I_will_give in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) salvation to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) splendour_of_my.

Readers' Version

25 Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants will be declared innocent by Yahweh,
and they'll boast about what he's done for them.

The false gods there in Bavel

46:1 The Babylonian gods Bel bows down and Nevo stoops low.
Their idols need to be carried by animals and are burdens for tired cattle.
2 Together those gods bend low, kneeling down.
They're not able to rescue the load
and they themselves have been taken into captivity.
3 Listen to me you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and all the remnant of Yisrael's (Israel's) families—
carried since birth,
supported since the womb.
4 I'll be there even when you age,
and I'll carry you when your hair goes grey.
I made you and I'll support you,
and I'll carry you and rescue you.
5 Who can you liken me to or say that I'm the same as,
or compare me to and say that we're alike?
6 Those who pour gold out from a bag
and weigh their silver on a scale,
hire a metalsmith to make it into a god.
They kneel in front of it and worship it.
7 They lift it up and carry it on their shoulders,
and then they put it down in its place.
It stands there and never leaves.
They call out to it for help but it doesn't answer—
it won't rescue them from their troubles.
8 Remember that and pluck up courage.
You rebels, take it to heart.
9 Think about what happened long ago
because I'm God and there's no other,
I'm God and there's no one like me.
10 From the beginning, I declare the end.
From ancient times, I announce what's still to come.
I declare that my plan will come to be,
and all my intentions will be accomplished.
11 Summoning a bird of prey from the east,
from a distant country—the man to carry out my plan.
Yes, I've spoken and I'll make it happen.
I've planned, and I'll also accomplish it.
12 Listen to me you stubborn people—
you who are so far from doing what's right.
13 I've brought my righteousness near—it's not far away,
and my salvation won't delay.
I'll rescue Tsiyon (Zion)

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184 **LV 46:4 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

185 **LV 46:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

186 **LV 46:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: תצע/ו: (x-qere) 'יִ/חָצֵע': lemma_6098 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cs id_23a1F יִ/חָצֵע

Readers' Version

and display my splendour to Yisrael (Israel).

47:1 Come down and sit in the dust you virgin daughter of Bavel (Babylon).

Bavel's coming judgement

Sit on the ground without a throne you daughter of the Kasdim (Chaldeans),[187]

because people won't call you tender and delicate any more.

2 Turn those millstones and grind flour.

Remove your veil and strip off your skirt.

Uncover your legs to wade through rivers.

3 Your nakedness will be exposed.

Yes, your shame will be visible.

I'll take vengeance and won't spare anyone.

4 Commander-in-chief Yahweh is the name of the one who bought our freedom—

Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one.

5 Sit in silence and go in darkness you daughter of the Kasdim (Chaldeans),

because you'll no longer be called 'the queen of kingdoms'.

6 I was angry with my people—

I defiled my inheritance and handed them over to you.

You showed them no compassion—

even the old had a heavy burden placed on them.

7 You said that you'd be queen forever,

but you didn't give it enough thought—

you didn't consider its outcome.

8 Now listen to this you over-indulged woman who lives in security,

saying in her heart, 'No one else is important except me.

I'll never be a widow or lose my children.'[188]

9 But both of these things will suddenly happen to you:

Bereavement and childless will hit in one day.

They'll come on you with completeness despite your plentiful sorceries

and the power of your multiple spells.

10 You trusted in your wickedness and thought no one would notice you.

Your wisdom and knowledge has led you astray

and you told yourself that no one else was important except you.

11 Calamity will hit you and you won't be able to charm it away.

Disaster will fall on you and you won't be able to avoid it—

disaster like you've never known before will come on you suddenly.

12 Keep trusting your spells and your plentiful sorceries

that you've worked hard at since your youth.

Perhaps you'll be successful—maybe scaring disaster away.

13 You've become tired of listening to so much advice.

Please let them stand up and save you—

those ones who chart the skies and divine from moons

Literal Version

47:1 Go_down and_sit on the_dust Oh_virgin_of the_daughter_of Bāvel sit to_ground there_is_not a_throne Oh_daughter_of the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy if/because not you_will_repeat people_will_ _call to/for_you(fs) tender and_delicate. **2** Take a_hand-mill and_grind flour uncover veil_of_your strip_off a_skirt uncover a_leg pass_through rivers. **3** Nakedness_of_your let_it_be_ _uncovered also reproach_of_your let_it_be_visible vengeance I_will_take and_not I_will_meet anyone. **4** Redeemer_of_our is_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** Sit silence and_go in_darkness Oh_daughter_ _of the_ones_from_Kasdiy if/because not you_will_repeat people_will_call to/for_you(fs) queen_of kingdoms. **6** I_was_ _angry towards people_of_my I_profaned inheritance_of_my and_I_gave_them in_hand_of_your not you_appointed to/for_ _them compassion(s) on the_old you_made_heavy yoke_of_your exceedingly. **7** And_you_said forever_perpetuity I_will_be a_ _queen until not you_put these_things on heart_of_your not you_remembered outcome_of_its. **8** And_now listen_to this Oh_ _voluptuous_woman who_dwells to_security who_says in_ _heart_of_her I and_only_of_I am_yet not I_will_dwell a_widow and_not I_will_know childlessness. **9** And_they_will_come to_ _you both_of these_things a_moment in/on_day one childlessness and_widowhood according_to_of_their_ _completeness they_will_come on_you in_the_abundance_of your(pl)_sorceries_of_your in_the_power_of your(pl)_spells_of_ _your very_many. **10** And_you_trusted in_evil_of_your you_said there_is_not one_of_who_sees_me wisdom_of_your and_ _knowledge_of_your it it_has_led_you_away and_you_said in_ _heart_of_your I and_only_of_I am_yet. **11** And_it_will_come on_you calamity which_not you_will_know to_charm_it_away and_it_will_fall on_you disaster which_not you_will_be_able to_ _cover_it and_it_will_come on_you suddenly devastation which_not you_will_know. **12** Stand please in_spells_of_your and_in_the_abundance_of your(pl)_sorceries_of_your in_which you_have_laboured since_youth(s)_of_your perhaps you_will_ _be_able to_profit perhaps you_will_terrify. **13** You_have_ _become_weary with_the_abundance_of your(pl)_counsels_of_ _your let_them_stand please and_let_them_deliver_you those_ _who_divide_of[189] (of)_the_heavens those_who_look on_stars those_who_make_known to_moons from_the_things_which they_will_come on_you. **14** THERE they_have_become like_chaff a_fire it_has_burnt_them not they_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ self_of_ _their from_the_hand_of the_flame there_will_not_be coal to_ _be_warm a_fire to_sit before_it. **15** Thus they_have_become to/for_you(fs) those_whom you_have_laboured traders_of_your since_youth(s)_of_your everyone to_his_own_of_side they_ _have_wandered there_is_not deliverer_of_a.

187 RV 47:1-15 · Cross-ref. Isa 13:1–14:23; Jer 50:1; 51:64.

188 RV 47:8-9 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:7-8.

189 LV 47:13 · Note OSHB variant note: ורבה: (x-qere) יְרִבֻּהּ; lemma_1895 morph_HVqrmpc id_23p2N יְרִבֻּהּ

Literal Version

48:1 Listen_to this Oh_house_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) who_are_called in/on_name_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_the_waters_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_came_out who_swear in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_(in)_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_bring_to_ _remembrance not in_truth and_not in_righteousness. **2** If/because from_the_city_of (the)_holiness they_have_called_ _themselves and_on the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_ _supported_themselves is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_ _name. **3** The_former_things from_then I_declared and_from_ _mouth_of_my they_went_out and_I_proclaimed_them suddenly I_acted and_they_came. **4** Because_knew_I if/because_that were_stubborn you and_was_a_tendon_of iron neck_of_your and_forehead_of_your was_bronze. **5** And_I_ _declared_them to/for_yourself(m) from_then before_before it_ _came I_proclaimed_to_you lest you_should_say idol_of_my it_ _did_them and_my_carved_of_image and_my_molten_of_image it_commanded_them. **6** You_have_heard look_at of_it_of_all and_you(pl) am_not will_you(pl)_tell I_will_proclaim_to_you new_things from_now and_secret_things and_not you_have_ _known_them. **7** Now they_have_been_created and_not from_ _then and_before_of a_day and_not you_had_heard_of_them lest you_should_say HERE I_knew_them. **8** Neither not you_ _heard nor not you_knew nor from_then not ear_of_your it_ _opened if/because I_knew surely_(act_treacherously) you_ _will_act_treacherously and_a_rebel from_the_womb it_has_ _been_called to/for_you(fs). **9** For_the_sake_of name_of_my I_ _will_make_long anger_of_my and_praise_of_my I_will_ _restrain_myself to/for_you(fs) to_not to_cut_you_off. **10** HERE I_have_refined_you and_not (in)_silver I_have_chosen_you in_ _a_furnace_of affliction. **11** For_my_own_sake for_my_own_sake I_will_act if/because how will_it_be_profaned and_glory_of_my to_another not I_will_give.

12 Listen to_me Oh_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) my_ _called_of_one I am_he I am_first also I am_last. **13** Also hand_ _of_my it_founded the_earth and_my_right_of_hand it_spread_ _out the_heavens I am_calling to_them they_stand together.

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to discover what's going to happen to you.
14 Look, they've become like straw that get burnt in a fire.
They can't rescue themselves from the flames.
There'll be no coals to warm them—no fire to sit by.
15 That's what those you worked with have become—those traders from your youth.
Everyone has wandered in their own direction—there's no rescuer.

Yahweh knows and controls the future

48:1 Listen to this you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
who are called by the name Yisrael (Israel) and descended from Yehudah (Judah).
You make promises using Yahweh's name,
and mention Yisrael's god,
but it's not done honestly or sincerely
2 even though they state that they're from the sacred city,
and that they're supported by Yisrael's god, named commander-in-chief Yahweh.
3 Long ago I predicted and explained what would happen,
→then suddenly, I took action and they happened
4 because I knew that you were stubborn.
Your neck muscles are like iron
and your forehead is like bronze,
5 so I announced those things in advance.
Before they happened, I informed you
so that you couldn't say that your idol did them,
or say that your carved idols and cast figures ordered them to happen.
6 You've heard—now investigate all of it.
Won't you admit that what I tell you is true?
Now I'll tell you new things,
and secret things that you didn't previously know.
7 They're activated now—not in the past,
and you hadn't heard of them happening before today
otherwise you might say that you expected them.
8 No, you hadn't heard and you didn't know
because from way back, you never wanted to hear.
Yes, I knew that you act very treacherously
and even from the womb you've been called a rebel.
9 For the sake of my reputation, I'll hold back my anger,
and so that I'm praised, I'll restrain myself from destroying you.
10 Look, I've refined you, but not like silver—
I've tested you in the furnace of affliction.
11 But for my own sake I'll take action,
because how could I allow my reputation to be damaged?
I won't allow others to take the honour that's due to me.

The chosen by God destroy of Bavel

12 Listen to me Ya'akov (Jacob),
and Yisrael (Israel) who I called.
I am he, the first, and also the last.[190]

190 RV 48:12 · Cross-ref. Isa 44:6; Rev 1:17; 22:13.

Readers' Version

13 Yes, my hand founded the earth,
and my right hand stretched out the skies.
I call to them, then they stand together.
14 Gather together all of you and listen.
Which of those idols has announced these things?
Yahweh's dearest ally will implement Yahweh's desire on Bavel (Babylon)
and apply his power to those Kasdim (Chaldeans).
15 I've spoken. I've summoned him.
I've brought him, and he will succeed in his mission.
16 Come close to me and listen to this:
From the beginning, I haven't spoken in secrecy.
I was there when those things happened.
My master Yahweh has sent me and his spirit.
17 Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one and the one who paid the price for your freedom, says this:
I am your god, Yahweh, who teaches you to prosper—
who leads you in the path that you should follow.
18 If you had paid attention to my instructions
then you would have had peace like a river
and your righteousness like waves in the ocean.
19 Your descendants would have been as numerous as the sand,
and the offspring from your womb like its grains.
It wouldn't have been destroyed
and had its name removed from my presence.
20 Go away from Bavel (Babylon).
Flee from those Kasdim (Chaldeans).[191]
Proclaim this with a happy song.
Send it out to the ends of the earth to say:
Yahweh has paid the price to free his servant Ya'akov (Jacob).
21 They weren't thirsty when he led them through the wildernesses.
He made water flow out of a rock for them—
he split open the rock and the water gushed out.
22 There's no peace for the wicked says Yahweh.[192]

Yahweh's servant · The second servant song

49:1 Listen to me you islands,
and pay attention you distant peoples.
Yahweh called me from before I was born—
he knew my name when I was still inside my mother.[193]
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword[194] that he hid in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a polished arrow that he hid in his quiver.
3 Then he told me, 'Yisrael (Israel), you're my servant,
and I'll be honoured by others because of you.'
4 I replied, 'I've worked with no results

Literal Version

14 Gather_together of_you_of_all and_listen who in/among_ _them has_he_declared ~~DOM~~ these_things **YHWH** he_loves_him he_will_execute pleasure_of_his on_Bāv̄el and_arm_of_his the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy. **15** I I I_have_spoken also I_have_ _summoned_him I_have_brought_him and_he_will_make_ _successful its_road/course. **16** Draw_near to_me listen_to this not from_the_beginning in_secrecy I_have_spoken from_the_ _time_of happened_it was_there I and_now my_master **YHWH** he_has_sent_me and_spirit_of_his. **17** Thus **YHWH** redeemer_ _of_your the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says I am_**YHWH** god_of_your who_teaches_of_you to_profit who_leads_of_you in_the_way which_you_will_go. **18** If you_had_paid_attention to_commands_of_my and_he/it_was like_river peace_of_your and_righteousness_of_your like_the_waves_of the_sea. **19** And_ _he/it_was like_sand offspring_of_your and_the_descendants_ _of your(pl)_inward_parts_of_your like_grains_of_its not it_ _will_be_cut_off and_not his/its_name it_will_be_destroyed from_before_face_of_me. **20** Go_out from_Bāv̄el flee from_the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy with_a_sound_of a_shout_of_joy declare proclaim this send_it_out to the_end_of the_earth/land say **YHWH** he_has_redeemed servant_of_his Ya'aqov̄/(Jacob). **21** And_not they_were_thirsty in_the_waste_places he_led_ _them water from_a_rock he_caused_to_flow for_them and_he_ _split_open a_rock and_ waters _they_flowed_out. **22** There_is_ _not peace **YHWH** he_says for_(the)_people.

49:1 Listen Oh_islands to_me and_pay_attention Oh_peoples from_a_distance **YHWH** from_the_womb he_called_me from_ _the_inward_parts_of my_mother_of_my he_has_brought_to_ _remembrance name_of_my. **2** And_he/it_assigned mouth_of_ _my like_a_sword sharp in_the_shadow_of his/its_hand he_hid_ _me and_he_made_me (into)_an_arrow polished in_quiver_of_ _his he_concealed_me. **3** And_he/it_said to_me servant_of_are_ _my you Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom by_you I_will_get_glory_for_ _myself. **4** And_I I_said to_emptiness I_have_laboured to_ _nothingness and_Abel strength_of_my I_have_caused_to_fail nevertheless justice_of_my is_with **YHWH** and_wage[s]_of_my is_with god_of_my. **5** And_now he_says **YHWH** who_formed_of_ _me from_the_womb (into)_a_servant to_him/it to_bring_back

191 **RV 48:20 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:4.
192 **RV 48:22 · Cross-ref.** Isa 57:21.
193 **RV 49:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 1:5.
194 **RV 49:2 · Cross-ref.** Heb 4:12; Rev 1:16.

Literal Version

Ya´ₐqovʿ to_him/it and_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) wwww[197] it_will_be_
_gathered and_I_will_be_honoured in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**
and_god_of_my he_has_been strength_of_my. **6** And_he/it_said
it_is_too_trifling for_being_your to_me servant to_raise_up ~~DOM~~
the_tribes_of Ya´ₐqovʿ/(Jacob) and[198] of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_
_bring_back I_will_make_you (into)_a_light_of the_nations to_
_be salvation_of_my to the_end_of the_earth/land. **7** Thus
YHWH the_redeemer_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) its_holy_of_one he_
_says to_despise life to_one_who_abhors_of (of)_a_nation to_a_
_servant_of rulers kings they_will_see and_ princes _they_will_
_stand_up and_they_will_bow_down[199] on_account_of **YHWH**
who is_reliable the_holy_one_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_he_has_
_chosen_you.

8 Thus **YHWH** he_says in_a_time_of_favour I_will_answer_you
and_on_a_day_of_salvation I_will_help_you and_I_will_watch_
_over_you and_I_will_make_you (into)_a_covenant_of the_
_people to_raise_up the_land to_give_as_inheritance
inheritances desolate. **9** To_say to_the_prisoners come_out to_
_those_who are_in_darkness reveal_yourselves on roads they_
_will_graze and_on/over_all bare_heights pasture_of_their.
10 Not they_will_be_hungry and_not they_will_be_thirsty and_
_not it_will_strike_them burning_heat and_sun if/because one_
_of_who_has_compassion_on_them he_will_guide_them and_to
springs_of water he_will_lead_them. **11** And_I_will_make all_of
mountains_of_my (into)_road and_highways_of_my they_will_
_be_lifted_up. **12** HERE these from_a_distance they_will_come
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE these from_the_north and_from_the_
_west and_these from_the_land_of Ṣīnīm. **13** Shout_for_joy Oh_
_heaven and_be_glad Oh_earth and_break_forth[203] Oh_
_mountains a_shout_of_joy if/because **YHWH** he_has_
_comforted people_of_his and_his_afflicted_of_people he_has_
_compassion_on. **14** And_ Tsiyyōn/(Zion) _she/it_said he_has_
_abandoned_me **YHWH** and_the_of_master he_has_forgotten_

Readers' Version

and used my strength for nothing at all.
Nevertheless, my justice is with Yahweh,
and my wages are with my god.'
5 Now Yahweh has spoken—
the one who formed me from the womb as his servant—
to restore Ya'akov (Jacob) to himself,
and gather Yisrael (Israel) to him.
I'll be honoured in Yahweh's eyes,
and my god has been my strength.
6 Also he says,
'It's too insignificant for you to be my servant to raise up Ya'akov's tribes
and to bring back those from Yisrael who've been preserved.
I'll make you into a light for the nations[195]—
to be the one who takes salvation to the ends of the earth for me.'[196]
7 Yahweh, Yisrael's holy one,
the one who paid the price for their freedom
says to the one whose life is despised,
the one who's hated by the nations—a slave of rulers:
'Kings will see and stand up,
and princes will bow down
on account of Yahweh who is faithful—Yisrael's holy one
because he has chosen you.'

Yisrael's restoration

8 Yahweh says this:
I will answer you in a time of favour,
and I will help you on a day of salvation[200]
and protect you and appoint you to be an agreement for the people,
to rebuild the land so that desolate place can be redistributed as inheritances.
9 You'll tell the prisoners to come out
and those in darkness to show themselves.
They'll graze along roads,
and over all the pasture on bare hills.
10 They won't be hungry or thirsty,
and the burning heat of the sun won't beat down on them,
because they'll be guided by one who has compassion on them
and he'll lead them to springs of water.[201]
11 I'll make all my mountains into a road,
and I'll fill all the low spots on my highways.
12 Look, they'll come from far away,

195 **RV 49:6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 42:6; Luk 2:32; Acts 26:23.

196 **RV 49:6 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:47.

197 **LV 49:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל**: (x-qere) **לִ֣י**: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_23Xmm **לִ֣י**

198 **LV 49:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְיִרְצֵנוּ**: (x-qere) **וְיִרְוֵֽנוּ**: lemma_c/5341 morph_HC/Vqsmpc id_23PiS **וְיִרְוֵֽנוּ**

199 **LV 49:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

200 **RV 49:8 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 6:2.

201 **RV 49:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:16-17.

203 **LV 49:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וחצפי**: (x-qere) **וְחִצְפִּ֣י**: lemma_c/6476 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_23ruf **וְחִצְפִּ֣י**

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and look, some from the north and from the west, and from Sinim.
13 Shout happily you sky and be cheerful you earth
and shout with joy you mountains
because Yahweh has comforted his people
and has compassion on them when they're suffering.
14 But Tsiyon (Zion) said, 'Yahweh has abandoned me,
and my master has forgotten me.'
15 Would a woman forget her young baby
or have no compassion on the child that she's given birth to?
Even if she could forget, I won't forget you.
16 Look, I've written your name on my palms.
I'm always thinking about your city walls.
17 Your children are hurrying.
Those who destroyed and ravaged you, are going away from you.
18 Look up and see all around you,
they're all gathering together—coming towards you.
Yahweh declares, As surely as I live,
you'll 'put them all on' like jewelry,
and you'll tie them on like a bride.
19 Look up because your ruined and desolate places,
and your devastated land,
will be too cramped for the coming inhabitants,
and those who swallowed you up will be far away.
20 Yet your descendants who were born in captivity will say in your ears,
'This place is too cramped for us.
Move over to make room for us to live here.'
21 Then you'll think to yourself, 'Who fathered these children?
I was bereaved and barren—taken into exile and thrown away.
Who raised these children?
I was left alone, so where did these children come from?'
22 My master Yahweh says this:
Look, I'll lift my hand up to the nations,
and raise my banner to the peoples.
They'll bring your sons on their laps,
and they'll carry your daughters on their shoulders.
23 Kings will become your children's tutors,
and their noble ladies will become your wet nurses.
They'll bow down to you with their faces to the ground
and lick the dust from your feet.
→Then you'll know that I am Yahweh—those who patiently rely on my assistance won't be humiliated.
24 Can the booty be snatched from a warrior,
or can captives escape from a tyrant.[202]
25 But Yahweh says this:
Even the warrior's captives will be taken from him,
and the spoils will be recovered from a tyrant,
→and I'll oppose your opponent and rescue your children.

Literal Version

me. 15 Will a_woman _she_forget child_of_her_sucking from_ _having_compassion_on the_child_of her_womb_of_her also these they_will_forget and_I not I_will_forget_you. 16 HERE on palms I_have_inscribed_you walls_of_your are_before_me continually. 17 Children_of_your they_have_made_haste those_ _of_who_tear_you_down and_those_of_who_make_you_desolate from_you they_will_go_out. 18 Lift_up all_around eyes_of_your and_see of_them_of_all they_have_gathered_together they_ _have_come to/for_you(fs) by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because of_them_of_all like_ornament[s] you_will_ _put_on and_you_will_tie_them_on like_bride. 19 If/because places_of_your_waste and_your(pl)_desolate_of_places and_ _the_land_of your_destruction_of_your if/because now you_ _will_be_too_cramped for_the_inhabitant[s] and_ those_of_ _who_swallowed_you_up _they_will_be_far_away. 20 Yet they_ _will_say in_ears_of_your the_children_of your(pl)_ _bereavement(s)_of_your it_is_cramped to_me the_place draw_ _near to/for_me so_that_I_may_dwell. 21 And_you_will_say in_ _heart_of_your who did_he_father to_me ~~DOM~~ these_children and_I was_bereaved and_barren I_was_gone_into_exile and_ _thrust_away and_these who did_he_bring_up HERE I I_ _remained I_alone these_children where are_they. 22 Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says HERE I_will_lift_up to the_nations hand_of_my and_near/to peoples I_will_raise standard_of_my and_they_will_bring sons_of_your in_the_bosom and_ _daughters_of_your on a_shoulder they_will_be_carried. 23 And_they_will_be kings foster-fathers_of_your and_their_ _noble_of_ladies nurses_of_your_wet faces ground they_will_ _bow_down to/for_you(fs) and_the_dust_of your_two's_feet_of_ _your they_will_lick_up and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** whom not those_of_who_wait_for_me they_will_be_ _ashamed. 24 Will_it_be_taken from_a_warrior booty and_if the_captive[s] the_righteous will_it_escape. 25 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says also a_captive_of a_warrior he_will_be_taken and_the_booty a_ruthless_person it_will_be_delivered and_~~DOM~~ opponent_of_your I I_will_oppose and_~~DOM~~ children_of_your I I_will_save. 26 And_I_will_cause_to_eat ~~DOM~~ those_of_who_ _maltreat_you ~~DOM~~ flesh_of_their_own and_like_(the)_wine blood_of_their_own they_will_become_drunk and_ all_of flesh _ _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** deliverer_of_ _your and_redeemer_of_your the_mighty_one_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob).
50:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says where this is_the_document_of the_ _divorce_of your_mother_of_your(pl) which I_sent_her_away or who is_one_of_my_creditors whom I_sold you(pl) to_him/it HERE for_iniquities_of_your(pl) you(pl)_were_sold and_for_ _transgressions_of_your(pl) mother_of_your(pl) she_was_sent_ _away. 2 Why did_I_come and_there_was_not anyone did_I_ _call[204] and_there_was_not one_who_answered really_(be_ _short) hand_of_my was_it_too_short for_ransom and_if was_ _there_not in_me strength to_deliver HERE by_rebuke_of_my I_ _dry_up the_sea I_make rivers a_wilderness fish_of_their it_ _will_stink because_there_is_not water and_it_will_die by_ _thirst. 3 I_clothe the_heavens darkness and_sackcloth I_make covering_of_their.

202 RV 49:24 · Note Using the reading from the Qumran scroll here.

204 LV 50:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

4 My_master **YHWH** he_has_given to_me a_tongue_of apprentices/followers to_know to_help ~~DOM~~ the_weary a_ _message he_awakens in_morning in_morning he_awakens to_ _me ear to_hear like_apprentices/followers. **5** My_master **YHWH** he_has_opened to_me ear and_I not I_have_been_ _rebellious backwards not I_have_turned_back. **6** Back_of_my I_ _gave to_those_who_struck_me and_cheeks_of_my to_those_ _who_made_them_bare face_of_my not I_hid from_insults and_ _spittle. **7** And_the_of_master **YHWH** he_helps to_me therefore yes/correct/thus/so not I_have_been_humiliated therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_made face_of_my like_flint and_I_ _have_perceived if/because_that not I_will_be_put_to_shame. **8** Is_near the_one_of_who_justifies_me who will_he_contend with_me let_us_stand together who is_the_master_of my_case_ _of_my let_him_draw_near to_me. **9** HERE my_master **YHWH** he_helps to_me who he will_he_condemn_me_as_guilty THERE of_them_of_all like_garment they_will_wear_out moth it_will_ _eat_them. **10** Who among_you(pl) is_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** is_ _listening to_the_voice_of his_servant_of_his the_one_who he_ _has_walked darkness(es) and_there_was_not brightness to_ _him/it let_him_trust in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_let_him_ _depend on_god_of_his. **11** HERE all_of_you_of_Oh who_kindle_ _of (of)_a_fire who_gird_on_of (of)_firebrands walk in_Ur your_ _fire_of_your(pl) and_with_the_firebrands which_you(pl)_have_ _kindled from_hand_of_my this it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) to_pain you(pl)_will_lie_down.

Readers' Version

26 I'll cause those who mistreated you to eat their own flesh,
and they'll get drunk on the wine of their own blood.
Then everybody will know that I am your rescuer, Yahweh,
and Ya'akov's (Jacob's) powerful one who paid the price for your freedom.
50:1 Yahweh says this:
Where's the divorce papers for your mother who I sent away?
Which of my creditors did I sell you all to,
because you were all sold because of your disobedience?
And your mother was sent away because of your rebellion.
2 Why did I come when there wasn't anyone there?
Why did I call when no one answered?
Was I unable to pay the ransom?
Didn't I have enough strength to rescue you?
Look, when I scold the ocean, it dries up.
I can turn rivers into a wilderness—
→its fish will stink because they'll die of thirst because there's no water.
3 I clothe the skies with darkness,
and I place sackcloth as their covering.

Yahweh's obedient servant · The third servant song

4 My master Yahweh, has given me a tongue that keeps learning—
knowing how to help the weary with a message.
He wakes me in the morning—
wakes me up to listen to his teaching.
5 My master Yahweh, has opened my ears.
I haven't been rebellious
and I haven't turned back from what I was asked.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who made them bare.
I didn't hide my face from insults and getting spat on[205]
7 but my master Yahweh will help me.
Therefore I'm not humiliated,
so I've made my face look determined like flint
because I know that I won't be ashamed.
8 The one who'll declare me innocent is close by.
Who will bring charges against me?[206] Let's stand in court together.
Who is my accuser? Let him approach me.
9 Listen, my master Yahweh will help me.
Who is it who condemns me as guilty?
They'll all wear out like clothes—the moths will eat them.
10 How many of you strive to obey Yahweh,
listening to his servant's words?
Who among you all walks in deep darkness without light?
Learn to trust Yahweh and to depend on your god.
11 Look, all of you who kindle fires and carry flaming torches.
Walk in the light from your fire and from the kindling that you're all burning.

205 **RV 50:6 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:67; Mrk 14:65.

206 **RV 50:8-9 · Cross-ref.** Rom 8:33-34.

Readers' Version

That is what you'll receive from my hand.
You'll all lie down in pain.

Comforting words for Yerushalem

51:1 Listen to me, all of you who strive to do what's right—
you who want to follow Yahweh's instructions.
Look at the rock that you where chiselled from,
and at the mouth of the cistern that you were quarried out of.
2 Look at your ancestor, Avraham,
and Sarah who bore you all,
because I called him as one person,
→then I blessed him and made him many,
3 because Yahweh will comfort Tsiyon (Zion).
He will comfort all its ruined places,
and make her wilderness like Eden
and her desert plains like Yahweh's garden.
Joy and happiness will come from there—
thanksgiving and the sounds of music.
4 Pay attention to me, my people.
and you my nation, listen carefully,
because I will send out my instructions,
and in an instant, I'll make my justice as a light for the nations.
5 I'm ready to declare you as innocent.
My salvation will go out.
My arms will bring justice to the peoples.
The islands wait eagerly—waiting for my arm.
6 Look upwards to the skies
^and down to the earth below,
because the skies will be dispersed like smoke,
and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing
and its inhabitants will die like gnats.
However, when I save you, you'll be free forever,
and I'll only ever do what is right.
7 Listen to me, all of you who know what is right—
people with my instructions always in their thoughts.
Don't be afraid of getting insulted by people,
and don't be dismayed by their abuse,
8 because moths will eat them like a piece of clothing,
and their larva will devour them like they do with wool.
However, I will only ever do what is right,
and when I save you, you'll be free throughout the generations.
9 Wake up, wake up! Yahweh, strengthen yourself!
Wake up like back in the old days—
the generations from long ago.
Wasn't it you who pierced the sea monster Rahav and cut it into pieces?
10 Wasn't it you who dried up the ocean—those large, deep waters—
the one who made the deep seas into a way for those who've been set free to pass over?
11 Then those who Yahweh has paid the price for their freedom, will return,
and go to Tsiyon (Zion) with happy shouts,

Literal Version

51:1 Listen to_me Oh_you(pl)_who_pursue_of (of)_righteousness you(pl)_who_seek_of (of)_**YHWH** look to the_rock which_ _you(pl)_were_dug and_near/to the_excavation_of the_pit which_you(pl)_were_dug_out. **2** Look to 'Avrāhām ancestor_of_ _your(pl) and_near/to Sārāh who_she_brought_you(pl)_forth if/because one_person I_called_him and_I_blessed_him and_I_ _multiplied_him. **3** If/because **YHWH** he_will_comfort Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_will_comfort all_of places_of_its_waste and_ _he/it_assigned wilderness_of_its like_ʹĒden and_its_ _wilderness_of_plain like_the_garden_of **YHWH** joy and_ _gladness it_will_be_found in_it thanksgiving and_the_sound_ _of music. **4** Pay_attention to_me my_people_of_my and_Oh_of_ _my_nation to_me give_ear if/because law from_with_me it_ _will_go_out and_justice_of_my (into)_a_light_of peoples I_will_ _make_in_a_moment. **5** Is_near righteousness_of_my salvation_ _of_my it_has_gone_out and_arms_of_my peoples they_will_ _judge to_me islands they_will_wait_eagerly and_near/to arm_ _of_my they_will_wait. **6** Lift_up to_heavens your(pl)_eyes and_ _look to the_earth/land from_under if/because the_heavens like_smoke they_will_be_dispersed and_the_earth like_garment it_will_wear_out and_inhabitants_of_its like gnat[s] they_will_ _die and_salvation_of_my forever_perpetuity it_will_be and_ _righteousness_of_my not it_will_be_broken. **7** Listen to_me Oh_you(pl)_who_know_of (of)_righteousness a_people law_of_ _which_my is_in_heart_of_their do_not fear the_reproach_of humankind and_from_their_reviling_of_words/messages do_ _not be_dismayed. **8** If/because like_garment it_will_eat_them moth and_like_wool it_will_eat_them clothes-moth and_ _righteousness_of_my forever_perpetuity it_will_be and_ _salvation_of_my to_a_generation_of generations. **9** Awake awake put_on strength Oh_arm_of **YHWH** awake like_days_of antiquity generations_of antiquiti(es) am_not are_you she who_cut_in_pieces Rahav who_pierced_of the_sea_monster. **10** Am_not are_you she who_dried_up the_sea the_water_of the_deep great who_she_made the_depths_of the_sea a_way to_ those_redeemed _pass_over. **11** And_the_people_ransomed_of **YHWH** they_will_return and_they_will_come Tsiyyōn/(Zion) with_a_shout_of_joy and_gladness_of perpetuity will_be_on head_of_their joy and_gladness they_will_overtake_them sorrow and_groaning they_will_flee. **12** I I am_he who_ _comforts_of_you(pl) who are_you and_you_have_been_afraid from_a_person who_he_dies and_from_a_child_of humankind who_grass he_is_made. **13** And_you_have_forgotten **YHWH** who_made_of_you who_stretched_out the_heavens and_who_ _founded the_earth and_you_have_been_in_dread continually all_of the_day from_face/in_front_of the_anger_of the_one_ _who_oppresses just_as he_has_prepared to_destroy and_where is_the_anger_of the_one_who_oppresses. **14** one_who_stoops he_will_hasten to_be_let_untie/release and_not he_will_die to_ _pit and_not he_will_lack food_of_his. **15** And_I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your who_stirs_up_of the_sea and_ waves_of_its _they_ _roared is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name. **16** And_I_ _have_put words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_your and_ _with_the_shadow_of my_hand_of_my I_have_covered_you to_ _plant the_heavens and_to_found the_earth and_to_say to_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) people_of_are_my you.

Literal Version

17 Rouse_yourself rouse_yourself arise Oh_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who you_have_drunk from_the_
_hand_of **YHWH** ~~ĐǾM~~ the_cup_of his_anger_of_his ~~ĐǾM~~ the_
_bowl_of the_cup_of (the)_staggering you_have_drunk you_
_have_drained. **18** There_is_not one_who_leads to/for_her/it
from_all the_children whom_she_has_borne and_there_is_not
one_who_takes_hold on_hand_of_her from_all the_children
whom_she_has_brought_up. **19** Two_things those have_
_happened_of_to_you who does_he_show_sympathy to/for_
_you(fs) the_devastation and_the_destruction and_the_famine
and_the_sword who do_I_comfort_you. **20** Children_of_your
they_have_become_faint they_have_lain_down at_the_head_of
all_of the_streets like_an_antelope_of a_net they_are_full the_
_anger_of **YHWH** the_rebuke_of your(pl)_god_of_your. **21** For_
_so/thus/hence hear please this Oh_afflicted_one and_Oh_
_drunken_one_of and_not from_wine. **22** Thus master(s)_of_
_your **YHWH** and_god_of_your who_he_conducts_a_case_for
people_of_his he_says HERE I_have_taken from_hand_of_your
~~ĐǾM~~ the_cup_of (the)_staggering ~~ĐǾM~~ the_bowl_of the_cup_of
my_anger_of_my not you_will_repeat to_drink_it again. **23** And_
_I_will_put_it in_the_hand_of those_who_grieve_you who they_
_said to_self_of_your bow_down so_that_we_may_pass_over_
_you(pl) and_you_made like_ground back_of_your and_like_
_street for_who]_pass_over.

52:1 Awake awake put_on strength_of_your Oh_Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
put_on the_garments_of your_beauty_of_your Oh_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city_of (the)_holiness if/because

Readers' Version

and with happiness always showing on their faces.
Gladness and joy will overtake them—
sorrow and mourning will disappear.
12 It's me who's the one who comforts you all.
Why would you be afraid of other humans who are just mortal,
or other descendants of humankind who are a temporary as grass.
13 Then you've forgotten Yahweh who made you
and who stretched out the skies and made the earth's foundations.
You've been in dread the entire day as your angry oppressor approaches ready to destroy you.
But where is the oppressor's anger now?
14 The one who stoops over will be quickly released.
He won't die in the pit and won't lack his food.
15 I am your god Yahweh who stirs up the sea
and its waves roar.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh is his name.
16 I've given you my messages to proclaim,
and I've protected you with my hand—
planting the skies and founding the earth,
and telling Tsiyon (Zion) that you are my people.

The cup of anger removed from Yerushalem

17 Rouse yourself, rouse yourself. Get up, Yerushalem (Jerusalem)—
you who drank the cup from Yahweh's hand that was filled with his anger.
You drank the cup that makes you stagger—you drained it.
18 Despite all the children that she's borne, there's no one to lead her,
and there's no one to hold her hand out of all the children that she's brought up.
19 Those two things have happened to you:
Who shows sympathy to you after the devastation and destruction?
Who comforts you after the famine and war?
20 Your children have fainted and they lie at the end of every street like antelope caught in a net.
They're full of Yahweh's anger—the rebuke from your god,
21 so listen to this you oppressed one,
and the one who's drunk, but not from wine.
22 This is what your master Yahweh,
and your god who defends your people, says:
Listen, I've taken that cup of suffering out of your hand—
the goblet containing my rage. You'll no longer have to drink it.
23 Instead, I'll put it into your tormentors' hand—
those who told you to bow down so they could walk over the top of you,
and made your back like the ground or the street for walking on.

Yahweh will rescue Yerushalem

52:1 Wake up, wake up, strengthen yourself Tsiyon (Zion).

Readers' Version

Put your beautiful clothes on, Yerushalem (Jerusalem), sacred city,
because the uncircumcised and the 'unclean' people won't enter you again.[207]
2 Shake yourself free from the dust.
Take action, you captive Yerushalem.
Release the chains from your neck, you captive daughter of Tsiyon
3 because Yahweh says this:
You were sold for nothing
and you'll gain your freedom without any payment,
4 because my master Yahweh says this:
My people went down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to stay there long ago,
and then Ashur (Assyria) has oppressed the nation for nothing.
5 Now Yahweh declares:
My people were taken for no reason.
His rulers mock him
and my name is continually slandered throughout the day.[208]
That is Yahweh's declaration.
6 Therefore my people will know my name because on that day
it will be me speaking and saying, 'Here I am.'
7 How delightful is the one who brings good news across the mountains announcing peace[209]—
bringing good news that announces a coming rescuer,
and telling Tsiyon (Zion) that their god reigns.
8 Your watchmen will all call out loudly at the same time.
They'll all shout happily because each of them will see that Yahweh has returned to Tsiyon.
9 Start shouting out happily you ruined places in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
because Yahweh has encouraged his people—he's paid the price for Yerushalem's freedom.
10 In front of all the nations, Yahweh has revealed that he's holy and powerful,
and even the ends of the earth will see that our god rescues his people.
11 Get out, get out, leave that place! Don't touch anything that's 'unclean'.[210]
Get out from among it. Purify yourselves, all of you who carry Yahweh within you,
12 because you won't leave out in a rush.
You all won't have to flee hurriedly
because Yahweh will go ahead of you all,
and Yisrael's (Israel's) god will bring up the rear.

Literal Version

not he_will_repeat he_will_come in_you again an_
_uncircumcised_man and_an_unclean_person. 2 Shake_
_yourself_free from_the_dust arise Oh_captive
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) loosen_for_yourselves(pl)[211] the_
_fetters_of your_neck_of_your Oh_captive_one the_daughter_of
Tsiyyōn. 3 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says for_nothing you(pl)_
_were_sold and_not with_money you(pl)_will_be_redeemed.
4 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says Mitsrayim/(Egypt)
people_of_my it_went_down at_time to_sojourn there and_
_'Ashshūr for_nothing it_oppressed_it. 5 And_now wwww
mmm[212] here the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because people_of_
_my it_was_taken for_nothing its[213] they_wail the_utterance_of
YHWH and_continually all_of the_day name_of_my is_reviled.
6 For_so/thus/hence people_of_my it_will_know name_of_my
for_so/thus/hence in_the_day (the)_that if/because_that I am_
_he who_is_speaking here_I_am. 7 How they_are_delightful on
the_mountains the_feet_of one_who_bears_news one_who_
_proclaims peace one_who_bears_news good one_who_
_proclaims salvation one_who_says to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) god_of_
_your he_reigns. 8 The_voice_of your_watchmen they_will_lift_
_up a_voice together they_will_shout_for_joy if/because eye in_
_eye they_will_see when_ **YHWH** _returns Tsiyyōn. 9 Break_
_forth shout_for_joy together Oh_waste_places_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because **YHWH** he_has_comforted
people_of_his he_has_redeemed Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
10 **YHWH** he_has_bared ~~DOM~~ the_arm_of his_holiness_of_his to_
_the_eyes_of all_of the_nations and_ all_of the_ends_of the_
_earth _they_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_salvation_of our_god_of_our.
11 Depart depart go_out from_there an_unclean_thing do_not
touch go_out from_the_midst_of_of_it purify_yourselves Oh_
_you(pl)_who_bear_of (of)_the_vessels_of **YHWH**. 12 If/because
not in_haste you(pl)_will_go_out and_in_flight not you(pl)_will_
_go if/because will_be_going before_you(pl) **YHWH** and_will_
_of_be_your(pl)_rearguard the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

207 RV 52:1 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:2-27.

208 RV 52:5 · Cross-ref. Rom 2:24.

209 RV 52:7 · Cross-ref. Nah 1:15; Acts 10:36; Rom 10:15; Eph 6:15.

210 RV 52:11 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 6:17.

211 LV 52:2 · Note OSHB variant note: וחתפתה: (x-qere) 'יְחִתַּפְּתָה': lemma_6605 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVtv2fs id_238eG יְחִתַּפְּתָה

212 LV 52:5 · Note OSHB variant note: י/לִ־ימ: (x-qere) 'הֵמָּ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_23VCc י/לִ־ הֵמָּ': lemma_l morph_HR/Sp1cs id_23aeF י/לִ

213 LV 52:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/לשמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלִֽלוּ': lemma_4910 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp3ms id_23MNk וְיָלִֽלוּ

Literal Version

13 THERE servant_of_my he_will_prosper he_will_be_high and_
_he_will_be_lifted_up and_he_will_be_exalted exceedingly.
14 Just_as they_were_appalled on_you many_people so was_a_
_disfigurement_of from_man appearance_of_his and_form_of_
his from(the)_sons humankind. **15** So he_will_startle nations
many on/upon/above_him/it kings they_will_shut mouth_of_
_their if/because that_which not it_had_been_recounted
to/for_them they_will_see and_which not they_had_heard
they_will_understand.
53:1 Who has_he_believed (to)_report_of_our and_the_arm_of
YHWH to whom has_it_been_revealed. **2** And_he/it_ascended
like_shoot before_him and_like_root from_ground_of dryness
not form to_him/it and_not splendour and_we_will_look_at_
_him and_not appearance and_we_will_desire_him. **3** He_was_
_despised and_rejected_of people a_man_of pains and_one_
_acquainted_of sickness and_like_a_hiding_of face from_him/it
he_was_despised and_not we_valued_him. **4** Nevertheless
sicknesses_of_our he he_bore and_pains_of_our he_carried_
_them and_we we_considered_him stricken struck_of god and_
_afflicted. **5** And_he was_pierced from_transgressions_of_our
he_was_crushed from_iniquities_of_our the_chastening_of our_
_peace_of_our on/upon/above_him/it and_by_wound[s]_of_his
it_was_healed to/for_us. **6** Of_us_of_all like_sheep we_have_
_gone_astray each to_his_own_of_way we_have_turned and_
_**YHWH** he_has_caused_to_touch in/on/over_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_iniquity_of all_of_us_of_our. **7** He_was_oppressed and_he was_
_afflicted and_not he_opened mouth_of_his like_sheep which_
_to_slaughter it_is_brought and_like_a_ewe to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before shearers_of_its it_is_dumb and_not he_opened
mouth_of_his. **8** From_oppression and_from_judgement he_
_was_taken_away and_ᴅᴏᴍ generation_of_his who will_he_
_consider if/because_that he_was_cut_off from_the_land_of
living_people from_the_transgression_of my_people_of_my a_
_wound belonged_to_him. **9** And_he/it_gave with wicked_
_people grave_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ a_rich_person in_death(s)_of_his
on not violence he_had_done and_not deceit was_in_mouth_of_
his. **10** And**YHWH** he_desired to_crush_him he_made_him_
_sick if it_will_make a_guilt_offering self_of_his he_will_see
offspring he_will_prolong days and_the_pleasure_of **YHWH** in_
_his/its_hand it_will_prosper. **11** From_the_labour_of his_self_
_of_his he_will_see he_will_be_satisfied by_knowledge_of_his
the_righteous_one servant_of_my he_will_justify (to)_many_
_people and_iniquities_of_their he he_will_carry. **12** For_
_so/thus/hence I_will_allot_a_portion to_him/it among_people
and_ᴅᴏᴍ mighty_people he_will_apportion the_plunder
because that he_poured_out to_death life_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ
transgressors he_was_numbered and_he the_sin_of many_
_people he_bore and_for_transgressors he_will_make_entreaty.

Readers' Version

The suffering servant · The fourth servant song

13 Listen, my servant will prosper—
he'll be promoted and highly honoured.
14 Many people were horrified at you—his appearance was so disfigured
and his body was so disfigured that he no longer looked like a man.
15 So he'll startle many nations.
Kings will shut their mouths because even if they hadn't been told about it,
they'll see and understand what they hadn't heard about.[214]
53:1 Who has believed our message,
and who has Yahweh's power been revealed to?[215]
2 He grew in front of him like a young plant,
and like a root out of the dry ground.
He had no fancy form or splendour to look at,
and his appearance didn't attract us to him.
3 He was despised and rejected by people—
a man with a lot of pain and familiar with sickness
like someone that most people would look away from
and despise him, rather than to esteem him.
4 Despite that, he's borne our sicknesses
and carried our pains.[216]
We thought that he'd been struck down by God—
attacked and made to suffer.
5 But he was pierced for our disobedience,
and crushed for our wicked actions.
The punishment that gave us peace was on him,
and we were healed thanks to his wounds.[217]
6 We've all strayed away like sheep—
everyone's gone in their own direction[218]
and Yahweh has placed all our disobedience onto him.
7 He was oppressed and tormented
but like a lamb being led away to be slaughtered,[219] he didn't open his mouth,
and like a sheep that's silent in front of its shearers, he didn't open his mouth.
8 After oppression and judgement, he was taken away,
but how many of his peers even cared that he was cut off from the land of the living?
He was wounded because of the disobedience of my people.
9 His burial place was among the criminals,
and a rich man at his death,
although he'd committed no violent acts,
and had never spoken deceitfully.[220]
10 But Yahweh desired to crush him—

214 RV 52:15 · Cross-ref. Rom 15:21.
215 RV 53:1 · Cross-ref. Rom 10:16; Yhn 12:38.
216 RV 53:4 · Cross-ref. Mat 8:17.
217 RV 53:5 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:24.
218 RV 53:6 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:25.
219 RV 53:7 · Cross-ref. Rev 5:6.
220 RV 53:9 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 2:22.

Readers' Version

he made him sick if it would make his life a guilt offering.
He will live long and see offspring,
and Yahweh' plans will prosper through his work.
11 Due to his internal anguish, he'll be able to see.
He'll be satisfied with his knowledge.
My obedient servant will justify many,
and he will carry their disobedience.
12 Because of that, I'll allocate a portion for him.
He'll divide out the plunder to a powerful people
because he poured out his life resulting in his death.
He was included with the wicked,[221]
and he bore the disobedience of many people,
and he intervened on behalf of the disobedient.

Yahweh's love for Yerushalem

54:1 Sing happily you barren women who has never given birth.
Break into a cheery song and celebrate, you who've never been in labour,
because the desolate woman now has more children than the married woman did says Yahweh.[222]
2 Widen your tent and stretch your tent curtains further out without restraint.
Make your tent ropes longer and drive your stakes in deep
3 because you'll spread out both to the right and to the left,
and your descendants will conquer nations
and settle in cities that had become desolate.
4 Don't be afraid because you won't be put to shame,
and don't be discouraged because you won't be disgraced,
because you'll forget the shame from your youth.
You'll no longer remember the disgrace from when you were made a widow
5 because your husband is the one who made you—
his name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one is your protector.
He's called the god of the whole world.
6 Yes, Yahweh has called you back
as if you were an abandoned wife with a wounded spirit,
or a young wife who was rejected.
Your god says:
7 I abandoned you for a little while,
^but now I'll bring you back with great compassion.
8 I kept away from you for a while in a flood of severe anger,
but with my permanent loyal commitment, I'll have compassion on you.
Yahweh who paid the price for your freedom says:
9 For me, this is like Noah's flood—
just as I promised to never again to cover the earth,
so too I promise not to be angry at you or to rebuke you.
10 Even if the mountains disappear and the hills shake,
my loyal commitment to you won't disappear and my agreement for peace won't be shaken,

221 RV 53:12 · Cross-ref. Luk 22:37.

222 RV 54:1 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:27.

Literal Version

54:1 Shout_for_joy Oh_barren_woman who_not she_has_given_ _birth break_forth a_shout_of_joy and_cry_aloud Oh_one_who_ _not she_has_been_in_labour if/because are_many the_ _children_of a_desolate_woman from_(the)_sons a_married_ _woman **YHWH** he_says. **2** Enlarge the_place_of your_tent_of_ _your and_the_tent_curtains_of your(pl)_dwellings_of_your may_people_stretch_out do_not refrain make_long tent-cords_ _of_your and_your(pl)_tent_of_pegs make_strong. **3** If/because right and_left you_will_spread_out and_offspring_of_your nations he_will_dispossess and_cities desolated they_will_ _cause_to_be_inhabited. **4** Do_not be_afraid if/because not you_ _will_be_put_to_shame and_do_not be_ashamed if/because not you_will_display_shame if/because the_shame_of your_ _youth(s)_of_your you_will_forget and_the_reproach_of your(pl)_widowhood_of_your not you_will_remember again. **5** If/because is_your(pl)_of_husband(s) your(pl)_of_maker(s) is_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name and_is_redeemer_ _of_your the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_god_of all_of the_ _earth/land he_is_called. **6** If/because like_a_wife who_has_ _been_abandoned and_who_is_grieved_of spirit he_will_call_ _you **YHWH** and_a_wife_of youth(s) if/because she_is_rejected god_of_your he_says. **7** For_a_moment small I_abandoned_you and_in_compassion(s) great I_will_gather_you. **8** In_a_flood_of severe_anger I_hid face_of_my a_moment from_you and_in_ _covenant_loyalty_of perpetuity I_will_have_compassion_on_ _you redeemer_of_your **YHWH** he_says. **9** If/because is_the_ _waters_of Noaḥ this to_me which I_swore from_ the_waters_of Noaḥ _passing again over the_earth/land so I_swear from_ _being_angry towards_you and_from_rebuking on/over_ _you(fs). **10** If/because the_mountains they_will_be_removed and_the_hills they_will_shake and_my_covenant_of_loyalty from_with_you not it_will_be_removed and_the_covenant_of my_peace_of_my not it_will_shake one_of_who_has_ _compassion_on_you **YHWH** he_says.

Literal Version

11 Oh_afflicted_one which_it_is_storm-tossed which_not it_
_has_been_comforted HERE I am_about_to_set in_antimony
stones_of_your and_I_will_refound_you with_sapphires.
12 And_I_will_make ruby battlements_of_your and_gates_of_
_your (to)_stones_of beryl and_all border_of_your (to)_stones_
_of delight. **13** And_all children_of_your will_be_
_apprentices/followers_of **YHWH** and_will_be_great the_peace_
_of your(pl)_children_of_your. **14** In_righteousness you_will_be_
_established be_distant from_extortion if/because not you_
_will_be_afraid and_from_terror if/because not it_will_draw_
_near to_you. **15** THERE actually_(stir_up_trouble) anyone_will_
_stir_up_trouble not from_~~DOM~~_me whoever is_stirring_up_
_trouble with_you on_you he_will_fall. **16** HERE[223] I I_created a_
_craftsman who_blows on_a_fire_of charcoal and_who_
_produces a_weapon for_work_of_its and_I I_created a_
_destroyer to_ruin. **17** Any_of weapon which_it_will_be_formed
on_you not it_will_succeed and_all tongue which_it_will_arise
with_you to_judgement you_will_condemn_as_guilty this is_
_the_inheritance_of the_servants_of **YHWH** and_
_righteousness_of_their from_with_me the_utterance_of
YHWH.

55:1 Alas Oh_every_of thirsty_one come to_waters and_which
there_belongs_not to_him/it money come buy_grain and_eat
and_come buy_grain with_not money and_with_not price wine
and_milk. **2** To/for_what do_you(pl)_weigh_out money for_not
bread and_toil_of_your(pl) for_not to_satiety listen carefully_
_(listen) to_me and_eat good_thing[s] so_that_it_may_take_
_delight in_fatness appetite_of_your(pl). **3** Incline ear_of_
_your(pl) and_come to_me listen so_ self_of_your(pl) _that_it_
_may_live and_I_will_make to/for_you(pl) a_covenant_of
perpetuity the_covenant_loyalti(es)_of Dāvid (the)_reliable.
4 HERE a_witness_of peoples I_made_him a_leader and_one_
_who_commands (of)_peoples. **5** THERE a_nation which_not
you_know you_will_call and_a_nation which_not they_have_
_known_you to_you they_will_run on_account_of **YHWH** god_
_of_your and_to_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because
he_has_glorified_you. **6** Seek **YHWH** when_he_lets_himself_be_
_found call_on_him when_is_he near. **7** A_wicked_person let_
_him_abandon its_road/course and_a_person_of wickedness
thoughts_of_his and_let_him_return to **YHWH** so_that_he_
_may_have_compassion_on_him and_near/to god_of_our
if/because he_will_increase to_forgive. **8** If/because not
thoughts_of_my thoughts_of_are_your(pl) and_not ways_of_
_are_your(pl) ways_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
9 If/because the_heavens they_are_high more_than_the_earth
so ways_of_my they_are_high more_than_of_your(pl)_ways
and_thoughts_of_my more_than_of_your(pl)_thoughts.
10 If/because just_as the_rain and_the_snow it_comes_down
from the_heavens and_to_(to) not it_returns if/because (if) it_

Readers' Version

says Yahweh, the one who has compassion for you.

The new Yerushalem

11 You city which is suffering like being battered in a storm
with no one to comfort you,
listen, I'll rebuild you with turquoise stones,
and place sapphires in your foundations.
12 I'll make your towers out of rubies
and your gates from beryl stones,
and all your walls from other precious stones.
13 All your children will be followers of Yahweh,
and they'll experience extended peace.
14 You'll be established with justice—far away from oppression.
You won't be afraid of acts of terror because it won't approach you.
15 Listen, no one will attack you that I haven't sent.
Anyone stirring up trouble against you will fail.
16 Look, I created the craftsman who fans the charcoal fire,
and produces weapons as his work,
and it's me who created a destroyer to cause destruction.
17 No weapon that's made to be used against you will succeed,
and those who speak out accusations against you will be condemned as guilty.
That's the inheritance of Yahweh's servants,
and I, Yahweh, will pronounce them as innocent.

Come and freely find Yahweh

55:1 Hey, you who are thirsty, go to the water supplies,
and you who have no money, go and buy grain and eat.
Yes, come and buy grain without money,
and wine and milk with no price on them.
2 Why pay money for what's not food,
and work hard for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat good things
and enjoy rich foods.
3 Pay attention and come to me.
Listen so you all can live,
and I'll make a permanent agreement with you all—
the reliable, loyal commitment shown to David.[224]
4 Listen, I've made him a witness to the nations—
a leader and commander of the people groups.
5 Look, you'll call a nation that you didn't know,
and that nation that didn't know you either, will run to you
because of your god Yahweh,
and because Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one has caused you to be honoured.
6 Search for Yahweh while he lets himself be found.
Call out to Yahweh for help while he's near.
7 Let the wicked person abandon their behaviour,
and the evil person abandon their plans.
Then let them return to Yahweh so that he can have compas-

223 **LV 54:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְה: (x-qere) 'הֶנָּה': lemma_2005 morph_HTm id_23HEm הֶנָּה

224 **RV 55:3 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:34.

Readers' Version

sion for him,
and return to our god because he'll freely forgive them.
8 Yes, my thoughts aren't like your thoughts,
and your ways aren't like my ways.
That's what Yahweh declares.
9 Yes, just as the skies are higher than the earth,
so too my ways are higher than your ways
and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts.
10 Just like how the rain and snow come down from the skies
and don't return there, but water the land
that then makes it produce and sprout,
seed is given to the sower and bread to the consumer,
11 so too when my message leaves my mouth.
It won't return to me empty,
but when it's done what was desired,
and after having prospered in the place where I sent it.
12 You'll all go out cheerfully
and be led in peace.
The mountains and hills will let out a happy shout,
and all the trees in the countryside will clap their hands.
13 Instead of thornbushes, cypress trees will grow up.
Rather than nettles, myrtle trees will rise up,
and it'll increase Yahweh's reputation
as a permanent sign that will never be destroyed.

Salvation for others

56:1 Yahweh says this:
Promote justice and do what is right
because the time when I'll save you is coming soon,
and my righteousness will be revealed.
2 Everyone who does that will be blessed,
and the son of humanity who takes hold of it,
who observes the rest day—not defiling it,
and who stays away from doing anything evil.
3 Don't let the son of any foreigner who's decided to follow Yahweh,
say, 'Yahweh will certainly separate me out from his people.'
And don't let the castrated slave say, 'Look, I'm a withered-up tree,'
4 because Yahweh says this:
To the castrated slaves who observe my rest days
and choose what pleases me and are faithful to my agreement,
5 I will give them a monument and a good name in my house and inside my walls
that's better than sons and daughters.
I'll give them a permanent good reputation which won't be terminated.
6 Then the children of foreigners who strive to follow Yahweh,
to serve him and to love his name, and to be his servants,
who observe the rest day without defiling it,
and who cling to my agreement,
7 I'll bring them to my sacred mountain
and make them happy in my temple where people pray.

Literal Version

_has_given_water_to ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_it_has_caused_it_
_to_bring_forth and_it_has_made_it_sprout and_he/it_gave
seed to_sower and_bread to_eater. **11** Thus it_is message_of_my
which it_goes_forth from_mouth_of_my not it_will_return to_
_me empty if/because (if) it_has_done ~~DOM~~ that_which I_
_desired and_it_has_prospered that_which I_sent_it.
12 If/because in_joy you(pl)_will_go_out and_in_peace you(pl)_
_will_be_led the_mountains and_the_hills they_will_break_
_forth before_you(pl) a_shout_of_joy and_all the_trees_of the_
_field they_will_clap a_palm. **13** In_place_of the_thornbush a_
_cypress it_will_grow_up and_in_place_of[225] the_nettle a_
_myrtle_tree it_will_grow_up and_it_was to/for_**YHWH** (into)_
_a_name (into)_a_sign_of perpetuity which_not it_will_be_cut_
_down.

56:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says keep justice and_do righteousness
if/because is_near salvation_of_my to_come and_
_righteousness_of_my to_be_revealed. **2** How_blessed is_the_
_person who_he_does this and_the_child_of humankind who_
_he_takes_hold on_it who_keeps the_sabbath from_profaning_it
and_who_keeps his/its_hand from_doing any_of evil. **3** And_not
the_son_of (the)_foreignness who_he_has_joined_himself to
YHWH let_him_say to_say surely_(separate) he_will_separate_
_me **YHWH** from_under people_of_his and_not the_eunuch let_
_him_say HERE I am_a_tree dry. **4** If/because thus **YHWH** he_
_says to_eunuchs who they_keep ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my and_
_they_choose (in)_that_which I_desire and_they_are_keeping_
_hold on_covenant_of_my. **5** And_I_will_give to/for_them in_
_house_of_my and_in_walls_of_my a_monument and_a_name
good more_than_sons and_more_than_daughters a_name_of
perpetuity I_will_give to_him/it which not it_will_be_cut_off.
6 And_the_sons of_(the)_foreignness who_join_themselves to
YHWH to_serve_him and_to_love ~~DOM~~ the_name_of **YHWH** to_
_be to_him/it (into)_servants every_of one_who_keeps the_
_sabbath from_profaning_it and_those_who_keep_hold on_
_covenant_of_my. **7** And_I_will_bring_them to the_mountain_of
my_holiness_of_my and_I_will_make_them_rejoice in_house_of
my_prayer_of_my offerings_of_their_burnt and_sacrifices_of_
_their will_be_for_acceptance on altar_of_my if/because house_
_of_my a_house_of prayer it_will_be_called to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_peoples. **8** The_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH** who_gathers the_banished_ones_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) still I_will_gather on/upon/above_him/it to_
_its_gathered_of_ones.

225 LV 55:13 · Note OSHB variant note: תחת: (x-qere) 'תַּחַתְ/וֹ': lemma_c/8478 morph_HC/R id_23tZn תַּחַתְ/וֹ

Literal Version

9 Oh_every_of animal_of the_field come to_devour Oh_every_of animal_of in_forest. **10** Watchmen_of_its[227] are_blind of_them_ _of_all not they_know of_them_of_all are_dogs dumb not they_ _are_able to_bark they_are_dreaming they_are_lying_down they_are_loving_of (of)_to_slumber. **11** And_the_dogs are_ _mighty_of appetite not they_know satiety and_they are_ _shepherds not they_know to_understand of_them_of_all to_ _their_own_of_way they_have_turned everyone to_his_own_of_ _unjust_gain from_end_of_his. **12** Come let_me_take wine and_ _let_us_drink strong_drink and_it_was like_this_day day tomorrow great abundance exceedingly.

57:1 The_righteous_person he_has_perished and_there_is_not anyone who_puts on heart and_people_of loyalty are_being_ _removed when_there_is_not one_who_has_understanding if/because_that from_face/in_front_of (the)_evil the_ _righteous_person he_is_removed. **2** He_will_go peace they_ _will_rest on beds_of_their one_who_walks his_of_ _straightforwardness. **3** And_you(pl) draw_near hither Oh_ _children_of a_soothsayer offspring_of an_adulterer(m) and_ _she_has_played_the_prostitute. **4** On whom are_you(pl)_ _making_fun on whom do_you(pl)_make_wide a_mouth do_ _you(pl)_make_long a_tongue am_not are_you(pl) children_of transgression offspring_of deception. **5** Who_are_inflaming_ _yourselves among_oaks under every_of tree luxuriant who_ _are_slaughtering_of the_youths in_wadis under the_clefts_of the_cliffs. **6** Is_among_the_smooth_stones_of the_wadi portion_ _of_your they they allotted_portion_of_are_your also to/for_ _them you_have_poured_out a_drink_offering you_have_ _offered_up a_grain_offering on these_things will_I_relent. **7** On a_mountain high and_lifted_up you_have_set bed_of_your also there you_have_gone_up to_sacrifice a_sacrifice. **8** And_after the_door and_the_doorpost you_have_set_up memorial_of_ _your if/because from_with_me you_have_uncovered and_you_ _have_gone_up you_have_made_wide bed_of_your and_you_ _have_cut_off to/for_you(fs) from_them you_have_loved bed_ _of_their a_hand you_have_seen. **9** And_you_journeyed to/for_ _the_king with_oil and_you_increased perfumes_of_your and_ _you_sent envoys_of_your to from_a_distance and_you_ _showed_abasement to Shə'ōl. **10** With_the_greatness_of your_ _journey_of_your you_became_weary not you_said despairing the_life_of your_hand_of_your you_found therefore yes/correct/thus/so not you_became_weak. **11** And_~~DOM~~ whom did_you_dread and_did_you_fear that/for/because/then/when you_will_lie and_me not you_remembered not you_put_it on

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Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar,
because my temple will be called a prayer house for all the nations.[226]
8 My master Yahweh, who gathers Yisrael's (Israel's) outcasts, says this:
I'll gather others beside those already gathered.

The judging of teachers of Yisrael

9 All you animals in the countryside, come to devour,
yes, all you animals in the forest.
10 All of its watchmen are blind—they don't know what's going on.
They're all voiceless dogs, unable to bark.
They dream about lying down—enjoying a nap.
11 The dogs have a fierce appetite—they're never full.
The shepherds know nothing and don't understand.
They've all gone their own way and make money from their illegal sidelines.
12 Come on, take some wine and let's drink strong drink.
Tomorrow will be just like today except we'll have even more.

Yisrael's idolatry is condemned

57:1 The godly people die but no one takes it to heart.
Those with loyal commitment are removed but no one knows what's going on
because the godly people are pulled back from facing evil.
2 They go in peace.
They've walked on a straightforward path
and now they rest on their beds.
3 But come here you children of a sorceress—
offspring of adulterers and prostitutes.
4 Who are you all making fun of?
Who are you speaking out against and poking your tongues out against?
You're all children of wickedness—offspring of deception
5 who burn with lust under oak trees—in fact under every green tree.
You all slaughter children in valleys under the crevices in the cliffs.
6 You stand up large, smooth stones from the riverbed
and offer them a portion of your food.
You pour out wine as a drink offering and offer up a grain offering.
Will I relent in taking action about those activities?
7 You slept up high at the hilltop shrines
where you went up to also offer a sacrifice,
8 and you've put your symbols behind the door and doorposts.
Yes, away from me you stripped off
and filled your bed with others.
You had an agreement with those whose bed you loved—

226 **RV 56:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:13; Mrk 11:17; Luk 19:46.

227 **LV 56:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּפֹצֵ֑י: (x-qere) וְ֝פֹצֵ֗י: lemma_6822 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HVqrmpc/Sp3ms id_237Pb וְ֝פֹצֵ֗י

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enjoying their bodies.
9 You took oil and travelled to the king,
along with lots of perfumes.
Then you sent your ambassadors to distant places,
and even descended to the world of the dead.
10 You were tired from your long journey,
but you didn't say that it's all just hopeless.
You found new things to do so then you didn't become weak.
11 Who very you so afraid of that you lie,
and don't remember me or think about me?
Haven't I been silent for a long time now
so it's not me that you're afraid of.
12 I'll talk about your activities and how you do what's right
but they won't benefit you.
13 When you call out for help, let your collection rescue you,
but a wind will carry them all away—
a breath will take them away.
But those who rely on me for safety will inherit the land,
and will take possession of my holy mountain.

God will help and heal

14 Then he'll say:
Pile it up, pile it up, make a track through.
Remove the stumbling blocks from the path for my people.
15 The one who's high and honoured, who lives forever and whose name is holy, says:
I live in a place that's holy and up high,
but also with the oppressed person and with the humble person,
→to restore the spirit of the humble and to encourage those who feel crushed.
16 However, I won't argue the point forever,
and I won't remain permanently angry,
because those who stand in front of me would faint—
the creatures that I myself made.
17 I was angry at the wickedness of their dishonest gain and I struck them.
I hid and I was angry, but they decided to go against me.
18 I've seen their ways and I'll heal them,
and I'll lead them and comfort them and their mourners.
19 I'll enable them to shout happily,
'Peace, peace, to those both near and far,'
and I will heal them says Yahweh.
20 But the wicked are like the ocean in a storm,
because it's unable to stay calm, but rather it stirs up slush and mud.
21 My god says that there's no peace for those who are wicked.

Don't fast just for looks

58:1 Shout loudly. Don't hold back.
Raise your voice like a trumpet
and confront my people with their wickedness,
and Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants with their disobedience.

Literal Version

heart_of_your not have_I been_silent and_from_long_ago and_
_me not you_fear. **12** I I_will_declare righteousness_of_your
and_~~DOM~~ deeds_of_your and_not they_will_benefit_you.
13 When_you_cry_out let_them_deliver_you collection(s)_of_
your and~~DOM~~ of_them_of_all a_wind it_will_carry_away a_
_breath it_will_take_them_away and_the_one_who_takes_
_refuge in_me he_will_inherit the_land and_he_will_possess
the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my.

14 And_saying(ms) throw_up throw_up make_clear the_way
lift_up stumbling_block[s] from_the_way_of my_people_of_my.
15 If/because thus the_one_who_is_high and_the_one_who_is_
_exalted who_dwells perpetuity and_is_holy his/its_name he_
_says a_high_place and_a_holy_place I_dwell and_~~DOM~~ a_
_person_crushed and_a_person_lowly_of spirit to_restore the_
_spirit_of lowly_people and_to_restore the_heart_of those_
_who_are_crushed. **16** If/because not forever_perpetuity I_will_
_conduct_a_case and_not to_perpetuity I_will_be_angry
if/because spirit from_before_face_of_me it_will_grow_faint
and_breaths which_I I_made. **17** In_the_iniquity_of his_unjust_
_gain_of_his I_was_angry and_I_struck_him I_hid and_I_was_
_angry and_he/it_went apostate in_the_way_of his/its_heart.
18 ways_of_his I_have_seen and_I_will_heal_him and_I_will_
_lead_him and_I_will_restore comfort(s) to_him/it and_to_his_
_of_mourners. **19** I_am_about_to_create the_fruit_of[228] lips
peace peace to_(the)_person and_to_(the)_person **YHWH** he_
_says and_I_will_heal_him. **20** And_the_wicked_people are_like_
_sea which_is_tossed if/because to_be_quiet not it_is_able and_
waters_of_its _they_have_tossed_up mire and_mud. **21** There_
_is_not peace god_of_my he_says for_(the)_people.

58:1 Call_out with_a_throat do_not refrain like_trumpet raise
voice_of_your and_declare to_people_of_my transgression_of_
_their and_to_the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) sins_of_their.
2 And_me day day they_seek and_the_knowledge_of my_ways_
_of_my they_desire like_a_nation which righteousness it_has_

228 **LV 57:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: בונ: (x-qere) 'בִינָ': lemma_5108 b morph_HNcmsc id_23UMC בִינָ

Literal Version

_done and_the_judgement_of his/its_god not it_has_abandoned they_ask_me judgements_of righteousness the_approach_of god they_desire. **3** To/for_what have_we_fasted and_not you_ _have_seen have_we_humbled self_of_our and_not you_know THERE in/on_day your_fasting_of_your(pl) you(pl)_find pleasure and_all labourers_of_your(pl) you(pl)_drive_hard. **4** THERE for_strife and_contention you(pl)_fast and_to_strike with_a_fist_of wickedness not you(pl)_fast like_day to_make_ _heard in_height[s] voice_of_your(pl). **5** Like_this the_fast which_I_choose_it is_it a_day_of anyone to_humble self_of_his to_bow_down like_a_bulrush his/its_head and_sackcloth and_ _ash[es] he_spreads_as_a_bed (to)_this do_you_call a_fast and_ _a_day_of acceptance to/for_**YHWH**. **6** Am_not is_this the_fast which_I_choose_it to_loosen the_bonds_of wickedness to_ _unfasten the_bindings_of the_yoke-bar and_to_let_go those_ _who_are_crushed free and_all yoke-bar you(pl)_will_tear_ _apart. **7** Am_not is_it_to_break for_person bread_of_your and_ _poor_people homeless_people you_will_bring a_house if/because you_will_see the_naked and_you_will_cover_him and_from_your_own_of_flesh not you_will_hide_yourself. **8** Then it_will_break_forth like_dawn light_of_your and_ _healing_of_your quickly it_will_spring_up and_it_will_go to_ _your_face righteousness_of_your the_glory_of **YHWH** it_will_ _be_your_rearguard. **9** Then you_will_call and_**YHWH** he_will_ _answer you_will_cry_for_help and_he_will_say here_I_am if you_will_remove from_among_of_you the_yoke-bar the_ _stretching_out a_finger and_the_speaking wickedness. **10** And_ _you_will_offer to_person self_of_your and_a_person_of afflicted you_will_satisfy and_it_will_rise in_darkness light_of_ _your and_gloom_of_your will_like_the_noon(s). **11** And_he_ _will_lead_you **YHWH** continually and_he_will_satisfy in_arid_ _regions appetite_of_your and_bones_of_your he_will_ _strengthen and_you_will_be like_a_garden watered and_like_ _a_spring_of waters which not waters_of_its they_will_fail. **12** And_they_will_rebuild some_of_you the_ruins_of antiquity the_foundations_of a_generation and_a_generation you_will_ _raise_up and_it_will_be_called to/for_yourself(m) one_who_ _walls_up a_breach one_who_restores paths to_dwell_in.

13 If you_will_turn_back from_the_sabbath foot_of_your to_do pleasures_of_your in/on_day my_holiness_of_my and_you_will_ _call (to)_sabbath a_delight (to)_the_holy_day_of **YHWH** honourable and_you_will_honour_it from_doing ways_of_your_ _own from_finding pleasure_of_your and_to_speak a_message. **14** Then you_will_take_delight on **YHWH** and_I_will_make_you_

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2 They search for me every day
and want to learn about my ways like a nation that does what is right,
and they haven't abandoned the values of their god.
They ask me to make judgements that are far and right.
They want god to approach them.
3 Why did we fast, as you didn't even look?
We humbled ourselves and you didn't even notice?
Listen, when you fasted was it just for your own needs?
You all certainly drive your labourers hard!
4 Look, you all fast with strife and contention,
and strike out with vicious clenched fists.
You all don't fast today to make your voices heard up on high.
5 Is that the kind of fasting that I would choose?
A day when a person humbles themself and bows their head down like a bulrush does.
They wear sackcloth and form a bed of ashes to sit on.
Is that really a fast that's acceptable to Yahweh?
6 Isn't this the fast that I would prefer?
When you all remove chains that were wickedly put on others,
and undo the ropes from the yoke that forced them to comply?
Let go all those who've been crushed,
and break every yoke that burdened them.
7 Isn't it to share your food with those who are hungry,
and to bring the poor, homeless people into your house?
When you see someone naked, clothe them,
and don't hide yourself from your own relatives.
8 Then your light will break through like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly spring up.
Your right actions will go ahead of you
and Yahweh's honour will follow along behind you.
9 Then you'll call out and Yahweh will answer.
You'll cry for help and he'll say, 'Here I am.'
If you remove the burden of the yoke from among you,
as well as the pointing finger and wicked speech,
10 give yourself to the hungry
and give those who are suffering what they need
then your light will rise in the darkness
and your darkness will be like the noonday.
11 Then Yahweh will continually lead you
and satisfy your appetite in arid regions.
He'll strengthen your bones and will be like a watered garden,
and like a spring that never runs dry.
12 Then some of you will rebuild the ancient ruins—
you'll restore the foundations from generations ago
and you'll be called the repairer of the wall—
the one who restores streets to live in.

Blessings for keeping the rest day

13 If on the rest day, you turn back from what you wanted to do
and don't try to please yourself on my sacred day,
enjoy Yahweh's sacred and honourable rest day,
and honour it instead of doing your own activities such as

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finding your own pleasure or delivering a speech,
14 then you'll take delight in Yahweh.
I'll make you ride on the heights of the earth,
and I'll give you the same blessings that I gave your ancestor, Ya'akov (Jacob).
That's what Yahweh has spoken.

Yisrael's sins and punishment

59:1 Listen, don't think that Yahweh can't rescue you,
or that he won't be able to hear you.
2 However, your disobedience causes separation between you all and your god,
and your sins have made him turn away from listening to you,
3 because your hands are defiled with blood,
and your fingers with sin.
Your lips spew out lies
and your tongue works against justice.
4 No one stands up for justice,
and no one pleads their case truthfully.
They rely on being meaningless, or fancy words of no value—
conceiving mischief and advancing wickedness.
5 They hatch vipers' eggs
and weave spiders' webs
Anyone who eats any of their eggs will die—
when they're cracked open, a viper will be hatched.
6 Their weavings aren't for clothes,
so they don't cover themselves with their products.
Their products are products of wickedness,
and their hands are involved in violence.
7 Their feet run towards evil,
and they're quick to shed innocent blood.
They're always thinking about wickedness—
they walk the paths of causing ruin and destruction.
8 They don't know the way of peace,
and there's no justice on their tracks.
They've make their paths crooked—
none of those who tread on them will experience peace.

Societal sinfulness

9 Therefore, justice is far from us
and righteousness doesn't reach us.
We wait for light, but look, we get darkness.
We wait for gleams of light, but walk in the gloom.
10 We grope along the wall like the blind,
and feel around as though we had no eyes.
Even at midday, we stumble as if it's twilight—
among the living but behaving like the dead.
11 All of us growl like bears,
and moan mournfully like doves.
We keep hoping for justice, but none comes,
for rescue, but it's far away
12 because our transgressions in front of you are many.

Literal Version

_ride on the_high_places_of[229][230] the_land and_I_will_feed_you the_inheritance_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) ancestor_of_your if/because the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken.

59:1 HERE not the_hand_of **YHWH** it_is_too_short for_saving and_not ear_of_his it_is_too_heavy for_hearing. **2** If/because (if) iniquities_of_your(pl) they_have_been separating between_ _you(pl) and_between god_of_your(pl) and_sins_of_your(pl) they_have_hidden face from_you(pl) from_hearing. **3** If/because palms_of_your(pl) they_are_defiled with_blood and_fingers_of_your(pl) with_iniquity lips_of_your(pl) they_ _have_spoken falsehood tongue_of_your(pl) injustice it_ _mutters. **4** There_is_not one_who_calls in_righteousness and_ _there_is_not one_who_enters_into_judgement in_truth they_ _rely on emptiness and_they_speak worthlessness they_ _conceive mischief and_they_bring_forth wickedness. **5** Eggs_of a_viper they_have_hatched and_webs_of a_spider they_weave the_one_who_eats any_of_their_eggs he_will_die and_the_ _pressed_egg a_snake it_is_hatched. **6** Webs_of_their not they_ _will_become (into)_clothing and_not people_will_cover_ _themselves with_products_of_their products_of_their are_ _products_of wickedness and_deed[s]_of violence is_in_palms_ _of_their. **7** Feet_of_their to_evil they_run and_they_hasten to_ _shed blood innocent thoughts_of_their are_thoughts_of wickedness devastation and_destruction are_on_highways_of_ _their. **8** A_way_of peace not they_know and_there_is_not justice on_tracks_of_their paths_of_their they_have_made_ _crooked to/for_them any_of one_who_treads on_it not he_ _knows peace.

9 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so justice it_is_far from_him/it and_not it_reaches_us righteousness we_wait_eagerly to_the_ _light and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE darkness for_gleams_of_light in_ _gloom(s) we_walk. **10** We_grope_for like_(the)_people a_wall and_like_there_are_not eyes we_grope we_have_stumbled at_ _noon(s) like_twilight among_people like_who_have]_died. **11** We_growl like_bears of_us_of_all and_like_doves mournfully_ _(moan) we_moan we_wait_eagerly for_justice and_there_is_ _not for_deliverance it_is_far from_us. **12** If/because transgressions_of_our they_are_many before_you and_sins_of_ _our it_has_testified against_us if/because transgressions_of_ _our are_with_us and_iniquities_of_our we_know_them. **13** We_ _have_transgressed and_we_have_denied (in)_**YHWH** and_we_ _have_turned_back from_after god_of_our we_have_spoken oppression and_rebellion we_have_conceived and_we_have_

229 **LV 58:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

230 **LV 58:14 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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_uttered from_the_heart words/messages_of falsehood.
14 And_it_has_been_driven_back backwards justice and_
_righteousness from_a_distance it_stands if/because it_has_
_stumbled in_place truth and_straightforwardness not it_is_
_able to_enter. **15** And_ (the)_truth _it_became missing and_
_one_who_turned_aside from_evil was_plundered and_ **YHWH**
_he/it_saw and_it_was_displeasing in_eyes_of_his
that/for/because/then/when there_was_not justice.

16 And_he/it_saw if/because_that there_was_not anyone and_
_he_was_appalled if/because_that there_was_not one_who_
_interposed and_it_gave_victory to_him/it arm_of_his_own
and_his_own_of_righteousness it it_sustained_him. **17** And_he_
_put_on righteousness like_(the)_armour and_a_helmet_of
salvation on_head_of_his and_he_put_on garments_of
vengeance clothing and_he_wrapped_himself like_robe zeal.
18 As_on deeds as_on he_will_repay rage to_foes_of_his
recompense to_enemies_of_his to_islands recompense he_will_
_repay. **19** And_people_will_fear from_the_setting_place ~~DOM~~
the_name_of **YHWH** and_from_the_rising_of the_sun ~~DOM~~
glory_of_his if/because he_will_come like_river narrow which_
_(the)_wind_of **YHWH** it_will_drive in_him/it. **20** And_he_will_
_come to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_redeemer and_to_those_who_
_repent_of transgression in_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) the_utterance_of
YHWH. **21** And_I this covenant_of_is_my with_them **YHWH** he_
_says my_breath/wind/spirit which is_on_you and_
_words/messages_of_my which I_have_put in_mouth_of_your
not they_will_depart from_mouth_of_your and_from_the_
_mouth_of your(ms)_seed/fruit and_from_the_mouth_of the_
_offspring_of your(ms)_seed/fruit **YHWH** he_says from_now
and_unto perpetuity.

60:1 Arise shine if/because light_of_your it_has_come and_the_
_glory_of **YHWH** on_you it_has_dawned. **2** If/because THERE
the_darkness it_will_cover the_earth and_thick_darkness
peoples and_on_you **YHWH** he_will_dawn and_glory_of_his
over_you it_will_appear. **3** And_ nations _they_will_come to_
_light_of_your and_kings to_the_brightness_of your_dawn_of_
_your. **4** Lift_up all_around eyes_of_your and_see of_them_of_all

Readers' Version

Our sins have testified against us
because our transgressions are with us,
and as for our iniquities, we know them.
13 We've rebelled and denied Yahweh,
and turned away from following our god—
promoting oppression and rebellion instead.
We've conceived and told lies as if they were the heart-felt truth.
14 Justice is driven right back,
and righteousness stands off at a distance,
because truth has stumbled in the public square,
and honesty can't enter.
15 So then truth went missing,
and the one who turned away from evil got robbed.
Yahweh saw it and wasn't pleased that there was no justice.

The assisting of Master of his people

16 Yahweh saw that there wasn't anyone to make a stand,
and was appalled that there was no one to intervene.
So he applied his own power to bring salvation,
and his own desire to do what's right, sustained him.[231]
17 He put righteousness on like armour,
and a helmet of salvation on his head.[232]
He dressed in clothes of vengeance
and wrapped himself with zeal like a robe.
18 He will repay his enemies for the evil things that they have done.
He will repay the islands with the appropriate reward.
19 Then those in the west will respect Yahweh's reputation,
and in the east, will respect his splendour,
→because he'll come like a swift river with Yahweh's wind driving it.
20 Then a redeemer will come to Tsiyon (Zion)
and to those descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) who repent of their disobedience.
That's what Yahweh declares.
21 Then Yahweh says:
This is my agreement with them.
My spirit which is on you and my messages that I've put in your mouth,
they won't leave your mouth or the mouths of your descendants,
even the distant generations from now and forever onwards.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yerushalem's future splendour

60:1 Take action, shine, because your light has come,
and Yahweh's brilliance has risen to shine on you,
2 Yes, listen, darkness will cover the earth.
and thick darkness will blanket the nations,
and then Yahweh will dawn over you,

231 RV 59:16 · Cross-ref. Isa 63:5.

232 RV 59:17 · Cross-ref. Eph 6:14-17; 1Th 5:8.

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and his brilliance will appear over you.
3 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to your rising brightness.
4 Look up and all around and see all of them gathered together.
Your sons will come from far away,
and your little daughters will be carried back on the hip.
5 Then you'll see and be radiant,
and your heart will be in awe, and broaden,
because plenty of international shipping will come to you,
6 Plenty of camels will cover your land—
young camels from Midyan and Eyfah.
All of them will come from Sheva.
They'll bring gold and frankincense
and will announce praises to Yahweh.
7 All the flocks from Kedar will be gathered for you.
The rams from Nevayot will serve you.
They'll be accepted to go up onto my altar,
and I'll decorate my house beautifully.
8 Who are these who fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?
9 The islands wait for me, and the ships from Tarshish
will be first to bring your sons from far away
along with their gold and silver to honour your god Yahweh
and for Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one because he's honoured you.
10 The sons of foreigners will rebuild your city walls,
and their kings will serve you,
because although I struck you in my severe anger,
yet in my favour I've had compassion towards you.
11 Then your city gates will be always open—
they won't be shut day or night,
so the wealth from other nations can be brought to you,
with their kings being led captive.[233]
12 Yes, any nation or kingdom that won't serve you will perish,
and the nations will be completely destroyed.
13 Levanon's best will come to you—
cypress, fir, and cedar timber all at once,
to make my sanctuary beautiful
and I'll honour the place where I stand.
14 The descendants of those who oppressed you will come to you
and all those who despised you will bow down at your feet.[234]
They will call you Yahweh's city—
Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one—Tsiyon (Zion).
15 Instead of your being abandoned and hated, with no one passing through you,
I'll make you a thing of perpetual pride—the joy of future generations.
16 You'll suckle the milk from the nations,
and feed from the breast of kings,

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they_have_gathered_together they_have_come to/for_you(fs) sons_of_your from_a_distance they_will_come and_daughters_ _of_your on a_hip they_will_be_carried. **5** Then you_will_see and_you_will_be_radiant and_it_will_be_in_awe and_it_will_be_ _enlarged your(fs)_heart if/because it_will_be_turned_over on_ _you the_abundance_of the_sea the_wealth_of nations they_ _will_come to/for_you(fs). **6** An_abundance_of camels it_will_ _cover_you the_young_camels_of Midyān and_ʿĒyfāh of_them_ _of_all from_Shəvʿā' they_will_come gold and_frankincense they_will_carry and_the_praises_of **YHWH** they_will_bear_ _news. **7** Every_of (the)_flock_of Qēdār they_will_gather to/for_ _you(fs) the_rams_of Nəvʿāyōt they_will_serve_you they_will_ _go_up on acceptance altar_of_my and_the_house_of my_ _splendour_of_my I_will_beautify. **8** Who are_these like_cloud they_fly and_like_doves to windows_of_their. **9** If/because to_ _me islands they_will_wait and_the_ships_of Tarshiysh will_at_ _the_first_place to_bring children_of_your from_a_distance silver_of_their and_gold_of_their with_them to_the_name_of **YHWH** god_of_your and_to_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because he_has_glorified_you. **10** And_ sons_of foreignness _ _they_will_rebuild walls_of_your and_kings_of_their they_will_ _serve_you if/because in_severe_anger_of_my I_struck_you and_in_favour_of_my I_have_had_compassion_on_you. **11** And_ gates_of_your _they_will_be_open continually by_day and_ _night not they_will_be_shut to_bring to_you the_wealth_of nations and_kings_of_their led. **12** If/because the_nation and_ _the_kingdom which not they_will_serve_you they_will_perish and_the_nations utterly_(desolate) they_will_become_desolate. **13** The_splendour_of (the)_Ləvānōn to_you it_will_come cypress_of elm and_box_tree together to_beautify the_place_of my_sanctuary_of_my and_the_place_of my_feet_of_my I_will_ _glorify. **14** And_they_will_come to_you by_bowing_down the_ _children_of those_who_afflicted_you and_they_will_bow_down to the_soles_of your_two's_feet_of_your all_of those_of_who_ _despised_you and_they_will_call to/for_you(fs) the_city_of **YHWH** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) of_the_holy_one_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** In_place_of being_your abandoned and_hated and_there_ _was_not one_who_passed_through and_I_will_make_you (into)_an_exaltation_of perpetuity a_joy_of a_generation and_ _a_generation. **16** And_you_will_suck the_milk_of nations and_ _the_breast_of kings you_will_suck and_you_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** deliverer_of_am_your and_redeemer_ _of_your the_mighty_one_of Yaʿaqovʿ/(Jacob). **17** In_place_of the_bronze I_will_bring gold and_in_place_of the_iron I_will_ _bring silver and_in_place_of the_wood(s) bronze and_in_place_ _of the_stone(s) iron and_I_will_make overseer[s]_of_your peace and_taskmasters_of_your righteousness. **18** Not it_will_ _be_heard again violence in_land_of_your devastation and_ _destruction in_territories_of_your and_you_will_call salvation walls_of_your and_gates_of_your praise. **19** Not it_will_be to_ _you again the_sun for_light by_day and_for_brightness the_ _moon not it_will_shine to/for_you(fs) and_it_was to/for_ _you(fs) **YHWH** (into)_a_light_of perpetuity and_god_of_your (into)_splendour_of_your. **20** Not it_will_go again sun_of_your and_moon_of_your not it_will_be_removed if/because **YHWH**

233 **RV 60:11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 21:25-26.

234 **RV 60:14 · Cross-ref.** Rev 3:9.

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he_will_become your (into)_a_light_of perpetuity and_ the_ _days_of your_mourning_of_your _they_will_be_complete. **21** And_people_of_your of_them_of_all will_be_righteous forever_perpetuity they_will_possess the_land they_are_the_ _shoot_of mmm[236] the_work_of my_hands_of to_glorify_ _myself. **22** The_small(sg) he_will_become (into)_thousand and_ _the_little to_(a)_nation mighty I am_**YHWH** at_its_ _appropriate_of_time I_will_hasten_it.

61:1 The_spirit_of my_master **YHWH** is_on_me because **YHWH** he_has_anointed ~~DOM~~_me to_bear_news humble_people he_ _has_sent_me to_bind_up (to)_those_broken_of heart to_call to_ _those_taken_captive liberty and_to_prisoners opening opening. **2** To_call a_year_of favour to/for_**YHWH** and_a_day_of vengeance of_god_of_our to_comfort all_of mourners. **3** To_put to_the_mourners_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_give to/for_them a_ _turban in_place_of ash[es] oil_of joy in_place_of mourning a_ _mantle_of praise in_place_of a_spirit faint and_it_will_be_ _called to/for_them the_oaks_of (the)_righteousness the_ _planting_of **YHWH** to_glorify_himself. **4** And_they_will_ _rebuild the_ruins_of antiquity the_desolate_places_of the_ _forefathers they_will_raise_up and_they_will_renew the_ _cities_of devastation the_desolate_places_of a_generation and_ _a_generation. **5** And_ strangers _they_will_stand and_they_ _will_shepherd flock[s]_of_your(pl) and_the_sons foreignness be_your(pl)_farmers_of_will and_vinedressers_of_your(pl). **6** And_you(pl) priests_of **YHWH** you(pl)_will_be_called the_ _servants_of our_god_of_our it_will_be_said to/for_you(pl) the_ _wealth_of nations you(pl)_will_consume and_in_abundance_ _of_their you(pl)_will_boast. **7** In_place_of shame_of_your(pl) double and_ignominy they_will_shout_for_joy portion_of_their for_so/thus/hence in_land_of_their double they_will_possess joy_of perpetuity it_will_belong to/for_them. **8** If/because I

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and you know that I, Yahweh, am your rescuer and your redeemer—Ya'akov's (Jacob's) powerful one.

17 Instead of bronze and iron, I'll bring gold and silver,
and instead of timber and stones, bronze and iron.
Then I'll appoint peace as your overseer,
and righteousness as your supervisors.
18 Violence won't be experienced in your land—
no more devastation or destruction in your territories.
You'll realise that salvation protects you like city walls
and praise like your city gates.
19 The sun will no longer be your light during the day,
nor will the moon's brightness shine for you,
but rather, Yahweh will be your perpetual light,
and your god will be your brilliant light.[235]
20 Your sun will no longer set,
and your moon will no longer disappear,
because Yahweh will be your perpetual light,
and your days of mourning will be over.
21 As for your people, all of them will do what is right.
They will permanently possess the land—the shoot that I planted—
my handiwork to showcase my greatness.
22 The little one will become a thousand,
and the little nation will become powerful.
I, Yahweh, will quickly accomplish it at the appropriate time.

The assisting of Yisrael

61:1 My master, Yahweh's spirit is on me
because Yahweh has chosen me
→to bring good news to those who are suffering.[237]
He's sent me to bandage up the brokenhearted,
to decree freedom for those taken captive,
and to liberate those who are chained up.
2 He's sent me to proclaim the year of Yahweh's favour,[238]
and a day of our god's vengeance,
and to comfort all those who mourn.[239]
3 It'll be a time to give Tsiyon's (Zion's) mourners a nice turban instead of ashes on their heads,
oil to show joy on their faces instead of mourning,
a cloak of praise instead of a discouraged spirit.
Then they'll be called 'oaks of righteousness' that Yahweh planted to display his splendour.
4 They'll rebuild the ancient ruins—
restoring the places that had become deserted.
They'll rebuild the devastated cities,
and places that have been in ruins for generations.
5 Strangers will stand out in your fields and shepherd your flocks,

235 **RV 60:19 · Cross-ref.** Rev 21:23; 22:5.

236 **LV 60:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: עטמ/ו: (x-qere) יִ/עָטַמ': lemma_4302 n_0.0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp1cs id_23ML6 יִ/עָטַמ

237 **RV 61:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 11:5; Luk 7:22.

238 **RV 61:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Luk 4:18-19.

239 **RV 61:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:4.

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and sons of foreigners will take care of your farms and vineyards.
6 Then you'll all be called Yahweh's priests,
and it'll be said that you're servants of our god.
You'll consume the wealth from the nations
→and you'll also boast because there'll be so much of it.
7 Instead of shame, you'll all have a double blessing,
and instead of dishonour, they'll shout happily about their portion,
Yes, they'll possess a double portion in their land
and they'll have permanent happiness
8 because I, Yahweh, love justice and hate theft and crime.
Due to my faithfulness, I'll repay them for what they've been through,
and I'll make a permanent agreement with them.
9 Then their descendants will be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the people groups.
Everyone who sees them will recognise them
because they are the people who Yahweh has blessed.
10 I'm going to really celebrate Yahweh.
My inner being will be glad about my god
because he has dressed me in clothes of a free person.
He's clothed me with the robe of a person declared innocent
like the groom puts on a nice turban,
and the bride adorns herself with jewelry.[240]
11 Just as the soil produces growth,
and as the seeds in the garden start to sprout,
so too my master, Yahweh, will make righteousness grow
as well as praise towards all the nations.

Yerushalem's coming rescue

62:1 For the sake of Tsiyon (Zion), I won't be silent.
and for Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) sake, I won't be quiet,
until its righteousness proceeds as brightness
and its salvation like a burning torch.
2 Then the other nations will see your righteousness,
and all kings will see your glory.
and you'll be called by a new name that Yahweh himself will give.
3 You'll be a beautiful crown in Yahweh's hand,
and a royal turban in your god's palm.
4 They won't claim any longer that you've been abandoned,
and they won't say again that your land has been deserted,
because you'll be called 'the place that Yahweh likes'.
Also, your land will be called 'married'
because your land will be married to him.
5 Just like a young man marries a young woman,
your sons will marry you,

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YHWH am_loving justice I_am_hating robbery with_injustice and_I_will_give wage[s]_of_their in_faithfulness and_a_ _covenant_of perpetuity I_will_make to/for_them. **9** And_it_ _will_be_known among_nations offspring_of_their and_ _descendants_of_their in_the_middle the_peoples all_of those_ _of_who_see_them they_will_recognize_them if/because_that they are_offspring **YHWH** whom_he_has_blessed. **10** Greatly_ _(rejoice) I_will_rejoice in_**YHWH** self_of_my it_will_be_glad in_ _god_of_my if/because he_has_clothed_me garments_of salvation a_robe_of righteousness he_has_covered_me like_ _bridegroom who_he_acts_like_a_priest a_turban and_like_ _bride who_she_adorns_herself ornaments_of_her.
11 If/because like_ground which_it_brings_forth growth_of_its and_like_a_garden sown_in_it_of_which_things it_makes_grow so my_master **YHWH** he_will_make_grow righteousness and_ _praise before all_of the_nations.

62:1 For_the_sake_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) not I_will_be_silent and_ _for_the_sake_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) not I_will_remain_ _quiet until it_will_go_forth like_brightness righteousness_of_ _its and_salvation_of_its like_a_torch which_it_burns. **2** And_ nations _they_will_see righteousness_of_your and_all kings glory_of_your and_it_will_be_called to/for_you(fs) a_name new which the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_will_designate_it. **3** And_you_ _will_be[242] a_crown_of beauty in_the_hand_of **YHWH** and[243] royalty in_the_palm_of your(pl)_god_of_your. **4** Not it_will_be_ _said to/for_you(fs) again abandoned and_of_land_of_your not it_will_be_said again desolation if/because to/for_you(fs) Hephzi- bah it_will_be_called and_to_land_of_your married if/because **YHWH** he_delights on/over_you(fs) and_land_of_ _your it_will_be_married. **5** If/because a_young_man he_ _marries a_young_woman they_will_marry_you sons_of_your and_the_joy_of a_bridegroom on a_bride he_will_rejoice on_ _you god_of_your. **6** On walls_of_your Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_have_appointed watchmen all_of the_day and_all the_night continually not they_will_be_silent Oh_you(pl)_who_cause_to_remember ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** let_not rest

240 RV 61:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:2.

242 LV 62:3 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

243 LV 62:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/הוּנַּצ֔: (x-qere) וְ/הִינָּצ֔: lemma_c/6797 morph_HC/Ncbsc id_23xrM וְ/הִינָּצ֔

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belong_to_you(pl). **7** And_do_not give rest to_him/it until he_
_will_establish and_unto he_will_make ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) praise on_the_earth. **8** **YHWH** he_
_swears_an_oath by_his_right_of_hand and_by_the_arm_of his_
_strength_of_his if I_will_give ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ grain_of_your again food to_
_enemies_of_your and_if sons_of foreignness they_will_drink
wine_of_your_new which you_have_laboured in/on/over_
_him/it. **9** If/because those_of_who_gather_it they_will_eat_it
and_they_will_praise ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ **YHWH** and_those_of_who_gather_it
they_will_drink_it in_the_courts_of my_holiness_of_my. **10** Pass
pass in_gates make_clear the_way_of the_people throw_up
throw_up the_highway clear_it from_stone[s] raise a_standard
over the_peoples. **11** THERE **YHWH** he_has_proclaimed to the_
_end_of the_earth/land say to_the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion)
THERE salvation_of_your is_about_to_come THERE reward_of_
_his with_him/it and_wage[s]_of_his is_before_of_him. **12** And_
_people_will_call to/for_them the_people_of (the)_holiness
those_redeemed_of **YHWH** and_to_you sought_out a_city
which_not it_has_been_abandoned it_will_be_called.

63:1 Who this is_coming from_ʾEdōm red_of_garments from_
_Botsrāh this_one is_honoured in_clothing_of_his he_is_
_bending in_the_greatness_of his_strength_of_his I I_am_
_speaking in_righteousness great to_save. **2** Why does_redness
belong_to_clothing_of_your and_are_garments_of_your like_
_one_who_treads in_a_winepress. **3** The_winepress I_have_
_trodden I_alone and_from_peoples there_was_not anyone
with_me and_I_trod_them in_anger_of_my and_I_trampled_
_them in_rage_of_my and_ juice_of_their _it_spattered on
garments_of_my and_all clothes_of_my I_have_defiled.
4 If/because a_day_of vengeance was_in_heart_of_my and_the_
_year_of my_redemption(s)_of_my it_had_come. **5** And_I_looked
and_there_was_not a_helper and_I_was_appalled and_there_
_was_not a_sustainer and_it_gave_victory to_me arm_of_my
and_rage_of_my it it_sustained_me. **6** And_I_trod_down peoples
in_anger_of_my and_I_made_them_drunk in_rage_of_my and_I_
_brought_down to_ground juice_of_their.

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and as the groom is full of happiness about his bride,
your god will be full of happiness about you.
6 I've put watchmen on your walls, Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
They'll never be silent—night or day.
You all who are reminding Yahweh, don't ever stop to rest—
7 don't let him rest until he reestablishes Yerushalem,
and until he makes it something to be praised by the world.
8 Yahweh has using the strength from his power,
and raised his right hand to make a promise:
I'll won't give your grain to your enemies again for their food,
and foreigners' children won't be drinking the new wine that you worked so hard to make,
9 because those who harvested the grain will eat it,
and those who collected the grapes will drink in my sacred courtyards.
10 Go through, head out the city gates. Clear the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway. Clear away the stones to raise up a banner for the nations.
11 Listen, Yahweh has proclaimed to the ends of the earth:
Tell Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter to look because her rescue is about to happen.
Look, he's brought his reward with him,
and his wages go ahead of him.[241]
12 The ones that Yahweh has paid to have freed
will be called 'the sacred people' by others.
Also, you'll be called 'the desirable city'—
the one which hasn't been abandoned.
63:1 Who's that coming from Edom,[244] **Yahweh's vengeance**
coming from Batserah dressed in crimson?
This one dressed like an honoured person,
marching in the greatness of his strength?
It's me, Yahweh, proclaiming what's right—powerful to rescue.
2 What's that red on your clothes?
Your clothes look like you've been treading grapes in a wine-pressing pit?
3 I've trodden in the wine-pressing pit alone,
and there wasn't anyone from the nations with me.
I trod them in my anger,
and trampled them in my fury.[245]
and their blood is splattered onto my clothes.[246]
All my clothes are stained
4 because I had decided that this was the day of vengeance,
and the year had come for me to buy my people's freedom.
5 I looked and there wasn't anyone to help,
and I was appalled that no one assisted,
but my power gave me victory,

241 **RV 62:11 · Cross-ref.** Isa 40:10; Rev 22:12.

244 **RV 63:1-6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:5-17; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

245 **RV 63:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 14:20; 19:15.

246 **RV 63:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 19:13.

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and my rage sustained me.[247]
6 I trod down peoples in my anger,
and in my rage, I made them drunk,
and I poured their blood out on the ground.
7 I'll tell others about Yahweh's loyal commitment—
praising him for his treatment of us.
Remembering Yahweh's goodness
Yes, for his amazing goodness to Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants,
which he's shown us according to his mercy,
and according to his incredible loyal commitment,
8 and he said, "They're definitely my people—
children who wouldn't be disloyal,"
and he became their rescuer.
9 In all their suffering, he also suffered,
and his messenger went ahead of him to rescue them.
In his love and mercy, he paid the price for their freedom,
through that era, he lifted them up and carried them.
10 However, they rebelled and grieved his holy spirit,
→so he turned into their enemy who fought against them.
11 Then his people recalled that era with Mosheh (Moses),
Where is the one who brought them up from the sea
along with those shepherds of his flock?
Where is the one who sent his holy spirit to be among them,
12 who transferred his glorious power to Mosheh,
who then divided the sea in front of them[248]
to gain himself a lasting reputation,
13 who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the wilderness, they didn't stumble.
14 Like cattle going down a valley, Yahweh's spirit gave them peace,
so you led your people to give yourself an incredible reputation.
15 Look from heaven
and see from your wonderful, holy residence.
The mercy
Where's your actions full of zeal and power?
Your inner motivation and your compassion have restrained themselves from me.
16 Yes, you are our father, although Avraham doesn't know us
and Yisrael (Israel) doesn't recognise us.
You, Yahweh, are our father
and the one who bought us our freedom long ago.
17 Yahweh, why do you make us wander from your paths—
hardening our hearts so we don't want to obey you.
Return for your servants' sake—
the tribes who are your inheritance.
18 For a while, your holy people possessed your sanctuary.

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7 The_covenant_loyalti(es)_of **YHWH** I_will_bring_to_
_remembrance the_praises_of **YHWH** as_on all that he_has_
_dealt_out_to_us **YHWH** and_the_greatness_of goodness to_
_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which he_has_dealt_out_to_them
according_to_of_his_compassion(s) and_according_to_the_
_greatness_of his_covenant_loyalti(es)_of_his. **8** And_he/it_said
surely people_of_are_my they children who_not they_will_
_deal_falsely and_he/it_was to/for_them (into)_a_deliverer.
9 In_all distress_of_their belonged_to_him[249] distress and_the_
_messenger_of his/its_faces/face it_saved_them in_love_of_his
and_in_mercy_of_his he he_redeemed_them and_he_lifted_
_them_up and_he_carried_them all_of the_days_of antiquity.
10 And_they they_rebelled and_they_grieved ~~ḥōm~~ the_spirit_of
his_holiness_of_his and_he_changed_himself to/for_them into_
_an_enemy he he_fought against_them. **11** And_it_remembered
the_days_of antiquity Mosheh people_of_his where is_the_one_
_of_who_brought_them_up from_the_sea with the_shepherds_
_of his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats where is_the_one_who_put in_
_midst_of_its ~~ḥōm~~ the_spirit_of his_holiness_of_his. **12** Who_
_caused_to_go to_the_right_hand_of Mosheh the_arm_of his_
_splendour_of_his who_split_open the_waters from_their_
_face/front for_doing to_him/it a_name_of perpetuity. **13** Who_
_caused_of_them_to_walk in_deeps like_horse in_wilderness
not they_stumbled. **14** Like_livestock which_in_valley it_goes_
_down the_spirit_of **YHWH** it_gave_it_rest so you_led people_
_of_your for_doing to/for_yourself(m) a_name_of splendour.

15 Look from_heaven and_see from_the_lofty_residence_of
your_holiness_of_your and_splendour_of_your where zeal_of_
_are_your and_your(pl)_mighty_of_deeds the_tumult_of
your(pl)_inward_parts_of_your and_compassion(s)_of_your to_
_me they_have_restrained_themselves. **16** If/because you
father_of_are_our if/because 'Avrāhām not he_knows_us and_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_acknowledges_us you Oh_**YHWH**
father_of_are_our is_our_of_redeemer from_long_ago/eternity
name_of_your. **17** To/for_what do_you(pl)_make_us_wander
Oh_**YHWH** from_ways_of_your do_you_harden heart_of_our
from_fear_of_of_you return for_the_sake_of your_servants the_
_tribes_of your_inheritance_of_your. **18** For_(the)_time the_
_people_of your_holiness_of_your they_possessed foes_of_our
they_have_trodden_down sanctuary_of_your. **19** We_have_been
from_long_ago/eternity those_whom_not you_ruled over_them
those_whom_not name_of_your it_was_called on_them[251] if

247 **RV 63:5 · Cross-ref.** Isa 59:16.
248 **RV 63:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 14:21.
249 **LV 63:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) ו֫ל֫י: lemma_l morph_HR/Sp3ms id_23vWE ו֫ל֫
251 **LV 63:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.1

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you_tore the_heavens you_came_down from_before_of_you mountains they_shook.
64:1 **252** As_ fire _kindles brushwood(s) water fire it_boils to_ _make_known name_of_your to_foes_of_your from_before_of_ _you nations they_will_quake. **2** **253** When_did_you awesome_ _deeds which_not we_were_waiting_for you_came_down from_ _before_of_you mountains they_shook. **3** **254** And_from_long_ _ago not people_have_heard not people_have_given_ear an_eye not it_has_seen a_god besides_you who_he_acts for_one_who_ _waits_of to_him/it. **4** **255** You_meet ~~DOM~~ one_who_rejoices and_ _one_who_does_of (of)_righteousness in_ways_of_your they_ _remember_you THERE you you_were_angry and_we_sinned (is)_in_them long_duration and_will_we_be_saved. **5** **256** And_ _we_have_become like_(the)_person of_us_of_all and_are_like_ _a_garment_of menstruation(s) all_of righteousness(es)_of_our and_we_have_withered like_leafage of_us_of_all and_iniquities_ _of_our like_wind they_carry_us_off. **6** **257** And_there_is_not one_who_calls on_name_of_your one_who_rouses_himself to_ _take_hold on/over_you(fs) if/because you_have_hidden face_ _of_your from_him/it and_you_have_melted_us in_the_hand_of our_iniquity_of_our. **7** **258** And_now Oh_**YHWH** father_of_are_ _our you we are_the_clay and_you(ms) are_of_the_one_who_ _formed_us and_are_the_work_of your_hand_of_your of_us_of_ _all. **8** **259** Do_not be_angry Oh_**YHWH** up_to muchness and_do_ _not forever_forever remember iniquity HERE look please people_of_are_your of_us_of_all. **9** **260** The_cities_of your_ _holiness_of_your they_have_been a_wilderness Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_wilderness it_has_been Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_ _desolation. **10** **261** The_house_of our_holiness_of_our and_ _splendour_of_our where they_praised_you ancestors_of_our it_has_become (into)_a_burning_of fire and_all things_of_our_ _desirable it_has_become (into)_a_ruin. **11** **262** On these_things will_you_restrain_yourself Oh_**YHWH** will_you_be_silent and_ _will_you(pl)_afflict_us up_to muchness.

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Now our enemies have trampled over your sacred place.
19 We've become like those who you never ruled over—
like those who never called to you for help.
64:1 If you'd torn the skies open, then had come down,
the mountains would have shaken in front of you.
2 Just as fire ignites twigs and boils water,
making your name known to your enemies will make the nations tremble in front of you.
3 When you did amazing things that we weren't expecting, you came down.
The mountains shook in front of you.
4 Since ancient times, no one has heard,
and people's ears haven't listened to anything like that.
No eye has seen any god other than you,
→who takes action for those who wait, expecting his help.[250]
5 You meet the one who is happy and who does what is right—
who remembers your instructions.
Listen, you were angry because we sinned over a long period
but now we will be saved.
6 We've all become like someone 'unclean'
and all the good things we do are like a used menstrual rag.
Because of our acts of disobedience,
all of us have been like leaves that withered and were carried off like the wind.
7 There's no one left who calls on your name—
no one who stirs themself up to take hold of you,
because you've hidden yourself from us
and allowed our acts of disobedience to dissolve us away.
8 But now, Yahweh, you are our father.
We are the clay, and you're our potter,
and all of us are the your handiwork.
9 Don't be excessively angry, Yahweh,
and don't remember our disobedience forever.
Wow, please look here—all of us are your people.
10 Your sacred cities have become a wilderness:
Tsiyon (Zion) has become a wilderness.
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) became a desolation.
11 Our sacred and beautiful temple, where our ancestors praised you,
has now been burnt,

250 **RV 64:4 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 2:9.
252 **LV 64:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.2
253 **LV 64:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.3
254 **LV 64:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.4
255 **LV 64:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.5
256 **LV 64:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.6
257 **LV 64:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.7
258 **LV 64:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.8
259 **LV 64:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.9
260 **LV 64:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.10
261 **LV 64:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.11
262 **LV 64:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Isa.64.12

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and everything that we liked there is in ruins.
12 After those, will you restrain yourself, Yahweh?
Will you remain silent as you make us suffer so much?

Judgement from Yahweh

65:1 "I let myself be consulted by those who hadn't asked,
I let myself be found by those who hadn't searched for me.[263]
I said, 'Here I am. Here I am.' to a nation that wasn't even calling out my name.
2 All day long, I held my hands out to a rebellious people,[264]
who do just what they want rather than walking the good path—
3 a people who continually provoke me to anger.
They regularly sacrifice in gardens
and burn incense on brick altars.
4 They sit among graves and spend the night in such places.
They eat pork, and soup made from 'unclean' meat,
5 saying, 'Don't come near me because I'm more holy than you!'
Those people make me angry like a fire burning all day long.
6 "Listen, it's written in front of me.
I won't stay silent because I'll repay—
I'll repay where it hurts—
7 your disobedience and that of your ancestors together."
Yahweh says, "They burnt incense on the mountains,
and taunted me on the hills,
so I'll measure out their wages where it hurts."
8 This is what Yahweh says:
When juice is found in some grapes on the vine,
then someone will say, 'Don't destroy it because there's good in it,'
so too for the sake of my servants, I won't destroy everyone.
9 I'll bring descendants out of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and someone to possess my mountains out of Yehudah (Judah),
and my chosen ones will take possession of it,
and my servants will live there.
10 The Sharon plain will become a pasture for the flocks,
and the Akor valley[265] will be a resting place for cattle
for my people who search for me.
11 But you all who abandon Yahweh,
who forget my sacred mountain,
who prepare a table for Gad,
and fill mixed wine for Meni,
12 I'll appoint you all for the sword.
You'll all bow down for slaughter
because I called and you all didn't answer.
I spoke and you all didn't listen,

Literal Version

65:1 I_let_myself_be_consulted by_those_who_not they_had_ _asked I_let_myself_be_found by_those_who_not they_had_ _sought_me I_said here_I_am here_I_am to a_nation which_not it_had_been_called by_name_of_my. **2** I_spread_out hands_of_ _my all_of the_day to a_people rebellious who_walk the_way not good after thoughts_of_their_own. **3** The_people who_ _provoke_to_anger me on face_of_my continually who_sacrifice in_gardens and_who_make_smoke on the_bricks. **4** Those_who_ _sit among_graves in_(the)_places they_spend_the_night the_ _ones_eating the_flesh_of the_pig and[266] unclean_meat(s) vessels_of_is_their. **5** Those_who_say draw_near to_yourself do_ _not draw_near to_me if/because I_am_set_apart_from_you these_people are_smoke in_nose_of_my a_fire which_burns all_ _of the_day. **6** HERE it_is_written before_me not I_will_be_silent if/because (if) I_will_repay and_I_will_repay on bosom_of_their. **7** Iniquities_of_your(pl) and_the_iniquities_of your(pl)_ _ancestors_of_your(pl) together **YHWH** he_says who they_ _made_smoke on the_mountains and_on the_hills they_ _taunted_me and_I_will_measure wage[s]_of_their first into[267] bosom_of_their. **8** Thus **YHWH** he_says just_as the_new_wine it_is_found in_grapes and_saying(ms) do_not destroy_it if/because blessing in/on/over_him/it so I_will_act for_the_ _sake_of servants_of_my to_not to_destroy (the)_everyone. **9** And_I_will_bring_out from_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) offspring and_ _from_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one_who_will_possess_of mountains_ _of_(of)_my and_they_will_take_possession_of_it ones_of_my_ _chosen and_servants_of_my they_will_dwell there_(to). **10** And_ (the)_Shārōn _it_was (into)_a_pasture_of sheep and_ _the_valley_of ʼĀkōr (into)_a_resting_place_of cattle for_ _people_of_my who they_have_sought_me. **11** And_you(pl) who_abandon_of (of)_**YHWH** (the)_forgetting ~~DOM~~ the_ _mountain_of my_holiness_of_my who_arrange for_Gād a_table and_who_fill for_Meni mixed_wine. **12** And_I_will_appoint you(pl) to_sword and_all_of_of_you(pl) to_slaughter you(pl)_ _will_bow_down because I_called and_not you(pl)_answered I_ _spoke and_not you(pl)_listened and_you(pl)_did the_evil in_ _eyes_of_my and_(in)_that_which not I_desired you(pl)_chose. **13** For_so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** HERE servants_of_my they_will_eat and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_ _hungry HERE servants_of_my they_will_drink and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_thirsty HERE servants_of_my they_will_rejoice and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_ashamed. **14** HERE servants_of_my they_will_shout_for_joy from_goodness_of_heart and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_cry_out from_pain_of heart and_from_brokenness_ _of spirit you(pl)_will_wail. **15** And_you(pl)_will_leave name_of_ _your(pl) to_a_curse to_my_chosen_of_ones and_he_will_put_ _you_to_death my_master **YHWH** and_(to)_servants_of_his he_ _will_call a_name another. **16** That the_one_who_blesses_

263 **RV 65:1 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:20.
264 **RV 65:2 · Cross-ref.** Rom 10:21.
265 **RV 65:10 · Cross-ref.** Josh 7:24-26.
266 **LV 65:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **קרפ/ו**: (x-qere) **קֶרֶמ/וּ**: lemma_c/4839 morph_HC/Ncmsc id_23b3J **קֶרֶמ/וּ**
267 **LV 65:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לע**: (x-qere) **לֶא**: lemma_413 morph_HR id_23WZc **לֶא**

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_himself on_the_earth he_will_bless_himself by_the_god_of surely and_the_one_who_swears_an_oath on_the_earth he_ _will_swear_an_oath by_the_god_of surely if/because the_ _troubles (the)_former they_will_be_forgotten and_ _because/when they_will_be_hidden from_eyes_of_my.

17 If/because HERE_I am_about_to_create heavens new and_an_ _earth new and_not the_former_things they_will_be_ _remembered and_not they_will_come_up on a_heart. **18** If/because (if) rejoice and_be_glad until perpetuity that_ _which I am_about_to_create if/because HERE_I am_about_to_ _create ~~DOM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) gladness and_people_of_ _its joy. **19** And_I_will_be_glad in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_will_rejoice in_people_of_my and_not it_will_be_heard in_it again a_sound_of weeping and_a_sound_of a_cry_of_ _distress. **20** Not it_will_be from_there again a_sucking_child_of days and_an_old_person who not he_will_complete ~~DOM~~ his/its_days if/because the_young_man a_son_of one_hundred year[s] he_will_die and_the_one_who_misses a_son_of one_ _hundred year[s] he_will_be_cursed. **21** And_they_will_build houses and_they_will_dwell_in_them and_they_will_plant vineyards and_they_will_eat fruit_of_their. **22** Not they_will_ _build and_another he_will_dwell not they_will_plant and_ _another he_will_eat if/because will_be_like_the_days_of the_ _tree the_days_of my_people_of_my and_the_work_of their_ _hands_of_their ones_of_my_chosen they_will_use_to_the_full. **23** Not they_will_labour to_emptiness and_not they_will_ _father_children for_(the)_terror if/because will_be_the_ _offspring_of those_blessed_of **YHWH** they and_descendants_ _of_their with_them. **24** And_it_was before they_will_call and_I I_will_answer still they will_be_speaking and_I I_will_hear. **25** Wolf and_lamb they_will_graze as_one and_the_lion like_ox it_will_eat straw and_a_snake will_be_dust food_of_its not they_ _will_do_harm and_not they_will_destroy in_all the_mountain_ _of my_holiness_of_my **YHWH** he_says.

Readers' Version

and did what I considered to be evil
and you chose what I didn't like.
13 So my master, Yahweh, says this:
Listen, my servants will eat, but you'll all be hungry.
Look, my servants will drink, but you'll all be thirsty.
Watch, my servants will celebrate, but you'll all be put to shame.
14 Listen, my servants will shout happily as they celebrate,
^but you'll all cry out from mental anguish,
and you'll all wail because of your broken spirits.
15 Your names will remain in your language as curse words for my chosen ones,
but my master Yahweh will put you to death,
and then he will call his servants by another name.
16 Anyone who blesses themself on earth, will bless themself by the god of certainty,
and anyone who makes a vow on earth, will promise by the god of certainty,
because their former troubles will be forgotten because they'll be hidden from my eyes.

Yahweh's new creation

17 Listen, I'm about to create new skies and a new earth,[268]
and then the previous things won't be remembered or thought about
18 because you'll celebrate and be forever happy with what I'm about to create,
because listen, I'm about to create a happy Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with celebrating people.
19 Then I'll celebrate about Yerushalem and be happy about my people,
and the sounds of weeping and distress will no longer be heard there.[269]
20 There won't be any more babies die there at a few days old,
or an elderly person who doesn't enjoy their full life.
Someone who's a hundred years old will seem like a young man,
and someone who doesn't reach one hundred will be considered cursed.
21 They'll build houses and live in them,
and they'll plant vineyards and get to eat their fruit.
22 They won't build then end up having someone else live there,
and they won't plant then end up with someone else eating the produce,
because my people will live as long as trees,
and my chosen ones will fully enjoy everything they've worked at.
23 Their work won't be wasted, and they won't end up discouraged,
→because they'll be Yahweh's children who are blessed, along

268 RV 65:17 · Cross-ref. Isa 66:22; 2Pe 3:13; Rev 21:1.

269 RV 65:19 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:4.

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with their descendants.
24 Before they even call out, I'll answer them—
while they're still speaking, I'll hear them.
25 The wolf and the lamb will graze together,
and the lion will eat straw like the cow.
The snake's food will be dirt and they won't cause any harm,
and nothing will be destroyed on my sacred mountain says Yahweh.[270]

Hypocrisy in worship

66:1 Yahweh says this:
The heavens are my throne[271] and the earth is my footstool.[272]
Where then, could you all build a house for me,
and where could be a place for me to relax?
2 My hand made all those things
and they came to be by Yahweh's declaration.
The people that I take notice of
are those who are humble and contrite,
and who sincerely respect and honour my message.
3 The same person who slaughters a bull (to sacrifice), also murders a person.
The one who sacrifices a lamb, breaks a dog's neck.
Someone who brings up a grain offering, also brings pigs' blood.
A person who offers incense as a memorial, blesses wickedness as well.
→They've chosen their own ways, and enjoy their detestable behaviour.
4 So I will choose their punishment,
→and I'll cause their fears to come to be.
because I called but no one answered.
I spoke and no one listened.
They did evil things as I watched,
and chose to do what I didn't like.
5 Listen to Yahweh's message you who respect and honour it.
Your relatives who hate you and who exclude you all for my name's sake, have said,
'Let Yahweh be honoured so we can see your happiness,'
however, they'll be put to shame.
6 There's a sound of uproar from the city—
noise coming from the temple:
the sound of Yahweh giving his enemies what they deserve.
7 Before it went into labour, it already gave birth.
Before the pain hit it, it delivered a son.[273]
8 Who's heard anything like that before?
Who's seen those sorts of things?
Can a land be given birth to in one day?
Can a nation be born in an instant,

Literal Version

66:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says the_heavens throne_of_are_my and_ _the_earth is_the_footstool_of my_feet_of_my where this is_ _the_house which you(pl)_will_build to_me and_where this is_ _the_place rest_of_my. **2** And_~~DOM~~ all_of these_things hand_of_ _my it_made and_ all_of these_things _they_were the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_near/to this_one I_will_look to an_ _afflicted_person and_a_person_stricken_of spirit and_a_ _person_trembling on message_of_my. **3** one_who_slaughters (the)_ox one_who_strikes_down_of (of)_a_person one_who_ _sacrifices (the)_lamb one_who_breaks_the_neck_of a_dog one_ _who_offers_up_of (of)_a_grain_offering the_blood_of a_pig one_who_offers_as_a_memorial frankincense one_who_blesses wickedness also they they_have_chosen (in)_their_own_of_ _ways and_(in)_their_detestable_of_things self_of_their it_has_ _delighted. **4** Also I I_will_choose (in)_punishments_of_their and_fears_of_their I_will_bring to/for_them because I_called and_there_was_not one_who_answered I_spoke and_not they_ _listened and_they_made the_evil in_eyes_of_my and_(in)_that_ _which not I_desired they_chose. **5** Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_people_trembling to message_of_his relatives_of_your(pl) who_hate_of_you(pl) who_exclude_of_you(pl) for_the_sake_of name_of_my they_have_said **YHWH** let_him_be_glorified so_ _that_we_may_look on_joy_of_your(pl) and_they they_will_be_ _ashamed. **6** The_sound_of an_uproar from_the_city a_sound from_the_temple the_sound_of **YHWH** repaying recompense to_enemies_of_his. **7** Before_before she_was_in_labour she_ _gave_birth before_before labour-pain[s] it_came to/for_her/it and_she_delivered a_male. **8** Who has_he_heard like_this who has_he_seen like_these will_ a_land _it_be_brought_forth in/on_day one or a_nation will_it_be_born a_time one if/because she_was_in_labour also Tsiyyōn/(Zion) she_gave_ _birth_to ~~DOM~~ children_of_her. **9** I do_I_bring_to_the_birth and_ _not I_cause_to_bring_forth **YHWH** he_says or am_I the_one_ _who_causes_to_bring_forth and_do_I_restrain god_of_your he_ _says. **10** Rejoice with Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_be_glad in_ _it Oh_all_of you(pl)_of_who_love_it rejoice with_it joy Oh_all_ _of you_who_mourn on_it. **11** So_that you(pl)_may_suck and_ _you(pl)_will_be_satisfied from_the_breast_of its_consolations_ _of_her so_that you(pl)_may_suck and_you(pl)_will_take_ _delight from_the_nipple_of its_abundance_of_her.
12 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_extend to_her/it like_a_river peace and_like_a_torrent overflowing the_abundance_of nations and_you(pl)_will_suck on a_hip you(pl)_will_be_carried and_on knees you(pl)_will_be_fondled.

270 **RV 65:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:6-9.
271 **RV 66:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:34; 23:22.
272 **RV 66:1 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:35.
273 **RV 66:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:5.

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13 Like_a_person whom his/its_mother she_comforts_him so I I_will_comfort_you(pl) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_will_be_comforted. **14** And_you(pl)_will_see and_ heart_of_your(pl) _it_will_exult and_bones_of_your(pl) like_ _(the)_grass they_will_sprout and_ the_hand_of **YHWH** _it_will_ _be_made_known with servants_of_his and_he_will_be_ _indignant ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_his. **15** If/because THERE **YHWH** in_fire he_will_come and_will_like_the_storm-wind chariots_ _of_his to_bring_back with_rage anger_of_his and_rebuke_of_ _his with_flames_of fire. **16** If/because by_fire **YHWH** will_ _enter_into_judgement and_by_sword_of_his with all_of flesh and_ those_slain_of **YHWH** _they_will_be_many. **17** Those_who_ _consecrate_themselves and_those_who_purify_themselves to the_gardens after one[276] in_middle those_who_eat_of (of)_the_ _flesh_of the_pig and_the_detestable_thing and_the_mouse all_ _together they_will_come_to_an_end the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** And_I deeds_of_their and_thoughts_of_their it_is_coming to_ _gather ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_nations and_the_languages and_they_ _will_come and_they_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_my. **19** And_I_will_ _perform in/among_them a_sign and_I_will_send from_them survivors to the_nations Tarshiysh Pūl and_Lūd who_draw_of (of)_a_bow Tūv̇al and_Yāvān/(Javan) the_islands (the)_distant which not they_have_heard ᴅᴏᴍ report_of_my and_not they_ _have_seen ᴅᴏᴍ glory_of_my and_they_will_declare ᴅᴏᴍ glory_ _of_my among_nations. **20** And_they_will_bring_back ᴅᴏᴍ all_of relatives_of_your(pl) from_all the_nations an_offering to/for_ _**YHWH** on_horses and_in_chariot[s] and_in_litters and_on_ _mules and_on_camels to the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) **YHWH** he_says just_as the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering in_a_ _vessel pure the_house_of **YHWH**. **21** And_also from_them I_ _will_take to_priests to_Lēviyyiy **YHWH** he_says. **22** If/because just_as the_heavens (the)_new and_the_earth (the)_new which I am_about_to_make will_endure to/for_my_face/front the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** so offspring_of_your(pl) and_name_of_ _your(pl) it_will_endure. **23** And_it_was from_sufficiency a_ _new_moon in_its_new_of_moon and_as_often_as_of a_sabbath in_sabbath_of_its all_of flesh it_will_come to_bow_down to/for_ _my_face/front **YHWH** he_says. **24** And_they_will_go_out and_ _they_will_look on_the_corpses_of the_people who_rebelled against_me if/because worm_of_their not it_will_die and_fire_ _of_their not it_will_be_extinguished and_they_will_be an_ _abhorrence to/from_all/each/any/every flesh.

Readers' Version

→because Tsiyon (Zion) gave birth to her children so soon as she went into labour?

9 "Do I bring a baby to the birth canal and then not deliver it?" Yahweh asks.

"Or do I bring it to the point of delivery and then hold it back?" asks your god.

10 Celebrate with Yerushalem (Jerusalem) all of you who love it, and be glad.

Happily celebrate with it, all of you who mourned over it,

11 because you'll all suckle and be satisfied from her comforting breasts.

Yes, you'll all drink deeply and delight yourselves from her gushing nipple,

12 because Yahweh says this:

Listen, I'm about to extend peace to Yerushalem like a river,

and the wealth of the nations to her like an overflowing stream.

Then you'll all suckle and be carried on the hip,

and bounced on her knees.

13 I'll comfort you all like a mother comforts her child,

and you'll all be comforted in Yerushalem.

14 You'll all see that and it'll warm your heart,

and your bones will sprout like the grass.

Yahweh will reveal his power to his servants,

and he'll be indignant at his enemies,

15 because listen, Yahweh will come in fire with his chariots like a windstorm,

→to bring his raging anger and to rebuke with flames of fire.

16 Yes, Yahweh judges all humanity with fire and his sword,

and many people will be killed by him.

17 Those who consecrate themselves, and purify themselves for the gardens,

and those who eat pork, rats, and other detestable things, will all be destroyed together.

That is Yahweh's declaration.

18 I know their thoughts and what they've done. The time is coming to gather all the nations and the language groups, and they'll come and see my glory. **19** I'll perform a miracle among them, and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud (home of archers), Tuval, Yavan (Greece), and to the distant islands where they haven't heard about me or seen my splendour. They'll tell other nations about my greatness. **20** Then they'll bring all your relatives back from all the nations to my sacred mountain Yerushalem (Jerusalem), on horses, and in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels, as an offering to Yahweh like how the Israelis bring a grain offering in a clean vessel into the house of Yahweh.

That's what Yahweh says.

21 Then I'll choose some of them to be priests and temple workers.

That's what Yahweh says.

276 **LV 66:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: דחא: (x-qere) תַּחַא: lemma_259 n_1.2.0 morph_HAcfsa id_23RUH תַּחַא

Readers' Version

22 Just as the new skies and the new earth will stand in front of me,[274]
so your descendants and your name will endure.
That's what Yahweh declares.
23 Then from month to month and week to week,
all creatures will come to bow down in front of me.
That's what Yahweh says.
24 Then they'll go out and see the corpses of those who rebelled against me,
because the maggots won't die and their fire won't be extinguished,[275]
and all creatures will find them abhorrent.

ISA · OET-RV v0.2.7

Literal Version

ISA · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

274 RV 66:22 · Cross-ref. Isa 65:17; 2Pe 3:13; Rev 21:1.

275 RV 66:24 · Cross-ref. Mrk 9:48.

Tsefanyah

(Zephaniah)

Introduction

Tsefanyah (commonly known as Zephaniah) was a prophet at the time that Yoshiyah (Josiah) was king of Yehudah (Judah). The people served the true God, but before long, they abandoned Yahweh and started worshipping false gods. So then Yahweh threatened to punish the people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city and the people across all of Yehudah because of their evil activities. However, even then, they refused to ask him for forgiveness. So in 586 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), Yerushalem was destroyed by the Babylonians (sometimes also called Chaldeans). But even then, he'd planned to punish those other nations in the future for enslaving his people, then he'd allow his people to return there to Yerushalem and receive his blessing.

Main components of this document

The day of Yahweh's judgement *1:1–2:3*
The destruction of nations near Yisrael *2:4-15*
The destruction and future redemption of Yerushalem *3:1-20*

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1:1 The message from Yahweh which came to Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) (son of Kush (Ethiopia), son of Gedalyah, son of Amaryah, son of Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)) in the time of Amon's son, King Yoshiyah (Josiah) of Yehudah (Judah)[1]

Coming judgement against Yehudah · Southern kingdom

2 Yahweh declares:
I will exterminate everything that lives on the ground.
3 Yahweh declares:
I'll bring humans and animals to an end, along with the birds and fish. Wicked people will be destroyed along with their idols and humankind will be cut-off from the earth. **4** I will punish the people of Yehudah (Judah),
and those living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
I will wipe all remnants of Ba'al out from this place.
No one will even remember the names of those priests who served idols.
5 I'll punish those who bowed down to the stars and planets from their rooftops,
and those making promises to Yahweh but then promising to the false god Malkam.[2]
6 I'll punish those who turn back after following me, Yahweh,
as well as those who haven't searched for Yahweh or prayed to me.
7 Be silent in the presence of the master Yahweh,
because his day is near.
Yahweh has prepared a sacrifice,
and he's consecrated his guests.
8 On the day of Yahweh's sacrifice, I will visit their officials and the king's sons, and all those wearing foreign clothing. **9** At that time I will punish all the officials who force their way into people's homes—the ones filling their masters' houses using fraud and violence.
10 Yahweh declares:
On that day a cry of distress will come from the Fish Gate,
and wailing from the second district
and a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, you inhabitants of the Maktesh,
because all of the people of Kena'an (Canaan) will be destroyed.
All the money-counters will be eliminated.
12 I will search Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with lamps at that time,
and I will punish those who've sunk to the bottom—
the ones who tell themselves,
'Yahweh will never take action—either good or bad.'
13 Their wealth will be taken as plunder
and their houses will be ruined.
They'll build houses, but they won't get to live in them.

Literal Version

1:1 The_message_of **YHWH** which it_came to Tsəfan^{yāh} the_son_of Kūshiy/(Cushi) the_son_of Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Amar^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} in_the_days_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_son_of 'Āmōn the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

2 Utterly_(destroy) I_will_bring_to_an_end everything from_under the_surface_of the_soil the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **3** I_will_bring_to_an_end human_being and_animal I_will_bring_to_an_end the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_the_fish(es)_of the_sea and_the_stumbling-blocks with the_wicked_people and_I_will_cut_off ~~ĐØM~~ the_humankind from_under the_surface_of the_soil the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **4** And_I_will_stretch_out hand_of_my on Yəhūdāh and_on all_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_will_cut_off from the_place the_this ~~ĐØM~~ the_remnant_of (the)_Ba'al ~~ĐØM~~ the_name_of the_pagan_priests with the_priests. **5** And_~~ĐØM~~ those_who_bow_down on the_roofs to_the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_~~ĐØM~~ those_who_bow_down those_who_swear_an_oath to/for_**YHWH** and_those_who_swear_an_oath by_king_of_their. **6** And_~~ĐØM~~ those_who_have_turned_back from_after **YHWH** and_which not they_have_sought ~~ĐØM~~ **YHWH** and_not they_have_sought_him. **7** Hush from_face/in_front_of my_master **YHWH** if/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** if/because **YHWH** he_has_prepared a_sacrifice he_has_consecrated those_of_who_were_invited_by_him. **8** And_it_was in/on_day of_the_sacrifice_of of_**YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on the_princes and_on the_sons_of the_king and_on all_of those_who_are_clothed clothing foreign. **9** And_I_will_visit_judgement on every_of (the)_one_who_leaps over the_threshold in_the_day (the)_that those_who_fill the_house_of their_master(s)_of_their violence and_deceit. **10** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_sound_of a_cry_of_distress from_the_gate_of the_fish(es) and_wailing from the_second_district and_a_crashing great from_the_hills. **11** Wail Oh_inhabitants_of the_Mortar if/because all_of the_people_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) it_will_be_destroyed all_of the_weighers_of silver they_will_be_cut_off. **12** And_it_was at_time (the)_that I_will_search ~~ĐØM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_lamps and_I_will_visit_judgement on the_people who_are_thickening on lees_of_their who_are_saying in_heart_of_their not **YHWH** he_will_do_good and_not he_will_do_harm. **13** And_it_was wealth_of_their (into)_plunder and_houses_of_their (into)_a_desolation and_they_will_build houses and_not they_will_dwell_in_them and_they_will_plant vineyards and_not they_will_drink ~~ĐØM~~ wine_of_their. **14** Is_near the_day_of **YHWH** (the)_great near and_hurrying exceedingly the_sound_of the_day_of **YHWH** bitter is_shouting there a_warrior. **15** Will_be_a_day_of fury the_day (the)_that a_day_of distress and_trouble a_day_of devastation and_desolation a_day_of darkness and_gloom a_day_of cloud and_thick_darkness. **16** A_day_of trumpet and_battle-cry on the_cities (the)_fortified and_on the_corners (the)_high. **17** And_I_will_cause_distress to_humankind and_they_will_walk like_(the)_people if/because to/for_**YHWH** they_have_sinned and_ blood_of_their _it_will_

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 22:1–23:30; 2Ch 34:1–35:27.

2 **RV 1:5 · Note** A variant of the name of the pagan god 'Molek' (or 'Molech', but also close to the Hebrew word for 'king' as found in some other translations).

Literal Version

_be_poured_out like_dust and_bowel[s]_of_their like_dung(s).
18 Neither silver_of_their nor gold_of_their not it_will_be_able
to_deliver_them in/on_day of_the_fury_of of_**YHWH** and_in_
_the_fire_of his_jealousy_of_his all_of the_earth/land it_will_
_be_consumed if/because complete_destruction surely that_
_which_is_terrible he_will_make with all_of the_inhabitants_of
the_earth/land.

2:1 Gather_yourselves_together and_gather_together Oh_nation
not ashamed. **2** Before_before a_decree brings_forth like_chaff
a_day it_has_passed_away before_before not it_will_come on_
_you(pl) the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** before_before not
it_will_come on_you(pl) the_day_of the_anger of_**YHWH**. **3** Seek
~~DOM~~ **YHWH** Oh_all_of the_humble_people_of the_earth/land
who judgement_of_his they_have_done seek righteousness seek
humility perhaps you(pl)_will_be_hidden in/on_day of_the_
anger of**YHWH**.

4 If/because ʿAzzāh abandoned it_will_be and_ʾAshqəlōn will_
become(into)_a_desolation ʾAshdōd at_noontide(s) people_
_will_drive_it_out and_ʿEqrōn it_will_be_plucked_up. **5** Woe_to
the_inhabitants_of the_region_of the_sea the_nation_of the_
_Kərētī the_message_of **YHWH** is_on_you(pl) Oh_
_Kəna'an/(Canaan) the_land_of the_Pəlishtiy and_I_will_
_destroy_you from_not an_inhabitant. **6** And_it_will_be the_
_region_of the_sea pastures_of meadows_of shepherds and_
_folds_of sheep. **7** And_ the_region _it_was to_the_remnant_of
the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on_them they_will_graze in_
_the_houses_of ʾAshqəlōn in_evening they_will_lie_down
if/because he_will_visit_them **YHWH** god_of_their and_he_
_will_turn_back mmm[9]. **8** I_have_heard the_reproach_of Mōʾāv
and_the_reviling_words/messages_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn
who they_have_reproached ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_they_have_
_magnified_themselves on territory_of_their. **9** For_
_so/thus/hence by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because
Mōʾāv like_Şədom it_will_be and_the_sons of_ʿAmmōn like_
_ʿAmorāh/(Gomorrah) a_place_possessed_of weed[s] and_a_pit_

Readers' Version

They'll plant vineyards, but won't get to drink their wine.
14 Yahweh's big day of judgement is near—
close and coming quickly.
The sound of Yahweh's day is bitter—
even warriors will cry out.
15 That day will be a day of anger,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of destruction and desolation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of cloud and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blasts and with the battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the high towers on their corners.
17 I'll bring distress to the people,
and they'll walk slowly as if they were blind,
because they've sinned against Yahweh.
Their blood will be poured out like dust,
and their innards like dung.
18 Their silver, and even their gold, won't be able to save them
on the day of Yahweh's anger.
The whole earth will be consumed in the fire of his jealousy
because he'll soon destroy people from all over the world.

Do what is right · Southern kingdom

2:1 Gather yourselves together,
yes, assemble now you shameless nation
2 before the decree is made,
before the day passes like chaff,
before Yahweh's anger reaches you all,
yes, before that day of Yahweh's anger hits you.
3 Search for Yahweh, all you humble people who do his justice.
Aim to do what is right and to stay humble.
Perhaps you'll be hidden away on the day Yahweh's anger.

The demolition of places near Yisrael

4 Because Azah (Gaza) will become abandoned,
and Ashkelon will become a ruin.
The people of Ashdod will be driven out by noon,
and Ekron will be overthrown.[3]
5 The inhabitants of the coastal region are to be pitied,
the nation of the Kereti.
Yahweh's decision is against you all,
Kena'an (Canaan), land of the Pelishtim.
I'll destroy you until no one remains.
6 The coastal region will become pastures of meadows for shepherds
and pens for flocks.
7 The remaining survivors from Yehudah (Judah) will inhabit that region.
They will shepherd their flocks on that land.
They'll lie down in their houses in Ashkelon in the evening,
because their god Yahweh will visit them, and he'll restore

3 **RV 2:4-7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:29-31; Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zech 9:5-7.

9 **LV 2:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: תובש/ם: (x-qere) ׳תיִבְּשׁ/ם׳: lemma_7622 n_0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3mp id_36AXb תיִבְּשׁ/ם

Readers' Version

their fortune.
8 I've heard Moav's (Moab's) mocking[4]
and the Amonim' insults.[5]
They've insulted my people
and built up their forces against their border.
9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, declares:
As certain as I'm alive,
Moav will become like Sedom,
and the Amonim like Amorah (Gomorrah),
overrun by nettles and salt-pits—in ruins forever.[6]
The remnant of my people will plunder them,
and the remainder of my nation will take possession of them.
10 That will be the fruit of their pride,
because they mocked and talked themselves up
against the people of Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
11 The people of Moav (Moab) and Amon will be very scared when Yahweh punishes them.
He'll do that so powerfully that people will stop worshipping all other gods.
People in every nation will worship Yahweh instead—each person in their own country.
12 Also you, Kushim (Ethiopians) (Kushim), will be killed by my sword.[7]
13 Yahweh will punish those in the north.
Yes, he'll destroy Ashur (Assyria).
He'll turn Nineveh into ruins—
it'll become a dry place like the desert.[8]
14 Herds of every kind of wild animals will lie down in the middle of it,
Various kinds of owls will sit on the pillars still standing.
A call will hoot in the window.
Rubble will blocking any doorways still upright,
because the cedar planks will be exposed.
15 This is the proud city where people lived in security.
The one with a reputation: "No other city compares with me."
How it's become a ruin—a home for the wild animals.
Every one passing by will hiss at it in derision,
and shake their fist remembering their hate for it.

Yerushalem's sin · Southern kingdom

3:1 The one rebelling and being defiled is to be pitied—
the city of oppressors.
2 She doesn't listen to what she's told.

Literal Version

_of salt and_a_waste until perpetuity the_remnant_of my_
_people_of they_will_plunder_them and_the_rest_of my_
_nation_of_my[10] they_will_take_possession_of_them. 10 This
to/for_them in_place_of pride_of_their if/because they_
_reproached and_they_magnified_themselves on the_people_of
YHWH soldiers/messengers. 11 **YHWH** will_be_awesome on_
_them if/because he_will_make_lean ~~DOM~~ all_of the_gods_of
the_earth/land and_they_will_bow_down to_him/it everyone
from_his_own_of_place all_of the_islands_of the_nations.
12 Also you(pl) Oh_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s are_those_slain_of my_
_sword_of_my they. 13 And_he_will_stretch_out his/its_hand on
the_north and_he_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ 'Ashshūr and_he_will_make
~~DOM~~ Nīnəvēh (into)_a_waste a_dry_region like_wilderness.
14 And_they_will_lie_down in_the_midst_of_of_it herds every_
_of animal_of_his a_nation both wilderness_owl as_well_as
hedgehog on_capitals_of_its they_will_spend_the_night a_
_sound it_will_sing in_window desolation will_on_the_
_threshold if/because cedar-work he_will_lay_bare. 15 This[11][12]
the_city (the)_exultant which_dwelt to_security which_said in_
_heart_of_its I and_only_of_I am_yet how it_has_become (into)_
_a_waste a_resting_place for_animal[s] every one_who_passes_
_by on/upon_it(f) he_will_hiss he_will_shake his/its_hand.

3:1 Woe_to the_one_who_is_rebellious and_the_one_who_is_
_defiled the_city which_oppresses. 2 Not it_has_listened to_a_
_voice not it_has_accepted correction in_**YHWH** not it_has_
_trusted to god_of_its not it_has_drawn_near. 3 Officials_of_its
in_midst_of_its are_lions roaring judges_of_its are_wolves_of

4 **RV 2:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Isa 15:1–16:14; 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 1:13-15.
5 **RV 2:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 21:28-32; 25:1-7; Amos 1:13-15.
6 **RV 2:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24.
7 **RV 2:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 18:1-7.
8 **RV 2:13-15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 10:5-34; 14:24-27; Nah 1:1–3:19.
10 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: יוֹנֵ֔: (x-qere) יֹ֔וֹנֵ: lemma_1471 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp1cs id_36gBW יֹ֔וֹנֵ
11 **LV 2:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
12 **LV 2:15 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

the_evening which_not they_gnaw to_morning. **4** Prophets_of_
_its are_insolent men_of treacheri(es) priests_of_its they_
_profane the_sanctuary they_treat_violently the_law. **5** **YHWH**
is_righteous in_midst_of_its not he_does injustice in_morning
in_morning judgement_of_his he_gives to_the_light not he_is_
_missing and_not an_unjust_person is_knowing shame. **6** I_
_have_cut_off nations corners_of_their they_are_desolate I_
_have_made_desolate streets_of_their from_not_of one_who_
_passes_by cities_of_their they_have_been_laid_waste from_
_not_of anyone from_not an_inhabitant. **7** I_said surely you_
_will_fear me you_will_accept correction and_not dwelling_of_
_its it_will_be_cut_off all that I_have_visited on/upon_it(f)
nevertheless they_rose_early they_corrupted all_of practices_
_of_their. **8** For_so/thus/hence wait to_me the_utterance_of
YHWH for_the_day_of my_rising for_booty if/because
judgement_of_my is_to_gather nations I_to_assemble kingdoms
to_pour_out on_them indignation_of_my all_of the_burning_of
my_anger_of_my if/because in_the_fire_of my_jealousy_of_my
all_of the_earth/land it_will_be_consumed. **9** If/because then I_
_will_restore to peoples a_lip purified to_ of_them_of_all _call
in/on_name_of **YHWH** to_serve_him a_shoulder one. **10** From_
_the_other_side of_the_rivers_of of_Cush worshippers_of_my
the_daughter_of my_scattered_ones[141516] they_will_bring
offering_of_my. **11** In_the_day (the)_that not you_will_be_
_ashamed from_all practices_of_your which you_have_
_transgressed against_me if/because then I_will_remove from_
_midst_of_your the_exultant_ones_of your_pride_of_your and_
_not you_will_repeat to_be_haughty again on_the_mountain_of
my_holiness_of_my. **12** And_I_will_leave in_midst_of_your a_
_people afflicted and_poor and_they_will_take_refuge in/on_
_name_of **YHWH**. **13** The_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_
_will_do injustice and_not they_will_speak falsehood and_not
it_will_be_found in_mouth_of_their a_tongue_of deceitfulness
if/because they they_will_graze and_they_will_lie_down and_
_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies.

Readers' Version

She doesn't take correction.
She refuses to trust in Yahweh.
She won't approach her god.
3 Her leaders are roaring lions among the flock.
Her judges are wolves that approach in the evening.
There's nothing left to eat by the morning.
4 Her prophets are insolent, treacherous men.
Her priests profane the sanctuary—they violate God's law.
5 Yahweh behaves fairly in her midst.
He doesn't do anything that's wrong.
He makes fair and just judgements every morning.
At every dawn, he's present there,
and yet those who are disobedient have no shame.
6 I've destroyed nations—broken down their walls.
I've destroyed their streets and now they're deserted.
Their cities are ruined, lifeless,
without anyone living in them.
7 I said, 'Surely you will respect me and accept correction.
Then she won't die as a city because of my punishing her.'
Nevertheless, they got up early to do all their corrupt activities.
8 Yahweh declares:
Wait for me, for when I pounce on the prey,
because my decision is to gather nations and assemble kingdoms,
to pour my indignation and all my anger out on them,
because the whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealousy.
9 Then I'll be sure to give pure speech to the peoples,
so all of them can pray to Yahweh,
and serve him side-by-side.
10 From across the rivers of Kush (Ethiopia) (Kush), my worshippers,
my scattered children will return and bring my offering.
11 On that day you won't feel ashamed about all the times you disobeyed me,
because at that time, I'll remove those proud people from among you,
and you won't continue to be arrogant on my sacred mountain.
12 And I'll leave the poorer and humble people among you,
and they'll trust in Yahweh's authority.
13 The surviving Israelis won't do what is wrong.
They won't tell lies or deceive others.[13]
Instead they'll eat and sleep in peace,
No one will be there to terrify them.

13 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Rev 14:5.

14 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

15 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

16 **LV 3:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

The song of happiness · Both kingdoms

14 Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter, sing happily.
All Yisrael (Israel), shout aloud.
Daughters of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), be happy and triumphant will all your being.
15 Yahweh will stop punishing you.
He's forced your enemy to retreat.
Yisrael's king, Yahweh, is among you.
Don't worry any more about being harmed.
16 In that day Yerushalem will be told,
"Don't be afraid, Tsiyon (Zion).
Don't let your hands grow weak.
17 Your god Yahweh is right there.
A powerful warrior, he'll save you.
He'll be so happy about you.
He'll be silent in his love.
He'll talk happily about your rescue."
18 I will gather those among you who grieve so they can attend the celebrations.
They were taken as tribute and it was a reproach.
19 Look, I'll be dealing with all of your oppressors at that time.
I'll save your people who are disabled or who've been shamed.
Then I'll get them praising,
and change their shame into a good reputation around the world.
20 At that time I will bring you all in—
yes, I'll gather you all together at that time.
You'll have a good reputation and people all over the world will praise you,
as I restore your good fortune right in front of your eyes.
Yahweh has spoken.

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Literal Version

14 Shout_for_joy Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) shout Oh_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) rejoice and_exult in_all the_heart Oh_
_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **15** **YHWH** he_has_
_removed judgements_of_your he_has_cleared_away enemy_of_
_your the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) **YHWH** is_in_midst_of_your
not you_will_fear evil again. **16** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_
_be_said to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) do_not be_afraid Oh_
_Tsiyyōn not hands_of_your let_them_drop. **17** **YHWH** god_of_
_your is_in_midst_of_your[17] a_warrior who_he_will_give_
_victory he_will_rejoice on_you with_joy he_will_be_silent in_
_love_of_his he_will_be_glad on_you with_a_shout_of_joy.
18 Those_who_are_grieved_of from_an_appointed_feast I_will_
_gather from_you they_were tribute on/upon_it(f) reproach.
19 HERE_I am_about_to_deal with all_of those_of_who_
_afflicted_you at_time (the)_that and_I_will_save ~~DOM~~ the_one_
_who_is_lame and_the_one_who_is_outcast I_will_gather and_I_
_will_make_them (into)_praise and_(into)_a_name in_all the_
_earth/land shame_of_their. **20** At_time (the)_that I_will_bring
you(pl) and_at_time gather_I you(pl) if/because I_will_make
you(pl) (into)_a_name and_(into)_praise among_all_of the_
_peoples_of the_earth/land when_I_turn_back ~~DOM~~
captiviti(es)_of_your(pl) to_eyes_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says.

ZEP · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

17 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Havakuk

(Habakkuk)

Introduction

In this document, we can read the prophet Havakuk's (Habakkuk's) discussions about Yahweh God. Havakuk lived in Yehudah (Judah) and this document was likely written by 600 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) Havakuk questions God as to why he punishes his Israeli relatives when they're more godly people than those who attack them. Yahweh answered that he sent armies from Bavel in order to punishment them. At that time, the Babylonians solders were very feared because they were very fierce and had already defeated Ashur and Mitsrayim. Havakuk didn't understand why his master Yahweh would allow that. He also asked God, "Why are you silent while the wicked destroy those who are more godly than them?" (1:13). God answered that he would step in and help in due course: "...godly people live by their faith." (2:4)
The other part of this document is the prophecy about the coming destruction of evil people. Havakuk still fears God's curse on Yehudah, but he trusting that his people would be saved and given of strength to endure the difficulties that they were experiencing. This document finishes with a song praising the Yahweh for his faithfulness.

Main components of this document

The complaints of prophet Havakuk and the answer of Master God *1:1–2:4*
The destruction of evil people *2:5-20*
The praying for Havakuk *3:1-19*

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Readers' Version

1:1 Here is the message that the prophet Havakuk (Habakkuk) saw:

Havakuk's complaint · Southern kingdom

2 For how long, Yahweh, must I call for help before you listen?
I cry out about the violence, but you haven't rescued me.
3 Why do I have to keep seeing injustice and looking at trouble?
Destruction and violence are all around—there's such strife, and conflicts keep happening.
4 That's why the law is paralysed and why justice doesn't prevail—
because those who do good are surrounded by wicked people, so justice gets perverted.

Yahweh's response · Southern kingdom

5 Watch the other countries and observe them, and be astonished and amazed,
because I'm about to do something in your time
that no one will believe would happen, even if they were told about it.[5]
6 Listen, I'm about to stir up the Babylonians[6]—
that fierce and impetuous empire
that marches around the world to seize cities for themselves.
7 They're dreaded and feared.
They go by their own rules to boost their own pride.
8 Their horses are faster than leopards
and more menacing than the wolves in the evening.
So their horsemen arrive from a great distance, then come charging—
they fly like an eagle that's swift to devour.
9 They all come for violence—
hordes of faces advancing like the wind in the wilderness.
They gather captives like sand.
10 They scoff at kings, and rulers are just a joke to them.
They laugh at fortresses as they pile soil up around them and capture them.
11 Then they sweep past like the wind and move on.
They become guilty of thinking that their own strength is their god.

Havakuk's second complaint · Southern kingdom

12 Yahweh, aren't you the eternal God?
You're my heavenly protector who won't die.
Yahweh, you've appointed them for judgement.
Our rock, you've established them for punishment.
13 Your eyes are too pure to endure seeing evil,
and you're not able to look on wrongdoing with favour.

Literal Version

1:1 The_oracle[1234] which Ḥ$_a$vaqqūq the_prophet he_saw.

2 Until when Oh_**YHWH** have_I_cried_for_help and_not you_ _will_hear I_cry_out to_you violence and_not you_save.
3 To/for_what do_you_make_me_see wickedness and_mischief do_you_look_at and_devastation and_violence are_to_before_ _me and_ strife _he/it_was and_contention it_arises.
4 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_law it_grows_numb and_ _not it_comes_forth to_perpetuity justice if/because the_ _wicked is_surrounding ~~ḎOM~~ the_righteous_person therefore yes/correct/thus/so justice perverted it_comes_forth.

5 See among_nations and_look and_be_astounded be_ _astonished if/because a_deed I_am_about_to_do in_days_of_ _your(pl) which_not you(pl)_will_believe if/because it_will_be_ _recounted. **6** If/because here_I am_about_to_raise_up ~~ḎOM~~ the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy the_nation (the)_bitter and_(the)_ _impetuous which_goes to_the_expanses_of the_earth to_take_ _possession_of dwellings which_not to_him/it. **7** Is_terrifying and_awesome it from_him/it justice_of_its and_dignity_of_its it_comes_forth. **8** And_they_are_swift more_than_leopards horses_of_its and_they_are_keen more_than_wolves_of the_ _evening and_ warhorses_of_its _they_paw_the_ground and_ _horsemen_of_its from_a_distance they_come they_fly like_an_ _eagle which_makes_haste to_devour. **9** Of_it_of_all for_violence it_comes the_totality_of their_faces_of_their eastward_is and_ _it_gathered like_sand captive[s]. **10** And_he (in)_kings it_ _derides and_rulers are_laughter to_him/it it to/from_ _all/each/any/every fortress it_laughs and_it_heaped_up earth and_it_captured_it. **11** Then it_swept_on a_wind and_it_passed_ _on and_he_is_guilty the_one_who strength_of_his becomes_ _(into)_god_of_his.

12 Am_not are_you from_east Oh_**YHWH** god_of_my my_holy_ _of_one not we_will_die Oh_**YHWH** to_judgement you_have_ _appointed_it and_Oh_rock to_reprove you_have_established_it. **13** You_are_too_pure_of eyes for_seeing evil and_to_look to mischief not you_are_able to/for_what do_you_look_at those_ _who_act_treacherously are_you_silent when_ a_wicked_person _swallows_up a_person_righteous more_than_him. **14** And_you_ _have_made humankind like_the_fish(es)_of the_sea like_

1 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
2 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
3 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
5 **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:41.
6 **RV 1:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:2.

Literal Version

_creeping_thing[s] which_not a_ruler in/on/over_him/it.
15 Of_it_of_all with_a_fish_hook he_brings_up he_drags_it_away in_net_of_his and_he_gathers_it in_his_fishing_of_net therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_rejoices and_he_is_glad. **16** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_sacrifices to_net_of_his and_he_makes_ _smoke to_his_fishing_of_net if/because by_them is_rich portion_of_his and_food_of_his is_fat. **17** There- fore will_he_ _empty net_of_his and_continually to_kill nations not will_he_ _spare.
2:1 At post_of_my I_will_stand and_I_will_take_my_stand on the_fortification and_I_will_watch to_see what will_he_speak by_me and_what will_I_bring_back on complaint_of_my.

2 And_he_answered_me **YHWH** and_he/it_said write_down the_vision and_make_it_clear on the_tablets so_that one_who_ _reads in_him/it he_may_run. **3** If/because still the_vision is_ _for_time and_it_will_pant to_end and_not it_will_lie if it_will_ _delay wait to_him/it if/because surely_(come) it_will_come not it_will_delay. **4** THERE it_is_swollen not self_of_his it_is_ _upright in/on/over_him/it and_the_righteous by_ _faithfulness_of_his he_will_live.

5 And_also if/because (the)_wine is_acting_treacherously a_ _man proud and_not he_stays_at_home who he_has_made_ _large like_Shə'ōl throat_of_his and_he is_like_death and_not he_is_satisfied and_he_has_gathered to_him/it all_of the_ _nations and_he_has_assembled to_him/it all_of the_peoples. **6** Am_not these_nations of_them_of_all on/upon/above_him/it a_saying will_they_lift_up and_a_mocking_song riddles to_ _him/it and_will_someone_say woe_to the_one_who_increases that_which_not to_him/it until when and_one_who_makes_ _heavy on/upon/above_him/it pledge[s]. **7** Am_not suddenness those_of_who_pay_interest_to_you will_they_arise and_ those_ _of_who_will_make_you_tremble _will_they_awake and_you_ _will_become (into)_plunder(s) for_them. **8** If/because[10] you you_have_plundered nations many they_will_plunder_you all_ _of the_rest_of the_peoples from_the_blood(s)_of humankind and_the_violence_of the_land the_town and_all those_who_ _dwell_of in_it. **9** Woe_to one_who_gains unjust_gain evil for_ _house_of_his to_set on_places nest_of_his to_deliver_himself from_the_palm_of evil. **10** You_have_planned shame for_house_ _of_your by_cutting_off peoples many and_you_have_sinned self_of_your. **11** If/because a_stone from_the_wall it_will_cry_ _out and_a_rafter from_tree it_will_answer_it. **12** Woe_to one_ _who_builds a_city by_blood(s) and_he_establishes a_town by_ _injustice. **13** Am_not THERE from_with **YHWH**

Readers' Version

Why then have you tolerated those who are treacherous?
Why are you silent while the wicked destroy those who are more godly than them?
14 You've made those people like the fish of the sea—
like reptiles that have no ruler.
15 The invader brings them all up with a fishhook.
He drags them up with his fishing net.
He catches them all in his drag net,
which makes him happily celebrate.
16 Therefore he sacrifices to his fishing net
and burns incense to his drag net,
because it's his net that gives him plenty of food,
and his food is the richest kind.
17 So will he keep harvesting with his net?
Will he continue destroying nations without mercy?
2:1 I'll stand at my guard post and station myself on the watchtower,
and I'll wait there to see what he will say to me,
and how I should respond when I'm corrected.

Yahweh's second response to Havakuk · Southern kingdom

2 Yahweh responded, saying:
"Write this vision clearly onto tablets so that messengers can run with them and read them aloud. **3** This vision is for a future time, but in the end anyone waiting for it will see it happen, because when it comes, it won't delay.[7]
4 Listen, those who don't have noble desires are puffed up,
but godly people live by their faith.[8]

The punishment of sinners · Southern kingdom

5 Wine betrays the arrogant man so that he won't rest.
His appetite becomes like the cemetery—always wanting more,
and like death which is never satisfied.
The invader takes over all the nations,
and captures every people group.
6 Won't all those peoples create a saying to ridicule the invader and a taunting song and riddles about him? They'll say 'It won't end well for those who take what doesn't belong to them. As you take more and more, it will become heavier and heavier for you.'
7 Won't those you've taken from suddenly organise themselves—
won't you tremble when they wake up?
Then you'll become spoil for *them*
8 because you've plundered many nations.
All the remnants of the nations will plunder you because you've taken lives
and acted with violence against the land and cities, and everyone who lives in them.
9 It won't end well for anyone who's used evil gains to furnish

7 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:37.

8 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38.

10 **LV 2:8 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

Readers' Version

his house.
He wanted to set his nest on high to keep himself safe from the hand of evil,
10 but because you've destroyed many nations,
you've brought guilt onto yourself.
11 The stones in the wall will cry out,
and the timber rafters will answer them.
12 It won't end well for anyone who builds a city with blood,
or who establishes a town with wickedness.
13 Listen, isn't it Commander-in-chief Yahweh who ensures that
those peoples are just playing with fire
and those nations will just get exhausted from their efforts?
14 The world will be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh's splendour
as surely as the oceans are filled with water.[9]
15 It won't end well for anyone (nation) who forces their neighbour to drink—
you'll pour your anger out on them to make them drunk
so that their nakedness becomes exposed.
16 You'll be filled with shame instead of honour.
Now it's your turn—drink and then your uncircumcision will be exposed.
The cup in Yahweh's powerful right hand is coming around to you,
and your honour will be covered over with disgrace.
17 The violence done to Levanon will bounce back and overwhelm you,
and the destruction of animals will terrify you,
because you've taken lives
and you've acted with violence against the land and the cities, and everyone who lives in them.
18 How can an idol profit you when it was just formed and shaped by its human maker?
It's a teacher of lies because its maker uses his own imagination when he makes these speechless 'gods'.
19 It won't end well for anyone who tells the piece of wood to wake up,
or for the one who tells that speechless stone to stand up.
Can these things teach?
Yes, it might be plated with valuable gold and silver,
but there's absolutely no life in it.
20 In contrast, Yahweh is in his sacred temple.
Let everyone in the world be silent in his presence.

Havakuk's prayerful song · Southern kingdom

3:1 A prayer of the prophet Havakuk (Habakkuk) designed to be sung:[11]
2 Yahweh, I've heard the report about

Literal Version

soldiers/messengers and_ peoples _they_labour for_the_ _sufficiency_of fire and_nations for_the_sufficiency_of emptiness they_grow_weary. **14** If/because the_earth/land it_ _will_be_filled to_know ~~DOM~~ the_glory_of **YHWH** like_waters which_they_cover over the_sea. **15** Woe_to one_who_makes_ _drink_of his/its_neighbour one_who_mixes rage_of_your and_ _even you_make_them_drunk so_as to_look on nakedness(es)_ _of_their. **16** You_are_satisfied shame more_than_honour also you drink and_be_counted_as_uncircumcised it_will_come_ _round to_you the_cup_of the_right_hand_of **YHWH** and_ _disgrace will_be_over honour_of_your. **17** If/because the_ _violence_of Ləvānōn it_will_cover_you and_the_devastation_ _of animals it_will_terrify_them from_the_blood(s)_of humankind and_the_violence_of the_land the_town and_all those_who_dwell_of in_it. **18** What a_carved_image does_it_ _profit if/because he_has_carved_it the_of_one_who_formed_it a_molten_image and_that_which_teaches falsehood if/because the_one_who_formed form_of_its he_relies on/upon/above_ _him/it for_doing idols dumb. **19** Woe_to one_who_says to_ _wood wake_up awake to_a_stone_of silence it will_it_teach THERE it is_sheathed gold and_silver and_all breath there_is_ _not within_it. **20** And_**YHWH** in_(the)_palace his_holiness_of_ _his hush from_before_of_him all_of the_earth/land.

3:1 A_prayer of_Ḥavaqqūq the_prophet on shiggionoth. **2** Oh_ _**YHWH** I_have_heard report_of_your I_fear Oh_**YHWH** work_ _of_your in_the_midst_of years restore_it in_the_midst_of years you_will_make_it_known in_severe_anger to_have_compassion

9 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Isa 11:9.

11 **RV 3:1 · Note** The meaning of the Hebrew word transliterated 'shigyonot' is unknown, but assumed to be some kind of musical directive. (Also in Song/Psalm 7:0.)

Literal Version

you_will_remember. **3** god[13] from_Tēymān he_comes and_the_ _holy_one from_hill of_Pā'rān Şelāh splendour_of_his it_has_ _covered the_heavens and_praise_of_his the_earth/land it_has_ _filled. **4** And_brightness like_light it_is two_horns from_hand_ _of_his to_him/it and_there the_hiding_place_of his_strength_ _of_his.[1415] **5** Before_him pestilence it_goes and_ plague _it_ _goes_out to_feet_of_his. **6** He_stood and_he_shook the_earth he_has_seen and_he_has_made_jump nations and_ mountains_ _of antiquity _they_have_been_shattered hills_of antiquity they_have_bowed_down goings_of antiquity to_him/it. **7** Under trouble I_have_seen the_tents_of Kūshān/(Cushan) they_ _tremble the_tent_curtains_of the_land_of Midyān. **8** On_rivers Oh_**YHWH** has_it_burnt or on_rivers anger_of_is_your or on_ _sea fury_of_is_your that/for/because/then/when you_will_ _ride on horses_of_your chariots_of_your salvation. **9** Bareness bow_of_your it_is_made_bare oaths arrows a_message Şelāh rivers you_split_open the_earth. **10** They_have_seen_you mountains they_writhe a_storm_of water it_has_passed_over the_deep it_has_given_forth voice_of_its height_of hands_of_its it_has_lifted. **11** Sun moon it_has_stood_still lofty_residence_ _(to)_a to_light_of arrows_of_your they_go to_brightness_of the_lightning_flash_of your_spear_of_your. **12** In_indignation you_march the_earth in_anger you_trample_down nations. **13** You_have_gone_out for_the_salvation_of your_people_of_ _your for_the_salvation ~~DOM~~ your_of_anointed you_have_ _smashed the_leader from_the_house_of the_wicked you_have_ _laid_bare foundation[s] to neck Şelāh. **14** You_pierced with_ _his_own_of_arrows the_head_of his[16] they_storm to_scatter_ _me exultation_of_their was_like to_devour the_afflicted in_ _place. **15** You_trod on_sea horses_of_your a_heap_of waters many. **16** I_heard and_ belly_of_my _it_trembled to_ _sound/voice lips_of_my they_quivered rottenness it_came in_ _bones_of_my and_under_me I_trembled that I_will_be_quiet for_the_day_of trouble to_come_up to_the_people which_it_ _attacks_us. **17** If/because the_fig_tree not it_buds and_there_ _is_not produce on_vines the_product_of the_olive_tree it_fails and_fields not it_produces food someone_cuts_off from_the_ _fold the_flock and_there_are_not cattle in_stalls. **18** And_I in_ _**YHWH** I_will_exult I_will_rejoice in_the_god_of my_salvation_ _of_my. **19** **YHWH**[171819] my_master strength_of_is_my and_ _he/it_assigned feet_of_my like_does and_on places_of_my_ _high he_makes_me_tread to_choirmaster with_stringed_ _instruments.

Readers' Version

what you've done,
and I'm in awe of your work, Yahweh.
Do it again in our times—
show us again in this age.
Despite your severe anger, remember to have compassion.
3 God came in from Teyman in Edom,
and the sinless one from Mt. Paran. (Instrumental break.)
His splendour blanketed the skies,
and the earth was full of his praise.
4 His brightness was like the light—
rays flashed from his hand
where he kept his power.
5 Deadly disease went ahead of him,
then the plague followed along behind.
6 He stood and measured the earth.
He looked and made the nations tremble.
Even the ancient mountains were shattered,
and the everlasting hills bowed down.
His ways are everlasting.
7 I saw the people in tents in Kushan in trouble.
The tent curtains in the Midyan region were trembling.
8 Was your rage against the rivers, Yahweh?
Was your anger against the rivers,
or your fury against the ocean,
when you rode in on your horses and your victorious chariots?
9 You got your bow out ready to use.
Each arrow was a promise you'd made. (Instrumental break.)
You split the earth open with rivers.
10 The mountains saw you and twisted in pain.
A storm brought heavy rain down on them.
The deep sea raised its voice—
it sent up high waves.
11 The sun and moon have stopped in their places
with the light from your arrows as they fly by,
yes, with the gleam of your flashing spear.
12 You have marched over the world in your fury.
You've trampled down the nations in anger.
13 You went out to rescue your people—
to save your anointed one.
You crush the leader of the house of wicked people
to strip him from the thigh up to the neck. (Instrumental break.)
14 You have pierced the head of his warriors with his own arrows,
since they came like a storm to scatter us—

13 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

14 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

15 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

16 **LV 3:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **זרפ/ו**: (x-qere) 'זְרָפָ֥יו': lemma_6518 n_1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_35uf4 **זְרָפָ֥יו/ו**

17 **LV 3:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

18 **LV 3:19 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

19 **LV 3:19 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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their gloating was like someone who destroys weak people in secret.
15 You trod on top of the sea with your horses—
churning the many waters.
16 I heard, and my insides turned to jelly.
My lips quivered at the sound.
My bones start aching, and my legs tremble beneath me.
However, I will wait quietly for the day of distress to hit the people who invaded us.
17 Even if the fig tree doesn't produce buds
and there is no fruit on the grapevines,
and although the olive tree stops producing,
and the fields yield no food,
and although the sheep and goats can't return to their pens,
and there are no cattle in their stalls,
18 I'll still praise Yahweh.
I'll celebrate because God saves me.
19 I trust my master Yahweh for my strength,
and he makes my feet agile like a deer's feet.
He helps me climb up to my high places.[12]
For the musical director, on my stringed instruments.

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Literal Version

HAB · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

12 RV 3:19 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 22:34; Psa 18:33.

Yirmiyah

(Jeremiah)

Introduction

The prophet Yirmiyah/Jeremiah, started his vocation as a prophet around 627 B.C. and continued for just under fifty years until around 580 B.C. During that long period serving as a prophet,he warned the people concerning the coming destruction of the nation of Yehudah/Judah due to their wickedness including the worshipping of false gods. Then in due course, Yirmiyah saw the fulfilment of what he'd prophesied when Yerushalem was captured by King Nevukadnetsar from Bavel. Yirmiyah witnessed the demolition of the city and Yahweh's temple, and the forced exile of many people to Bavel. Then he prophesied the return of some people from captivity, and the rebuilding of the nation.

Yirmiyah's account is divided into five main sections: 1. Yirmiyah's calling; 2. Yahweh's messages to the nation of Yehudah and its teachers during the reigns of Yoshiyah/Josiah, Yehoyakim/Jehoiakim, Yehoyakin/Jehoiakin, and Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah; 3. all the persecution of people according what Yirmiyah's secretary Baruk wrote, including the various prophecies, and the important events in Yirmiyah's life; 4. what was said by Yahweh concerning the various foreign nations; and 5. the other messages concerning Yerushalem's destruction, and the capture of the people who would be exiled to Bavel.

Yirmiyah was a merciful person and full of love towards his people, and so he disliked having to present Yahweh's judgements to them. Parts of this account documents his personal sufferings due to his calling by Yahweh to become a prophet. Yahweh's messages were like fire in his heart that he couldn't hide.

This document also writes about a new agreement coming at a future time, and that that agreement would be kept by Yahweh's people even with no teacher driving them because it would be written onto their hearts. (31:31-34)

Main components of this document

Yirmiyah's calling *1:1-19*
The prophecies during the reigns of Yoshiyah, Yehoyakim, Yehoyakin, and Tsidkiyah *2:1–25:38*
Yirmiyah's persecution *26:1–45:5*
The prophecies for nations *46:1–51:64*
Yerushalem's destruction *52:1-34*

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1:1 These are the messages from Hilkiyah's son, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah)—one of the priests who were in Anatot in Benyamin's territory. **2** Yahweh's messages started coming to him when Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yoshiyah (Josiah) (Amon's son) was in the thirteenth year of his reign.[1] **3** It continued through the reign of Yoshiyah's son, King Yehoyakim[2] until the end of the eleventh year of the reign of Yoshiyah's son, King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)—Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was exiled in the fifth month of that year.[3]

Yirmiyah's calling

4 Now Yahweh's message came to me:

5 "Before I formed you in your mother, I already knew you,
and before you came out of the womb, I had a plan for you.
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

6 But I said, "Oh no, Yahweh, my master. Listen, I don't know how to speak, because I'm just a young lad."

7 but Yahweh told me, "Don't say that you're only a child, because you must go to everyone I send you to and you must tell them everything that I command you to say. **8** Don't be afraid of them, because I'll be with you to rescue you."
That's Yahweh's message.

9 Then Yahweh stretched out his hand and touched my mouth and said, "Listen, I've put my messages into your mouth. **10** I'm appointing you today over the nations and kingdoms—to uproot and to break down, to destroy and to pull down, to build and to plant."

Yahweh encourages Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

11 Another time, Yahweh's message came to me, saying, "Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), what do you see?"

"I see a branch from an almond tree," I replied.

12 Then Yahweh told me, "You've done well to see that, because I keep watch[6] on my message to make sure it happens."

13 Then Yahweh asked me a second time what I was seeing, and I replied, "I see a pot full of boiling water and it's tipping towards the north."

14 "Yes, disaster will come from the north and be released onto all the inhabitants of this region," Yahweh continued. **15** "Listen, I'm about to summon all the clans of the northern kingdoms, and they'll come and attack the walls around Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all of Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities, then each king will place his throne at the entrance to Yerushalem's gates." That is Yahweh's declaration. **16** "That's how I'll judge my people for their wickedness as they've abandoned me and sacrificed to other gods and bowed down to idols that they made

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1:1 The_words/messages_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} one_
_of the_priests who were_at_ʼAnātōt in_land of_Binyāmīn.
2 Whom the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_him/it in_the_
_days_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_son_of ʼĀmōn the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_thir- teen year of_reigning_his. **3** And_
_he/it_was in_the_days_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of
Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh until one_plus_of ten year of_
_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh was_finished until Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) went_
_into_exile in_month (the)_fifth.
4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
5 Before_before mmm[4] in_belly I_knew_you and_before you_
_came_forth from_the_womb I_set_you_apart a_prophet to_
_nations I_appointed_you. **6** And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH**
HERE not I_know to_speak[5] if/because am_a_youth I. **7** And_
YHWH _he/it_said to_me do_not say am_a_youth I if/because
to every_of one_whom I_will_send_you you_will_go and_ꝺom
all_of that I_will_command_you you_will_speak. **8** Do_not be_
_afraid from_their_face/front if/because will_be_with_you I to_
_deliver_you the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **9** And_ **YHWH** _he_
_stretched_out ꝺom his/its_hand and_he_touched (on) mouth_
_of_my and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me HERE I_have_put
words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_your. **10** See I_appoint_
_you the_day the_this over the_nations and_over (the)_
_kingdoms to_pluck_up and_to_pull_down and_to_destroy and_
_to_tear_down to_build and_to_plant.

11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say what
are_you seeing Oh_Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) and_I_said a_branch_of
an_almond_tree I am_seeing. **12** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me
you_have_done_well to_see if/because I am_keeping_watch
over message_of_my to_do_it. **13** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _
_he/it_was to_me a_second_time to_say what are_you seeing
and_I_said a_pot blown_upon I am_seeing and_face_of_its from_
_face/in_front_of northward_of. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_
_me from_the_north (the)_calamity it_will_be_let_untie/release
on all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. **15** If/because
HERE_I am_about_to_summon to/from_all/each/any/every
the_clans_of the_kingdoms_of northward_of the_utterance_of
YHWH and_they_will_come and_they_will_set each_one
throne_of_his the_entrance_of the_gates_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of walls_of_its all_around
and_on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **16** And_I_will_
_speak judgements_of_my them on all_of wickedness_of_their
which they_have_abandoned_me and_they_have_made_smoke
to_gods other and_they_have_bowed_down to_the_works_of
their_own_hands_of_their. **17** And_you(ms) you_will_gird_up

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1 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 22:3–23:27; 2Ch 34:8–35:19.

2 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:36–24:7; 2Ch 36:5-8.

3 **RV 1:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:18–25:21; 2Ch 36:11-21.

4 **LV 1:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רוצא**/: (x-qere) **רָצָא**/; lemma_3335 morph_HVqi1cs/Sp2ms id_24BsK **רָצָא**/

5 **LV 1:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

6 **RV 1:12 · Note** There's a play on words in the original here, as the Hebrew word for 'keeping watch' has the same consonants as the word for 'almond'.

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loins_of_your and_you_will_arise and_you_will_say to_them
ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that I I_will_command_you do_not be_dismayed
from_their_face/front lest I_should_make_you_dismayed
before_them. **18** And_I HERE I_have_made_you the_day into_a_
_city_of fortification and_into_a_pillar_of iron and_into_walls_
_of bronze on all_of the_earth/land to_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh
to_officials_of_its to_priests_of_its and_to_the_people_of the_
_earth/land. **19** And_they_will_fight against_you and_not they_
_will_prevail to/for_you(fs) if/because will_be_with_you I the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** to_deliver_you.
2:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Go
and_you_will_proclaim in_the_ears_of[7] of_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say thus **YHWH** he_says I_
_remember to/for_you(fs) the_covenant_loyalty_of your_
_youth(s)_of_your the_love_of your(pl)_betrothal(s)_of_your
walking_your after_me in_wilderness in_land not sown. **3** Was_
_a_holy_thing Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to/for_**YHWH** the_beginning_of
his_produce_of_his[8] all_of those_of_who_devour_it they_will_
_be_held_guilty calamity it_will_come to_them the_utterance_
_of **YHWH**.

4 Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_house_of Yaʿaqovʿ/(Jacob)
and_all the_clans_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **5** Thus
YHWH he_says what ancestors_of_your(pl) did_they_find in_
_me injustice that/for/because/then/when they_became_
_distant from_with_me and_they_walked after (the)_vanity
and_they_became_vain. **6** And_not they_said where is_**YHWH**
who_brought_up us from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) who_
_led us in_wilderness in_land wilderness_plain and_pit[s] in_
_land dryness and_deep_darkness in_land which_not he_has_
_passed in_it anyone and_not anyone he_has_dwelt there.
7 And_I_brought you(pl) into the_land_of the_orchard to_eat
fruit_of_its and_its_good_of_thing[s] and_you(pl)_came and_
_you(pl)_made_unclean ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_my and_inheritance_of_
_my you(pl)_made into_an_abomination. **8** The_priests not
they_said where is_**YHWH** and_those_who_handled_of (of)_
_the_law not they_knew_me and_the_shepherds they_rebelled
against_me and_the_prophets they_prophesied by_Baʿal and_
_after things_which_not they_profited they_walked.

9 For_so/thus/hence again I_will_contend with_you(pl) the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_children_of your(pl)_
_children_of_your(pl) I_will_contend. **10** If/because pass_over
the_coasts_of Kittim/(Cyprus) and_see and_Qēdār send and_
_consider_carefully exceedingly and_see THERE it_has_

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with their own hands. **17** So Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), get yourself ready and go and tell them everything that I'll tell you. Don't be scared in front of them or else I'll scare you right there in front of them! **18** And listen, today I've you as strong as a fortified city and an iron pillar and bronze walls, as far as the kings of Yehudah are concerned, along with their officials and priests, and the general population. **19** They'll oppose you but they won't be able to defeat you because I'll be with you to rescue you," says Yahweh.

Yisrael has deviated from Yahweh · Both kingdoms

2:1 Then Yahweh gave me a message **2** to proclaim to Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) ears:

"Yahweh says: I remember your loyal commitment when you were all young
and your love when you were committed to me.
You all followed after me in the wilderness where no crops were planted.
3 Yisrael (Israel) was set apart for Yahweh—the firstfruits of his harvest.
All those who devoured it became guilty—calamity came to them.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yisrael's ancestors turned away · Both kingdoms

4 Listen to Yahweh's message you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob),
and all you clans that are part of Yisrael (Israel).
5 Yahweh asks: what injustices did you ancestors find in me,
that caused them to become distant from me.
They chased after vanity and became vain.
6 They didn't try to find out where Yahweh was—
the one brought led them out of Mitsrayim (Egypt)
then led them through the wilderness with its pits and desert areas.
It was a region of deep darkness without water—
an area that no one passes through, let alone lives in.
7 Then I took you to the Karmel region
to eat its fruit and other good things.
However you came and defiled my land
and made the inheritance that I gave you into something detestable.
8 The priests didn't ask where Yahweh was,
and the handlers of the law didn't know me.
The shepherds rebelled against me,
and the prophets prophesied by Ba'al
and they went after things that wouldn't profit them.

Yahweh's case against his people · Both kingdoms

9 Yahweh declares: I will bring a case against you all,
and I'll contend against your children and your grandchildren.

7 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
8 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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10 If you all cross over west to the coasts of Kupros (Cyprus) Island and look,
or head east to Kedar, ask around and pay careful attention
to see if something like this has ever happened before.
11 Has a country ever swapped out its gods (not that they were actual gods)?
But my people have exchanged their greatness for something of no benefit.
12 You heavens, be appalled and shudder.
Become utterly desolate.
That's what Yahweh says
13 because my people have done two evil things:
1. They've abandoned the spring of living water
and 2. They've gone and dug wells for themselves—broken cisterns that can't hold any water.

Yisrael's punishment for abandonment · Both kingdoms

14 Is Yisrael (Israel) a slave? Was it born into slavery?
Why has it been carried off as plunder?
15 Young lions roared at it—
they've made their voice heard.
They've made the land into wasteland—
its cities have become ruins without any inhabitants.
16 Also the people from Nof (Memphis) and Tahfanhes have shaved your heads.
17 Didn't you bring this on yourself by abandoning your god, Yahweh
at the time when he was leading you along the right path.
18 So now, what's the point of travelling to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to drink from Shihor's waters?
And why bother taking a trip to Ashur (Assyria) to drink the river water?
19 Your own wickedness will punish you
and your turning away will rebuke you.
So see and know that it's evil and bitter to abandon your god Yahweh,
and you no longer have respect for me.
That's Commander-in-chief Yahweh's declaration.

Yisrael refuses to worship Yahweh · Both kingdoms

20 I broke off your yoke from long ago.
I tore your chains to pieces and you said that you wouldn't disobey,
because you'd been lying down with prostitutes on every high hill and under every leafy tree.
21 I myself had planted you as a choice vine from a reliable seed,
but how you've changed yourself into some degenerate, wild vine,
22 because even if you wash yourself with bleach or use heaps of soap,

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_happened like_this. 11 Has_ a_nation _it_exchanged gods and_
_they not are_gods and_people_of_my it_has_exchanged glory_
_of_its for_that_which_not it_profits. 12 Be_appalled Oh_heaven
on this and_shudder be_desolate exceedingly the_utterance_of
YHWH. 13 If/because two evil_things people_of_my it_has_
_done ᴅᴏᴍ_me they_have_abandoned a_spring_of water living
to_dig to/for_them cisterns cisterns broken which not they_
_contain the_waters.

14 A_slave is_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or one_born_of the_household is_
_it why has_it_become (into)_plunder. 15 On/upon/above_
_him/it young_lions they_have_been_roaring they_have_given_
_forth voice_of_their and_they_have_made land_of_its into_a_
_waste cities_of_its they_are_ruined[9] from_not_of inhabitant.
16 Also the_people_of Nof/(Memphis) and[10] they_will_graze_
_you crown_of_head. 17 Am_not this have_you_done to_
_yourself by_your_abandoning ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your at_the_
_time_of when_of_he_was_leading_you in_way. 18 And_now
what is_to_you to_the_journey_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_drink
the_water_of the_Shiyḥōr and_what is_to_you to_the_journey_
_of 'Ashshūr to_drink the_water_of the_River. 19 It_will_
_punish_you wickedness_of_your and_apostasies_of_your they_
_will_rebuke_you and_know and_see if/because_that is_evil
and_bitter abandoning_your ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your and_not
of_me_of_awe is_with_you the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers.

20 If/because from_long_ago/eternity I_broke_off yoke_of_your
I_tore_apart fetters_of_your and_you_said not I_will_
_transgress[11] if/because on every_of hill high and_under
every_of tree luxuriant you have_been_lying_down a_
_prostitute. 21 And_I I_had_planted_you a_choice_vine of_it_of_
_all was_seed_of reliability and_how you_have_changed_
_yourself to_me the_degenerate_ones_of the_vine alien.
22 If/because though you_will_wash with_soda and_you_will_
_increase to/for_you(fs) soap iniquity_of_your is_stained
to/for_my_face/front the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
23 How will_you_say not I_have_made_myself_unclean after
the_Ba'al not I_have_walked consider conduct_of_your in_
_valley recognize what have_you_done a_young_camel swift

9 **LV 2:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התצנ**: (x-qere) **'וְתָצֻנּ'**: lemma_3341 n_0.0 morph_HVNp3cp id_24Z4D **וְתָצֻנּ**
10 **LV 2:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סנפחת/ו**: (x-qere) **'סֻחֲנְפַּחַת/וֹ'**: lemma_c/8471 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_24p7s **סֻחֲנְפַּחַת/וֹ**
11 **LV 2:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **דבעא**: (x-qere) **'רֹוֶבֶּעָא'**: lemma_5674 a n_1 morph_HVqi1cs id_24x72 **רֹוֶבֶּעָא**

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which_entwines paths_of_its. **24** A_wild_donkey accustomed_
_to_of (of)_a_wilderness in_the_desire_of mmm[12] it_pants_for
the_wind heat_of who will_he_turn_it_back all_of those_of_
_who_seek_it not they_will_grow_weary in_month_of_its they_
_will_find_it. **25** Restrain foot_of_your from_barefoot and[13]
from_thirst and_you_said despairing no if/because I_love
strange_gods and_after_them I_will_walk.

26 Like_the_shame_of a_thief if/because he_is_found so the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they kings_of_their officials_of_their
and_priests_of_their and_prophets_of_their they_have_been_
_put_to_shame. **27** Who_say to_wood father_of_are_my you
and_to_stone you mmm[14] if/because they_have_turned to_me
a_neck and_not a_face and_at_the_time_of their_calamity_of_
_their they_will_say arise and_save_us. **28** And_where gods_of_
_are_your which you_made for_yourself let_them_arise if they_
_will_save_you at_the_time_of your_calamity_of_your
if/because the_number_of your(pl)_cities_of_your gods_of_your
they_are Oh_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **29** To/for_what do_you(pl)_
_contend against_me of_you_of_all you(pl)_have_rebelled
against_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **30** For_vanity I_struck
~~ḎǾM~~ sons_of_your(pl) correction not they_accepted sword_of_
_your(pl) it_devoured prophets_of_your(pl) like_a_lion
destroying. **31** Oh_generation you(pl) consider the_message_of
YHWH a_wilderness have_I_been to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or a_land_
_of darkness why people_of_my have_they_said we_have_
_roamed_freely not we_will_come again to_you. **32** Will_ a_
_virgin _she_forget ornament[s]_of_her a_bride sashes_of_her
and_people_of_my they_have_forgotten_me days there_is_not
number. **33** How you_make_good way_of_your to_seek love for_
_so/thus/hence also ~~ḎǾM~~ (the)_wicked_women you_have_
_taught[15] ~~ḎǾM~~ ways_of_your. **34** Also on_skirts_of_your the_
_blood_of the_lives_of needy_people innocent they_were_found
not in_(the)_in you_found_them if/because on all_of these_
_things. **35** And_you_said if/because I_am_innocent surely
anger_of_his it_has_turned_back from_me HERE_I am_about_
_to_enter_into_judgement_with you because said_you not I_
_have_sinned. **36** Why do_you_go_about exceedingly to_change
~~ḎǾM~~ way_of_your also from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) you_will_be_
_ashamed just_as you_were_ashamed from_'Ashshūr. **37** Also
from_with this_one you_will_go_out and_hands_of_your will_
_be_on head_of_your if/because **YHWH** he_has_rejected (in)_
_your_objects_of_of_confidence and_not you_will_prosper

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your guilt remains as a stain in front of me.
That is the declaration of my master, Yahweh.
23 How can you say, 'I'm not defiled—I haven't worshipped the Baals'?
Consider your conduct in the valley.
Recognise what you've done:
behaving like a young, female camel that flits here and there.
24 You're like a wild, female donkey, accustomed to the wilderness in its desire for the wind.
No one can hold her back when she's in heat.
All those searching for her won't give up trying to find her at mating time.
25 Keep your feet from becoming bare, and your throat from thirst,
but you've said that it's hopeless,
as you love foreign gods and feel obliged to follow them.

Yisrael deserves their punishment · Both kingdoms

26 It's like the shame felt by a thief who gets caught.
So too, you Israelis will be shamed:
the people, their kings and officials, and their priests and prophets
27 who say to the tree, 'You're my father,'
and to the standing stone, 'You gave birth to me.'
Yes, they show their backs to me, not their faces,
but when calamity comes, they'll say, 'Do something and rescue us!'
28 So where then are the gods that you made for yourself?
Let them take action if they can save you at the time of your calamity,
because you have as many gods and you have cities in Yehudah (Judah).
29 Why do you all complain to me, when all of you have rebelled against me?
That is Yahweh's declaration.
30 It was a waste of time when I beat your sons—they wouldn't accept discipline.
You've all killed your prophets like a destructive lion.
31 You in this generation, pay attention to Yahweh's message.
Have I been a wilderness to Yisrael (Israel), or a land of thick darkness?
Why would my people say that they've now gone their own ways
and so won't come back to me again?
32 Would a young woman forget to wear her jewelry,
or a bride forget to wear her wedding sashes?
However my people have forgotten me for such a long time.
33 You've become very good at finding love—

12 LV 2:24 · Note OSHB variant note: שפנ/ו: (x-qere) הָ֫שְׁפֵּנִי: lemma_5315 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3fs id_24Cpt הָ֫שְׁפֵּנִי
13 LV 2:25 · Note OSHB variant note: נרוג/ך: (x-qere) הָ֫נְּוֹרְגִ֥/וּ: lemma_c/1627 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsc/Sp2fs id_24LZU הָ֫נְּוֹרְגִ֥/וּ
14 LV 2:27 · Note OSHB variant note: תדל/ני: (x-qere) וּנְ֫תָדְלִ֥י: lemma_3205 n_1.1 morph_HVqp2fs/Sp1cp id_24hDf וּנְ֫תָדְלִ֥י
15 LV 2:33 · Note OSHB variant note: תדמל: (x-qere) תְּ֫תַדְמְלִ֥י: lemma_3925 n_0.0 morph_HVpp1cs id_24WMK תְּ֫תַדְמְלִ֥י

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you could even teach prostitutes a thing or two!
34 The blood of innocent, poor people was even found on your clothes—
it wasn't because you caught them breaking in, but you did it anyway
35 then you said, 'But I'm innocent—surely he's not angry at me.'
Listen, I'm about to judge you because you said that you didn't sin.
36 Why are you constantly changing your alliances?
You'll be disappointed by Mitsrayim (Egypt) just like you were disappointed by Ashur (Assyria).
37 What's more, you'll be removed from this place will your hands on your head,
because Yahweh has rejected the ones that you put your confidence in
→and they won't be of any help to you.

Yisrael is unfaithful · Both kingdoms

3:1 Listen, if a man divorced his wife and she left and married another man,
surely he wouldn't move in with her again?
Wouldn't the country end up totally immoral?
Now you've acted like a prostitute with many partners—
would you then return to me?
That is Yahweh's declaration.
2 Look up at the barren hilltops and see.
Is there anywhere there where you haven't given yourself?
You sat by the paths waiting for them like an Aravi waiting in the wilderness,
and so you've polluted the nation by your acts of prostitution and wickedness.
3 That's why the showers have been withheld
and the late rains never came,
yet you have the look of a prostitute who refuses to be ashamed.
4 Even now you say that I'm your father,
or that I'm your close friend from since you were young.
5 Will he be angry forever?
Or permanently keep watch?
Listen, you say that, but you do all the wicked things that you can.

Yehudah is also unfaithful · Southern kingdom

6 At the time when Yoshiyah (Josiah) was king of Yehudah (Judah),[20] Yahweh asked me, "Do you see what faithless Yisrael (Israel) has done? She herself has walked up every high hill, and has been a prostitute underneath every green tree. **7** However I

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to/for_them.

3:1 To_say THERE a_husband he_will_send_away ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _wife/woman and_she_will_go from_with_him and_she_will_ _belong to_a_man another will_he_return to_her/it again am_ _not completely_(be_polluted) the_earth/land (the)_that will_ _it_be_polluted and_you you_have_acted_as_a_prostitute companions many and_will_you_return to_me the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **2** Lift_up eyes_of_your on bare_heights and_see where not have_you_been_lain_with[16] at roads you_sat to/for_ _them like_an_ʿArāvī in_wilderness and_you_have_polluted the_land by_prostitution(s)_of_your and_by_wickedness_of_ _your. **3** And_ showers _they_have_been_withheld and_spring_ _rain not it_has_come and_the_forehead_of a_woman a_ _prostitute it_belonged to/for_you(fs) you_refused to_be_ _ashamed. **4** Am_not from_now have_you_called[17] to_me my_ _father_of_my were_the_close_friend_of my_youth(s)_of_my you. **5** Will_he_keep forever_perpetuity or will_he_keep to_ _perpetuity HERE you_spoke[1819] and_you_did (the)_wicked_ _things and_you_were_able.

6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me in_the_days_of Yoʾshiy[yāh]/(Josiah) the_king have_you_seen that_which the_ _apostate_one Yisrāʾ[ēl]/(Israel) she_has_done she has_been_ _going on every_of hill high and_near/to under every_of tree luxuriant and_she_has_acted_as_a_prostitute there. **7** And_I_ _thought after she_has_done ~~DOM~~ all_of these_things to_me

16 **LV 3:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תלגש: (x-qere) 'תְּבַכֶּשׁ': lemma_7901 n_1.2 morph_HVPp2fs id_24YfW תְּבַכֶּשׁ
17 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתארק: (x-qere) 'תָּאָרָק': lemma_7121 morph_HVqp2fs id_24uXm תָּאָרָק
18 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתרבד: (x-qere) 'תְּרֻבַּד': lemma_1696 n_0.0.0 morph_HVpp2fs id_24wtX תְּרֻבַּד
19 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.
20 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 22:1–23:30; 2Ch 34:1–35:27.

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she_will_return and_not she_has_returned and[21] treacherous sister_of_her Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** And_I_saw if/because_that on all_of causes that the_apostate_one Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) she_ _committed_adultery I_sent_her_away and_I_gave ~~DOM~~ the_ _document_of her_divorce(s)_of_her to_her/it and_not treacherous Yəhūdāh sister_of_her she_was_afraid and_she_ _went and_she_acted_as_a_prostitute also she. **9** And_it_was from_the_lightness_of her_prostitution_of_her and_it_was_ _polluted ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_she_committed_adultery ~~DOM~~ (the)_stone and_~~DOM~~ the_tree. **10** And_also in_all this not she_returned to_me treacherous sister_of_her Yəhūdāh in_all her/its_heart if/because (if) with_deception the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

11 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me self_of_her the_apostate_one Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) she_has_made_appear_righteous more_than_ _treacherous Yəhūdāh. **12** Go and_you_will_proclaim ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these northward_toward and_you_will_ _say return Oh_apostate_one Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_make_fall face_of_my on_you(pl) if/because am_faithful I the_utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_keep forever_ _perpetuity. **13** Only recognize iniquity_of_your if/because_that against_**YHWH** god_of_your you_have_rebelled and_you_have_ _scattered ~~DOM~~ ways_of_your to_strangers under every_of tree luxuriant and_to_voice_of_my not you(pl)_have_listened the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **14** Return Oh_sons apostate the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** if/because I I_am_master over_you(pl) and_I_will_take you(pl) one from_a_city and_two from_a_clan and_I_will_bring you(pl) Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **15** And_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) shepherds according_to_of_my_own_heart and_ _they_will_shepherd you(pl) knowledge and_insight. **16** And_it_ _was if/because you(pl)_will_multiply and_you(pl)_will_be_ _fruitful on_the_earth in_the_days (the)_those the_utterance_ _of **YHWH** not people_will_say again the_box_of the_covenant_ _of **YHWH** and_not it_will_come_up on a_heart and_not people_will_remember in_him/it and_not people_will_miss_it and_not it_will_be_made again. **17** At_time (the)_that people_ _will_call (to)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_throne_of **YHWH** and_they_will_be_gathered to_her/it all_of the_nations to_the_ _name_of **YHWH** to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not they_ _will_walk again after the_stubbornness_of their_own_heart_ _of_their (the)_evil. **18** In_the_days (the)_those the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_walk with the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_come together from_a_land_of the_north to the_earth/land which I_gave_as_an_inheritance ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl).

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thought that after she'd done all those things, she'd return to me, but she hasn't, and her treacherous sister, Yehudah, saw her. **8** So I saw that because of all those situations where faithless Yisrael had committed adultery, I had given her divorce notice to her and sent her away. But her sister Yehudah, acting treacherously, wasn't worried and she went out and also prostituted herself. **9** Because she took her prostitution lightly, the nation became immoral and committed adultery with standing stones and trees. **10** Then after all that, that treacherous sister Yehudah didn't return to me with sincerity, but with deception. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Hope for unfaithful Yisrael · Northern kingdom

11 Then Yahweh told me: Unfaithful Yisrael (Israel) has actually been more upright than treacherous Yehudah (Judah)!
12 Go up north and tell them:
Unfaithful Yisrael, Yahweh declares:
Return to me—
I won't continue to be angry at you, because I'm faithful.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
13 However you must recognise your disobedience
because you've rebelled against your god, Yahweh,
and you've extended your connections to foreign gods under every leafy tree,
and you haven't listened to my voice.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
14 Return you unfaithful children, Yahweh declares,
because I'm your husband.
Then I'll take you all—one from a city and a couple from a clan—and I'll bring you to Tsiyon (Zion),
15 and I'll give you shepherds who'll be faithful to me,
and they will guide you with knowledge and insight.
16 Then when you're fruitful and multiply in the land, Yahweh says,
they'll no longer talk about having the chest containing Yahweh's agreement.
They won't call it to mind or remember it,
and they won't miss it or want a new one made again.
17 At that time, they'll call Yerushalem (Jerusalem) Yahweh's throne,
and they'll be gathered there from all the nations to honour Yahweh's name,
and they won't want to behave again according to the evil in their own stubborn minds.
18 In those days, the people of Yehudah (Judah) will join the people of Yisrael (Israel),
coming from the northern lands to the land that I gave your ancestors as an inheritance.

21 LV 3:7 · Note OSHB variant note: הארת/ו: (x-qere) אֶרֶת/ו: lemma_c/7200 n_0.0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3fs id_24Cdg אֶרֶת/ו

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The sinning of Yisrael · Both kingdoms

19 Then I thought to myself about how I'd accept you to be my children,
and give you a desirable land—an inheritance that all nations consider very beautiful.
I decided that you'll all call me 'my father',
and then you all won't turn away from me.
20 However, like a woman who deals treacherously with her companion,
so too you've all dealt treacherously with me, you Israeli people.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
21 A sound of weeping is heard on the barren hilltops—
the Israeli people begging for mercy
because they've followed paths of disobedience
and they've forgotten their god, Yahweh.
22 Come back, you unfaithful children—I will cure your faithlessness.
Say, look, we're coming back to you because you're our god, Yahweh.
23 Deception definitely comes from the hills—a commotion of mountains.
Our god Yahweh is certainly Yisrael's (Israel's) salvation.
24 From our youth, that shameful idol worship has consumed our ancestors' hard work—
their sheep and cattle, and their sons and daughters.
25 Let us lie down in our shame, and let our humiliation cover us,
because we've disobeyed our god, Yahweh.
Our ancestors and then we ourselves, haven't listened to the voice of our god, Yahweh.

A call to turn back · Northern kingdom

4:1 Yahweh says:
If you'll return, Yisrael (Israel),
yes, if you'll return to me
and remove those detestable idols away from me without wavering,
2 and if you promise as Yahweh lives, in truth, justice, and righteousness,
then the nations will bless themselves in him,
and it's him that they'll boast about.
3 Yes, tells the people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across all Yehudah (Judah):
Plough your unploughed ground, but don't sow thornbushes.[24]
4 Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh by removing the foreskins from your hearts
you people of Yerushalem and Yehudah,
so that my rage doesn't burst out and burn like fire,
because there wouldn't be anyone to extinguish it due to the wickedness of your behaviour.

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19 And_I I_thought how I_will_set_you among_sons and_I_will_
_give to/for_you(fs) a_land_of desire an_inheritance_of beauty
of_beauties_of nations and_I_thought father_of_my you(pl)_
_will_call[22] to_me and_from_after_me not you(pl)_will_turn_
_away[23]. **20** Nevertheless a_woman she_deals_treacherously
from_companion_of_her so you(pl)_have_dealt_treacherously
with_me Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
21 A_sound on bare_heights the_weeping of_the_supplications_
_of of_the_people_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_heard if/because
they_have_perverted ~~DOM~~ way_of_their they_have_forgotten
~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their. **22** Return Oh_sons apostate I_will_
_heal apostasies_of_your(pl) here_we we_have_come to/for_
you(fs) if/because you are**YHWH** god_of_our. **23** Truly to_
_deception from_the_hills a_tumult mountains truly is_in_
_**YHWH** god_of_our the_salvation_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **24** And_
_the_shameful_thing it_has_consumed ~~DOM~~ the_toil_of our_
_ancestors_of_our since_youth(s)_of_our ~~DOM~~ flock[s]_of_their
and_~~DOM~~ herd[s]_of_their ~~DOM~~ sons_of_their and_~~DOM~~
daughters_of_their. **25** Let_us_lie_down in_shame_of_our and_
_let_it_cover_us disgrace_of_our if/because to/for_**YHWH** god_
_of_our we and_ancestors_of_our we_have_sinned since_
_youth(s)_of_our and_unto the_day the_this and_not we_have_
_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our.

4:1 If you_will_return Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of
YHWH to_me you_will_return and_if you_will_remove things_
_of_your_detestable from_presence_of_my and_not you_will_
_waver. **2** And_you_will_swear by_the_life of_**YHWH** in_
_faithfulness in_justice and_in_righteousness and_they_will_
_bless_themselves in_him/it nations and_in_him they_will_
_boast. **3** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says to_the_man_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) plow
to/for_you(pl) unplowed_ground and_do_not sow to thorns.
4 Circumcise_yourselves to_**YHWH** and_remove the_foreskins_
_of your_heart_of_your(pl) Oh_man_of Yəhūdāh and_the_
_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) lest it_should_go_
_forth like_fire rage_of_my and_it_will_burn and_there_will_
_not_be one_who_extinguishes from_face/in_front_of the_
_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl).

22 LV 3:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **וארקת**: (x-qere) **יְאֹרְקֻהּ**: lemma_7121 morph_HVqi2fs id_24e5T **יְאֹרְקֻהּ**

23 LV 3:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **ובושת**: (x-qere) **יְבוֹשֻׁהּ**: lemma_7725 n_0 morph_HVqi2fs id_24jGt **יְבוֹשֻׁהּ**

24 RV 4:3 · Cross-ref. Hos 10:12.

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5 Declare in_Yəhūdāh and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) make_ _a_proclamation and_say and[25] a_trumpet on_the_earth call_ _out fill and_say gather_yourselves and_let_us_go to the_cities_ _of (the)_fortification. **6** Lift_up a_standard to_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) bring_to_safety do_not stand_still if/because calamity I am_ _about_to_bring from_the_north and_destruction great. **7** A_ _lion it_has_gone_up from_thicket_of_its and_a_destroyer_of nations he_has_set_out he_has_gone_out from_place_of_his to_ _make land_of_your into_a_waste cities_of_your they_will_fall_ _in_ruins from_not an_inhabitant. **8** On this gird_yourselves(pl) sackcloth(s) mourn and_wail if/because not the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** it_has_turned_back from_us. **9** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** the_heart_of the_ _king and_the_heart_of the_officials it_will_perish and_ the_ _priests _they_will_be_appalled and_the_prophets they_will_ _be_astonished. **10** And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** truly utterly_(deceive) you_have_deceived (to)_people the_this and_ _(to)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say peace it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) and_ a_sword _it_will_reach to the_throat. **11** At_ _time (the)_that it_will_be_said to_people the_this and_to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_wind scorching bare_heights in_ _wilderness will_be_the_direction_of the_daughter_of my_ _people_of_my not to_winnow and_not to_purify. **12** A_wind too_full from_these it_will_come to_me now also I I_will_speak judgements them. **13** THERE like_clouds he_is_going_up and_ _like_storm-wind chariots_of_his they_are_swift more_than_ _eagles horses_of_his woe to/for_us if/because we_are_ _devastated. **14** Wash from_evil heart_of_your Oh_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) so_that you_may_be_saved until when will_it_remain in_your_inner_of_being the_thoughts_of your_wickedness_of_your. **15** If/because a_voice is_declaring from_Dān and_it_is_proclaiming trouble from_hill of_'Efrayim. **16** Bring_to_remembrance to_nations HERE proclaim to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) besiegers are_coming from_(the)_ _land_of (the)_distance and_they_have_given_forth on the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) voice_of_their. **17** Like_those_who_ _guard_of (of)_a_field they_are on/upon_it(f) from_round_ _about if/because ~~DOM~~_me it_has_been_rebellious_against the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** Conduct_of_your and_deeds_of_your they_have_brought_about these_things to/for_you(fs) this wickedness_of_is_your if/because it_is_bitter if/because it_has_ _reached to heart_of_your.

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The coming punishment of Yehudah · Southern kingdom

5 Announce in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
and declare in Yehudah (Judah) to blow the horn in the land.
Call out loudly to gather together and enter the fortified cities.
6 Lift up a banner towards Tsiyon (Zion) and get to safety.
Don't stand still because I'm about to bring calamity from the north with horrific destruction.
7 A lion has come up from its thicket,
and a destroyer of nations has set out.
He's come out from his place to make your country into a wasteland.
Your cities will be reduced to ruins with no inhabitants.
8 So put on sackcloth—mourn and wail
because Yahweh's burning anger hasn't turned away from us.
9 Yahweh says that at that time,
the king and his officials will lose heart
and the priests and prophets will be astonished.
10 Then I replied, "Oh now! My master Yahweh,
you've certainly completely deceived Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and also this people,
saying, 'It will be well for you all.' Yet the sword will come for our throats."
11 When that happens, Yerushalem and this people will be told:
A scorching wind will come from the bare hills in the wilderness.
It won't be coming just to winnow the grain and blow away the chaff—
12 it'll be a strong blast from me.
Then I'll speak judgements against them.
13 Listen, he goes up like the clouds,
and his chariots are like the storm wind.
His horses are faster than eagles.
→We won't end well because we'll be devastated.
14 Yerushalem (Jerusalem), wash the evil from your heart so that you can be saved.
How much longer will you hold onto your wicked thoughts for,
15 because a voice from Dan declares trouble
and disaster is proclaimed from Efrayim's (Ephraim's) hill?
16 Remind the nations—
listen, announce to Yerushalem:
They're coming from a distant land to lay siege against you,
and they raise their voice against Yehudah's (Judah's) cities.
17 They'll surround Yerushalem like the watchmen around a field because it rebelled against me.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
18 Your conduct and your actions have brought that to you, Yerushalem.
That's your punishment—it's bitter and it'll pierce to your heart.

25 **LV 4:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ועקת/ו: (x-qere) 'וְעִקַּת': lemma_8628 morph_HVqv2mp id_24C5b וְעִקַּת

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19 My inward parts, my insides!
I writhe with chest pains.
My heart is pounding—I won't stay silent,

Yirmiyah's sorrow for the country · Southern kingdom

→because my soul, you hear the sound of the trumpet—an alarm for battle.
20 Destruction followed by more destruction has been proclaimed,
because all the land has been devastated.
Suddenly my tents are devastated—
my tent fabrics gone in a moment.
21 How long do I have to watch the enemy's banner for?
How long will that trumpet sound go on for?
22 Yes, my people are foolish—they don't know me.
They're like stupid children who don't understand anything.
They've very clever at doing what's evil
and they don't know how to do what's good.
23 I saw the land, and wow, it was formless and empty,
and the skies didn't have any light.

Yirmiyah's vision about destruction · Southern kingdom

24 I saw the mountains, and wow, they were quaking,
and all the hills shook back-and-forth.
25 I looked, and wow, there were no more people,
and all the birds had flown away.
26 I saw, and wow, the orchard had turned into a wilderness,
and all the cities had been pulled down out of Yahweh's sight due to his burning anger,
27 because Yahweh says this:
The entire country will become desolate,
^but I won't completely destroy it.
28 The land will mourn after that,
and the skies will darken from above,
because I've revealed my resolution,
^and I won't change my mind or turn back from it.
29 The city people will flee from the sound of approaching horsemen and archers.
They'll head into the thickets and up onto the cliffs.
→Every city will be abandoned without anyone living in them.
30 So you,[28] what will you do for the devastated one?
You dress in scarlet, adorning yourself with gold jewelry.
You make your eyes look bigger with makeup, but it won't help—
your lovers reject you and they're coming for your life.
31 Yes, I hear a sound like a woman in labour—
distress like a woman giving birth to her first child—
the sound of Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter as she gasps for breath.
She spreads out her hands saying,

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19 Parts_of_my_inward parts_of_my_inward I_am_waiting[26]
the_walls_of my_heart_of_my is_turbulent to/for_me heart_of_
_my not I_will_keep_silent if/because the_sound_of a_trumpet
you_have_heard[27] my_self_of_my the_shout_of battle.
20 Destruction to destruction it_has_been_proclaimed
if/because all_of the_earth/land it_has_been_devastated
suddenly tents_of_my they_have_been_devastated a_moment
curtains_of_my_tent. **21** Until when will_I_see a_standard will_
_I_hear the_sound_of a_trumpet. **22** If/because is_a_fool
people_of_my me not they_know are_children fools they and_
_not they are_having_understanding are_skillful they to_do_
_evil and_to_do_good not they_know.

23 I_looked_at ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_
_was_formlessness and_emptiness and_near/to the_heavens
and_was_not light_of_their. **24** I_looked_at the_mountains and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_quaking and_all the_hills they_
_shook_to_and_fro. **25** I_looked and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_not
the_humankind and_all (the)_bird_of the_heavens they_had_
_fled. **26** I_looked and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_garden-land was_
_(the)_wilderness and_all cities_of_its they_had_been_pulled_
_down from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** from_face/in_front_of
the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. **27** If/because thus **YHWH** he_
_says a_desolation it_will_be all_of the_earth/land and_
_complete_destruction not I_will_make. **28** On this the_
_earth/land it_will_mourn and_ the_heavens (from)_above _
_they_will_be_dark on if/because I_have_spoken I_have_
_resolved and_not I_have_repented and_not I_will_turn_back
from_it. **29** From_the_sound_of a_horseman and_a_shooter_of
a_bow every_of the_city is_fleeing people_will_go in_thickets
and_on_rocks people_will_go_up every_of the_city is_
_abandoned and_there_is_not dwelling in_them anyone.
30 And[29] Oh_devastated_one what are_you_doing
that/for/because/then/when you_are_dressing scarlet
that/for/because/then/when you_adorn_yourself
ornament[s]_of gold that/for/because/then/when you_tear_
_open with_eye-paint eyes_of_your for_vanity you_beautify_
_yourself they_have_rejected (in)_you lovers life_of_your they_
_seek. **31** If/because a_sound like_a_sick_woman I_have_heard
distress like_a_woman_bearing_a_first_child the_sound_of the_
_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) she_is_gasping_for_breath she_is_
_spreading_out palms_of_her woe please to_me if/because self_
_of_my it_is_weary to_murderers.

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26 LV 4:19 · Note OSHB variant note: הלוחא: (x-qere) 'הָלְיְחוֹא': lemma_3176 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HVhh1cs id_245Xt הָלְיְחוֹא

27 LV 4:19 · Note OSHB variant note: יתעמש: (x-qere) 'תַּעֲמָשׁ': lemma_8085 morph_HVqp2fs id_249XH תַּעֲמָשׁ

28 RV 4:30 · Note The Hebrew has a female you pronoun (as used for the city), which doesn't match the male form of devastated. Many modern versions have What will you do, devastated one? despite the gender mismatch.

29 LV 4:30 · Note OSHB variant note: יתאו: (x-qere) 'תַּאֲוִ': lemma_c/859 b morph_HC/Pp2fs id_24DdX תַּאֲוִ

Literal Version

5:1 Rove_about in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _see please and_observe and_search in_its_open_of_places if you(pl)_will_find a_person if there_is one_who_does justice one_who_seeks faithfulness and_I_will_forgive to/for_her/it. **2** And_if by_the_life of_**YHWH** people_say for_so/thus/hence to_falsehood they_are_swearing_oaths. **3** Oh_**YHWH** eyes_of_ _are_your am_not to_faithfulness you_struck ~~DOM~~_them and_ _not they_became_weak you_brought_them_to_an_end they_ _refused to_accept correction they_made_strong faces_of_their more_than_rock they_refused to_return. **4** And_I I_said only are_poor_people they they_have_acted_foolishly if/because not they_know the_way_of **YHWH** the_ordinance_of their_god_of_ _their. **5** I_will_go to/for_me to the_big(pl) and_I_will_speak them if/because they they_know the_way_of **YHWH** the_ _ordinance_of their_god_of_their nevertheless they alike they_ _had_broken_off a_yoke they_had_torn_apart fetters. **6** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_will_attack_them a_lion from_a_forest a_wolf_of wilderness_plains it_will_devastate_ _them a_leopard will_be_lying_in_wait at cities_of_their every_ _of (the)_one_who_goes_out from_them he_will_be_torn_in_ _pieces if/because transgressions_of_their they_are_many they_are_numerous mmm[31].[32] **7** Where for_this will_I_forgive[33] to/for_you(fs)[34] children_of_your they_have_abandoned_me and_they_have_sworn by_not gods and_I_satisfied them and_ _they_committed_adultery and_the_house_of a_prostitute they_cut_themselves. **8** Horses well_fed lustful they_are everyone to the_wife_of his/its_neighbour they_neigh. **9** On these_things not will_I_punish the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_if on_a_nation which is_like_this_one not self_of_my will_it_ _avenge_itself. **10** Go_up among_its_vine_of_rows and_destroy_ _them and_complete_destruction do_not make remove tendrils_of_its if/because not to/for_**YHWH** they. **11** If/because indeed_(deal_treacherously) they_have_dealt_treacherously with_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

'I fear for my life because of those murderers.'

Yerushalem's corruption · Southern kingdom

5:1 Roam around Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets and look and observe,
and search around its plazas.
If you can find one person there who values justice and strives to be faithful,
then I'll forgive the city.
2 Even when they make an oath in Yahweh's name,
it'll still be a lie.
3 Yahweh, don't you look for honesty?
You struck them but they don't even react.
You brought them to an end, but they refuse to accept correction.
They make their faces harder than rock and refuse to change.
4 Then I thought that maybe they're just poor people?
They act foolishly because they're not educated about Yahweh's way
or what their god requires of them?
5 So I'll go to the leaders and speak to them,
because they know Yahweh's way and what their god requires.
However, all of them have broken out from under his yoke,
and torn off the chains.
6 Because of that, a lion from a thicket will attack them.
A wolf from the wilderness will devastate them.
A leopard lies in wait outside their cities—
→everyone who goes out from them will be torn to pieces
because their disobedience is extensive
and their disloyalty is substantial.
7 How could I forgive you for that?
Your children have abandoned me and have made oaths by things that are not gods.
I satisfied them, but they committed adultery
and ritually cut themselves[30] at the prostitute's house.
8 They were well-fed, lusty horses,
each man neighing at his neighbour's wife.
9 Yahweh asks:
Shouldn't I punish them for these things?
Shouldn't I avenge myself on a nation like that?
10 Go along the rows in the vineyard and destroy them,
but don't completely destroy them—
break off their shoots because they don't belong to Yahweh.
11 No, Yisrael's (Israel's) and Yehudah's (Judah's) people had indeed dealt treacherously with me.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

30 RV 5:7 · Note Many translations follow the Septuagint here rather than the Hebrew, and end up with something like gathered together. (Of course, the prostitute here refers to idol worship.)

31 LV 5:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **מה/יתובשמ**: (x-qere) 'מֶֽה/יִתּוֹבוּשְׁמ': lemma_4878 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3mp id_24pBm מֶֽה/יִתּוֹבוּשְׁמ

32 LV 5:6 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

33 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **חולסא**: (x-qere) 'חַלְּסֶֽא': lemma_5545 morph_HVqi1cs id_24BPG חַלְּסֶֽא

34 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Readers' Version

Yahweh rejects Yisrael · Southern kingdom

12 They've denied Yahweh and said:
He doesn't exist and nothing bad will happen us,
and we'll never experience war or famine.
13 The prophets are full of air and don't have any message.
So let what they say, happen to them.
14 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Because you've spoken those words,
I'll put my messages in your mouth as a fire
and this people group will be the wood that it consumes.
15 Listen you Israelis to Yahweh's declaration:
I'm about to bring to you all a nation from far away—
it's an enduring nation that's been around for a long time.
You won't know their language or understand what they say.
16 Its quiver is like an open tomb.
All of them are warriors.
17 It will consume your grain and your food.
They'll devour your sons and daughters, and your flocks and your cattle.
They'll strip your grapevines and your fig trees.
With their swords, they'll shatter your fortified cities that you were trusting in.
18 But Yahweh says:
Even in those days, I won't completely destroy you all.
19 When the people ask why Yahweh's doing that, you'll tell them:
You rejected me and served foreign gods in your own country,
so you'll all serve strangers in a land that doesn't belong to you.

Yahweh warns his people · Southern kingdom

20 Declare this to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
and proclaim it in Yehudah (Judah):
21 Please listen to this, you foolish, heartless people.
They have eyes but do not see,
and they have ears, but do not hear.[35]
22 Yahweh declares:
Should you all respect and strive to obey me,
and shouldn't you tremble in front of me?
It was me who designated the sand as the boundary for the ocean—
it's a permanent line and the sea doesn't go past it.
The waters surge but get no further,
and the waves roar, but can't get past it.[36]
23 But this group of people has a stubborn and rebellious heart.
They've turned aside and gone away.
24 They don't say to themselves:
Please, let's strive to obey our god Yahweh—
the one who gives the autumn and spring rains at the appro-

Literal Version

12 They_have_denied (in)_**YHWH** and_they_said is_not he and_ _not it_will_come on_us harm and_sword and_famine not we_ _will_see. **13** And_the_prophets they_will_become to/for_ _wind/breath/spirit and_the_message not (is)_in_them thus let_it_be_done to/for_them. **14** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers he_says because you_have_ _spoken ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this HERE_I am_about_to_make words/messages_of_my in_mouth_of_your into_a_fire and_the_ _people the_this wood(s) and_it_will_consume_them. **15** HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_you(pl) a_nation from_a_distance Oh_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** is_a_nation enduring it is_a_nation from_long_ago/eternity it a_nation which_not you_know language_of_its and_not you_hear what does_it_say. **16** Quiver_of_its is_like_a_grave open of_them_of_ _all are_warriors. **17** And_he/it_will_eat harvest_of_your and_ _food_of_your they_will_devour sons_of_your and_daughters_ _of_your it_will_devour flock[s]_of_your and_herd[s]_of_your it_will_devour vine[s]_of_your and_your_fig_of_tree[s] it_will_ _shatter the_cities_of your(pl)_fortifications_of_your which you are_trusting in_them with_sword. **18** And_also in_the_days (the)_those the_utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_make with_ _you(pl) complete_destruction. **19** And_it_was if/because you(pl)_will_say for what **YHWH** god_of_our did_he_do to/for_ _us ᴅᴏᴍ all_of these_things and_you_will_say to_them just_as you(pl)_abandoned me and_you(pl)_served gods_of foreignness in_your_own_of_land so you(pl)_will_serve strangers in_land which_not belongs_to_you(pl).

20 Declare this in_house_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) and_proclaim_it in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say. **21** Hear please this Oh_people fool and_who_there_is_not heart eyes to/for_them and_not they_ _see ears to/for_them and_not they_hear. **22** Me not do_ _you(pl)_fear the_utterance_of **YHWH** or from_before_of_me not do_you(pl)_tremble who I_appointed the_sand a_boundary for_sea a_decree_of perpetuity and_not it_will_pass_over_it and_they_surged and_not they_will_prevail and_ waves_of_its _ _they_roar and_not they_will_pass_over_it. **23** And_to_people the_this a_heart stubborn and_rebellious it_belongs they_have_ _turned_aside and_they_have_gone_away. **24** And_not they_said in_heart_of_their let_us_fear please ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_our who_gives rain and[37] and_spring_rain at_its_appropriate_of_ _time the_weeks_of the_appointments_of harvest he_keeps to/for_us. **25** Iniquities_of_your(pl) they_have_turned_aside these_things and_sins_of_your(pl) they_have_withheld (the)_ _good from_you(pl). **26** If/because they_are_found among_ _people_of_my wicked_people he_watches as_ fowlers _bend they_set a_destroyer people they_catch. **27** Like_a_cage full bird[s] so houses_of_their are_full deceit therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_have_become_great and_they_have_ _gained_riches. **28** They_have_become_fat they_have_become_

35 **RV 5:21 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:9-10; Eze 12:2; Mrk 8:18.

36 **RV 5:22 · Cross-ref.** Yob 38:8-11.

37 **LV 5:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: הרי/ו: (x-qere) הָרוֹי: lemma_3138 morph_HNcmsa id_24GE5 הָרוֹי

Literal Version

_smooth also they_have_transgressed matters_of evil a_cause not they_have_pleaded the_cause_of the_fatherless and_they_ _will_have_success and_the_justice_of needy_people not they_ _have_judged. **29** On these_things not will_I_punish the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** or on_a_nation which is_like_this_one not self_of_my will_it_avenge_itself. **30** An_atrocious_event and_a_ _horrible_thing it_has_occurred on_the_earth. **31** The_prophets they_have_prophesied with_falsehood and_the_priests they_ _are_ruling on hands_of_their and_people_of_my they_have_ _loved thus and_what will_you(pl)_do to_end_of_its.

6:1 Bring_to_safety Oh_people_of Binyāmīn[39] from_the_midst_ _of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Təqō͗a blow a_trumpet and_at Bēyt Hakkerem raise a_rising if/because calamity it_ _has_looked_down from_the_north and_destruction great. **2** The_lovely_one and_the_dainty_one I_resemble the_ _daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **3** To_her/it shepherds and_ _flocks_of_their they_will_come they_will_pitch on/upon_it(f) tents all_around they_will_graze everyone ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand. **4** Consecrate on/upon_it(f) battle arise and_let_us_go_up at_ _noon(s) woe to/for_us if/because the_day it_has_turned if/because the_shadows_of evening they_are_stretched_out. **5** Arise and_let_us_go_up in_night and_let_us_destroy fortresses_of_its. **6** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says cut_down wood and_pour_out on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_mound that the_city it_will_be_ _visited of_it_of_all is_oppression in_midst_of_its. **7** As_keeps_ _cool a_well[40] water_of_its so it_has_kept_cool evil_of_its violence and_havoc it_is_heard in_it are_on face_of_my continually sickness and_wound[s]. **8** Let_yourself_be_ _instructed Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) lest self_of_my it_ _should_be_alienated from_you lest I_should_make_you a_ _desolation a_land which_not it_is_inhabited.

Readers' Version

priate time.
He decides on the harvest weeks for us.
25 Your disobedience has diverted those things,
and your sins have withheld goodness from you all
26 because there are wicked influencers among my people.
They lie in wait like a bird-catcher.
They set a trap and catch people.
27 Their homes are full of deceit like a cage full of birds.
→so that's how they've become rich and powerful.
28 They've become fat and slick.
They also disobey by doing evil.
They don't plead the cause of those who are fatherless,
and they're successful, yet they haven't insisted on justice for the poor.
29 Yahweh says:
Why shouldn't I punish them for all that behaviour?
Why shouldn't I avenge myself on a nation like this one?
30 Something horrible and shocking has happened in the country:
31 The prophets prophesy with lies,
and the priests rule by their own authority,
and my people love it this way,
but what will you all do when it comes to its end?

Yerushalem's last warning · Southern kingdom

6:1 Get out of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and get yourselves to safety, you people of Benyamin,
and blow a trumpet in Tekoa.
Send up a signal from Beyt-Hakerem
because disaster and terrible destruction looms from the north.
2 Although it's beautiful and delicate,
I will destroy Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter.
3 Shepherds and their flocks will go and pitch their tents all around it.[38]
Each one will graze their own area.
4 Prepare for battle.
Take action and let's attack at midday.
It won't be good for us if the day is ending
because the evening shadows get longer.
5 Take action and attack at night
and destroy its palaces.
6 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Cut down trees for timber
and mound up a ramp against Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
→That city must be punished as it's full of oppression.

38 RV 6:3 · Note Many English translations interpret these 'shepherds' with their 'flocks' to be leaders of foreign nations with their armies implementing the destruction mentioned in the previous verse, i.e., the ones battling in the next verse. However, we've chosen to interpret the flocks grazing the city surrounds as the follow-on *after* the destruction, before the next verse goes *back in time* to give more details of how the destruction will occur.

39 LV 6:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

40 LV 6:7 · Note OSHB variant note: רוב: (x-qere) בְּרֵיהָ: lemma_953 a n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmsa id_24FSa בְּרֵיהָ

Readers' Version

7 Just as a well keeps its water fresh,
so too she keeps her evil fresh.
Violence and oppression can be heard there.
I always see sickness and deadly diseases.
8 Take note of my warning Yerushalem
in case I turn away from you—
in case I make you desolate—
a land that's not inhabited.

Yisrael's disobedience · Southern kingdom

9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Those who remain in Yisrael (Israel)
will be picked over like gleaning the last few grapes off a vine.
Return your hand over the branches like a grape-picker.
10 Who should I speak to and warn so they can list?
Wow, their ears are so closed that they can't pay attention.
Wow, Yahweh's message has become offensive to them—
they don't enjoy hearing it.
11 Now I'm filled with Yahweh's rage.
I'm tired of holding it in.
Pour it out on the children in the street
and on the young men who gather together,
because a husband will be captured with his wife—
the very elderly as well.
12 Then their houses will be turned over to others,
along with their fields and wives
because I'll stretch out my hand
against the land's inhabitants.
That's Yahweh's declaration
13 because from the smallest to the greatest,
they're all greedy for dishonest gain.
From a prophet to the priest, everyone deals in lies.
14 They've lightly bandaged my people's wound
by saying, 'Peace, peace,' but there wasn't any peace.[41]
15 Were they ashamed when they did something disgusting?
No, they weren't ashamed—
they didn't even know how to be humiliated
so therefore they'll fall among the fallen.
At the time when I punish them, they'll stumble.
That's what Yahweh says.[42]

Yisrael rejects Yahweh's messages · Southern kingdom

16 Yahweh says this:
Stand at the crossroads and look,
and ask about the ancient paths.
'Where is the path of the good?' Then walk along it
and find rest for your spirit.
But they say, 'We won't walk on it.'
17 I set watchmen over you.
Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet,
But they said, 'We won't pay attention.'
18 Therefore listen you nations,

Literal Version

9 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says thoroughly_(glean) people_will_glean like_vine the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) return hand_of_your like_a_grape_gatherer over branches. 10 To whom will_I_speak and_will_I_warn so_that_they_may_ _listen THERE is_uncircumcised ear_of_their and_not they_are_ _able to_pay_attention THERE the_message_of **YHWH** it_has_ _become to/for_them (into)_a_reproach not they_delight in_ _him/it. 11 And_~~DOM~~ the_rage_of **YHWH** I_am_full I_am_weary to_hold_it_in pour_it_out on child[ren] in_street and_on the_ _gathering_of young_men alike if/because also a_husband with a_wife they_will_be_caught the_old with the_full_of days. 12 And_ houses_of_their _they_will_be_turned_over to_others fields and_wives alike if/because I_will_stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_ _of_my on the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH**. 13 If/because from_their_of_little and_unto their_of_ _great of_it_of_all is_gaining unjust_gain and_from_prophet and_unto priest of_it_of_all is_doing falsehood. 14 And_they_ _have_healed ~~DOM~~ the_fracture_of my_people_of_my on a_ _trifling_thing to_say peace peace and_there_is_not peace. 15 Are_they_ashamed if/because_that an_abomination they_ _have_done neither at_all_(ashamed) not they_are_ashamed nor to_exhibit_shame not they_know for_so/thus/hence they_ _will_fall among_who]_fall at_the_time_of when_I_have_ _visited_them they_will_stumble **YHWH** he_says.

16 Thus **YHWH** he_says stand at the_roads and_look and_ask of_paths_of ancient_time where this is_the_way_of (the)_good and_walk in_it and_find rest for_self_of_your(pl) and_they_said not we_will_walk. 17 And_I_raised_up over_you(pl) watchmen pay_attention to_sound/voice a_trumpet and_they_said not we_will_pay_attention. 18 For_so/thus/hence listen the_ _nations and_know Oh_congregation ~~DOM~~ that_which is_in_ _them. 19 Hear the_earth/land HERE I am_about_to_bring calamity to the_people the_this the_fruit_of their_own_ _schemes_of_their if/because on words/messages_of_my not they_have_paid_attention and_law_of_my and_they_have_ _rejected (in)_it. 20 To/for_what this to_me frankincense

41 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Eze 13:10.

42 **RV 6:12-15 · Cross-ref.** Jer 8:10-12.

Literal Version

which_from_Shəvā' it_comes and_the_cane (the)_good from_a_
_land_of distance offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt not are_for_
_acceptance and_sacrifices_of_your(pl) not they_are_pleasing
to_me. **21** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_
_about_to_give to the_people the_this stumbling_blocks and_
_they_will_stumble over_them fathers and_sons alike a_
_neighbour and_friend_of_his and_they_will_perish[43].

22 Thus **YHWH** he_says THERE a_people is_about_to_come
from_a_land_of the_north and_a_nation great it_will_be_roused
from_the_remotest_parts_of the_earth. **23** Bow and_javelin
they_take_hold_of is_cruel it and_not they_have_mercy sound_
_of_their is_like_sea which_it_roars and_on horses they_ride
they_are_arranged like_a_man for_battle on_you Oh_daughter_
_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion). **24** We_heard ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ of_it_of_the_report our_
_both_hands they_dropped distress it_took_hold_of_us anguish
like_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **25** Do_not go_out[44] the_field and_
_on_road do_not walk[45] if/because a_sword belongs_to_the_
_enemy terror is_from_round_about. **26** Oh_daughter_of my_
_people_of_my gird_yourself sackcloth and_roll in_ash[es] the_
_mourning an_only_child observe to/for_you(fs) wailing_of
bitterness(es) if/because suddenly the_destroyer it_will_come
on_us. **27** An_assayer I_have_made_you among_people_of_my
fortification and_you_will_observe and_you_will_test ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~
conduct_of_their. **28** Of_them_of_all are_those_who_turn_aside_
_of rebels who_go_about_of slander bronze and_iron of_them_
_of_all they are_behaving_corruptly. **29** The_bellow[s] it_puffs
mmm[46] lead for_vanity someone_has_refined thoroughly_
_(refine) and_evil_people not they_have_been_separated.
30 Silver rejected people_called to/for_them if/because **YHWH**
he_has_rejected (in)_them.

Readers' Version

and you congregation, know what will happen to them.
19 Listen, you earth.
Yes, I will bring disaster to this people—
the fruit of their own plans
because they paid no attention to my messages
and they rejected my instructions.
20 What difference does it make to me if they burn frankincense that came from Sheva?
Or if they have good cane from a distant land?
Your burnt offerings aren't acceptable,
and your sacrifices don't please me.
21 So Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'll give this group of people a stumbling block,
and they'll trip over it—
fathers and sons together,
both a neighbour and his friend.
22 Yahweh says this:
Listen, an army is about to come from a northern country,
and a powerful nation will be roused from the remotest parts of the world.

The coming, northern army · Southern kingdom

23 They carry bows and spears.
It's cruel and they have no mercy.
They make a noise like the sea roaring
and they ride in battle formation on horses
against you, Tsiyon's (Zion's) daughter.
24 We felt weak when we heard the reports about them.
Distress took hold of us and we're in agony like a woman about to give birth.
25 Don't go out to the countryside,
and don't walk on the road
because of the enemy's sword.
There's terror all around.
26 My people's daughter, dress yourself in sackcloth
and roll in ashes.
Go into mourning as if you'd lost an only child—
a time of bitter wailing
because the destroyer will suddenly come against us.
27 I've appointed you to examine my people like ore,
so you can observe their conduct, and test them.
28 They're all stubborn rebels who go around slandering others.
They're all like bronze and iron, behaving corruptly.
29 The bellows fan the fire
but after the thorough refining, the lead remains.
The evil people haven't been separated out.
30 They'll be called 'rejected silver'

43 LV 6:21 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודבא׳**: (x-qere) **וְדָבָא֣/וְ**': lemma_c/6 n_0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_24vu4 **וְדָבָא֣/וְ**

44 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **יאצת**: (x-qere) **וְאֵצֵ֥ת**': lemma_3318 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqj2mp id_24MrQ **וְאֵצֵ֥ת**

45 LV 6:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **יכלת**: (x-qere) **וְכֶ֥לֶת**': lemma_1980 n_1 morph_HVqj2mp id_24ST2 **וְכֶ֥לֶת**

46 LV 6:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם/תשא/מ**: (x-qere) **שֵׁ֣א/מְ**': lemma_m/784 n_1.0 morph_HR/Ncbsa id_243Hf **שֵׁ֣א/מְ** **סָ֔ת**': lemma_8552 morph_HVqp3ms id_247G6 **סָ֔ת**

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because Yahweh has rejected them.

Yirmiyah's preaching in the temple · Southern kingdom

7:1 Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah):
2 Stand at the gate at Yahweh's temple and proclaim this message, saying:
Listen to Yahweh's message,
all you people of Yehudah (Judah) who enter these gates to worship Yahweh.
3 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that
you all must improve your ways,
and make them right
so that I'll allow you all to live in this land.
4 Don't trust in deceptive words that say,
'Yahweh's temple is here.'
'Yahweh's temple, Yahweh's temple.'
5 Yes, if you all really make your behaviour good,
and everyone really acts fairly towards their neighbours,
6 and you all don't oppress strangers, orphans, or widows,
and don't shed innocent blood in this place
or follow after other gods that will harm you,
7 then I'll allow you all to live in this place in the land that I gave to your ancestors from ancient times and for the future to come.
8 Listen, you're all relying on deceptive messages which can't profit. **9** Will you all keep stealing and murdering, committing adultery and telling lies in court, offering incense to Ba'al and following other gods that you didn't previously know. **10** Then you all come here and stand in front of this temple that's associated with my name, and say that you're saved while you all continue to do all those disgusting things. **11** This house which bears my name has become a robbers' den in your eyes.[47] Listen, I've also seen it. That is Yahweh's utterance. **12** But please go to my place in Shiloh where I had previously had my tent and my name resided, and see what I did to destroy that place due to the wickedness of my people, Yisrael (Israel).[48] **13** So now Yahweh declares that because you've all been doing those things, and I've spoken to you all over and over again but you wouldn't listen, and I called you all but you wouldn't answer, **14** then I'll do what I did to Shiloh, to this house that's called by my name—the temple that you've all trusted in, and the place that I gave to you and your ancestors. **15** I'll throw you all away where I can't see you just as I threw out all your relatives, all of Yisrael's (Israel's; Heb. Efrayim) descendants, from the northern kingdom.

Yehudah's consistent disobedience · Southern kingdom

16 And you, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), don't pray on behalf of this group of people, and don't cry out for help, or pray for them, or petition me about them, because I won't

Literal Version

7:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Stand in_the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_you_will_proclaim there ~~ḎǾM~~ the_message the_this and_you_will_say hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_(ones_who)_went in_gates the_these to_ _bow_down to/for_**YHWH**. **3** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says make_good ways_of_ _your(pl) and_deeds_of_your(pl) so_that_I_may_cause_to_dwell you(pl) in_place (the)_this. **4** Do_not trust to/for_you(pl) to (the)_words/messages_of (the)_deception to_say the_temple_of **YHWH** the_temple_of **YHWH** are_the_temple_of **YHWH** they. **5** If/because if really_(make_good) you(pl)_will_make_good ~~ḎǾM~~ ways_of_your(pl) and_~~ḎǾM~~ deeds_of_your(pl) if really_(do) you(pl)_will_do justice between everyone and_between his/its_ _neighbour. **6** The_sojourner the_fatherless and_the_widow not you(pl)_must_oppress and_blood innocent do_not shed in_ _place the_this and_after gods other not you(pl)_must_walk for_harm your(pl). **7** And_I_will_cause_to_dwell you(pl) in_ _place the_this on_the_earth which I_gave to_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) (to)_from antiquity and_unto perpetuity. **8** HERE you(pl) are_relying to/for_you(pl) on (the)_words/messages_of (the)_deception to_not to_profit. **9** Will_you_steal will_you_ _murder and_will_you_commit_adultery[49] and_will_you_swear to_falsehood and_will_you_make_smoke to_Ba'al and_will_you_ _walk after gods other which not you(pl)_have_known. **10** And_ _you(pl)_will_come and_you(pl)_will_stand to/for_my_ _face/front in_house the_this which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon/above_him/it and_you(pl)_will_say we_are_delivered so_as to_do ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of the_abominations the_these. **11** A_den_of robbers the_house the_this which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon/above_him/it has_it_become in_eyes_of_your(pl) also I HERE I_have_seen the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **12** If/because go please to place_of_my which was_in_Shiloh where I_caused_to_ _dwell name_of_my there at_time and_see ~~ḎǾM~~ that_which I_ _did to_him/it from_face/in_front_of the_wickedness_of my_ _people_of_my Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **13** And_now because did_ _you(pl) ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of the_deeds the_these the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_spoke to_you(pl) rising_early and_speaking and_ _not you(pl)_listened and_I_called you(pl) and_not you(pl)_ _answered. **14** And_I_will_do to_house which name_of_my it_is_ _called on/upon/above_him/it which you(pl) are_trusting in/on/over_him/it and_to_place which I_gave to/for_you(pl) and_to_ancestors_of_your(pl) just_as I_did to_Shiloh. **15** And_I_ _will_throw_out you(pl) from_under face_of_my just_as I_ _throw_out ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of relatives_of_your(pl) ~~ḎǾM~~ all_of the_ _offspring_of 'Efrayim.

16 And_you(ms) do_not pray for the_people the_this and_do_ _not lift_up for_them a_cry_of_entreaty and_a_prayer and_do_ _not entreat (in)_me if/because not_I will_be_hearing you. **17** Are_you_not seeing what are_they doing in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_streets_of

47 RV 7:11 · Cross-ref. Mat 21:13; Mrk 11:17; Luk 19:46.

48 RV 7:12-14 · Cross-ref. Josh 18:1; Psa 78:60; Jer 26:6.

49 LV 7:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **18** The_children are_gathering wood(s) and_the_fathers are_kindling ĐǪM the_fire and_the_ _women are_kneading dough for_doing cakes for_the_queen_of the_heavens and_they_are_pouring_out drink_offerings to_ _gods other so_as to_provoke_me_to_anger. **19** Me are_they provoking the_utterance_of **YHWH** am_not ĐǪM_them for_the_ _sake_of the_shame_of their_faces_of_their. **20** For_ _so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** HERE anger_ _of_my and_rage_of_my is_about_to_be_poured_out against the_place the_this on the_humankind and_on the_ _cattle/livestock and_on the_tree[s]_of the_field and_on the_ _fruit_of the_soil and_it_will_burn and_not it_will_be_ _quenched. **21** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt add to sacrifices_of_your(pl) and_eat meat. **22** If/because not I_spoke with ancestors_of_your(pl) and_not I_commanded_them in/on_ _day I_brought_out[51] them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on matters_of burnt_offering and_sacrifice. **23** If/because (if) ĐǪM the_matter the_this I_commanded them to_say listen to_voice_of_my and_I_will_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_god and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_become to_me (into)_a_ _people and_you(pl)_will_walk in_all (the)_way which I_will_ _command you(pl) so_that it_may_go_well for_you(pl). **24** And_ _not they_listened and_not they_inclined ĐǪM ear_of_their and_they_walked in_schemes in_the_stubbornness_of their_ _own_heart_of_their (the)_evil and_they_were (to)_backwards and_not (to)_forwards. **25** (To)_from the_day when ancestors_ _of_your(pl) they_came_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim until the_day the_this and_I_sent to_you(pl) ĐǪM all_of servants_of_ _my the_prophets day rising_early and_sending. **26** And_not they_listened to_me and_not they_inclined ĐǪM ear_of_their and_they_stiffened ĐǪM neck_of_their they_did_evil more_ _than_of_their_ancestors. **27** And_you_will_say to_them ĐǪM all_of the_words/messages the_these and_not they_will_listen to_you and_you_will_call to_them and_not they_will_answer_ _you. **28** And_you_will_say to_them this is_the_nation which not they_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** his/its_god and_not they_accepted correction (the)_faithfulness it_has_perished and_it_has_been_cut_off from_mouth_of_their.

29 Shave hair_of_your and_throw_it_away and_take_up on bare_heights a_lamentation if/because **YHWH** he_has_rejected and_he_has_abandoned ĐǪM the_generation_of his_fury_of_his. **30** If/because the_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_have_done the_evil in_eyes_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** they_have_put things_of_their_detestable in_house which name_of_my it_is_ _called on/upon/above_him/it to_make_it_unclean. **31** And_ _they_have_built the_high_places_of (the)_Tofet which is_in_ _Valley_of son_of Valley_of to_burn ĐǪM sons_of_their and_ĐǪM daughters_of_their in_fire which not I_commanded and_not it_ _came_up on heart_of_my. **32** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not it_will_be_said again (the)_Tofet and_Valley_of son_of Valley_of if/because (if)

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listen to you. **17** Don't you see what they do in Yehudah's (Judah's) cities and in Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets? **18** The sons are gathering firewood, and the fathers are kindling the fire, and the women are kneading dough to make cakes for 'the queen of the heavens'[50] and pouring out drink offerings for other gods so as to provoke me to anger. **19** Yahweh declares that it's not me they're provoking, but rather it's themselves that they're hurting to their own shame. **20** So my master Yahweh, says this: "Listen, my anger and rage will gush out onto this place—onto people and animals, and trees in the countryside and crops in the ground. It will burn and not be extinguished."

21 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: "Instead of wasting time burning up your sacrifices, just eat the meat yourselves, **22** because on the day when I brought your ancestors out from Mitsrayim (Egypt), I didn't immediately give them orders about burnt offerings and sacrifices. **23** What I told them was, 'Listen to my voice, and I'll be your god, and you all will be my people. Follow all the instructions that I'll give you so that everything will go well for you all.' **24** But they didn't turn their heads towards him and listen, and they enacted schemes from the stubbornness of their own evil hearts—going backwards instead of forwards **25** from the day that their ancestors left Mitsrayim even until today. Then I sent my servants the prophets to you all—rising early each day and sending them. **26** However, they didn't listen to me, and they stiffened their necks and turned their heads—doing even more evil than their ancestors.

27 So pass all these messages on to them, even though they won't listen to you.

You'll call to them, but they won't answer you. **28** Tell them that this is a nation that doesn't listen to the voice of its god Yahweh, and doesn't accept discipline.

'The Slaughter Valley' · Southern kingdom

29 Shave your head in mourning and throw the hair away.

Sing a mourning song on the barren heights

because Yahweh has rejected and abandoned the generation who made him angry.

30 Yes, Yahweh says that Yehudah's (Judah's) people have done what I consider evil—putting disgusting things in the temple that's associated with my name, and so have defiled it.
31 They've built hilltop shrines to Tofet in Hinom Valley outside Yerushalem (Jerusalem)[52] to burn their sons and daughters in

50 RV 7:18 · Cross-ref. Jer 44:17-19.

51 LV 7:22 · Note OSHB variant note: **אֵיצוֹה**: (x-qere) **יְאֵיצוֹה'**: lemma_3318 morph_HVhc/Sp1cs id_24mn4 **יְאֵיצוֹה**

52 RV 7:31 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:10; Jer 32:35.

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fire—something I've never commanded or even considered.[53]
32 So listen, Yahweh says, that days are coming because of that that, when it'll no longer be called 'Tofet' or 'Hinom Valley', but rather, 'The Slaughter Valley', because so many people will be buried in Tofet that they'll run out of space. 33 Then the people's corpses will become food for the vultures and the wild animals, and there'll be no one left to frighten them away. 34 Then in Yehudah's cities and Yerushalem's streets, I'll halt the sounds of joy and gladness, even wedding celebrations,[54] because the region will become a wasteland.

8:1 Yahweh declares that they will bring the bones of Yehudah's kings out from their graves at that time, as well as the bones of their leaders, priests, and prophets, along with the bones of Yerushalem's inhabitants. 2 Then they'll spread them out under the sun, moon, and stars—the heavenly bodies that they loved and served, and that they followed after and searched for, and that they bowed down to. Those bones won't be collected up, and they won't be buried again. They'll be like dung across the surface of the land. 3 The remnant of that evil group of people in all those places where I banished them, will choose death rather than life. That is Commander-in-chief Yahweh's declaration.

Sin and punishment · Southern kingdom

4 Then Yahweh says to tell them:
Don't people get back up when they fall down?
Don't they come back after they've turned the wrong way?
5 So Why do these people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) turn and away, then continue to be unfaithful?
They keep hold of deceitfulness and refuse to come back.
6 I've listened carefully but they don't say the right things.
None of them wants to give up their wickedness.
^All of them carry on their own ways, like a horse rushing forward in battle.
7 Even the stork as it flies, knows the seasons.
The dove, swallow, and thrush stick to their migration times,
^yet my people do know what Yahweh expects of them.
8 How can you all say that you're wise and that you have Yahwehs instructions?
Honestly, the quills of deceitful scribes have made it into a lie.
9 The wise will be put to shame—
they will be dismayed and trapped.
Yes, they've rejected Yahweh's message.
What wisdom do they really have?

Literal Version

the_valley_of (the)_slaughter and_people_will_bury in_Tofet because_there_is_not room. 33 And_it_will_become the_ _corpse[s]_of the_people the_this (into)_food for_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_ _there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. 34 And_I_will_cause_to_ _cease from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_from_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_sound_of joy and_the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_bridegroom and_the_sound_of a_bride if/because (into)_a_desolation the_earth/land it_will_become.
8:1 At_time (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** and[55] ~~DOM~~ the_ _bones_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_~~DOM~~ the_bones_ _of its_officials_of_his and_~~DOM~~ the_bones_of the_priests and_ _~~DOM~~ the_bones_of the_prophets and_~~DOM~~ the_bones_of the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_graves_of_their.
2 And_they_will_spread_them_out to_sun and_to_moon and_ _to/for_all the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens which they_ _loved_them and_which they_served_them and_which they_ _walked after_them and_which they_consulted_them and_ _which they_bowed_down to/for_them not they_will_be_ _gathered and_not they_will_be_buried (into)_dung on the_ _surface_of the_soil they_will_become. 3 And_ death _it_will_ _be_chosen more_than_life to_all/each/any/every the_ _remnant which_remain from the_family (the)_evil (the)_this in_all the_places which_remain where I_have_banished_them there the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

4 And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** he_says do_people_ _fall and_not do_they_stand_up or does_anyone_turn_away and_not does_he_return. 5 Why the_people the_this Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) has_it_turned_away apostasy enduring they_have_kept_hold on_deceitfulness they_have_ _refused to_return. 6 I_have_paid_attention and_I_have_heard not right they_speak there_is_not anyone who_relents on wickedness_of_his to_say what have_I_done of_it_of_all is_ _turning course_of_life[59] like_a_horse which_rushes in_battle.
7 Also a_stork in_the_heavens it_knows times_of_its_appointed and_a_turtle-dove and[60] and_a_crane[61] they_keep ~~DOM~~ the_ _time_of their_coming and_people_of_my not they_know ~~DOM~~ the_ordinance_of **YHWH**. 8 How will_you(pl)_say are_wise we and_the_law_of **YHWH** is_with_us truly HERE into_falsehood a_ _stylus_of falsehood_of scribes it_has_made_it. 9 Wise_people they_will_be_put_to_shame they_will_be_dismayed and_they_ _have_been_captured THERE (in)_the_message_of **YHWH** they_ _have_rejected and_wisdom_of what to/for_them. 10 For_ _so/thus/hence I_will_give ~~DOM~~ wives_of_their to_others fields_ _of_their to_those_who_dispossess if/because from_the_small and_unto the_great of_it_of_all is_gaining unjust_gain from_ _prophet and_unto priest of_it_of_all is_doing falsehood.
11 And_they_have_healed ~~DOM~~ the_fracture_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my on a_trifling_thing to_say peace peace and_

53 **RV 7:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:21.
54 **RV 7:34 · Cross-ref.** Jer 16:9; 25:10; Rev 18:23.
55 **LV 8:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְאֵיצוֹי/ואיצו**: (x-qere) 'וְאֵיצוֹי': lemma_3318 morph_HVhi3mp id_24dp9 **וְאֵיצוֹי**
59 **LV 8:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בְּתוצרמ/ם**: (x-qere) 'בְּתָצְוּרְמִ/ם': lemma_b/4794 n_0.1 morph_HR/Ncfsc/Sp3mp id_24Sgi **בְּתָצְוּרְמִ/ם**
60 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וסוס**: (x-qere) 'וְסִיסִ/וֹ': lemma_c/5483 a n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_24vWK **וְסִיסִ/וֹ**
61 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_there_is_not peace. **12** Are_they_ashamed if/because_that an_
_abomination they_have_done also at_all_(ashamed) not they_
_are_ashamed and_to_be_ashamed not they_know for_
_so/thus/hence they_will_fall among_who]_fall at_the_time_of
their_punishment_of_their they_will_stumble **YHWH** he_says.
13 Surely_(gather) I_will_bring_them_to_an_end the_utterance_
_of **YHWH** there_will_not_be grapes on_vine and_there_will_
_not_be figs on_tree and_the_leafage it_will_wither and_the_
_things_which_I_gave to/for_them they_will_pass_away_them.
14 Concerning what are_we sitting gather_yourselves and_let_
_us_go into the_cities_of (the)_fortification so_that_we_may_
_perish there if/because **YHWH** god_of_our he_has_caused_us_
_to_perish and_he_has_given_us_to_drink water_of poison
if/because we_have_sinned to/for_**YHWH**. **15** We_waited_
_eagerly for_peace and_there_was_not good for_a_time_of
healing and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE terror. **16** From_Dān the_
_snorting_of his_horses_of_his it_has_been_heard from_the_
_sound_of the_neighings_of his_mighty_horses all_of the_
_earth/land it_has_shaken and_they_have_come and_they_
_have_consumed the_land and_what_of_fills_it the_city and_
_the_inhabitants_of in_it. **17** If/because HERE_I am_about_to_
_send among_you(pl) snakes vipers which there_is_not to/for_
_them charming and_they_will_bite you(pl) the_utterance_of
YHWH.

18 Cheerfulness_of_my on sorrow on_me heart_of_my is_faint.
19 THERE the_sound_of the_cry_for_help_of the_daughter_of
my_people_of_my from_a_land_of distance(s) is_**YHWH** not in_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) or king_of_is_its not in_it why have_they_
_provoked_me_to_anger by_idols_of_their by_vanities_of
foreignness. **20** Harvest it_has_passed summer it_has_come_to_
_an_end and_we not we_have_been_saved. **21** On the_
_brokenness_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my I_have_
_been_broken I_am_in_mourning desolation it_has_taken_hold_
_of_me. **22** Balm is_there_not in_Gil'ād or a_physician is_there_
_not there if/because why not the_healing_of the_daughter_of
my_people_of_my has_it_come_up. **23** [62] Who will_he_give my_
_head was_water and_eye_of_my was_a_fountain_of tear[s]
and_I_will_bewail by_day and_night ~~DOM~~ those_slain_of the_
_daughter_of my_people_of_my.
9:1 [63] Who will_he_give_me in_wilderness a_lodging_place_of
travellers and_I_will_leave ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_I_will_go

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10 Because of that, I'll give their wives to others,
and their fields to those who dispossess them,
because they're all prospering by taking advantage of others—
prophets and priests are all behaving deceptively.
11 They lightly treated the fracture of my people's daughter,
saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there's no peace.[56]
12 Were they ashamed when they did something disgusting?
Even when confronted, they weren't ashamed—
they didn't know how to be humiliated
so they'll fall like the others.
They'll stumble at the time of their punishment says Yahweh.[57]
13 I'll bring their harvests to an end, says Yahweh.
There won't be any grapes on their vines, or figs on their trees.
Even the leaves will wither,
and what I gave them, will rot away.
14 Why are we just sitting here?
→Let's go into the fortified cities together so we can die there,
because our god Yahweh is going to cause us to perish,
and he'll make us drink poisoned water because we've sinned against him.
15 We had hoped for peace, but nothing good came.
We hoped for a time of healing, but wow, got terror.
16 The snorting of his stallions could be heard from Dan.
The whole earth shakes from the sound of the neighing of his powerful horses.
They are coming to destroy the land and everything in it,
and the city and everyone living in it.
17 Yes, listen, I'll send snakes[58] among you all—
vipers that can't be charmed,
→and they'll bite you all, says Yahweh.

Yirmiyah's sorrow about Yehudah · Southern kingdom

18 My sorrow is beyond comfort.
My heart is faint within me.
19 Listen, it's the sound of a cry for help
from my people's daughter from a far away land.
Isn't Yahweh in Tsiyon (Zion)?
Is its king no longer there?
Why have they provoked me to anger with their idols and with useless foreign gods?
20 The harvest has passed, summer has ended,
and we haven't been rescued.
21 I'm broken because of the brokenness of my people's daughter.
I'm in mourning and overwhelmed by depression.
22 Is there no medicine in Gilead?
Isn't there a doctor there?

56 **RV 8:11 · Cross-ref.** Eze 13:10.

57 **RV 8:10-12 · Cross-ref.** Jer 6:12-15.

58 **RV 8:17 · Note** This could likely be referring to enemy warriors, not literal snakes.

62 **LV 8:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.1

63 **LV 9:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.2

Readers' Version

Why isn't my people's daughter getting healed?
9:1 If only my head was water, and my eyes were a fountain of tears,
→then I'd weep day and night for my people's slain daughter.
2 Who will give me a lodging place for travellers in the desert?
Then I would leave my people and walk away from them,
because all of them are adulterers—
a treacherous group of people.
3 They bend their tongues like bows—
chasing lies rather than faithfulness.
They grow strong in the land
because they go from evil to evil and they don't know me.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
4 Let each person beware of his neighbour,
and don't rely on any relative,
because brothers consistently betray,
and neighbours go around slandering.
5 Every one will deceive their neighbour,
and they won't tell the truth—
they teach their tongues to tell lies.
→They wear themselves out being disobedient.
6 Your residence is in the middle of deceit—
because of deceit they refuse to know me.
That's Yahweh's declaration.
7 Because of that, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says,
I'm about to refine them and test them,
because how else should I act towards my people's daughter.
8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow—
it speaks out deceit.
With his mouth, a man speaks peace with his neighbours,
while in his mind, he's planning his ambush.
9 Shouldn't I punish them for those things? Yahweh says.
Shouldn't I avenge myself against a nation like that?
10 On the mountains I'll take up weeping and wailing,
and a funeral song out in the wilderness pastures,
because they're left desolate as no one passes through there.

Literal Version

from_with_them if/because of_them_of_all are_adulterers an_
_assembly_of those_who_act_treacherously. **2** [64] And_they_
_have_bent ~~DOM~~ tongue_of_their bow_of_their falsehood and_
_not to_faithfulness they_are_strong in/on_the_earth
if/because from_evil to evil they_have_gone_out and_me not
they_know the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **3** [65] Each from_neighbour_
_of_his take_heed and_on any_of brother do_not rely
if/because every_of brother persistently_(betray) he_betrays
and_all neighbour slander he_goes_about. **4** [66] And_each (in)_
_neighbour_of_his they_deceive and_truth not they_speak
they_have_taught tongue_of_their to_speak falsehood to_do_
_iniquity they_are_weary. **5** [67] Dwelling_your in_the_middle
deceit on_deceit they_have_refused to_know me the_
_utterance_of **YHWH**. **6** [68] For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_refine_
_them and_I_will_test_them if/because how will_I_act from_
_face/in_front_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my. **7** [69] Is_an_
_arrow beaten[70] tongue_of_their deceit it_speaks with_mouth_
_of_his peace with his/its_neighbour someone_speaks[71] and_
_in_his_inner_of_being he_sets ambush_of_his. **8** [72] On these_
_things not will_I_visit (in)_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** or
on_a_nation which is_like_this_one not self_of_my will_it_
_avenge_itself. **9** [73] On the_mountains I_will_take_up weeping
and_wailing and_on the_pastures_of the_wilderness
lamentation if/because they_are_left_desolate from_not_of
anyone who_passes_through and_not people_hear the_sound_
_of livestock from_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_unto
animal[s] they_have_fled they_have_gone. **10** [74] And_I_will_
_make ~~DOM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) into_heaps_of_stones a_
_habitation_of jackals and_~~DOM~~ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
I_will_make a_waste from_not_of inhabitant. **11** [75] Who the_
_man (the)_wise and_he_will_understand ~~DOM~~ this and_which
the_mouth_of **YHWH** it_has_spoken to_him/it so_that_he_may_
_declare_it concerning what the_earth/land has_it_been_
_destroyed has_it_become_ruined like_wilderness from_not_of
one_who_passes_through. **12** [76] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said
because they_have_abandoned ~~DOM~~ law_of_my which I_set
before_them and_not they_have_listened to_voice_of_my and_
_not they_have_walked in_it. **13** [77] And_they_have_walked after
the_stubbornness_of their_own_heart_of_their and_after the_

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64 LV 9:2 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.3
65 LV 9:3 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.4
66 LV 9:4 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.5
67 LV 9:5 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.6
68 LV 9:6 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.7
69 LV 9:7 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.8
70 LV 9:7 · Note OSHB variant note: טחוש: (x-qere) 'טָוְחָשׁ': lemma_7819 a n_1.0.0 morph_HVqsmsa id_24hgx טָוְחָשׁ
71 LV 9:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
72 LV 9:8 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.9
73 LV 9:9 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.10
74 LV 9:10 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.11
75 LV 9:11 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.12
76 LV 9:12 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.13
77 LV 9:13 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.14

Literal Version

_Ba´al which they_taught_them ancestors_of_their. **14** [78] For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_feed_them ~~DOM~~ the_people the_this wormwood and_I_will_give_them_to_drink water_of poison. **15** [79] And_I_will_scatter_them among_nations which not they and_ancestors_of_their they_knew and_I_will_ _send_forth after_them ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife until I_ _have_made_an_end_of them.

16 [81] Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says consider and_ _summon (to)_the_who]_wail so_that_they_may_come and_ _near/to the_skillful_women send so_that_they_may_come. **17** [82] And_let_them_hasten and_let_them_take_up on_us wailing so_ eyes_of_our _that_they_may_run_down tear[s] and_ _eyelids_of_our they_may_flow water. **18** [83] If/because a_sound_ _of wailing it_has_been_heard from_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) how we_ _have_been_devastated we_have_been_put_to_shame exceedingly if/because we_have_left the_land if/because people_have_throw_down dwellings_of_our. **19** [84] If/because hear Oh_women the_message_of **YHWH** and_ ear_of_your(pl) _ _let_it_receive the_message_of his_mouth_of_his and_teach daughters_of_your(pl) a_mourning_song and_every_woman fem_of_her_neighbour a_lamentation. **20** [85] If/because death it_ _has_come_up in_windows_of_our it_has_come in_fortresses_ _of_our to_cut_off child[ren] from_the_street young_men from_ _the_open_places. **21** [86] Speak thus the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ the_corpse[s]_of the_humankind _it_will_fall like_dung on the_surface_of the_field and_like_cut_grain from_behind the_ _reaper and_there_will_not_be one_who_gathers. **22** [87] Thus **YHWH** he_says not a_wise_person let_him_boast in_wisdom_ _of_his and_not the_mighty_person let_him_boast in_might_of_

Readers' Version

They don't hear the sound of cattle or birds or wild animals—
they've fled and gone away.
11 Then I'll make Yerushalem (Jerusalem) into piles of ruins—
a place for jackals to live in—
and I'll make Yehudah's (Judah's) cities into uninhabited wastelands.
12 Who is the person that's wise and understands this?
Who has Yahweh's mouth spoken to so that they can declare it—
concerning why the nation has perished and been destroyed
like the wilderness with no one passing through it?
13 Then Yahweh said, "Because they abandoned my instructions that I gave to them,
and they don't listen to my voice or follow what say,
14 and they're guided by their own stubborn minds,
and follow after the Ba'al that their ancestors taught them about,
15 then Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm about to feed them bitter food
and give them poison water to drink.
16 Then I'll scatter them among nations that neither they nor their ancestors knew anything about,
and I'll send an army after them until I've finished them off.

The requesting of people of Yerushalem · Southern kingdom

17 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Consider that and summon funeral wailers to come—
get the most skillful women to come.
18 Let them hurry and start wailing about us,
→so our eyes have tears running down them,
and our eyelids flow with water,
19 because the sound of mourning can be heard from Tsiyon (Zion):
'We've been so devastated.
We're terribly ashamed, because we've left the land
because they tore down our houses.'
20 So now hear Yahweh's message, you women.
Let your ear receive the message from his mouth,
and teach your daughters a mourning song,
and each woman teach her neighbour a funeral song,
21 because death has come up into our windows.
It enters into our fortresses,

78 LV 9:14 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.15
79 LV 9:15 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.16
81 LV 9:16 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.17
82 LV 9:17 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.18
83 LV 9:18 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.19
84 LV 9:19 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.20
85 LV 9:20 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.21
86 LV 9:21 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.22
87 LV 9:22 · Note Note: KJB: Jer.9.23

Readers' Version

cutting off children from the street
and young men from the open plazas.
22 Yahweh says to pass this on:
Human corpses will fall like dung across the ground's surface
and like fallen grain after the harvesters have finished,
and there's no one to collect them.
23 Yahweh says this:
Don't let the wise person boast about their wisdom,
and don't let the warrior boast about his strength.
Don't let the rich person boast about their riches,
24 because if they want to boast, let them boast about this:
Understanding and knowing me because I'm Yahweh,
demonstrating loyal commitment, justice, and righteousness on the earth
because I take pleasure in those things.[80]
That is Yahweh's declaration.
25 Listen, Yahweh declares that there's a time coming
when I will punish all those who've been physically circumcised:
26 the Mitsrim (Egyptians), Yehudim (Jews), Edomim, Amonim, and Moavim,
and all those who trim the corners of their beards, those living in the wilderness,
because all the uncircumcised nations and all the Israelis have uncircumcised hearts.

Idolatry versus true worship · Southern kingdom

10:1 Listen to the message that Yahweh is telling you all, you Israelis. **2** This is what Yahweh says:
Don't imitate the ways of other nations,
and don't be dismayed by signs in the skies,
just because those other nations are,
3 because the customs of those groups of people are worthless.
Yes, they cut down a tree from a forest,
and a craftsman does his handywork with his tools,
4 then they overlay it with gold and silver.
They use hammer and nails to securely fasten it
so that it won't topple over.
5 Those idols are like a scarecrow in a cucumber field,
not being able to speak.
What's more, they have to be carried because they can't walk.
Don't be afraid of them because they can't harm anyone,
but at the same time, there's no good in them either.
6 There's no one like you, Yahweh.
You're powerful and have a reputation for your strength.
7 Who wouldn't respect and obey you, king of the nations
because that's what you deserve?[91]

Literal Version

_his not a_rich_person let_him_boast in_rich[es]_of_his. **23** [88] If/because (if) in_this the_one_who_boasts let_him_boast he_ _has_insight and_he_knows me if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_does covenant_loyalty justice and_righteousness on_the_ _earth if/because in_these_things I_delight the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **24** [89] HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on every_of man_circumcised in_a_ _foreskin. **25** [90] On Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_on ʾEdōm and_on the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_on Mōʾāv and_on all_of those_who_are_cut_off_of the_corner who_dwell in_wilderness if/because all_of the_nations are_uncircumcised and_all the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) are_uncircumcised_of heart.

10:1 Hear ~~DOM~~ the_message which **YHWH** he_has_spoken to_ _you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says (to) the_way_of the_nations do_not learn and_from_the_signs_ _of the_heavens do_not be_dismayed if/because the_nations they_are_dismayed from_them. **3** If/because the_customs_of the_peoples is_futility it if/because a_tree from_a_forest someone_has_cut_it_down the_work_of the_hands_of a_ _craftsman with_tool. **4** With_silver and_with_gold he_ _beautifies_it with_nails and_with_hammers they_make_them_ _strong and_not it_will_stagger. **5** Are_like_a_scarecrow_of a_ _cucumber_field they and_not they_speak actually_(carry) they_are_carried if/because not they_walk do_not be_afraid from_them if/because not they_do_harm and_also doing_good there_is_not them. **6** From_there_is_not like_you Oh_**YHWH** are_great you and_is_great name_of_your in_strength. **7** Who not will_he_fear_you Oh_king_of the_nations if/because to/for_ _yourself(m) it_is_befitting if/because among_all_of the_wise_ _people_of the_nations and_on/over_all kingdom_of_their from_there_is_not like_you. **8** And_in_one they_are_stupid and_ _they_are_foolish the_correction_of futilities is_wood it. **9** Silver beaten from_Tarshiysh it_is_brought and_gold from_ _ʾŪfāz the_work_of a_craftsman and_the_hands_of a_ _metalsmith is_violet_stuff_of and_purple clothing_of_their are_the_work_of skillful_people of_them_of_all. **10** And_**YHWH**

80 **RV 9:24 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 1:31; 2Cor 10:17.
88 **LV 9:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.24
89 **LV 9:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.25
90 **LV 9:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Jer.9.26
91 **RV 10:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 15:4.

Literal Version

is_god truth he is_god living and_king_of perpetuity from_
_severe_anger_of_his the_earth/land it_shakes and_not nations
they_will_endure indignation_of_his. **11** Like_this you(pl)_will_
_say to_them the_gods who the_heavens and_the_earth not
they_made may_they_perish from_the_earth and_from under
the_heavens these.

12 He_was_making_of (of)_the_earth by_power_of_his he_was_
_establishing the_world by_wisdom_of_his and_by_
_understanding_of_his he_stretched_out the_heavens. **13** To_
_sound/voice of_his_giving_forth a_tumult_of waters was_in_
_heavens and_he_brought_up clouds from_the_end_of the_
_earth[92] lightning_flashes for_rain he_makes and_he_brought_
_out the_wind from_storehouses_of_his. **14** Every_of person he_
_is_stupid from_knowledge every_of metalsmith he_is_put_to_
_shame from_the_idol if/because is_deception image_of_his_
_molten and_not breath is_in_them. **15** Are_futility they a_
_work_of mockeri(es) at_the_time_of their_punishment_of_
_their they_will_perish. **16** Not is_like_these the_portion_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) if/because is_the_one_who_formed_of (the)_
_everything he and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) is_the_tribe_of his_
_inheritance_of_his is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_
_name.

17 Gather_up from_the_ground_of bundle_of_your Oh_you_
_who_dwell[93] in_siege. **18** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says here_
_I am_about_to_sling_forth ~~DOM~~ the_inhabitants_of the_
_earth/land at_time (the)_this and_I_will_cause_distress
to/for_them so_that they_may_find. **19** Woe to_me on fracture_
_of_my wound_of_my is_severe and_I I_said surely this is_a_
_sickness_of and_I_will_endure_it. **20** Tent_of_my it_has_been_
_devastated and_all tent-cords_of_my they_have_been_snapped
children_of_my they_have_gone_out_from_me and_they_are_
_not there_is_not one_who_pitches again tent_of_my and_one_
_who_raises curtains_of_my_tent. **21** If/because the_shepherds
they_are_stupid and_~~DOM~~ **YHWH** not they_have_sought
therefore yes/correct/thus/so not they_have_prospered and_
_all flock_of_their it_has_been_scattered. **22** The_sound_of a_
_report THERE it_is_coming and_a_din great from_a_land_of

Readers' Version

Yes, among all the wise people of the word,
and among all their kingdoms,
there's no one like you.
8 Those 'wise' people are both stupid and foolish all at once—
instructed by an idol that's just a piece of wood.
9 They brought hammered silver from Tarshish and gold from Ufaz—
the work of a craftsman and from the hands of the refiners.
Then they put violet and purple clothing on them—
all the work of skillful people.
10 However, Yahweh is the true god.
He is the living god and permanent king.
When he's angry, the earth shakes,
and the nations can't endure his indignation.
11 You need to tell them this:
The gods that didn't make the heavens and earth
will perish from the earth and from under these skies.

Praising Yahweh · Southern kingdom

12 Yahweh made the earth using his power.
He established the world by his wisdom,
and with his understanding, he stretched out the skies.
13 When he projects his voice, there's a rush of waters in the skies,
and he brings clouds up from the ends of the earth.
He made lightning for the rain,
and sends out wind from his storehouse.
14 Every person has become stupid from knowledge.
Every metalworker is put to shame by idols
because his molten image is a deception and there's no life in them.
15 They're worthless—a work of mockery.
They'll perish at the time for their punishment.
16 Ya'akov's (Jacob's) inheritance isn't like that
because he's the one who made everything,
and the Israelis are his inheritance.
His name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

Coming destruction for Yehudah · Southern kingdom

17 Gather your stuff and leave the land,
you who are living under siege
18 because Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm flinging out the inhabitants of the land at this time,
and I'll cause them distress so that they can find me.
19 Oh dear, poor me. My fracture, my wound is severe,
but I said that this is a sickness and I will endure it.
20 My tent has been devastated, and all of my tent ropes have been snapped.
My sons have gone off and left me.
There's no one to pitch my tent again,
or to hang up my tent curtains.
21 Yes, the shepherds are stupid and haven't asked Yahweh for

92 LV 10:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **יִרְאָ**: (x-qere) **יִרְאָה**: lemma_d/776 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncbsa id_24fZb יִרְאָה
93 LV 10:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתבשי**: (x-qere) **תֹּשְׁבִי**: lemma_3427 n_0.0 morph_HVqrfsa id_24EMh תֹּשְׁבִי

Readers' Version

direction
so therefore they haven't prospered, and all their flock has been scattered.
22 Listen, it sounds like news has arrived
plus there's a loud rumble from a land in the north
coming to make Yehudah's (Judah's) cities into deserted places for jackals to live in.
23 Yahweh, I know that a person's life pathway isn't their own—
no one who walks, directs their own steps.
24 Discipline me, Yahweh, only in justice and not in anger
in case you reduce me to nothing.
25 Pour your fury out on the nations that don't know you.
and on the families that don't call out to you to help them,
because they've consumed Ya'akov (Jacob).
Yes, they've completely destroyed him and ruined his farmland.

The broken agreement · Both kingdoms

11:1 Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) to say: **2** Listen to the words of this agreement and tell them to everyone in Yehudah (Judah), including those who live in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) **3** and tell them, "Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that anyone who won't listen to the words of this agreement will be cursed. **4** It's the same agreement that I commanded for your ancestors at the time when I brought them out of the iron furnace that was Mitsrayim (Egypt), telling them: 'Listen to my voice and follow the instructions that I've given you all, and then you'll be my people, and I'll become your god **5** in order to fulfill the promise that I made to your ancestors to give them a land that's flowing with milk and honey, as it is right now.' "
"So be it, Yahweh," I answered.
6 Then Yahweh told me, "Proclaim all these things in Yehudah's cities, including in Yerushalem's streets. Tell them to listen to the words of this agreement and carry them out **7** because I solemnly warned your ancestors at the time when I brought them out of Mitsrayim until today, repeatedly warning them to listen to my voice. **8** However, they didn't listen or even pay any attention to me, and each one of them stubbornly followed their own evil desires, so I ordered all the consequences from not obeying the agreement, to come to them."
9 Then Yahweh told me, "A conspiracy has been found across Yehudah, and including Yerushalem's inhabitants. **10** They've returned to the evil ways of their ancestors from the past who refused to listen to my messages, and then they followed after other gods to serve them. The people of both Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah broke the agreement that I made with the ancestors. **11** So now, listen: Yahweh says that I'm about to bring calamity to them which they won't be able to avoid, and they'll cry out to me for help but I won't listen to them. **12** Then Yehudah's cities, including those living in Yerushalem, will go and cry out to the gods for help that they've been burning incense to, but those gods won't be able to rescue them from their calamity **13** be-

Literal Version

the_north to_make ÐOM the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_
_desolation a_habitation_of jackals. **23** I_know Oh_**YHWH**
if/because_that not belongs_to_person its_road/course not
belongs_to_a_person who_walks (and)_to_direct ÐOM step[s]_of_
_his. **24** Correct_me Oh_**YHWH** only in_justice not in_anger_of_
_your lest you_should_diminish_me. **25** Pour_out rage_of_your
on the_nations which not they_have_known_you and_on clans
which on_name_of_your not they_have_called if/because they_
_have_consumed ÐOM Ya'ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) and_they_have_
_consumed_him and_they_have_made_an_end_of_him and_ÐOM
habitation_of_his they_have_devastated.

11:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_
_with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Hear ÐOM the_words/messages_of the_
_covenant (the)_this and_you_will_speak_them to everyone_of
Yəhūdāh and_to the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
3 And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says the_man who not he_will_hear ÐOM
the_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_this is_cursed.
4 Which I_commanded ÐOM ancestors_of_your(pl) in/on_day I_
_brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_
_the_furnace_of (the)_iron to_say listen to_voice_of_my and_
_you(pl)_will_do them according_to_all that I_will_command
you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_
_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god. **5** So_as to_carry_out ÐOM
the_oath which I_swore to_ancestors_of_your(pl) to_give
to/for_them a_land flowing_of milk and_honey like_day the_
_this and_I_answered and_I_said amen Oh_**YHWH**. **6** And_
YHWH _he/it_said to_me proclaim ÐOM all_of the_
_words/messages the_these in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say hear
ÐOM the_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_this and_
_you(pl)_will_do them. **7** If/because solemnly_(warn) I_warned
(in)_ancestors_of_your(pl) in/on_day I_brought_up them from_
_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_unto the_day the_this rising_early
and_warning to_say listen to_voice_of_my. **8** And_not they_
_listened and_not they_inclined ÐOM ear_of_their and_they_
_walked everyone in_the_stubbornness_of their_own_heart_of_
_their (the)_evil and_I_brought on_them ÐOM all_of the_
_words/messages_of the_covenant (the)_this which I_
_commanded for_doing and_not they_did. **9** And_ **YHWH** _
_he/it_said to_me a_conspiracy it_has_been_found among_
_everyone_of Yəhūdāh and_among_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** They_have_returned to the_
_iniquities_of their_ancestors_of_their (the)_former who they_
_refused to_hear ÐOM words/messages_of_my and_they they_
_have_walked after gods other to_serve_them the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_house_of Yəhūdāh they_have_broken
ÐOM covenant_of_my which I_made with ancestors_of_their.
11 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_
_to_bring to_them a_calamity which not they_will_be_able to_

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_go_out from_her/it and_they_will_cry_out to_me and_not I_
_will_listen to_them. **12** And_ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_will_go
and_they_will_cry_out to the_'Elohīm which they are_making_
_smoke to/for_them and_at_all_(deliver) not they_will_deliver
to/for_them at_the_time_of their_calamity_of_their.
13 If/because the_number_of your(pl)_cities_of_your gods_of_
_your they_are Oh_Yəhūdāh and_the_number_of the_streets_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl)_have_made altars to_thing
altars to_make_smoke to_Ba'al. **14** And_you(ms) do_not pray for
the_people the_this and_do_not lift_up for_them a_cry_of_
_entreaty and_a_prayer if/because not_I will_be_listening at_
_the_time_of they_call_out to_me for calamity_of_their.
15 What to_my_beloved_of_one in_house_of_my doing_its
(the)_plan the_many_people and_flesh_of holiness they_will_
_pass_away from_on_you if/because wickedness_of_your then
you_will_rejoice. **16** An_olive_tree luxuriant beautiful_of fruit_
_of form **YHWH** he_called name_of_your to_sound/voice a_
_rainstorm great he_has_kindled a_fire on/upon_it(f) and_
branches_of_its _they_are_bad. **17** And_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers who_planted you he_has_spoken on_you
evil on_account_of the_evil_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which they_have_done
to/for_them to_provoke_me_to_anger by_making_smoke to_
_Ba'al.

18 And_**YHWH** he_made_known_to_me and_I_knew then you_
_showed_me deeds_of_their. **19** And_I had_been_like_a_lamb a_
_tame_one which_it_is_led to_slaughter and_not I_knew
if/because_that on_me they_had_planned plans let_us_destroy
the_tree with_bread_of_its and_let_us_cut_him_off from_the_
_land_of the_living and_his/its_name not may_it_be_
remembered again. **20** And**YHWH** soldiers/messengers who_
_judges_of (of)_righteousness who_tests kidneys and_heart let_
_me_see vengeance_of_your from_them if/because to_you I_
_have_made_known ~~DOM~~ case_of_my. **21** For_so/thus/hence
thus **YHWH** he_says on the_people_of ʹAnātōt who_are_seeking
~~DOM~~ life_of_your to_say not you_must_prophesy in/on_name_of
YHWH and_not you_will_die by_hand_of_our. **22** For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says
HERE_I am_about_to_visit_judgement on_them the_young_men
they_will_die by_sword sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their
they_will_die by_famine. **23** And_a_remnant not it_will_belong
to/for_them if/because I_will_bring calamity to the_people_of
ʹAnātōt the_year_of their_punishment_of_their.

12:1 Are_righteous you Oh_**YHWH** if/because I_bring_a_case to_
_you nevertheless judgements I_will_speak with_you why the_
_way_of wicked_people does_it_prosper all_of those_who_act_
_treacherously_of treachery are_they_at_ease. **2** You_have_
_planted_them also they_have_taken_root they_walk also they_
_have_produced fruit are_near you in_mouth_of_their and_
_distant from_kidneys_of_their. **3** And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_
_know_me you_see_me and_you_test heart_of_my with_you
drag_them_away like_sheep to_slaughter and_set_them_apart

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cause there are now as many gods in Yehudah as you all have cities, and as many incense altars for Ba'al in Yerushalem as you all have streets. **14** Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), don't pray for those people, and don't plead with me to rescue them, because I won't be listening when they call out to me for help during their difficulties.

15 "My dear Yehudah, what right do you have to be in my temple after doing so much evil?

You offer holy sacrifices then go and happily do wicked things.

16 Yahweh called you a luxuriant olive tree with beautiful, good-looking fruit.

^Now he'll kindle a fire with a loud roar on its branches that have gone bad.

17 Commander-in-chief Yahweh who planted you, has decided that you'll experience evil because of the evil done by the peoples of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah when they've provoked me to anger by offering incense to Ba'al.

A plot against Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

18 Then Yahweh revealed something to me which I understood once he showed me their preparations. **19** I was like a tame lamb being led to be slaughtered, and I didn't know that they had made plans against me, saying, 'Let's destroy the tree with its fruit, and cut him off from the land of the living. Then his name won't be remembered any longer.'

20 Then I prayed, "Commander-in-chief Yahweh who always judges fairly, examining our inner thoughts and motives, let me see your vengeance on them, because I've presented my case to you."

21 So Yahweh said it was some men of Anatot[94] who were wanting to kill me, saying that I mustn't prophesy in Yahweh's name or else they'd make sure that I die. **22** Therefore Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "Listen, I'm about to punish them. Their young men will die by the sword, and their children will die from famine. **23** There won't be any of them left, because I will bring calamity to the people from Anatot at the time of their punishment."

Yirmiyah queries Yahweh · Southern kingdom

12:1 Yahweh, you do what's right when I bring you a case.

→Nevertheless, I want to talk with you about justice:

Why do wicked people prosper?
Why are treacherous people able to relax?
2 You planted them like trees and they've taken root,
then they've grown and produced fruit.

94 **RV 11:21 · Note** Yirmiyah's home town—see 1:1.

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They're full of talk about you,
but they're really far from you.
3 but Yahweh, you know me.
You see me, and test my heart toward you.
Drag them away like sheep doing to slaughter,
and reserve a time for them to be slaughtered.
4 How much longer will the land be dry for
with the plants in the countryside withering up?
Even the wild animals and birds have diminished in number,
because people have said that he won't see what will happen to us.

Yahweh's response to Yirmiyah

5 If you've run with foot soldiers and they've worn you out,
how will you compete with horses?
If you're falling to the ground in a safe region,
how will you do in the thickets by the Yarden (Jordan) river?
6 Even your brothers and other family members are working against you.
They speak out against you.
Don't trust them when they say good things about you.

Yahweh's distress about his people · Southern kingdom

7 I've abandoned my country.
I've walked away from my inheritance.
I've given my dearly loved one into the hand of its enemies.
8 My inheritance become like a lion in a forest for me.
That country always speaks against me so I hate it.
9 My inheritance is like a speckled bird of prey to me,
with other birds of prey all around it.
Go and get all the wild animals from the countryside to come and eat.
10 Many shepherds (foreign rulers) have ruined my vineyard—
they've trampled my area.
They've made my desirable region into a desolate wasteland.
11 They've made it into a wasteland—it's mourning to me.
All the land has been made desolate because there's no one who cares about it.
12 Destroyers have come to all the bare hilltops in the wilderness,
because a sword is devouring for Yahweh, from each end of the land.
There's no peace for any living thing.
13 People have sown wheat and harvested thorns.
They've wearied themselves but not profited,
and they were ashamed by your low production
resulting from Yahweh's fierce anger.

The what was said of God concerning the nations surrounding Yisrael · Southern kingdom

14 Yahweh says this: All my evil neighbours who touch the inheritance that I gave to my Israeli people, listen, I'll uproot them from the land, and I'll uproot Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants from among them. 15 Then after I've uprooted them, I'll have compassion on them again, and I'll bring them back—each one back to their

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to_a_day_of slaughter. 4 Until when the_earth/land will_it_dry_
_up and_the_vegetation_of every_of the_field will_it_be_dried_
_up from_the_evil_of those_who_dwell_of in_it animals and_
_bird[s] it_has_dwindled_away if/because people_have_said not
he_will_see ĐØM end_of_our.

5 If/because with foot_soldiers you_have_run and_they_have_
_made_you_weary and_how will_you_compete with the_horses
and_in_a_land_of safety you are_falling_to_the_ground and_
_how will_you_do in_the_thicket_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan).
6 If/because also brothers_of_your and_the_house_of your_
_father_of_your also they they_have_dealt_treacherously with_
_you also they they_have_called_out after_you full do_not trust
in_them if/because they_speak to_you good_things.

7 I_have_abandoned ĐØM house_of_my I_have_abandoned ĐØM
inheritance_of_my I_have_given ĐØM the_one_beloved_of my_
_self_of_my in_the_palm_of enemies_of_her. 8 It_has_become
to/for_me inheritance_of_my like_a_lion in_forest it_has_
_given_forth on_me with_voice_of_its therefore
yes/correct/thus/so I_hate_it. 9 A_bird_of_prey speckled
inheritance_of_is_my to_me are_bird[s]_prey all_around
on/upon_it(f) go gather every_of (the)_animal_of the_field
bring_them for_food. 10 Shepherds many they_have_ruined
vineyard_of_my they_have_trodden_down ĐØM portion_of_my
they_have_made ĐØM the_portion_of my_desire_of_my into_a_
_wilderness_of desolation. 11 He_has_made_it into_a_desolation
it_is_in_mourning on_me desolate all_of the_earth/land it_has_
_been_made_desolate if/because there_is_not anyone who_
_puts_it on heart. 12 Over all_of the_bare_heights in_wilderness
destroyers they_have_come if/because a_sword to/for_**YHWH**
is_devouring from_an_end_of the_land and_unto the_end_of
the_earth/land there_is_not peace to/from_
_all/each/any/every flesh. 13 People_have_sown wheat(s) and_
_thorns they_have_reaped they_have_wearied_themselves not
they_have_profited and_be_ashamed from_produce(s)_of_
_your(pl) from_the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH**.

14 Thus **YHWH** he_says on all_of neighbours_of_my (the)_evil
who_touch (in)_inheritance which I_gave_as_an_inheritance
ĐØM people_of_my ĐØM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) HERE_I am_about_of_to_
_pluck_them_up from_under land_of_their and_ĐØM the_house_
_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_will_pluck_up from_among_of_them.
15 And_it_was after I_have_plucked_up them I_will_return and_
_I_will_have_compassion_on_them and_I_will_bring_them_back
everyone to_his_own_of_inheritance and_everyone to_his_

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_own_of_land. **16** And_it_was if really_(learn) they_will_learn ~~ĐOM~~ the_ways_of my_people_of_my to_swear by_name_of_my by_the_life of_**YHWH** just_as they_taught ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my to_swear by_Ba´al and_they_will_be_built in_the_middle people_of_my. **17** And_if not they_will_listen and_I_will_pluck_ _up ~~ĐOM~~ the_nation (the)_that plucking_up and_destroying the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

13:1 Thus **YHWH** he_said to_me go and_you_will_buy for_ _yourself a_loincloth_of linen(s) and_you_will_put_it on loins_ _of_your and_in_water not you_must_cause_it_to_go. **2** And_I_ _bought ~~ĐOM~~ the_loincloth according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** and_I_put_it on loins_of_my. **3** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me a_second_time to_say. **4** Take ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _loincloth which you_bought which is_on loins_of_your and_ _arise go to_Pərāt and_hide_it there in_(the)_cleft_of the_rock. **5** And_I_went and_I_hid_it at_Pərāt just_as **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded me. **6** And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity days many and_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me arise go to_Pərāt and_take from_there ~~ĐOM~~ the_loincloth which I_commanded_ _you(ms) to_hide_it there. **7** And_I_went to_Pərāt and_I_dug and_I_took ~~ĐOM~~ the_loincloth from the_place where I_had_ _hidden_it there_(to) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_loincloth it_ _was_ruined not it_was_profitable for_anything. **8** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **9** Thus **YHWH** he_ _says thus I_will_ruin ~~ĐOM~~ the_pride_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _~~ĐOM~~ the_pride_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) (the)_great. **10** The_people the_this (the)_wicked who_are_refusing to_hear ~~ĐOM~~ words/messages_of_my who_are_walking in_the_ _stubbornness_of their_own_heart_of_their and_they_have_ _walked after gods other to_serve_them and_to_bow_down to/for_them and_let_it_be like_loincloth the_this which not it_ _is_profitable for_anything. **11** If/because just_as (the)_ _loincloth it_clings to the_loins_of a_person so I_have_made_ _cling to_me ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_be to_ _me (into)_a_people and_(into)_a_name and_(into)_praise and_ _(into)_honour and_not they_listened.
12 And_you_will_speak[96] to_them ~~ĐOM~~ the_message the_this thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says every_of jar it_ _will_be_filled wine and_they_will_say to_you indeed_(know) not do_we_know if/because_that every_of jar it_will_be_filled wine. **13** And_you_will_say[97] to_them thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_fill ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of the_ _earth/land (the)_this and_~~ĐOM~~ the_kings who_sit for_Dāvid on throne_of_his and_~~ĐOM~~ the_priests and_~~ĐOM~~ the_prophets and_ _~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) drunkenness. **14** And_I_will_smash_them each to his/its_ _brother and_the_parents and_the_children alike the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** not I_will_show_pity and_not I_will_have_ _mercy and_not I_will_have_compassion from_destroying_ _them.

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own inheritance and their own land. **16** If they'll properly learn the ways of my people, to make promises using my name saying, 'As Yahweh lives,' instead of how my people were taught to make promises by Ba'al, then they'll prosper and be my people again. **17** However if they won't listen when I uproot the nation, then I'll uproot it to destroy it. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yirmiyah buries a loincloth · Southern kingdom

13:1 Yahweh told me this: Go and buy yourself a linen loincloth and put it on, but don't let it get near water. **2** So I bought a loincloth as Yahweh had told me to, and I put it on. **3** Then Yahweh gave me a second instruction, saying: **4** Take the loincloth that you bought and you're wearing, and pack up and go to Perat (Euphrates)[95] and bury it in a crack in the rock. **5** So I went and hid it at Perat just as Yahweh had told me to.

6 Then after many days, Yahweh told me to get ready and go to Perat to retrieve the loincloth that he'd told me to bury there. **7** So I went to Perat and dug the loincloth out from the crack that I'd hidden it in, but wow, it was ruined and totally worthless.

8 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **9** Yahweh says that I'll rot away the pride of Yehudah (Judah), including the pride of the great Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **10** That wicked nation that refused to listen to my messages, who are following their own stubborn desires and have followed other god by serving them and bowing down to them, let that nation become like that loincloth that's no good for anything. **11** Yahweh declares that just like a loincloth is hitched to someone's hips, so too I've made all those from Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah cling to me, to be my people who would bring me fame, praise, and honour, but they didn't listen.

Filled with wine · Southern kingdom

12 So you must pass this message along to them: Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that every jar will be filled with wine, and they'll tell you, 'Of course we know that every jar will be filled with wine.' **13** So tell them that Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm about to fill all the inhabitants of this land with drunkenness—the kings that sit of David's throne, the priests and prophets, and all of Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants. **14** Then Yahweh declares: I'll cause a drunken brawl among brothers, parents, and children. I won't pity you or have compassion, and I won't spare them from destruction.

95 **RV 13:4 · Note** About 6km away from Anatot. It's possible that the Perat River is being referred to here, although less likely as that was a trip of over a thousand kilometres.

96 **LV 13:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

97 **LV 13:13 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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15 Listen and pay attention.
Don't be arrogant, because Yahweh has spoken.

Yirmiyah warns against pride · Southern kingdom

16 Give honour to your god Yahweh before he brings darkness,
and before he causes you all to stumble on the mountains at twilight,
because you're hoping for light, but he'll turn the place into deep darkness—into a dark cloud.
17 But if you all won't listen,
I'll weep in private because of your arrogance.
Tears will run down my eyes because Yahweh's flock has been taken captive.
18 Tell the king and the queen mother to take a low seat
because their splendid crowns have been removed from their heads.
19 The cities of the Negev have been shut up,
and there's no one to open them again.
Yehudah (Judah) has been taken into exile—
they've all been taken far away.
20 Look up and see them coming from the north.
Where's the flock that was given to you—those beautiful sheep?
21 What will you say when the allies that you taught, he sets over you?
Won't labour pains hit you like a woman giving birth?
22 Then as a country you'll ask why those things have happened to you.
It's the magnitude of your disobedience that's caused your skirt to be lifted
and your body to be treated with violence.
23 An Kushi (Ethiopian) person can't change their skin colour
and a leopard can't change its spots.
Similarly you all aren't able to do good
as you're all so accustomed to doing evil.
24 I'll scatter them like straw that's blown across the wilderness by the wind.
25 Yahweh declares that that's your part of your inheritance
as you've forgotten me and trusted in lies.
26 So I'll also pull your skirt up over your face
and then your shame will become visible.
27 I've seen your adultery and neighing—
the wickedness of your prostitution on the hills and across the countryside.
I've seen your detestable behaviour.
You won't end well, Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
How long will you remain 'unclean'?

The terrible drought · Southern kingdom

14:1 This is Yahweh's message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) regarding droughts:

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15 Hear and_give_ear do_not be_haughty if/because **YHWH** he_
_has_spoken. **16** Give to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) glory
before_before he_will_bring_darkness and_before feet_of_
_your(pl) they_will_stumble on mountains_of twilight and_
_you(pl)_will_wait for_light and_he_will_make_it into_deep_
_darkness and_to_make_it[98] into_thick_darkness. **17** And_if not
you(pl)_will_listen_to_it in_secret_places self_of_my it_will_
_weep from_face/in_front_of pride and_bitterly_(weep) it_will_
weep and eye_of_my _it_will_run_down tear[s] if/because
the_flock_of **YHWH** it_has_been_taken_captive. **18** Say to/for_
_the_king and_to_queen-mother make_low sit if/because it_
_has_come_down of_your(pl)_head_of_the_place the_crown_of
your_splendour_of_your(pl). **19** The_cities_of the_Negeѵ they_
_have_been_shut_up and_there_is_not one_who_opens
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_been_taken_into_exile of_it_of_all it_
_has_been_taken_into_exile completeness(es). **20** Lift_up[99]
your(pl)_eyes and[100] the_(ones_who)_went from_the_north
where is_the_flock which_it_was_given to/for_you(fs) the_
_sheep_of your_beauty_of_your. **21** What will_you_say
if/because he_will_appoint over_you and_you you_taught ~~ᴅǫᴍ~~_
_them over_you close_friends to_chief am_not labour-pains
will_they_seize_you like a_woman_of giving_birth. **22** And_
_because/when you_will_say in_heart_of_your why have_they_
_happened_to_me these_things in_the_greatness_of your_
_iniquity_of_your of_your(pl)_robe_of_the_skirts they_have_
_been_uncovered heels_of_your they_have_suffered_violence.
23 Will_ a_Kūshiy/(Cushite) _he_change skin_of_his and_a_
_leopard spots_of_its also you(pl) you(pl)_will_be_able to_do_
_good Oh_those_accustomed_of (of)_to_do_evil. **24** And_I_will_
_scatter_them like_chaff which_passes_away to/for_
_wind/breath/spirit the_wilderness. **25** This lot_of_is_your the_
_portion_of your(pl)_measure(s)_of_your from_with_me the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** that you_have_forgotten me and_you_
_have_trusted in_falsehood. **26** And_also I I_will_strip_off of_
_your(pl)_robe_of_the_skirts over face_of_your and_ shame_of_
_your _it_will_be_visible. **27** Adulteri(es)_of_your and_
_neighings_of_your the_wickedness_of your_prostitution_of_
_your on hills in_the_field I_have_seen things_of_your_
_detestable woe to/for_you(fs) Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
not you_are_clean after when yet.

14:1 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to
Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) on the_matters_of the_droughts.
2 Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_is_in_mourning and_gates_of_its they_

98 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **תישו**: (x-qere) '**תֵּישֵׁ/ו**': lemma_c/7896 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqc id_24Xqr **תֵּישֵׁ/ו**

99 LV 13:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **יאש**: (x-qere) '**וְאָשׁ**': lemma_5375 morph_HVqv2mp id_246ev **וְאָשׁ**

100 LV 13:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **יאר/ו**: (x-qere) '**וְאָר/ו**': lemma_c/7200 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_24dmq **וְאָר/ו**

Literal Version

_are_languishing they_are_in_mourning to_earth and_the_
_outcry_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_gone_up. **3** And_
_their_noble_of_ones they_have_sent mmm[101] for_water they_
_have_come to the_cisterns not they_have_found water they_
_have_returned vessels_of empty they_are_ashamed and_they_
_are_humiliated and_they_have_covered head_of_their. **4** In_
_account_of the_soil which_it_is_cracked if/because not rain it_
_has_come on_the_earth farmers they_are_ashamed they_
_have_covered head_of_their. **5** If/because also a_doe in_the_
_field it_has_given_birth and_it_has_abandoned if/because not
fresh_grass it_is. **6** And_wild_donkeys they_have_stood on the_
_bare_heights they_have_panted_for breath like_jackals eyes_
_of_their they_have_failed if/because there_is_not vegetation.
7 Though iniquities_of_our they_have_testified against_us Oh_
_**YHWH** act for_the_sake_of your(ms)_name if/because
apostasies_of_our they_are_many to/for_yourself(m) we_have_
_sinned. **8** Oh_hope_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) deliverer_of_its in_a_
_time_of distress to/for_what are_you like_a_sojourner on_the_
_earth and_like_a_traveller who_he_has_turned_aside to_
_spend_the_night. **9** To/for_what are_you like_a_person
astounded like_a_warrior who_not he_is_able to_save and_
_you(ms) are_in_midst_of_our Oh_**YHWH** and_name_of_your
on_us it_is_called do_not abandon_us. **10** Thus **YHWH** he_says
of_people the_this thus they_have_loved to_wander feet_of_
_their not they_have_restrained and_**YHWH** not he_has_
_accepted_them now he_will_remember iniquity_of_their and_
_he_will_punish sins_of_their. **11** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_
_me do_not pray for the_people the_this for_good.
12 If/because they_will_fast not_I will_be_listening to of_
_entreaty_of_their_cry and_because/when they_will_offer_up
a_burnt_offering and_a_grain_offering not_I will_of_be_
_accepting_them if/because by_sword and_by_famine and_by_
_pestilence I will_be_bringing_to_an_end them. **13** And_I_said
alas my_master **YHWH** HERE the_prophets are_saying to/for_
_them not you(pl)_will_see sword and_famine not it_will_
_happen to/for_you(pl) if/because peace_of reliability I_will_
_give to/for_you(pl) in_place (the)_this. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_
_said to_me falsehood the_prophets are_prophesying in_name_
_of_my not I_sent_them and_not I_appointed_them and_not I_
_spoke to_them a_vision_of falsehood and_divination and[102]
and[103] their_own_heart_of_their they are_prophesying to_
_you(pl). **15** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says on the_
_prophets who_are_prophesying in_name_of_my and_I not I_
_sent_them and_they are_saying sword and_famine not it_will_
_happen on_the_earth (the)_this by_sword and_by_famine the_
_prophets (the)_those they_will_meet_their_end. **16** And_the_
_people whom they are_prophesying to/for_them they_will_be
thrown_out in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_
_face/in_front_of the_famine and_the_sword and_there_will_
_not_be one_who_buries for_them them wives_of_their and_
_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their and_I_will_pour_out on_
_them ~~DOM~~ wickedness_of_their. **17** And_you_will_speak to_
_them ~~DOM~~ the_message the_this eyes_of_my let_them_run_

Readers' Version

2 Yehudah (Judah) is in mourning and its gates are neglected.
They're mourning for the land
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) is crying out in distress.
3 The leading citizens send their servants out for water,
but when they get to the wells, they didn't find any.
They return with empty containers—
ashamed and humiliated, and with their heads covered in grief.
4 The ground is cracked open because there hasn't been any rain.
The farmers are ashamed—they've covered their heads in grief,
5 because even the doe in the countryside abandoned her newborn fawn as there was no grass.
6 Wild donkeys stand on bare hills and pant for breath like jackals—
their eyes have failed because there's no vegetation.
7 Even though our transgressions testify against us,
do something, Yahweh, for the sake of your reputation
because we sinned against you with our frequent rebellion.
8 You are Yisrael's (Israel's) hope—the one who rescues it at a time of distress.
Why would you act like a stranger in the land—
like a traveller who's stopped in to stay the night.
9 Why are you like someone just standing there with their mouth open—
like a warrior who's powerless to save someone?
You're here among us, Yahweh, and we've been calling out to you to rescue us.
Don't abandon us.
10 This is what Yahweh says about this nation:
They love to wander, so they've gone wherever their feet take them,
→but Yahweh hasn't accepted them.
Now he'll remember their wickedness
and he'll punish them for their disobedience.
11 Yahweh told me, "Don't pray for good to come to this nation
12 because even if they fast, I won't listen to their petition, and when they offer up a burnt offering and a grain offering, I won't be accepting them, because I'm bringing an end to them by the sword, and famine, and disease."
13 Then I said, "Oh no, my master Yahweh. Listen, the prophets are telling the people that they won't experience war or famine because you'll give them ongoing peace in this place."
14 "The prophets use my name but speak deceitfully," Yahweh answered. "I didn't appoint them and I didn't send them, and I didn't give them a false vision. The worthless prophecies that they're proclaiming to you all come from their own minds."

101 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB variant note: **הם/ירועצ**: (x-qere) 'הֶם/יִרְיְעֻצ': lemma_6810 n_1.0 morph_HAampc/Sp3mp id_24rN2 הֶם/יִרְיְעֻצ

102 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ולולא**: (x-qere) 'וְלִילֵאָל': lemma_c/457 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_249Yo וְלִילֵאָל

103 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ותומרת**: (x-qere) 'וְתֵימַרַת': lemma_c/8649 b morph_HC/Ncfsc id_24t1Z וְתֵימַרַת

Readers' Version

15 Therefore Yahweh says, "Now those prophets who I never sent but who are using my name and say that no war or famine will happen in this region, well those prophets will meet their own ends through war and famine. 16 Then the people that they prophesied to will be thrown out into Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets because of famine and war. No one will be there to bury them or their wives, sons, or daughters, as I'll pour their wickedness out onto them.

17 Then you'll pass this message onto them:
Day and night the tears run down my eyes.
Don't let them stop, because of the terrible damage
as my virgin daughter has been shattered—
my people have received a very severe wound.

18 If I go out into the countryside, wow, I see those who were killed by the sword.
Then if I go into the city, wow, there's diseases caused by famine,
because both prophets and priests have gone into a land that they weren't familiar with.

Pleading for mercy · Southern kingdom

19 Have you completely rejected Yehudah (Judah)?
Do you really hate Tsiyon (Zion)?
Why have you struck us when there's no healing for us?
We eagerly hoped for peace, but there was nothing good.
We hoped for a time of healing, but wow, we got terror!

20 Yahweh, we acknowledge our wickedness—
the transgression of our ancestors.
Yes, we've sinned against you.

21 For the sake of your reputation, don't reject us.
Don't treat the place hosting your wonderful throne with contempt.
Remember your agreement with us, and don't break it.

22 Do those useless idols from other countries send rain?
Do they cause showers to fall?
Isn't it you, our god Yahweh, who does that?
We eagerly wait for you, because you're the one who does all those things.

Yehudah's coming destruction · Southern kingdom

15:1 Then Yahweh told me, "Even if Mosheh (Moses)[104] or Shmuel (Samuel)[105] were standing in front of me, I still wouldn't be in favour of this group of people. Send them out away from me, and let them go away. 2 If anyone comes to ask you where they should go, tell them that this is what Yahweh says:
Those who are destined for death, will die.
Those for the sword, will die in war.
Those for famine, will suffer starvation.

Literal Version

_down tear[s] night and_by_day and_not let_them_cease if/because a_breaking great the_virgin_of the_daughter_of my_ _people_of_my she_has_been_broken a_wound severe very. 18 If I_went_out the_field and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE those_slain_of a_ _sword and_if I_went the_city and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE diseases_of famine if/because both prophet as_well_as priest they_have_ _gone_about to a_land and_not they_know.

19 Utterly_(reject) have_you_rejected ÐØM Yəhūdāh/(Judah) or (in)_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) self_of_your does_it_abhor why have_ _you(pl)_struck_us and_there_is_not to/for_us healing we_ _waited_eagerly for_peace and_there_was_not good and_for_a_ _time_of healing and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE terror. 20 We_know Oh_ _**YHWH** wickedness_of_our the_iniquity_of our_ancestors_of_ _our if/because we_have_sinned to/for_you(fs). 21 Do_not spurn for_the_sake_of name_of_your do_not treat_with_ _contempt the_throne_of your_glory_of_your remember do_ _not break covenant_of_your with_us. 22 Are_there among_the_ _vanities_of the_nations those_who_send_rain and_if the_ _heavens do_they_give showers not you is_it Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_our and_we_wait_eagerly for_you if/because you you_have_ _done ÐØM all_of these_things.

15:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me if Mosheh and_ _Shəmūʾēl/(Samuel) he_will_stand to/for_my_face/front not soul_of_my will_be_to the_people the_this send_them_away from_under face_of_my and_let_them_go_out. 2 And_it_was if/because they_will_say to_you where will_we_go_out and_ _you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** he_says those_who are_for_ _death to_death and_which are_for_sword to_sword and_which are_for_famine to_famine and_which are_for_captivity to_ _captivity. 3 And_I_will_appoint over_them four kinds the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** ÐØM the_drought//sword/knife to_kill and_ÐØM the_dogs to_drag_away and_ÐØM the_bird[s]_of the_ _heavens and_ÐØM the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land to_devour

104 RV 15:1 · Cross-ref. Exo 32:11-14; Num 14:13-19.

105 RV 15:1 · Cross-ref. 1Sam 7:5-9.

Literal Version

and_to_destroy. **4** And_I_will_make_them mmm[108] to_
_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land on_
_account_of Mənashsheh the_son_of Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) on that_which he_did in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** If/because who will_he_have_
_compassion on_you Oh_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_who
will_he_show_sympathy to/for_you(fs) and_who will_he_turn_
_aside to_ask to_welfare to/for_you(fs). **6** You you_abandoned
ᴅᴏᴍ_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** backwards you_go and_I_
_have_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_my on_you and_I_have_
_destroyed_you I_had_wearied_myself to_relent. **7** And_I_have_
_winnowed_them with_a_winnowing_fork in_the_gates_of the_
_earth/land I_have_made_childless I_have_destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ
people_of_my from_ways_of_their not they_have_turned_away.
8 They_are_numerous to_me widows_of_its[109] more_than_the_
_sand_of the_seas I_have_brought to/for_them on a_mother a_
_young_man a_destroyer at_noon(s) I_have_made_fall
on/upon_it(f) suddenly anguish and_sudden_terror. **9** The_one_
_who_bore_of (of)_the_seven_children she_has_languished it_
_has_panted breath_of_her it_went[110] sun_of_her while_still
by_day she_is_ashamed and_she_is_abashed and_remnant_of_
_their to_sword I_will_give to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
enemies_of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

10 Woe to_me my_mother_of_my that/for/because/then/when
you_gave_birth_to_me a_man_of strife and_a_man_of
contention to/from_all/each/any/every the_earth/land not I_
_have_lent and_not people_have_lent to_me of_it_of_all are_
_cursing_of_me. **11** **YHWH** he_said if not mmm[111][112] for_good if
not I_will_cause_to_plead in_you(ms) in_a_time_of evil and_in_
_a_time_of distress ᴅᴏᴍ the_enemy. **12** Will_it_break iron iron
from_the_north and_bronze. **13** Wealth_of_your and_treasures_
_of_your to_plunder I_will_give not for_price and_on/over_all
sins_of_your and_on/over_all territories_of_your. **14** And_I_
_will_make_to_pass ᴅᴏᴍ enemies_of_your in_land which_not
you_have_known if/because a_fire it_has_been_kindled in_
_anger_of_my towards_you(pl) it_will_burn. **15** You you_know
Oh_**YHWH** remember_me and_visit_me and_avenge_yourself
to_me from_those_of_who_harass_me do_not to_the_length_of
your_anger_of_your take_me_away know bearing_my on_you

Readers' Version

Those for exile, will be taken away in captivity.[106]
3 Yahweh declares that he'll assign them to four groups:
1. killed by the sword,
2. dragged away by wild dogs,
3. assigned to the birds of prey, and
4. assigned to be devoured and destroyed by wild animals.
4 Because of what Yehudah's (Judah's) King Menasheh (Manasseh) did in Yerushalem (Jerusalem),[107] I'll make people in all the world's nations be horrified by them.
5 Yes, who will feel sorry for you, Yerushalem,
and who will show sympathy for you?
Who will go out of their way to ask about your welfare?
6 Yahweh declares: You've forsaken me—
you've turned your back on me
so I've used my power against you to destroy you.
I'm tired of letting you off.
7 So I'll winnow them with a pitchfork at the country's gates.
I'll make them childless, thus destroying my people
as they haven't turned from their own ways.
8 I'll make more widows for them than sand grains on the beach.
I'll send a destroyer against the mothers of their young men at midday.
I'll make shock and horror fall on them suddenly.
9 The mother who has borne seven children will waste away.
She'll gasp—her sun will set while it is still daytime.
She'll be ashamed and embarrassed, because I will give those who remain
to be killed by the sword in their enemies' presence.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yirmiyah's complaint to Yahweh · Southern kingdom

10 Poor me, mother, that you gave birth to me—
a man of strife and contention throughout the entire region.
I haven't lent money or borrowed it
yet they all curse me.
11 Yahweh said,
Won't I rescue you for good?
Won't I make your enemies plead with you
in a time of evil and distress?
12 Can anyone break iron—
iron from the north, or bronze?
13 I'll give your wealth and treasures to your enemies as plunder without them having to pay

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106 **RV 15:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:10.

107 **RV 15:4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 21:1-16; 2Ch 33:1-9.

108 **LV 15:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הַעוז/ל**: (x-qere) **הָֽוַּעַז/לְ**: lemma_l/2189 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_24U8E **הָֽוַּעַז/לְ**

109 **LV 15:8 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

110 **LV 15:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **האב**: (x-qere) **אָֽבְ**: lemma_935 morph_HVqp3ms id_24x3o **אָֽבְ**

111 **LV 15:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/תורש**: (x-qere) **ךָ/יִתְיָרֵֽשׁ**: lemma_8281 n_1.0 morph_HVpp1cs/Sp2ms id_24gHx **ךָ/יִתְיָרֵֽשׁ**

112 **LV 15:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

as the price for all your sins committed across all your territories.
14 Then I'll make you serve your enemies in a land that you hadn't been to before
because the fire of my anger towards you all has been kindled and will burn.
15 Yahweh, you know my situation.
Take note of my situation and bring your vengeance to those harassing me.
Don't be patient with them and let them take me away.
Know that I suffer reproach for your sake.
16 Your messages were found and I consumed them.
Your message to me made me happy and gave me cause for celebration
because I bear your name, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, god of armies.
17 I didn't sit among the gathering of the merry makers,
but rather, I enjoyed feeling your presence.
I sat alone because you'd filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain ongoing and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Will you be like a spring that lets me down when its supply is unreliable?
19 So Yahweh said this:
If you return to me, then I'll restore you and you'll stand in front of me
because if you separate out the foolish things from the precious things,
you will be like my mouth. The people will come back to you,
but you yourself mustn't go back to them.
20 I'll make you like an impenetrable bronze wall to this people,
and they'll fight against you.
However, they won't defeat you,
because I'll be with you to save you, and to rescue you.
That is Yahweh's declaration. **21** Then I'll rescue you from the plots of wicked people
and I'll buy your freedom from the ruthless people.

Yirmiyah advised not to marry · Southern kingdom

16:1 Then Yahweh gave me a message, telling me: **2** Don't get married and don't have children in this place **3** because Yahweh says this to the children born in this place and to the parents who brought them into this world:
4 They'll die from disease and not be mourned or buried—
they'll be like dung on the ground.
They'll come to their ends through war and famine,
and their corpses will become food for the birds and the wild animals.
5 Yes, Yahweh says this:
Don't enter a home where there's a funeral.

Literal Version

reproach. **16** words_of_your they_were_found and_I_ate_them and_he/it_was mmm[113] to_me (into)_a_joy and_(into)_the_ _rejoicing_of my_heart_of_my if/because name_of_your it_is_ _called on_me Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers. **17** Not I_sat in_the_assembly_of merry_makers and_I_rejoiced from_face/in_front_of hand_of_your alone I_sat if/because indignation you_filled_me. **18** To/for_what pain_of_my is_it perpetuity and_wound_of_my incurable it_has_refused to_be_ _healed surely_(be) you_are to_me like a_deceitful_thing waters which_not they_are_reliable. **19** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says if you_will_return and_I_will_restore_you to/for_my_ _face/front you_will_stand and_if you_will_bring_forth the_ _precious from_that_which_is_worthless like_mouth_of_my you_will_be they they_will_return to_you and_you(ms) not you_must_return to_them. **20** And_I_will_make_you for_people the_this into_a_wall_of bronze fortified and_people_will_fight against_you and_not they_will_prevail to/for_you(fs) if/because will_be_with_you I to_save_you and_to_deliver_you the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **21** And_I_will_deliver_you from_the_ _hand_of wicked_people and_I_will_ransom_you from_the_ _palm_of ruthless_people.

16:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Not you_must_take to/for_yourself(m) a_wife and_not they_ _will_belong to/for_yourself(m) sons and_daughters in_place (the)_this. **3** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says on the_sons and_ _on the_daughters (the)_born in_place the_this and_on mothers_of_their who_bore them and_on fathers_of_their who_ _fathered them on_the_earth (the)_this. **4** Deaths_of diseases they_will_die not they_will_be_mourned and_not they_will_be_ _buried (into)_dung on the_surface_of the_soil they_will_ _become and_by_sword and_by_famine they_will_come_to_an_ _end and_ corpse[s]_of_their _it_will_become for_food for_the_ _bird[s]_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_ _earth/land. **5** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says do_not enter a_ _house_of mourning and_do_not go to_lament and_do_not

113 LV 15:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יר֣בד/ךָ֣: (x-qere) רָבַ֣דְתָּ֣: lemma_1697 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp2ms id_24Wom יר֣בד/ךָ֣

Literal Version

show_sympathy to/for_them if/because I_have_withdrawn ~~DOM~~ peace_of_my from_with the_people the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_covenant_loyalty and_~~DOM~~ (the)_ _compassion(s). **6** And_ great_people and_insignificant_people _ _they_will_die on_the_earth (the)_this not they_will_be_buried and_not people_will_mourn to/for_them and_not anyone_will_ _cut_himself and_not anyone_will_make_himself_bald to/for_ _them. **7** And_not people_will_break to/for_them on mourning to_comfort_him on a_dead_person and_not people_will_give_ _to_drink them a_cup_of consolations on his/its_father and_on his/its_mother. **8** And_a_house_of a_feast not you_must_go to_ _sit with_them to_eat and_to_drink. **9** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_cause_to_cease from the_place the_this to_eyes_ _of_your(pl) and_in_days_of_your(pl) the_sound_of joy and_ _the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_bridegroom and_the_ _sound_of a_bride. **10** And_it_was if/because you_will_tell to_ _people the_this ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages the_these and_they_will_say to_you concerning what **YHWH** has_he_ _spoken on_us ~~DOM~~ all_of the_calamity (the)_great (the)_this and_what iniquity_of_is_our and_what sin_of_is_our which we_ _have_sinned to/for_**YHWH** god_of_our. **11** And_you_will_say to_them on that ancestors_of_your(pl) they_abandoned me the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_walked after gods other and_they_served_them and_they_bowed_down to/for_them and_me they_abandoned and_~~DOM~~ law_of_my not they_kept. **12** And_you(pl) you(pl)_have_done_evil for_doing more_than_ _of_your(pl)_ancestors and_here_you(pl) are_walking everyone after the_stubbornness_of his/its_heart (the)_wicked to_not to_ _listen to_me. **13** And_I_will_hurl you(pl) from_under the_ _earth/land (the)_this to the_earth/land which not you(pl) and_ancestors_of_your(pl) you(pl)_have_known and_you(pl)_ _will_serve there ~~DOM~~ gods other by_day and_night that not I_ _will_give to/for_you(pl) favour.

14 For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not it_will_be_said again by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_brought_up ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **15** If/because (if) by_the_life of_ _**YHWH** who he_brought_up ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_a_land_of the_north and_from_all the_lands where he_ _had_banished_them to_(to) and_I_will_bring_them_back to land_of_their which I_gave to_ancestors_of_their.

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Don't go to mourn or to show sympathy to them,
because I've withdrawn my peace from this people,
as well as my compassion and loyal commitment.
That is Yahweh's declaration. **6** Both the important people and the ordinary people will die in this land.
They won't be buried and no one will mourn for them,
or cut themselves or shave off their hair to show grief for them.
7 No one must share any food to comfort those in mourning because of the deaths,
and no one must give a comforting cup to his father or mother.
8 Don't go to a dining establishment to sit with them to eat and drink
9 because Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Listen, right in front of your eyes, in your lifetime and in this place,
I'm about to make the sounds of happiness and gladness cease—
including the sounds of brides and grooms.[114]
10 Then when you pass on all these messages to the people, they'll ask you:
Why has Yahweh decreed all this terrible calamity against us,
and what wickedness or sin have we committed against our god Yahweh?
11 So give them this declaration from Yahweh:
It's because your ancestors followed after foreign gods and served them and bowed down to them.
They abandoned me and didn't follow my instructions.
12 Then you yourselves have done even more wickedness than your ancestors,
and everyone of you is walking by the stubbornness of their wicked heart—
not listening to me.
13 So I will throw you all out of this land,
to a land that neither you or your ancestors have been to.
14 Now listen, Yahweh declares:
Because of that the days are coming when they'll no longer say,
'As Yahweh, the one who brought the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), lives.'
15 Instead they'll say:
'As Yahweh lives, the one who brought the Israelis back from the land of the north
and from the lands where he had driven them,'
because I'll bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors.

Return from exile · Southern kingdom

114 RV 16:9 · Cross-ref. Jer 7:34; 25:10; Rev 18:23.

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The coming punishment · Southern kingdom

16 Listen, Yahweh declares:
I'll send for many fishermen to fish the people out.
After that, I'll send for many hunters
to hunt them from under every mountain and hill, and from the crevices in the rocks
17 because I'm watching everything they do
and their wicked behaviour can't be hidden from me.
18 Firstly, I'll pay back double for their disobedience and wickedness,
because of their polluting my land with their detestable carvings,
and because they filled my inheritance with their disgusting idols."

Yirmiyah thanks for safety · Southern kingdom

19 Yahweh, you're my fortress and my refuge—
my place of safety in any distressing time.
The nations will go to you from the ends of the earth and say,
"Surely our ancestors inherited lies—
Those idols are a waste of time and there's no profit in them.
20 Can people make their own gods?
Well, they're not gods at all!
21 So listen, I'm about to demonstrate that at this time—
I'll reveal my power and activity to them
and then they'll know that my name is Yahweh.

Yehudah's sin and punishment · Southern kingdom

17:1 Yehudah's (Judah's) sin is written with an iron stylus that has a diamond point.
It's engraved on the tablet which is their hearts, and on the projecting corners of your altars.
2 Even their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles
that were beside the luxuriant trees and on the high hills—
3 even on my mountain in the countryside.
I'll give your wealth and all your treasures to be plundered by others
because of your sin on your hilltop shrines throughout all your territories.
4 You'll have to let go the inheritance that I gave you.
I'll make your serve your enemies in a land that you've never been to,
because you've ignited a fire in my anger which will burn forever.

Various sayings

5 Yahweh says this:
Anyone who trusts in humankind will be cursed—
trusting in their own physical strength turns their hearts away from Yahweh.
6 They're like shrubs in the desert, unable to see any good coming,

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16 HERE_I am_about_to_send mmm[115] many the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_will_fish_them_out and_after thus I_will_send many hunters and_they_will_hunt_them from_under every_of mountain and_from_on every_of hill and_from_the_clefts_of the_rocks. **17** If/because eyes_of_my are_on all_of ways_of_their not they_have_been_hidden from_before_face_of_me and_not iniquity_of_their it_has_been_concealed from_before eyes_of_ _my. **18** And_I_will_repay first the_double_of their_iniquity_of_ _their and_sin_of_their because they_have_profaned ~~DOM~~ land_ _of_my with_the_corpse[s]_of their_detestable_things_of_their and_abominations_of_their they_have_filled ~~DOM~~ inheritance_ _of_my.

19 Oh_**YHWH** strength_of_my and_stronghold_of_my and_my_ _place_of_of_escape in/on_day trouble to_you nations they_ _will_come from_the_ends the_earth and_they_will_say surely falsehood ancestors_of_our they_possessed futility and_there_ _was_not in_them that_which_profits. **20** Will_he_make for_ _him/it anyone gods and_they not are_gods. **21** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_of_to_make_them_know at_ _time (the)_this I_will_make_them_know ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my and_ _~~DOM~~ might_of_my and_they_will_know if/because_that name_ _of_my is_**YHWH**.

17:1 The_sin_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) is_inscribed with_a_stylus_of iron with_a_point_of diamond it_is_engraved on the_tablet_of their_heart_of_their and_to_the_horns_of your(pl)_altars_of_ _your(pl). **2** Just_ children_of_their _as_remember altars_of_ _their and_their_'Ashērāh_poles at tree[s] luxuriant on hills (the)_high. **3** Mountain_of_my in_the_field wealth_of_your all_ _of treasures_of_your to_plunder I_will_give places_of_your_ _high for_sin in_all territories_of_your. **4** And_you_will_let_fall and_in_you from_inheritance_of_your which I_gave to/for_ _you(fs) and_I_will_make_you_serve ~~DOM~~ enemies_of_your on_ _the_earth which not you_know if/because a_fire you(pl)_have_ _kindled in_anger_of_my until perpetuity it_will_burn.

5 Thus **YHWH** he_says the_man who he_trusts in_humankind and_he_makes flesh strength_of_his and_from **YHWH** his/its_ _heart it_turns_aside is_cursed. **6** And_it_was like_a_bush in_ _plain and_not he_will_see if/because good it_will_come and_ _he_will_dwell parched_places in_wilderness a_land_of saltiness and_not anyone_dwells. **7** The_man who he_trusts in_ _**YHWH** is_blessed and_ **YHWH** _it_was of_confidence_of_his_

115 LV 16:16 · Note OSHB variant note: מיגוד/ל: (x-qere) מְיַגֵּיד/לִ': lemma_l/1771 morph_HR/Ncmpa id_24Jp4 מְיַגֵּיד/ל

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_object. **8** And_it_was like_a_tree planted at water and_which_
_at a_stream it_sends_out roots_of_its and_not it_will_see[119]
if/because heat it_will_come and_it_was leafage_of_its
luxuriant and_in_year_of drought not it_will_be_anxious and_
_not it_will_cease from_producing fruit. **9** Is_deceitful the_
_heart from_all and_is_incurable it who will_he_know_it. **10** I
YHWH am_searching the_heart I_am_testing the_kidneys
(and)_to_give to_everyone his_ways[120] to_the_fruit_of his_
_deeds_of_his. **11** A_partridge which_it_gathers_a_brood and_
_not it_has_laid one_who_makes wealth and_not with_justice
in_the_middle_of his[121] it_will_leave_him and_at_end_of_his
he_will_be a_fool.

12 Is_a_throne_of glory a_high_place from_first_time the_place_
_of our_sanctuary_of_our. **13** Oh_hope_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) Oh_
_**YHWH** all_of those_of_who_abandon_you they_will_be_
_ashamed mmm[122] on_the_earth they_will_be_written_down
if/because they_have_abandoned the_spring_of water living
~~DOM~~ **YHWH**. **14** Heal_me Oh_**YHWH** and_I_will_be_healed save_
_me and_I_will_be_saved if/because praise_of_are_my you.
15 HERE they are_saying to_me where is_the_message_of
YHWH let_it_come please. **16** And_I not I_have_hastened from_
_a_shepherd after_you and_a_day incurable not I_have_desired
you you_know the_utterance_of my_lips_of_my in_front_of
face_of_your it_was. **17** Do_not become to_me (into)_a_terror
refuge_of_are_my you in/on_day calamity. **18** Those_of_who_
_pursue_me let_them_be_put_to_shame and_not I let_me_be_
_put_to_shame they let_them_be_dismayed and_not I let_me_
_be_dismayed bring on_them a_day_of calamity and_double
breaking break_them.

Readers' Version

and they'll live in dry parts of the wilderness
that's salty and with no one else living there.
7 The person who trusts in Yahweh will be blessed,
as they put their confidence in him.
8 That person will be like a tree planted by a stream
that sends its roots out to the water.
It has nothing to fear when the heat comes and its leaves stay green.
It has nothing to be afraid of in a drought year
and it won't stop producing fruit.[116]
9 Human motives are the most deceitful of all.
They can't be cured—who can determine them?
10 I am Yahweh who searches the mind.
I test the motives.[117]
I give to everyone according to the results of their actions.[118]
11 A partridge hatches an egg that it didn't lay.
Someone might get rich by unjust means
but right in the middle of their life it'll leave them
and in the end, that person will be a fool.

Yirmiyah's request to Yahweh

12 The place of our sanctuary from the beginning has been like a splendid throne on a high place.
13 You, Yahweh are the one that Yisrael (Israel) puts their hope in.
All who abandon you will be put to shame.
Those who turn away from you will be written on the ground,
because they've forsaken Yahweh—the fountain of living waters.
14 Heal me, Yahweh, and I'll be healed.
Rescue me, and I'll be rescued,
because you are the one I praise.
15 Listen, they're asking me,
Where is Yahweh's message? Let it come.
16 As for me, I didn't run from being a shepherd following you.
I didn't long for the day of disaster.
You know everything I said—it was said in your presence.
17 Don't become a terror to me.
You're my place of safety when disaster comes.
18 Let my pursuers be ashamed, but don't let me be ashamed.
Let them be dismayed, but don't let me be dismayed.
Send the day of disaster against them
and shatter them with a double share of destruction.

116 RV 17:8 · Cross-ref. Psa 1:3.

117 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 2:23.

118 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Psa 62:12.

119 LV 17:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **ארי**: (x-qere) 'הֶאֱרִי': lemma_7200 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqi3ms id_24agE הֶאֱרִי

120 LV 17:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **כ/כרד/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְכָרְדִ/כ': lemma_k/1870 n_0.1 morph_HR/Ncbpc/Sp3ms id_24nHt וְכָרְדִ/כ

121 LV 17:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **מי/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְעֹשֵׂ/מי': lemma_3117 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_24qJK וְעֹשֵׂ/מי

122 LV 17:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **רוסי/י**: (x-qere) 'יְרוּס/ו': lemma_c/5493 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqrmpc/Sp1cs id_24q5z יְרוּס/ו

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19 Yahweh told me this:
Go and stand in at gate of the people
where Yehudah's (Judah's) kings come and go,
then in all the other gates of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
20 Tell the people:
Listen to Yahweh's message, you kings of Yehudah and all you people of Yehudah,
and all of Yerushalem's residents who go in through those gates.
21 Yahweh says this:
Be careful for the sake of your lives
and on the rest day, don't carry a load to bring it to Yerushalem's gates.[123]
22 Don't bring a load out from your homes on the rest day.
Don't do any work, but set apart the rest day,
just as I instructed your ancestors to do.
23 They did not listen or pay attention,
but stubbornly refused to listen to me, nor did they accept discipline.
24 Yahweh declares that if you carefully listen to me
and don't bring a load to this city's gates on the rest day
but instead set apart the rest day for Yahweh, and don't do any work on it,
25 then kings, princes, and those who sit on David's throne
will come to this city's gates in chariots and on horses.
They'll come along with their leaders from Yehudah (Judah) including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) residents,
and this city will be inhabited forever.
26 They'll come from Yehudah's cities including from all around Yerushalem,
from the Benyamin region and the foothills,
from the mountains, and from the Negev desert,
bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and frankincense,
as well as those who bring thank offerings to Yahweh's residence.
27 But if you don't listen to me
and don't set apart the rest day
and don't carry heavy loads to enter Yerushalem's gates on the rest day,
then I'll light a fire at its gates that will incinerate Yerushalem's fortresses,
and that won't be able to be put out.

Observing the rest day · Southern kingdom

18:1 Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) to say, **2** "Get ready and go down to the potter's house, and I'll give

Yirmiyah visits the potter · Southern kingdom

Literal Version

19 Thus **YHWH** he_said to_me go and_you_will_stand in_the_ _gate_of the_sons_of the_people[124] which they_go in_him/it the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_which they_go_out in_ _him/it and_in_all_of the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **20** And_you_will_say to_them hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_ _kings_of Yəhūdāh and_all Yəhūdāh and_all/each/any/every the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_(ones_who)_ _went in_gates the_these. **21** Thus **YHWH** he_says take_heed to_ _lives_of_your(pl) and_do_not carry a_burden in/on_day of_ _the_sabbath and_you(pl)_will_bring_it in_the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **22** And_not you(pl)_must_bring_out a_burden from_houses_of_your(pl) in/on_day of_the_sabbath and_all work not you(pl)_must_do and_you(pl)_will_set_apart_ _as_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath just_as I_commanded ~~DOM~~ ancestors_of_your(pl). **23** And_not they_listened and_not they_ _inclined ~~DOM~~ ear_of_their and_they_stiffened ~~DOM~~ neck_of_ _their to_not to_listen[125] and_to_not to_accept correction. **24** And_it_was if carefully_(listen) you(pl)_will_listen to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_not to_bring a_burden in_the_ _gates_of the_city (the)_this in/on_day of_the_sabbath and_to_ _set_apart_as_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath to_not to_do in/on/at/with[126] any_of work. **25** And_they_will_come in_the_ _gates_of the_city (the)_this kings and_princes who_sit on the_ _throne_of Dāvid who_ride in_chariot[s] and_on_horses they and_officials_of_their everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ the_city (the)_ _this _it_will_remain forever_perpetuity. **26** And_they_will_ _come from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_from_round_about_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_from_the_land_of Binyāmīn and_ _from the_Shephelah and_from the_hill_country and_from the_ _Negev those_who_bring burnt_offering and_sacrifice and_ _grain_offering and_frankincense and_those_who_bring_of (of)_a_thank-offering the_house_of **YHWH**. **27** And_if not you(pl)_will_listen to_me to_set_apart_as_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath and_to_not to_carry a_burden and_to_go in_the_ _gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in/on_day of_the_sabbath and_I_will_kindle a_fire in_gates_of_its and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not it_will_be_ _extinguished.

18:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Arise and_you_will_go_down the_house_ _of the_potter and_there_(to) I_will_cause_you_to_hear ~~DOM~~ words/messages_of_my. **3** And_I_went_down the_house_of the_

123 **RV 17:21 · Cross-ref.** Neh 13:15-22.

124 **LV 17:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עמ**: (x-qere) 'הָ/עָם': lemma_d/5971 a n_1.2 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_24Ddt הָ/עָם

125 **LV 17:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עמוש**: (x-qere) 'עֹ֫רֶף': lemma_8085 n_0.1 morph_HVqc id_244aE עֹ֫רֶף

126 **LV 17:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/ב**: (x-qere) 'וְ/בְ': lemma_b n_0.0 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_248MU וְ/בְ

Literal Version

_potter and[127][128] was_doing work on the_two_stones. **4** And_ the_vessel which he was_making with_clay _it_was_spoiled in_ _the_hand_of the_potter and_he_would_return and_he_made_it a_vessel another just_as it_was_pleasing in/on_both_eyes_of the_potter for_doing. **5** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_saying. **6** Like_potter the_this not am_I_able for_doing to/for_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of **YHWH** HERE like_clay in_the_hand_of the_potter so you(pl) are_in_hand_of_my Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** A_moment I_will_speak on a_nation and_on a_kingdom to_pluck_up and_ _to_pull_down and_to_destroy. **8** And_ the_nation (the)_that _ _it_will_turn_away from_evil_of_its which I_had_spoken on/upon/above_him/it and_I_will_relent on the_calamity which I_had_planned for_doing to_him/it. **9** And_a_moment I_ _will_speak on a_nation and_on a_kingdom to_build and_to_ _plant. **10** And_it_will_do the[129] in_eyes_of_my to_not to_listen to_voice_of_my and_I_will_relent on the_good which I_had_said to_do_good_to it. **11** And_now say please to everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say thus **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_fashion on_you(pl) calamity and_I_am_about_to_ _plan on_you(pl) a_plan turn_back please everyone from_way_ _of_his (the)_wicked and_make_good ways_of_your(pl) and_ _deeds_of_your(pl). **12** And_they_say despairing if/because after plans_of_our_own we_will_walk and_everyone the_ _stubbornness_of his/its_heart (the)_wicked we_will_act. **13** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says ask please among_ _nations who has_he_heard like_these_things a_horrible_thing she_has_done exceedingly the_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** Does_it_leave from_the_rock_of the_field the_snow_of Ləvānōn or waters strange cool flowing are_they_plucked_up. **15** If/because they_have_forgotten_me people_of_my to_ _falsehood they_make_smoke and_they_have_caused_them_to_ _stumble in_ways_of_their paths_of antiquity to_go paths a_ _way not throw_up. **16** To_make land_of_their into_a_waste hissings_of[130][131] perpetuity every_of one_who_passes_by on/upon_it(f) he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_wag with_head_ _of_his. **17** Like_a_wind_of the_east I_will_scatter_them to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before an_enemy neck and_not face I_will_see_them in/on_day their_disaster_of_their.

Readers' Version

you my messages there."

3 So I went down to pottery factory, and wow, he was on his potter's wheel. **4** However, the container that he was making with his hand on the clay was ruined, so he started again and make it into another container that he was pleased with.

5 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **6** Like that potter, shouldn't I be able to do what I want with you Israelis? Yahweh declares that you Israelis are in my hand like that clay in the potter's hand. **7** One time, I might declare to a nation or a kingdom that it will be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed. **8** and later on, that nation that I spoke to might turn away from its evil, and then I'll cancel the destruction that I'd planned for them. **9** Another time, I might declare that a nation or kingdom will be established, or strengthened, **10** however if I see it doing evil and not listening to my voice, then I'll cancel the good that I'd said I'd do to it. **11** So now, speak to the people of Yehudah (Judah) including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) residents and tell them that Yahweh says, "Listen, I'm about to devise a plan against you all and prepare calamity for you. Each of you needs to turn back from their evil activities and improve your behaviour and your activities." **12** However, they'll say, "Don't waste your time because we'll continue with our plans, and each of us will do whatever wicked things that we want!"

Yisrael deserts Yahweh · Southern kingdom

13 Because of that, Yahweh says this:
Ask the nations if they've ever heard anything like this?
The virgin Yisrael (Israel) has done something extremely horrible.
14 Does the snow in Levanon ever disappear off its rocky slopes?
Do the cool waters stop flowing?
15 Yet my people have forgotten me.
They offer incense to useless idols
that have made them stumble on the ancient paths
that haven't had any maintenance.
16 Their land will become a wasteland—forever mocked at.
Everyone who passes by will be appalled
and will wag their heads.
17 I'll scatter them before their enemies like the east wind from the desert does.
I won't look at them but will turn my back when their disaster comes.

127 LV 18:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/נה/ו: (x-qere) 'הֵנָּה/וְ': lemma_c/2009 morph_HC/Tm id_24FZn הֵנָּה/וְ 'אֲוִיהִ֖י': lemma_1931 n_0.0.0 morph_HPp3ms id_24HhN אֲוִיהִ֖י

128 LV 18:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

129 LV 18:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הער/ה: (x-qere) 'עַ֣רָ/ה': lemma_d/7451 a n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_24Zvg עַ֣רָ/ה

130 LV 18:16 · Note OSHB variant note: תקורש: (x-qere) 'תְּנֹקִ֥יר': lemma_8322 morph_HNcfpc id_24Jo5 תְּנֹקִ֥יר

131 LV 18:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Readers' Version

A plot against Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

The people
18 Then the people said,
Come on, let's decide what to do about Yirmiyah (Jeremiah),
because we have plenty of instructions from the priests,
advice from the wise men,
and messages from the prophets.
Yirmiyah
19 Yahweh, pay attention to me
and listen to the what my enemies are saying.
20 Should good be repaid with evil,
because they're digging a pit for me?
Remember how I stood in front of you to tell you their good points—
to turn back your rage from them.
21 Therefore, hand their children over to famine,
and send war to punish them.
Let their wives be childless and become widowed,
and let their husbands die from disease—
their young men killed in battle.
22 Let a cry of distress be heard from their houses
when you send raiders to surprise them,
because they've dug a pit to capture me in
and have hidden traps for me to step into.
23 But you, Yahweh, know all their deadly plots against me.
Don't forgive their wickedness.
Don't erase their disobedience from your sight.
Let them be overthrown as you watch
at the time when you deal with them in your anger.

The shattered flask · Southern kingdom

19:1 Then Yahweh said this:
Take some of the elders and some of the priests,
and go and buy a clay flask from the potter.
2 Then go out to the Ben-Hinom Valley[134] by the Broken Pottery Gate,
and then proclaim the words that I'll tell you there.
3 Tell them:
You kings of Yehudah (Judah) and you residents of Yerushalem (Jerusalem),
listen to Yahweh's message.
Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says,
Listen, I'm about to send calamity to this place,
and the ears of everyone who hears about it will tingle.
4 I'm doing that because they've abandoned me and defiled this place—
they've burnt incense to other 'gods',
that neither they or their ancestors or Yehudah's kings used to

Literal Version

18 And_they_said come and_let_us_plan on Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) plans if/because not instruction it_will_ _be_lost from_the_priest and_counsel from_the_wise and_ _message from_the_prophet come and_let_us_attack_him with_ _tongue and_not let_us_pay_attention to all_of words/messages_of_his. **19** Be_attentive Oh_**YHWH** to_me and_ _listen to_sound/voice my_opponents_of_my. **20** Will_it_be_ _repaid in_place_of good evil if/because they_have_dug a_pit for_self_of_my remember standing_my to_your_face to_speak on_them good to_turn_back ~~DOM~~ rage_of_your from_them. **21** For_so/thus/hence give ~~DOM~~ children_of_their to_famine and_pour_them over the_hands_of the_sword and_ wives_of_ _their _may_they_become childless and_widows and_men_of_ _their may_they_be slain_of death men_of_their_young struck_ _down_of the_sword in_battle. **22** A_cry_of_distress may_it_be_ _heard from_houses_of_their if/because you_will_bring on_ _them a_marauding_band suddenly if/because they_have_dug a_pit[132] to_capture_me and_snares they_have_hidden for_feet_ _of_my. **23** And_you(ms) Oh_**YHWH** you_know ~~DOM~~ all_of plan_ _of_their on_me for_death do_not atone on iniquity_of_their and_sin_of_their from_before_face_of_you do_not wipe_out and[133] overthrown to_your_face in_the_time_of your_anger_of_ _your deal with_them.

19:1 Thus **YHWH** he_said go and_you_will_buy a_jar_of a_ _potter_of earthenware and_some_of_the_elders_of the_people and_some_of_the_elders_of the_priests. **2** And_you_will_go_out to the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom the_valley_of_Ben which is_at_ _the_entrance_of the_gate_of the[136] and_you_will_proclaim there ~~DOM~~ words/messages which I_will_speak to_you. **3** And_ _you_will_say hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on the_place the_this which every_of one_of_who_ _hears_of_it ears_of_his they_will_tingle. **4** Because that they_ _have_abandoned_me and_they_have_treated_as_foreign ~~DOM~~ the_place the_this and_they_have_made_smoke in_him/it to_ _gods other which not they_knew_them they and_ancestors_ _of_their and_the_kings_of Yəhūdāh and_they_have_filled ~~DOM~~ the_place the_this the_blood_of innocent_ones. **5** And_they_ _have_built ~~DOM~~ the_high_places_of (the)_Ba'al to_burn ~~DOM~~ children_of_their in_fire burnt_offerings to_Ba'al which not I_ _commanded and_not I_spoke and_not it_came_up on heart_of_

132 **LV 18:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: החיש: (x-qere) 'הָחוּשׁ': lemma_7745 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfsa id_24L1P הָחוּשׁ
133 **LV 18:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: ויה/ו: (x-qere) 'וַיִּהְיֶ֫ו': lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqi3mp id_24CbA וַיִּהְיֶ֫ו
134 **RV 19:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:10; Jer 7:30-32; 32:34-35.
136 **LV 19:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוסרח/ה: (x-qere) 'תַּיְסַרַח֫/ה': lemma_d/2777 n_1 morph_HTd/Ncfsa id_24mtF תַּיְסַרַח֫/ה

Literal Version

_my. **6** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_not it_will_be_called to_place the_ _this again (the)_Tofet and_Valley_of son_of Valley_of if/because (if) the_valley_of (the)_slaughter. **7** And_I_will_ _make_void ÐOM the_plan_of Yəhūdāh and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_place the_this and_I_will_make_ _them_fall by_sword to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their and_by_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_their and_I_will_give ÐOM corpse[s]_of_their to_food to_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_to_the_animal[s]_of the_ _earth/land. **8** And_I_will_make ÐOM the_city (the)_this into_a_ _waste and_into_a_hissing every_of one_who_passes_by on/upon_it(f) he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_hiss on all_of wounds_of_its. **9** And_I_will_make_them_eat ÐOM the_flesh_of their_sons_of_their and_ÐOM the_flesh_of their_daughters_of_ _their and_everyone the_flesh_of his/its_neighbour they_will_ _eat in_the_siege and_in_the_distress which they_will_bring_ _distress to/for_them enemies_of_their and_those_who_seek_ _of life_of_(of)_their. **10** And_you_will_break the_jar to_the_ _eyes_of the_men who_go with_you. **11** And_you_will_say[137] to_ _them thus he_says **YHWH** soldiers/messengers thus I_will_ _break ÐOM the_people the_this and_ÐOM the_city (the)_this just_as someone_breaks ÐOM the_vessel_of the_potter which not it_will_be_able to_be_repaired again and_in_Tofet people_ _will_bury because_there_is_not room to_bury. **12** Thus I_will_ _do to_place the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_to_ _inhabitants_of_its and_to_make ÐOM the_city (the)_this like_ _Tofet. **13** And_they_will_be the_houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_houses_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) like_the_place_of (the)_Tofet the_unclean_ _things to_all/each/any/every the_houses which people_ _made_smoke on roofs_of_their to_all/each/any/every the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_they_poured_out drink_offerings to_gods other. **14** And_ Yirməʸāh/(Jeremiah) _ _he_came from_(the)_Tofet where he_had_sent_him **YHWH** there to_prophesy and_he_stood in_the_court_of the_house_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to all_of the_people. **15** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring[138] to the_city (the)_this and_on all_of cities_of_its ÐOM all_of the_calamity which I_have_spoken on/upon_it(f) if/because they_have_stiffened ÐOM neck_of_ _their to_not to_hear ÐOM words/messages_of_my.

20:1 And_ Pashḥūr the_son_of ʾImmēr the_priest/officer _he/it_ _listened and_he was_an_overseer a_chief in_house_of **YHWH** ÐOM Yirməʸāh prophesying ÐOM the_words/messages the_these. **2** And_ Pashḥūr _he_struck ÐOM Yirməʸāh the_prophet and_ _he/it_gave ÐOM_him/it on the_stock[s] which was_at_the_ _gate_of Binyāmīn (the)_upper which in_house_of **YHWH**. **3** And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ Pashḥūr _he_ _brought_out ÐOM Yirməʸāh from the_stock[s] and_he/it_said to_him/it Yirməʸāh not Pashḥūr **YHWH** he_has_called your(ms)_name if/because (if) Magor- missabib_all_around.

Readers' Version

know.

Then they've filled this place with the blood of the innocent.

5 They built hilltop shrines to burn their children in the fire as offerings to Ba'al,

something I never instructed or talked about, nor did it even enter my mind.[135]

6 So Yahweh declares that the time is coming when this place will no longer be called Tofet or the Valley of Ben-Hinom, but rather, the 'Slaughter Valley'. **7** Then I'll confound Yehudah and Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) plans in this place, and I'll have them struck down by their enemies' swords and by those who want to kill them, and I'll give their dead bodies to the birds and the wild animals for food. **8** Then I'll make that city into a wasteland that's something to scoff at—everyone who passes by will be appalled and will mock it because of all its disasters. **9** I'll cause them to eat the flesh of their children and of their neighbours during the distress caused by the siege imposed by the enemies who want to kill them.

10 Then as the men who went with you watch, you must break that pottery flask **11** and tell them that Commander-in_chief Yahweh says this:

I'll shatter this nation and this city, just like someone shatters a piece of pottery that can never be repaired again. They'll bury the dead in Tofet until they run out of room. **12** Yahweh declares that I'll do that to this place and its residents—making this city like Tofet **13** and Yerushalem's houses including the houses of Yehudah's kings will be defiled like that place, Tofet—all the houses on whose rooftops they burnt incense to all the constellations and poured out drink offerings to other 'gods'.

14 Then Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) returned from Tofet where Yahweh had sent him to prophesy, and he stood in the temple courtyard and proclaimed to all the people, **15** "This is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says: 'Listen, every disaster that I've pronounced against these people, I'm about to send to this city and to all the villages around it, because they've been stubborn and failed to take notice of my messages.' "

Yirmiyah's conflict with Pashhur · Southern kingdom

20:1 The priest, Pashhur (Imer's son) who was a supervisor, heard Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) prophesying those words at Yahweh's house, **2** and he struck the prophet Yirmiyah. Then he placed him in the stocks that were at the upper gate of Benyamin hear Yahweh's house. **3** The next day, when Pashhur released Yirmiyah from the stocks, Yirmiyah said to him, "Yahweh won't call you 'Pashhur', but 'Magor-Misaviv' (which means 'surrounded by terror'), **4** because Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll

135 **RV 19:5 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:21.

137 **LV 19:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

138 **LV 19:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: יבמ: (x-qere) 'אֹיְבֵמ': lemma_935 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HVhrmsa id_24NL7 אֹיְבֵמ

Readers' Version

make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. They'll fall by their enemies' swords before your very eyes, and then I'll hand Yehudah (Judah) over to the Babylonian king, and he'll carry them away to Bavel (Babylon) and put them to death. **5** I'll give away all the wealth of this city—all its products and valuables, and all the treasures of Yehudah's kings—to their enemies. They'll plunder it, seize it, and carry it off to Bavel. **6** Then you, Pashhur will be taken into captivity along with all the others in your home. You'll be taken to Bavel, and you'll die there and be buried—you and all your friends who you've prophesied these lies to.

Yirmiyah's complaint to Yahweh · Southern kingdom

7 Yahweh, you've deceived me, and I was deceived.
You've overcome me and prevailed.
I'm laughed at all day long—
everyone mocks me.
8 Yes, whenever I speak, I call out loudly.
I proclaim violence and destruction
because Yahweh's message has become a reproach and derision for me, all day long.
9 If I say that I won't mention him
and won't speak in his name anymore,
then his message becomes a fire burning in my heart—
shut up in my bones.
Then I get worn out holding it in,
and I can't continue to do it.
10 Yes, I've heard many people whispering
that terror is all around.
They want to publicly denounce me.
All my trusted friends watch for my fall:
"Perhaps he can be deceived
so that we may prevail against him
and take out our vengeance on him."
11 However Yahweh is like a fearsome warrior with me,
therefore my persecutors will stumble and won't prevail.
Because they won't succeed, they'll be totally put to shame—
an everlasting disgrace that'll never be forgotten.
12 Commander-in-chief Yahweh, who examines the righteous people,
who sees the thoughts and motives,
let me see your vengeance on them,
→because I've made my case known to you.
13 Sing to Yahweh.
Praise Yahweh because he's rescued the lives of those who are oppressed from the clutch of those who do evil.

Literal Version

4 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_
_make_you[139] into_a_terror to/for_yourself(m) and_to/for_all
friends_of_your and_they_will_fall by_the_sword_of their_
_enemies_of_their and_eyes_of_your will_be_seeing and_ÐOM
all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_will_give in_the_hand_of the_king_of
Bāvel and_he_will_take_them_into_exile to_Bāvel and_he_will_
_strike_them_down with_sword. **5** And_I_will_give ÐOM all_of
the_wealth_of the_city (the)_this and_ÐOM all_of property_of_
_its and_ÐOM every_of thing_of_its_precious and_ÐOM all_of the_
_treasures_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh I_will_give in_the_hand_of
their_enemies_of_their and_they_will_plunder_them and_they_
_will_take_them and_they_will_bring_them to_Bāvel. **6** And_
_you(ms) Oh_Pashḥūr and_all/each/any/every those_who_
_dwell_of your_house_of_your you(pl)_will_go in_captivity and_
_Bāvel you_will_go and_there you_will_die and_there you and_
_all friends_of_your whom you_prophesied to/for_them with_
_falsehood you_will_be_buried.

7 You_deceived_me Oh_**YHWH** and_I_was_deceived you_
_prevailed_over_me and_you_prevailed I_have_become (into)_
_a_laughing-stock all_of the_day of_it_of_all is_mocking to_me.
8 If/because from_sufficiency I_speak I_cry_out violence and_
_havoc I_proclaim if/because the_message_of **YHWH** it_has_
_become to_me (into)_a_reproach and_(into)_derision all_of
the_day. **9** And_I_will_say not I_will_remember_him and_not I_
_will_speak again in_name_of_his and_it_was in_heart_of_my
like_a_fire burning shut_up in_bones_of_my and_I_will_be_
_weary to_hold_it_in and_not I_will_be_able. **10** If/because I_
_have_heard the_whispering_of many_people terror is_from_
_round_about tell and_let_us_tell_about_him every_of (the)_
_person_of my_peace_of_my are_watching_of stumbling_of_
_(of)_my perhaps he_will_be_deceived and_we_will_prevail to_
_him/it and_we_will_take vengeance_of_our from_him. **11** And_
_**YHWH** is_with_me like_a_warrior ruthless therefore
yes/correct/thus/so those_of_who_pursue_me they_will_
_stumble and_not they_will_prevail they_will_be_ashamed
exceedingly if/because not they_will_succeed ignominy_of
perpetuity not it_will_be_forgotten. **12** And_Oh_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers who_tests the_righteous who_sees
kidneys and_heart let_me_see vengeance_of_your from_them
if/because to_you I_have_made_known ÐOM case_of_my. **13** Sing
to/for_**YHWH** praise ÐOM **YHWH** if/because he_has_delivered
ÐOM the_life_of the_needy from_the_hand_of evil-doers.
14 The_day when I_was_born in/on/over_him/it be_cursed
the_day when she_bore_me mother_of_my not let_it_be
blessed. **15** The_man who he_bore_the_news ÐOM father_of_my
to_say he_has_been_born to/for_yourself(m) a_son a_male
greatly_(make_rejoice) he_made_him_rejoice be_cursed.
16 And_it_was the_man (the)_that like_cities which **YHWH** he_
_overthrew and_not he_had_compassion and_he_will_hear a_
_cry_of_distress in_morning and_a_shout_of_alarm at_the_
_time_of noon(s). **17** That not he_killed_me from_the_womb
and_it_became to_me mother_of_my grave_of_my and_womb_
_of_her was_pregnant_of perpetuity. **18** To/for_what this from_
_the_womb did_I_come_forth to_see trouble and_sorrow and_
_they_have_come_to_an_end in_shame days_of_my.

139 **LV 20:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Literal Version

21:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** when_sent to_him/it the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) ᴅᴏᴍ Pashḥūr the_son_of Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ Tsəfanʸᵃʰ/(Zephaniah) the_son_of Ma´ₐsēʸᵃʰ the_ _priest/officer to_say. **2** Seek please for_us ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** if/because Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel is_waging_war on_us perhaps **YHWH** he_will_do with_us according_to_all_of wonders_of_his and_he_will_go_up from_on_us. **3** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_said to_them thus you(pl)_will_say to Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ. **4** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_turn_round ᴅᴏᴍ the_weapons_of (the)_ _war which are_in_hand_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_fighting by_them with the_king_of Bāvel and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy who_are_laying_siege on_you(pl) from_the_outside of_ _wall and_I_will_gather them into the_middle_of the_city (the)_ _this. **5** And_ I _I_will_fight with_you(pl) by_a_hand outstretched and_by_an_arm strong and_in_anger and_in_rage and_in_severe_anger great. **6** And_I_will_strike_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _inhabitants_of the_city (the)_this and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_humankind and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_cattle/livestock by_a_pestilence great they_will_ _die. **7** And_after thus the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ᴅᴏᴍ servants_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_people and_ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_ _remain in_city (the)_this from the_pestilence from the_ _drought//sword/knife and_from the_famine in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_in_the_hand_of their_ _enemies_of_their and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_their and_he_will_strike_them_down to_the_mouth_of the_sword not he_will_have_mercy on_them and_not he_will_ _show_pity and_not he_will_have_compassion. **8** And_near/to the_people the_this you_will_say thus **YHWH** he_says here_I am_setting before_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_way_of (the)_life and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_way_of (the)_death. **9** The_one_who_remains in_city (the)_ _this he_will_die by_sword and_by_famine and_by_pestilence and_the_one_who_goes_out and_he_will_fall on the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy who_are_laying_siege on_you(pl) and_he_will_

Readers' Version

14 Let the day when I was born be cursed.[140]
Don't let the day that my mother gave birth to me be blessed.
15 Let the man who brought the news to my father be cursed—
The one who said, 'You now have a son,' causing great celebration.
16 Let that man be like the cities that Yahweh overthrew without having compassion on them.
Let him hear a cry for help in the dawn and a battle cry at noontime,
17 because he didn't kill me in the womb—
→making my mother become my tomb—her womb forever pregnant.
18 Why did I come out from the womb to see trouble and sorrow,
and to end my days in shame?

Yerushalem's future destruction · Southern kingdom

21:1 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) a message when King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) sent Malkiyah's son Pashhur and Ma'aseyah's son Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) the priest to him, and they said, **2** "Please request Yahweh's advice on our behalf, because the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) is attacking us.[141] Perhaps Yahweh will do miracles for us like he has in the past, and will make him stop attacking us and leave."
3 So Yirmiyah told them to tell King Tsidkiyah that **4** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm about to make your own weapons ineffective that you're all using to fight the Babylonian king and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) who are laying siege to you from outside the wall, and I'll gather them[142] in the middle of this city. **5** Then I myself will fight you all with all my strength and power in my anger and rage and terrible fury, **6** and I'll kill this city's inhabitants—people and animals will all die from terrible, deadly diseases. **7** Then Yahweh declares that after that I'll hand over Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah along with his officers, and the people in this city who survive the deadly diseases and sword and famine, to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar, and to their enemies who want to kill them. He'll kill them with the sword—he won't spare them or show pity or compassion.
8 Then you must tell this to the people:
Yahweh says that I'm about to give you the choice between the path to life and the path to death. **9** Anyone who stays in this city will die from war, famine, or deadly diseases, but anyone who goes out and falls to their knees in front of the Babylonians who've surrounded you all, will live They'll escape with their lives that way **10** because I've already decided to harm this city rather than doing good. Yahweh declares that this city will be

140 RV 20:14-18 · Cross-ref. Yob 3:1-19.

141 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-11; 2Ch 36:17-21.

142 RV 21:4 · Note This last part of the sentence is left quite literal, as it's ambiguous in the Hebrew, what or who the 'them' is referring to here.

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handed over to the Babylonian king and he'll burn it down.

Yahweh's punishment for Yehudah's kings · Southern kingdom

11 As for Yehudah's (Judah's) king, listen
to this message from Yahweh **12** for
David's descendants:
Administer justice every morning
and rescue anyone who's been robbed, from their oppressor,
otherwise my fury will go out like fire
and burn, but no one will be able to extinguish it
because of your wicked activities.
13 Yahweh declares: listen you inhabitants from the valley
and you on the rocky plain.
You all say that no one can swoop down on you,
or be able to enter your hiding places,
14 however I will punish you all according to the results of your actions.
Yahweh declares:
I'll start a fire in your forest
and it'll consume everything around it.

The message for Yehudah's king · Southern kingdom

22:1 Yahweh told me to go down to Yehudah's (Judah's) palace and proclaim this message: **2** Listen to Yahweh's message for Yehudah's king who sits on David's throne, along with your officials and your people who enter these doorways. **3** Yahweh says that you must administer justice and do what's right. Rescue anyone who's been robbed, from their oppressor. Don't mistreat any foreigner or orphan or widow. Don't be violent, and don't shed innocent blood in this place, **4** because if you carefully do those things, then the kings who sit on David's throne will enter through the gates of this palace riding in chariots or on horses, along with their officials and their people. **5** However, if you take no notice of those instructions, then Yahweh solemnly promises that this palace will become a pile of rubble,[145] **6** because this is what Yahweh says about the palace of Yehudah's king:
To me, you're like the Gilead forests or like Levanon's summit.
However, I'll make you into a wilderness—
cities that aren't inhabited.
7 I'll appoint destroyers against you—
each warrior with his weapons.
They'll cut down your choicest cedars
and throw them onto the fire.
8 Then many nations will pass by this city and ask each other why Yahweh has done that to this great city? **9** Someone else

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_live[143] and_it_will_belong for_him/it life_of_his to_plunder.
10 If/because I_have_set face_of_my on_city (the)_this for_
_harm and_not for_good the_utterance_of **YHWH** in_the_hand_
_of the_king_of Bāvel it_will_be_given and_he_will_burn_it
with_fire.
11 And_to_the_house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) hear
the_message_of **YHWH**. **12** Oh_house_of Dāvid thus **YHWH** he_
_says judge to_morning justice and_deliver one_who_has_been_
_robbed from_the_hand_of an_oppressor lest it_should_go_
_forth like_fire rage_of_my and_it_will_burn and_there_will_
_not_be one_who_extinguishes from_face/in_front_of the_
_wickedness_of mmm[144]. **13** HERE_I am_against_you Oh_
_inhabitant_of the_valley Oh_rock_of the_plain the_utterance_
_of **YHWH** Oh_you(pl)_who_say who will_he_come_down on_us
and_who will_he_come in_our_hiding_of_places. **14** And_I_will_
_visit_judgement on_you(pl) according_to_the_fruit_of
your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_
_kindle a_fire in_forest_of_its and_it_will_consume all_of
around_of_it.

22:1 Thus **YHWH** he_said go_down the_house_of the_king_of
Yəhūdāh and_you_will_speak there ~~ĐOM~~ the_message (the)_
_this. **2** And_you_will_say hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_king_
_of Yəhūdāh who_sits on the_throne_of Dāvid you and_
_servants_of_your and_people_of_your the_(ones_who)_went
in_gates the_these. **3** Thus **YHWH** he_says do justice and_
_righteousness and_deliver one_who_has_been_robbed from_
_the_hand_of an_oppressor and_sojourner fatherless and_
_widow do_not maltreat do_not treat_violently and_blood
innocent do_not shed in_place (the)_this. **4** If/because if
carefully_(do) you(pl)_will_do ~~ĐOM~~ the_thing the_this and_
_they_will_go in_the_gates_of the_house the_this kings who_sit
for_Dāvid on throne_of_his who_ride in_chariot[s] and_on_
_horses he his[146] and_people_of_his. **5** And_if not you(pl)_will_
_listen_to ~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these by_myself I_
_swear the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because_that (into)_a_ruin
the_house (the)_this it_will_become. **6** If/because thus **YHWH**
he_says on the_house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) are_
_Gil'ād you to_me the_top_of (the)_Ləvānōn if not I_will_make_
_you a_wilderness cities which_not they_are_inhabited[147].
7 And_I_will_consecrate on_you destroyers everyone and_
_weapons_of_his and_they_will_cut_down the_choicest_of
your(pl)_cedars_of_your and_they_will_throw_them on the_
fire. **8** And nations many _they_will_pass_by at the_city (the)_
_this and_they_will_say each to his/its_neighbour concerning
what **YHWH** did_he_do thus to_city (the)_great (the)_this.
9 And_they_will_say on that they_abandoned ~~ĐOM~~ the_

143 LV 21:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **היחי**: (x-qere) **וְהֶיָּֽחְו֗**: lemma_c/2421 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_24Ui1 **וְהֶיָּֽחְו֗**
144 LV 21:12 · Note OSHB variant note: **סה/ילעמ**: (x-qere) **בָּֽם־יִלְעַ֣מ**: lemma_4611 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2mp id_24ytA **בָּֽם־יִלְעַ֣מ**
145 RV 22:5 · Cross-ref. Mat 23:38; Luk 13:35.
146 LV 22:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/דבע/ו**: (x-qere) **וְיָדְבֶּֽע־ו֗**: lemma_c/5650 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_24Xge **וְיָדְבֶּֽע־ו֗**
147 LV 22:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **הבשונ**: (x-qere) **וּבָּֽשׁוֹנ֙**: lemma_3427 n_0 morph_HVNp3cp id_24yT7 **וּבָּֽשׁוֹנ֙**

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_covenant_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_they_bowed_down to_
_gods other and_they_served_them.

10 Do_not weep for_the_one_who_is_dead and_do_not show_
_sympathy to_him/it weep bitterly_(weep) for_who_is]_about_
_to_go_away if/because not he_will_return again and_he_will_
_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of his/its_descendants. **11** If/because thus
YHWH he_says to Shallūm the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_
_king_of Yəhūdāh who_is_reigning in_place_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}
his/its_father who he_went_forth from the_place the_this not
he_will_return there again. **12** If/because in_the_place_of (of)_
_where they_took_into_exile ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it there he_will_die and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land (the)_this not he_will_see again.

13 Woe_to one_who_builds house_of_his with_not
righteousness and_his_upper_of_rooms with_not justice by_
_fellow-citizen_of_his he_works without_paying and_wage[s]_
_of_his not he_gives to_him/it. **14** The_one_who_says I_will_
_build to/for_me a_house_of size(s) and_upper_rooms_of
spacious and_he_will_tear to_him/it windows_of_my and_
_panelled with_cedar and_he_will_smear_it with_vermilion.
15 Are_you_king if/because you are_competing in_cedar
father_of_your am_not did_he_eat and_did_he_drink and_did_
_he_do justice and_righteousness then good to_him/it. **16** He_
_defended the_cause_of the_poor and_the_needy then good
am_not is_it the_knowledge ᴅᴏᴍ_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
17 If/because not eyes_of_your and_heart_of_your are_
_if/because (if) on gain_of_your_unjust and_on the_blood_of
the_innocent_person to_shed_it and_on (the)_oppression and_
_on (the)_extortion for_doing. **18** For_so/thus/hence thus
YHWH he_says to Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of
Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) not people_
_will_mourn to_him/it alas my_brother/kindred and_alas Oh_
_sister not people_will_mourn to_him/it alas Oh_master and_
_alas splendour_of_his.[152] **19** The_burial_of a_donkey he_will_
_be_buried people_will_drag_him and_people_will_throw_him_
_out from_beyond (to)_the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

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will answer that it's because they abandoned the agreement with their god Yahweh, and bowed down to their gods and served them.

Yirmiyah's message about King Yoshiyah/Josiah · Southern kingdom

10 Don't weep for King Yoshiyah (Josiah) who was killed
and don't mourn because he died.
Instead, weep bitterly for his son, King Yehoahaz who's about to be exiled
because he won't return again and see his native land again.
11 Yes, Yahweh says this about Yoshiyah's son Yehoahaz[148] who reigned instead of his father, who then left this place. He won't return there again[149] **12** because he'll die in the place where they took him into exile, and he won't ever see this country again.

Yirmiyah's message about Yehoyakim · Southern kingdom

13 The king[150] who built his house by doing what's not right
and built his upper rooms by unjustly forcing people to work,
→won't end well.
He forced the citizens to work without getting paid—
not giving them their wages.
14 He'd decided to build himself a large house with spacious upper rooms,
so he cut out large windows for it, and panelled it with cedar,
and painted it with red ochre.
15 Does having the best cedar make you a better king?
Didn't your father Yoshiyah (Josiah) eat and drink well?
However, he administered justice and did what was right
→so things went well for him.
16 He took up the cause of the poor and needy,
→so things went well for him.
Yahweh declares that that's what it means to know me,
17 but your desires and motives are only focused on your dishonest gain,
on shedding innocent blood,
and on oppression and practicing extortion.
18 Therefore this is what Yahweh says about Yehoyakim, son of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yoshiyah (Josiah):[151]
They won't mourn for him saying, 'Oh no, my brother! Oh no, my sister!'
They won't mourn for him saying, 'Oh no, my master! Oh no, his splendour!'
19 He'll be buried just like a donkey would be—
dragged away and thrown somewhere outside Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) gates.

148 **RV 22:11 · Note** Called 'Shallum' here in the Hebrew.

149 **RV 22:11 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:31-34; 2Ch 36:1-4.

150 **RV 22:13 · Note** Referring here to Yehudah's King Yehoyakim—see verse 24.

151 **RV 22:18 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 23:36–24:6; 2Ch 36:5-7.

152 **LV 22:18 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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Yirmiyah's message about Yerushalem's fate · Southern kingdom

20 You people of Yehudah (Judah), go up to Levanon and cry out.
Shout in the Bashan region.
Cry out from the Avarim mountains,
because all your 'lovers' have been destroyed.
21 I warned you when you were still secure—
you said that you wouldn't listen.
That's been your way since your youth,
that you haven't taken any notice of my instructions.
22 The wind will drive away all your 'shepherds',
and your 'lovers' will go into captivity.
Then you'll be ashamed and humiliated because of all your wickedness.
23 You who live in Levanon,
nested there among the cedars,
but how you'll groan when your labour pains come to you,
like a woman giving birth.

Judgement for Yehoyakin · Southern kingdom

24 Yahweh declares by his life:
Even if you, Yehoyakin,[155][156] son of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim, were the signet ring on my right hand, I would tear you off **25** because I'm handing you over to the ones who are wanting to kill you and to those that you're afraid of—to Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) and his Kasdim (Chaldeans). **26** I'll hurl you and your mother who bore you, into another land—a country where you're both foreigners and you'll both die there. **27** Although they'll long to return to this land, they'll never return here.
28 Is this man Yehoyakin a despised, shattered pot—
a jar that no one wants
Why will before hurled out along with his descendants,
and thrown into a country that they're not familiar with?
29 Land, land, land, Listen to Yahweh's message.
30 Yahweh says this:
Record this man as being childless—
a man who won't prosper in his lifetime.
None of his descendants will prosper
to sit on David's throne
or to rule over Yehudah (Judah) again.

Returning under new shepherds · Southern kingdom

23:1 Yahweh declares that the shepherds who destroy and scatter the flock from my pasture won't end well. **2** Therefore, this is what Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says about the shepherds who tend My people: Yahweh declares that you've all scattered my flock and driven them away, and haven't looked after them. Listen, I'm about to punish you all for your wicked actions.
3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the

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20 Go_up (the)_Ləvānōn and_cry_out and_in_Bāshān give_forth voice_of_your and_cry_out from_ʹAvārīm if/because all_of lovers_of_your they_have_been_broken. **21** I_spoke to_you in_ _securiti(es)_of_your you_said not I_will_listen this been_your_ _way_of_has since_youth(s)_of_your if/because not you_have_ _listened to_voice_of_my. **22** All_of shepherds_of_your a_wind it_will_shepherd and_lovers_of_your in_captivity they_will_go if/because then you_will_be_ashamed and_you_will_be_ _humiliated from_all wickedness_of_your. **23** Oh_you_who_ _dwell_of[153] in_Ləvānōn Oh_you_who_are_nested[154] among_ _cedars how you_will_groan when_will_come to/for_you(fs) labour-pains anguish like_(the)_who]_gives_birth.

24 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because if Kon^{yāh}ū/(Coniah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_will_be a_signet-ring on the_ _hand_of my_right_side_of_my if/because from_there I_will_ _pull_you_off. **25** And_I_will_give_you in_the_hand_of those_ _who_seek_of life_of_(of)_your and_in_the_hand_of those_ _whom you are_fearful from_their_face/front and_in_the_ _hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_in_the_hand_ _of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **26** And_I_will_hurl you and_ĐØM mother_of_your who she_bore_you to the_earth/land another where not you(pl)_were_born there and_there you(pl)_will_die. **27** And_to the_earth/land where they will_be_lifting ĐØM desire_of_their to_return there to_(to) not they_will_return. **28** A_pot despised smashed the_man the_this Kon^{yāh}ū/(Coniah) or a_vessel which_there_is_not pleasure in/on/over_him/it why he and_offspring_of_his have_they_been_hurled_down and_have_they_been_thrown to the_earth/land which not they_knew. **29** Oh_land Oh_land Oh_land hear the_message_of **YHWH**. **30** Thus **YHWH** he_says record ĐØM the_man the_this childless a_man who_not he_will_prosper in_days_of_his if/because not he_will_prosper any_of_his_offspring anyone will_be_sitting on the_throne_of Dāvid and_ruling again over_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

23:1 Woe_to the_shepherds who_are_causing_to_stray and_ _who_are_scattering ĐØM the_flock_of my_pasture_of_my the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **2** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says on the_shepherds who_are_ _shepherding ĐØM people_of_my you(pl) you(pl)_have_ _scattered ĐØM flock_of_my and_you(pl)_have_driven_them_ _away and_not you(pl)_have_paid_attention_to ĐØM_them HERE_I am_about_to_visit on_you(pl) ĐØM the_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **3** And_I I_

153 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתבשי**: (x-qere) **תְּבַשֵּׁי**: lemma_3427 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqrfsc id_24zeo **תְּבַשֵּׁי**

154 **LV 22:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתננקמ**: (x-qere) **תְּנַנָּקְמ**: lemma_7077 n_1.0 morph_HVPsfsa id_24ZPC **תְּנַנָּקְמ**

155 **RV 22:24 · Note** Called 'Shallum' here in the Hebrew and in verse 28.

156 **RV 22:24 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:8-15; 2Ch 36:9-10.

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_will_gather_together ᴅᴏᴍ the_remnant_of my_flock_of_my from_all the_lands where I_have_banished ᴅᴏᴍ_them there and_I_will_bring_back them to pasture_of_their and_they_will_ _be_fruitful and_they_will_increase. **4** And_I_will_raise_up over_them shepherds and_they_will_shepherd_them and_not they_will_be_afraid again and_not they_will_be_terrified and_ _not they_will_be_missing the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **5** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_raise_up for_Dāvid a_branch righteous and_he_will_reign a_king and_ _he_will_act_prudently and_he_will_do justice and_ _righteousness on_the_earth. **6** In_days_of_his Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_be_saved and_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_ _dwell to_security and_this name_of_his which anyone_will_ _call_him **YHWH** righteousness_of_is_our. **7** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not people_will_say again by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_brought_ _up ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **8** If/because (if) by_the_life of_**YHWH** who he_brought_up and_which he_brought ᴅᴏᴍ the_offspring_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_a_land northward_at and_ _from_all the_lands where I_banished_them there and_they_ _will_dwell on land_of_their_own.

9 Of_prophets heart_of_my it_is_broken in_my_inner_of_being all_of bones_of_my they_have_become_weak I_have_become like_a_person drunk[159] and_like_a_man whom_it_has_passed_ _over_him wine from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** and_because_of the_words/messages_of his_holiness_of_his. **10** If/because adulterers the_earth/land it_is_full if/because from_face/in_ _front_of a_curse the_earth/land it_has_dried_up the_pastures_ _of the_wilderness they_have_become_dry and_ of_life_of_ _their_course _it_became evil and_strength_of_their is_not right. **11** If/because both prophet as_well_as priest they_are_ _polluted also in_house_of_my I_have_found wickedness_of_ _their the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **12** For_so/thus/hence it_will_ _become path_of_their to/for_them like_slippery_places in_ _darkness they_will_be_pushed_down and_they_will_fall on_it if/because I_will_bring on_them calamity the_year_of their_ _punishment_of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **13** And_among_ _the_prophets_of Shomrōn I_saw offensiveness they_ _prophesied by_Ba'al and_they_caused_to_err ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_ _my ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **14** And_among_the_prophets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) I_have_seen a_horrible_thing they_ _have_committed_adultery and_they_have_walked in_ _falsehood and_they_have_strengthened the_hands_of evil-doers to_not they_have_turned_away anyone from_evil_of_ _his they_have_become to_me of_them_of_all like_Ṣədom and_ _inhabitants_of_its like_'Amorāh/(Gomorrah). **15** For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says on the_prophets HERE_I am_about_to_make_eat them wormwood and_I_will_make_them_drink water_of poison if/because from_ _with the_prophets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) wicked_ _behavior it_has_gone_out to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _earth/land. **16** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says do_ _not listen to the_words/messages_of the_prophets who_are_

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countries that I've banished them to and I'll return them to their pasture, where they'll be fruitful and multiply. **4** Yahweh declares that I'll appoint shepherds over them who'll look after them, and then they'll no longer be afraid or dismayed, nor will any go missing. **5** Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming

when I will appoint a righteous branch for David
and he will reign wisely as king
and will administer justice and righteousness in the land.[157]

6 At that time, Yehudah (Judah) will be rescued and Yisrael will live in security,
and this is the name that he'll be known by: Yahweh who does what is right for us.

7 Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming when they'll no longer say, 'As surely as Yahweh lives, who brought the Israelis out from Mitsrayim (Egypt).' **8** Instead they'll say, 'As surely as Yahweh lives, who brought and led the Israelis out of the land in the north and all the other lands that he'd banished them to.' Then they'll live in their own land again.

Lying prophets · Southern kingdom

9 As for the prophets,
I feel broken inside and all my bones tremble.
I've become like a drunkard—like a man overcome by wine,
because of Yahweh—because of his holy words.
10 Yes, the land is full of adulterers—
the land mourns because of the curse,
and the pastures in the wilderness have dried up—
their course is evil and their power is misused.
11 Yes, both prophet and priest are compromised—
even in my house I've discovered their wickedness.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
12 Therefore their path will become slippery.
They'll be pushed into the darkness and will fall into it
because I'll send them disaster in the year of their punishment.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
13 Among the prophets in Shomron (Samaria), I've seen offensive behaviour:
they prophesied by Ba'al and led my people Yisrael (Israel) astray.
14 Also, among the prophets in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), I've seen horrible things:
They commit adultery and walk in lies.
They empower those who do evil,
→so that no one turns their back on wickedness.
They're all like Sedom to me.
The people in Yerushalem are like Amorah (Gomorrah),[158]

157 **RV 23:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Jer 33:14-16.

158 **RV 23:14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 18:20; Eze 16:49.

159 **LV 23:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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15 therefore this is what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says about the prophets:
I'll feed them wormwood
and give them poisoned water to drink,
because ungodliness has spread throughout the land
starting from Yerushalem's prophets.
16 This is what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Don't listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.
They are filling you all with false hopes.
They speak visions from their own minds,
not from Yahweh's mouth.
17 They keep telling those who despise me,
that Yahweh says that you'll all have peace.
They tell everyone who practises their own stubborn ways
that no harm will come to them.
18 But which of them has attended Yahweh's council meeting
where he could see what's happening and hear his message?
Who has paid attention to his message and obeyed it?
19 Listen, the storm of Yahweh's rage is going out,
and the storm is creating a whirlwind that's whirling around the heads of those who are wicked.
20 Yahweh's anger won't turn back until he's carried out his plans and purposes.
In the final days, you'll all understand it.
21 I didn't send those prophets, yet they rushed to proclaim their messages.
I didn't speak to them, yet they still prophesied.
22 If they had in fact attended my council meeting,
they would have proclaimed my messages to my people
and turned them back from their wickedness and their wicked activities.
23 Yahweh declares:
Am I a god who's only nearby, but who isn't also a god from far away?
24 Would someone hide themself in some place and think that I couldn't see them? Yahweh asks.
Don't I fill the heavens and the earth? declares Yahweh.
25 Those prophets who prophesy lies in my name, I've heard them say, 'I had a dream. I had a dream!' 26 How long will this go on, with prophets who prophesy lies from their own minds, but who are prophesying from the deceitfulness of their own hearts. 27 They're planning on making my people forget my name with the dreams that they report, each one to his neighbour, just as their ancestors forgot my name in favour of Ba'al's name. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream, report that dream. However, the one who I've declared something to, let him declare my message truthfully. What does straw have to do with grain? That is Yahweh's declaration. 29 Isn't my message like fire, and like a hammer that shatters rock? That is Yahweh's declaration. 30 So listen, Yahweh declares that I'm against the prophets who steal my messages from someone else. 31 Yes, I'm against those prophets

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_prophesying to/for_you(pl) they are_causing_to_become_vain you(pl) the_vision_of their_own_heart_of_their they_speak not from_the_mouth_of **YHWH**. 17 They_are_saying continually_ _(say) to_those_of_who_despise_me **YHWH** he_says peace it_ _will_belong to/for_you(pl) and_all/each/any/every one_who_ _walks in_the_stubbornness_of his/its_heart they_have_said not it_will_come on_you(pl) calamity. 18 If/because who has_ _he_stood in_the_council_of **YHWH** so_that_he_may_see and_ _so_that_he_may_hear ~~DOM~~ mmm who has_he_paid_attention_ _to mmm[160] and_has_he_listened. 19 THERE the_storm_of **YHWH** rage it_has_gone_out and_a_storm whirling on the_ _head_of wicked_people it_will_whirl_about. 20 Not the_anger of_**YHWH** it_will_turn_back until he_has_brought_about and_ _unto he_has_carried_out the_purposes_of his/its_heart at_ _the_end_of the_days you(pl)_will_understand (in)_it understanding. 21 Not I_sent ~~DOM~~ the_prophets and_they they_ _ran not I_spoke to_them and_they they_prophesied. 22 And_if they_had_stood in_council_of_my and_they_will_cause_to_hear words/messages_of_my ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_they_will_turn_ _them_back from_way_of_their (the)_wicked and_from_the_ _wickedness_of their_deeds_of_their. 23 A_god_of from_near am_I the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not a_god_of from_a_ _distance. 24 Or anyone will_he_hide_himself in_(the)_places and_I not I_will_see_him the_utterance_of **YHWH** am_not ~~DOM~~ the_heavens and_~~DOM~~ the_earth/land am_I filling the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. 25 I_have_heard ~~DOM~~ that_which the_ _prophets who_prophesy in_name_of_my falsehood to_say I_ _have_dreamed I_have_dreamed they_have_said. 26 Until when is_there in_the_heart_of the_prophets who_prophesy_of (of)_ _the_falsehood and_the_prophets_of the_deceitfulness_of their_own_heart_of_their. 27 Who_plan to_make_forget ~~DOM~~ people_of_my name_of_my by_dreams_of_their which they_ _recount each to_neighbour_of_his just_as ancestors_of_their they_forgot ~~DOM~~ name_of_my for_Ba'al. 28 The_prophet whom with_him/it a_dream let_him_recount the_dream and_which message_of_my with_him/it let_him_speak message_of_my faithfulness what belongs_to_straw with the_grain the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. 29 Am_not thus message_of_is_my like_ _fire the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_like_a_hammer which_it_ _shatters rock. 30 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_on the_ _prophets the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_steal_of words/messages_of_(of)_my each from_with his/its_neighbour. 31 HERE_I am_on the_prophets the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_ _take tongue_of_their and_they_have_uttered an_utterance. 32 HERE_I am_on those_who_prophesy_of (of)_dreams_of falsehood the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_have_recounted_ _them and_they_caused_to_err ~~DOM~~ people_of_my by_ _falsehoods_of_their and_by_recklessness_of_their and_I not I_ _sent_them and_not I_appointed_them and_at_all_(benefit) not they_benefit (to)_people the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

160 LV 23:18 · Note OSHB variant note: רבד/: (x-qere) וְרָבְדוּ/: lemma_1697 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_24ght וְרָבְדוּ

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33 And_because/when it_will_ask_you the_people the_this or the_prophet or a_priest to_say what is_the_burden_of **YHWH** and_you_will_say to_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ what burden and_I_will_ _abandon you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. 34 And_the_prophet and_the_priest and_the_people who he_will_say the_burden_of **YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on the_man (the)_that and_ _on house_of_his. 35 Thus you(pl)_will_say each to his/its_ _neighbour and_each to his/its_brother what **YHWH** did_he_ _answer and_what **YHWH** did_he_say. 36 And_the_burden_of **YHWH** not you_will_remember again if/because the_burden it_ _is for_everyone message_of_his_own and_you(pl)_change ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_words/messages_of god living **YHWH** soldiers/messengers god_of_our. 37 Thus you_will_say to the_prophet what did_he_ _answer_you **YHWH** and_what **YHWH** did_he_say. 38 And_if the_burden_of **YHWH** you(pl)_will_say for_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says because you_have_spoken ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_message the_this the_burden_of **YHWH** and_I_sent to_you(pl) to_say not you(pl)_must_say the_burden_of **YHWH**. 39 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I_am and_I_will_forget you(pl) totally_(forget) and_I_ _will_abandon you(pl) and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_city which I_gave to/for_ _you(pl) and_to_ancestors_of_your(pl) from_under face_of_my. 40 And_I_will_put on_you(pl) a_reproach_of perpetuity and_ _shame_of perpetuity which not it_will_be_forgotten.

24:1 He_showed_me **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE two_of baskets_of figs were_set to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_temple_of **YHWH** after Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel took_into_exile ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Yəkonʸᵃʰ/(Jeconiah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_officials_of Yəhūdāh and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_craftsman and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_ _smith from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_brought_them Bāvel. 2 The_basket one was_figs good very like_the_figs_of the_early_figs and_the_basket one was_figs bad very which not they_will_be_eaten from_badness. 3 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing Oh_Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) and_I_said figs the_figs (the)_good are_good very and_the_bad_figs are_ _bad very which not they_will_be_eaten from_badness. 4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 5 Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says like_figs (the)_good the_ _these so I_will_regard ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_exile[s]_of Yəhūdāh whom I_ _have_sent from the_place the_this the_land_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy for_good. 6 And_I_will_set eye_of_my on_them for_ _good and_I_will_bring_them_back to the_earth/land (the)_this and_I_will_build_them_up and_not I_will_tear_them_down and_I_will_plant_them and_not I_will_pluck_them_up. 7 And_I_ _will_give to/for_them a_heart to_know ~~ᵭᵯ~~_me if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH** and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_ _I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god if/because they_will_

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who speak their own messages by claim that the messages came from me. 32 Yahweh declares that indeed, I'm against those who prophesy false dreams and retell them to lead my people astray with their reckless lies. It wasn't me who sent or commanded them, and they're of no benefit at all to those people. That is Yahweh's declaration.

False prophets · Southern kingdom

33 Now when this people group or a prophet or priest asks you, 'What is Yahweh's burden?'[161] you should tell them, 'You are the burden and I'll abandon you.' That is Yahweh's declaration. 34 As for the prophet or priest or anyone who claims that he knows Yahweh's burden, I'll punish that man and his household. 35 This is what each of you should ask their friend or relative: 'What did Yahweh answer?' or 'What has Yahweh said?' 36 But don't refer anymore to Yahweh's burden, because each person's message becomes the burden, so you all end up perverting the words of the living god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, our god. 37 This is what you should ask to the prophet, 'What answer did Yahweh give you?' or 'What did Yahweh say?' 38 However if you say, 'Yahweh's burden', then this is what Yahweh says: Because you said those words, 'Yahweh's burden,' after I sent you all a message saying, 'Don't say, "Yahweh's burden,' 39 therefore listen, I'll definitely forget you and will remove you all out of my presence—both you and your ancestors, and the city that I gave you. 40 Then I'll put permanent shame on you all, and continual insults that won't be forgotten.

Two baskets of figs · Southern kingdom

24:1 After the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had carried away Yehoyakin, son of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim, as well as Yehudah's officials and Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) craftsmen and metalsmiths, and had taken them to Bavel (Babylon),[162] Yahweh showed me two baskets of figs placed in front of his temple. 2 One basket of figs was very good like early, ripe figs, but the figs in the other basket were so bad that they weren't edible. 3 Then Yahweh asked me, "Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), what do you see?"

"Figs," I replied. "Some figs that look very good, and others that are so bad they're inedible."

4 Then Yahweh gave me this message: 5 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh, says this: I'll look favourably at the exiles from Yehudah just like those good figs, the exiles that I've sent out from this place to Bavel. 6 I'll give them my favour and restore them to this land. I'll build them up, and not tear them down. I'll plant them, and not uproot them. 7 Then I will give them a desire to know me, because I'm Yahweh. They'll be my people and I will be their god, so they will turn to me wholeheartedly.

8 But Yahweh declares that just like those bad figs that are

161 RV 23:33 · Note The Hebrew word translated 'burden' could alternatively mean 'message of doom' here and through to verse 40, except that it's also used to describe the people.

162 RV 24:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:12-16; 2Ch 36:10.

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inedible will be discarded, I'll act in that same way towards Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), along with his officials and the rest of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) who remain in this land or go to stay in the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **9** I'll turn them into something horrifying—a disaster, right there in the sight of all the world's kingdoms—a disgrace and a subject for proverbs, taunts, and curses in every place that I'll drive them into. **10** I'll send armies, famine, and disease against them until they're destroyed from the land that I gave to them and their ancestors.

Exile to Bavel foretold · Southern kingdom

25:1 This is the message that came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) concerning all the people of Yehudah (Judah) in the fourth year of the reign of Yehoyakim (son of Yehudah's King Yoshiyah (Josiah)), which was the first year of the reign of the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). **2** The prophet Yirmiyah proclaimed this to all the people across Yehudah including all of Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, saying: **3** Yahweh's messages have been coming to me for twenty-three years since the thirteenth year of the reign of Yehudah's king Yoshiyah (Yoshiyah, Amon's son), and I've passed them on to you all over and over again, but you haven't taken any notice of them. **4** Yahweh sent all his servants the prophets to you again and again, but you all haven't listened or paid any attention. **5** Those prophets said, 'Let everyone turn from their wicked ways and their evil activities, and return to the land that Yahweh gave in ancient times to your ancestors and to all of you as a permanent inheritance. **6** So don't walk after other gods to worship them or to bow down to them, and don't provoke him with things you make with your hands, and then he won't harm you all.' **7** But Yahweh declares that you all haven't listened to me, because with what you've made, you've provoked me to do harm to you.

8 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Since all of you haven't listen to my messages, **9** listen, I'm about to send out a command to fetch all the northern peoples. Yahweh declares that I will bring my servant, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar and his armies against this land and its inhabitants, and against all the nations around you. I will mark them for destruction and turn them into a horror—something to be hissed at, and permanent ruins. **10** I'll put an end to the sounds of gladness and celebration, the sounds of brides and grooms,[164] and the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.[165] **11** Then all of this land will become a desolation and a horror, and these nations

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_return to_me in_all heart_of_their. **8** And_like_figs (the)_bad which not they_will_be_eaten from_badness if/because thus **YHWH** he_says so I_will_make ĐOM Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM officials_of_his and_ĐOM the_remnant_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) those_who_remain on_the_earth (the)_this and_those_who_dwell in_land of_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** And_I_will_make_them mmm[163] into_an_ _evil to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land into_a_reproach and_into_a_byword into_a_taunt and_into_a_ _curse in_all the_places where I_will_banish_them there. **10** And_I_will_send on_them ĐOM the_drought//sword/knife ĐOM the_famine and_ĐOM the_pestilence until they_are_ _finished from_under the_soil which I_gave to/for_them and_ _to_ancestors_of_their.

25:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) on all_ _of the_people_of Yəhūdāh in_year (the)_fourth of_ _Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh it was_the_year (the)_first of_ _Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel. **2** Which Yirmə^{yāh} the_ _prophet he_spoke to all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_ _near/to all_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ _say. **3** Since thir- teen year of_Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_son_of 'Āmōn the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_unto the_day the_this this three and_twenty year[s] the_message_of **YHWH** it_has_come to_me and_I_have_spoken to_you(pl) rising_early and_speaking and_ _not you(pl)_have_listened. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he_sent to_you(pl) ĐOM all_of servants_of_his the_prophets rising_early and_ _sending and_not you(pl)_listened and_not you(pl)_inclined ĐOM ear_of_your(pl) to_listen. **5** To_say turn_back please everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_from_the_ _wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) and_dwell on the_ _soil which **YHWH** he_gave to/for_you(pl) and_to_ancestors_ _of_your(pl) (to)_from antiquity and_unto perpetuity. **6** And_ _do_not walk after gods other to_serve_them and_to_bow_ _down to/for_them and_not you(pl)_must_provoke_to_anger me by_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) and_not I_ _will_do_harm to_you(pl). **7** And_not you(pl)_have_listened to_ _me the_utterance_of **YHWH** so_as mmm[167] by_the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) for_harm your(pl). **8** For_ _so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says because that not you(pl)_have_listened_to ĐOM words/messages_of_my. **9** HERE_I am_about_to_send and_I_ _will_fetch ĐOM all_of the_clans_of the_north the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_near/to Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel servant_of_my and_I_will_bring_them on the_earth/land (the)_ _this and_on inhabitants_of_its and_on all_of the_nations the_ _these round_about and_I_will_totally_destroy_them and_I_ _will_make_them into_a_waste and_into_a_hissing and_into_ _ruins_of perpetuity. **10** And_I_will_destroy from_them the_ _sound_of joy and_the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_ _bridegroom and_the_sound_of a_bride the_sound_of a_

163 LV 24:9 · Note OSHB variant note: העוז/ל: (x-qere) הָעֵז/ל: lemma_l/2113 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_2466z הָעֵז/ל

164 RV 25:10 · Cross-ref. Jer 7:34; 16:9.

165 RV 25:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:22-23.

167 LV 25:7 · Note OSHB variant note: וסעכה/ינ: (x-qere) יְנָסִיעֻכָה: lemma_3707 n_0.0.0 morph_HVhc/Sp1cs id_24nu8 יְנָסִיעֻכָה

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_hand-mill and_the_light_of a_lamp. **11** And_ all_of the_ _earth/land (the)_this _it_will_become (into)_a_desolation (into)_a_waste and_ the_nations the_these _they_will_serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel seventy year[s]. **12** And_it_was just_ seventy year[s] _as_are_completed I_will_visit on the_king_of Bāvel and_on the_nation (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** ĐOM iniquity_of_their and_on the_land_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy and_I_will_make ĐOM_him/it into_desolations_of perpetuity. **13** And[168] on the_earth/land (the)_that ĐOM all_of words/messages_of_my which I_spoke on/upon_it(f) ĐOM every_of (the)_thing_written in_book the_this which Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) he_prophesied on all_of the_nations. **14** If/because they_will_work by_them also they nations many and_kings great and_I_will_repay to/for_them according_to_of_ _their_deed[s] and_according_to_the_work_of their_hands_of_ _their.

15 If/because thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā^{ēl}/(Israel) he_said to_me take ĐOM the_cup_of (the)_wine the_rage (the)_this from_hand_of_my and_you_will_make_drink ĐOM_him/it ĐOM all_of the_nations which I am_sending you to_them. **16** And_ _they_will_drink and_they_will_stagger_to_and_fro and_they_ _will_act_like_mad_people from_face/in_front_of the_ _drought//sword/knife which I am_about_to_send between_ _them. **17** And_I_took ĐOM the_cup from_the_hand_of **YHWH** and_I_made_drink ĐOM all_of the_nations which he_sent_me **YHWH** to_them. **18** ĐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ĐOM the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM kings_of_its ĐOM officials_ _of_its to_make ĐOM_them into_a_ruin into_a_waste into_a_ _hissing and_into_a_curse as_day (the)_this. **19** ĐOM Par'oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ĐOM servants_of_his and_ĐOM officials_of_his and_ĐOM all_of people_of_his. **20** And_ĐOM every_of (the)_foreigner and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of the_land_ _of (the)_'Ūts and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of the_land_of the_ _Pəlishtiy and_ĐOM 'Ashqəlōn and_ĐOM 'Azzāh and_ĐOM 'Eqrōn and_ĐOM the_remnant_of 'Ashdōd. **21** ĐOM 'Edōm and_ĐOM Mō'āv and_ĐOM the_people_of 'Ammōn. **22** And_ĐOM all_of the_ _kings_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ĐOM the_kings_of the_coastland which is_ _on_the_other_side_of the_sea. **23** And_ĐOM Dədān and_ĐOM Tēymā' and_ĐOM Būz and_ĐOM all_of those_who_are_cut_off_of the_corner. **24** And_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of 'Arāv and_ĐOM all_ _of the_kings_of the_mixed_people[s] who_dwell in_wilderness. **25** And_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of Zimrī and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_ _of 'Ēylām and_ĐOM all_of the_kings_of Māday. **26** And_ĐOM all_ _of the_kings_of the_north (the)_near and_(the)_far each to his/its_brother and_ĐOM all_of the_kingdoms_of the_ _earth/land which are_on the_surface_of the_soil and_the_ _king_of Shēshak he_will_drink after_them. **27** And_you_will_ _say to_them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says drink and_become_drunk and_vomit and_fall_down and_not you(pl)_will_rise from_face/in_front_of the_drought//sword/knife which I am_about_to_send between_you. **28** And_it_was if/because they_will_refuse to_

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will serve the Babylonian king for seventy years.[166]

12 Then after seventy years have passed, then I'll punish the king of Bavel (Babylon) and that nation—the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans)—for their wickedness, and make it into a permanent wasteland. That is Yahweh's declaration. **13** Then I'll carry out all the messages that I'd spoken against that land, and everything written in this document that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) has prophesied against all the nations. **14** Yes many other nations and great kings will also make slaves out of those nations. I'll repay them for everything they've done.

The punishment of God of nations

15 Yes Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh told me, "Take this cup of the wine of fury from my hand, and all the nations that I'm sending you to, make them drink it. **16** They'll drink and then stagger around and act like mad people when they see the deadly army that I'm sending out to them.

17 So I took the cup from Yahweh's hand and made all the nations that he'd sent me to, drink from it, **18** as well as Yehudah's (Judah's) cities including Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and its king and officials—to turn them into ruins and something terrifying, and into something to hiss and curse at, as they are until this present day. **19** Those nations included:

Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) King Par'oh (Pharaoh), his officials, his leaders, and all his people,

20 all people of mixed heritage and all the kings of the land of Uts (Uz),

all the kings of the land of Peleshet: Ashkelon, Azah (Gaza), Ekron, and the remnant from Ashdod,

21 Edom, Moav (Moab), and the Amonim,

22 all the kings of Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon),

the kings from the coastlands across the sea,

23 Dedan, Teyma, Buz,

and all who cut the corners of their hair,

24 all the Aravi kings,

and all the kings of the mixed tribes who live in the desert,

25 all the kings from Zimri, Eylam, and Maday (Media),

26 all the kings of the north, both near and far, one after another,

all the kingdoms around the world.

And after all of them, the Babylonian[169] king will drink it too.

27 Then Yahweh told me to tell them, 'Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this: Drink and become drunk, then vomit, fall down, and don't get up again until the

166 RV 25:11 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 36:21; Jer 29:10; Dan 9:2.

168 LV 25:13 · Note OSHB variant note: יתיאבה/ו: (x-qere) יְתֵאֵבֶה/וְ: lemma_c/935 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhq1cs id_24FpP יְתֵאֵבֶה/וְ

169 RV 25:26 · Note 'Babylon' here in the Hebrew is 'Sheshak', which is Hebrew for 'Babylon' with the letters substituted in a simple code.

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deadly army arrives that I'm sending among you.' **28** Then if any of the above refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, tell me, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that you certainly must drink it, **29** because listen, I'm about to bring disaster to the city that is called by my name, and should you yourselves be free from punishment? You won't be free, because I'm calling a deadly army against all the inhabitants of the land.'
That is Commander-in-chief Yahweh's declaration.

30 You must prophesy all these messages against them, telling them:

'Yahweh will roar from the heights
and he'll shout with his voice from his sacred residence,
and he will roar mightily against his land,
and he will shout, like those who tread grapes in a wine-pressing pit
against all those who live on the earth.
31 The uproar will be heard even at the ends of the earth
because Yahweh brings a charge against the nations.
He will pass judgement on all humankind
and have the wicked killed in war.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
32 Commander-in-chief says this:
Listen, disaster is spreading from nation to nation.
A terrible storm is rising from the ends of the earth.
33 Then those killed that day by Yahweh will be spread from one end of the earth to the other. They won't be mourned over, gathered, or buried—they'll be like dung lying on the ground.
34 Wail, you shepherds, and call out for help.
Roll around in the dust, you leaders of the flock,
because the time has come for your slaughter.
You'll all be scattered when you fall, like fragments of broken pottery.
35 There's no safe place for the shepherds to go to.
There'll be no escape for the leaders of the flock.
36 Hear the shepherds' cries of distress
and the wails of the leaders of the flock,
→because Yahweh is destroying their pastures.
37 So the peaceful pastures will be devastated
because of Yahweh's fierce anger.
38 He's left his den like a young lion would,
because their land will become a horror
due to the oppressor's anger and Yahweh's fierce angry.

Wanting a death sentence for Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

26:1 Near the beginning of the reign of Yehoyakim (Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son), this message came from Yahweh: **2** Yahweh says this: Stand in the courtyard of my temple and speak about all of Yehudah's (Judah's) cities who come to worship at my residence. Proclaim all the messages that I've commanded you to say to them—don't hold anything back. **3** Maybe they'll listen and everyone will turn from their wicked ways, and then I would turn back the disaster that I'm planning to send to them because of their wicked behaviour, **4** so you

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_take the_cup from_hand_of_your to_drink and_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says certainly_ _(drink) you(pl)_will_drink. **29** If/because HERE on_city which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon_it(f) I am_beginning to_do_ _harm and_you(pl) completely_(exempt_from_punishment) will_you(pl)_be_exempt_from_punishment not you(pl)_will_be_ _exempt_from_punishment if/because a_sword I am_calling on all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **30** And_you(ms) you_will_ _prophesy to_them ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages the_these and_you_will_say to_them **YHWH** from_a_high_place he_will_ _roar and_from_the_dwelling_of his_holiness_of_his he_will_ _give_forth voice_of_his mightily_(roar) he_will_roar on habitation_of_his shouting like_those_who_tread he_will_sing to all_of the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land. **31** An_uproar it_ _has_come to the_end_of the_earth/land if/because a_ _controversy to/for_**YHWH** on_nations he is_about_to_enter_ _into_judgement to/from_all/each/any/every flesh the_ _wicked_people he_has_delivered_them_up to_sword the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **32** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says THERE calamity is_about_to_go_forth from_nation to nation and_a_storm great it_will_be_roused from_the_ _remotest_parts_of the_earth. **33** And_they_will_be those_slain_ _of **YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that from_the_end_of the_ _earth/land and_unto the_end_of the_earth/land not they_ _will_be_mourned and_not they_will_be_gathered and_not they_will_be_buried (into)_dung on the_surface_of the_soil they_will_become. **34** Wail Oh_shepherds and_cry_out and_roll_ _in_ashes Oh_noble_ones_of the_flock if/because days_of_ _your(pl) they_have_been_completed for_slaughtering and_ _dispersions_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_fall like_a_vessel_of desire. **35** And_ a_place_of_escape _it_will_be_lost from the_ _shepherds and_escape from_the_noble_ones_of the_flock. **36** The_sound_of the_cry_of_distress_of the_shepherds and_ _the_wailing_of the_noble_ones_of the_flock if/because **YHWH** is_destroying ~~DOM~~ pasture_of_their. **37** And_ the_pastures_of (the)_peace _they_will_be_devastated from_face/in_front_of the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH**. **38** He_has_left like_(the)_ _lion lair_of_his if/because land_of_their it_has_become (into)_ _a_waste from_face/in_front_of the_anger_of the_oppressor and_because_of the_burning_of his_anger_of_his.

26:1 In_beginning of_the_kingship_of of_ _Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_message the_this it_came from_ _with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_said stand in_the_court_ _of the_house_of **YHWH** and_you_will_speak to all_of the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_went to_bow_down the_ _house_of **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages which I_ _commanded_you(ms) to_speak to_them do_not hold_back a_ _message. **3** Perhaps they_will_listen and_they_will_turn_back everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_I_will_repent concerning the_calamity which I am_planning for_doing to/for_them from_face/in_front_of the_wickedness_of their_

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_deeds_of_their. **4** And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** he_
_says if not you(pl)_will_listen to_me to_go in_law_of_my which
I_have_set before_you(pl). **5** To_listen to the_words/messages_
_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets whom I have_been_
_sending to_you(pl) and_rising_early and_sending and_not
you(pl)_have_listened. **6** And_I_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_house the_
_this like_Shiloh and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_city the[172] I_will_make into_a_
_curse to_all/each/any/every the_nations_of the_earth/land.
7 And_ the_priests and_the_prophets and_all the_people _they_
heard ᴅᴏᴍ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) speaking ᴅᴏᴍ the
_words/messages the_these in_house_of **YHWH**. **8** And_he/it_
was just Yirməʸᵃʰ _as_had_finished to_speak ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that
YHWH he_had_commanded to_speak to all_of the_people and_
the_priests and_the_prophets and_all the_people _they_seized
ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to_say surely_(die) you_will_die. **9** Why have_you_
_prophesied in_the_name_of **YHWH** to_say like_Shiloh it_will_
_be the_house the_this and_the_city (the)_this it_will_be_
_desolate from_not an_inhabitant and_ all_of the_people _it_
_assembled to Yirməʸᵃʰ in_house_of **YHWH**. **10** And_they_heard
the_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ᴅᴏᴍ the_things the_these
and_they_came_up from_the_house_of the_king the_house_of
YHWH and_they_lived at_the_entrance_of the_gate_of **YHWH**
(the)_new. **11** And_ the_priests and_the_prophets _they_said to
the_officials and_near/to all_of the_people to_say a_sentence_
_of death belongs_to_man the_this if/because he_has_
_prophesied against the_city (the)_this just_as you(pl)_have_
_heard with_your_two's_own_of_ears. **12** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_
_said to all_of the_officials and_near/to all_of the_people to_say
YHWH he_sent_me to_prophesy against the_house the_this
and_near/to the_city (the)_this ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages
which you(pl)_have_heard. **13** And_now make_good ways_of_
_your(pl) and_deeds_of_your(pl) and_listen to_the_voice_of
YHWH god_of_your(pl) so_ **YHWH** _that_he_will_repent
concerning the_calamity which he_has_spoken on_you(pl).
14 And_I here_I am_in_hand_of_your(pl) do to_me according_
_the_good and_according_the_right in_eyes_of_your(pl).
15 Only certainly_(know) you(pl)_will_know if/because_that if
you(pl) are_about_to_put_to_death ᴅᴏᴍ_me if/because_that
blood innocent you(pl) are_about_to_put on_yourselves and_
_near/to the_city (the)_this and_near/to inhabitants_of_its
if/because in_truth he_has_sent_me **YHWH** to_you(pl) to_speak
in_ears_of_your(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages the_these.
16 And_ the_officials and_all the_people _they_said to the_
_priests and_near/to the_prophets there_is_not for_man the_
_this a_sentence_of death if/because in/on_name_of **YHWH**
god_of_our he_has_spoken to_us. **17** And_ men of_the_elders_of
the_earth/land _they_arose and_they_said to all_of the_
_assembly_of the_people to_say. **18** Mīkāh[173] the_Mōrashtiy he_
_was prophesying in_the_days_of Ḥizqiyʸᵃʰ the_king_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he/it_said to all_of the_people_of
Yəhūdāh to_say thus he_says **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) a_field it_will_be_plowed and_

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need to tell them that Yahweh says this:
If you don't listen to me so as to follow my instructions that I've given to you all, **5** if you don't listen to the words of my servants the prophets that I've been regularly sending to you, and indeed you haven't listened, **6** then I'll destroy this house like I did at Shiloh[170] and I'll turn this city into a curse to/for all the nations in the world.

7 The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) proclaiming those words at Yahweh's temple. **8** Then as soon as Yirmiyah had finished saying everything that Yahweh had commanded him to tell all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him and threatened to kill him, saying: **9** Why have you prophesied in Yahweh's name and said that this temple will be destroyed like Shiloh, and that this city will become desolate, with no inhabitants?" Then all the people gathered together against Yirmiyah at Yahweh's residence.

10 Then Yehudah's (Judah's) officials heard about what was going on, and they went up from the palace to the temple where they sat in the gateway at the New Gate at Yahweh's residence. **11** Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, "It's right for this man to die, because he prophesied against this city, as you've all heard with your own ears."

12 So Yirmiyah spoke to all the officials and all the people and said, "Yahweh has sent me out to prophesy to say all the words that you have heard, against both this temple and this city. **13** So now, improve your ways and your practices, and listen to the voice of your god Yahweh so that he'll relent concerning the disaster that he's proclaimed against you all. **14** As for me, here I am in your hands—do to me whatever you think is right and proper. **15** However, you must surely know that if you kill me, then you're all bringing innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and its inhabitants, because Yahweh has truly sent me to you to proclaim all these messages for you all to hear."

16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets, "This man doesn't deserve to be sentenced to death, because he's spoken to us in the name of our god, Yahweh."

17 Then some of Yehudah's (Judah's) elders stepped forward and spoke to all the people who were gathered there, **18** "Mikah (from Morashet) prophesied during the lifetime of Yehudah's King Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), and he told all the people from Yehudah that Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:

Tsiyon (Zion), a field will be ploughed,
and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will become heaps of ruins,
and the temple hill will become an overgrown forest.[171]

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170 **RV 26:6 · Cross-ref.** Josh 18:1; Psa 78:60; Jer 7:12-14.

171 **RV 26:18 · Cross-ref.** Mic 3:12.

172 **LV 26:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: הַתַּאז/ה: (x-qere) הַתַּאזֵ֑ה: lemma_d/2063 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Pdxfs id_24h7X הַתַּאזֵ֑ה

173 **LV 26:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: הֵיכִימ: (x-qere) הֲכִימֵ֑: lemma_4318 n_1.2.0 morph_HNp id_24CTb הֲכִימֵ֑

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19 Did Yehudah's King Hizkiyah or anyone else in Yehudah put him to death? Didn't Hizkiyah respect and honour Yahweh and ask for his favour, and didn't Yahweh relent from sending the disaster that he had pronounced against them? It seems that we're about to bring great harm on ourselves."

20 Now there was another man prophesying in Yahweh's name of Yahweh: Uriyah (son of Shemayah from Kiryat-Yearim) who prophesied against this city and against this land with similar messages to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah). 21 When King Yehoyakim and all his warriors and all the officials heard his words, the king wanted to put him to death. However when Uriyah heard about it, he became afraid, and he fled and went to Mitsrayim (Egypt). 22 However, King Yehoyakim sent Akbor's son Elnatan and several other men to Mitsrayim to get Uriyah. 23 They brought Uriyah back from Mitsrayim and took him to King Yehoyakim who ran him through with a sword and threw his corpse into the public graveyard.

24 However, Shafan's son Ahikam supported Yirmiyah and didn't allow the people to kill him.

Yirmiyah wears a yoke · Southern kingdom

27:1 At the beginning of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim (son of Yoshiyah (Josiah) Yoshiyah), this message came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) from Yahweh,[174] 2 telling him this:

Make yourself a wooden ox yoke with bars, and tie it to your neck. 3 Use it to send messages to the kings of Edom, Moav (Moab), Amon, Tsor (Tyre), and Tsidon (Sidon), through the ambassadors from those countries who've come to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to meet with King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) 4 to tell them that Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says to give their masters this message: 5 I myself made the earth and the people and animals that are on the earth, by my direct actions and my great strength, and I give it to whoever I see fit. 6 Now I've personally handed over all these lands to my servant, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), and I've also given the animals in the countryside to him to serve him. 7 All the nations will serve him and his son and then his grandson, until the time of his own land comes due. Yes, it will, and then many nations and great kings will make him serve them.

8 Any nation or kingdom that won't serve the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar and that won't put its neck into his yoke, then I'll punish that nation with war and famine and disease until I've used King Nevukadnetsar to finish them off. That is Yahweh's declaration, 9 so don't you all keep listening to your 'prophets',

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_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) heaps_of_ruins it_will_be and_the_ _mountain_of the_house (into)_high_places_of a_forest. 19 Really_(put_to_death) did_they_put_him_to_death Ḥizqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_all Yəhūdāh not was_he_fearing ÐOM **YHWH** and_did_he_entreat ÐOM the_face_of **YHWH** and_ **YHWH** _he/it_sighed/regretted concerning the_calamity which he_had_spoken on_them and_we are_about_to_do an_ _evil great on selves_of_our. 20 And_also a_man he_was prophesying in/on_name_of **YHWH** 'Ūriy^{yāh} the_son_of Shəma'^{yāh} from_Qiryat- yə'ārīm/(jearim) and_he_prophesied on the_city (the)_this and_on the_earth/land (the)_this like_all_of the_words/messages_of Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). 21 And_ the_king Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) and_all his_of_warriors and_all the_ _officials _he/it_listened ÐOM words/messages_of_his and_ the_ _king _he/it_sought to_put_him_to_death and_ 'Ūriy^{yāh} _he/it_ _listened and_he_was_afraid and_he_fled and_he_went Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 22 And_ the_king Yəhōyāqīm _he_sent men Mitsrayim ÐOM 'Elnātān the_son_of 'Akbōr and_men with_ _him/it to Mitsrayim. 23 And_they_brought_out ÐOM 'Ūriy^{yāh} from_Mitsrayim and_they_took_him to the_king Yəhōyāqīm and_he_struck_him_down with_sword and_he_threw ÐOM corpse_of_his to the_graves_of the_sons_of the_people. 24 Nevertheless the_hand_of 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān it_was with Yirmə^{yāh} to_not to_give ÐOM_him/it in_the_hand_of the_ _people to_put_him_to_death.

27:1 In_beginning_of_the_reign_of of_Yəhōyāqīm the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_message the_this it_came to Yirmə^{yāh} from_with **YHWH** to_say. 2 Thus **YHWH** he_said to_me make to/for_yourself(m) fetters and_ _yoke-bars_of and_you_will_put_them on neck_of_your. 3 And_ _you_will_send_them to the_king_of 'Edōm and_near/to the_ _king_of Mō'āv and_near/to the_king_of the_people_of 'Ammōn and_near/to the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_near/to the_king_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) by_the_hand_of messengers the_ _(ones_who)_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh. 4 And_you_will_ _command ÐOM_them to masters_of_their to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says thus you(pl)_will_say to masters_of_your(pl). 5 I I_made ÐOM the_ _earth/land ÐOM the_humankind and_ÐOM the_cattle/livestock which are_on the_surface_of the_earth/land by_power_of_my (the)_great and_by_arm_of_my (the)_outstretched and_I_give_it to_those_whom it_is_pleasing in_eyes_of_my. 6 And_now I I_ _give ÐOM all_of the_lands the_these in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel servant_of_my and_also ÐOM the_animal[s]_of the_field I_give to_him/it to_serve_him. 7 And_ all_of the_nations _they_will_serve ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM his/its_son and_ÐOM the_son_of his/its_son until the_time_of his_land_of_his also he comes and_they_will_work in_him/it nations many and_kings great. 8 And_it_was the_nation and_ _the_kingdom which not they_will_serve ÐOM_him/it ÐOM Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_ÐOM which not it_will_ _put ÐOM neck_of_its in_the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāvel with_ _sword and_with_famine and_with_pestilence I_will_visit_

174 RV 27:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:18-20; 2Ch 36:11-13.

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_judgement on the_nation (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** until I_have_consumed ĐOM_them in_his/its_hand. **9** And_ _you(pl) do_not listen to prophets_of_your(pl) and_near/to diviners_of_your(pl) and_near/to dreams_of_your(pl) and_ _near/to soothsayers_of_your(pl) and_near/to sorcerers_of_ _your(pl) who they are_saying to_you(pl) to_say not you(pl)_ _will_serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel. **10** If/because falsehood they are_prophesying to/for_you(pl) so_as to_remove_far_away you(pl) from_under land_of_your(pl) and_I_will_drive_out you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_perish. **11** And_the_nation which it_ _will_bring ĐOM neck_of_its in_the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāvel and_it_will_serve_him and_I_will_let_it_remain on land_of_its the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_it_will_work_it and_it_will_dwell in_it. **12** And_near/to Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) I_spoke according_to_all_of the_ _words/messages the_these to_say bring ĐOM necks_of_your(pl) in_the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāvel and_serve ĐOM_him/it and_ _people_of_his and_live. **13** To/for_what you and_people_of_ _your will_you(pl)_die by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence just_as **YHWH** he_has_spoken to the_nation which not it_will_ _serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel. **14** And_do_not listen to the_ _words/messages_of the_prophets who_are_saying to_you(pl) to_say not you(pl)_will_serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel if/because falsehood they are_prophesying to_you(pl). **15** If/because not I_ _sent_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they are_prophesying in_name_of_my to_falsehood so_as I_to_drive_out you(pl) and_ you(pl) and_the_prophets who_are_prophesying to_you(pl) _ _you(pl)_will_perish. **16** And_near/to the_priests and_near/to all_of the_people the_this I_spoke to_say thus **YHWH** he_says do_not listen to the_words/messages_of your(pl)_prophets_of_ _your(pl) who_are_prophesying to/for_you(pl) to_say THERE the_articles_of the_house_of **YHWH** are_about_to_be_brought_ _back from_Bāvel_at now quickly if/because falsehood they are_prophesying to_you(pl). **17** Do_not listen to_them serve ĐOM the_king_of Bāvel and_live to/for_what the_city (the)_this will_it_become a_ruin. **18** And_if are_prophets they and_if (there) the_message_of **YHWH** with_them let_them_entreat please (in)_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers to_not go the_vessels which_remain in_house_of **YHWH** and_the_house_of the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_ _Bāvel. **19** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says concerning the_pillars and_on the_sea and_on the_stands and_ _on the_remainder_of the_vessels which_remain in_city (the)_ _this. **20** Which not he_took_them Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel when_he_took_into_exile ĐOM Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah)[175] the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel and_ĐOM all_of the_nobles_ _of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **21** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says on the_vessels which_remain the_house_of **YHWH** and_the_ _house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **22** To_Bāvel they_will_be_taken and_there_(to) they_will_ _remain until the_day_of I_give_attention_to ĐOM_them the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_bring_them_up and_I_will_ _bring_them_back to the_place (the)_this.

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and to your diviners and dreamers, and to your soothsayers and sorcerers—all those who keep telling you that you all won't serve the Babylonian king, **10** because they're prophesying lies to you, so as to remove you all far away from on your land. Yes, I will drive you all out and you'll die in a foreign land. **11** However, the nation that brings its neck into the Babylonian king's yoke and serves him, I'll let that nation remain on its land, and it will cultivate it and live there. That's is Yahweh's declaration.

12 Then to Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), I passed on those same words, saying, "Put your necks into the yoke of the Babylonian king, and serve him and his people, and live. **13** Why would you and your people die from war, famine, and disease, as Yahweh has said will come to any nation that doesn't serve the Babylonian king? **14** So don't listen to the messages from the prophets who are speaking to you when they tell you all not to serve the king of Bavel (Babylon) as they're prophesying lies to you **15** because I didn't send them. Yahweh declares that they're using my name to prophesy lies so that I'll drive you out, and you'll all perish—both you and the prophets who are prophesying to you." **16** Then I told the priests and all those people that Yahweh says: Don't listen to the words of your prophets who are prophesying to you and saying that the utensils from Yahweh's temple will soon be brought back from Bavel, because they're prophesying lies to you. **17** Don't listen to them. Serve the Babylonian king and live. Why should this city become a ruin? **18** If they were prophets who really have access to Yahweh's message, then please let them intercede with Commander-in-chief Yahweh so that the utensils remaining in Yahweh's temple and in Yehudah's king's palace and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) don't end up being taken to Bavel.

19 Yes, Commander-in-chief Yahweh has spoken about the bronze pillars and the large, bronze water basin, and concerning the bronze stands and the rest of the utensils remaining in this city, **20** which the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) didn't take when he exiled Yehudah's King Yekaneyah (son of Yehoyakim) from Yerushalem to Bavel, along with all the leading citizens of Yehudah including Yerushalem. **21** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says about the utensils remaining in Yahweh's temple and in the palace of the king of Yehudah and Yerushalem: **22** They'll be taken to Bavel and they'll remain there until the time when I punish those Babylonians, and then I'll bring them back and restore them to this place. That is Yahweh's declaration.

175 LV 27:20 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Yirmiyah vs Prophet Hananyah · Southern kingdom

28:1 In the fifth month of the fourth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah),[176] Azur's son Hananyah who was a 'prophet' from Giveon, said to me in Yahweh's temple as priests and all the people watched, saying, **2** "Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: I've broken the yoke of the Babylonian king. **3** Within two years, I, myself, will bring back here all the utensils from Yahweh's residence that the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) got from this place and took to Bavel (Babylon). **4** I, myself, will also bring Yekaneyah (the son of Yehudah's King Yehoyakim) back to this place, and all the exiles from Yehudah that were taken to Bavel, because I'll break the yoke of the Babylonian king. That is Yahweh's declaration."

5 Then the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) spoke to the prophet Hananyah, as the priests and all the people standing in Yahweh's temple watched, **6** saying, "Let it be so—may Yahweh do all that. May Yahweh confirm your messages that you prophesied, to bring the temple utensils back to this place, along with all the exiles from Bavel. **7** However, please listen to this message that I, myself, am speaking as you and all the people listen: **8** The prophets who preceded both me and you, prophesied long ago that many nations and powerful kingdoms would experience wars, terrible suffering, and deadly diseases. **9** The prophet who prophesies about peace, that prophet will be known as 'a truthful prophet sent by Yahweh' only when his message comes to pass."

10 Then the prophet Hananyah took the yoke bar off the prophet Yirmiyah's neck, and broke it. **11** Then as all the people watched, he said, "This is what Yahweh says: Just like that, I'll break the yoke of the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) off the neck of all the nations within two more years."

Then the prophet Yirmiyah left the gathering.

12 After the prophet Hananyah broke the yoke bar that had been on the prophet Yirmiyah's neck, Yahweh's message came to Yirmiyah saying, **13** "Go and tell Hananyah this: 'Yahweh says that you've broken wooden yoke bars, but in their place, you'll make yoke bars out of iron,' **14** because Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, 'I've put an iron yoke bar on the neck of all these nations to serve the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar, and they will indeed serve him. I've also given him the animals from the countryside.' "

15 Then the prophet Yirmiyah told the prophet Hananyah, "Listen, please, Hananyah. Yahweh hasn't sent you, and you yourself have made this people group put their trust in things

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28:1 And_he/it_was in (the)_that in_beginning of_the_reign_of of_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh in/on/at/with[177] (the)_fourth in_month (the)_fifth he_said to_ _me Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_son_of ʹAzzūr the_prophet who was_from_ _Giv˝ōn in_house_of **YHWH** to_the_eyes_of the_priests and_all the_people to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_ _of Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to_say I_will_break ÐOM the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāv˝el. **3** In_yet two_years days I will_bring_back to the_place the_this ÐOM all_of the_articles_of the_house_of **YHWH** which he_took Nəv˝ūkadnetstsar[178] the_king_of Bāv˝el from the_place the_this and_he/it_brought_them Bāv˝el. **4** And_ _ÐOM Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ÐOM all_of the_exile[s]_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_went to_Bāv˝el I will_bring_back to the_place the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because I_will_ _break ÐOM the_yoke_of the_king_of Bāv˝el. **5** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet _he/it_said to Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_ _prophet to_the_eyes_of the_priests and_to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people who_were_standing in_house_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_said amen thus **YHWH** may_he_do **YHWH** may_he_carry_out ÐOM words/messages_of_your which you_have_prophesied by_bringing_back the_articles_of the_ _house_of **YHWH** and_all the_exile[s] from_Bāv˝el to the_place (the)_this. **7** Nevertheless listen_to please the_message the_this which I am_about_to_speak in_ears_of_your and_in_the_ears_of all_of the_people. **8** The_prophets who they_were to/for_my_ _face/front and_before_face_of_you from (the)_antiquity and_ _they_prophesied against lands many and_on kingdoms great of_war and_of_calamity and_of_pestilence. **9** The_prophet who he_prophesies of_peace when_ the_message_of the_prophet _ _comes the_prophet he_will_be_recognized whom he_sent_him **YHWH** in_truth. **10** And_ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_took ÐOM the_yoke-bar from_under the_neck_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet and_he_broke_it. **11** And_ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} _he/it_said to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people to_say thus **YHWH** he_says thus I_will_break ÐOM the_yoke_of Nəv˝ūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāv˝el in_yet two_years days from_under[179] the_neck_of all_of the_nations and_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet _he/it_went to_way_of_ _his. **12** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh} after Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet broke ÐOM the_yoke-bar from_ _under the_neck_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet to_say. **13** Go and_ _you_will_say to Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} to_say thus **YHWH** he_says yoke-bars_of wood you_have_broken and_you_will_make in_ _place_of_them yoke-bars_of iron. **14** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā᾽^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says a_ _yoke_of iron I_have_put on the_neck_of all_of the_nations the_ _these to_serve ÐOM Nəv˝ūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāv˝el and_ _they_will_serve_him and_also ÐOM the_animal[s]_of the_field I_have_given to_him/it. **15** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_ _said to Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet listen please Oh_Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} not he_sent_you **YHWH** and_you(ms) you_have_made_rely ÐOM the_people the_this on falsehood. **16** For_so/thus/hence thus

176 **RV 28:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:18-20; 2Ch 36:11-13.

177 **LV 28:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: תנש/ב: (x-qere) הֲנָשִׂ֔יא/ב: lemma_b/8141 n_1.1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_24wRc הֲנָשִׂ֔יא/ב

178 **LV 28:3 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

179 **LV 28:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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YHWH he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_throw_you_out from_ _under the_surface_of the_soil this_year you will_die if/because rebellion you_have_spoken against **YHWH**. **17** And_ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_prophet _he/it_died in_year (the)_that in_month the_ _seventh.

29:1 And_these are_the_words/messages_of the_letter which Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet he_sent from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_remainder_of the_elders_of the_exile[s] and_near/to the_priests and_near/to the_prophets and_near/to all_of the_people which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_had_ _taken_into_exile from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **2** After Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah) the_king and_the_queen-mother and_the_court-officials the_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_craftsman and_the_smith went_out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** By_the_hand_of 'El'āsāh the_son_of Shāfān and_Gəmar^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} whom Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh he_sent to Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel to_Bāvel to_say. **4** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to/from_all/each/any/every the_exile[s] whom I_sent_into_ _exile from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **5** Build houses and_dwell and_plant gardens and_eat ~~ḌǪM~~ produce_of_their. **6** Take wives and_father sons and_daughters and_take for_sons_ _of_your(pl) wives and_~~ḌǪM~~ daughters_of_your(pl) give to_ _husbands so_that_they_may_bear sons and_daughters and_ _increase/multiply there and_do_not diminish. **7** And_seek ~~ḌǪM~~ the_welfare_of the_city where I_have_sent_into_exile you(pl) to_(to) and_pray for_it to **YHWH** if/because in_welfare_of_its it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) welfare. **8** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says not let_them_deceive to/for_you(pl) prophets_of_your(pl) who are_ _in_midst_of_your(pl) and_diviners_of_your(pl) and_do_not listen to dreams_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_dreaming. **9** If/because with_falsehood they are_prophesying to/for_ _you(pl) in_name_of_my not I_sent_them the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **10** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says if/because to_the_ _mouth_of (of)_will_be_completed for_Bāvel seventy year[s] I_ _will_give_attention_to you(pl) and_I_will_carry_out on_you(pl) ~~ḌǪM~~ message_of_my (the)_good by_bringing_back you(pl) to the_place (the)_this. **11** If/because I I_know ~~ḌǪM~~ the_plans which I am_planning on_you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** plans_of well-being and_not for_harm to_give to/for_you(pl) a_ _future and_a_hope. **12** And_you(pl)_will_call_on ~~ḌǪM~~_me and_ _you(pl)_will_come and_you(pl)_will_pray to_me and_I_will_ _listen to_you(pl). **13** And_you(pl)_will_seek ~~ḌǪM~~_me and_ _you(pl)_will_find_me if/because you(pl)_will_seek_me in_all heart_of_your(pl). **14** And_I_will_let_myself_be_found to/for_ _you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_turn_back ~~ḌǪM~~ mmm[183] and_I_will_gather you(pl) from_all the_nations and_ _from_all_of the_places where I_banished you(pl) there the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_bring_back you(pl) to the_

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that aren't true. **16** Because of that, Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm removing you from this world. You'll die this very year, because you have said things that would cause the people to rebel against Yahweh.' "

17 The prophet Hananyah then died in the seventh month of that year.

Yirmiyah's letter to the exiled Yehudim · Southern kingdom

29:1 The prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) sent a letter from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to the remainder of the elders of the exile, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people that Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had exiled from Yerushalem to Bavel (Babylon)[180] **2** after the removal from Yerushalem of King Yekaneyah and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem, plus the craftsmen and the metalsmiths. **3** He sent it with Shafan's son Eleasah and Hilkiyah's son Gemaryah, who Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) sent to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar in Bavel. The letter said,

4 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this to all of you that I've exiled from Yerushalem to Bavel: **5** Build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat their fruit. **6** Marry and have children. Find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage so that they also have children. Increase in number there—don't become fewer. **7** In addition, the city that I've sent you all into exile to, work to make it more prosperous and pray to Yahweh for it, because if it prospers, its prosperity will belong to all of you. **8** That's because Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Don't let your prophets and diviners who are among you deceive you, and don't listen to your dreams that you wishfully dream, **9** because those prophets are prophesying using my name but not being truthful—I didn't send them. That is Yahweh's declaration.

10 "Because this is what Yahweh says: When seventy years have passed for Bavel,[181] I'll visit take notice of you all again, and I'll implement my good message about you—to bring you all back to this place, **11** because I know the plans that I have for you all: plans for peaceful well-being—not to bring you all harm, but rather a future with hope. That is Yahweh's declaration. **12** Then you'll all call out to me for help, and you'll come and pray to me, and I'll listen to you all. **13** You'll search for me, and you'll find me, because you'll all want to follow me with complete sincerity.[182] **14** Then, Yahweh has declared, I'll let myself be found by you all, and I'll bring you back from captivity. I'll gather you all from all the nations and all the places that I banished you to, and I'll bring you all back to the place that I sent you into exile from. That is Yahweh's declaration.

15 Because you've all said that Yahweh has appointed prophets

180 **RV 29:1-2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:12-16; 2Ch 36:10.

181 **RV 29:10 · Cross-ref.** 2Ch 36:21; Jer 25:11; Dan 9:2.

182 **RV 29:13 · Cross-ref.** Deu 4:29.

183 **LV 29:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש/תכ: (x-qere) תּוּבְשׁ֫כָֽ֫': lemma_7622 n_1.0.2 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2mp id_24pPf תּוּבְשׁ֫כָֽ֫

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for you there in Bavel, **16** then Yahweh has something to say about the king sitting on David's throne and about all the people living in this city—your relatives who didn't go into exile with you. **17** So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: Listen, I'm about to send war, famine and deadly diseases against them. I'll make them like rotten figs that are so bad they're inedible. **18** Yes, I'll chase after them with war, famine, and deadly diseases, and I'll make them become a horror to all the world's kingdoms—a curse and a desolation, and a reproach and something to be hissed at by all the nations where I've driven them, **19** because they didn't listen to my messages that I sent to them over and over again via my servants the prophets, but all you exiles didn't listen. That is Yahweh's declaration.

20 But all you exiles that I sent away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to Bavel, listen to Yahweh's message:

21 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this about Kolayah's son Ahav and Ma'aseyah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), who are both prophesying untruths to you in my name: Listen, I'm handing them over to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), and he'll kill them right in front of you. **22** Then because of them, a new curse phrase will be taken on by all the Jewish exiles in Bavel, which goes, "May Yahweh make you like Tsidkiyah and Ahav, who were roasted in the fire by the Babylonian king," **23** because they did something shameful in Yisrael and they have committed adultery with the wives of their neighbours, and they spoke untrue messages in my name that I hadn't commanded them to. I am the one who knows that and I'm a witness. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Message to false prophet Shemayah · Southern kingdom

24 Yahweh told me to tell Shemayah (the Nehelami) this: **25** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Because you sent letters in your name to all the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and to the priest Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) (Ma'aseyah's son), and to all the priests, to tell Tsefanyah:

26 Yahweh has made you, Tsefanyah, priest in place of the priest Yehoyada, to be overseer in Yahweh's temple over every man who raves out loud, making himself a prophet, and you must put him in the stocks with an iron collar around his neck. **27** So why haven't you rebuked Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) the Antoti who's prophesying to you all, **28** because he's sent a letter to us here in Bavel (Babylon) saying, "Your exile will last a long time. Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their fruit."

29 The priest Tsefanyah read that letter to the prophet Yir-

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_place where I_sent_into_exile you(pl) from_there.
15 If/because you(pl)_have_said he_has_raised_up to/for_us **YHWH** prophets (to)_Bāvel. **16** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says concerning the_king who_sits to the_throne_of Dāvid and_ _near/to all_of the_people which_dwells in_city (the)_this countrymen_of_your(pl) who not they_went_out with_you(pl) in_exile. **17** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says HERE_I am_about_to_send on_them ĐØM the_drought//sword/knife ĐØM (the)_famine and_ĐØM (the)_pestilence and_I_will_make them like_figs (the)_rotten which not they_will_be_eaten from_ _badness. **18** And_I_will_pursue after_them with_sword with_ _famine and_with_pestilence and_I_will_make_them mmm[184] to_all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land into_ _a_curse and_into_a_waste and_into_a_hissing and_into_a_ _reproach in_all the_nations where I_have_banished_them there. **19** Because that not they_listened to words/messages_of_ _my the_utterance_of **YHWH** which I_sent to_them ĐØM servants_of_my the_prophets rising_early and_sending and_not you(pl)_listened the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **20** And_you(pl) hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of the_exile[s] whom I_sent from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_Bāvel. **21** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says concerning 'Aḥ'āv the_son_of Qōlāyāh and_near/to Tsidqiyyāh/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Ma'aseyāh who_are_ _prophesying to/for_you(pl) in_name_of_my falsehood HERE_I am_about_to_give ĐØM_them in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_he_will_strike_them_down to_eyes_of_ _your(pl). **22** And_it_will_be_taken from_them a_curse to_ _all/each/any/every the_exile[s]_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who are_ _in_Bāvel to_say may_he_make_you **YHWH** like_Tsidqiyyāh and_ _like_'Aḥ'āv whom he_roasted_them the_king_of Bāvel in_fire. **23** Because that they_did disgraceful_folly in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_committed_adultery ĐØM the_wives_of their_ _neighbours_of_their and_they_spoke a_message in_name_of_ _my falsehood which not I_commanded_them and_I wwww wwww[185186] and_a_witness the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

24 And_near/to Shəma'yāh the_Neḥelāmī you_will_say to_say. **25** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says to_say because that you you_sent in_your_own_of_ _name letters to_all_of the_people which is_in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_near/to Tsəfanyāh/(Zephaniah) the_son_of Ma'aseyāh the_priest/officer and_near/to all_of the_ _priests to_say. **26** **YHWH** he_has_made_you priest in_place_of Yəhōyādā'/(Jehoiada) the_priest/officer to_be overseers the_ _house_of **YHWH** to/from_all/each/any/every person who_is_ _mad and_who_is_prophesying and_you(ms)_will_give ĐØM_ _him/it into the_stock[s] and_near/to the_iron_collar. **27** And_ _now to/for_what not have_you_rebuked (in)_ _Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) the_'Annətotīite who_is_prophesying to_ _you(pl). **28** If/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_has_ _sent to_us Bāvel to_say will_be_long it build houses and_dwell and_plant gardens and_eat ĐØM produce_of_their. **29** And_ Tsəfanyāh the_priest/officer _he/it_called ĐØM the_letter the_

184 **LV 29:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: הָעוז/ל: (x-qere) הָֽוָּעַז/ל': lemma_l/2189 n_0.1.1.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_24J16 הָֽוָּעַז/ל

185 **LV 29:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: עדיוה: (x-qere) עֲדוֹי/ה': lemma_d/3045 morph_HTd/Vqrmsa id_24xzj עֲדוֹי/ה

186 **LV 29:23 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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_this in_the_ears_of Yirməʸᵃʰ the_prophet. **30** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ to_say. **31** Send to all_of the_exile[s] to_say thus **YHWH** he_says concerning Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ the_Neḥₑlāmī because that he_has_prophesied to/for_you(pl) Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ and_I not I_sent_him and_he_has_ _made_rely you(pl) on falsehood. **32** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_visit_judgement on Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ the_Neḥₑlāmī and_on his/its_seed not he_will_ _belong to_him/it anyone who_dwells in_the_middle the_ _people the_this and_not he_will_look on_good which I will_be_ _doing for_people_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because rebellion he_has_spoken on **YHWH**.

30:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ from_with **YHWH** to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says to_say write to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages which I_have_spoken to_you into a_book. **3** If/because HERE days are_ _coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_turn_back ~~DOM~~ the_captivity_of my_people_of_my Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_bring_them_ _back to the_earth/land which I_gave to_ancestors_of_their and_they_will_take_possession_of_it. **4** And_these are_the_ _words/messages which **YHWH** he_spoke concerning Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_near/to Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **5** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says a_voice_of trembling we_have_heard dread and_there_is_not peace. **6** Ask please and_see if a_male is_ _giving_birth why have_I_seen every_of man hands_of_his are_ _on loins_of_his like_(the)_who]_gives_birth and_ all_of faces _ _have_they_been_changed into_paleness. **7** Woe if/because will_be_great the_day (the)_that from_there_is_not like_it and_ _will_be_a_time_of distress it for_Yaʿₐqovˇ/(Jacob) and_from_it he_will_be_saved. **8** And_it_was on_day (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers I_will_break yoke_ _of_his from_under neck_of_your and_fetters_of_your I_will_ _tear_apart and_not they_will_work in_him/it again strangers. **9** And_they_will_serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their and_~~DOM~~ Dāvid king_of_their whom I_will_raise_up to/for_them. **10** And_ _you(ms) do_not fear my_servant_of_my Yaʿₐqovˇ the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_do_not be_dismayed Oh_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because HERE_I am_about_of_to_save_you from_a_distant_land and_~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit from_the_ _land_of their_captivity_of_their and_ Yaʿₐqovˇ _he_will_return and_he_will_be_undisturbed and_he_will_be_at_ease and_ _there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. **11** If/because am_with_ _you I the_utterance_of **YHWH** to_save_you if/because I_will_ _make complete_destruction in_all the_nations where I_have_ _scattered_you there nevertheless you not I_will_make complete_destruction and_I_will_discipline_you to_justice and_ _certainly_(leave_unpunished) not I_will_leave_you_ _unpunished. **12** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says is_incurable (to)_fracture_of_your wound_of_your is_severe. **13** There_is_not one_who_pleads cause_of_your to_a_sore medications_of healing there_are_not to/for_you(fs). **14** All_of lovers_of_your they_have_forgotten_you you not they_care_for if/because the_ _blow_of an_enemy I_have_struck_you the_correction_of a_ _cruel_person on the_greatness_of your_iniquity_of_your sins_

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miyah, **30** then Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah: **31** Send to all the exiles to tell them: This is what Yahweh says about Shemayah the Nehelami: Because Shemayah has prophesied to you all, even though I didn't send him, and he made you trust what's not true, **32** therefore Yahweh says this: Listen, I will punish Shemayah the Nehelami and his descendants. None of his family will live among this people, and he won't experience the good things that I'll do for my people, because he's encouraged rebellion against Yahweh. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's promises to his people · Both kingdoms

30:1 Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) a message, saying: **2** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh says this: Write down on a scroll all the messages that I've given you, **3** because listen to Yahweh's declaration: The time is coming when I'll restore my people of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah) from captivity, and I'll bring them back to the land that I have to their ancestors, and they'll take possession of it again.

4 Now these are the messages that Yahweh spoke concerning Yisrael and Yehudah:

5 Yes, Yahweh says this:
A cry of panic and terror has been heard,
and there's no peace.
6 Please ask and find out: can males give birth?
Why do I see every strong man with his hands on his hips like a woman in labour?
And why has everyone's faces gone so pale?
7 Oh dear, that will be a terrible day like nothing that's come before.
It'll be a distressing time for Ya'akov (Jacob),
→but he'll be rescued from it.
8 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that at that time I'll break his yoke off your neck, and I'll pull your chains apart, and foreigners will no longer enslave your country. **9** Then they'll serve their god Yahweh, and their king on David's throne who I'll appoint for them.

10 Then Yahweh declares:
Then you, my servant Ya'akov, don't be afraid,
and don't be dismayed, Yisrael (Israel),
because listen, I'm rescuing you from afar,
and your offspring from the land where they were held captive.
Yisrael will return and be left alone and at ease,
and there won't be anyone making it afraid.[187]
11 Yahweh declares:
Yes, I'm with you to rescue you,
because I'll completely destroy all the nations that I've scattered you to,

187 RV 30:10-11 · Cross-ref. Jer 46:27-28.

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but I won't completely destroy you.
I'll discipline you according to justice,
but I won't just let you off what you deserve.
12 Yes, Yahweh says this:
Your fracture is incurable.
Your wound is severe.
13 There's no one pleading your cause.
There's no medicines for your wound.
There's no healing for you.
14 All your lovers have forgotten you—
they don't care about you.
Yes, I've struck you like an enemy would,
with the discipline of a cruel person,
due to the severity of your wickedness.
You've disobeyed so frequently.
15 Why do you cry out about your fracture—
about your incurable pain?
Your wickedness has been severe.
You've disobeyed so often
→so I've done those things to you.
16 Because of that, all those who devoured you will be devoured,
and all of your adversaries, every one of them, will go into captivity.
Then the ones plundering you will become like plunder,
and all those preying on you, I'll give to you as spoil.
17 Yes, I'll bring healing to you,
and I'll heal you from your wounds
because they've called you an outcast.
'She is Tsiyon (Zion)—no one cares about her.'
That is Yahweh's declaration.
18 Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm restoring the fortune of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
and I will have compassion on the places where they live.
Each city will be rebuilt on its mound,
and each fortress will sit on its proper place.
19 Then thanksgiving will go out from them,
and the sound of those laughing.
I'll multiply them, and they won't diminish in number,
→and I'll make them honoured—
they won't become insignificant.
20 Then its children will be as in former times,
and its community will be established under my supervision,
and I'll punish all those who oppress it.
21 Its king will be from among it,
and its ruler will come from its middle.
Then I'll bring it near, and it will approach me,
because who is this that has pledged its heart to approach me?
That is Yahweh's declaration.
22 You'll be my people
and I'll become your god.
23 Listen, Yahweh's storm of rage has gone out—

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_of_your they_are_numerous. **15** Why do_you_cry_out on fracture_of_your is_incurable pain_of_your on the_greatness_of your_iniquity_of_your sins_of_your they_are_numerous I_have_ _done these_things to/for_you(fs). **16** For_so/thus/hence all_of those_of_who_devour_you they_will_be_devoured and_all foes_ _of_your of_them_of_all in_captivity they_will_go and_they_ _will_be those_of_who_plunder_you (into)_plunder and_all those_of_who_despoil_you I_will_make into_spoil. **17** If/because I_will_bring_up healing to/for_you(fs) and_from_wounds_of_ _your I_will_heal_you the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because a_ _banished_one people_have_called to/for_you(fs) is_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it one_who_cares there_is_not to/for_her/it. **18** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_turn_back the_ _captivity_of the_tents_of Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_dwellings_of_its I_will_have_compassion and_ a_city _it_will_be_rebuilt on mound_of_its and_a_fortress on place_of_its_proper it_will_ _remain. **19** And_it_will_go_out from_them thanksgiving and_ _the_sound_of merry_makers and_I_will_multiply_them and_ _not they_will_diminish and_I_will_make_them_honoured and_ _not they_will_be_insignificant. **20** And_they_will_be children_ _of_its like_long_ago and_congregation_of_its to/for_my_ _face/front it_will_be_established and_I_will_visit_judgement on all_of those_of_who_oppress_it. **21** And_it_was its_noble_of_ _one from_him/it and_ruler_of_its from_midst_of_its he_will_ _come_forth and_I_will_bring_him_near and_he_will_draw_ _near to_me if/because who that this has_he_pledged ~~DOM~~ his/its_heart to_draw_near to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **22** And_you(pl)_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_ _become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god. **23** THERE the_storm_of **YHWH** rage it_has_gone_out a_storm staying_as_a_sojourner on the_head_of wicked_people it_will_whirl_about. **24** Not the_ _burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH** it_will_turn_back until he_ _has_brought_about and_unto he_has_carried_out the_ _purposes_of his/its_heart in_end/latter the_days you(pl)_will_ _understand (in)_it.

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31:1 At_time (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_become (into)_god to_all/each/any/every the_clans_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they they_will_become to_me (into)_a_people. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says it_found favour in_wilderness the_people_of the_survivors_of the_sword he_went to_give_it_rest Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** From_a_distance **YHWH** he_appeared to_me and_a_love_of perpetuity I_have_loved_you therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_prolonged_to_you covenant_ _loyalty. **4** Again I_will_build_you and_you_will_be_rebuilt Oh_ _virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) again you_will_adorn_yourself tambourines_of_your and_you_will_go_forth in_the_dancing_of merry_makers. **5** Again you_will_plant vineyards on_the_hills_ _of Shomrōn planters they_will_plant and_they_will_put_ _them_to_use. **6** If/because there_will_be a_day watchmen when_they_will_call_out in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim arise and_let_us_go_up Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to **YHWH** god_of_our. **7** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says cry_out of_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) gladness and_cry_aloud on_the_chief_of the_nations make_a_ _proclamation praise and_say save Oh_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ people_of_ _your ~~DOM~~ the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** Here_I am_about_ _to_bring them from_a_land_of the_north and_I_will_gather_ _them from_the_remotest_parts_of the_earth will_be_among_ _them the_blind and_the_lame the_pregnant and_one_who_ _gives_birth alike a_company great they_will_return hither. **9** With_weeping they_will_come and_with_supplications I_will_ _bring_them I_will_lead_them to torrents_of water on_a_path straight which_not they_will_stumble in_it if/because I_have_ _become for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_father and_'Efrayim firstborn_of_is_my he. **10** Hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_ _nations and_declare in_islands from_a_distance and_say the_ _one_who_scattered_of (of)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_will_gather_it and_he_will_keep_it like_one_who_shepherds flock_of_his. **11** If/because **YHWH** he_has_ransomed ~~DOM~~ Ya'aqov and_he_ _has_redeemed_it from_the_hand_of one_too_strong for_it. **12** And_they_will_come and_they_will_cry_out_for_joy on_the_ _height_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_they_will_be_radiant because_ _of the_good_thing[s]_of **YHWH** on grain and_on new_wine and_on fresh_oil and_on the_young_of the_flock and_herd and_ _it_will_be life_of_their like_a_garden watered and_not they_ _will_repeat to_become_faint again. **13** Then a_virgin she_will_ _rejoice with_dancing and_young_men and_old_men alike and_ _I_will_turn mourning_of_their into_joy and_I_will_comfort_ _them and_I_will_make_them_glad from_sorrow_of_their. **14** And_I_will_satisfy the_appetite_of the_priests fatness and_ _people_of_my ~~DOM~~ thing[s]_of_my_good they_will_be_satisfied the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

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a storm whirling around the heads of wicked people.
24 Yahweh's burning anger won't turn back
until he's established and completed what he's planned.
You'll all understand it in the days to come.

Yisrael's return home · Both kingdoms

31:1 Yahweh declares that at that time,
I'll be the god to all of Yisrael's (Israel's) families, and they'll be my people. **2** Yahweh says this:
A people, the survivors after being attacked in war,
found favour in the wilderness,
Yisrael going to find a peaceful place.
3 From far off, Yahweh appeared to me: I've always loved you
therefore I've displayed loyal commitment to help you endure.
4 I'll rebuild you, and you'll be restored, Yisrael's pretty daughter.
Again you'll adorn yourself with your tambourines,
and will go out in the dance of those celebrating.
5 You'll plant vineyards again on the Shomron (Samaria) hills.
The planters will plant and make them productive.
6 Yes, there'll be a day when the watchers in the Efrayim (Ephraim) hill country will call out,
'Get ready and let's go up to our god Yahweh at Tsiyon (Zion),'
7 because Yahweh says this:
"Sing for Yisrael (Israel) (Ya'akov (Jacob)) with gladness,
and shout for this leader of the nations.
Cause it to be heard, praise, and say,
'Yahweh, save your people, the remnant of Yisrael.'
8 Listen, I'm bringing them back from the land in the north,
and I'll gather them from the remote parts of the world.
Among them are the blind and the lame,
and pregnant women together with those giving birth.
A large number of people will return here.
9 They'll be weeping as they come,
and as they request me, I'll bring them out.
I'll cause them to walk to streams of water on a straight road.
They won't stumble on it.
because I've become a father for Yisrael (Israel),
and Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), he's my firstborn.
10 Listen to Yahweh's message, you nations,
and declare it in the coastlands from far off, and say,
'The one scattering Yisrael will gather him back,
and he'll protect him like a shepherd of his flock,
11 because Yahweh has ransomed Yisrael (Ya'akov (Jacob))
and paid the price to free it from the power of a nation that's stronger than it.
12 Then they'll come and sing on Tsiyon's (Zion's) heights,
and they'll be radiant about Yahweh's goodness:
about the grain, about the new wine and the fresh oil,
and about the young from the flock and the herd.
Their soul will be like a watered garden,
and they won't be weakened again.
13 Then the young women will celebrate with dancing,
along with the young and old men together.

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I'll turn their mourning into happiness and I'll comfort them,
and I'll give them reason for celebration rather than sorrow.
14 I'll satisfy the priests' appetites for good food
and my people will be pleased by my goodness.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's mercy towards Yisrael · Both kingdoms

15 Yahweh says this,
"A voice is heard in Ramah, wailing,
bitter weeping.
Rahel (Rachel)[188] is weeping over her sons.
She refuses to be comforted over her sons,
because he is no more."[189]
16 Yahweh says this,
"Don't cry any more,
and keep the tears out of your eyes,
→because there's a reward for your work,
→and they'll return from the enemy's country."
That is Yahweh's declaration.
17 There's hope for your future,
and your children will return to their border.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
18 I've heard Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) upset at itself, saying,
You disciplined me,
and I was disciplined like an untrained calf.
Restore me so I can return
because you're my god Yahweh.
19 Yes, after I turned away, I repented,
and after I was instructed, I slapped my thigh.
I was ashamed and also humiliated
because I still bore the reproach from my youthful rebellion.
20 Isn't Yisrael a precious son to me,
or a child that I really liked?
Yes, as often as I speak against him,
I still continually remember him.
Therefore I groan deep down for him.
I'll always feel compassionate towards him.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
21 Set signposts up for yourself.
Place markers where you can see them.
Set the highway as your goal—
the path that you went on.
Yisrael's (Israel's) young daughter, return—
return to those cities of yours.
22 How much longer will you waver, you apostate daughter?
Yes, Yahweh has created something new in the land—
a woman protects[190] a man.

Literal Version

15 Thus **YHWH** he_says a_voice in_Rāmāh is_heard a_wailing weeping_of bitterness(es) Rāḥēl is_weeping on her/its_ _sons/descendants she_has_refused to_be_comforted on her/its_sons/descendants if/because he_is_not. **16** Thus **YHWH** he_says restrain voice_of_your from_weeping and_eyes_of_your from_tear[s] if/because there_will_be a_reward for_work_of_ _your the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_they_will_return from_the_ _land the_enemy. **17** And_there_is hope for_future_of_your the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** and_ children _they_will_return to_their_ _own_of_territory. **18** Indeed_(hear) I_have_heard 'Efrayim bemoaning_itself you_have_disciplined_me and_I_was_ _disciplined like_a_calf which_not it_had_been_trained restore_ _me so_that_I_may_return if/because you are_**YHWH** god_of_ _my. **19** If/because after I_turned_away I_repented and_after I_ _was_instructed I_slapped on a_thigh I_was_ashamed and_also I_was_humiliated if/because I_bore the_reproach_of my_ _youth(s)_of_my. **20** A_son dear to_me is_'Efrayim or a_child_of delight(s) if/because from_sufficiency speak_I in/on/over_ _him/it certainly_(remember) I_remember_him still therefore yes/correct/thus/so parts_of_my_inward they_are_in_a_tumult to_him/it surely_(have_compassion) I_will_have_compassion_ _on_him the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **21** Set_up to/for_you(fs) road_markers place to/for_you(fs) guideposts set heart_of_your to_highway the_way which_you_went[191] return Oh_virgin_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) return to cities_of_your these. **22** Until when will_you_turn_hither_and_thither Oh_daughter (the)_apostate if/because **YHWH** he_has_created a_new_thing on_the_earth a_ _female she_will_surround a_man.

188 **RV 31:15 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:16-19.

189 **RV 31:15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 2:18.

190 **RV 31:22 · Note** Heb. 'surrounds'—the intended meaning of this last line isn't certain.

191 **LV 31:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִתכלה: (x-qere) תְּכָלָּה׃ lemma_1980 n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_24fUh תְּכָלָּה ׃

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23 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says again people_will_say ~~DOM~~ the_message the_this in_ _land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_cities_of_its when_I_turn_ _back ~~DOM~~ captivity_of_their may_he_bless_you **YHWH** Oh_ _abode_of righteousness Oh_mountain_of (the)_holiness. **24** And_they_will_dwell in_it Yəhūdāh and_all cities_of_its together farmers and_those_who_they_journey with_flock. **25** If/because I_give_water_to the_throat the_weary and_all person who_it_has_become_faint I_fill. **26** On this I_awoke and_ _I_looked and_sleep_of_my it_was_pleasing to/for_me. **27** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_sow ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh the_seed_of humankind and_the_seed_of animal[s]. **28** And_it_ _was just_as I_kept_watch over_them to_pluck_up and_to_pull_ _down and_to_tear_down and_to_destroy and_to_do_harm so I_ _will_keep_watch over_them to_build and_to_plant the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **29** In_the_days the_those not people_ _will_say again fathers they_have_eaten sour_grape[s] and_the_ _teeth_of children they_will_be_blunt. **30** If/because (if) everyone for_his_own_of_iniquity he_will_die every_of the_ _humankind who_eats the_sour_grape[s] teeth_of_his they_ _will_be_blunt. **31** HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_make with the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_covenant new. **32** Not like_covenant which I_made with ancestors_of_their in/on_day I_took_hold on_hand_of_their to_bring_them_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) who they they_broke ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my and_I I_was_a_husband over_them the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **33** If/because this is_the_covenant which I_will_make with the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) after the_days the_those the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_will_put ~~DOM~~ law_of_my in_their_inner_of_being and_on heart_of_their I_will_write_it and_I_will_be to/for_them (into)_god and_they they_will_ _become to_me (into)_a_people. **34** And_not they_will_teach again each ~~DOM~~ his/its_neighbour and_each ~~DOM~~ his/its_ _brother to_say know ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** if/because of_them_of_all they_will_know me (to)_from_their_of_little and_unto their_of_ _great the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because I_will_forgive (to)_ _iniquity_of_their and_(to)_sin_of_their not I_will_remember again. **35** Thus **YHWH** who_gives the_sun for_light by_day the_ _fixed_order(s)_of the_moon and_the_stars for_light night who_stirs_up the_sea and_ waves_of_its _they_roared is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name he_says. **36** If the_fixed_ _order(s) the_these they_will_depart from_before_face_of_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** also the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_cease from_being a_nation to/for_my_face/front all_ _of the_days. **37** Thus **YHWH** he_says if the_heavens from_to_ _above they_will_be_measured and_ the_foundations_of the_ _earth (to)_downwards _they_will_be_explored also I I_will_ _reject in_all the_offspring_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on all_of that

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Yisrael's future peace/prosperity · Both kingdoms

23 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
When I restore the prosperity of Yehudah (Judah) and its cities,
again they'll restore this saying,
'May Yahweh bless you—
Yahweh who's the repository of righteousness—
mountain of holiness.'
24 Then Yehudah and all its cities will live in the land together—
farmers, and also shepherds who roam around with their flocks,
25 because I satisfy those who are weary,
and I refresh everyone who's become faint.
26 After that, I woke up and looked around,
and I'd had a good sleep.
27 Yahweh declares:
Listen, there's a time coming when I'll sow the Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) regions with the seeds of people and animals so they'll multiply all around.
28 Just like how I supervised them to uproot and tear down,
and to overthrow and destroy and do harm,
now I'll keep watch as they build and plant.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
29 Then at that time, they'll no longer say:
'The parents ate sour grapes,
→but it's the teeth of the children that are set on edge.'[192]
30 because everyone will die for their own disobedience,
i.e., whoever eats sour grapes will have their own teeth set on edge.
31 Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming when I'll make a new agreement with the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah).[193] **32** It won't be like the agreement that I made with their ancestors at the time when I took hold of their hand to bring them out from Mitsrayim (Egypt), when they broke my agreement even though I was a husband to them. That is Yahweh's declaration. **33** Yes, Yahweh declares that this is the agreement that I'll make with the Israeli people after that time: I'll put my law inside them—writing it on their heart,[194] and I will be their god, and they will be a people for me. **34** Then each man will no longer teach his neighbour or his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh', because all of them will know me—from the smallest of them to the greatest, because I'll forgive their disobedience, and I won't remember their wickedness any longer.[195]
35 Yahweh says this:

192 **RV 31:29 · Cross-ref.** Eze 18:2.

193 **RV 31:31 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:28; Mrk 14:24; Luk 22:20; 1Cor 11:25; 2Cor 3:6.

194 **RV 31:33 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:16.

195 **RV 31:34 · Cross-ref.** Heb 10:17.

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I'm the one who gives the sun for light during the day,
and the moon and the stars for light at night.
He stirs up the ocean, so that its waves roar,
His name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
36 Yahweh declares that if these elements stopped working,
then Yisrael (Israel) would also permanently cease to exist as a nation.
37 Yahweh says this:
If the skies above could be measured and be searched out,
as well as the foundations of the earth below,
then I would also reject all of Yisrael's descendants
for everything that they've done.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
38 Listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming when the city will be rebuilt for Yahweh—from Hananel's tower all the way to the Corner Gate. **39** After that, the measuring line will be stretched over Garev Hill and around to Go'ah. **40** Then all the valley of the corpses and ashes, and all the fields as far as the Kidron brook, to the corner of the Horses Gate toward the east, will be holiness to Yahweh. It won't be uprooted, and it'll never be overthrown again.

Yirmiyah buys a field · Southern kingdom

32:1 This was the message that came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) from Yahweh in the tenth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), the eighteenth year of Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) reign.[200] **2** The army of the Babylonian king had besieged Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and the prophet Yirmiyah was imprisoned in the guards' courtyard at the palace of Yehudah's king. **3** Yehudah's king Tsidkiyah had imprisoned him there after asking, "Why do you prophesy and say that Yahweh says: Listen, I'm about to hand this city over to the Babylonian king and he'll capture it. **4** Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah definitely won't escape from the power of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), because he'll be handed over to the Babylonian king and they'll speak face-to-face to each other. **5** He'll take Tsidkiyah to Bavel (Babylon) where he'll remain until I've dealt with him. No, you all won't succeed in fighting against the Babylonians. That is Yahweh's declaration.
6 Then Yirmiyah said: Yahweh gave me a message, saying: **7** Listen, your cousin Hanamel (your uncle Shalum's son) is coming to see you and will ask you to buy his field in Anatot, because you have the right to buy it. **8** Then just as Yahweh had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the guards' courtyard and he asked me, "Buy my field that is in Anatot in the Benyamin re-

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they_have_done the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **38** HERE days[196][197] the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ the_city _it_will_be_rebuilt to/for_**YHWH** from_the_tower_of Ḫanan'ēl the_gate_of the_ _corner. **39** And_it_will_go_out again the_measuring-line_of[198] of_(the)_measurement before_itself to the_hill_of Gārēv and_ _it_will_turn towards_Go'āh. **40** And_all the_valley the_corpses and_the_fatty_ash and_all the[199] to the_wadi_of Qidrōn to the_ _corner_of the_gate_of the_horses eastward_toward will_be_ _holy to/for_**YHWH** not it_will_be_plucked_up and_not it_will_ _be_torn_down again forever_perpetuity.

32:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** in/on/at/with[201] (the)_tenth of_ _Tsidqiyyāh/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) that the was_eight- teen year of_Nəvūkadnetstsar. **2** And_then the_ _army_of the_king_of Bāvel were_laying_siege on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_Yirməyāh the_prophet he_was shut_up in_the_courtyard_of the_guard which was_the_house_ _of the_king_of Yəhūdāh. **3** That he_had_shut_him_up Tsidqiyyāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say why are_you prophesying to_say thus **YHWH** he_says here_I am_about_to_ _give ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this in_the_hand_of the_king_of Bāvel and_he_will_capture_it. **4** And_Tsidqiyyāh the_king_of Yəhūdāh not he_will_escape from_the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy if/because certainly_(be_given) he_will_be_given in_the_hand_ _of the_king_of Bāvel and_ mouth_of_his _it_will_speak with mouth_of_his and_eyes_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ mmm[202] they_will_see. **5** And_Bāvel he_will_take ᴅᴏᴍ Tsidqiyyāh and_there he_will_be until I_give_attention_to ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because you(pl)_will_fight with the_ones_from_Kasdiy not you(pl)_will_succeed. **6** And_ Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) _he/it_said the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **7** HERE Ḫanam'ēl the_son_of Shallūm uncle_of_your is_about_to_come to_you to_ _say buy to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ field_of_my which is_at_ _ʹAnātōt if/because to/for_yourself(m) the_right_of (the)_ _redemption to_buy_it. **8** And_he_came to_me Ḫanam'ēl the_ _son_of my_uncle_of_my according_to_the_message_of **YHWH**

196 LV 31:38 · Note OSHB variant note: (x-qere) 'סְיָאָב': lemma_935 n_1.0 morph_HVqrmpa id_24hu2 סְיָאָב
197 LV 31:38 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.
198 LV 31:39 · Note OSHB variant note: הוק: (x-qere) 'וָק: lemma_6957 b morph_HNcmsc id_24KUc וָק
199 LV 31:40 · Note OSHB variant note: תומרש/ה: (x-qere) 'תּוֹמֶדְשׁ/ה': lemma_d/7709 morph_HTd/Ncfpa id_24s5d תּוֹמֶדְשׁ/ה
200 RV 32:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-7.
201 LV 32:1 · Note OSHB variant note: תנש/ב: (x-qere) 'הֲנָשׂ/ב': lemma_b/8141 n_1.1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_24mRt הֲנָשׂ/ב
202 LV 32:4 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ניע: (x-qere) 'וְנֵיִע': lemma_5869 a morph_HTd/Aofsa id_24Gnb וְנֵיִע

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to the_courtyard_of the_guard and_he/it_said to_me buy please ס֣ם field_of_my which is_at_ʿAnātōt which in_land of_ _Binyāmīn if/because to/for_yourself(m) the_right_of (the)_ _possession and_belongs_to_you the_right_redemption buy_it to/for_you(fs) and_I_knew if/because_that was_the_message_of **YHWH** it. **9** And_I_bought ס֣ם the_field from_with Ḥ$_a$nam^{ʾēl} the_son_of my_uncle_of_my which was_at_ʿAnātōt and_I_ _weighed_out for_him/it ס֣ם the_silver was_seven shekels and_ten the_silver. **10** And_I_wrote on_document and_I_sealed_ _it and_I_caused_to_witness_it witnesses and_I_weighed_out the_silver on_balances. **11** And_I_took ס֣ם the_document_of the_purchase ס֣ם the_one_which_was_sealed the_order and_ _the_conditions and_ס֣ם the_one_which_was_uncovered. **12** And_I_gave ס֣ם the_document the_purchase to Bārūk the_ _son_of Nēriy^{yāh} the_son_of Maḥṣē^{yāh} to_the_eyes_of Ḥ$_a$nam^{ʾēl} uncle_of_my and_to_the_eyes_of the_witnesses who_wrote on_ _the_document_of the_purchase to_the_eyes_of all_of the_ _Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who_were_sitting in_the_courtyard_of the_ _guard. **13** And_I_commanded ס֣ם[203] Bārūk to_eyes_of_their to_say. **14** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says take ס֣ם the_documents the_these ס֣ם the_document_of the_purchase the_this and_ס֣ם the_one_ _which_was_sealed and_ס֣ם the_document_of (the)_uncovered the_this and_you_will_put_them in_a_vessel_of earthenware so_that they_may_remain days many. **15** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says again houses and_fields and_vineyards they_will_be_bought on_the_ _earth (the)_this.

16 And_I_prayed to **YHWH** after gave_I ס֣ם the_document_of the_purchase to Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} to_say. **17** Alas my_ _master **YHWH** THERE you you_made ס֣ם the_heavens and_ _ס֣ם the_earth/land by_strength_of_your (the)_great and_by_ _arm_of_your (the)_outstretched not it_is_too_difficult for_you any_of thing. **18** You_are_doing covenant_loyalty to_thousands and_you_are_paying_back the_iniquity_of fathers into the_ _bosom_of their_children_of_their after_them (the)_god (the)_ _great (the)_mighty is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_ _name. **19** (The)_great_of (the)_counsel and_(the)_great_of (the)_deed[s] who eyes_of_your are_opened on all_of the_ways_ _of the_children_of humankind to_give to_everyone according_ _to_of_his_ways and_according_to_the_fruit of_his_deeds_of_ _his. **20** Who you_performed signs and_wonders in_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until the_day the_this and_in_ _Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) and_among_humankind and_you_have_made for_yourself a_name as_day (the)_this. **21** And_you_brought_out ס֣ם people_of_your ס֣ם Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim by_signs and_by_wonders and_by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_with_terror great. **22** And_ _she/it_gave to/for_them ס֣ם the_earth/land (the)_this which you_had_sworn to_ancestors_of_their to_give to/for_them a_ _land flowing_of milk and_honey. **23** And_they_came and_they_ _took_possession_of ס֣ם_her/it and_not they_listened to_ _voice_of_your and_in/on/at/with[208] not they_walked ס֣ם all_

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gion, because you have the right to inherit it so the right to buy it belongs to you. Buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was Yahweh's message. **9** So I bought the field in Anatot from my cousin Hanamel, and I weighed out seventeen shekels of silver for him. **10** Then I wrote in a scroll and sealed it, and had witnesses witness it and the weight of the silver on the scales. **11** Next I took that sealed purchase deed with the price and conditions, as well as an unsealed copy. **12** I gave the sealed purchase document to Baruk (son of Neriyah, son of Mahseyah) in front of my cousin Hanamel and the witnesses who'd signed the purchase agreement, as well as all the Yehudim (Jews) who were sitting in the guards' courtyard. **13** Then still in front of them, I instructed Baruk, **14** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Take these documents, both this receipt of purchase that's sealed and the unsealed copies, and put them into a clay jar so they'll last for a long time, **15** because Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land.

Yirmiyah's prayer · Southern kingdom

16 After I'd given the purchase deed to Neriyah's son Baruk, I prayed to Yahweh, saying: **17** Oh no, master Yahweh. Listen, you alone made the heavens and the earth by taking action and using your incredible strength. Nothing you say is too difficult for you to do. **18** You show loyal commitment to thousands, and pour people's guilt into their children's laps after them. You are the strong and powerful god—your name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **19** You are very wise and do incredible things, because your eyes are open to all the people's ways—to give each person what their conduct and actions deserve. **20** You did miracles and amazing things in Mitsrayim (Egypt), remembered to this day, and you've made a name for yourself in Yisrael (Israel) and among humankind. **21** You brought your people Yisrael out from Mitsrayim using miracles and amazing things and by taking action and using your incredible strength, along with great terror. **22** Then you gave them this land which you had promised their ancestors that you'd give them—a land flowing with milk and honey. **23** So they entered and took possession of it, but they didn't listen to your voice or follow your instructions. They didn't do anything that you'd ordered them to do so you've brought all this calamity onto them.

203 LV 32:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

208 LV 32:23 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/תורת/ב/ו: (x-qere) ד/תרות/ב/ו׳; lemma_c/b/8451 morph_HC/R/Ncfsc/Sp2ms id_24qeu ד/תרות/ב/ו׳

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24 Look, the siege mounds have reached up to the city to capture it, and it's been handed over to the Kasdim (Chaldeans) who've been fighting it. Everything you said would happen has, including war, famine, and deadly diseases, and you're there watching it. 25 Then you yourself told me, 'Use silver to buy yourself a field, and have witnesses witness it, even though this city is being handed over to the Kasdim.'

26 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message: 27 Listen, I'm Yahweh, the god of all mankind. Is there anything that's too difficult for me to do? 28 Therefore Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm about to hand this city over to the Babylonians—the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) will capture it.[204] 29 The soldiers who are fighting against this city will come and set fire to this city and burn it. Those people who worship Ba'al on their flat roofs, and who poured out drink offerings to other gods in order to provoke me, will now have their houses burnt down 30 because the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) have certainly been people who've been doing evil in front of me since their youth. The people of Yisrael have certainly offended me with the practices and activities. That is Yahweh's declaration. 31 Yahweh declares that the people of this city has provoked my anger and fury since the day that they built it, and then right up to the present day, so I'll will remove it right out of my sight, 32 because of all the wicked things that the people of Yisrael and Yehudah have done to provoke me—their kings, princes, priests, prophets, and every person in Yehudah including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants. 33 They turned their backs to me instead of their faces, even though I had eagerly taught them. I tried to teach them, but they wouldn't listen or receive correction. 34 They set up their detestable idols in the house that is called by my name, in order to defile it, 35 and they built hilltop shrines for Ba'al along the Ben-Hinom Valley in order to pass their sons and daughters through the fire for Molek.[205] I didn't command them to do that—it never entered my mind that they should do that detestable thing and so cause Yehudah to sin.'[206][207]

Promised restoration · Southern kingdom

36 So now Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh has something to say about this city that you've all been talking about, saying, 'It's

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_of that you_had_commanded to/for_them for_doing not they_
_did and_you_have_caused_to_happen_to ᴅᴏᴍ_them ᴅᴏᴍ all_of
the_calamity (the)_this. 24 THERE the_mounds they_have_come
the_city to_capture_it and_the_city it_has_been_given in_the_
_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy who_are_fighting on/upon_
_it(f) from_face/in_front_of the_drought//sword/knife and_
_the_famine and_the_pestilence and_which you_spoke it_has_
_happened and_there_you are_seeing_it. 25 And_you(ms) you_
_have_said to_me my_master **YHWH** buy to/for_yourself(m)
the_field with_silver and_cause_to_witness_it witnesses and_
_the_city it_has_been_given in_the_hand_of the_ones_from_
Kasdiy. 26 And the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to
Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) to_say. 27 HERE I am_**YHWH** the_god_of
all_of flesh for_me any_of thing is_it_too_difficult. 28 For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_give
ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this in_the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy
and_in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel and_
_he_will_capture_it. 29 And_ the_ones_from_Kasdiy who_are_
_fighting on the_city (the)_this _they_will_come and_they_will_
_set_on_fire ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this with_fire and_they_will_
_burn_it and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_houses which people_made_smoke on
roofs_of_their to_Ba'al and_they_poured_out drink_offerings
to_gods other so_as to_provoke_me_to_anger. 30 If/because
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_
_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_have_been only doing the_evil in_eyes_
_of_my since_youth(s)_of_their if/because the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) only are_provoking_to_anger ᴅᴏᴍ_me by_the_
_work_of their_hands_of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
31 If/because on anger_of_my and_on rage_of_my it_has_been
to/for_me the_city (the)_this (to)_from the_day when they_
_built it and_unto the_day the_this to_remove_it from_under
face_of_my. 32 On all_of the_evil_of the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_Yəhūdāh which they_have_
_done to_provoke_me_to_anger they kings_of_their officials_of_
_their priests_of_their and_prophets_of_their and_everyone_of
Yəhūdāh and_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
33 And_they_turned to_me a_neck and_not a_face and_I_taught
ᴅᴏᴍ_them rising_early and_teaching and_not_they were_
_listening to_take/accept/receive correction. 34 And_they_put
things_of_their_detestable in_house which name_of_my it_was_
_called on/upon/above_him/it to_make_it_unclean. 35 And_
_they_built ᴅᴏᴍ the_high_places_of (the)_Ba'al which are_in_
_Valley_of son_of Valley_of to_make_pass_through ᴅᴏᴍ sons_
_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_their to_Molek which not I_
_had_commanded_them and_not it_had_come_up on heart_of_
_my for_doing the_abomination (the)_this so_as to_cause_to_
_sin[209] ᴅᴏᴍ Yəhūdāh/(Judah).

36 And_now for_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says concerning the_city (the)_this which
you(pl) are_saying it_has_been_given in_the_hand_of the_king_
_of Bāvel by_sword and_by_famine and_by_pestilence.

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204 RV 32:28 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-11; 2Ch 36:17-21.

205 RV 32:35 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:10; Jer 7:31.

206 RV 32:34-35 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:10; Jer 7:30-31; 19:1-6.

207 RV 32:35 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:21.

209 LV 32:35 · Note OSHB variant note: יטחה: (x-qere) אִיטָּחַה': lemma_2398 morph_HVhc id_24jmt אִיטָּחַה

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37 HERE_I will_of_be_gathering_them from_all the_lands where I_have_banished_them there in_anger_of_my and_in_rage_of_ _my and_in_severe_anger great and_I_will_bring_them_back to the_place the_this and_I_will_cause_them_to_dwell to_security. **38** And_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god. **39** And_I_will_give to/for_them a_heart one and_a_way one to_fear me all_of the_days for_good to/for_ _them and_for_children_of_their after_them. **40** And_I_will_ _make to/for_them a_covenant_of perpetuity which not I_will_ _turn_back from_after_them I_to_do_good_to them and_ĐOM fear_of_my I_will_put in_heart_of_their to_not to_turn_aside from_with_me. **41** And_I_will_rejoice on_them to_do_good_to them and_I_will_plant_them on_the_earth (the)_this in_ _faithfulness in_all heart_of_my and_on/over_all being_of_my. **42** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says just_as I_have_brought to the_people the_this ĐOM all_of the_calamity (the)_great (the)_ _this so I will_bring on_them ĐOM all_of the_good which I am_ _speaking to_them. **43** And_ the_field _it_will_be_bought on_ _the_earth (the)_this which you(pl) are_saying is_a_desolation it from_not human_being and_an_animal it_has_been_given in_ _the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **44** fields for_silver people_ _will_buy and_they_will_write on_document and_they_will_ _seal_it and_cause_to_witness_it witnesses in_land of_Binyāmīn and_in_the_surroundings_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_ _the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_cities_of the_hill_ _country and_in_the_cities_of the_Shephelah and_in_the_ _cities_of the_Negeѵ if/because I_will_turn_back ĐOM captivity_ _of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

33:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) a_second_time and_he still_he was_shut_ _up in_the_courtyard_of the_guard to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** who_ _made_of_it **YHWH** who_formed it to_establish_it is_**YHWH** his/its_name he_says. **3** Call to_me and_I_will_answer_you and_ _I_will_tell to_you great_things and_incomprehensible_things which_not you_know_them. **4** If/because thus **YHWH** the_god_ _of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says on the_houses_of the_city (the)_this and_on the_houses_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh which_have_ _been_pulled_down because_of the_mounds and_near/to the_ _sword. **5** They_are_coming to_fight with the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy and_to_fill_them with the_corpses_of the_humankind which I_struck_down in_anger_of_my and_in_rage_of_my and_ _which I_have_hidden face_of_my from_the_city (the)_this on all_of evil_of_their. **6** HERE_I will_bring_up for_it healing and_ _healing and_I_will_heal_them and_I_will_uncover to/for_them an_abundance_of well-being and_faithfulness. **7** And_I_will_ _turn_back ĐOM the_captivity_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM the_captivity_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_I_will_rebuild_them as_at_ _time. **8** And_I_will_cleanse_them from_all iniquity_of_their which they_have_sinned to_me and_I_will_forgive mmm[213] iniquities_of_their which they_have_sinned to_me and_which they_have_rebelled against_me. **9** And_it_will_become to/for_ _me (into)_a_name_of joy (into)_praise and_(into)_honour to_ _all/each/any/every the_nations_of the_earth/land who they_ _will_hear ĐOM all_of the_good which I will_be_doing ĐOM_them and_they_will_be_in_awe and_they_will_tremble on all_of the_

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been handed over to the Babylonian king due to war, famine, and deadly diseases.' **37** Listen, I'll gather them back from every land where I had banished them to in my rage, fury, and great anger. I'm about to bring them back to this place and enable them to live in security, **38** and then they'll be my people and I'll be their god. **39** I'll give them a united vision and a single way to honour me every day so that it'll turn out good for them and for their descendants after them. **40** Then I'll make a permanent agreement with them, that I won't turn away from doing good to them. I'll set honour for me in their minds, so that they'll never turn away from me. **41** Then I'll take pleasure in doing good to them. I'll faithfully plant them in this land with all my heart and all my life **42** because Yahweh says this, 'Just as I have brought all this great disaster on this people, so too I'll bring on them all the good things that I've said I'd do for them. **43** Then people will buy fields in this land, about which you've been saying, "This land is ruined, without people or even animals living on it. It's been handed over to the Babylonians." **44** They'll use silver to buy fields and will write in sealed scrolls. They'll assemble witnesses in the Benyamin region, all around Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities of Yehudah, in the cities in the hill country and in the lowlands, and in the cities of the Negev, because I'll bring back their fortunes. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Promised blessings · Southern kingdom

33:1 Then while Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) was still locked in the guards' courtyard, Yahweh gave him a second message, saying, **2** Yahweh, the maker of the earth, who formed and established it and who's known by his name Yahweh, says: **3** Call out to me, and I'll answer you. I'll tell you amazing things that you haven't previously known or understood. **4** Yes, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh, says this about the houses in this city and the palaces of Yehudah's (Judah's) king that were torn down to be used against the siege ramps and the attackers: **5** The Babylonians are coming to fight, and to fill the houses with the corpses of the people that I'll kill in my rage and fury when I turn my back on this city because of all their wickedness. **6** Listen, I'm about to bring a cure and healing, because I'll heal them and will bring bountiful peace and prosperity to them, and justice. **7** I'll bring back the fortunes of Yehudah and Yisrael—I'll build them up as they were before. **8** Then I'll purify them from all the evil that they've committed against me—I'll pardon all the times that they disobeyed me, and all the ways that they rebelled against me. **9** Then this city will become an object of joy for me—a song of praise and honour for all the nations of the earth who'll hear about all the good things that I'm going to do for it. Then the people in the city will be respectful and tremble because of all the good things and the peace and prosperity that I'll give to it.

213 **LV 33:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוֹכ/ל: (x-qere) 'לָכְ/ל': lemma_l/3605 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_24HJr לָכְ/ל

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10 Yahweh says this: In this place that you're all talking about, saying, "It's desolate—a place where neither people or animals live," in Yehudah's cities including Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) streets that are indeed desolate with no people or animals around, there'll be heard again 11 the sounds of happiness and celebration. You'll all hear the sounds of the bride and groom, and those who bring thank offerings to Yahweh's temple will be heard saying,

"Give thanks to Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
because Yahweh is good,
and his loyal commitment lasts forever!"[210]

Yes, I'll restore the fortunes of the land to what they were before, says Yahweh.

12 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: 'In this desolate place where no people or animals are living, around all its cities there'll again be pastures where shepherds can rest their flocks. 13 In the cities in the hill country, the lowlands, and the Negev, in the Benyamin region, and all around Yerushalem and in Yehudah's other cities, the flocks will again pass be counted by their shepherds,' says Yahweh.

14 Yahweh declares: Listen, the time is coming when I'll do what I've promised for the people of Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah. 15 In those days and at that time, I'll make a righteous branch grow for David, and he'll do what's fair and right throughout the land. 16 Yehudah will be rescued in those days, and Yerushalem will live in security, because it'll be called, 'Yahweh is the one who does what's right for us,' 17 because Yahweh says this: 'There'll always be one of David's descendants reigning over Yisrael,[211] 18 and there'll always be a Levitical priest to stand in front of me to sacrifice burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to offer other sacrifices.'[212]

19 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message: 20 Yahweh says this: 'If you all can break my contract with day and night so that there'll no longer be day or night at their proper times, 21 then my agreement with my servant David my servant could also be broken, so that he would no longer have a descendant to sit on his throne. The same is true for my agreement with my servants, the priests from Levi tribe. 22 As the stars in the skies can't be counted, and as the sand grains on the seashores can't be measured, so I'll increase the descendants of my servant David, as well as the Levites who work for me.'

23 Yahweh gave Yirmiyah this message: 24 Haven't you noticed what this people group has declared when they said, 'The two clans that Yahweh chose, now he's rejected them'? In that way they despise my people, saying that they no longer deserve to be a nation as far as they're concerned. 25 But I, Yahweh say this: Didn't I establish the permanent contract with day and night,

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_good and_on all_of the_well-being which I will_be_doing for_ _it. 10 Thus **YHWH** he_says again it_will_be_heard in_place the_ _this which you(pl) are_saying is_desolate it from_not human_ _being and_from_not animal in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_in_ _the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which_are_made_ _desolate from_not human_being and_from_not an_inhabitant and_from_not animal. 11 The_sound_of joy and_the_sound_of gladness the_sound_of a_bridegroom and_the_sound_of a_bride the_sound_of those_who_say give_thanks_to ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** soldiers/messengers if/because is_good **YHWH** if/because is_ _forever loyalty_of_his_covenant who_bring a_thank-offering the_house_of **YHWH** if/because I_will_turn_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _captivity_of the_earth/land as_at_time **YHWH** he_says. 12 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says again it_will_be in_place the_this (the)_desolate from_not human_being and_ _unto an_animal and_on/over_all cities_of_its pasture_of shepherds who_make_to_lie_down flock[s]. 13 In_the_cities_of the_hill_country in_the_cities_of the_Shephelah and_in_the_ _cities_of the_Negeʋ and_in_the_land_of Binyāmīn and_in_the_ _surroundings_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_the_cities_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) again the_flock they_will_pass on the_ _hands_of one_who_counts_them **YHWH** he_says. 14 HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_carry_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_message (the)_good which I_have_spoken to the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_to the_house_of Yəhūdāh. 15 In_the_days the_those and_at_time (the)_that I_will_cause_to_sprout for_ _Dāvid a_branch_of righteousness and_he_will_do justice and_ _righteousness on_the_earth. 16 In_the_days the_those Yəhūdāh it_will_be_saved and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_ _will_dwell to_security and_this is_that_which anyone_will_call to/for_her/it **YHWH** righteousness_of_is_our. 17 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says not it_will_be_cut_off to_Dāvid a_man who_sits on the_throne_of the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 18 And_to_priests the_Lēviyyiy not it_will_be_cut_off a_man from_before_face_of_me who_offers_up a_burnt_offering and_ _who_makes_smoke a_grain_offering and_who_makes a_ _sacrifice[214] all_of the_days. 19 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _ _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) to_saying. 20 Thus **YHWH** he_says if you(pl)_will_break ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my the_day and_ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my the_night and_to_not daytime and_ _night to_be at_their_appropriate_of_time. 21 Also covenant_ _of_my it_will_be_broken with Dāvid servant_of_my from_ _belonging to_him/it a_son who_reigns on throne_of_his and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_Lēviyyiy the_priests servants_of_my. 22 Which not the_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens it_will_be_counted and_ _not the_sand_of the_sea it_will_be_measured so I_will_ _increase ᴅᴏᴍ the_offspring_of Dāvid servant_of_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Lēviyyiy who_serve_of ᴅᴏᴍ_me. 23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirməʸᵃʰ to_say. 24 Am_not have_you_ _seen what the_people the_this have_they_said to_say the_two_ _of the_clans which **YHWH** he_chose (is)_in_them and_he_has_ _rejected_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my they_spurn from_being

210 RV 33:11 · Cross-ref. 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Ezr 3:11; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1.

211 RV 33:17 · Cross-ref. 2Sam 7:12-16; 1Ki 2:4; 1Ch 17:11-14.

212 RV 33:18 · Cross-ref. Num 3:5-10.

214 LV 33:18 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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again a_nation before_them. **25** Thus **YHWH** he_says if not covenant_of_my of_daytime and_night the_fixed_order(s)_of heaven and_earth not I_have_ordained. **26** Also the_offspring_ _of Yaʻₐqovʿ/(Jacob) and_Dāvid servant_of_my I_will_reject from_taking any_of_his_offspring rulers to the_offspring_of ʾAvʿrāhām Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_Yaʻₐqovʿ if/because I_will_turn_ _back[215] ĐǾM captivity_of_their and_I_will_have_compassion_ _on_them.

34:1 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** and_Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvʿel and_all army_of_his and_all the_kingdoms_of the_earth the_rule_of his/its_hand and_all the_peoples were_fighting on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of cities_of_its to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says go and_you_ _will_say to Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_ _says HERE_I am_about_to_give ĐǾM the_city (the)_this in_the_ _hand_of the_king_of Bāvʿel and_he_will_burn_it with_fire. **3** And_you(ms) not you_will_escape from_hand_of_his if/because certainly_(capture) you_will_be_captured and_in_ _hand_of_his you_will_be_given and_eyes_of_your ĐǾM the_ _eyes_of the_king_of Bāvʿel they_will_see and_mouth_of_his with mouth_of_your it_will_speak and_Bāvʿel you_will_go. **4** Nevertheless hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh thus **YHWH** he_says on_you not you_will_die by_sword. **5** In_peace you_will_die and_like_the_burnings_of your(pl)_fathers_of_your the_kings (the)_former who they_ _were to_your_face so people_will_burn to/for_you(fs) and_alas Oh_master they_will_mourn to/for_you(fs) if/because a_ _promise I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_prophet _he/it_spoke to Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ the_king_of Yəhūdāh ĐǾM all_of the_words/messages the_these in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **7** And_the_army_of the_king_of Bāvʿel were_fighting on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which_were_left against Lākīsh and_near/to ʿAzēqāh if/because they they_remained among_ _the_cities_of Yəhūdāh cities_of fortification.

8 The_message which it_came to Yirməʸᵃʰ from_with **YHWH** after the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) made a_covenant with all_ _of the_people which was_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_call to/for_them liberty. **9** To_let_go everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_ _male and_everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_female (the)_Hebrew_ _masc and_(the)_Hebrew_fem free_people to_not to_work by_ _them by_a_Yəhūdī/(Judean) brother_of_his anyone. **10** And_ all_of the_officials and_all the_people who they_went in_ _covenant to_let_go everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_male and_ _everyone ĐǾM slave_of_his_female free_people to_not to_work by_them again _they_obeyed and_they_heard and_they_let_ _them_go. **11** And_they_turned_back after thus and_they_took_ _back ĐǾM the_male_slaves and_ĐǾM the_female_slaves whom they_had_let_go free_people forced_them_into_slavery[218] to_ _male_slaves and_to_female_slaves. **12** And_ the_message_of

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and determine the laws of the universe and this planet? **26** In the same way, would I now reject Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants and not bring a ruler for the descendants of Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov out of them. No, because I'll restore their fortunes and show mercy towards them.

The warning for Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah · Southern kingdom

34:1 Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) when the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), along with all the world's kingdoms, domains, and people groups under his control, was attacking Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities, saying:[216] **2** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says to go and speak to Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) and tell him that Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm about to hand this city over to the Babylonian king, and he'll set it on fire. **3** You won't escape from his power, because you'll definitely be captured and handed over to him and you'll talk face-to-face with the king of Bavel (Babylon) as you're taken to Bavel. **4** However King Tsidkiyah, listen to Yahweh's message—you won't be killed by being run through with a sword **5** but actually you'll die in peace. They'll cremate your body as was done for your ancestors, the previous kings, and they'll mourn for you saying, 'Oh no, master!' That's the promise that Yahweh has declared. **6** So the prophet Yirmiyah passed on all those messages to Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah in Yerushalem **7** when the Babylonian king's army had attacked Yerushalem and Yehudah's remaining fortified cities of Lakish and Azekah.

The restoration of slaves · Southern kingdom

8 Yahweh gave a message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) after King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) had made an agreement with all the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) that they'd free **9** their male and female Ivri (Hebrew) slaves—no one should force a fellow Yehudi (Jew) to work for them. **10** So all the leaders and people formally agreed that each person would free their male and female slaves, and they put it into practice—taking them from their work and setting them free. **11** However, after that they changed their minds and retrieved the male and female slaves that they'd freed, then forced them to work as slaves again.

12 Then Yahweh gave me this message to tell them: **13** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says that I personally made an agreement

215 LV 33:26 · Note OSHB variant note: **בושא**: (x-qere) **בִּישָׁא**ʾ: lemma_7725 morph_HVhi1cs id_24K5U **בִּישָׁא**

216 RV 34:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1-11; 2Ch 36:17-21.

218 LV 34:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם/ושיבכי/ו**: (x-qere) **ם/וּשְׁבְּכִי/וְ**ʾ: lemma_c/3533 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqw3mp/Sp3mp id_249Ga **ם/וּשְׁבְּכִי/וְ**

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with your ancestors on the day that I brought them out from their lives of slavery in Mitsrayim (Egypt). That was when I said that **14** at the end of every seven years, you all must release any fellow Ivrim (Hebrews) who had sold themselves to you and served you for six years, releasing them as free people.[217] However, your ancestors did not listen to me or show any desire to obey me. **15** Now recently, you yourselves repented and began to do what I've said is right. You all made a solemn agreement at my temple that carries my name, that you'd monitor each other to free your slaves. **16** But then you all turned and profaned my name by retrieving your male and female slaves which you'd released as free people, and then forced them to work as slaves again, **17** therefore Yahweh says this: You yourselves haven't listened to me—you all should have declared your fellow Israelis to be free. So listen, I'm about to proclaim 'freedom' for you: freedom to experience war, deadly diseases, and famine, because I'm going to make you a horrible thing in the sight of every kingdom in the world. That is Yahweh's declaration. **18** Then I'll deal with the people who've broken my agreement, who didn't respect the intent of the agreement that they established in front of me when they cut a bull in two and walked between the two halves, **19** when the leaders of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem), the officials and the priests, and all the people of the land walked between the two sections of the bull. **20** I'll hand them over to their enemies and to those who want to see them dead. Their bodies will be food for the birds in the skies and the animals on the ground. **21** I'll hand Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) and his leaders over to their enemies and to those who want to see them dead, and to the army of the Babylonian king who's attacking you. **22** This is Yahweh's declaration: Listen, I'm about to order them back to battle against this city, and they'll capture it and set it on fire. Then I'll make Yehudah's other cities into deserted wastelands.

Praising the faithful Rekavites · Southern kingdom

35:1 Several years earlier, when Yehoyakim son of Yoshiyah (Josiah) was the king of Yehudah (Judah), Yahweh had given

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YHWH _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_with **YHWH** to_say. **13** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says I I_ _made a_covenant with ancestors_of_your(pl) in/on_day I_ _brought_out them from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) from_ _a_house_of slaves to_say. **14** From_the_end/extremity seven years you(pl)_will_let_go everyone ~~DOM~~ his/its_brother (the)_ _Hebrew who he_will_sell_himself to/for_yourself(m) and_he_ _will_serve_you six years and_you_will_let_him_go a_free_ _person from_with_you and_not ancestors_of_your(pl) they_ _listened to_me and_not they_inclined ~~DOM~~ ear_of_their. **15** And_ you(pl) _you(pl)_turned_back the_day and_you(pl)_did ~~DOM~~ the_right in_eyes_of_my to_call liberty everyone to_ _neighbour_of_his and_you(pl)_made a_covenant to/for_my_ _face/front in_house which name_of_my it_is_called on/upon/above_him/it. **16** And_you(pl)_turned_back and_ _you(pl)_profaned ~~DOM~~ name_of_my and_you(pl)_took_back everyone ~~DOM~~ slave_of_his_male and_everyone ~~DOM~~ slave_of_ _his_female whom you(pl)_had_let_go free_people to_desire_ _of_their and_you(pl)_forced_into_slavery ~~DOM~~_them to_be to/for_you(pl) (into)_male_slaves and_(into)_female_slaves. **17** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says you(pl) not you(pl)_ _have_listened to_me to_call liberty everyone to_brother_of_his and_everyone to_neighbour_of_his HERE_I am_about_to_ _proclaim to/for_you(pl) liberty the_utterance_of **YHWH** to the_drought//sword/knife to (the)_pestilence and_near/to (the)_famine and_I_will_make you(pl) mmm[219] to_ _all/each/any/every the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land. **18** And_ _I_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_people who_have_transgressed ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my who not they_have_carried_out ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages_of the_covenant which they_made before_ _me the_calf which they_cut into_two_pieces and_they_passed between pieces_of_its. **19** The_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_officials_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_ _court-officials and_the_priests and_all/each/any/every the_ _people_of the_earth/land who_passed between the_pieces_of the_calf. **20** And_I_will_give them in_the_hand_of their_ _enemies_of_their and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_their and_ corpse_of_their _it_will_become (into)_food for_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_for_the_animal[s]_of the_ _earth/land. **21** And_~~DOM~~ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_~~DOM~~ officials_of_his I_will_give in_the_hand_of their_enemies_of_their and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_their and_in_the_hand_of the_army_of the_king_of Bāvel which_have_gone_up from_on_you(pl). **22** HERE_I am_ _about_to_command the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_bring_ _them_back to the_city (the)_this and_they_will_fight on/upon_it(f) and_they_will_capture_it and_they_will_burn_it with_fire and_~~DOM~~ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh I_will_make a_waste from_not an_inhabitant.

35:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_ _with **YHWH** in_the_days_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_ _of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say. **2** Go to the_house_of the_Rēkāvites and_you_will_speak them

217 RV 34:14 · Cross-ref. Exo 21:2; Deu 15:12.

219 LV 34:17 · Note OSHB variant note: הַעוז/ל: (x-qere) הָֽוָעַז֙/ל׳: lemma_l/2189 n_0.1 morph_HR/Ncfsa id_24L7e הָֽוָעַז֙/ל

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and_you_will_bring_them the_house_of **YHWH** to one of_the_ _rooms and_you_will_give_to_drink them wine. **3** And_I_took ~~DOM~~ Ya'$_a$zan^{yāh}/(Jaazaniah) the_son_of Yirma^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥ$_a$vatstsan^{yāh} and_~~DOM~~ brothers_of_his and_~~DOM~~ all_of children_of_his and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_house_of the_Rēkāvites. **4** And_I_brought ~~DOM~~_them the_house_of **YHWH** to the_room_ _of the_sons_of Ḥānān the_son_of Yigdal^{yāh}ū/(Igdaliah) the_ _man_of the_'Ĕlohīm which was_beside the_room_of the_ _officials which was_from_above (to)_the_room_of Ma'$_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of Shallūm the_keeper_of the_threshold. **5** And_I_set to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_sons_of the_house_of the_Rēkāvites bowls full wine and_cups and_I_said to_them drink wine. **6** And_they_said not we_drink wine if/because Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Rēkāv ancestor_of_our he_ _commanded to_us to_say not you(pl) and_children_of_your(pl) you(pl)_must_drink wine until perpetuity. **7** And_a_house not you(pl)_must_build and_seed not you(pl)_must_sow and_a_ _vineyard not you(pl)_must_plant and_not it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) if/because in_tents you(pl)_will_dwell all_of days_of_your(pl) so_that you(pl)_may_live days many on the_ _surface_of the_soil where you(pl) are_sojourning there. **8** And_ _we_have_listened to_the_voice_of Yōnādāv the_son_of Rēkāv ancestor_of_our to_all/each/any/every that he_commanded_ _us to_not to_drink wine all_of days_of_our we wives_of_our sons_of_our and_daughters_of_our. **9** And_to_not to_build houses we_to_dwell_in and_vineyard and_field and_seed not it_ _belongs to/for_ourselves. **10** And_we_have_dwelt in_tents and_ _we_have_obeyed and_we_have_done according_to_all that he_ _commanded_us Yōnādāv ancestor_of_our. **11** And_he/it_was when_ Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel _came_up against the_earth/land and_we_said come and_let_us_go Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_face/in_front_of the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_from_before_of the_army_of 'Arām and_we_have_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **12** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirma^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) to_say. **13** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says go and_you_will_say to_the_man_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) am_not will_you(pl)_accept correction to_listen to words/messages_of_ _my the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **14** ~~DOM~~ the_words/messages_of Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) the_son_of Rēkāv which he_commanded ~~DOM~~ children_of_his to_not to_drink wine it_was_carried_out and_not they_have_drunk until the_day the_this if/because they_have_obeyed ~~DOM~~ the_command_of their_ancestor_of_ _their and_I I_have_spoken to_you(pl) rising_early and_ _speaking and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_me. **15** And_I_sent to_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ all_of servants_of_my the_prophets rising_early and_sending to_say turn_back please everyone from_way_of_ _his (the)_evil and_make_good deeds_of_your(pl) and_do_not walk after gods other to_serve_them and_dwell to the_soil which I_gave to/for_you(pl) and_to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_ _not you(pl)_inclined ~~DOM~~ ear_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_ _listened to_me. **16** If/because the_sons_of Yōnādāv the_son_of Rēkāv they_have_carried_out ~~DOM~~ the_command_of their_ _ancestor_of_their which he_commanded_them and_the_

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Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message:[220] **2** Go to the Rekavi clan and talk with them, then bring them into one of the rooms in my temple, and give them wine to drink. **3** So I took Ya'azanyah (son of Yirmiyah, son of Havatsanyah) and his brothers and his sons, and all the rest of the Rekavi clan, **4** and I took them to the rooms of the sons of Hanan (son of Yigdalyah, man of God) at the temple. Those rooms were beside the leaders' room, which was above the room of Ma'aseyah (Shalum's son), the gatekeeper. **5** Then I placed bowls and cups of wine in front of the Rekavites and told them to drink some.

6 But they responded, "We don't drink wine, because our ancestor, Rekav's son Yonadav, commanded all of us and our descendants not to ever drink any wine. **7** He also told us not to build any houses, or to plant any crops or vineyards, saying that we must always live in tents, so that we'd have long lives in the land that we're staying in as foreigners. **8** We've obeyed the voice of our ancestor, Rekav's son Yonadav in everything that he commanded us and we, our wives, and our children have never drunk wine in our lives. **9** We'll never build houses to live in, or own any vineyards, fields, or seed. **10** We've lived in tents, and we've followed everything that our ancestor Yonadav told us, **11** but when the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) attacked the land, we decided that we must move to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to escape from the Babylonian and Aramean armies, so now we're all living in Yerushalem.

12 Then Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), saying that **13** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says to go and ask the people in Yehudah (Judah), including those who live in Yerushalem: Won't you all accept correction and listen to my messages? This is Yahweh's declaration: **14** Rekav's son Yonadav told his descendants not to drink any wine and they've followed that to this very day. In contrast, I've personally and consistently spoken to all of you but you haven't taken any notice of what I've said. **15** I persistently sent all my servants, the prophets, out to you all to tell each person to turn from their wicked behaviour and start doing good instead, and to stop following after other gods and serving them. Then they'd live on the land that I gave to your ancestors and to all of you, however, you all won't listen to me or pay attention to me. **16** Yes, Yonadav's descendants have followed the instructions that their ancestor gave them, but this people, refuses to obey me, **17** so Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this: Listen, I'm sending all the disasters that I pronounced for Yehudah, including everyone living in Yerushalem. I'm sending them against them because I spoke to them, but they wouldn't listen. I called to them, but they wouldn't answer.

18 Then Yirmiyah told the Rekavi clan that Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: You've all listened to the commands of your ancestor Yonadav and have kept them all. You've obeyed everything that he commanded you all to do,

220 RV 35:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 23:36–24:6; 2Ch 36:5-7.

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19 so Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
There'll always be someone descended from Rekav's son Yonadav to serve me.

Baruk reads out Yahweh's messages at the temple · Southern kingdom

36:1 In the fourth year of the reign Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim (son of Yoshiyah (Josiah)), Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah):[221] 2 Get a scroll for yourself and write all the messages on it that I've told you concerning Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah, and all the other nations. Do this for everything I have said, back from the time of Yoshiyah until the present time. 3 Perhaps Yehudah's people will hear about all the disasters that I intend to bring on them and then turn away from their wicked ways, so I can forgive them for their wickedness and their disobedience.

4 Then Yirmiyah called Neriyah's son Baruk, and Yirmiyah dictated all the messages that Yahweh had given to him, for Baruk to record on a scroll. 5 Then Yirmiyah instructed Baruk saying, "I'm restrained from entering Yahweh's residence 6 so you must go and read from the scroll that you wrote at my dictation. On the day of the fast, you must read Yahweh's messages so that all the people in the temple will hear them as well as the people from the rest of Yehudah's cities. Proclaim these messages to them. 7 Perhaps Yahweh will take notice of their pleas for mercy. Perhaps everyone will turn from their wicked ways, since the anger and fury that Yahweh has proclaimed against this nation is severe. 8 So Neriyah's son Baruk did everything that the prophet Yirmiyah had told him to—he read Yahweh's messages aloud at Yahweh's temple.

9 In the ninth month of the next year, all the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the visitors to the city from the rest of Yehudah, announced a fast to honour Yahweh. 10 Again Baruk read Yirmiyah's messages aloud at Yahweh's temple, from the room of Gemaryah (son of the scribe Shafan) in the upper courtyard, by the entrance gate to Yahweh's residence. He did this so that all the people could hear it.

Literal Version

_people the_this not they_have_listened to_me. 17 For_
_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers
the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring
to Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_near/to all_of the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ĐØM all_of the_calamity which I_
_spoke on_them because I_spoke to_them and_not they_
_listened and_I_called to/for_them and_not they_answered.
18 And_to_the_house_of the_Rēkāvites Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah)
he_said thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says because that you(pl)_have_listened to
the_command_of Yōnādāv/(Jonadab) ancestor_of_your(pl)
and_you(pl)_have_kept ĐØM all_of commands_of_his and_
_you(pl)_have_done according_to_all that he_commanded
you(pl). 19 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says not it_
_will_be_cut_off a_man to_Yōnādāv the_son_of Rēkāv who_
_will_stand to/for_my_face/front all_of the_days.

36:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fourth of_
_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiyyāh/(Josiah) the_
_king_of Yəhūdāh the_message the_this it_came to Yirməyāh
from_with **YHWH** to_say. 2 Take to/for_yourself(m) a_scroll_of
a_document and_you_will_write to_her/it ĐØM all_of the_
_words/messages which I_have_spoken to_you on
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_on Yəhūdāh and_on all_of the_nations
from_the_day when_I_spoke to_you from_the_days_of
Yo'shiyyāh and_unto the_day (the)_this. 3 Perhaps the_house_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_hear ĐØM all_of the_harm which I
am_planning for_doing to/for_them so_that they_may_turn_
_back everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_I_will_forgive
(to)_iniquity_of_their and_(to)_sin_of_their. 4 And_
Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) _he/it_called ĐØM Bārūk the_son_of
Nēriyyāh and_ Bārūk _he_wrote from_the_mouth_of Yirməyāh
ĐØM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_had_
_spoken to_him/it on a_scroll_of a_document. 5 And_ Yirməyāh
_he_commanded ĐØM Bārūk to_say I am_shut_up not I_am_able
to_go the_house_of **YHWH**. 6 And_ you _you_will_go and_you_
_will_read_aloud in_scroll which you_have_written from_
_mouth_of_my ĐØM the_words/messages_of **YHWH** in_the_
_ears_of the_people the_house_of **YHWH** in/on_day fasting
and_also in_the_ears_of all_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_went
from_cities_of_their you_will_read_them_aloud. 7 Perhaps
supplication_of_their it_will_fall to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before **YHWH** and_they_will_turn_back everyone from_
_way_of_his (the)_evil if/because is_great the_anger and_the_
_rage which **YHWH** he_has_spoken against the_people (the)_
this. 8 And Bārūk the_son_of Nēriyyāh _he/it_made according_
_to_all that he_had_commanded_him Yirməyāh the_prophet to_
_call in_scroll the_words/messages_of **YHWH** the_house_of
YHWH. 9 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_fifth of_
_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_son_of Yo'shiyyāh/(Josiah) the_
_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_month (the)_ninth they_
_proclaimed a_fast to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**
all_of the_people in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_all the_
people the(ones_who)_went from_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh in_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 10 And Bārūk _he/it_called in_

221 RV 36:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:1; 2Ch 36:5-7; Dan 1:1-2.

Literal Version

_scroll ÐOM the_words/messages_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_ _house_of **YHWH** in_the_room_of Gəmarʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shāfān the_scribe in_court (the)_upper the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_new in_the_ears_of all_of the_ _people.

11 And_ Mīkāyəhū the_son_of Gəmarʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shāfān _ _he/it_listened ÐOM all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** from_under the_scroll. **12** And_he/it_descended the_house_of the_king to the_room_of the_scribe and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there all_of the_officials ʾElīshāʿma the_scribe and_Dəlāʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shəmaʿʸᵃʰ and_ʾElnātān the_son_of ʿAkbōr and_Gəmarʸᵃʰ the_ _son_of Shāfān and_Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ and_all the_officials were_sitting. **13** And_he_told to/for_them Mīkāyəhū ÐOM all_of the_words/messages which he_had_heard when_ Bārūk _read_aloud in_scroll in_the_ears_of the_people. **14** And_ all_of the_officials _they_sent to Bārūk ÐOM Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) the_son_of Nətanʸᵃʰ the_son_of Shelemʸᵃʰ the_ _son_of Kūshiy/(Cushi) to_say the_scroll which you_have_read_ _aloud in_it in_the_ears_of the_people take_it in_hand_of_your and_come and_ Bārūk the_son_of Nēriyʸᵃʰ _he/it_took ÐOM the_ _scroll in_his/its_hand and_he_went to_them. **15** And_they_said to_him/it sit please and_read_it_aloud in_ears_of_our and_ Bārūk _he/it_called in_ears_of_their. **16** And_he/it_was just_as_ _they_heard ÐOM all_of the_words/messages they_were_in_ _dread each to his/its_neighbour and_they_said to Bārūk certainly_(tell) we_will_tell to/for_the_king ÐOM all_of the_ _things the_these. **17** And_ÐOM Bārūk they_asked to_say tell please to/for_us how did_you_write ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages the_these from_mouth_of_his. **18** And_he/it_ _said to/for_them Bārūk from_mouth_of_his he_proclaimed to_ _me ÐOM all_of the_words/messages the_these and_I was_ _writing on the_scroll with_ink. **19** And_ the_officials _they_said to Bārūk go you and_Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) hide_yourself and_ _anyone not let_him_know where are_you(pl).

20 And_they_came to the_king court_to_the and_ÐOM the_scroll they_had_deposited in_the_room_of ʾElīshāʿma the_scribe and_ _they_told in_the_ears_of the_king ÐOM all_of the_things. **21** And_ the_king _he_sent ÐOM Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) to_ _take/accept/receive ÐOM the_scroll and_he_fetched_it from_ _the_room_of ʾElīshāʿma the_scribe and_he_read_it_aloud Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) in_the_ears_of the_king and_in_the_ears_of all_of the_officials who_were_standing from_under the_king. **22** And_the_king was_sitting the_house_of the_winter in_ _month (the)_ninth and_ÐOM the_fire-pot before_him was_ _kindled. **23** And_he/it_was just_ Yəhūdī/(Jehudi) _as_read_ _aloud three doors and_four he_tore_it with_the_knife_of the_ _scribe and_he_threw_it into the_fire which was_to the_fire-pot until all_of the_scroll was_consumed on the_fire which was_on the_fire-pot. **24** And_not they_were_afraid and_not the_king and_all servants_of_his who_heard ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages the_these they_tore ÐOM clothes_of_their. **25** And_also ʾElnātān and_Dəlāʸᵃʰ and_Gəmarʸᵃʰ they_had_ _made_entreaty with_king to_not to_burn ÐOM the_scroll and_ _not he_listened to_them. **26** And_ the_king _he_commanded ÐOM Yəraḥməʾᵉˡ/(Jerahmeel) the_son_of the_king and_ÐOM Sərāʸᵃʰ the_son_of ʿAzrīʾᵉˡ and_ÐOM Shelemʸᵃʰ the_son_of ʿAvdəʾᵉˡ to_take/accept/receive ÐOM Bārūk the_scribe and_ÐOM

Readers' Version

The messages get read to the officials · Southern kingdom

11 When Mikayah (son of Gemaryah son of Shafan) heard all Yahweh's messages from the scroll, **12** he went down to the secretary's room in the palace, and wow, all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the secretary, Shemayah's son Delayah, Akbor's son Elnatan, Shafan's son Gemaryah, and Hananyah's son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), along with all the other officials. **13** When Mikayah reported to them all the messages that he'd heard Baruk read aloud for the people to hear, **14** the officials sent Yehudi (Jew) (son of Netanyah son of Shelemyah son of Kushi) to Baruk. Yehudi ordered Baruk, "Take the scroll in your hand, the scroll from which you were reading in the hearing of the people, and come." So Neriyah's son Baruk took the scroll and went to the officials **15** where they told him to sit down and read it to them, so Baruk read out the messages. **16** When they heard it all, they were afraid and decided together that they needed to report it all to the king, **17** and they asked Baruk, "How come you wrote down all these messages from Yirmiyah (Jeremiah)?"

18 "He dictated them to me," he replied, "and I just wrote them down on the scroll."

19 Then the officials told Baruk, "Go and hide, and Yirmiyah as well. Don't let anyone know where you two are."

King Yehoyakim burns the scroll · Southern kingdom

20 Then they left the scroll in the secretary Elishama's room and went out to the king in the courtyard and told him everything they'd heard. **21** The king sent Yehudi (Jew) to get the scroll, and he went and got it from the secretary Elishama's room. Then Yehudi read it aloud for the king and all the officials who were standing beside him to hear. **22** That month, the king was in his winter house and a brazier was burning in front of him. **23** Whenever Yehudi had read a couple of columns, the king would slice it off with a knife and toss it into the fire until the entire scroll was gone, **24** but neither the king or any of his servants were afraid of the messages (and they didn't tear their clothes to indicate repentance— **25** Elnatan, Delayah, and Gemaryah had urged the king not to burn the scroll, but he hadn't taken any notice of them). **26** Then the king ordered a relative Yerahme'el, Azriel's son Serayah, and Avdeel's son Shelemyah to arrest the scribe Baruk and the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), but Yahweh had hidden them.

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Yirmiyah rewrites the scroll · Southern kingdom

27 After the king had burnt the scroll with the messages on it that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had dictated to Baruk, Yahweh gave this message to Yirmiyah: 28 Get yourself another scroll and write down all the messages that were on the original scroll that Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim burnt. 29 Then you must tell the king that Yahweh says: You burnt that scroll, asking why it was written that the Babylonian king would come and destroy this land and leave it without people or animals. 30 Now Yahweh says about King Yehoyakim: No descendant of his will ever sit on David's throne. As for him, his corpse will be thrown out into the heat of the day and the frost at night. 31 I'll punish him, his descendants, and his servants for their wickedness. The disasters that I've threatened them with, but which they ignored, I'll send onto them and all Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, and onto every person in the rest of Yehudah.

32 So Yirmiyah got another scroll and gave it to Baruk, son of Neriyah the scribe. Yirmiyah again dictated all the messages that had been on the scroll burnt by Yehudah's King Yehoyakim, and Baruk wrote them onto the scroll, along with several other similar messages.

Yirmiyah's response to Tsidkiyah/Zedekiah · Southern kingdom

37:1 By now Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) son Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) reigned as king instead of Yehoyakim's son Yehoyakin. The Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had made Tsidkiyah king over the Yehudah (Judah) region.[222] 2 However, Tsidkiyah, his servants, and his people wouldn't listen to Yahweh's messages that he'd given via the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah).

3 Eventually, King Tsidkiyah, Shelemyah's son Yehukal, and Tsefanyah (Zephaniah) son of Ma'aseyah the priest, sent a message to the prophet Yirmiyah requesting him, "Pray on our behalf to our god, Yahweh. 4 At that time, Yirmiyah was still coming and going among the people, because he hadn't yet been put in prison. 5 Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) army had come out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and the Babylonians who were besieging Yerushalem (Jerusalem) heard the news about them and retreated from Yerushalem.

6 Then Yahweh gave Yirmiyah this message to proclaim: 7 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Yahweh told me that you people should say this to Yehudah's king who sent you all to consult me: Listen

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Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet and_he_hid_them **YHWH**.

27 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh} after the_king burnt ÐOM the_scroll and_ÐOM the_words/messages which Bārūk he_had_written from_the_mouth_of Yirmə^{yāh} to_ _say. 28 Return take to/for_yourself(m) a_scroll another and_ _write on/upon_it(f) ÐOM all_of the_words/messages (the)_ _former which they_were on the_scroll (the)_former which Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _burnt. 29 And_to Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh you_will_ _say thus **YHWH** he_says you you_burnt ÐOM the_scroll (the)_ _this to_say why did_you_write on/upon_it(f) to_say certainly_ _(come) the_king_of Bāʿel he_will_come and_he_will_destroy ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_this and_he_will_cause_to_cease from_her/it human_being and_animal. 30 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says on Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh not he_will_belong for_him/it one_who_sits on the_throne_of Dāvid and_corpse_of_his it_will_be thrown_out to_heat in_the_ _day and_to_frost in_night. 31 And_I_will_visit on/upon/above_ _him/it and_on his/its_seed and_on servants_of_his ÐOM iniquity_of_their and_I_will_bring on_them and_on the_ _inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_near/to everyone_of Yəhūdāh ÐOM all_of the_calamity which I_have_ _spoken against_them and_not they_listened. 32 And_ _Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) he_took a_scroll another and_he_gave_it to Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} the_scribe and_he_wrote on/upon_it(f) from_the_mouth_of Yirmə^{yāh} ÐOM all_of the_ _words/messages_of the_scroll which Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_had_burnt in_fire and_again it_was_added to_them words/messages many like_them.

37:1 And_ king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) _he_reigned in_place_of Kon^{yāh}ū/(Coniah) the_son_of Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) whom Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāʿel he_made_king in_land of_Yəhūdāh. 2 And_ _not he and_servants_of_his and_the_people_of the_earth/land he_listened to the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_spoke by_the_hand_of Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet. 3 And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh} _he_sent ÐOM Yəhūkal/(Jehucal) the_son_of Shelem^{yāh} and_ÐOM Tsəfan^{yāh}/(Zephaniah) the_son_of Ma'$_{a}$sē^{yāh} the_priest/officer to Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet to_say pray please for_us to **YHWH** god_of_our. 4 And_Yirmə^{yāh} was_coming and_ _was_going_out in_the_middle the_people and_not they_had_ _put ÐOM_him/it the_house_of the[223]. 5 And_the_army_of Par'oh it_had_come_forth from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy who_were_laying_siege on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _they_had_heard ÐOM report_of_their and_they_had_taken_themselves_up from_under Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 6 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _ _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet to_say. 7 Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) he_says thus[224] you(pl)_will_ _say to the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_sent you(pl) to_me to_consult_me THERE the_army_of Par'oh which_was_coming_ _out to/for_you(pl) to_help is_about_to_return to_its_own_of_

222 **RV 37:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:17; 2Ch 36:10.

223 **LV 37:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: אוּלְכָ֑ה/אילכ: (x-qere) אוּלְכָ֑ה': lemma_d/3628 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_24fJr

224 **LV 37:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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land Mitsrayim. **8** And the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_will_ _return and_they_will_fight on the_city (the)_this and_they_ _will_capture_it and_they_will_burn_it with_fire. **9** Thus **YHWH** he_says do_not deceive selves_of_your(pl) to_say surely_(go) they_will_go from_on_us the_ones_from_Kasdiy if/because not they_will_go. **10** If/because if you(pl)_defeated all_of the_army_ _of the_ones_from_Kasdiy who_are_fighting with_you(pl) and_ _they_survived among_them men pierced_through everyone in_tent_of_his they_will_arise and_they_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ the_city (the)_this with_fire.

11 And_it_was when_ the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy _had_ _taken_itself_up from_under Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_ _face/in_front_of the_army_of Par'oh. **12** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_ _went_out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_go the_land_of Binyāmīn to_receive_a_portion from_there in_the_middle the_ _people. **13** And_he/it_was he was_at_the_gate_of Binyāmīn and_there a_captain_of the_guard and_his/its_name was_ _Yir'iyyāyh/(Irijah) the_son_of Shelemʸᵃʰ the_son_of Ḥanʸᵃʰ and_he_arrested ᴅᴏᴍ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_prophet to_say to the_ones_from_Kasdiy you are_falling. **14** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _ _he/it_said a_lie not_I am_falling on the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_not he_listened to_him/it and_ Yir'iyyāyh/(Irijah) _he_ _seized (in)_Yirməʸᵃʰ and_he_brought_him to the_officials. **15** And_ the_officials _they_were_angry towards Yirməʸᵃʰ and_ _they_struck ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_they_put him the_house_of (the)_fetter[s] the_house_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_scribe if/because ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it they_had_made into_(the)_ _house_of (the)_imprisonment. **16** If/because Yirməʸᵃʰ he_went into the_house_of the_cistern and_near/to the_cells and_he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived there Yirməʸᵃʰ days many. **17** And_ the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ/(Zedekiah) _he_sent and_he_took_ _him and_he_asked_him the_king in_house_of_his in_secrecy and_he/it_said is_there a_message from_with **YHWH** and_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_said there_is and_he/it_said in_the_hand_of the_king_of Bāvel you_will_be_given. **18** And_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_ _said to the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ what have_I_sinned to/for_ _yourself(m) and_to_servants_of_your and_to_people the_this that/for/because/then/when you(pl)_have_put me into the_ _house_of (the)_imprisonment. **19** And[225] prophets_of_are_ _your(pl) who they_prophesied to/for_you(pl) to_say not the_ _king_of Bāvel he_will_come on_you(pl) on the_earth/land (the)_this. **20** And_now listen please my_master the_king may_ _it_fall please supplication_of_my to_your_face and_do_not make_me_go_back the_house_of Yōnātān the_scribe and_not I_ _will_die there. **21** And_ the_king Tsidqiyʸᵃʰ _he_commanded and_they_deposited ᴅᴏᴍ Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) in_the_ _courtyard_of the_guard and_they_gave to_him/it a_round_ _loaf_of bread to_day from_the_street_of the_bakers until all_of the_bread was_finished from the_city and_ Yirməʸᵃʰ _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_courtyard_of the_guard.

38:1 And_ Shəfaṭʸᵃʰ the_son_of Mattān and_Gədalʸᵃʰ the_son_of Pashḥūr and_Jucal the_son_of Shelemʸᵃʰ and_Pashḥūr the_son_ _of Malkīyʸᵃʰ _he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages which Yirməʸᵃʰ was_speaking to all_of the_people to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says the_one_who_remains in_city (the)_this he_

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Par'oh's army which was coming out to help you all is about to return back to its own country, Mitsrayim. **8** Then the Babylonians will return and attack this city, then they'll capture it and burn it down. **9** Yahweh says not to deceive yourselves that the Babylonians have left, because they won't leave, **10** because even if you all defeated the entire Babylonian army that's attacking you so that only wounded men were left in their tents, they would get up and burn down this city.

Yirmiyah is arrested and imprisoned · Southern kingdom

11 Then when the Babylonian army had left Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to avoid Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) army, **12** Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) left the city to go to the Benyamin region to take possession of a section of land there among his people. **13** As he went through the Benyamin gate, a chief guard named Yiriyah (son of Shelemyah, son of Hananyah) was there. He seized the prophet Yirmiyah and claimed that he was deserting to the Babylonians.

14 But Yirmiyah disputed, "That's a lie—I'm not deserting to the Babylonians." However Yiriyah wouldn't listen to him and he arrested him and took him to the officials. **15** The officials were angry at Yirmiyah and they had him beaten and put in prison. (The place had been the house of the scribe Yonatan (Jonathan), but it had been converted into a prison.) **16** So Yirmiyah was kept there in an underground cell for several days.

17 Then King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) sent someone to fetch Yirmiyah, and in his house, the king asked him privately, "Is there any message from Yahweh?"

"There is a message," Yirmiyah answered. "You'll be handed over to the Babylonian king." **18** Then Yirmiyah asked the king, "What crime have I committed against you or your servants or your people, that you've had me put in prison? **19** Where are all the other prophets who prophesied to you all that the Babylonian king wouldn't come here? **20** But now, my master the king, please listen to this appeal: Don't return me to the scribe Yonatan's house, or I'll die there."

21 So King Tsidkiyah ordered that Yirmiyah be held in the guards' courtyard, and he was given a loaf of bread every day from the bakers' street, until the time when all the bread in the city ran out. But Yirmiyah remained confined in the guards' courtyard.

Yirmiyah is placed down a shaft · Southern kingdom

38:1 Four officials, Matan's son Shefatyah, Pashhur's son Gedalyah, Shelemyah's son Yehukal, and Malkiyah's son Pashhur heard the messages that Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) was telling all the

225 **LV 37:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/יָא/וְ: (x-qere) וְ/הַיָּא/וְ: lemma_c/346 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ti id_24sQJ וְ/הַיָּא/וְ

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people, saying: **2** Yahweh says this: Anyone who stays in this city will be killed by fighting, famine, or deadly diseases, but anyone who goes out to the Babylonians will survive—they won't be killed. **3** Yahweh says that this city will definitely be taken over and captured by the Babylonian king.

4 So those officials went to King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) and requested that Yirmiyah be executed because (they claimed) his messages were discouraging their warriors defending the city and discouraging all the people. They claimed that he wasn't advancing the people's safety, but causing harm.

5 "All right," King Tsidkiyah replied. "Do whatever you want with him, because no king can argue against all of you." **6** So they took Yirmiyah and put him into the water storage cistern carved out by the king's son Malkiyah. It was right there in the guards' courtyard, and they lowered Yirmiyah down with ropes. There wasn't any water left in the cistern, but it was still muddy at the bottom and he sank down into the mud.

7 Now the Kushi Eved-Melek was one of the trusted servants in the king's house and he heard that they had put Yirmiyah down into the cistern. Meanwhile, the king was sitting at the Benyamin Gate. **8** So Eved-Melek left the palace and went and spoke with the king, **9** "My master the king, those men have been evil in the way they've mistreated the prophet Yirmiyah. They threw him into a cistern so he'd die in it from hunger, since there's no food left in the city." **10** Then the king ordered Eved-Melek to take command of thirty of the king's men to go and get the prophet Yirmiyah out of the cistern so he wouldn't die down there. **11** So Eved-Melek led the men to a storeroom for clothing under the king's house where they got some rags and worn-out clothes. Then they let them down by ropes to Yirmiyah in the cistern **12** and told him to use the rags and old clothes under his armpits to protect him from being hurt by the ropes. Yirmiyah did that, **13** then they pulled him up with the ropes—that's how they got him up out from the mud in the cistern. Then he stayed in the guards' courtyard.

King Tsidkiyah's advice to Yirmiyah · Southern kingdom

14 One day King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) summoned the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) to meet him at the third entrance to the temple and told him, "I want to ask you something. Don't refuse to answer honestly and truthfully."

15 "Ha, if I tell you the truth, you'll order me to be executed," Yirmiyah replied. "And if I give you good advice, you won't take

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_will_die by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence and_the_one_ _who_goes_out to the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_he_will_live[226] and_it_will_belong for_him/it life_of_his to_plunder and_he_ _will_live. **3** Thus **YHWH** he_says certainly_(be_given) the_city (the)_this it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_army_of the_ _king of_Bāvel and_he_will_capture_it. **4** And_ the_officials _ _they_said to the_king let_him_be_put_to_death please ĐOM the_man the_this if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so he is_making_drop ĐOM the_hands_of the_men_of (the)_war who_ _remain in_city (the)_this and_ĐOM the_hands_of all_of the_ _people by_speaking to_them according_the_words/messages the_these if/because the_man the_this not_he is_seeking for_ _welfare for_people the_this if/because (if) for_harm. **5** And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he/it_said THERE he is_in_ _hand_of_your(pl) if/because not the_king he_is_able you(pl) anything. **6** And_they_took ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) and_they_ _threw ĐOM_him/it into the_cistern of_Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of the_king which was_in_the_courtyard_of the_guard and_they_ _let_down ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} with_ropes and_in_cistern there_was_ _not water if/because (if) mud and_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he_sank in_mud. **7** And_ ʹEvʹed Melek the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) a_man_of a_ _court-official _he/it_listened and_he in_house_of the_king if/because_that they_had_put ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} into the_cistern and_the_king was_sitting in_the_gate_of Binyāmīn. **8** And_ ʹEvʹed Melek _he/it_went_out from_the_house_of the_king and_ _he/it_spoke to the_king to_say. **9** My_master the_king the_men the_these they_have_done_evil ĐOM all_of that they_have_done to_Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet ĐOM whom they_have_thrown into the_cistern and_he/it_died in_his_place from_face/in_front_of (the)_famine if/because not the_food yet is_in_city. **10** And_ the_king _he_commanded ĐOM ʹEvʹed Melek the_Kūshiy to_say take in_hand_of_your from_here thirty men and_you_will_ _bring_up ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet from the_cistern before_ _before he_will_die. **11** And_he/it_took ʹEvʹed Melek ĐOM the_ _men in_his/its_hand and_he_went the_house_of the_king to under the_storehouse and_he/it_took from_there worn_out_ _things_of the[227] and_worn_out_things_of rags and_he_let_ _them_down to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) into the_cistern with_ _ropes. **12** And_ ʹEvʹed Melek the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh} put please the_worn_out_things_of the_clothes and_the_rags under the_joints_of your_two's_hands_of_your from_under to_the_ropes and_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_made thus. **13** And_they_drew_out ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} with_ropes and_they_ _brought_up ĐOM_him/it from the_cistern and_ Yirmə^{yāh} _ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_the_courtyard_of the_ _guard.

14 And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he_sent and_he/it_ _took ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet to_him/it to an_entrance the_ _third which in_house_of **YHWH** and_ the_king _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh} I am_about_to_ask you a_matter do_not hide from_me anything. **15** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said to Tsidqiy^{yāh} if/because I_will_tell to/for_yourself(m) am_not certainly_(put_to_death) will_you_put_me_to_death and_because/when I_will_counsel_ _you not you_will_listen to_me. **16** And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh} _

226 LV 38:2 · Note OSHB variant note: היחי: (x-qere) 'חָיָּ֥ו/ה': lemma_c/2421 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_2411s חָיָּ֥ו/ה

227 LV 38:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תובחס/ה: (x-qere) 'תּוֹבָחְסִ': lemma_5499 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpa id_24srU תּוֹבָחְסִ

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_he_swore to Yirmə^{yāh} in_secrecy to_say by_the_life of_**YHWH** wwww[229] who he_has_made to/for_us ~~DOM~~ the_living_ _creatures (the)_this if I_will_put_you_to_death and_if I_will_ _give_you in_the_hand_of the_men the_these who are_seeking ~~DOM~~ life_of_your. **17** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _he/it_said to Tsidqiy^{yāh} thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers the_ _god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says if indeed_(go_out) you_will_go_ _out to the_commanders_of the_king_of Bāvel and_ self_of_ _your _it_will_live and_the_city (the)_this not it_will_be_burnt with_fire and_ you and_household_of_your _you_will_live. **18** And_if not you_will_go_out to the_commanders_of the_king_ _of Bāvel and_ the_city (the)_this _it_will_be_given in_the_ _hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_they_will_burn_it with_ _fire and_you(ms) not you_will_escape from_hand_of_their. **19** And_ the_king Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh} I am_dreading ~~DOM~~ the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who they_have_fallen to the_ones_from_Kasdiy lest they_should_give ~~DOM~~_me in_ _hand_of_their and_they_will_deal_wantonly with_me. **20** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said not they_will_give listen please to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** to_that_which I am_speaking to_you so_that_ _it_may_go_well to/for_yourself(m) and_ self_of_your _so_that_ _it_may_live. **21** And_if you are_refusing to_go_out this is_the_ _thing which he_has_shown_me **YHWH**. **22** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_women who they_are_left in_ _house_of the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) are_about_to_be_ _brought_out to the_commanders_of the_king_of Bāvel and_ _they will_be_saying they_misled_you and_they_prevailed to/for_yourself(m) the_people_of your_peace_of_your they_ _are_sunk in_mire feet_of_your they_have_turned backwards. **23** And_~~DOM~~ all_of wives_of_your and_~~DOM~~ children_of_your people_will_bring_out to the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_you(ms) not you_will_escape from_hand_of_their if/because by_the_ _hand_of the_king_of Bāvel you_will_be_captured and_~~DOM~~ the_city (the)_this you_will_burn with_fire. **24** And_ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) _he/it_said to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) anyone not let_him_know in_words/messages the_these and_ _not you_will_die. **25** And_because/when the_officials they_ _will_hear if/because_that I_have_spoken with_you and_they_ _will_come to_you and_they_will_say to_you tell please to/for_ _us what did_you_say to the_king do_not hide_it from_him/it and_not we_will_put_you_to_death and_what did_he_say to_ _you the_king. **26** And_you_will_say to_them I was_making_fall supplication_of_my to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _king to_not to_send_me_back the_house_of Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) to_die there. **27** And_ all_of the_officials _they_came to Yirmə^{yāh} and_they_asked ~~DOM~~_ _him/it and_he_told to/for_them according_to_all_of the_ _words/messages the_these which the_king he_had_ _commanded and_they_kept_silent from_him/it if/because not the_message it_had_been_heard. **28** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_courtyard_of the_guard until the_day when Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_was_captured and_ _it_was just_as Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_was_captured.

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any notice of what I say."

16 But King Tsidkiyah privately promised Yirmiyah, "As our creator Yahweh lives, I won't execute you or hand you over to those men who want to see you dead."

17 "Okay," Yirmiyah answered the king, "Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: If you indeed go out to the Babylonian king's officials, then you'll live, and this city won't be burnt down. You and your family would live. **18** But if you don't go out to his officials, then this city will be handed over to the Babylonians. They'll burn it down, and you wouldn't be able to escape from their power."

19 "But I'm afraid of the Yehudim (Jews) who've already deserted to the Babylonians," the king confided to Yirmiyah. "You see, I might be handed over to them and they might treat me cruelly."

20 "The Babylonians won't hand you over to those Yehudim," Yirmiyah responded. "Obey Yahweh's message from Yahweh that I'm passing on to you, so that things will go well for you, and so that you'll live through this. **21** However, if you refuse to surrender, then this is what Yahweh has shown me: **22** Listen king of Yehudah (Judah), all the women who are left in your palace will be taken out to the Babylonian king's commanders. Those women will tell you,

'You were deceived by your friends—they've ruined you.
Now your feet are stuck in the mud, and your friends have turned away.'

23 Yes, all your wives and children will be taken out to the Babylonians and you yourself won't escape from them either. You'll be taken captive by the Babylonian king, and this city will be burnt down."

24 Then Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) told Yirmiyah, "Don't tell anyone else what we spoke about or you might die. **25** If the officials hear that I've have talked with you, and if they come and demand, 'Tell us what you said to the king—don't hide it from us or we'll kill you,' **26** then you must tell them, 'I was just pleading to the king not to return me to the dungeon in Yonatan's (Jonathan's) house or I'd die there.' **27** Then sure enough the officials came to Yirmiyah and questioned him and he answered them as the king had instructed him. They couldn't say anything else because they hadn't heard the conversation, **28** so Yirmiyah remained in the guards' courtyard until the day that Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was captured.[228]

228 **RV 38:28 · Cross-ref.** Eze 33:21.

229 **LV 38:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תא**: (x-qere)

Readers' Version

The fall of Yerushalem · Southern kingdom

39:1 In the tenth month of the ninth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) came against Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with his large army and besieged it. **2** On the ninth day of the fourth month of Tsidkiyah's eleventh year,[230] the city was broken into. **3** Then all of the Babylonian king's officials came and sat at the middle gate, including the top official Nevu-Sar-Sekim, and Samgar-Nevu and Sarsekim.

4 When Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah and all his warriors saw what was happening, they left at nighttime through the gate between the two walls beside the king's garden and fled towards the Yarden (Jordan) river plains. **5** However the Babylonian army chased after them and overtook the king down in the plains near Yeriho (Jericho). They took him back up to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar at Rivlah in the Hamat region, and he pronounced his judgement on him. **6** The king had Tsidkiyah's sons slaughtered at Rivlah as their father was forced to watch, and Yehudah's officials were also executed. **7** Then they gouged out Tsidkiyah's eyes and put him in chains to be taken to Bavel (Babylon). **8** Then the Babylonians burnt down the palace and the other houses, and tore down Yerushalem's walls. **9** The rest of the people who'd stayed in the city, including those who'd previously deserted, were exiled to Bavel under the supervision of the chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan. **10** However, he allowed the poorest people who didn't own anything to remain in Yehudah—allocating vineyards and fields for them to work.

Yirmiyah is released · Southern kingdom

11 Now the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had given an order to his chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan about finding Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) **12** and keeping him safe and unharmed—even to care for him and do anything that he requested. **13** So Nevuzar-Adan, the top servant Nevu-Shazban, the high official Nergal-Shar-Etser, and all the Babylonian king's most important officials **14** sent out men to fetch Yirmiyah from the guards' courtyard. They handed him over to Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) to take him home, so Yirmiyah stayed there among the people.

Literal Version

39:1 In_year (the)_ninth of_Tsidqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_month (the)_tenth Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel and_all army_of_his he_came to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_laid_siege on_it. **2** In_one_ _plus_of ten year of_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) in_month the_ _fourth on_day_nine of_month the_city it_was_broken_into. **3** And_ all_of the_officials_of the_king_of Bāvel _they_came and_they_lived in_the_gate_of the_middle Nērəggal- Shar'etser Nērəggal- Şamgar Nəvō Sar- sekim the_Ravᵛ_of şārīş Nērəggal- Shar'etser Nērəggal- the_Ravᵛ māg and_all the_rest_of the_ _officials_of the_king_of Bāvel. **4** And_he/it_was just_as he_ _saw_them Tsidqiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_ _all/each/any/every the_men_of (the)_war and_they_fled and_ _they_went_out night from the_city the_way_of the_garden_of the_king in_a_gate between the_two_walls and_he/it_went_out the_way_of the_ʹArāvāh. **5** And_ the_army_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy _they_pursued after_them and_they_overtook ĐOM Tsidqiy^{yāh} in_the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_they_took ĐOM_him/it and_they_brought_him_up to Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥ$_a$māt and_he/it_spoke with_him/it judgements. **6** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_ _slaughtered ĐOM the_sons_of Tsidqiy^{yāh} at_Rivlāh to_eyes_of_ _his and_ĐOM all_of the_nobles_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_king_of Bāvel he_slaughtered. **7** And_ĐOM the_eyes_of Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) he_made_blind and_he_bound_him with_ _(the)_fetters to_bring ĐOM_him/it to_Bāvel. **8** And_ĐOM the_ _house_of the_king and_ĐOM the_house_of the_people the_ _ones_from_Kasdiy they_burnt with_fire and_ĐOM the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_pulled_down. **9** And_ĐOM the_ _rest_of the_people which_remained in_city and_ĐOM those_ _who_had_fallen who they_had_fallen on/upon/above_him/it and_ĐOM the_rest_of the_people which_remained he_took_into_ _exile Nəvūzar ʾ$_a$dān[231] the_chief_of the_bodyguards Bāvel. **10** And_from the_people (the)_poor who there_belonged_not to/for_them anything Nəvūzarʾ$_a$dān the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards he_left in_land of_Yəhūdāh and_he/it_gave to/for_them vineyards and_fields in_the_day (the)_that.

11 And_ Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel _he/it_commanded on Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) by_the_hand_of Nəvūzarʾ$_a$dān the_ _chief_of the_bodyguards to_say. **12** Take_him and_eyes_of_your set on/upon/above_him/it and_do_not do to_him/it anything harmful if/because wwww[232] just_as he_will_say to_you so do with_him/it. **13** And_he_sent Nəvūzarʾ$_a$dān the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards and[233] the_Ravᵛ_of şārīş and_Nērəggal- chief Nērəggal- the_Ravᵛ_of māg and_all/each/any/every the_chiefs_ _of the_king_of Bāvel. **14** And_they_sent and_they_took ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh} from_the_courtyard_of the_guard and_they_gave_ _over ĐOM_him/it to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʾAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān to_take_him_out to the_house and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_middle the_people.

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230 RV 39:2 · Note i.e., about eighteen months later (in 586 B.C.).

231 LV 39:9 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

232 LV 39:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ם‏א: (x-qere)

233 LV 39:13 · Note OSHB note: Small letter(s). Shown as small letters without a superscript note number.

Literal Version

15 And_to Yirmə^{yāh} the_message_of **YHWH** it_had_come when_
_was_he shut_up in_the_courtyard_of the_guard to_say. **16** Go
and_you_will_say to_ʿEved- king[234] the_Kūshiy/(Cushite) to_
_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of
Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring[235] ~~DOM~~
words/messages_of_my against the_city (the)_this for_harm
and_not for_good and_they_will_be to_your_face in_the_day
(the)_that. **17** And_I_will_deliver_you on_day (the)_that the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** and_not you_will_be_given in_the_hand_
_of the_people whom you are_fearful of_them. **18** If/because
certainly_(rescue) I_will_rescue_you and_by_sword not you_
_will_fall and_it_will_belong to/for_yourself(m) life_of_your to_
_plunder if/because you_trusted in_me the_utterance_of
YHWH.

40:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) from_
_with **YHWH** after Nəvūzar'$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards
set_free ~~DOM~~_him/it from (the)_Rāmāh when_took_he ~~DOM~~_
_him/it and_he was_bound with_chains in_the_middle all_of
the_exile[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) who_were_being_taken_into_exile to_
Bāvel. **2** And the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took (to)_
_Yirmə^{yāh} and_he/it_said to_him/it **YHWH** god_of_your he_
_spoke ~~DOM~~ the_harm (the)_this against the_place (the)_this.
3 And_he/it_brought and_he/it_made **YHWH** just_as he_said
if/because you(pl)_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_not you(pl)_
_listened to_voice_of_his and_it_was to/for_you(pl) the_
_thing[236] this. **4** And_now HERE I_have_set_you_free the_day
from the_chains which are_on hand_of_your if is_good in_eyes_
_of_your to_come with_me Bāvel come and_I_will_set ~~DOM~~ eye_
_of_my on_you and_if is_displeasing in_eyes_of_your to_come
with_me Bāvel refrain see all_of the_earth/land to_your_face
to the_place_good and_near/to the_place_right in_eyes_of_your
to_go to_(to) go. **5** And_still_he not he_will_return and_return
to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān whom the_
_king_of Bāvel he_has_appointed over_the_cities_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_remain with_him/it in_the_middle the_
_people or to any_of (the)_place_right in_eyes_of_your to_go go
and_he_gave to_him/it the_chief_of the_bodyguards a_food_
_allowance and_a_present and_he/it_sent_out/away_him/it.
6 And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _he_went to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of
'Aḥīqām to_(the)_Mitspāh and_he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived with_him/it in_the_middle the_
_people which_remained on_the_earth.

7 And_ all_of the_commanders_of the_armies which in_the_
_field they and_men_of_their _they_heard if/because_that the_
_king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed ~~DOM~~ Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of
'Aḥīqām on_the_earth and_because/when he_had_appointed
with_him/it men and_women and_little_one[s] and_some_of_
_the_poor_people_of the_earth/land from_those_who not they_
_had_been_taken_into_exile to_Bāvel. **8** And_they_came to

Readers' Version

Hope for Eved-Melek · Southern kingdom

15 While Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had still been held in the guards' courtyard, Yahweh had given him this message: **16** Go and tell Eved-Melek the Kushi (Ethiopian) that Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm about to fulfill my messages against this city for disaster and not for good, and they'll all come true right in front of your eyes on that day. **17** But Yahweh declares that I'll rescue you from those people that you're afraid of **18** because I'll definitely save your life. You won't be killed by the soldiers, but Yahweh declares that because you put your trust in me, your life will be saved.

Yirmiyah returns to Gedalyah · Southern kingdom

40:1 The chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan had found Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) chained up among all the exiles from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the rest of Yehudah (Judah) to be taken to Bavel (Babylon), and had released him at Ramah.

2 The chief bodyguard took Yirmiyah aside and told him, "Your god Yahweh decreed this disaster for this place, **3** then he caused it to happen. Yahweh did just as he'd decreed, since you people sinned against him and didn't obey him. That's why all this has happened to you people. **4** But now listen, I've released you today from your chains. If you choose to come with me to Bavel, I'll look after you, but if you don't want to, then look around and go wherever you think best. **5** Or why don't you return to Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) who the Babylonian king has put in charge of Yehudah's cities. Stay among the people with him, or go wherever you think best." Then the king's chief bodyguard gave him food and a gift, and sent him away. **6** So Yirmiyah went to Gedalyah's place and stayed with him among the people who were left behind in the land.

Yehudah's governor Gedalyah · Southern kingdom[237]

7 Now some commanders of Yehudi (Jew) soldiers who were still in the countryside, along with their men heard that the Babylonian king had made Ahikam's son Gedalyah governor over the land.[238] They also heard that he'd put him in charge of the men, women, and children who were the poorest people in

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234 LV 39:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

235 LV 39:16 · Note OSHB variant note: יבמ: (x-qere) 'אֵיבֵמ': lemma_935 morph_HVhrmsa id_24tzm אֵיבֵמ

236 LV 40:3 · Note OSHB variant note: רבד: (x-qere) 'רָבָדּ/ה': lemma_d/1697 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_242Lg רָבָדּ/ה

237 RV 40:7 · Parallel 2 Kgs 25:22-24

238 RV 40:7-9 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:22-24.

Readers' Version

the land—those who hadn't been exiled to Bavel (Babylon). **8** So they went to Gedalyah at Mitspah. Those who went were Netanyah's son Yishmael (Ishmael), Kareah's sons Yohanan and Yonatan (Jonathan), Tanhumet's son Serayah, the sons of Ofay the Netofati, and Ma'akati's son Yezanyah, and their men.
9 Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) made a promise to them and their men, saying, "Don't be afraid to serve the Babylonian officials. Live in the land and serve the Babylonian king, and it will go well with you. **10** See, I'm living in Mitspah to meet with the Babylonians who came to us. So harvest wine, summer fruit, and oil and store them in your containers. Live in the cities that you've occupied." **11** Then all the Yehudim (Jews) in Moav (Moab), among the people of Amon, and in Edom, and in every land heard that the Babylonian king had allowed a small number of people to stay in Yehudah (Judah), and that he'd appointed Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan) over them. **12** So all the Yehudim from every place that they'd be driven into, came back to Yehudah to Gedalyah at Mitspah, and they harvested a lot of wine and summer fruit.

The murder of Gedalyah · Southern kingdom[240]

13 Some time later, Kareah's son Yonatan (Jonathan) and all the army commanders from the countryside, came to Gedalyah at Mitspah, **14** and asked him, "Do you realise that the Amoni King Ba'alis has sent Netanyah's son Yishmael (Ishmael) to assassinate you?" However Ahikam's son Gedalyah didn't believe them **15** so Kareah's son Yohanan spoke privately to Gedalyah at Mitspah, "Allow me to go and kill Netanyah's Yishmael. No one will suspect me. Why should he kill you? Why allow all of Yehudah (Judah) that has been gathered to you to be scattered and the remnant destroyed?"
16 However Ahikam's son Gedalyah replied to Kareah's son Yohanan, "No, don't do that, because you're lying about Yishmael."
41:1 However, in the seventh month, Yishmael (son of Netanyah, son of Elishama from the royal family) and some officers of the king came—he had ten men with him. They came to Ahikam's son Gedalyah at Mitspah and had a meal together.[241]
2 Then Yishmael and the ten men who were with him, stood up and attacked with their swords. Yishmael killed Gedalyah, who the Babylonian king had put in charge of the region, **3** and they killed all the Yehudim (Jews) who were with Gedalyah there at Mitspah, as well as the Babylonian soldiers who were there.

Literal Version

Gədal^{yāh} to_(the)_Mitspāh and_Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) and_
_Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_sons_of Qārēaḥ and_
_Sərā^{yāh} the_son_of Tanḥumet and_the_sons of_
_ʻŌfay/(Ephai)[239] the_Nəṭofātī and_Yəzan^{yāh}/(Jezaniah) the_
_son_of the_Maʻ$_a$kātī they and_men_of_their. **9** And_he_swore_
_an_oath to/for_them Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_to_men_of_their to_say do_not be_afraid from_
_serving the_ones_from_Kasdiy dwell in/on_the_earth and_
_serve ĐØM the_king_of Bāvel so_that_it_may_go_well for_
_you(pl). **10** And_I here_I will_be_dwelling at_Mitspāh to_stand to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ones_from_Kasdiy who they_will_come to_us and_you(pl) gather wine and_summer_
_fruit and_oil and_put_them in_vessels_of_your(pl) and_dwell in_cities_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_have_taken_hold_of.
11 And_also all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who were_in_Mō'āv and_among_the_people_of ʻAmmōn and_in_ʼEdōm and_which in_all the_lands they_heard if/because_that the_king_of Bāvel he_had_given a_remnant to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_
_because/when he_had_appointed over_them ĐØM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān. **12** And_ all_of the_
_Yəhūdī _they_returned from_all the_places where they_had_
_been_driven_away there and_they_came the_land_of Yəhūdāh to Gədal^{yāh} to_(the)_Mitspāh and_they_gathered wine and_
_summer_fruit much exceedingly.
13 And_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_
_commanders_of the_armies which in_the_field they_came to Gədal^{yāh} to_(the)_Mitspāh. **14** And_they_said to_him/it at_all_
_(know)[242] do_you_know if/because_that Baʻ$_a$līṣ the_king_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn he_has_sent ĐØM Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} to_strike_you life and_not he_believed to/for_them Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām. **15** And_Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ he_said to Gədal^{yāh} in_secrecy at_Mitspāh to_say let_me_go please and_let_me_strike_down ĐØM Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_anyone not he_
_will_know to/for_what will_he_strike_you life and_ all_of Yəhūdāh who_have_gathered to_you _will_they_be_scattered and_ the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _will_it_perish. **16** And_
Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām _he/it_said to Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ do_not do[243] ĐØM the_thing the_this if/because falsehood you are_speaking concerning Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael).
41:1 And_he/it_was in_month the_seventh Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} the_son_of ʼElīshāʻma one_of_the_
_offspring_of the_royalty and_the_chiefs_of the_king and_ten men with_him/it he_came to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām to_
_(the)_Mitspāh and_they_ate there food together at_Mitspāh.
2 And_he/it_rose_up Yishmā^{ʼēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_the_ten_of the_men who they_were with_him/it and_
_they_struck_down ĐØM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ʼAḥīqām the_son_
_of Shāfān with_sword and_he_killed ĐØM_him/it whom the_
_king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed on_the_earth. **3** And_ĐØM all_

239 LV 40:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **יפוע**: (x-qere) **יָפִיעַ**: lemma_5778 morph_HNp id_24sir **יָפִיעַ**

240 RV 40:13 · Parallel 2 Kgs 25:25-26

241 RV 41:1-3 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:25.

242 LV 40:14 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

243 LV 40:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **שעת**: (x-qere) **הֶשָּׁעַת**: lemma_6213 a n_1.0 morph_HVqj2ms id_249Tk **הֶשָּׁעַת**

Literal Version

_of the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who they_were with_him/it with Gədal^{yāh} at_Mitspāh and_ĐOM the_ones_from_Kasdiy who they_ _were_found there ĐOM the_men_of (the)_war Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) he_struck_down. **4** And_he/it_was in_the_ _day the_second of_killing ĐOM Gədal^{yāh} and_anyone not he_ _knew. **5** And_they_came men from_Shəkem from_Shiloh and_ _from_Shomrōn eighty man shaven_of beard and_torn_of clothes and_having_cut_themselves and_an_offering and_ _frankincense was_in_hand_of_their to_bring the_house_of **YHWH**. **6** And_ Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} _he/it_ _went_out to_meet_them from (the)_Mitspāh going going and_ _weeping and_he/it_was just_as_met ĐOM_them and_he/it_said to_them come to Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ’Aḥīqām. **7** And_he/it_was just_as_they_came into the_middle_of the_city and_he_ _slaughtered_them Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} into the_middle_of the_cistern he and_the_men who with_ _him/it. **8** And_ten men they_were_found among_them and_ _they_said to Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) do_not kill_us if/because there_belongs to/for_us hidden_treasures in_the_field wheat(s) and_barley(s) and_oil and_honey and_he_refrained and_not he_ _killed_them in_the_middle relatives_of_their. **9** And_the_ _cistern where he_threw there Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) ĐOM all_of the_corpses_of the_men whom he_had_struck_down by_the_ _hand_of Gədal^{yāh} it was_the_one_which the_king ’Āṣā’ he_had_ _made from_face/in_front_of Ba´shā’ the_king_of Yisrā’^{ēl}/(Israel) ĐOM_him/it Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_filled those_slain. **10** And_he_took_captive Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) ĐOM all_of the_rest_of the_people which was_in_Mitspāh ĐOM the_daughters_of the_king and_ĐOM all_of the_people which_remained at_Mitspāh whom Nəvūzar’$_a$dān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_had_appointed ĐOM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ’Aḥīqām and_he_took_them_captive Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} and_he/it_went to_ _pass_over to the_people_of ´Ammōn. **11** And_ Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_ _commanders_of the_armies who with_him/it _he/it_listened ĐOM all_of the_evil which Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_had_done. **12** And_they_took ĐOM all_of the_men and_they_went to_do_battle with Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_ _of Nətan^{yāh} and_they_found ĐOM_him/it to water great which is_in_Giv´ōn. **13** And_he/it_was just_ all_of the_people which was_with Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) _as_saw ĐOM Yōḥānān the_son_ _of Qārēaḥ and_ĐOM all_of the_commanders_of the_armies who with_him/it and_they_rejoiced. **14** And_ all_of the_people which he_had_taken_captive Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) from (the)_ _Mitspāh _they_turned_round and_they_turned_back and_ _they_went to Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ. **15** And_ _Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_escaped with_ _eight men from_face/in_front_of Yōḥānān and_he/it_went to the_people_of ´Ammōn. **16** And_ Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_commanders_of the_armies who with_him/it _ _he/it_took ĐOM all_of the_rest_of the_people which he_had_ _brought_back from_with Yishmā´^{ēl}/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} from (the)_Mitspāh after he_had_struck_down ĐOM Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of ’Aḥīqām men the_men_of (the)_war and_ _women and_little_one[s] and_court-officials whom he_had_ _brought_back from_Giv´ōn. **17** And_they_went and_they_lived

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4 The next day before anyone found out that Gedalyah had been murdered, **5** eighty men from Shekem, Shiloh, and from Shomron (Samaria) came who had shaved off their beards, torn their clothes, and cut themselves in mourning. They were carrying grain offerings and incense to be offered at Yahweh's residence. **6** Netanyah's son Yishmael went out of Mitspah to meet them, weeping as he went. When he reached them, he told them to come and see what had happened to Ahikam's son Gedalyah. **7** Then as they reached the middle of the town, Yishmael and his men slaughtered them and threw their bodies into a cistern.

8 However, ten of them bargained with Yishmael about some wheat, barley, oil, and honey that they'd left out in the countryside, so he didn't kill them along with the others. **9** The water storage cistern when Yishmael had thrown all the bodies of those he'd killed including Gedalyah, had been dug by King Asa in defence against Yisrael's (Israel's) King Baesha. Now Netanyah's son Yishmael had filled it with dead bodies. **10** Next Yishmael captured the remaining people in Mitspah, including the king's daughters and all the others who the chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan had assigned to Ahikam's son Gedalyah. So Netanyah's son Yishmael captured them to hand over to the Amonim.

11 Meanwhile Kareah's son Yohanan and all the army commanders with him, heard about all the evil things that Netanyah's son Yishmael had done, **12** so they took all their men to fight against Yishmael. They came across him at the large pool near Giveon city **13** When all the people who'd been captured by Yishmael saw Yohanan and all the army commanders they were very relieved. **14** So all those people that Yishmael had captured were freed and went back with Kareah's son Yohanan. **15** Unfortunately, Netanyah's son Yishmael escaped from Yohanan, along with eight of his men, and they went to the Amonim.

16 Then Kareah's son Yohanan and all the army commanders with him, took all the people from Mitspah who'd been rescued from Netanyah's son Yishmael after he'd killed Ahikam's son Gedalyah. They took those warriors, and women and children and court-officials that they'd saved at Giveon, **17** and went and stayed at Gerut-Kimham near Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem), getting ready to go to Mitsrayim (Egypt) **18** because of the Babylonians. (They worried about their response because Netanyah's son Yishmael had assassinated Ahikam's son Gedalyah who'd been appointed in the region by the Babylonian king.)

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The people ask Yirmiyah to pray · Southern kingdom

42:1 Then all the army commanders, as well as Kareah's son Yohanan, Hoshayah's son Yezanyah, and all the people from the less prominent to the most important officials approached the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) **2** and asked him, "Please listen to our request. Please ask your god Yahweh our on behalf of all of us who are left here, because there's not very many of us left as you can see. **3** Ask your god Yahweh to tell us what we should do and where we should go."

4 "Sure, I've heard your concerns," the prophet Yirmiyah responded. "Listen, Ill pray to your god Yahweh as you've all requested. Whatever Yahweh answers, I'll tell you. I'll keep nothing back from you all."

5 "We promise to do everything that your god Yahweh tells us to do," they told Yirmiyah. "If we don't, then Yahweh can be a true and faithful witness against us. **6** Whether it's good or bad, we'll obey the instructions from our god Yahweh who we're asking you to speak to, so that it may be well with us when we obey his response."

Yahweh's answer to Yirmiyah's prayer · Southern kingdom

7 After ten days, Yahweh's response came to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), **8** so he called Kareah's son Yohanan and all the army commanders, as well as all the people from the less prominent to the most important officials, **9** then he told them, "You all sent me to Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh to pass on your requests and here's his reply: **10** If you all stay in this region, then I'll build you up and not tear you down. I'll plant you and not pull you all out, because I'm upset about the harm that I've done to you all. **11** Don't be afraid of the Babylonian king any more. This is Yahweh's declaration: Don't be afraid of him because I'm with you all to save you and to rescue you from his clutches, **12** because I'll give you all mercy. I'll have compassion on you, and I'll restore you all back to your country.

13 However, suppose that you all decide not to listen to the words of your god Yahweh, and decide not to stay in this region, **14** and if you all say that you'll go to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to live there where there's no war, and no trumpets signalling, and no shortage of food, **15** Now you remaining people listen to Yahweh's message: Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that if you all do decide to go and stay down in Mitsrayim,

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at_Gēriūt_of mmm[244] which is_beside Bēyt- leḥem to_go to_go Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **18** From_face/in_front_of the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy if/because they_were_afraid from_their_face/front if/because Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) the_son_of Nətan^{yāh} he_had_ _struck_down ~~ḎǪM~~ Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīqām whom the_ _king_of Bāvel he_had_appointed on_the_earth.

42:1 And_ all_of the_commanders_of the_armies and_ _Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_ _Yəzan^{yāh}/(Jezaniah) the_son_of Hōsha'$_{a}^{yāh}$ and_all the_people from_the_small and_unto the_great _they_approached. **2** And_ _they_said to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet may_it_fall please supplication_of_our to_your_face and_pray for_us to **YHWH** god_of_your for all_of the_remnant (the)_this if/because we_are_left a_few from_many just_as eyes_of_your are_seeing us. **3** So_that_he_may_declare to/for_us **YHWH** god_ _of_your ~~ḎǪM~~ the_way which we_will_go in_it and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _thing which we_will_do. **4** And_he/it_said to_them Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet I_have_heard HERE_I am_about_to_pray to **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) according_to_of_your(pl)_words/messages and_it_was every_of (the)_message which **YHWH** he_will_ _answer you(pl) I_will_tell to/for_you(pl) not I_will_withhold from_you(pl) a_message. **5** And_they they_said to Yirmə^{yāh} may_he_become **YHWH** on_us (into)_a_witness_of truth and_ _faithful if not according_to_every_of (the)_message which he_ _will_send_you **YHWH** god_of_your to_us so we_will_do. **6** Whether good and_if bad to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our whom we[245] are_sending you to_him/it we_will_listen so_that that it_may_go_well to/for_us if/because we_will_listen to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our.

7 And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity of_ten_of days and_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). **8** And_he/it_called (to) Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_near/to all_of the_commanders_of the_armies who with_ _him/it and_to/for_all the_people (to)_from_the_small and_ _unto the_great. **9** And_he/it_said to_them thus **YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom you(pl)_sent ~~ḎǪM~~_me to_him/it to_make_fall supplication_of_your(pl) before_him he_says. **10** If returning you(pl)_will_remain on_the_earth (the)_this and_I_ _will_build_up you(pl) and_not I_will_tear_you_down and_I_ _will_plant you(pl) and_not I_will_pluck_you_up if/because I_ _am_grieved concerning the_harm which I_have_done to_ _you(pl). **11** Do_not be_afraid from_face/in_front_of the_king_of Bāvel whom you(pl) are_afraid of_him do_not be_afraid from_ _him/it the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because am_with_you(pl) I to_save you(pl) and_to_deliver you(pl) from_hand_of_his. **12** And_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) compassion(s) and_he_will_ _have_compassion_on you(pl) and_he_will_restore you(pl) to land_of_your(pl). **13** And_if you(pl) are_saying not we_will_ _remain on_the_earth (the)_this to_not to_listen to_the_voice_ _of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **14** To_say no if/because the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) we_will_go where not we_will_see warfare and_the_sound_of a_trumpet not we_will_hear and_for_bread not we_will_be_hungry and_there we_will_dwell. **15** And_now

244 LV 41:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **ומכ/הס**: (x-qere) 'סָּהֻמִּכ': lemma_3643 n_1.1 morph_HNp id_24aMS סָּהֻמִּכ

245 LV 42:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **אנא**: (x-qere) 'וּנְחַנָּא': lemma_587 n_1.0.0.0 morph_HPp1cp id_24JrR וּנְחַנָּא

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for_so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says if you(pl) really_(set) you(pl)_will_set your(pl)_faces to_go Mitsrayim and_you(pl)_will_go to_sojourn there. **16** And_it_will_be the_drought//sword/knife which you(pl) are_afraid from_her/it there it_will_overtake you(pl) in_land of_Mitsrayim and_the_famine which you(pl) are_ _anxious from_him/it there it_will_pursue_closely behind_ _you(pl) Mitsrayim and_there you(pl)_will_die. **17** And_they_ _will_be all_of the_people who they_have_set ÐǪM faces_of_ _their to_go Mitsrayim to_sojourn there they_will_die by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence and_not he_will_belong to/for_ _them a_survivor and_an_escapee from_face/in_front_of the_ _calamity which I will_bring on_them. **18** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says just_as anger_of_my and_rage_of_my it_was_poured_out on the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) so rage_of_my it_ _will_pour_out on_you(pl) when_go_you(pl) Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you(pl)_will_be (into)_an_curse and_(into)_a_horror and_ _(into)_a_curse and_(into)_a_reproach and_not you(pl)_will_see again ÐǪM the_place (the)_this. **19** **YHWH** he_has_spoken to_ _you(pl) Oh_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) do_not go Mitsrayim assuredly_(know) you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I_have_ _warned (in)_you(pl) the_day. **20** If/because_that mmm[246247] (in)_selves_of_your(pl) if/because you(pl) you(pl)_sent ÐǪM_me to **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) to_say pray for_us to **YHWH** god_of_ _our and_according_to_all that **YHWH** god_of_our he_will_say so tell to/for_us and_we_will_do_it. **21** And_I_have_told to/for_ _you(pl) the_day and_not you(pl)_have_listened to_the_voice_ _of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) and_to/for_all that he_sent_me to_ _you(pl). **22** And_now assuredly_(know) you(pl)_will_know if/because_that by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence you(pl)_will_die in_place where you(pl)_desire to_go to_sojourn there.

43:1 And_he/it_was just_ Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) _as_had_finished to_speak to_all_of the_people ÐǪM all_of the_words/messages_ _of **YHWH** god_of_their which he_had_sent_him **YHWH** god_ _of_their to_them ÐǪM all_of the_words/messages the_these. **2** And_ ʹAzaryāh the_son_of Hōshaʹaryāh and_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_people (the)_arrogant _he/it_ _said saying to Yirməyāh falsehood you are_speaking not he_ _has_sent_you **YHWH** god_of_our to_say not you(pl)_must_go Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_sojourn there. **3** If/because Bārūk the_ _son_of Nēriyyāh is_inciting you against_us so_as to_give us in_ _the_hand_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy to_put_to_death us and_ _to_take_into_exile us Bāvel. **4** And_not Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_all the_commanders_of the_armies and_all the_ _people he_listened to_the_voice_of **YHWH** to_remain in_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **5** And_ Yōḥānān the_son_of Qārēaḥ and_ _all the_commanders_of the_armies _he/it_took ÐǪM all_of the_ _remnant_of Yəhūdāh who they_had_come_back from_all the_ _nations where they_had_been_driven_away there to_sojourn

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16 then the war that you all fear will overtake you in Mitsrayim. The famine that you're anxious about will follow you all to Mitsrayim, and then you'll die there, **17** i.e., anyone who decides to go to live as foreigners in Mitsrayim, will die from war, famine, or deadly diseases. There won't be any survivors from the calamities that I'd send onto them.

18 Yes, Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: Just as my anger and rage was poured out on Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, in the same way my anger would be poured out on all of you if you go to Mitsrayim. You'd become an object of cursing and a horror, something to be used as a curse word, and something dishonourable, and you'd never see this place again.

19 Then Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) continued: Yahweh has spoken to you all, the remaining people of Yehudah (Judah). Don't go down to Mitsrayim as you know that I've definitely warned you all against that today. **20** Yes, you made a life and death mistake when you sent me to your god Yahweh, and asked me to ask him for instructions for you and when you all said that you'd do everything that he says, **21** because I've reported all that to you today. However, you haven't listened to your god Yahweh's message, or to anything that he sent me to tell you all about. **22** So now, you should definitely be aware that you'll die from war, famine, and deadly diseases where you all wanted to go and live as foreigners.

Yirmiyah gets taken to Mitsrayim · Southern kingdom

43:1 When Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) had finished passing on Yahweh's messages that their god Yahweh had told him to say, **2** Hoshayah's son Azaryah, Kareah's son Yohanan, and all the arrogant men told Yirmiyah, "You're lying to us. Our god Yahweh didn't send you to tell us not to go and live in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **3** It's because Neriyah's son Baruk is inciting you against us so that we'll stay here and get captured by the Babylonians to be either put to death or be taken as exiles to Bavel (Babylon)."

4 So Kareah's son Yohanan, all the army officers, and all the rest of the people, refused to take notice of Yahweh's instructions to remain living in the Yehudah (Judah) region. **5** Then Yohanan and all the army commanders gathered all those remaining Yehudi (Jew) people together, who'd come from all the other countries that they'd previously been driven away to and returned to live in Yehudah.[248] **6** That included men and women,

246 **LV 42:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתעתה/ם: (x-qere) תֶּתְעֻתְּהֽ: lemma_8582 n_1.3.0 morph_HVhp2mp id_24NKg תֶּתְעֻתְּהֽ

247 **LV 42:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

248 **RV 43:5-7 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:26.

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children, the king's daughters, and all the people that Nevuzar-Adan, the king's chief bodyguard Nevuzar-Adan had left with Gedalyah (son of Ahikam, son of Shafan), and including the prophet Yirmiyah and Neriyah's son Baruk. 7 Then they went to Mitsrayim because they took no notice of Yahweh's instructions and they arrived at Tahfanhes.

8 In Tahfanhes, Yahweh gave Yirmiyah a message: 9 Get some large stones and while the people from Yehudah are watching, push them into the mortar in the pavement at the entrance to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) palace at Tahfanhes. 10 Then tell the Yehudim (Jews) that Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief says: Listen, I'm about to send messengers to my servant the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), to summon him here. I'll place his throne over the top of those hidden stones, and he'll spread his royal tent over them. 11 He'll come here to attack Mitsrayim and he'll kill those that I've assigned to die, and similarly for those to be taken captive or run through with a sword. 12 Then he'll light a fire in the temples of Mitsrayim's gods. Nevukadnetsar will either burn them or carry them away. He'll clean Mitsrayim out just like shepherds pick lice off their clothes, and then he'll quietly leave 13 after smashing the stone pillars at Beyt-Shemesh (Heliopolis) and burning the temples of Mitsrayim's gods.

Yahweh's message to the Yehudim in Mitsrayim

44:1 Yahweh spoke to Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) about all the Yehudim (Jews) who lived in Migdol, Tahfanhes, and Nof (Memphis) in northern/lower Mitsrayim (Egypt), as well as those in Patros in southern/upper Mitsrayim: 2 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that you yourselves have seen all the disasters that I sent to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and Yehudah's (Judah's) other cities. See, they're just ruins today without anyone living in them. 3 That's because of the wicked things they did to provoke me to anger by going to burn incense and to worship other gods that neither they themselves, nor you, nor your ancestors had ever heard about before. 4 I repeatedly sent all my servants, the prophets, to them to tell the people to stop doing those detestable things that I hate, 5 but they didn't listen. They refused to take any notice of it, or to stop their wicked activities like burning incense to other gods. 6 So my anger and rage was poured out and burnt in Yehudah's cities and Yerushalem's streets like a fire and they're still desolate ruins to this day.

7 So now Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh asks why you all insist on bringing this terrible harm onto yourselves that'll see men and women, children and babies from Yehudah, eliminated without even leaving a remnant. 8 You've provoked

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in_land of_Yəhūdāh. 6 ĐOM the_men and_ĐOM the_women and_ _ĐOM the_little_one[s] and_ĐOM the_daughters_of the_king and_ _ĐOM every_of the_living_creatures whom Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_ _chief_of the_bodyguards he_had_left with Gədal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Aḥīqām the_son_of Shāfān and_ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_ _prophet and_ĐOM Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh}. 7 And_they_came the_land_of Mitsrayim if/because not they_had_listened to_ _the_voice_of **YHWH** and_they_came to Taḥpanḥēş. 8 And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yirmə^{yāh} in_Taḥpanḥēş to_ _say. 9 Take in_hand_of_your stones large and_you_will_hide_ _them in_mortar in_brick-terrace which is_at_the_entrance_of the_house_of Par'oh in_Taḥpanḥēş to_the_eyes_of the_people Yəhūdī/(Judeans). 10 And_you_will_say to_them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_send and_I_will_fetch ĐOM Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel servant_of_my and_I_will_set throne_of from_ _above (to)_stones the_these which I_have_hidden and_he_will_ _spread_out ĐOM mmm[249] over_them. 11 And[250] and_he_will_ _attack ĐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) those_who are_for_ _death to_death and_which are_for_captivity to_captivity and_ _which are_for_sword to_sword. 12 And_I_will_kindle fire in_ _the_houses_of the_gods_of Mitsrayim and_he_will_burn_them and_he_will_take_them_captive and_he_will_delouse ĐOM the_ _land_of Mitsrayim just_as the_shepherd he_delouses ĐOM garment_of_his and_he_will_go_out from_there in_peace. 13 And_he_will_break ĐOM the_sacred_pillars_of Bēyt Shemesh which in_land of_Mitsrayim and_ĐOM the_houses_of the_gods_ _of Mitsrayim he_will_burn with_fire.

44:1 The_message which it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) concerning all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Judeans) who_were_dwelling in_ _land of_Mitsrayim who_were_dwelling in_Migdōl and_in_ _Taḥpanḥēş and_in_Nof/(Memphis) and_in_the_land_of Patrōş to_say. 2 Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says you(pl) you(pl)_have_seen ĐOM all_of the_calamity which I_brought on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_on all_of the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_THERE_they are_a_ruin the_day the_this and_there_is_not (is)_in_them an_ _inhabitant. 3 From_face/in_front_of wickedness_of_their which they_did to_provoke_me_to_anger to_go to_make_smoke to_serve (to)_gods other which not they_had_known_them they you(pl) and_ancestors_of_your(pl). 4 And_I_sent to_ _you(pl) ĐOM all_of servants_of_my the_prophets rising_early and_sending to_say do_not please do ĐOM the_thing_of (the)_ _abomination (the)_this which I_hate. 5 And_not they_listened and_not they_inclined ĐOM ear_of_their to_turn_away from_ _wickedness_of_their to_not to_make_smoke to_gods other. 6 And_ rage_of_my and_anger_of_my _it_poured_forth and_it_ _burnt in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_became (into)_a_ruin (into)_a_desolation as_day (the)_this. 7 And_now thus **YHWH** the_god_of soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_ _says why are_you(pl) doing harm great to selves_of_your(pl) to_cut_off to/for_you(pl) man and_woman child and_sucking_ _child from_the_midst_of Yəhūdāh to_not to_leave to/for_

249 **LV 43:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וֹ/רורפש: (x-qere) וֹ/רִירְפַּשׁ': lemma_8237 n_0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_24GLo וֹ/רִירְפַּשׁ

250 **LV 43:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וֹ/אב/ה: (x-qere) וֹ/אָבּ': lemma_c/935 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_24cbW וֹ/אָבּ

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_you(pl) a_remnant. **8** By_provoking_me_to_anger by_the_ _works_of your_two's_hands_of_your(pl) by_making_smoke to_ _gods other in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) where you(pl) have_ _come to_sojourn there so_as to_cut_off to/for_you(pl) and_so_ _as you_to_become (into)_a_curse and_(into)_a_reproach among_all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land. **9** Have_you(pl)_ _forgotten ĐOM the_wicked_deeds_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_ _your(pl) and_ĐOM the_wicked_deeds_of the_kings_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ĐOM the_wicked_deeds_of his_wives_of_ _his and_ĐOM deeds_of_your(pl)_wicked and_ĐOM the_wicked_ _deeds_of your(pl)_wives_of_your(pl) which they_did in_land of_Yəhūdāh and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** Not they_have_been_made_contrite until the_day the_this and_not they_have_feared and_not they_have_walked in_law_ _of_my and_in_decrees_of_my which I_set before_you(pl) and_ _before_of ancestors_of_your(pl). **11** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_set face_of_my on_you(pl) for_harm and_ _to_cut_off ĐOM all_of Yəhūdāh. **12** And_I_will_take_away ĐOM the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh who they_set faces_of_their to_go the_land_of Mitsrayim to_sojourn there and_ everyone _they_ _will_meet_their_end in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) they_will_ _fall by_sword by_famine they_will_meet_their_end from_the_ _small and_unto the_great by_sword and_by_famine they_will_ _die and_they_will_be (into)_an_curse (into)_a_horror and_ _(into)_a_curse and_(into)_a_reproach. **13** And_I_will_visit_ _judgement on those_who_dwell in_land of_Mitsrayim just_as I_ _visited_judgement on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_sword by_ _famine and_by_pestilence. **14** And_not an_escapee and_a_ _survivor he_will_belong to_the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) the_(ones_who)_went to_sojourn there in_land of_Mitsrayim and_to_return the_land_of Yəhūdāh where they are_lifting_up ĐOM desire_of_their to_return to_dwell there if/because not they_will_return if/because (if) fugitives. **15** And_ all_of the_ _men who_knew if/because_that were_making_smoke wives_ _of_their to_gods other and_all the_women who_were_ _standing_by a_company great and_all the_people which_were_ _dwelling in_land of_Mitsrayim in_Patrōş _they_answered ĐOM Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) to_say. **16** The_message which you_have_ _spoken to_us in/on_name_of **YHWH** not_we are_about_to_ _listen to_you. **17** If/because certainly_(do) we_will_do ĐOM every_of (the)_thing which it_has_gone_out from_mouth_of_ _our to_make_smoke to_the_queen_of the_heavens and_to_ _pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings just_as we and_ _ancestors_of_our kings_of_our and_officials_of_our we_have_ _done in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_we_were_satisfied food and_we_ _were good and_distress not we_saw. **18** And_from then we_ _ceased to_make_smoke to_the_queen_of the_heavens and_to_ _pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings we_have_lacked everything and_by_sword and_by_famine we_have_met_our_ _end. **19** And_because/when we were_making_smoke to_the_ _queen_of the_heavens and_to_pour_out to/for_her/it drink_ _offerings (from)_without husbands_of_our did_we_make to/for_her/it cakes to_form_her and_to_pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings. **20** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said to all_of the_ _people to the_men and_to the_women and_to all_of the_ _people which_had_answered ĐOM_him/it a_message to_say.

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me to anger by what you've all done with your own two hands, by burning incense to other gods in Mitsrayim where you've all gone to live as foreigners. You've cut yourselves off so as to become a curse word and a reproach among all the nations in the world. **9** Have you all forgotten the wicked things done by your ancestors and also by Yehudah's kings and their wives? Have you forgotten the evil committed by yourselves and your wives in Yehudah and on Yerushalem's streets? **10** To this day, they still haven't humbled themselves. They don't respect the instructions or regulations that I gave them and their ancestors, and so they don't follow them.

11 Therefore Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief says this: Listen, I'm about to start working against you all to bring disaster and destroy all Yehudah. **12** I'll eliminate the small group of Yehudim (Jews) that has made up their minds to go to live as foreigners in Mitsrayim. I'll do that so that they'll all die there Mitsrayim—from either war or famine, and from the least to the very prominent people they'll die and will become a curse word, a horror story, and something to ridicule and mock. **13** I will punish those living in Mitsrayim just like I punished Yerushalem with war, famine, and deadly diseases **14** so that none of the remaining people from Yehudah who've gone to live in Mitsrayim will escape or survive or be able to return to Yehudah when they want to return and live there. None of them will return except a few who escaped from there.

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, and all the women who were in the great assembly, and all the people who were living in Lower and Upper Mitsrayim, answered Yirmiyah (Jeremiah): **16** Concerning that message that you told us in Yahweh's name, we're not listening to you **17** because we'll certainly do everything that we said we'd do. We'll burn incense to the queen of the skies and pour out drink offerings to her just as we, our ancestors, our kings, and our leaders did in Yehudah's cities and on Yerushalem's streets. Then we'll have plenty of food and will prosper, and won't experience distress. **18** Whenever we didn't do those things—not offering incense to the queen of the skies and not pouring out drink offerings to her—we were all suffering from poverty and dying from by war and famine.

19 The women said, "When we were offering incense to the queen of the skies and pouring out drink offerings to her, and when we were making cakes in her image and pouring out drink offerings to her, did you think we were doing it behind our husbands' backs?"

20 Then Yirmiyah responded to all those who'd answered him including both men and women. He told them all this message: **21** Didn't Yahweh remember the incense that you all burned in Yehudah's cities and on Yerushalem's streets—you and your ancestors, your kings and leaders, and the people of the land, and didn't it come back to his mind? **22** Eventually, he could no longer bear it because of your wicked behaviour, i.e., because of the detestable things that you all did. Then your land became a

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deserted wasteland and a curse, without inhabitants as it is today. **23** Because you all burnt incense to other gods and sinned against Yahweh, and because you wouldn't listen to his voice, his instructions, his regulations, or his promises, this disaster has come against you as you all can see today.

24 Then Yirmiyah told all the people, including all those women, "Listen to Yahweh's message, all of you from Yehudah who are now here in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **25** Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that both you and your wives have said out loud and confirmed with your actions that you'll all certainly carry out your vows to worship the queen of the skies and to pour out drink offerings to her. So then, go ahead and do those things to fulfill your wows. **26** So then all of Yehudah who're staying Mitsrayim, listen to Yahweh's message: Yahweh says, listen, I've promised by my powerful name that none of the men from Yehudah who're living here in Mitsrayim will call on my name any more, i.e., you'll all no longer say, 'As our master Yahweh lives.' **27** Listen, I'm watching over them for disaster and not for good. Every Yehudi (Jew) person in Mitsrayim will meet their end through war or famine until they're all eliminated. **28** Then a few survivors from the battles will return from Mitsrayim to Yehudah region—only a small number of them. In that way, all the remaining Yehudim (Jews) who went to live in Mitsrayim will know whose word will stand—mine or theirs. **29** Yahweh declares that this will be the sign for you all: I'm going to punish you all in this place so that you'll know that what I've said will come to pass, resulting in harm for all of you. **30** Yahweh says: Listen, I'm about to hand the Mitsri (Egyptian) king, Par'oh (Pharaoh) Hofra over to his enemies and to those who want to kill him. It'll be the same as when I handed Yehudah's King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) king of Yehudah over to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar)—his enemy who wanted him dead.[251]

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21 Am_not ~~ĐǾM~~ the_incense which you(pl)_made_smoke in_the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_the_streets_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you(pl) and_ancestors_of_your(pl) kings_of_your(pl) and_officials_of_your(pl) and_the_people_of the_earth/land ~~ĐǾM~~_them **YHWH** did_he_remember and_did_ _it_come_up on his/its_heart. **22** And_not **YHWH** he_was_able still to_endure from_face/in_front_of the_wickedness_of your(pl)_deeds_of_your(pl) from_face/in_front_of the_ _abominations which you(pl)_did and_ land_of_your(pl) _it_ _became (into)_a_desolation and_(into)_a_waste and_(into)_a_ _curse from_not an_inhabitant as_the_day (the)_this. **23** From_ _face/in_front_of that you(pl)_made_smoke and_which you(pl)_ _had_sinned to/for_**YHWH** and_not you(pl)_listened to_the_ _voice_of **YHWH** and_in_law_of_his and_in_decrees_of_his and_ _in_testimonies_of_his not you(pl)_walked therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_calamity (the)_this it_has_happened_ _to you(pl) as_day (the)_this. **24** And_ Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) _ _he/it_said to all_of the_people and_near/to all_of the_women hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh which in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **25** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to_say you(pl) and_wives_ _of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_spoken with_mouth_of_your(pl) and_with_hands_of_your(pl) you(pl)_have_fulfilled to_say certainly_(perform) we_will_perform ~~ĐǾM~~ vows_of_our which we_have_vowed to_make_smoke to_the_queen_of the_heavens and_to_pour_out to/for_her/it drink_offerings indeed_(carry_ _out) you(pl)_will_carry_out ~~ĐǾM~~ vows_of_your(pl) and_indeed_ _(perform) you(pl)_will_perform ~~ĐǾM~~ vows_of_your(pl). **26** For_ _so/thus/hence hear the_message_of **YHWH** Oh_all_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who_are_dwelling in_land of_Mitsrayim HERE_I I_swear by_my_own_of_name (the)_great **YHWH** he_ _says if it_will_be again name_of_my named by_the_mouth_of any_of person_of Yəhūdāh who_says by_the_life my_master **YHWH** in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **27** HERE_I am_keeping_ _watch over_them for_harm and_not for_good and_ every_of person_of Yəhūdāh who in_land_of Mitsrayim _they_will_meet_ _their_end by_sword and_by_famine until they_come_to_an_ _end. **28** And_escapees_of the_sword they_will_return from the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) the_land_of Yəhūdāh men_of number and_ all_of the_remnant_of Yəhūdāh the_(ones_who)_ _went to_the_land_of Mitsrayim to_sojourn there _they_will_ _know the_message_of whom will_it_be_established from_me and_from_them. **29** And_this to/for_you(pl) will_be_the_sign the_utterance_of **YHWH** that/for/because/then/when I am_ _about_to_visit_judgement on_you(pl) in_place the_this so_that you(pl)_may_know if/because_that certainly_(established) words/messages_of_my they_will_be_established on_you(pl) for_harm. **30** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_give ~~ĐǾM~~ Par'oh Ḥofra' the_king_of Mitsrayim in_the_hand_of his_ _enemies_of_his and_in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_ _of_(of)_his just_as I_gave ~~ĐǾM~~ Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel enemy_of_his and_one_who_sought life_of_his.

251 RV 44:30 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 25:1–7.

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45:1 The_message which Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet he_ _spoke to Bārūk the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} when_wrote_he ~~DOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these on a_scroll from_the_mouth_of Yirmə^{yāh} in_year (the)_fourth of_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_ _son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh}/(Josiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) he_says to_you Oh_Bārūk. **3** You_said woe please to_me if/because **YHWH** he_has_added sorrow to pain_of_my I_am_weary with_groaning_of_my and_ _rest not I_have_found. **4** Thus you_will_say to_him/it thus **YHWH** he_says HERE that_which I_have_built I am_about_to_ _tear_down and_~~DOM~~ that_which I_have_planted I am_about_ _to_pluck_up and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_earth/land it. **5** And_you(ms) you_are_seeking to/for_yourself(m) great_things do_not seek_ _them if/because HERE_I am_about_to_bring calamity on all_of flesh the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ life_of_your to_plunder at all_of the_places where you_will_go there.

46:1 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yirmə^{yāh} the_prophet on the_nations. **2** Of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) on the_ _army_of Par'oh Nəkoh the_king_of Mitsrayim which it_was at the_river_of Pərāt at_Karkəməysh/(Carchemish) which Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he_defeated in_year (the)_ _fourth of_Yəhōyāqīm the_son_of Yo'shiy^{yāh} the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **3** Set_in_order shield and_body_shield and_ _draw_near for_battle. **4** Harness the_horses and_mount the_ _warhorses and_take_your(pl)_stand with_helmets polish the_ _spears put_on the_armour. **5** Why have_I_seen they will_be_ _filled_with_terror they_will_be_turned_back backwards and_ _their_of_warriors they_will_be_crushed and_flight they_will_ _flee and_not they_will_turn_back terror will_be_from_round_ _about the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **6** Not the_swift_one let_him_ _flee and_not the_warrior let_him_escape northward_in on the_side_of the_river_of Pərāt they_will_stumble and_they_ _will_fall. **7** Who this like_River does_he_rise like_rivers waters_ _of_his they_surge. **8** Mitsrayim like_River it_rises and_like_ _rivers waters they_surge and_he/it_said I_will_rise I_will_ _cover the_earth I_will_destroy a_city and_the_inhabitants_of in_it. **9** Go_up Oh_horses and_drive_madly Oh_chariotry and_ the_warriors Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ who_wield_of (of)_a_shield and_Lūdī who_wield_of (of)_those_who_bend_of (of)_a_bow _ _let_them_go_forth. **10** And_the_day (the)_that belongs_to_the_ _of_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers a_day_of vengeance to_ _avenge_himself from_foes_of_his and_ the_sword _it_will_ _devour and_it_will_be_satisfied and_it_will_take_its_fill from_ _blood_of_their if/because a_sacrifice will_belong_of_to_the_ _master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_land the_north to the_ _river_of Pərāt. **11** Go_up Gil'ād and_acquire balm Oh_virgin_of the_daughter_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_vanity you_have_ _multiplied[254] medications healing there_is_not to/for_you(fs). **12** Nations they_will_hear shame_of_your and_outcry_of_your it_will_be_full the_earth/land if/because warrior over_warrior they_will_stumble together both_of_of_them they_will_fall.

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Yahweh's promise to Baruk

45:1 This is the message that the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) dictated to Neriyah's son Baruk to have it written on a scroll in the fourth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim (son of Yoshiyah (Josiah)):[252] **2** Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh says this to you Baruk: **3** You've said, 'I'm not doing well because Yahweh has piled sorrow on top of my pain. I'm exhausted from groaning and I can't find any peace.'

4 Yahweh says to tell Baruk, Listen, I'm about to tear down what I've built throughout the world, and to pull out what I've planted. **5** But maybe you're hoping for great things for yourself? Don't hope for that, because listen, disaster is coming for all humanity, but wherever you go, I'm giving you your life as your 'spoil of war'. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Judgement for Mitsrayim

46:1 These are the messages that Yahweh gave the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) about other nations: **2** This is about the army of the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) Nekoh who was at Karkemish by the Perat (Euphrates) river. That was the army that the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) defeated in the fourth year of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim, son of Yoshiyah (Josiah):[253]

3 Get the small shield and the large shields ready,
and go out for battle.
4 Harness on the horses to the chariots
Mount up on the horses and take your stand with your helmets on.
Polish the spears and put on your armour.
5 What am I seeing here?
They're filled with terror and they're retreating,
because their warriors will be crushed.
They're fleeing for safety without looking back.
Terror is all around.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
6 Don't let the swift one flee,
and don't let the warrior escape.
They'll stumble and fall there
in the north by the Perat (Euphrates) River,
7 Who's this coming who rises like the Nile,
whose waters surge up and down like the rivers?
8 Mitsrayim (Egypt) rises like the Nile,
like rivers of water that rise and fall, saying,
'I'll go up and I will cover the earth.
I'll destroy cities and their inhabitants.
9 Go up, you horses.
Be angry, you chariots.
Let the soldiers go out,

252 RV 45:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:1; 2Ch 36:5-7; Dan 1:1-2.

253 RV 46:2-26 · Cross-ref. Isa 19:1-25; Eze 29:1–32:32.

254 LV 46:11 · Note OSHB variant note: יתיברה: (x-qere) 'תְּיַבְּרֶהּ': lemma_7235 a morph_HVhp2fs id_24RTA תְּיַבְּרֶהּ

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Kush (Ethiopia) and Libya,
men skillful with a shield,
and Ludia, men skillful at using bows and arrows.'
10 That day will be the day of vengeance for the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, when he'll avenge himself on his enemies.
The sword will devour and be satisfied—it'll drink its fill of their blood
because there'll be a sacrifice to the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh
in the northern land by the Perat (Euphrates) River.
11 Go up to Gilead and obtain medicine, you virgin daughter of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
It's vain to put that much medicine on yourself—there's no cure for you.
12 The nations have heard about your disgrace.
The world is filled with your wailing,
because warrior stumbles against warrior—
both of them fall together.

Nevukadnetsar's arrival

13 When the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) was coming to attack Mitsrayim (Egypt), Yahweh gave the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message:[255]
14 Announce in Mitsrayim, and proclaim it in Migdol, Nof (Memphis), and Tahfanhes:
'Take your station and prepare to defend yourself,
because everyone around you will be killed.'
15 Why are your powerful warriors lying face down on the ground?
They can't stand against the enemy,
because I Yahweh, have pushed them to the ground.
16 He increases the numbers of those who stumble.
Each soldier falls against the next one.
They're saying, 'Get ready.
Let's go back to our own people, to our native land.
Let's leave this oppressive war.
17 There in Mitsrayim (Egypt) they'll call out,
'Our King Par'oh (Pharaoh) is all noise—
he's let his opportunity slip away.
18 The king whose name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares:
'As surely as I live
an invader is coming
who's as tall as Mt. Tavor among the mountains,
and like Mt. Karmel by the sea.
19 You inhabitants of Mitsrayim,
pack your own baggage to carry into exile,
because Nof (Memphis) will become a wasteland—
it will lie in ruins and no one will live there.
20 Mitsrayim is a very beautiful young cow,

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13 The_message which **YHWH** he_spoke to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet of_ of_Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of of_Bāvel _the_ _coming to_attack ~~ðøм~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim. **14** Declare in_ _Mitsrayim and_make_a_proclamation in_Migdōl and_make_a_ _proclamation in_Nof/(Memphis) and_in_Taḥpanḥēṣ say take_ _your_stand and_prepare to/for_you(fs) if/because the_sword it_will_devour around_of_you. **15** Why your_mighty_of_ones will_he_be_prostrated not he_will_stand if/because **YHWH** he_ _will_drive_him_out. **16** He_will_multiply one_who_stumbles also each he_will_fall to his/its_neighbour and_they_said arise and_let_us_return to people_of_our and_near/to the_land_of our_kindred_of_our from_face/in_front_of the_sword_of the_ _oppressor. **17** People_will_call_out there Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim is_a_noise he_has_let_pass_by the_appointed_time. **18** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of the_king is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name if/because like_Tāvōr among_mountains and_like_Karmel/(Carmel) at_sea he_will_ _come. **19** Baggage(s)_of exile make to/for_you(fs) Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of (of)_the_daughter_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) if/because Nof (into)_a_waste it_will_become and_it_will_ _become_ruined from_not an_inhabitant. **20** Is_a_heifer very beautiful Mitsrayim a_gadfly from_the_north is_about_to_come is_about_to_come. **21** Also soldiers_of_its_hired in_midst_of_its are_like_calves_of the_stall if/because also they they_will_turn they_will_flee together not they_will_stand_their_ground if/because the_day_of their_disaster_of_their it_will_come on_ _them the_time_of their_punishment_of_their. **22** Sound_of_its is_like_snake which_it_goes if/because in_strength they_will_ _come and_with_axes they_will_come to/for_her/it like_ _cutters_of wood(s). **23** They_will_cut_down forest_of_its the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** if/because not it_will_be_searched if/because they_will_be_many more_than_locust[s] and_there_ _was_not to/for_them number. **24** The_daughter_of Mitsrayim it_will_be_put_to_shame it_will_be_given in_the_hand_of the_ _people the_north. **25** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of

255 **RV 46:13 · Cross-ref.** Jer 43:10-13.

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I am_about_to_visit_judgement to 'Āmōn from_No'/(Thebes) and_on Par'oh and_on Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_on gods_of_its and_on kings_of_its and_ _on Par'oh and_on those_who_trust in/on/over_him/it.
26 And_I_will_give_them in_the_hand_of those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_their and_in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel and_in_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his and_ _after thus it_will_settle like_days_of antiquity the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**.

27 And_you(ms) do_not fear my_servant_of_my Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_do_not be_dismayed Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because here_I am_about_of_to_save_you from_a_distant_land and_ĐOM your(ms)_seed/fruit from_the_land_of_their_captivity_of_their and_ Ya'aqov _he_will_return and_he_will_be_undisturbed and_ _he_will_be_at_ease and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies.
28 You do_not fear my_servant_of_my Ya'aqov the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because am_with_you I if/because I_will_make complete_destruction in_all the_nations where I_have_driven_ _you_away to_(to) and_you not I_will_make complete_ _destruction and_I_will_discipline_you to_justice and_ _certainly_(leave_unpunished) not I_will_leave_you_ _unpunished.

47:1 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) the_prophet concerning the_Pəlishtiy before_before Par'oh he_attacked ĐOM 'Azzāh. **2** Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE waters are_rising from_the_north and_they_will_ _be (into)_a_torrent overflowing and_they_will_overflow a_land and_what_of_fills_it a_city and_those_who_dwell_of in_it and_ the_humankind _they_will_cry_out and_ every_of (the)_ _inhabitant_of the_earth/land _he_will_wail. **3** From_the_ _sound_of the_stamping_of the_hooves_of its_mighty_horses

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but a stinging insect is coming from the north.
It's on its way.
21 Its hired soldiers are like calves that have been protected and well-fed,
but they'll also turn away and run away.
They won't stand together, because the day of their disaster is coming against them—
it's time for their punishment.
22 Mitsrayim hisses like a snake and crawls away,
because her enemies are coming with a show of strength.
They're coming toward her like woodcutters with axes.
23 Yahweh declares that they'll cut down the forest
so there'll be nowhere to hide
because their soldiers will be more numerous than locusts
and no one will even be able to count them.
24 Mitsrayim's inhabitants will be humiliated—
they'll be handed over to those northern people.
25 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "Listen, I'm about to punish Amon the god of No (Thebes) city, Mitsrayim (Egypt) and her other gods, its kings the Par'ohs (Pharaohs), and all those who trust in them. **26** I'll hand them over to those who want them dead, and over to Bavel's (Babylon's) King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) and his servants. But after that, Mitsrayim will be inhabited as in past times. That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's rescue of Ya'akov's descendants

27 But you, my servant Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning Yisrael (Israel)), don't be afraid.
Don't be dismayed, Yisrael, because listen,
I'm about to bring you back from far away,
and your descendants from the land of their captivity.
Then Ya'akov will return, find peace, and be secure,
and there'll be no one to terrify him.[256]
28 This is Yahweh's declaration:
You, my servant Ya'akov, don't be afraid,
because I'm with you,
so I'll send complete destruction to all the nations that I drove you into.
But I won't completely destroy you,
although I'll discipline you fairly,
and I certainly won't leave you unpunished."

Yahweh's message to the Pelishtim

47:1 This is Yahweh's message that he gave to the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) concerning the Pelishtim before Par'oh (Pharaoh) attacked Azah (Gaza).[257] **2** Yahweh says this:
Listen, armies are rising in the north like floods of water.
They'll be like an overflowing river.
Then they'll overflow the land and everything in it—
its cities and its inhabitants.

256 RV 46:27-28 · Cross-ref. Jer 30:10-11.

257 RV 47:1-7 · Cross-ref. Isa 14:29-31; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph 2:4-7; Zech 9:5-7.

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So everyone will shout out for help,
and all the land's inhabitants will wail.
3 At the sound of the stamping of their powerful horses' hooves,
at the clattering of their chariots and the noise of their wheels,
fathers won't help their children because of their own helplessness.
4 The day is coming that will devastate all of the Pelishtim—
to cut every survivor off from Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon) who wants to help them,
because Yahweh is devastating the Pelishtim—
the remnant who originally came from the island of Kaftor.
5 The people of Azah (Gaza) will shave their heads in mourning.
The remnant in Ashkelon's valley will be silenced.
How much longer will you cut yourself in mourning for?
6 Oh no, sword of Yahweh, how long will it be until you stop?
Get back to your scabbard. Stop and be silent.
7 How can it stop when Yahweh has commanded it,
when he has ordered it to attack Ashkelon and the other cities along the coast?

Moav's punishment

48:1 Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh says to Moav (Moab):
Nevo won't end well because it'll be devastated.
Kiryatayim has been humiliated and captured.
Its fortress has been disgraced and shattered.[258]
2 No one will praise Moav again.
Their enemies in Heshbon plotted disaster against them, saying,
Let's go and destroy it as a nation.
Madmen will be silenced after the sword finishes with you.
3 Listen, a cry of distress is coming from Horonayim,
where there's ruin and terrible destruction.
4 Moav has been destroyed.
Its workers have made their cries heard.
5 They weeps as they climb Luhit hill,
because on the way down to Horonayim,
shouts of distress will heard because of the destruction.
6 Flee, save your lives
so you'll be like a juniper bush in the wilderness.
7 Because of your trust in your practices and your wealth,
you too will be captured.
Then Kemosh will go away into captivity, along with its priests and leaders.
8 The destroyer will come to every city—no city will escape.
The valley will perish and the plain will be devastated, as Yah-

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from_the_rattling_of chariotry_of_its the_din_of its_wheels_of_
_his not fathers they_have_turned_back to children from_
_slackness_of hands. **4** On the_day which_is_about_to_come to_
_devastate ~~DOM~~ all_of the_Pəlishtiy to_cut_off to_Tsor/(Tyre)
and_to_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) every survivor who_helps if/because
YHWH is_about_to_devastate ~~DOM~~ the_Pəlishtiy the_remnant_
_of the_coastland of_Kaftor/(Caphtor). **5** Baldness it_will_come
to ʹAzzāh ʾAshqəlōn Oh_remnant_of their_valley_of_their it_
_will_be_silent until when will_you_cut_yourself. **6** Alas Oh_
sword to/for**YHWH** until when not you_will_be_inactive
gather_yourself not sheath_of_your rest and_be_still. **7** How
will_you_be_inactive and_**YHWH** he_has_commanded to/for_
_her/it against ʾAshqəlōn and_near/to the_coast_of the_sea
there he_has_appointed_it.

48:1 Of_Mō'āv thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says woe to Nəvō if/because it_will_be_
_devastated it_will_be_put_to_shame Qiryātayim it_will_be_
_captured the_stronghold it_will_be_put_to_shame and_it_will_
_be_shattered. **2** Not will_be_again the_praise_of Mō'āv in_
_Ḫeshbōn people_have_planned on/upon_it(f) calamity come
and_let_us_cut_it_off from_a_nation also Oh_Madmen you_will_
_be_silent after_you the_sword it_will_go. **3** The_sound_of a_
_cry_of_distress from_Ḫoronayim devastation and_destruction
great. **4** Mō'āv it_will_be_broken they_will_make_heard a_cry_
_of_distress mmm[259]. **5** If/because the_ascent_of the[260][261]
with_weeping someone_will_ascend weeping if/because on_
_the_descent_of Ḫoronayim the_distresses_of the_cry_of_
_distress_of destruction people_will_hear. **6** Flee save life_of_
_your(pl) so_that_they_may_be like_a_juniper_bush in_
_wilderness. **7** If/because because trust_you in_deeds_of_your
and_in_treasures_of_your also you you_will_be_captured and_
_he_will_go_out Kəmōsh/(Chemosh)[262] in_exile priests_of_his
and_officials_of_his together[263]. **8** And_ a_destroyer _he_will_
_come to every_of city and_a_city not it_will_escape and_ the_
_valley _it_will_be_destroyed and_ the_plain _it_will_be_
_destroyed which **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **9** Give salt to_Mō'āv
if/because flying it_will_go_out and_cities_of_its (into)_a_waste
they_will_become from_not an_inhabitant in_them. **10** one_
_who_does the_work_of **YHWH** slackness is_cursed and_is_
one_who_withholds sword_of_his from_blood _cursed.

258 RV 48:1-47 · Cross-ref. Isa 15:1–16:14; 25:10-12; Eze 25:8-11; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.
259 LV 48:4 · Note OSHB variant note: **ה/ירועצ**: (x-qere) 'ה/יריעֵצ'; lemma_6810 n_0 morph_HAampc/Sp3fs id_24zaA **ה/יריעֵצ**
260 LV 48:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוחלה/**: (x-qere) 'תֵיחוּלֹה/': lemma_d/3872 n_1.1 morph_HTd/Np id_24Khg **תֵיחוּלֹה/**
261 LV 48:5 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.
262 LV 48:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **שימכ**: (x-qere) 'שׂוֹמְכ': lemma_3645 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_24snw **שׂוֹמְכ**
263 LV 48:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **דחי**: (x-qere) 'וֵיִדְחַי': lemma_3162 b n_0 morph_HD id_24Ydf **וֵיִדְחַי**

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11 Mō'āv it_has_been_at_ease since_youth(s)_of_its and_ it_ _has_been_undisturbed to lees_of_its and_not it_has_been_ _poured from_vessel to vessel and_in_exile not it_has_gone therefore yes/correct/thus/so taste_of_its it_has_remained in/on/over_him/it and_aroma_of_its not it_has_been_changed. **12** For_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_send to_him/it those_who_tilt and_they_ _will_tilt_it and_vessels_of_its they_will_empty_out and_jars_ _of_their they_will_smash. **13** And_ Mō'āv _it_will_be_ashamed from_Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) just_as the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_ashamed from_Bēyt-'ēl of_confidence_of_their_ _object. **14** How will_you(pl)_say are_warriors we and_men_of strength for_battle. **15** Mō'āv it_will_be_devastated and_cities_ _of_its someone_will_go_up and_the_choicest_of its_young_ _men_of_his they_will_go_down to_slaughter the_utterance_of the_king is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name. **16** Is_ _near the_disaster_of Mō'āv to_coming and_calamity_of_its it_ _will_hasten exceedingly. **17** Show_sympathy to_him/it Oh_all_ _of around_of_it and_all/each/any/every you(pl)_who_know_of his/its_name say how a_staff_of strength a_staff_of splendour it_is_broken. **18** Come_down from_honour and_sit[264] in_thirst Oh_inhabitant[s] of_the_daughter_of of_Diyvōn if/because the_destroyer_of Mō'āv he_will_come_up on_you he_will_ruin strongholds_of_your. **19** To the_road stand and_watch Oh_ _inhabitant[s]_of ʹArōʹēr ask a_man_who_flees and_a_woman_ _who_escapes say what has_it_happened. **20** Mō'āv it_has_ _been_put_to_shame if/because it_has_been_shattered wail[265] and[266] declare at_the_'Arnōn if/because_that Mō'āv it_has_ _been_devastated. **21** And_judgement it_will_come to the_land_ _of the_plain to Ḥolōn and_near/to Yahatsʹ/(Jahaz) and_on Mōfaʹat[267]. **22** And_on Diyvōn and_on Nəvō and_on Bēyt Divlātāyim. **23** And_on Qiryātayim and_on Bēyt Gāmūl and_on Bēyt Məʹōn. **24** And_on Qəriyyōt and_on Botsrāh and_on all_of the_cities_of the_land_of Mō'āv (the)_far and_(the)_near. **25** The_horn_of Mō'āv it_will_be_cut_off and_arm_of_its it_will_ _be_broken the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

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weh has said.

9 Give wings to Moav (Moab), because it must certainly fly away.

Its cities will become a wasteland without anyone living in them.

10 Anyone who's slack doing Yahweh's work should be cursed.

Anyone who's afraid to use his sword to kill should be cursed.

11 Moav (Moab) has felt secure since it was young.

Moav's cities destroyed

It's like its wine that's never been poured from container to container.

It's never gone into captivity.

so it still tastes as good as ever—

its nice aroma hasn't changed.

12 But Yahweh declares that the time is coming

when I'll send along those who'll tip it over

and empty out all its pots and smash its jars.

13 Then Moav will be ashamed of their god Kemosh

just as Yisrael's (Israel's) people were ashamed of the golden calf that they put their trust in at Beyt-El (Bethel).

14 How can you Moav soldiers say, 'We are warriors,

powerful fighting men'?

15 Moav will be devastated and its cities attacked.

Its finest young men have gone down to the place of slaughter.

That is the king's declaration—his name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

16 Moav's disaster is coming soon.

Calamity is rushing towards it.

17 You surrounding nations, wail,

and all you who know Moav's fame, shout

'Oh no, the strong staff, the splendid rod, has been broken.'

18 Come down from your place of honour

and sit on the ground that's dry and thirsty,

you daughter living in Divon city,

because the one who'll destroy Moav will attack you—

the one who'll destroy your fortifications.

19 You people who live in Aroer city,

stand on the road and watch.

Ask the escaping men and women what happened there.

20 Moav has been humiliated because it's been shattered.

Wail and cry out.

Tell the people at the Arnon river that Moav's been devastated.

21 Now punishment has come to Moav's (Moab's) high plateau:

to Holon, Yahats, Mofa'at, **22** Divon, Nevo, Beyt-Divlatayim, **23** Kiryatayim, Beyt-Gamul, Beyt-Me'on, **24** Keriyot, and Bat-serah, and all of Moav's towns, both near and far. **25** Moav's power will be terminated and its dominance will be broken.

264 **LV 48:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יבשי**: (x-qere) 'יֻבַּשׁ/ו': lemma_c/3427 morph_HC/Vqv2fs id_24MLT יֻבַּשׁ/ו

265 **LV 48:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יליליה**: (x-qere) 'וּלְיַלֵּיהּ': lemma_3213 morph_HVhv2mp id_247z2 וּלְיַלֵּיהּ

266 **LV 48:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יקעזו**: (x-qere) 'וְקָעֲזָ֔ו': lemma_c/2199 n_1 morph_HC/Vqv2mp id_24cLh וְקָעֲזָ֔ו

267 **LV 48:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תעפומ**: (x-qere) 'תַּעֲפֻמִּים': lemma_4158 n_0 morph_HNp id_24Hdc תַּעֲפֻמִּים

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Moav's humiliation

26 Make Moav (Moab) drunk, because it acted proudly against Yahweh.
Let Moav wallow in its vomit,
and let it be an object of ridicule.
27 Didn't Moav make Yisrael (Israel) an object of ridicule?
Weren't they thought of as thieves,
such that you shook your head when you spoke about them.
28 Abandon the cities and camp on the cliffs, you inhabitants of Moav,
and become like a dove that's nesting over the mouth of a hole in the rocks.
29 We've heard about Moav's pride,
about its arrogance, haughtiness, pride, boastfulness,
and the conceit in its heart.
30 This is Yahweh's declaration:
I myself know its arrogance
and their hollow boasting about things they haven't even done.
31 So I'll wail for Moav,
and I'll cry out for all of Moav.
I'll lament for the people of Kir-Heres.
32 I'll weep for you more than I did for Yazer, you vine of Sivmah.
Your tendrils passed across the Salt Sea and reached as far as Yazer.
A destroyer has attacked your summer fruit and your grape harvest,
33 so celebration and happiness have been taken away from the fruit trees and from Moav itself.
I've put an end to the wine from their wine-pressing pits.
They won't tread the grapes with happy shouts—
any shouts won't be shouts of celebration.
34 From the shouts at Heshbon as far as El'aleh, their sound is heard at Yahats, from Tsoar to Horonayim and Eglat-Shelishiyah, since even the water at Nimrim has dried up. **35** I will put an end to anyone in Moav who makes sacrifices on the hilltop shrines and burns incense to his gods. That is Yahweh's declaration.
36 Because of all that, I groan inwardly for Moav and Kir-Hareset, like a flute at a funeral, knowing that all the wealth that they acquired will be lost. **37** Yes, every head will be shaved and all their beards will be clipped. They'll all have cuts on their hands and be wearing sackcloth around their waists. **38** There's wailing coming from every flat roof and from all the plazas in Moav because I've destroyed Moav like pottery that no one wants. That is Yahweh's declaration. **39** How it's been shattered.

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26 Make_it_drunk if/because on **YHWH** it_has_magnified_itself and_ Mō'āv _it_will_splash in_vomit_of_its and_it_was (into)_a_ _laughing-stock also it. **27** And_if not the_laughing-stock was_it to/for_yourself(m) Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or among_thieves was_it_ _found[268] that/for/because/then/when from_sufficiency words/messages_of_your in/on/over_him/it you_shook_ _yourself. **28** Abandon cities and_dwell among_rock[s] Oh_ _inhabitants_of Mō'āv and_be like_a_dove which_it_makes_a_ _nest on_the_sides_of the_mouth_of a_pit. **29** We_have_heard the_pride_of Mō'āv proud very haughtiness_of_its and_pride_ _of_its and_boastfulness_of_its and_the_haughtiness_of his/its_ _heart. **30** I I_know[269] the_utterance_of **YHWH** arrogance_of_its and_not right boasts_of_its_empty not right they_have_ _accomplished. **31** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so on Mō'āv I_ _will_wail and_for_Mō'āv of_it_of_all I_will_cry_out concerning the_people_of Qīr- he_will_groan. **32** More_than_the_weeping_ _of Ya'zēr/(Jazer) I_will_weep for_you Oh_vine of_Səvām tendrils_of_your they_passed_over the_sea to the_sea_of Ya'zēr they_reached on fruit_of_your_summer and_on harvest_of_ _your_grape a_destroyer[270] he_has_fallen. **33** And_ joy and_ _rejoicing _it_has_been_removed from_the_orchard[s] and_ _from_the_land_of Mō'āv and_wine from_wine-vats I_have_ _made_to_cease not anyone_will_tread shouting shouting not will_be_shouting. **34** From_the_cry_of_distress_of Ḥeshbōn to 'El'ālēh to Yahats/(Jahaz) people_will_give_forth voice_of_their from_Tso'ar/(Zoar) to Ḥoronayim 'Eglat Shəlishiy^{yāh} if/because also the_waters_of Nimrīm (into)_wastes they_will_become. **35** And_I_will_put_an_end_to to_Mō'āv the_utterance_of **YHWH** one_who_offers_up a_high_place and_one_who_makes_smoke to_gods_of_his. **36** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so heart_of_my for_Mō'āv like_flutes it_will_moan and_heart_of_my concerning the_people_of Qīr- like_flutes it_will_moan therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_wealth_of (of)_which_he_ _acquired they_will_be_lost. **37** If/because every_of head will_ _be_baldness and_all beard will_be_clipped will_be_on all_of hands cuts and_will_be_on loins sackcloth. **38** On all_of the_ _roofs_of Mō'āv and_in_its_open_of_places of_it_of_all will_be_ _wailing if/because I_will_break ~~DOM~~ Mō'āv like_a_vessel which_there_is_not pleasure in/on/over_him/it the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **39** How it_has_been_shattered they_will_wail how Mō'āv it_has_turned a_neck it_will_be_ashamed and_ Mō'āv _ _it_was (into)_a_laughing-stock and_(into)_a_terror to/from_ _all/each/any/every around_of_it. **40** If/because thus **YHWH** he_says THERE like_eagle someone_will_swoop_down and_he_ _will_spread_out wings_of_his against Mō'āv. **41** (The)_Qəriyyōt it_will_be_captured and_the_strongholds it_will_be_seized and_ _it_was the_heart_of the_warriors_of Mō'āv in_the_day (the)_ _that like_the_heart_of a_woman who_is_in_labour. **42** And_ Mō'āv _it_will_be_destroyed from_a_people if/because on **YHWH** it_has_magnified_itself. **43** Terror and_pit and_snare will_be_on_you Oh_inhabitant_of Mō'āv the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **44** The[271][272] from_face/in_front_of the_terror he_will_

268 LV 48:27 · Note OSHB variant note: **הֹאצַמֹנ**: (x-qere) **'אָצְמְנ'**: lemma_4672 n_1 morph_HVNp3ms id_24teg **אָצְמְנ**

269 LV 48:30 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

270 LV 48:32 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

271 LV 48:44 · Note OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as **סינה**

272 LV 48:44 · Note OSHB variant note: **סינה**: (x-qere) **'סָנֵ/ה'**: lemma_d/5127 n_1.2.0.0 morph_HTd/Vqrmsa id_24Rwm **סָנֵ/ה**

Literal Version

_fall into the_pit and_the_one_who_climbs_up from the_pit he_
_will_be_caught in_snare if/because I_will_bring to_her/it to
Mō'āv the_year_of their_punishment_of_their the_utterance_of
YHWH. **45** In_the_shadow_of Ḥeshbōn they_will_stand from_
_strength those_who_flee if/because a_fire it_will_go_forth
from_Ḥeshbōn and_a_flame from_between Ṣīḥōn and_she/it_
_ate the_forehead_of Mō'āv and_the_crown_of_the_head_of
the_sons_of uproar. **46** Woe to/for_yourself(m) Oh_Mō'āv the_
_people_of Kəmōsh/(Chemosh) it_will_perish if/because sons_
_of_your they_will_be_taken in_captivity and_daughters_of_
_your in_captivity. **47** And_I_will_turn_back the_captivity_of
Mō'āv in_end/latter the_days the_utterance_of **YHWH** is_to
here the_judgement_of Mō'āv.

49:1 Of_the_people_of ʿAmmōn thus **YHWH** he_says children
do_there_not_belong to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) or an_heir does_there_
_not_belong to_him/it why king_of_their has_he_dispossessed
~~ĐOM~~ Gād and_people_of_his in_cities_of_its has_it_dwelt. **2** For_
_so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of
YHWH and_I_will_sound_aloud against Rabāh of_the_people_of
of_ʿAmmōn a_shout_of battle and_it_will_become (into)_a_
_mound_of desolation and_daughters_of_its with_fire they_
_will_be_kindled and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _it_will_dispossess ~~ĐOM~~
those_of_who_dispossessed_it **YHWH** he_says. **3** Wail Oh_
_Ḥeshbōn if/because ʿAy it_has_been_devastated cry_out Oh_
_daughters_of Rabāh gird_yourselves sackcloth(s) mourn and_
_run_to_and_fro among_walls if/because king_of_their in_exile
he_will_go priests_of_his and_officials_of_his together. **4** Why
do_you_boast in_valleys valley_of_your is_flowing Oh_daughter
(the)_apostate who_is_trusting in_treasures_of_her who will_
_he_come against_me. **5** Here_I am_about_to_bring on_you
terror the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers from_all around_of_you and_you(pl)_will_
_be_driven_away everyone before_him and_there_is_not one_

Readers' Version

How they keep wailing. Moav turns its back in shame—it will become an object of derision and a terror to all those who are around it **40** because Yahweh says this:

Listen, the enemy will swoop down like an eagle and spread out his wings against Moav.

41 Keriyot has been captured, and its fortresses have been seized,

because on that day, Moav's soldiers will be apprehensive like women in labour.

42 Then Moav will be destroyed and no longer be a people group,

because they thought they were better than Yahweh.

43 Terror, and pits and traps, are coming to you inhabitants of Moav.

That is Yahweh's declaration.

44 Anyone who flees because of terror will fall into a pit,

and anyone who climbs out of the pit will be caught in a trap,

because I will bring this on them in the year when I punish them.

That is Yahweh's declaration. **45** Those who flee will stand in the shadow of Heshbon city without any strength,

because will go out from Heshbon—flame from the middle of Sihon.

It'll devour Moav's forehead and the top of the heads of the rebellious people.

46 You won't end well Moav. You worshippers of Kemosh will be destroyed

because your sons and daughters will be captured and taken away.

47 However, in future years, Moav's judgement will end and I will restore Moav from captivity.

That is Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's judgement for the Amonim

49:1 Yahweh says this about the Amonim:

Doesn't Yisrael (Israel) have any children of its own?

Is there no one to inherit anything in Yisrael?

Why does the god Molek occupy Gad,

and its people live in their cities?[273] **2** So listen, Yahweh declares that the time is coming

when I'll sound the signal for battle against Amon's capital city Rabah,

so it'll become a deserted heap and its villages will be set on fire,

because Yahweh says that Yisrael will drive out those who initially drove them out. **3** Wail, Heshbon, because Ay will be devastated.

Cry out and put on sackcloth, you daughters of Rabah.

Mourn and run back and forth trying to figure out what to do

because Molek is going into captivity along with its priests and leaders.

273 **RV 49:1-6 · Cross-ref.** Eze 21:28-32; 25:1-7; Amos 1:13-15; Zeph 2:8-11.

Readers' Version

4 Why do you brag about your fertile valleys, you faithless daughter?
You who trust in your wealth and think that no one would ever attack you.
5 Listen, this is the declaration of my master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh:
I'm about to bring terror to you from all those who surround you.
You'll all be driven away ahead of it
and there won't be anyone to gather those running away.
6 However in future years, I'll restore Amon's people from captivity.
That is Amon's captivity.

Yahweh's judgement for Edom

7 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this about Edom:[274]
Isn't there any wisdom left in Teyman district?
Has good advice disappeared from those who have understanding?
Has their wisdom become corrupted?
8 Turn and run away.
Stay in deep caves, you inhabitants of Dedan,
because I'm bringing Esav's (Esau's) disaster onto Edom when I punish it.
9 If grape harvesters came to you, wouldn't they at least leave a little bit behind?
If thieves came in the night, wouldn't they steal only as much as they needed?
10 However, I'll strip Esav (i.e., Edom) bare.
I've uncovered his secret places so he can't hide himself.
His descendants and other relatives and neighbours will be devastated and destroyed.
11 Leave your orphans behind.
I'll take care of their lives,
and your widows can rely on me.
12 Yes, Yahweh says this: Listen, even those who didn't deserve it, must certainly drink some of the cup of suffering. Did you think you yourself would escape being punished? You won't, because you'll certainly be included in it 13 because Yahweh declares that I've solemnly promised that Batserah will become a horror, a disgrace, a devastation, and an object for cursing. All its cities will be forever ruined.
14 I've heard a report from Yahweh,
and a messenger has been sent out to the nations,
'Gather together and attack Edom.
Get ready for battle.' 15 Yes, listen, I've made you minor compared to the other nations,
despised among humankind.
16 As for your fearsomeness, your arrogance has deceived you, inhabitants of places on the cliff—
you who've occupied the highest hills so that you may make

Literal Version

_who_gathers_together for_fugitive[s]. 6 And_after thus I_will_
_turn_back ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_captivity_of the_people_of ʼAmmōn the_
_utterance_of **YHWH**.

7 Of_ʾEdōm thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says is_there_
_not still wisdom in_Tēymān counsel has_it_been_lost from_
_those_who_understand wisdom_of_their has_it_been_
_corrupted. 8 Flee be_turned_back make_deep to_dwell Oh_
_inhabitants_of Dədān if/because the_disaster_of ʼĒsāv I_will_
_bring on/upon/above_him/it a_time when_I_will_visit_it. 9 If
grape_gatherers they_came to/for_you(fs) not will_they_leave
gleanings if thieves in_night they_destroyed sufficiency_of_
_their. 10 If/because I I_will_strip_bare ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ ʼĒsāv I_will_uncover
~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ places_of_its_secret and_it_will_hide_itself not it_will_be_
_able his/its_seed and_relatives_of_its and_neighbours_of_its
it_will_be_devastated and_it_will_not_be. 11 Leave fatherless_
_of_your I I_will_preserve_them_alive and_widows_of_your on_
_me let_them_rely. 12 If/because thus **YHWH** he_says THERE
those_who not sentence_of_their was_to_drink the_cup
certainly_(drink) they_will_drink_it and_you(ms) he
completely_(exempt_from_punishment) will_you_be_exempt_
_from_punishment not you_will_be_exempt_from_punishment
if/because certainly_(drink) you_will_drink_it. 13 If/because
by_myself I_swear the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because_that
(into)_a_waste (into)_a_reproach (into)_a_desolation and_
_(into)_a_curse Bɔtsrāh it_will_become and_all cities_of_its
they_will_become (into)_ruins_of perpetuity. 14 A_report I_
_have_heard from_with **YHWH** and_an_envoy among_nations
has_been_sent gather_together and_come on/upon_it(f) and_
_rise_up for_battle. 15 If/because HERE small I_will_make_you
among_nations despised among_humankind. 16 Horror_of_
_your it_has_deceived you the_presumption_of your_heart_of_
_your Oh_you_who_dwell_of in_the_clefts_of the_rock Oh_you_
_who_occupy_of the_height[s]_of a_hill if/because you_will_
_make_high like_eagle nest_of_your from_there I_will_bring_
_you_down the_utterance_of **YHWH**. 17 And_ ʾEdōm _it_will_
_become (into)_a_horror every_of one_who_passes_by
on/upon_it(f) he_will_be_appalled and_he_will_hiss on all_of
wounds_of_its. 18 Like_the_overthrow_of Ṣədom and_Amorah
and_neighbours_of_its **YHWH** he_says not he_will_dwell there
anyone and_not he_will_sojourn in_it a_child_of humankind.
19 THERE like_a_lion which_it_goes_up from_the_thicket[s]_of
the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to pastureland_of an_ever-flowing_stream
if/because I_will_act_in_a_moment I_will_cause_it_to_run
from_on_it and_whoever is_chosen to_her/it I_will_appoint
if/because who is_like_me and_who will_he_summon_me and_

274 RV 49:7-22 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

Literal Version

_who this is_a_shepherd who he_will_stand before_me. **20** For_
_so/thus/hence hear the_plan_of **YHWH** which he_has_
_planned against ʾEdōm and_purposes_of_his which he_has_
_purposed against the_inhabitants_of Tēymān if not people_
_will_drag_them_away the_young_ones_of the_flock if not he_
_will_make_appalled on_them pastureland_of_their. **21** From_
_the_sound_of their_falling the_earth/land it_will_shake the_
_calling_out at_the_sea_of reed[s] sound_of_its it_will_be_
_heard. **22** THERE like_eagle someone_will_ascend and_he_will_
_swoop_down and_he_will_spread_out wings_of_his over
Botsrāh and_it_was the_heart_of the_warriors_of ʾEdōm in_the_
_day (the)_that like_the_heart_of a_woman who_is_in_labour.

23 Of_Dammeseq Ḥ$_a$māt and_ʾArpād it_will_be_ashamed
if/because new[s] bad they_have_heard they_will_melt_away
is_in_sea anxiety to_be_quiet not it_will_be_able. **24** Dammeseq
it_will_be_disheartened it_will_turn_back to_flee and_panic it_
_will_take_hold distress and_labour-pains it_will_seize_it like_
_(the)_who]_gives_birth. **25** How not it_has_been_abandoned a_
_city_of praise_of[277] the_town_of my_joy_of_my. **26** For_
_so/thus/hence men_of_its_young they_will_fall in_its_open_
_of_places and_all the_men_of (the)_war they_will_perish in_
_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers. **27** And_I_will_kindle a_fire at_the_wall_of
Dammeseq and_it_will_consume the_fortresses_of Ben.

28 Of_Qēdār and_of_the_kingdoms_of Ḥātsōr which he_attacked
Nəvūkadnetstsar[278] the_king_of Bāvel thus **YHWH** he_says
arise go_up against Qēdār and_devastate ~~DOM~~ the_people_of
the_east. **29** Tents_of_their and_flock[s]_of_their people_will_

Readers' Version

your nest high like an eagle.
I'll bring you down from there.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
17 Edom will become a horror to everyone passing by it.
Those who do will be appalled and hiss about all its disasters.
18 Yahweh says that just like the overthrow of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) and their neighbours,[275]
no one will live there—no human would want to stay there.
19 Listen, he'll go up like a lion from the forests along the Yarden (Jordan) river to the green pasturelands,
because I'll quickly make Edom flee from it,
and I'll chose someone to be charge of it.
Indeed, no one else is like me, and who can challenge my decision?
What shepherd can stand against me?
20 So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Edom—
the intentions that he's formed against Teyman's inhabitants.
They'll be dragged away, even the smallest flock.
→Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.
21 The ground will shake at the sound of their falling.
The sound of distressed shouts will be heard right across at the Red Sea.
22 Listen, someone will ascend like an eagle, and swoop down and spread his wings over Batserah.
Then on that day, Edom's soldiers will be apprehensive like women in labour."

Yahweh's judgement for Damesek

23 Concerning Damesek (Damascus):
Hamat and Arpad will be ashamed, because they've heard bad news.
They'll melt away—
they'll become as troubled as an ocean that cannot stay calm.[276]
24 Damesek will be disheartened.
It turns away to flee in panic.
Distress and pangs of pain seize it like a woman giving birth.
25 How has that widely praised city been abandoned—
the town that gave me happiness.
26 Therefore its young men will fall in its plazas,
and all the fighting men will perish on that day.
That is the declaration of Commander-in-chief Yahweh,
27 because I'll light a fire on the wall around Damesek (Damascus),
and it will burn up Ben-Hadad's fortresses.

Yahweh's judgement for Kidar and Hatsor

28 Concerning Kedar tribe and Hatsor's kingdoms (which were about to be attacked by Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar))

275 **RV 49:18 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24-25.

276 **RV 49:23-27 · Cross-ref.** Isa 17:1-3; Amos 1:3-5; Zech 9:1.

277 **LV 49:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: הלהת: (x-qere) תָּלְהוּת': lemma_8416 n_1 morph_HNcfsc id_249XL תָּלְהוּת

278 **LV 49:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוצארדכובנ: (x-qere) רַצְאֶרְדַּכוּבְנ': lemma_5019 morph_HNp id_249Xm רַצְאֶרְדַּכוּבְנ

Readers' Version

Yahweh says this:
Take action and attack Kedar and destroy those eastern people.
29 Their tents and their flocks will be taken,
along with their tent curtains and all of their equipment.
Their camels will be led away from them,
and warriors surrounding them will call out things that terrify them.
30 Yahweh says to you inhabitants of Hatsor:
Quickly, flee, hide in deep caves,
because the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) has made a plan
and plotted out his destiny for you all.
31 Yahweh says to the Babylonians:
Take action and attack that nation at ease—
that lives in safety.
They don't have gates with bars across them,
and its people live by themselves.
32 Their camels will become plunder,
and their many livestock will become war plunder.
Then those who cut the corners of their hair, I'll scatter to every wind
and I'll bring disaster on them from every direction.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
33 Hatsor will become a home for jackals—a permanent wasteland.
No one will live there—no human would want to stay there.

Yahweh's judgement for Eylam

34 At the beginning of the reign of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah), Yahweh gave this message about Eylam to the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah). **35** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Listen, I'm about to break the power of Eylam's archers—
their main initial attack force.
36 Then I'll bring four winds against Eylam from four different directions,
and I will scatter them to all of those winds.
There's no nation that those banished from Eylam won't go to.
37 So I'll shatter Eylam in front of their enemies and those who want to see them dead.
In my furious anger, I'll send disaster against them,
and then I'll send war to follow them until I've annihilated them.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
38 Yahweh declares that I'll put my throne in Eylam,
and will destroy its king and leaders from there, **39** however in future years, I'll restore Eylam's people from captivity.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

Literal Version

_take_away curtains_of_their_tent and_all equipment(s)_of_ _their and_camels_of_their they_will_carry_off to/for_them and_people_will_call_out to_them terror is_from_round_about. **30** Flee take_flight exceedingly make_deep to_dwell Oh_ _inhabitants_of Ḥātsōr the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because he_ _has_planned mmm Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel a_plan and_he_has_purposed mmm[279] a_purpose. **31** Arise go_up against a_nation at_ease which_dwells to_security the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** not a_pair_of_gates and_not a_bar to_ _him/it alone they_dwell. **32** And_ camels_of_their _they_will_ _be (into)_spoil and_the_abundance_of their_livestock_of_their (into)_plunder and_I_will_scatter_them to/from_ _all/each/any/every wind those_who_are_cut_off_of the_ _corner and_from_all_of sides_of_its I_will_bring ~~ĐOM~~ disaster_ _of_their the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **33** And_ Ḥātsōr _it_will_ _become (into)_a_habitation_of jackals a_desolation until perpetuity not he_will_dwell there anyone and_not he_will_ _sojourn in_it a_child_of humankind.

34 That_which the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet concerning ʿĒylām in_ _beginning_of_the_reign_of of_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say. **35** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says HERE_I am_about_to_break ~~ĐOM~~ the_bow_of ʿĒylām the_beginning_of their_strength_of_their. **36** And_I_will_bring against ʿĒylām four winds from_the_four the_ends_of the_heavens and_I_will_scatter_them to_ _all/each/any/every the_winds the_these and_not it_will_be the_nation where not it_will_go there those_who_were_ _banished_of wwww[280]. **37** And_I_will_shatter ~~ĐOM~~ ʿĒylām to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before enemies_of_their and_ _before_of those_who_seek_of life_of_(of)_their and_I_will_ _bring on_them calamity ~~ĐOM~~ the_burning_of my_anger_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_send after_them ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _drought//sword/knife until I_have_made_an_end_of them. **38** And_I_will_set throne_of_my in_ʿĒylām and_I_will_destroy from_there king and_officials the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **39** And_ _it_was in_end/latter the_days I_will_turn_back[281] ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _captivity_of[282] of_ʿĒylām the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

279 LV 49:30 · Note OSHB variant note: חה/ילע: (x-qere) 'ם֣כ/יִלֶּע': lemma_5921 a n_0.0 morph_HR/Sp2mp id_24e1F ם֣כ/יִלֶּע
280 LV 49:36 · Note OSHB variant note: לוע: (x-qere) 'ם֖לֵיע': lemma_5867 a n_0 morph_HNcmsa id_246gu ם֖לֵיע
281 LV 49:39 · Note OSHB variant note: בושא: (x-qere) 'בְּיֵשָׁא': lemma_7725 n_0.0.0 morph_HVhi1cs id_249Jg בְּיֵשָׁא
282 LV 49:39 · Note OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_241No תּוּבְשׁ

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50:1 The_message which **YHWH** he_spoke concerning Bāvel concerning the_land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy by_the_hand_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) the_prophet. **2** Declare among_nations and_make_a_proclamation and_lift_up a_standard make_a_ _proclamation do_not hide_it say Bāvel it_will_be_captured Bel it_will_be_put_to_shame Marduk it_will_be_shattered images_ _of_its they_will_be_put_to_shame idols_of_its they_will_be_ _shattered. **3** If/because it_will_go_up on/upon_it(f) a_nation from_the_north it it_will_make ~~DOM~~ land_of_its into_a_waste and_not he_will_be an_inhabitant in_it from_humankind and_ _unto animal[s] they_will_take_flight they_will_go.

4 In_the_days (the)_those and_at_time (the)_that the_ _utterance_of **YHWH** the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they and_ _the_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_will_come together going and_weeping they_will_go and_~~DOM~~ **YHWH** god_of_their they_ _will_seek. **5** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) they_will_ask_for will_be_the_ _direction hither faces_of_their come and_they_will_join_ _themselves to **YHWH** a_covenant_of perpetuity not it_will_be_ _forgotten. **6** sheep lost they_have_become[285] people_of_my shepherds_of_their they_have_caused_them_to_wander mountains they_have_led_them_away[286] from_hill to hill they_ _have_gone they_have_forgotten place_of_their_resting. **7** All_ _of those_of_who_found_them they_devoured_them and_foes_ _of_their they_said not we_are_guilty because that they_have_ _sinned to/for_**YHWH** the_habitation_of righteousness and_ _the_hope_of their_ancestors_of_their **YHWH**. **8** Take_flight from_the_midst_of Bāvel and_from_the_land_of the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy go_forth[287] and_be like_male_goats to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_flock. **9** If/because HERE I am_ _about_to_rouse and_I_am_about_to_bring_up on Bāvel an_ _assembly_of nations great from_a_land_of the_north and_ _they_will_line_up to/for_her/it from_there it_will_be_ _captured arrows_of_its will_be_like_a_warrior who_miscarries not he_returns empty.

10 And_it_will_become Chaldea (into)_plunder all_of those_of_ _who_plunder_it they_will_be_satisfied the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **11** If/because you_are_rejoicing[288] if/because you_are_ _gloating[289][290] Oh_you(pl)_who_plunder_of inheritance_of_ _(of)_my if/because you_are_skipping_about[291] like_a_heifer

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Yahweh's judgement for Bavel

50:1 Yahweh gave the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) this message concerning Bavel (Babylon), the country of the Kasdim (Chaldeans):[283]

2 Make a report to the nations and get them to listen to it.
Raise a signal flag and cause them to listen—don't conceal it.
Tell them that Bavel will be captured and their 'god' Merodak (also called 'Bel') will be humiliated.
Merodak will be completely disgraced—
its replicas will be humiliated as its idols will be shattered.
3 A nation from the north will come against it, and make their land into ruins.
No one will live in it—people and animals will all flee away.

The return of Yisrael and Yehudah · Both kingdoms

4 Yahweh declares that at a future time,
the people of Yisrael (Israel) and the people of Yehudah (Judah),
will join together to go to their god Yahweh with weeping and a desire to worship him. **5** They'll ask the way to Tsiyon (Zion) and will set off toward it
to join themselves to Yahweh with a permanent commitment that will never be forgotten.
6 My people have been a lost flock.
Their shepherds have led them astray in the mountains.
They've gone from hill to hill.
They went—they'd forgotten the place where they'd lived.
7 Everyone who found them devoured them
and their enemies told themselves that they weren't guilty
because the people they attacked had sinned against Yahweh who was their true home—
Yahweh, who their ancestors had placed their hope in.
8 You Yehudim (Jews), leave Bavel (Babylon).
Get out from the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).[284]
Be like male goats that leave ahead of the rest of the flock,
9 because listen, I'm about to set in motion and raise up a group of powerful nations from the north against Bavel.
They'll line up against her—Bavel will be captured from there.
Their arrows will be like a skilled warrior who always returns and never empty-handed.

Bavel's fall

10 The land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) will become plunder.
All those who plunder it will take everything they want.
That is Yahweh's declaration

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283 **RV 50:1–51:64 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:1–14:23; 47:1-15.

284 **RV 50:8 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:4.

285 **LV 50:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היה**: (x-qere) '**וַיֵּה**': lemma_1961 morph_HVqp3cp id_24K4p **וַיֵּה**

286 **LV 50:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סיבבוש**: (x-qere) '**ם/וּבְבוֹשׁ**': lemma_7725 n_1 morph_HVop3cp/Sp3mp id_24sjy **ם/וּבְבוֹשׁ**

287 **LV 50:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ואצי**: (x-qere) '**וְאֵצְ**': lemma_3318 n_1 morph_HVqv2mp id_24BBy **וְאֵצְ**

288 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יחמשת**: (x-qere) '**וּחְמִשְׁתְּ**': lemma_8055 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqi2mp id_24Pdb **וּחְמִשְׁתְּ**

289 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יזלעת**: (x-qere) '**וְזִלַּעְתְּ**': lemma_5937 n_1.1 morph_HVqi2mp id_24Tum **וְזִלַּעְתְּ**

290 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

291 **LV 50:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ישופת**: (x-qere) '**וּשׁוֹפָתְּ**': lemma_6335 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVqi2mp id_24zT5 **וּשׁוֹפָתְּ**

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11 because you're so happy Bavel (Babylon)—your people celebrate the plundering of my inheritance.
You skip around like a calf stamping in its pasture.
You neigh like a powerful horse.
12 Your mother will be terribly ashamed—
the one who bore you will be embarrassed.
Listen, she'll become the least of nations—
a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
13 Due to Yahweh's severe anger, Bavel won't remain inhabited, but will become a complete ruin.
Everyone who passes by will be appalled, and will hiss because of all its wounds.
14 You armies, line yourselves up all around Bavel—
everyone who uses a bow and arrows must shoot at it.
Don't hold back any of your arrows, because it has disobeyed Yahweh.
15 Shout together all of you who are around the city.
It has surrendered—its towers have been taken over.
Its walls are torn down, because that is Yahweh's vengeance.
Avenge yourselves on Bavel—
do to it just like what it's done to others.
16 Destroy both the Babylonian farmer who sows seed
and the one who uses a sickle at harvest time.
Instead of the oppressor's sword, let each person return to their own people—
let everyone flee back to their own region.
17 Yisrael (Israel) is like sheep that were scattered and driven away by lions. **Yisrael's return**
Firstly, the Assyrian king devoured its meat,
then after that, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) chomped on its bones.
18 Therefore Yisrael's god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this:
Listen, I'm about to punish the Babylonian king and his country,
just as I punished the Assyrian king.
19 Then I'll restore Yisrael to its homeland—
it will graze on Mt. Karmel and in the Bashan region.
then it will be satisfied in the hill country of Efrayim (Ephraim) and Gilead.
20 Yahweh says that at that time,
Yisrael's disobedience won't exist
and no wickedness will be found in Yehudah (Judah)
because I'll forgive those that I leave as a remnant.
21 Go up against the Meratayim region in Bavel (Babylon) **Yahweh's judgement for Bavel**
as well as Pekod's inhabitants.
Attack them and ensure that they're eliminated.
That is Yahweh's declaration—make sure to do everything that

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threshing and[292] like_(the)_horses. **12** Mother_of_your(pl) she_
_will_be_ashamed exceedingly the_one_of_who_bore_you(pl)
she_will_be_abashed THERE the_last_of nations a_wilderness a_
_wilderness and_a_wilderness_plain. **13** From_the_severe_
_anger_of **YHWH** not it_will_remain and_it_will_be a_waste of_
_it_of_all every one_who_passes_by at Bāvel he_will_be_
_appalled and_he_will_hiss on all_of wounds_of_its. **14** Line_up
on Bāvel all_around Oh_all_of those_who_bend_of (of)_a_bow
shoot to_her/it do_not spare (to) an_arrow if/because to/for_
_**YHWH** it_has_sinned. **15** Shout_out on/upon_it(f) all_around
it_will_give hand_of_its they_will_fall mmm[293] walls_of_its
they_will_be_torn_down if/because is_the_vengeance_of
YHWH it avenge_yourselves(pl) on_it just_as it_has_done do
to/for_her/it. **16** Cut_off the_sower from_Bāvel and_one_who_
_wields_of (of)_a_sickle at_a_time_of harvest from_face/in_
_front_of the_sword_of the_oppressor everyone to people_of_
_his_own they_will_turn and_everyone to_his_own_of_land
they_will_flee.

17 Is_sheep scattered Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which_lions they_have_
_driven_away the_first he_devoured_it the_king_of 'Ashshūr
and_this the_last he_gnawed_its_bones Nəvūkadnetstsar the_
_king_of Bāvel. **18** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says HERE_I
am_about_to_visit_judgement to the_king_of Bāvel and_
_near/to land_of_his just_as I_visited_judgement to the_king_of
'Ashshūr. **19** And_I_will_restore ~~DOM~~ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to pasture_
_of_its and_it_will_graze (the)_Karmel/(Carmel) and_(the)_
_Bāshān and_in_the_hill_country_of 'Efrayim and_(the)_Gil'ād
appetite_of_its it_will_be_satisfied. **20** In_the_days the_those
and_at_time (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** ~~DOM~~ the_
_iniquity_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be_sought and_not_
_existing_he and_~~DOM~~ the_sins_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_not
they_will_be_found if/because I_will_forgive (to)_those_whom
I_will_leave_as_a_remnant.

21 On the_earth/land of_Mərātayim go_up on/upon_it(f) and_
_near/to the_inhabitants_of Pəqōd kill and_totally_destroy
after_them the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_do according_to_all
that I_commanded_you(ms). **22** A_sound_of battle on_the_earth
and_destruction great. **23** How it_has_been_cut_off and_it_has_
_been_broken the_hammer_of all_of the_earth/land how it_

292 LV 50:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ילהצת/ו**: (x-qere) **'וְיָלֶהֲצָת/וְ'**: lemma_c/6670 a n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqi2mp id_24EJj **וְיָלֶהֲצָת/וְ**
293 LV 50:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ה/יתיושא**: (x-qere) **'ה/יָתוֹשָׁא'**: lemma_803 n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3fs id_24bRx **ה/יָתוֹשָׁא**

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_has_become (into)_a_horror Bāvel among_nations. **24** I_laid_a_
_trap to/for_you(fs) and_also you_were_caught Oh_Bāvel and_
_you not you_knew you_were_found and_also you_were_caught
if/because with_**YHWH** you_engaged_in_strife. **25** **YHWH** he_
_has_opened ᴅᴏᴍ armoury_of_his and_he_has_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ
the_weapons_of his_indignation_of_his if/because is_a_work it
of_the_of_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_land of_the_
_ones_from_Kasdiy. **26** Come to/for_her/it from_the_
_end/extremity open granaries_of_its pile_it_up like heaps
and_totally_destroy_it not let_it_belong to/for_her/it a_
_remnant. **27** Kill all_of bulls_of_its_young let_them_go_down
to_slaughter woe on_them if/because day_of_their the_time_of
their_punishment_of_their it_has_come. **28** The_sound_of
those_who_flee and_escapees from_the_land_of Bāvel to_
_announce in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) ᴅᴏᴍ the_vengeance_of **YHWH**
god_of_our the_vengeance_of his_temple_of_his. **29** Summon
against Bāvel archers all_of those_who_bend_of (of)_a_bow
encamp on/upon_it(f) all_around not let_it_belong[297][298] escape
repay to/for_her/it according_to_of_its_deed[s] according_to_
_all that it_has_done do to/for_her/it if/because (to) **YHWH** it_
_has_acted_presumptuously against the_holy_one_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **30** For_so/thus/hence men_of_its_young they_
_will_fall in_its_open_of_places and_all the_men_of its_war_of_
_her they_will_perish in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of
YHWH. **31** Here_I am_against_you Oh_presumption the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
if/because day_of_your the_time when_I_will_visit_you it_has_
come. **32** And presumption _it_will_stumble and_it_will_fall
and_there_will_not_be to_him/it one_who_raises_up and_I_
_will_kindle fire in_cities_of_its and_it_will_devour all_of
around_of_it. **33** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says the_
_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_the_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
are_oppressed together and_all captors_of_their they_have_
_kept_hold on_them they_have_refused to_let_them_go.
34 Redeemer_of_their is_strong is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers
his/its_name certainly_(conduct) he_will_conduct ᴅᴏᴍ case_of_
_their so_as to_give_rest_to ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_to_cause_
_disquiet to_the_inhabitants_of Bāvel. **35** A_sword on the_ones_
_from_Kasdiy the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_near/to the_
_inhabitants_of Bāvel and_near/to officials_of_its and_near/to
its_wise_of_people. **36** A_sword against the_empty_talkers and_
_they_will_become_fools a_sword against its_of_warriors and_
_they_will_be_shattered. **37** A_sword against horses_of_its and_
_near/to chariotry_of_its and_near/to every_of (the)_foreigner
who is_in_the_midst_of_of_it and_they_will_be (into)_women a_
_sword against treasuries_of_its and_they_will_be_plundered.
38 A_drought against waters_of_its and_they_will_dry_up
if/because is_a_land_of idols it and_in_terrors they_will_act_
_like_mad_people. **39** For_so/thus/hence wilderness-dwellers
they_will_dwell with hyenas and_they_will_dwell in_it
daughters_of an_ostrich and_not it_will_remain again to_
_perpetuity and_not it_will_settle until a_generation and_a_
_generation. **40** Like_the_overthrow_of god ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣədom and_

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I'm commanding you to do.

22 There's a sound of battle and terrible destruction across the land.

23 How the 'hammer' of all the lands has itself been cut apart and destroyed.

How Bavel has become an object of horror among the nations.

24 I set a trap for you and you were caught, Bavel, and you didn't even know it.

You were found and captured, because you went against Yahweh.

25 Yahweh has opened his armoury and is bringing out the weapons for carrying out his anger.

There's work for the master, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, in Bavel—the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

26 Come to it from far away.
Open its store-houses full of grain.
Pile everything up in heaps.
Completely destroy everything—don't leave anyone alive.

27 Kill all its young bulls—send them off for slaughter.

They won't end well because their moment has come—the time for their punishment.

28 There's the sound of those fleeing—escaping from Bavel (Babylon)

to announce in Tsiyon (Zion) that our god Yahweh is taking vengeance—

vengeance for what was done to his temple.

29 Summon the archers against Bavel—all those who use bows and arrows.
Surround it completely and don't let anyone escape.
Repay it for what it's done.
Do to it what it did to others[294]
because it had defied Yahweh, Yisrael's (Israel's) holy one,
30 so their young men will fall in the town squares,
and all their fighting men will be killed on that day.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

31 Listen, Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares:
I'm against you, you proud nation
because your time is up, you proud one—
the time has come for me to punish you.
32 So the proud one will stumble and fall,
and no one will be there to help it up.
I'll light a fire in its cities and it will devour everything around it.

33 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
The Yisrael's (Israel's) people are oppressed,
as are the people from Yehudah (Judah).
All those who captured them have kept hold of them—
they've refused to let them go.

294 **RV 50:29 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:6.

297 **LV 50:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: (x-qere) הֶ֫לְכוּ֥: lemma_l n_1.2.0 morph_HR/Sp3fs id_24CRs הָ֫לְכָ֥

298 **LV 50:29 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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34 The one who paid the price to free them is strong.
His name is Commander-in-chief Yahweh.
He'll successfully plead their case,
in order to bring peace and stability to the land,
and to cause turmoil for Bavel's (Babylon's) inhabitants.
35 Yahweh declares that war is coming to the Kasdim (Chaldeans)
including its inhabitants, leaders, and wise men.
36 War is coming for empty talkers and they'll become fools.
Battles are coming against its warriors, and they'll be terrified.
37 Attacks are coming against their horses,
their chariots and all of Bavel's foreign mercenaries,
so they'll become like women.
Armed raids are coming against its storerooms,
→and they'll all be looted.
38 A drought is coming on its water supplies so they'll dry up,
because it's a land full of idols,
and the people do mad things trying to appease them.
39 So jackals and other desert animals will live there,
along with ostriches that will breed there.[295]
People will never live there again—
future generations won't live there.
40 Just like the overthrow of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah) and its neighbours,[296]
Yahweh declares that no one will live there—no human would want to stay there.
41 Listen, a people group is coming from the north—
a powerful nation and many kings are being stirred up from the farthest parts of the world.
42 They'll be carrying bows and spears.
They're cruel and will show no mercy.
The sound of them coming will be like the roar of the sea
They'll be riding horses in formation,
organised for battle, against you, daughter of Bavel (Babylon).
43 The Babylonian king will hear their report
and his hands will fall limp in distress—
he'll be in anguish like a woman giving birth.
44 Listen, there'll be one who comes like a lion
from the thickets along the Yarden (Jordan), up to the watered pastureland
because I'll act quickly to cause them to run away from there,
and I'll appoint someone specially chosen for it,
because who is like me, and who can summon me to come?
What shepherd is able to resist me?
45 So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Bavel (Babylon)—
the plans that he has planned against the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).
They'll definitely be dragged away—even the smallest flock.

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_ĐØM ʿAmorāh/(Gomorrah) and_ĐØM neighbours_of_its the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** not he_will_dwell there anyone and_not he_will_sojourn in_it a_child_of humankind. **41** THERE a_people is_about_to_come from_the_north and_a_nation great and_
_kings many they_will_be_roused from_the_remotest_parts_of the_earth. **42** Bow and_javelin they_will_take_hold_of will_be_
_cruel they and_not they_will_have_mercy sound_of_their like_
_sea it_roars and_on horses they_will_ride they_were_arranged like_a_man for_battle on_you Oh_daughter_of Bāvel. **43** The_
_king_of Bāvel he_heard ĐØM report_of_their and_ hands_of_his _they_dropped distress it_took_hold_of_him anguish like_(the)_
_who]_gives_birth. **44** THERE like_a_lion which_it_goes_up from_the_thicket[s]_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) to pastureland_of an_ever-flowing_stream if/because I_will_act_in_a_moment will_cause_them_to_run[299] from_on_it and_whoever is_chosen to_her/it I_will_appoint if/because who is_like_me and_who will_he_summon_me and_who this is_a_shepherd who he_will_
_stand before_me. **45** For_so/thus/hence hear the_plan_of **YHWH** which he_has_planned against Bāvel and_purposes_of_
_his which he_has_purposed against the_land_of the_ones_
_from_Kasdiy if not people_will_drag_them_away the_young_
_ones_of the_flock if not he_will_make_appalled on_them the_
_pastureland. **46** From_the_sound Bāvel it_has_been_captured the_earth/land it_will_quake and_a_cry_of_distress among_
_nations it_will_be_heard.

295 RV 50:39 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:2.

296 RV 50:40 · Cross-ref. Gen 19:24-25.

299 LV 50:44 · Note OSHB variant note: **צורא/ם**: (x-qere) **צִיֻּרֵ֣א/ם**ׇ: lemma_7323 n_1.1.0 morph_HVhi1cs/Sp3mp id_24eYS **צִיֻּרֵ֣א/ם**ׇ

Literal Version

51:1 Thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_rouse on Bāvel and_near/to the_inhabitants_of Leb- qamai a_wind a_destroyer. **2** And_I_will_send to_Bāvel strangers and_they_will_winnow_it and_they_will_lay_waste ᴅᴏᴍ land_of_its if/because they_will_ _be on/upon_it(f) from_round_about in/on_day calamity. **3** To let_him_bend wwww[304] the_one_who_bends bow_of_his and_ _near/to let_him_lift_himself in_armour_of_his and_do_not spare (to) men_of_its_young totally_destroy all_of army_of_its. **4** And_ slain _they_will_fall in_land of_the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_pierced_through in_streets_of_its. **5** If/because not is_ _abandoned Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) from_ _god_of_its from_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers if/because land_ _of_their it_is_full guilt from_the_holy_one_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Flee from_the_midst_of Bāvel and_save everyone life_of_his do_not perish in_iniquity_of_its if/because is_a_time_of vengeance it to/for_**YHWH** recompense he is_about_to_repay to/for_her/it. **7** Was_a_cup_of gold Bāvel in_the_hand_of **YHWH** it_was_making_drunk all_of the_earth/land some_of_ _its_wine nations they_have_drunk therefore yes/correct/thus/so nations they_are_acting_like_mad_people. **8** Suddenly Bāvel it_will_fall and_it_was_broken wail on/upon_ _it(f) get balm for_pain_of_its perhaps it_will_be_healed. **9** We_ _healed[305] ᴅᴏᴍ Bāvel and_not it_was_healed leave_it and_let_ _us_go everyone to_his_own_of_land if/because it_has_reached to the_heavens judgement_of_its and_it_has_been_lifted_up to the_clouds. **10** **YHWH** he_has_brought_forth ᴅᴏᴍ righteousness(es)_of_our come and_let_us_recount in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) ᴅᴏᴍ the_work_of **YHWH** god_of_our. **11** Polish the_arrows fill the_shields **YHWH** he_has_roused ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _spirit_of the_kings_of Māday if/because on Bāvel purpose_of_ _his is_to_destroy_it if/because is_the_vengeance_of **YHWH** it the_vengeance_of his_temple_of_his. **12** Against the_walls_of Bāvel lift_up a_standard strengthen the_watch station watchmen prepare the_ambushers if/because both **YHWH** he_ _has_planned as_well_as he_will_do ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_spoke concerning the_inhabitants_of Bāvel. **13** Oh_you_who_dwell_ _of[306] at waters many greatness_of treasures end_of_your the_ _cubit_of your_cutting_off_of_your it_has_come. **14** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_swears by_self_of_his if/because (if) I_ _will_fill_you person[s] like_locust[s] and_they_will_sing to_you shouting.

Readers' Version

Their pasturelands will be ruined.

46 The sound of Bavel being conquered Bavel will make the earth quake,

and their cry of distress will be heard right across the continent.

51:1 Yahweh says this:

Yahweh says more against Bavel

Listen, I'm about to stir up a destructive wind against Bavel (Babylon)

and against the Babylonian people.

2 I'll send foreigners into Bavel, and they'll shake it down and devastate its land,

because they'll come against it from all sides on that disastrous day.

3 Don't let the archers shoot their arrows

Don't let their soldiers put on their armour.

Don't spare their young men—

Destroy their army completely.

4 Their wounded will fall in the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

Those who're stabbed will fall in its streets,

5 because Yisrael (Israel) and Yehudah (Judah) haven't been abandoned by their god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh,

even though their[300] own land is filled with offenses committed against Yisrael's holy one.

6 Escape quickly from out of Bavel (Babylon)—each person must save themself.

Don't die there because of their wickedness

because now is the time of Yahweh's vengeance.

He'll repay Bavel for everything they've done.

7 Bavel was like a golden cup in Yahweh's hand that made all the world drunk—

nations drank its wine and went mad.[301]

8 Suddenly Bavel will fall and be destroyed.

Wail for it—give it medicine for its pain—perhaps it can be healed?

9 We tried to heal Bavel, but it never recovered,

so leave it and let everyone go back to their own region,

because its guilt has reached up to the heavens—

it's piled up to the clouds.[302]

10 Yahweh has now decided that we've served our time.

Let's go and tell everyone in Tsiyon (Zion) what our god Yahweh has done.

11 Sharpen your arrows and strap on your shields.

Yahweh is stirring up the spirit of the kings of the Madim (Medes) in his plan to destroy Bavel

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300 **RV 51:5 · Note** This pronoun could refer either to Yisrael and Yehudah, or to Bavel, so other translations might take the alternative rendering here.

301 **RV 51:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 17:2-4; 18:3.

302 **RV 51:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:5.

304 **LV 51:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **דרדי**: (x-qere)

305 **LV 51:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונאפר**: (x-qere) **וְנִיפָּר**: lemma_7495 morph_HVpp1cp id_24snx **וְנִיפָּר**

306 **LV 51:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתנכש**: (x-qere) **תְּנֻכֵּשׁ**: lemma_7931 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqrfsc id_24Xh2 **תְּנֻכֵּשׁ**

Readers' Version

because of Yahweh's vengeance—revenge for their destruction of his temple.
12 Lift up your banner over Bavel's walls.
Reinforce the guards. Assign watchmen.
Prepare your ambushes because Yahweh will do what he has said concerning Bavel's inhabitants.
13 You people who live by many water supplies[303] and who are rich with treasures, your end has come.
The thread of your life is now cut short. **14** Commander-in-chief Yahweh has made an oath by his own life:
'I'll fill you with men, like a swarm of locusts,
and they'll shout out against you.'
15 He has made the earth by his power.
He set the world in place by his wisdom.
By his understanding he stretched out the skies.
16 When he makes thunder, there's the roar of waters in the skies,
because he brings the mist up from the ends of the earth.
He makes lightning to go with the rain
and sends out wind from his storehouses.
17 All people have become ignorant—without knowledge.
Every metalworker is put to shame by his idols.
→because his cast images are lifeless frauds.
18 They are the worthless work of mockers
who'll perish at the time of their punishment.
19 Yisrael's (Israel's) god is not like those,
because he's the one who formed everything.
Yisrael is the tribe of his inheritance.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh is his name.
20 You are my sledge-hammer—my weapon for battle—
→With you I'll smash nations and destroy kingdoms.
21 With you I'll smash horses and their riders.
With you I'll smash chariots and their drivers.
22 With you I'll smash men and women.
With you I'll smash the old and the young.
With you I'll smash the young men and young women.
23 With you I'll smash the shepherds and their flocks.
With you I will smash the plowmen and their teams of cattle.
With you I'll smash the governors and officials.
24 I'll repay Bavel (Babylon) and all the Kasdim (Chaldeans)
for all the evil they did in Tsiyon (Zion) as you watched.[307]
That is Yahweh's declaration.
25 Listen, Yahweh declares that I'm against you,
you mountain of destruction that destroys the whole earth.
I'll stretch my hand out against you, and roll you down from the cliffs,
and turn you into a charred mountain

A song praising Yahweh

Yahweh's hammer

Bavel's punishment

Literal Version

15 He_was_making_of (of)_the_earth by_power_of_his he_was_
_establishing_of the_world by_wisdom_of_his and_by_
_understanding_of_his he_stretched_out the_heavens. **16** To_
_sound/voice of_his_giving_forth a_tumult_of waters is_in_
_heavens and_he/it_ascended clouds from_the_end_of the_
_earth lightning_flashes for_rain he_makes and_he_brought_
_out the_wind from_storehouses_of_his. **17** Every_of person he_
_is_stupid from_knowledge every_of metalsmith he_is_put_to_
_shame from_the_idol if/because is_deception image_of_his_
_molten and_not breath is_in_them. **18** Are_futility they a_
_work_of mockeri(es) at_the_time_of their_punishment_of_
_their they_will_perish. **19** Not is_like_these the_portion_of
Ya'$_{a}$qov/(Jacob) if/because is_the_one_who_formed_of (the)_
_everything he and_the_tribe_of his_inheritance_of_his is_
_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name.

20 Are_a_war-club you to_me weapons_of war and_I_smash in_
_you(ms) nations and_I_destroy in_you(ms) kingdoms. **21** And_
_I_smash in_you(ms) horse and_rider_of_its and_I_smash in_
_you(ms) chariotry and_its_of_rider[s]. **22** And_I_smash in_
_you(ms) man and_woman and_I_smash in_you(ms) old_man
and_young_man and_I_smash in_you(ms) young_man and_
_young_woman. **23** And_I_smash in_you(ms) shepherd and_
_flock_of_his and_I_smash in_you(ms) farmer and_pair_of_his
and_I_smash in_you(ms) governors and_officials.

24 And_I_will_repay to_Bāvel and_to/for_all the_inhabitants_of
Chaldea ~~DOM~~ all_of evil_of_their which they_did in_
_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_eyes_of_your(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
25 Here_I am_against_you Oh_mountain_of (the)_destruction
the_utterance_of **YHWH** which_destroys ~~DOM~~ all_of the_
_earth/land and_I_will_stretch_out ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my on_you
and_I_will_roll_you from the_crags and_I_will_make_you into_
_a_mountain_of burning. **26** And_not people_will_take from_
_you stone for_a_corner and_stone_of for_foundations
if/because wastes_of perpetuity you_will_be the_utterance_of

303 RV 51:13 · Cross-ref. Rev 17:1.

307 RV 51:24 · Note The segment 'as you watch(ed)' could also apply to Bavel getting repaid, so other translations might choose differently here.

Literal Version

YHWH. **27** Lift_up a_standard on_the_earth blow a_trumpet among_nations consecrate on/upon_it(f) nations summon on/upon_it(f) the_kingdoms_of ʾArāraṭ Minniy and_ʾAshkənaz appoint on/upon_it(f) an_official bring_up horse[s] like_ _locust[s] bristly. **28** Consecrate on/upon_it(f) nations ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _kings_of Māday ᴅᴏᴍ governors_of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of officials_ _of_its and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_land_of his_dominion_of_his. **29** And_ the_earth/land _it_quaked and_it_writhed if/because it_will_ _be_fulfilled on Bāvel the_plans_of **YHWH** to_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _land_of Bāvel into_a_waste from_not an_inhabitant. **30** The_ _warriors_of Bāvel they_will_cease to_fight they_will_remain in_strongholds strength_of_their it_will_be_dry they_will_ _become (into)_women they_will_be_set_on_fire dwellings_of_ _its bars_of_its they_will_be_broken. **31** A_runner to_meet a_ _runner he_will_run and_a_messenger to_meet a_messenger to_announce to_the_king_of Bāvel if/because_that city_of_his it_has_been_captured from_the_end. **32** And_the_fords they_ _have_been_seized and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_reed-pools they_have_burnt with_fire and_the_men_of (the)_war they_are_terrified. **33** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_says the_daughter_of Bāvel will_be_like_a_ _threshing_floor a_time when_someone_treads_it_down yet a_ _little and_ the_time_of the_harvest _it_will_come to/for_ _her/it. **34** Mmm[308] mmm[309] Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel mmm[310] a_vessel_of emptiness mmm[311] like_(the)_ _monster he_filled belly_of_his from_delicacies_of_my mmm[312]. **35** Violence_of_my and_flesh_of_my be_on Bāvel the_ _inhabitant[s]_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) she_will_say and_blood_of_my be_to the_inhabitants_of Chaldea Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_ _will_say.

36 For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_ _to_conduct ᴅᴏᴍ case_of_your and_I_will_avenge ᴅᴏᴍ vengeance_of_your and_I_will_dry_up ᴅᴏᴍ sea_of_its and_I_ _will_make_dry ᴅᴏᴍ spring_of_its. **37** And_ Bāvel _it_will_

Readers' Version

26 so they won't quarry any stone from you to construct a building's corner or foundation.
because you'll become a permanent wasteland.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
27 Lift up a banner over the earth.
Blow the trumpet across the nations.
Call the nations to attack it: Ararat, Mini, and Ashkenaz.
Appoint a commander to attack it.
Bring in horses like swarming locusts.
28 Prepare the nations to attack it:
The kings of the Madim (Medes) and their governors,
all of their officials and all the land under their control.
29 The land will shake and writhe in agony,
since Yahweh's plans against Bavel (Babylon) will be fulfilled:
→to make Bavel into a deserted wasteland.
30 The Babylonian soldiers have given up the fight—they stay in their fortresses.
Their strength has run out—they've become like women.
The locking bars across its gates are broken and its homes are on fire.
31 A messenger runs across to pass the news onto another messenger,
and a runner tells another runner to report to the Babylonian king
that his city has been taken over from one end to the other.
32 The fords over the river have been seized
the reed marshes have been burnt off,
and Bavel's (Babylon's) soldiers are terrified
33 Yes, Yisrael's (Israel's) god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, says this:
The daughter of Bavel is like a threshing floor—it's time to trample it down.
In a little while, the time will come for it to be harvested.
34 The Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) has devoured me.
He's driven me into confusion and made me into an empty pot.
Like a monster, he's swallowed me—filled his stomach with my delicacies,
→and then he spat me out.
35 The one who lives in Tsiyon (Zion) will say,
'May the violence done to me and to my flesh be on Bavel.'
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will say,
'May my blood be on Kasdim's inhabitants.'
36 Therefore Yahweh says this:

Yahweh's assistance to Yisrael

Listen, I'm about to plead your case and bring about vengeance for you

308 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/לכא**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְלָכֶא: lemma_398 morph_HVqp3ms/Sp1cs id_24fqc יִנְלָכֶא
309 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/ממה**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְמָמֵה: lemma_2000 n_1.3.1 morph_HVqp3ms/Sp1cs id_24QAy יִנְמָמֵה
310 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/גיצה**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְגִיצֵה: lemma_3322 n_1.2.0 morph_HVhp3ms/Sp1cs id_24BMJ יִנְגִיצֵה
311 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/עלב**: (x-qere) ʾיִנְעָלְבּ: lemma_1104 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqp3ms/Sp1cs id_24GLM יִנְעָלְבּ
312 **LV 51:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ונ/חירה**: (x-qere) ʾיִנָּחִירֵה: lemma_1740 n_0 morph_HVhp3ms/Sp1cs id_2464g יִנָּחִירֵה

Readers' Version

because I'll dry up Bavel's (Babylon's) river and make its springs run dry.
37 Bavel will become heaps of rubble without any inhabitants—
a den of jackals, a horror, and something to whistle at.
38 The Babylonians will roar together like young lions.
They will growl like lion cubs.
39 When they become hot with greed, I'll make a feast for them
and I'll get them drunk so they can celebrate.
→Then they'll enter into permanent sleep and not wake up.
That is Yahweh's declaration.
40 I'll send them down to the slaughter,
like lambs, rams, and male goats.

Punishing Bavel and its god

41 Wow, Bavel (Babylon) (Heb. Sheshak) has been captured.
The city praised by the whole world has been seized.
Wow, Bavel has become a horror among the nations.
42 The sea has come up over Bavel.
It's been covered by its violent waves.
43 Its cities have become a wasteland, a dry, wilderness region—
an area that no one lives in, and no human being even passes through.
44 I'll punish Bavel's god Bel
and I'll pull what he swallowed back out of his mouth,
Then the nations will no longer go streaming to him to placate him.
What's more, Bavel's walls will fall.
45 Come out from Bavel, my people.
Each of you should save their own life from Yahweh's furious anger.
46 Don't be discouraged or afraid due to the report that's heard in the land,
as there'll be a report one year and the again the year after.
There'll be violence will in the world—ruler will be against ruler.
47 Therefore, listen, the time is coming when I'll punish the Bavel's carved idols.
People across their country will be ashamed,
and their slaughtered soldiers will all fall right there in their country.
48 Then the heavens and the earth, and everyone in them will celebrate over Bavel's fall[313]
because destroyers from the north will come for it
That is Yahweh's declaration. **49** As Bavel has made Yisrael's (Israel's) slain warriors fall,
so too their slain will fall in Bavel.[314]

Yahweh's message to Israelis in Bavel

50 You all who escaped from being killed in war, go away—don't stay still.
Remember Yahweh even though you're all far away.

Literal Version

_become (into)_heaps_stones a_habitation_of jackals a_horror and_a_hissing from_not an_inhabitant. **38** Together like_(the)_ _lions they_roar they_growl like_cubs_of lions. **39** When_they_ _get_heated I_will_make ĐOM their_drinking/feast and_I_will_ _make_them_drunk so_that they_may_celebrate and_they_will_ _sleep a_sleep_of perpetuity and_not they_will_awake the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**. **40** I_will_bring_them_down like_lambs for_slaughtering like_rams with goats.

41 How Shēshak it_will_be_captured and_ the_praise_of all_of the_earth/land _it_has_been_seized how it_will_become (into)_ _a_horror Bāvel among_nations. **42** It_will_go_up over Bāvel the_sea with_the_tumult_of its_waves_of_his it_will_be_ _covered. **43** Cities_of_its they_will_become (into)_a_waste a_ _land_of dryness and_a_wilderness_plain a_land where_not he_ _will_dwell in_them any_of person and_not he_will_pass in_ _them a_child_of humankind. **44** And_I_will_visit_judgement on Bel in_Bāvel and_I_will_bring_out ĐOM thing_of_his_swallowed from_mouth_of_his and_not they_will_stream to_him/it again nations also the_wall_of Bāvel it_will_fall. **45** Come_out from_ _the_midst_of_of_it my_people_of_my and_save everyone ĐOM life_of_his from_the_burning_of the_anger of_**YHWH**. **46** And_ _lest heart_of_your(pl) it_should_be_timid and_you(pl)_should_ _fear at_report which_is_heard on_the_earth and_it_will_come in_year the_report and_after_it in_year the_report and_ _violence on_the_earth and_ruler will_be_on ruler. **47** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming and_I_will_visit_ _judgement on the_images_of Bāvel and_all land_of_its it_will_ _be_ashamed and_all its_slain_of_ones they_will_fall in_the_ _midst_of_of_it. **48** And_they_will_cry_out_for_joy on Bāvel heaven and_earth and_all/each/any/every that (is)_in_them if/because from_the_north he_will_come to/for_her/it the_ _destroyers the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **49** Both Bāvel is_to_fall those_slain_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) as_well_as for_Bāvel those_slain_ _of all_of the_earth/land they_have_fallen.

50 Oh_escapees from_the_sword go do_not stand_still remember from_a_distance ĐOM **YHWH** and_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) let_it_come_up on heart_of_your(pl). **51** We_are_ashamed if/because we_have_heard scorn ignominy

313 **RV 51:48 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:20.

314 **RV 51:49 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:24.

Literal Version

it_has_covered faces_of_our if/because strangers they_have_ _gone to the_holy_places_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **52** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE days are_coming the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_visit_judgement on images_of_its and_ _on/over_all land_of_its the_fatally_wounded he_will_groan. **53** If/because Bāvel it_will_go_up the_heavens and_ _because/when it_will_fortify the_height_of its_strength_of_ _her from_with_me destroyers they_will_come to/for_her/it the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

54 The_sound_of a_cry_of_distress is_from_Bāvel and_ _destruction great is_from_the_land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **55** If/because **YHWH** is_about_to_destroy ĐOM Bāvel and_he_ _will_destroy from_her/it a_sound great and_ waves_of_their _ _they_will_roar like_waters many the_uproar_of their_voice_of_ _their it_will_be_given_forth. **56** If/because is_about_to_come on/upon_it(f) on Bāvel a_destroyer and_ its_of_warriors _they_ _will_be_captured bows_of_their it_will_be_shattered if/because is_a_god_of recompense(s) **YHWH** fully_(repay) he_ _will_repay. **57** And_I_will_make_drunk officials_of_its and_its_ _wise_of_people governors_of_its and_officials_of_its and_its_ _of_warriors and_they_will_sleep a_sleep_of perpetuity and_ _not they_will_awake the_utterance_of the_king is_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers his/its_name. **58** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says the_walls_of Bāvel (the)_broad utterly_(laid_bare) it_will_be_laid_bare and_gates_of_its (the)_ _high with_fire they_will_be_kindled and_ peoples _they_ _labour for_the_sufficiency_of emptiness and_peoples for_the_ _sufficiency_of fire and_they_grow_weary.

59 The_message which he_commanded Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah) the_prophet ĐOM Sərā^{yāh} the_son_of Nēriy^{yāh} the_son_of Maḥsē^{yāh} when_went_he with Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah) the_king_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Bāvel in_year (the)_fourth of_reigning_ _his and_Sərā^{yāh} was_an_official_of a_resting_place. **60** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he_wrote ĐOM all_of the_calamity which it_will_come to Bāvel to a_scroll one ĐOM all_of the_words/messages the_ _these which_were_written concerning Bāvel. **61** And_ Yirmə^{yāh} _he/it_said to Sərā^{yāh} just_as_you_come Bāvel and_ _you_will_see and_you_will_read_aloud ĐOM all_of the_ _words/messages the_these. **62** And_you_will_say Oh_**YHWH** you you_have_spoken concerning the_place the_this to_cut_it_ _off to_not to_be in/on/over_him/it an_inhabitant (to)_from_ _humankind and_unto animal if/because desolations_of perpetuity it_will_be. **63** And_it_was just_as_you_have_finished to_call ĐOM the_scroll the_this you_will_tie on/upon/above_ _him/it a_stone and_you_will_throw_it into the_middle_of the_

Readers' Version

Start bringing Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to mind.
51 We're ashamed because we've heard insults—
our feeling of being disgraced can be seen on our faces,
because foreigners have entered the sacred places in Yahweh's house.
52 So Yahweh declares:
Listen, the time is coming when I'll punish Bavel's (Babylon's) carved idols,
and their wounded people will groan across that entire region.
53 Yes, even if Bavel built tall towers or fortified their highest fortresses,
destroyers that I've sent would still go there.
That is Yahweh's declaration.

More on Bavel's destruction

54 A cry of distress came from Bavel (Babylon)—
terrible destruction from the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans)
55 because Yahweh is about to destroy Bavel.
He's causing its loud voice to die away.
Their enemies roar like violent ocean waves—
their noise becomes very prominent
56 because a destroyer has come against it, against Bavel,
and their soldiers have been captured.
Their weapons are shattered because Yahweh is a god of vengeance—
he'll definitely repay them fully.
57 I'll make its princes, advisors, officials, and its soldiers drunk,
and they will sleep in a permanent stupor and never wake up.
That is the king's declaration—Commander-in-chief Yahweh is his name.
58 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this:
Bavel's (Babylon's) thick walls will be completely demolished,
and its tall gates will be set on fire.
The peoples coming to their aid will waste their time trying—
everything that the nations try to do for it will be burnt up.

Yirmiyah's message to be read out in Bavel

59 This is the message that the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) commanded Serayah (son of Neriyah, son of Mahseyah)
when he went with Yehudah's (Judah's) King Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) to Bavel (Babylon) in the fourth year of his reign.
Now Serayah was a chief officer,
60 and Yirmiyah had written on a scroll about all the disaster that was going to come to Bavel—
all these messages that were written about Bavel.
61 Then Yirmiyah told Serayah, "When you go to Bavel, ensure that you read these messages aloud **62** and then pray, 'Yahweh, you yourself have declared that you would destroy this place, and then that no man or animal will live in it and it'll be desolate forever.' **63** Then when you've finished reading out this scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Perat

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(Euphrates) River.[315] **64** Say, 'Bavel will sink like that. It won't ever recover from the disaster that I'm sending against it, and they'll become irrelevant'
Yirmiyah's messages end here.

Yerushalem's fall and Tsidkiyah's end · Southern kingdom[316]

52:1 Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah) was twenty-one when he began to reign and he reigned from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) for eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal. (She was the daughter of Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) from Livnah.) **2** He did what was evil in Yahweh's sight just as his father Yehoyakim had done. **3** All these events happened in Yerushalem and across the rest of Yehudah (Judah) because of Yahweh's anger, until he drove them out of his sight.

Then Tsidkiyah rebelled against the Babylonian king, **4** so on the 10th of the tenth month of the ninth year of King Tsidkiyah's reign, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) came and surrounded Yerushalem with all his army. They took action to put the city under siege[317] **5** and the it remained under siege until the eleventh year of King Tsidkiyah's reign. **6** By the 9th of the fourth month, the famine was so severe in the city that there was no more food for the residents. **7** Then the city was broken into,[318] and all the fighting men fled out of the city at night by the way of the gate that was between the two walls near the king's garden, even though the Kasdim (Chaldeans) were all around the city. So they went in the direction of the Aravah plain along the Yarden (Jordan) river. **8** But the Chaldean army chased after the king, and overtook Tsidkiyah in the Yarden river plains near Yeriho (Jericho). All his army was then scattered away from him. **9** They captured the king and brought him up to the Babylonian king at Rivlah in Hamat region, where he passed sentence on him. **10** Then the Babylonian king slaughtered Tsidkiyah's sons right there in front of his eyes, and he also slaughtered all of Yehudah's leaders there at Rivlah. **11** Then he had Tsidkiyah's eyes gouged out, shackled him with bronze chains, and took him to Bavel (Babylon) where the Babylonian king put him in prison until he died there.[319]

The Babylonians destroy the temple · Southern kingdom[322]

12 Then on the 10th of the fifth month in the nineteenth year of the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) reign, Nevuzar-Adan came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). He was the commander of the king's bodyguards

Literal Version

_Pərāt. **64** And_you_will_say thus Bāvel it_will_sink and_not it_ _will_rise from_face/in_front_of the_calamity which I am_ _about_to_bring on/upon_it(f) and_they_will_grow_weary are_ _to here the_words/messages_of Yirmᵊyāh/(Jeremiah).
52:1 Was_a_son_of twenty and_one year[s] Tsidqiyʸāh/(Zedekiah) when_he_became_king and_one_plus ten year[s] he_reigned in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_name_of his/its_mother was_Ḥₐmūṭal[320] the_daughter_of Yirmᵊyāh from_Livnāh. **2** And_he/it_made the_evil in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH** according_to_all that Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) he_had_ _done. **3** If/because on the_anger of_**YHWH** it_happened in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) until he_ _threw_out them from_under his/its_faces/face and_ Tsidqiyʸāh _he_rebelled against_the_king_of Bāvel. **4** And_he/it_was in_ _year (the)_ninth of_reigning_his in_month (the)_tenth on_ten of_month Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he and_all army_ _of_his he_came on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_ _encamped on/upon_it(f) and_they_built on/upon_it(f) a_ _siege-work all_around. **5** And_ the_city _it_came in_(the)_siege until one_plus_of ten year to/for_the_king Tsidqiyʸāh. **6** In_ _month the_fourth on_day_nine of_month and_ the_famine _it_ _was_severe in_city and_not it_belonged food to_the_people_of the_earth/land. **7** And_ the_city _it_was_broken_into and_all the_men_of (the)_war they_fled and_they_went_out from_the_ _city night the_way_of the_gate between the_two_walls which was_at the_garden_of the_king and_the_ones_from_Kasdiy were_on the_city all_around and_they_went the_way_of the_ _ʿArāvāh. **8** And_ the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_ _pursued after the_king and_they_overtook ᴅᴏᴍ Tsidqiyʸāh/(Zedekiah) in_the_plains_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) and_all army_of_his they_were_scattered from_with_him. **9** And_they_ _seized ᴅᴏᴍ the_king and_they_brought_up ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_ _king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt and_he/it_spoke with_him/it judgements. **10** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_ _slaughtered ᴅᴏᴍ the_sons_of Tsidqiyʸāh to_eyes_of_his and_ _also ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_officials_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_ _slaughtered at_Rivlāh_at. **11** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_eyes_of Tsidqiyʸāh he_made_blind and_he_bound_him with_(the)_fetters and_he_ _brought_him the_king_of Bāvel to_Bāvel and_he_put_him in/on/at/with[321] of_(the)_punishment(s) until the_day_of his_ _death_of_his.

12 And_in_month (the)_fifth on_ten of_month it was_year_of nine- teen year to/for_the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel Nəvūzarₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_stood to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king_of Bāvel he_came in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** And_he_burnt ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_ _of **YHWH** and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of the_king and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_

315 RV 51:63-64 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:21.
316 RV 52:1 · Parallel 2 Kgs 24:18–25:7
317 RV 52:4 · Cross-ref. Eze 24:2.
318 RV 52:7 · Cross-ref. Eze 33:21.
319 RV 52:11 · Cross-ref. Eze 12:13.
320 LV 52:1 · Note OSHB variant note: לטימח: (x-qere) 'לָטוּמָֽח': lemma_2537 morph_HNp id_24v3H לָטוּמָֽח
321 LV 52:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תיב/ב: (x-qere) 'תֵּיבָ': lemma_1004 b morph_HNcmsc id_24JoE תֵּיבָ
322 RV 52:12 · Parallel 2 Kgs 25:8-17

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_houses_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ĐƟM every_of (the)_ _house_of (the)_great_person he_burnt with_fire. **14** And_ĐƟM all_of the_walls_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) all_around all_of the_army_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy which was_with the_chief_ _of the_bodyguards they_pulled_down. **15** And_some_of_the_ _poor_people_of the_people and_ĐƟM the_rest_of the_people which_remained in_city and_ĐƟM those_who_had_fallen who they_had_fallen to the_king_of Bāvel and_ĐƟM the_rest_of the_ _craftsman Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_ _took_into_exile. **16** And_some_of_the_poor_people_of the_ _earth/land Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_ _left_behind to_vinedressers and_to_husbandmen. **17** And_ĐƟM the_pillars_of (the)_bronze which belonged_to_the_house_of **YHWH** and_ĐƟM the_stands and_ĐƟM the_sea_of (the)_bronze which in_house_of **YHWH** the_ones_from_Kasdiy they_broke and_they_carried_off ĐƟM all_of bronze_of_their to_Bāvel. **18** And_ĐƟM the_pots and_ĐƟM the_shovels and_ĐƟM the_ _snuffers and_ĐƟM the_bowls and_ĐƟM the_pans and_ĐƟM all_of the_articles_of (the)_bronze which people_served in/among_ _them they_took_away. **19** And_ĐƟM the_basins and_ĐƟM the_ _fire-pans and_ĐƟM the_bowls and_ĐƟM the_pots and_ĐƟM the_ _lampstands and_ĐƟM the_pans and_ĐƟM the_bowls which were_gold gold and_which were_silver silver the_chief_of the_ _bodyguards he_took_away. **20** The_pillars two the_sea one and_the_bull[s] two_plus ten bronze which were_under the_ _stands which the_king Shəlomoh/(Solomon) he_had_made for_the_house_of **YHWH** not it_belonged weight to_bronze_of_ _their all_of the_vessels the_these. **21** And_the_pillars was_ _eight- teen cubit[s] the_height_of[325] of_the_pillar the_one and_a_line_of two_plus ten cubit[s] it_goes_round_it and_ _thickness_of_its was_four fingers hollow. **22** And_a_capital on/upon/above_him/it bronze and_the_height_of the_capital the_one(f) was_five cubits and_a_network and_pomegranates were_on the_capital all_around (the)_everything was_bronze and_like_these belonged_to_pillar the_second and_ _pomegranates. **23** And_ the_pomegranates _they_were ninety and_six side_to_the all_of the_pomegranates were_one_ _hundred on the_network all_around.

24 And_ the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took ĐƟM Sərāʸᵃʰ the_priest_of the_head and_ĐƟM Tsəfanʸᵃʰ/(Zephaniah) the_ _priest_of the_second_rank and_ĐƟM the_three_of the_keepers_ _of the_threshold. **25** And_from the_city he_took a_ _court-official one who he_was an_officer over the_men_of (the)_war and_seven men from_those_who_saw_of (of)_the_ _face_of the_king who they_were_found in_city and_ĐƟM the_ _scribe_of the_commander_of the_army who_mustered ĐƟM the_people_of the_earth/land and_sixty man from_the_people_ _of the_earth/land who_were_found in_the_middle the_city. **26** And_ Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards _he/it_took them and_he_brought them to the_king_of Bāvel to_Rivlāh. **27** And_ the_king_of Bāvel _he_struck_down them and_he_put_ _them_to_death at_Rivlāh in_land of_Ḥₐmāt and_

Readers' Version

and a servant of the Babylonian king. **13** He burnt down Yahweh's house,[323] the king's palace, and all the homes in Yerushalem, as well as every important building in the city. **14** As for the walls all around Yerushalem, they were pulled down by the Babylonian army who were with the commander of the bodyguards. **15** Some of the poorer people and the rest of the people who remained in the city, as well as those who'd defected to the Babylonian king, and the rest of the craftsmen were taken into exile by Nevuzar-Adan, **16** However, Nevuzar-Adan, the commander of the bodyguards, left some of the poorest people to work the vineyards and the fields.

17 As for the bronze pillars that were part of Yahweh's temple, and the large bronze basin called 'The Sea', and the stands that were in it, the Kasdim (Chaldeans) broke them into pieces and carried all the bronze back to Bavel (Babylon).[324] **18** The pots, shovels, lamp trimmers, bowls, and all the bronze utensils that the priests had used when serving in the temple, were all taken away by the Kasdim. **19** Also, the basins and incense burners, the bowls, pots, lampstands, pans, and basins that were made of gold or silver, were taken away by the commander of the king's bodyguards. **20** The two pillars, the large bronze basin known as 'The Sea', and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the stands, things that Shelomoh (Solomon) had made for Yahweh's temple, contained too much bronze to weigh. **21** (Each pillar was eight metres high with a circumference of nearly six metres. Each pillar was hollow with a 8cm thick wall **22** with a bronze capital on the top. Each capital was over two metres high, with bronze latticework and bronze pomegranates all around. **23** There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides of each capital, and another hundred pomegranates above the surrounding latticework.)

The people of Yehudah are exiled to Bavel · Southern kingdom[326]

24 The commander of the bodyguards took the high priest Serayah prisoner, along with the second-level priest Tsefanyah (Zephaniah), and the three gatekeepers. **25** From the city, he took an army commander prisoner, as well as seven of the king's advisers who were still in the city. He also took prisoner the king's army recruitment officer, along with sixty important men from the country who were in the city. **26** Then Nevuzar-Adan, the commander of the bodyguards, took them to the Babylonian king at Rivlah, **27** and the king put them to death there at Rivlah in the Hamat region.

So Yehudah's (Judah's) people were taken out of their country

323 **RV 52:13 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 9:8.

324 **RV 52:17-23 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 7:15-47.

325 **LV 52:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: הַמָּזֹךְ: (x-qere) 'תַּמָּזֹךְ': lemma_6967 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfsc id_24GkJ תַּמָּזֹךְ

326 **RV 52:24 · Parallel** 2 Kgs 25:18-21, 27-30

Readers' Version

and into exile. **28** These were the people who Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) exiled:

In Nevukadnetsar's seventh year, 3,023 Yehudim (Jews).

29 In his eighteenth year, he took 832 people from Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

30 In his twenty-third year, Nevuzar-Adan, the commander of the king's bodyguards, exiled 745 Yehudi (Jew) people.
All those exiles totalled 4,600 people.

31 Some time later on the 25th of the twelfth month of the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakin, Bavel's (Babylon's) King Evil-Merodak (in the first year of his reign) released King Yehoyakin from prison. **32** He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honourable than that of the other exiled kings who were with him in Bavel. **33** Evil-Merodak supplied new clothes for Yehoyakin to wear, and he ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. **34** He was also given a daily allowance by the king for the rest of his life.

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Literal Version

Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _it_went_into_exile from_under land_of_its. **28** This is_the_people which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_took_into_ _exile in_year seven Yəhūdī/(Judeans) three_of thousand(s) and_twenty and_three. **29** In_year eight- teen of_ _Nəvūkadnetstsar from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) person[s] eight hundred(s) thirty and_two. **30** In_year three and_twenty of_Nəvūkadnetstsar Nəvūzar'ₐdān the_chief_of the_bodyguards he_took_into_exile Yəhūdī person[s] seven hundred(s) forty and_five every_of person was_four_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s). **31** And_he/it_was in_thirty and_seven year of_the_ _exile_of of_Yəhōyākīn/(Jehoiachin) the_king_of Yəhūdāh in_ _two_plus ten month on_day_twenty and_five of_month 'Evīl-Mərodak the_king_of Bāvel he_lifted_up in_year his_kingdom_ _of_his ᴅᴏᴍ the_head_of Yəhōyākīn the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_ _he_brought_out him from_the_house_of the[327]. **32** And_he/it_ _spoke with_him/it good_things and_he/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ seat_of_ _his from_above (to)_the_seat_of the_kings[328] who with_him/it in_Bāvel. **33** And_he_changed ᴅᴏᴍ the_clothes_of his_ _imprisonment_of_his and_he/it_will_eat bread before_him continually all_of the_days_of his_life_of_his. **34** And_his_food_ _of_allowance a_food_allowance_of continuity it_was_given for_him/it from_with the_king_of Bāvel a_matter_of a_day in_ _its_day until the_day_of his_death_of_his all_of the_days_of his/its_life.

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327 **LV 52:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: אילכ/ה: (x-qere) 'אוּלְכ/ה': lemma_d/3628 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_24Bxf אוּלְכ/ה

328 **LV 52:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיכלמ: (x-qere) 'סֵיכָלְמ/ה': lemma_d/4428 n_0.0.0 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_24chJ סֵיכָלְמ/ה

Sorrows

commonly called
Lamentations

Introduction

The document named *Sorrows* (or in older English *Lamentations*) is this collection of poems or sad songs describing the people's sorrow at the terrible destruction that had happened to Yerushalem, and the capture of its inhabitants 586 years before Yeshua (B.C.). However, despite the sadness displayed by these compositions, it's also possible to see hope shown through trusting Yahweh God and the hope of a better future. These poems were used by Yehudim[1] there in worship at time of fasting and sorrow each year, until today, in order to mourn Yerushalem's destruction. Several of these sorrowful chapters are acrostic poems, i.e., the first verse starts with the first Hebrew letter (alef) and the second with the second Hebrew letter (beyt), etc. We have chosen to display those Hebrew letters to help the English reader understand that there is that acrostic background to the poem.

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1 RV 1:0 · Note The Yehudim were the descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) who was later named 'Israel'. They were named Yehudim because they had lived in Yehudah (Judea) long ago.

Readers' Version

Yerushalem's sorrows

א (Alef)

1:1 Oh dear, how she sits alone, that city, a mighty people.

Once powerful among the nations, she's become like a widow.

From being a princess among the provinces, she became a slave.

ב (Beyt)

2 She weeps excessively in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks.

Despite having many lovers, no one brings her comfort.

All her friends betrayed her—they've become her enemies instead.

ג (Gimel)

3 Yehudah (Judah) is exiled and made to experience suffering and harsh slavery.

She sits among the nations but finds no rest.

All who pursue her, overtake her in the midst of distress.

ד (Dalet)

4 The roads of Tsiyon (Zion) mourn—no one's coming to the scheduled festivals.

All her gates are desolate. Her priests are groaning.

Her young women are grieving and she makes herself bitter.

ה (He)

5 Her enemies have become her masters—her enemies prosper because Yahweh has made her suffer due to her frequent disobedience.

Her children get taken away as captives by the enemy.

ו (Vav)

6 All her splendour was sent out from the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion).

Her leaders have become like deer—they can't find a pasture so they have very little strength as they flee from the pursuer.

ז (Zayin)

7 Yerushalem (Jerusalem) remembers the days of her suffering and her homelessness,

all her treasures which were from former days.

When her people fell into the hand of the enemy and there was no one to help her,

her enemies saw her—they laughed over her destruction.

ח (Het)

8 Yerushalem disobeyed terribly, therefore, she became filth.

All her glory is scorned, because they've seen her nakedness.

Again, she groans and turns away.

Literal Version

1:1 How it_sits alone the_city great_of people it_has_become like_a_widow one_great_of[234] among_nations a_princess_of among_provinces it_has_become (into)_forced_labour. **2** Bitterly_(weep) it_weeps in_night and_tear[s]_of_its are_on cheek_of_its there_is_not to/for_her/it a_comforter from_all lovers_of_its all_of friends_of_its they_have_dealt_ _treacherously with_it they_have_become to/for_her/it (into)_ _enemies. **3** Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_gone_into_exile from_ _affliction and_from_an_abundance_of servitude it it_dwells among_nations not it_has_found a_resting_place all_of those_ _of_who_pursue_it they_have_overtaken_it between the_ _narrow_places. **4** The_roads_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) are_mourning from_not_of those_who_come_of (of)_an_appointed_feast all_of gates_of_its are_desolate priests_of_its are_groaning virgins_of_ _its are_grieved[56] and_she it_is_bitter to/for_her/it. **5** Foes_of_ _its they_have_become (into)_a_head enemies_of_its they_are_ _at_ease if/because **YHWH** he_has_grieved_it on the_ _multitude_of its_transgressions_of_her children_of_its they_ _have_gone captivity to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_foe. **6** And_he/it_went_out wwww wwww[7] of_Tsiyyōn all_of splendour_of_its princes_of_its they_have_become like_deer which_not they_have_found pasture and_they_have_gone with_ _not strength to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before one_who_ _pursued. **7** Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_remembered the_ _days_of its_affliction_of_her and_homelessness(es)_of_its all_ _of things_of_its_precious which they_were from_days_of antiquity when_ people_of_its _fell in_the_hand_of a_foe and_ _there_was_not a_helper to/for_her/it they_saw_it foes they_ _laughed on cessation(s)_of_its. **8** Sin Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_sinned therefore yes/correct/thus/so (into)_impurity it_has_become all_of those_of_who_honoured_it they_despise_ _it if/because they_have_seen nakedness_of_its also it it_has_ _groaned and_it_has_turned_away backward. **9** Uncleanness_ _of_its was_the_skirts_of_of_its_robe not it_remembered outcome_of_its and_it_has_come_down wonders there_is_not a_comforter to/for_her/it see Oh_**YHWH** ~~DOM~~ affliction_of_my if/because the_enemy it_has_magnified_itself. **10** His/its_hand the_foe he_has_spread_out over all_of things_of_its_desirable if/because it_saw nations which_they_went sanctuary_of_its which you_had_commanded not they_will_come in_assembly to/for_you(fs). **11** All_of people_of_its are_groaning they_are_ _seeking bread they_have_given mmm[89] for_food to_restore life see Oh_**YHWH** and_look if/because I_am worthless. **12** Not to_you(pl) Oh_all_of you(pl)_who_pass_by_of the_road look and_see if there_is pain like_pain_of_my which it_has_been_ _done to_me which **YHWH** he_has_caused_grief in/on_day of_ _the_burning_of his_anger_of_his. **13** From_a_high_place he_ _sent fire in_bones_of_my and_he_mastered_it he_spread_out

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3 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

4 **LV 1:1 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

5 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

6 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

7 **LV 1:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תִּבְ֣מ: (x-qere) 'תַּבְ/מ': lemma_m/1323 morph_HR/Ncfsc id_25A74 תַּבְ/מ

8 **LV 1:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: סֶהְ/ידַמְחַמ: (x-qere) 'סֶהְ/ידַמְחַמ': lemma_4261 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3mp id_25SaV סֶהְ/ידַמְחַמ

9 **LV 1:11 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

Literal Version

a_net for_feet_of_my bring_back_made_me_turn_back backward he_made_me desolate all_of the_day faint. **14** The_ _yoke_of my_transgressions_of_my it_has_been_bound_on in_ _his/its_hand they_are_woven_together they_have_come_up on neck_of_my he_has_made_feeble strength_of_my he_has_ _given_me my_master in_the_hands_of those_whom_not I_am_ _able to_stand. **15** He_has_thrown_away all_of my_mighty_of_ _ones my_master in_midst_of_my he_has_proclaimed on_me an_appointed_meeting to_break men_of_my_young a_ _winepress my_master he_has_trodden for_the_virgin_of the_ _daughter_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **16** On these_things I am_ _weeping eye_of_my eye_of_my is_going_down water if/because he_is_far from_me a_comforter who_restores life_ _of_my children_of_my they_are desolate if/because an_enemy he_has_prevailed. **17** Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it_has_spread_out (in)_ _hands_of_its there_is_not a_comforter to/for_her/it **YHWH** he_has_commanded of_Ya′$_a$qov/(Jacob) those_around_of_him be_his_foes_of_will Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_has_become (into)_an_impure_thing between_them. **18** Is_righteous he **YHWH** if/because mouth_of_his I_have_been_rebellious listen please Oh_all_of the_peoples[10] and_see pain_of_my women_of_ _my_young and_my_young_of_men they_have_gone in_ _captivity. **19** I_called to_lovers_of_my they they_betrayed_me priests_of_my and_my_of_elders in_city they_perished if/because they_sought food for_themselves and_they_restored ~~DOM~~ life_of_their. **20** See Oh_**YHWH** if/because distress to_me parts_of_my_inward they_are_in_turmoil heart_of_my it_has_ _been_overturned in_my_inner_of_being if/because extremely_ _(be_rebellious) I_have_been_rebellious from_outside a_sword it_has_bereaved is_in_house like_death. **21** They_heard if/because_that I was_groaning there_is_not a_comforter to_me all_of enemies_of_my they_heard distress_of_my they_rejoiced that/for/because/then/when you you_have_acted you_have_ _brought the_day which_you_proclaimed and_let_them_be like_ _me. **22** All_of wickedness_of_their may_it_come to_your_face and_deal_severely to_them just_as you_have_dealt_severely to_ _me on all_of transgressions_of_my if/because are_many groaning(s)_of_my and_heart_of_my is_faint.

Readers' Version

ט (Tet)

9 Her uncleanness is in her skirt.

She didn't remember her end and her descent was marvellous.

There wasn't any comforter for her.

"Oh, Yahweh, see my suffering, because the enemy is powerful."

י (Yod)

10 The enemy spread his hand over all her treasures.

So, she saw the nations; they entered her sanctuary—

those who you had forbidden to enter into your gathering place.

כ (Kaf)

11 All her people are groaning, searching for bread.

They give their treasures to restore life with food.

"Look and see, Yahweh, because I've become worthless.

ל (Lamed)

12 Is it nothing to you, all those going past on the road?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been forced on me,

which Yahweh inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

מ (Mem)

13 He sent fire down from on high into my bones.

He spread a net for my feet and turned me away.

He made me desolate—feeling faint every day.

נ (Nun)

14 The yoke of my disobedience is bound.

With his hand it's assembled together and placed on my neck.

My strength is gone so now I stumble.

My master arranged for me to be captured and I couldn't defend myself.

ס (Samek)

15 My master has rejected all my mighty warriors protecting me.

He has told us exactly when he plans to destroy my young men.

My master has stomped on the grapes for Yehudah's (Judah's) virgin daughter.

ע (Ayin)

16 As a result of those things, I weep.

My eyes, oh dear, my eyes overflow with water

because the comforter is far from me—one who restores my life.

My sons have become desolate, because the enemy is made mighty."

פ (Pe)

17 Tsiyon (Zion) has spread her hands wide—there is no comforter for her.

Yahweh commanded that those surrounding Ya'akov (Jacob) become his enemies.

Yerushalem (Jerusalem) has become filth in the middle of them.

10 LV 1:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **רימע**: (x-qere) 'סִ֣ימְעָ֔ה': lemma_d/5971 a n_0.1.1 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_25qK3 סִ֣ימְעָ֔ה

Readers' Version

צ (Tsade)
18 "Yahweh is surely righteous, but I disobeyed his command.
Hear, all peoples, and see my sorrow.
My young men and women have been taken into captivity.
ק (Qof)
19 I called to my lovers but they deceived me.
My priests and my elders perished in the city,
while they searched for food to stay alive.
ר (Resh)
20 Look, Yahweh, because I'm engulfed—my stomach churns.
My heart is undone within me, because I've disobeyed grievously.
Out in the street, the sword bereaves.
Inside the house, there's death.
ש (Sin/Shin)
21 Take notice because I'm groaning.
There's no comforter for me.
All my enemies heard my trouble—they rejoiced that you did it.
You brought about the day of punishment that you declared,
yet may those persecutors become like me.
ת (Tav)
22 May all their evil be noticed by you,
and deal with them just as you have dealt with me because of all my disobedience,
because my groans are many and my heart is faint."

Yahweh's punishment of Yerushalem

א (Alef)
2:1 Oh dear, how my master engulfed the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion) in his anger.
He's thrown Yisrael's (Israel's) splendour down from heaven to earth.
And he hasn't remembered the footstool of his feet on the day of his anger.
ב (Beyt)
2 My master devoured—he didn't show compassion on all the pastures of Ya'akov (Jacob).
In his fury, he knocked down the fortifications of the daughter of Yehudah (Judah).
He struck the earth with disgrace—the kingdom and its leaders.
ג (Gimel)
3 With fierce anger he cut off all of Yisrael's power.
He stopped using his strength to protect her from the enemy.
And he has burnt Ya'akov—it consumed the surroundings like a fire.
ד (Dalet)
4 He's bent his bow like an enemy.

Literal Version

2:1 How he_covers_with_a_cloud in_anger_of_his my_master ~~DOM~~ the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) he_has_thrown from_ _heaven earth the_splendour_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not he_ _has_remembered the_footstool_of his_feet_of_his in/on_day his_anger_of_his. **2** My_master he_has_swallowed_up and_not[11] he_has_spared ~~DOM~~ all_of the_settlements_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) he_has_torn_down in_severe_anger_of_his the_fortifications_of the_daughter_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_has_made_them_touch (to)_ground he_has_profaned the_kingdom princes_of_its. **3** He_has_cut_off in_the_heat_of[12][13][14] of_anger every_of (the)_ _horn_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_turned_back backward hand_ _of_his_right from_face/in_front_of the_enemy and_he_has_ _burnt (in)_Ya'aqov like_a_fire_of flame which_it_has_ _consumed all_around. **4** He_has_bent bow_of_his like_an_ _enemy hand_of_his_right he_has_taken_a_stand like_a_foe and_he_has_killed all_of the_desires_of eye in_the_tent_of the_ _daughter_of Tsiyyōn he_has_poured_out like_fire rage_of_his. **5** My_master he_has_become like_an_enemy he_has_ _swallowed_up Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_has_swallowed_up all_of palaces_of_its he_has_ruined fortifications_of_its and_he_has_ _multiplied in_the_daughter_of Yəhūdāh mourning and_ _lamentation. **6** And_he_has_treated_violently like_garden booth_of_his he_has_ruined place_of_his_appointed **YHWH** he_ _has_caused_to_be_forgotten in_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) appointed_

11 **LV 2:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) וְ/אֵל: lemma_c/3808 morph_HC/Tn id_25rGa וְ/אֵל
12 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
13 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
14 **LV 2:3 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

_feast and_sabbath and_he_has_spurned in_the_indignation_of his_anger_of_his king and_priest. **7** My_master he_has_rejected altar_of_his he_has_repudiated sanctuary_of_his he_has_ _delivered_up in_the_hand_of an_enemy the_walls_of its_ _palaces_of_her voice people_have_given_forth in_house_of **YHWH** like_the_day_of an_appointed_feast. **8** **YHWH** he_has_ _planned to_destroy the_wall_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn he_ _has_stretched_out a_measuring-line not he_has_turned_back his/its_hand from_swallowing_up and_he_has_caused_to_ _mourn rampart and_wall together they_have_languished. **9** They_have_sunk in/on_the_earth gates_of_its he_has_ _destroyed and_he_has_broken bars_of_its king_of_its and_ _princes_of_its are_among_nations there_is_not instruction also prophets_of_its not they_have_found a_vision from_ _**YHWH**. **10** They_sit to_ground the_elders_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn they_are_silent they_have_caused_to_rise dust on head_of_their they_have_girded_on sackcloth(s) they_have_ _brought_down to_ground head_of_their the_virgins_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **11** They_have_failed by_tears eyes_ _of_my parts_of_my_inward they_are_in_turmoil it_has_been_ _poured_out to_ground liver_of_my on the_brokenness_of the_ _daughter_of my_people_of_my because_ child and_sucking_ _child _grow_faint in_the_open_places_of a_town. **12** To_ _mothers_of_their they_say where are_grain and_wine when_ _they_faint_away like_(the)_one_wounded in_the_open_places_ _of a_city when_ life_of_their _pours_itself_out to the_bosom_of their_mothers_of_their. **13** What will_I_testify_for_you what will_I_liken to_you Oh_daughter of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) what will_I_make_equal to_you so_that_I_may_comfort_you Oh_virgin_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) if/because is_ _great like_sea brokenness_of_your who will_he_heal to/for_ _you(fs). **14** Prophets_of_your they_have_seen to/for_you(fs) worthlessness and_sham and_not they_have_made_known on iniquity_of_your to_turn_back mmm[15] and_they_have_seen to/for_you(fs) oracles_of_worthlessness and_enticement(s). **15** They_have_clapped on_you palms all_of those_who_pass_by_ _of the_road they_have_hissed and_they_have_shaken head_of_ _their on the_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) is_this the_ _city which_people_said perfect_of beauty a_joy to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_earth/land. **16** They_have_opened on_ _you mouth_of_their all_of enemies_of_your they_have_hissed and_they_have_gnashed a_tooth they_have_said we_have_ _swallowed_up surely this the_day which_we_have_waited_for_ _it we_have_found we_have_seen. **17** **YHWH** he_has_done what he_planned he_has_fulfilled message_of_his which he_ _commanded from_days_of antiquity he_has_torn_down and_ _not he_has_spared and_he_has_made_rejoice on_you an_ _enemy he_has_lifted_up the_horn_of your(pl)_foes_of_your. **18** Heart_of_their it_has_cried_out to my_master Oh_wall_of the_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) send_down like_river tear[s] by_day and_night do_not give rest to/for_you(fs) not let_it_be_ _still the_daughter_of your_eye_of_your. **19** Arise cry_out in/on/at/with[16] to_the_beginning_of the_night-watches pour_ _out like_water heart_of_your in_front_of the_presence_of my_

Readers' Version

His sword hand is posed like an adversary.

And he has slain all those precious to the eye in the tent of the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion).

He has poured out his rage like fire.

ה (He)

5 My master has become like an enemy—he's swallowed up Yisrael (Israel).

He has swallowed up all her palaces—he's destroyed its fortifications.

And he has multiplied mourning and lamentation within the daughter of Yehudah (Judah).

ו (Vav)

6 And he was violent with his garden tent—he ruined his appointed place.

Yahweh has caused the appointed festival and Sabbath to be forgotten in Tsiyon (Zion).

And he has despised the king and priest in his indignant anger.

ז (Zayin)

7 My master has rejected his altar—he abandoned his sanctuary.

He has allowed the enemy to enter via the walls of her palaces.

They raised a shout in Yahweh's house, like on an appointed festival day.

ח (Het)

8 Yahweh planned to destroy the wall of the daughter that's Tsiyon.

He stretched out the measuring line.

He didn't withhold his hand from devouring,

and he's brought the ramparts and wall to mourning. Together they wasted away.

י (Yod)

9 Her gates sank into the ground.

He has destroyed and shattered their locking bars.

Her king and her leaders are among the nations. There's no law.

Also, her prophets don't receive any visions from Yahweh.

י (Yod)

10 They sit on the ground.

The elders of the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion) are silenced.

They have thrown up dust on their heads and put on sackcloth.

Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) young women have bowed their heads to the ground.

כ (Kaf)

11 My eyes have failed with tears.

My stomach churns.

My inner parts are poured out to the ground, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,

when child and infant faint in the streets of the town.

ל (Lamed)

15 **LV 2:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש/ך: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ/דְּ': lemma_7622 n_1 morph_HNcfsc/Sp2fs id_25g5u תּוּבְשׁ/דְּ

16 **LV 2:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: ליל/ב: (x-qere) 'הַלֵּילִ/ב': lemma_b/3915 n_1.2.1 morph_HRd/Ncmsa id_25BYg הַלֵּילִ/ב

Readers' Version

12 They ask their mothers, "Where's our food and drink?"
when they faint like the slain in the streets of the city,
when they die slowly in their mothers' laps.
מ (Mem)
13 What can I testify to you?
To what can I compare you, daughter of Yerushalem (Jerusalem)?
To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, virgin daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion)?
Because your brokenness is as great as the sea.
Who can heal you?
נ (Nun)
14 Your prophets have 'seen' false and worthless visions for you,
and they didn't expose your disobedience, to restore your fortunes,
but they have 'received' false and enticing messages for you.
ס (Samek)
15 All those passing on the road clap their hands at you.
They hiss and shake their heads at the daughter of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
"Is this the city that they called 'the fullness of beauty that makes the whole world happy'?"
ע (Ayin)
16 All your enemies spoke out against you.
They hiss and grind their teeth.
They say, "We have devoured.
Surely this is the time we'd longed for.
We have found, we have seen."
פ (Pe)
17 Yahweh has done what he planned.
He's fulfilled the message that he commanded in ancient times.
He has overthrown and shown no compassion,
and the enemy rejoiced over you.
He has enabled your enemies to get stronger.
צ (Tsade)
18 Their heart cried out to my master,
"You walls of the daughter that's Tsiyon (Zion)."
Like a tearful river, let your tears flow down day and night.
Don't allow yourself any relief from it.
Don't rest your eyes from the tears.
ק (Qof)
19 Arise, shout in the night at the beginning of the night watches.
Pour out your heart like water in front of my master.
Lift up your hands to him for the life of your children who are fainting with hunger at the end of every street.
ר (Resh)
20 Look, Yahweh, and see those you have dealt with in this way.
Should women eat their own newborn children?
Should priests and prophets be slaughtered in my master's sanctuary?

Literal Version

_master lift_up to_him/it palms_of_your on the_life_of children_of_your the_ones_enfeebled by_hunger at_the_head_ _of all_of the_streets. **20** See Oh_**YHWH** and_look to_whom have_you_dealt_severely thus (if) women will_they_eat descendant[s]_of_their children_of health(s) or will_he_be_ _killed in_the_sanctuary_of my_master priest and_prophet. **21** They_have_lain_down to_ground streets youth and_old_ _person women_of_my_young and_my_young_of_men they_ _have_fallen by_sword you_have_killed in/on_day your_anger_ _of_your you_have_slaughtered not you_have_spared. **22** You_ _have_summoned like_the_day_of an_appointed_feast terrors_ _of_my from_round_about and_not he_was in/on_day of_the_ _anger of_**YHWH** an_escapee and_a_survivor those_whom I_ _had_given_birth and_I_had_reared enemy_of_my he_has_ _made_an_end_of_them.

Literal Version

3:1 I am_the_man who_he_has_seen affliction by_the_rod_of his_fury_of_his. **2** Me he_has_driven and_he_has_made_walk darkness and_not light. **3** Surely on_me he_returned he_turned his/its_hand all_of the_day. **4** He_has_made_to_waste_away flesh_of_my and_skin_of_my he_has_broken bones_of_my. **5** He_ _has_built on_me and_he_has_surrounded_me poison and_ _hardship. **6** In_dark_places he_has_caused_me_to_dwell like_ _dead_people_of antiquity. **7** He_has_walled_up behind_me and_not I_will_go_out he_has_made_heavy fetter[s]_of_my_ _bronze. **8** Also if/because I_will_cry_out and_I_will_cry_for_ _help he_has_shut_out prayer_of_my. **9** He_has_walled_up ways_of_my with_hewn_stone paths_of_my he_has_made_ _crooked. **10** Is_a_bear which_lies_in_wait he to_me a_lion[17] in_ _secret_places. **11** ways_of_my he_has_caused_to_deviate and_ _he_has_torn_me_in_pieces he_has_made_me desolate. **12** He_ _has_bent bow_of_his[18][19][20] and_he_has_set_me_up like_target for_arrow. **13** He_has_brought in_kidneys_of_my the_sons_of his_quiver_of_his. **14** I_have_become a_laughing-stock[21] to/from_all/each/any/every people_of_my song_of_their_ _taunt all_of the_day. **15** He_has_surfeited_me with_(the)_ _things he_has_made_me_drink wormwood. **16** And_he_has_ _broken with_gravel teeth_of_my he_has_made_me_cower in_ _ash[es]. **17** And_it_has_excluded from_peace self_of_my I_ _have_forgotten good. **18** And_I_said endurance_of_my it_has_ _perished and_hope_of_my from_**YHWH**. **19** Remember affliction_of_my and_homelessness_of_my wormwood and_ _poison. **20** Continually_(remember) it_remembers and[22] on_ _me self_of_my. **21** This I_bring_back to heart_of_my therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_wait. **22** The_covenant_loyalti(es)_of **YHWH** if/because not we_have_met_our_end if/because not compassion(s)_of_his they_come_to_an_end. **23** They_are_new to_mornings is_great faithfulness_of_your. **24** Portion_of_is_my **YHWH** self_of_my it_has_said therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_ _will_wait to_him/it. **25** Is_good **YHWH** to_those_of_who_wait_ _for_him[23][24] to_living_creature who_it_will_seek_him. **26** Is_

Readers' Version

ש (Sin/Shin)
21 The young and the old lie down in the dirt in the streets.
My young men and women have fallen by the sword.
You've had them struck down—at the time of your anger you slaughtered.
You showed no compassion.
ת (Tav)
22 You've summoned terrors to surround me like summoning people to a festival day,
and there wasn't anyone who escaped or survived on the day of Yahweh's anger.
Those who I birthed and multiplied, my enemy has ended.
א (Alef)

Yahweh's love

3:1 I am the man made to suffer from the rod of his fury.
2 He led me and took me into darkness—not light.
3 He certainly turned against me—he put the screws on me all day.
ב (Beyt)
4 He made my skin and my flesh waste away.
He shattered my bones.
5 He built a ramp up against me
and besieged me with bitterness and hardship.
6 He makes me live in darkness
like the dead of long ago.
ג (Gimel)
7 He built a wall around me so I can't escape.
He made my chains heavy.
8 Even though I call out and cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer.
9 He made roadblocks with large cut stones.
He made it difficult to get anywhere.
ד (Dalet)
10 He's a bear lying in wait for me—
a lion hiding ready to attack.
11 He obstructed my paths and tore me apart.
He's isolated me.
12 He bent his bow back
and set me up like a target for an arrow.
ה (He)
13 He pierced my kidneys
with the arrows from his quiver.
14 I became a joke to all the people groups—
the one they mocked all day long.

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17 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **הירא**: (x-qere) **יְרֵא**: lemma_738 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_25Gxe יְרֵא

18 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

19 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

20 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

21 LV 3:14 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

22 LV 3:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **חישת/ו**: (x-qere) **חִוְּשָׁתְ/וִ**: lemma_c/7743 morph_HC/Vqi3fs id_253MS חִוְּשָׁתְ/וִ

23 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

24 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

Readers' Version

15 He filled me with bitterness.
He stuffed me with bitter herbs.
ו (Vav)
16 He made my teeth grind with gravel.
He made me cower in the dust.
17 Now I can't find any inner peace.
I've forgotten what prosperity is.
18 Then I said, "My endurance has come to an end,
as has my hope in Yahweh."
ז (Zayin)
19 Remember my suffering and my wanderings,
the wormwood and bitterness.
20 It continually remembers
and my insides turn to butter.
21 I bring that to mind,
therefore I have hope.
ח (Het)
22 Yahweh's loyal commitment doesn't cease.
His mercy doesn't end.
23 His loyal commitment and his mercy are new morning by morning.
He is very faithful.
24 "Yahweh is my portion," I told myself,
"therefore, I'll place my hope in him."
ט (Tet)
25 Yahweh is good to those who depend on him—
to anyone sincerely wanting to follow him.
26 It is good to be silent and wait
for Yahweh to rescue us.
27 It's good for people to experience hardship while they're young.
י (Yod)
28 A person should sit alone and stay quiet
when they've been disciplined by Yahweh.
29 Let him put his mouth in the dust—
perhaps there's hope.
30 Let him offer his cheek to the person striking him.
Let him be filled with shame.
כ (Kaf)
31 My master won't reject his people forever.
32 Though he brings grief,
he will be merciful due to the strength of his loyal commitment,
33 because he doesn't enjoy making people suffer
or delight in making humanity grieve.
ל (Lamed)

Literal Version

_good and_waiting and_silence for_the_salvation_of **YHWH**.
27 Is_good for_man that/for/because/then/when he_will_bear a_yoke in_youth(s)_of_his. 28 Let_him_sit alone and_let_him_ _be_silent if/because he_has_laid_it on/upon/above_him/it.
29 Let_him_put in_dust mouth_of_his perhaps there_is hope.
30 Let_him_give to_the_of_one_who_strikes_him a_cheek let_ _him_be_sated with_reproach. 31 If/because not he_will_reject forever_perpetuity my_master. 32 If/because though he_has_ _caused_grief and_he_will_have_compassion according_to_the_ _greatness_of his[25]. 33 If/because not he_has_afflicted from_ _heart_of_his and_he_has_grieved the_children_of a_man.[26][27][28]
34 To_crush under feet_of_his all_of the_prisoners_of the_land.
35 To_turn_aside the_justice_of a_man before the_presence_of the_Most_High. 36 To_subvert anyone in_his_case_of_at_law my_master not he_has_seen. 37 Who this has_he_spoken and_ _it_was my_master not he_commanded_it. 38 From_the_mouth_ _of the_Most_High not the_troubles and_the_good does_it_ _goes_forth. 39 Why a_person living a_man will_he_complain on his[29]. 40 Let_us_examine ways_of_our and_let_us_examine and_let_us_return to **YHWH**. 41 Let_us_lift_up heart_of_our to palms to god in_heavens. 42 We we_have_transgressed and_we_ _have_rebelled you not you_have_forgiven. 43 You_have_ _covered_yourself with_anger and_you_have_pursued_us you_ _have_killed not you_have_spared. 44 You_have_covered with_ _cloud to/for_you(fs) from_ prayer _passing_through.
45 Offscouring and_refuse you_have_made_us in_the_midst_of the_peoples. 46 They_have_opened on_us mouth_of_their all_of enemies_of_our. 47 Terror and_a_pit it_has_happened to/for_us (the)_devastation and_(the)_brokenness. 48 Streams_of water eye_of_my it_goes_down on the_brokenness_of the_daughter_ _of my_people_of_my. 49 Eye_of_my it_has_poured_itself and_ _not it_will_cease from_not stop(s). 50 Until he_will_look_down and_he_will_see **YHWH** from_heaven. 51 Eye_of_my it_has_ _dealt_severely to_self_of_my from_all the_daughters_of my_ _city_of_my. 52 Indeed_(hunt) they_hunted_me like_bird enemies_of_my without_cause. 53 They_destroyed in_pit life_ _of_my and_they_throw_down a_stone on_me. 54 Waters they_ _overflowed over my_head I_said I_have_been_cut_off. 55 I_ _called name_of_your Oh_**YHWH** from_a_pit_of lowest_parts.
56 My_sound/voice you_heard do_not hide ear_of_your to_ _relief_of_my to_my_cry_of_for_help. 57 You_drew_near in/on_ _day when_I_called_on_you you_said do_not fear. 58 You_have_ _conducted my_master the_cases_of my_self_of_my you_have_ _redeemed life_of_my. 59 You_have_seen Oh_**YHWH** oppression_of_my judge judgement_of_my. 60 You_have_seen all_of vengeance_of_their all_of plans_of_their to_me. 61 You_ _have_heard reproach_of_their Oh_**YHWH** all_of plans_of_their on_me. 62 The_lips_of those_who_rise_against_me and_ _muttering_of_their on_me all_of the_day. 63 Down_their_ _sitting and_their_rising_of_up look_at I mocking_song_of_am_ _their. 64 You_will_repay to/for_them recompense Oh_**YHWH**

25 LV 3:32 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/דסח: (x-qere) 'וְיָדָסֶח': lemma_2617 a n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_25941 וְיָדָסֶח

26 LV 3:33 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

27 LV 3:33 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

28 LV 3:33 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

29 LV 3:39 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/אטח: (x-qere) 'וְיָאטָח': lemma_2399 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_25wKF וְיָאטָח

Literal Version

according_to_the_work_of their_hands_of_their. **65** You_will_
_give to/for_them shamelessness_of heart curse_of_your
to/for_them. **66** You_will_pursue_them in_anger and_you_will_
_destroy_them from_under the_heavens_of **YHWH**.

Readers' Version

34 Crushing all the prisoners of the earth under his feet,
35 denying a person justice before the highest one,
36 subverting a person's lawsuit—the master approves none of those.

מ (Mem)

37 Who said that and made it happen, if it wasn't my master?
38 Didn't both trouble and good come from the command of the highest one?
39 How can any living person complain when it's their disobedience that they're getting punished for?

נ (Nun)

40 Let's examine our behaviour
and then strive to return to Yahweh.
41 Let us lift up our hearts
with our hands lifted to God in heaven.
42 We've certainly broken your rules and disobeyed you.
You haven't forgiven us.

ס (Samek)

43 You wrapped yourself with anger and chased after us.
You killed without showing any pity.
44 You enveloped yourself in a cloud,
so that no prayers could get through.
45 You cause us to be considered as outcasts
and as garbage among the nations.

ע (Ayin)

46 All our enemies spoke out against us.
47 Panic and pitfall have come for us—
devastation and destruction.
48 My eyes run with streams of water
because my people have been destroyed.

פ (Pe)

49 My tears flowed continually without any relief,
50 until Yahweh looked down from heaven and saw.
51 What I see grieves my insides,
because of the suffering of the city's daughters.

צ (Tsade)

52 My enemies certainly hunted me without cause—
like hunting a bird.
53 They shut down my life by throwing me into a pit,
and then heaving a rock onto the top.
54 They made water flow over my head.
I said, 'This must be my end!'

ק (Qof)

55 I called out your name, Yahweh, from the depths of the pit.
56 You heard my voice.
'Don't ignore my cry for help
and my need for relief.'
57 You approached me when I called you
and told me not to be afraid.

ר (Resh)

58 My master, you helped with my internal conflict.
You paid out to save my life.
59 Yes, Yahweh, you saw my suffering.

Readers' Version

Judge my case.
60 You've seen all their insults—
all their plots against me.
ש (Sin/Shin)
61 You've heard their scorn, Yahweh—
all their plots against me.
62 Those harassing me spend all day speaking out against me
and singing songs against me.
63 See how, whether they're sitting or rising,
they have their mocking song.
ת (Tav)
64 You, Yahweh, will pay them back for what they've done.
65 Give them over to shamelessness.
May your curse be on them.
66 Chase after them in your anger,
and wipe them off the face of the earth, Yahweh.
א (Alef) **Tsiyon's punishment**
4:1 Wow, how the gold is tarnished—the pure gold has changed.
The holy stones are scattered on the corners of every street.
ב (Beyt)
2 The precious sons of Tsiyon (Zion) were once comparable with fine gold.
Now they're regarded as clay jars—the work of a potter's hands.
ג (Gimel)
3 Even the jackals offer their teats to suckle their cubs,
but my people are fierce like the ostriches in the wilderness.
ד (Dalet)
4 The tongue of the breast-feeding baby sticks to the roof of his mouth with thirst.
The children ask for food from those distributing it, but there's none for them.
ה (He)
5 Those used to eating the finest food are now desolate in the streets.
Those once attended by servants wearing scarlet now embrace piles of rubbish.
ו (Vav)
6 The guilt of my people is greater than Sedom's sin.
That city was overthrown in an instant,[30] but no one shed any tears about it.
ז (Zayin)
7 Her religious leaders were purer than snow—whiter than milk.

Literal Version

4:1 How gold it_is_dimmed the_gold (the)_pure it_is_changed stones_of holiness they_lie_scattered at_the_head_of all_of the_ _streets. 2 The_children_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) (the)_precious who_ _were_weighed with_(the)_gold how they_are_considered to_ _jars_of earthenware the_work_of the_hands_of a_potter. 3 Also jackals[32] they_draw_out a_breast they_suckle cubs_of_their the_daughter_of my_people_of_my has_become_(into)_cruel wwww wwww[33] in_wilderness. 4 The_tongue_of a_sucking_ _child it_has_cleaved to palate_of_its[343536] by_thirst children they_have_asked_for bread one_who_breaks_it there_was_not to/for_them. 5 The_ones_eating (to)_delicacies they_are_ _desolate in_streets those_who_were_brought_up on crimson they_have_embraced ash_heaps. 6 And_ the_iniquity_of the_ _daughter_of my_people_of_my _it_has_become_great more_ _than_the_sin_of Sodom which_was_overthrown like a_moment and_not they_whirled_about on_it hands. 7 Of_high_rank_of_ _its_ones they_were_bright more_than_snow they_were_ _dazzling more_than_milk bone they_were_red more_than_ _corals was_sapphire polishing_of_their. 8 It_is_dark more_ _than_soot appearance_of_their not they_are_recognized in_ _streets skin_of_their it_has_shrivelled on bone_of_their dry it_ _has_become like_wood. 9 Good those_slain_of a_sword they_ _are more_than_those_slain_of hunger who_they they_flow_ _away pierced_through from_the_fruits_of the_field. 10 The_ _hands_of women compassionate they_have_boiled children_ _of_their_own they_have_been for_eating for_them in_the_ _brokenness_of the_daughter_of my_people_of_my. 11 **YHWH** he_has_completed ~~DOM~~ rage_of_his he_has_poured_out the_ _burning_of his_anger_of_his and_he_has_kindled a_fire in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) and_she/it_ate foundations_of_its. 12 Not they_believed the_kings_of the_earth and[37] the_inhabitants_of the_world if/because_that foe and_enemy he_will_go in_the_

30 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:24.
32 **LV 4:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יונת**: (x-qere) 'תַּנִּים': lemma_8568 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcbpa id_255on תַּנִּים
33 **LV 4:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בינע יכ**: (x-qere) 'כְּיַעֲנִי': lemma_k/3283 n_0.0 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_25Zzg כְּיַעֲנִי
34 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.
35 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
36 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.
37 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לכו**: (x-qere) 'לְכִי': lemma_3605 n_1.0 morph_HNcmsc id_25tkY לְכִי

Literal Version

_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** From_the_sins_of its_
_prophets_of_her the_iniquities_of its_priests_of_her who_shed
in_midst_of_its the_blood_of righteous_people. **14** They_
_wandered blind_people in_streets they_were_defiled by_blood
in_not people_were_able people_touched (in)_clothes_of_their.
15 Depart unclean people_called_out to_them depart depart
do_not touch if/because they_fled also they_wandered people_
_said among_nations not they_will_increase to_sojourn.
16 The_presence_of **YHWH** it_has_scattered_them not he_will_
_repeat to_pay_attention_to_them the_face_of priests not they_
_lifted_up and_elders[3839] not they_showed_favour_to.
17 Mmm[40] eyes_of_our they_failed to help_of_our futility in_
_watchtower_of_our we_watched to a_nation which_not it_will_
_save. **18** They_hunted steps_of_our from_walking in_our_open_
_of_places end_of_our it_drew_near days_of_our they_were_
_completed if/because end_of_our it_had_come. **19** Swift those_
_of_who_pursued_us they_were more_than_the_eagles_of
heaven on the_mountains they_hotly_pursued_us in_
_wilderness they_lay_in_wait to/for_us. **20** The_breath_of our_
_nostrils_of_our the_one_anointed_of **YHWH** he_was_captured
in_pits_of_their whom we_had_said in_shadow_of_his we_will_
_live among_nations. **21** Exult and_rejoice Oh_daughter_of
ʾEdōm who_dwells[41] in_land of_ʿŪṣ also to_you a_cup it_will_
_pass_on you_will_become_drunk and_you_will_make_yourself_
_naked. **22** Iniquity_of_your it_will_finish Oh_daughter_of
Tsiyyōn/(Zion) not he_will_increase to_take_you_into_exile he_
_will_punish iniquity_of_your Oh_daughter_of ʾEdōm he_will_
_make_known on sins_of_your.

Readers' Version

Their bones were redder than coral—their parts were sapphire.

ח (Het)

8 Blackness has darkened their form—they're not even recognised in the streets.

Their skin has shrivelled on their bones—it's become as dry and stiff as bark.

ט (Tet)

9 Those slain by the sword were happier than those who died from hunger—

those who slowly wasted away as if they were pierced through by the lack of produce from the countryside.

י (Yod)

10 The hands of compassionate women boiled their children.

They became a meal for them during the destruction of my people.[31]

כ (Kaf)

11 Yahweh brought his rage to completion.

He poured out his fierce anger

and he kindled a fire in Tsiyon (Zion) that consumed its foundations.

ל (Lamed)

12 None of the kings of the earth, and none of the world's inhabitants, ever believed

that the adversary and enemy would get through Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) gates.

מ (Mem)

13 However, the sins of her prophets were even more than the disobedience of her priests.

They had poured the blood of godly people out right there in the middle of the city.

נ (Nun)

14 They stumble blind in the streets.

They're defiled with blood.

No one even dares to touch their clothes.

ס (Samek)

15 "Away! Unclean!" they shouted at them. "Away! Away! Don't touch!"

So they fled Yisrael (Israel), wandering around,

but it was said among the nations, "They can't stay here any longer."

ע (Ayin)

16 Yahweh's presence scattered them—he won't continue to watch over them.

The people no longer honoured the priests.

They showed no favour to the elders.

פ (Pe)

17 Our eyes failed as we waited uselessly for help.

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31 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Deu 28:57; Eze 5:10.

38 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: סינקז: (x-qere) ʾסיֵנָקז/וֹ: lemma_c/2205 n_0.0 morph_HC/Aampa id_25yrH סיֵנָקז/וֹ

39 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

40 **LV 4:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: הני/דוע: (x-qere) ʾוֹנִ/יֹדוֹע: lemma_5750 n_1.1.0 morph_HD/Sp1cp id_25fQG וֹנִ/יֹדוֹע

41 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתבשוי: (x-qere) ʾתֶבֶשׁוֹי: lemma_3427 n_1.0 morph_HVqrfsa id_25q3X תֶבֶשׁוֹי

Readers' Version

From our watchtowers, we expected to see other nations come to rescue us, but no.

צ (Tsade)

18 They tracked our steps,
walking in our paths.
Our end was coming closer.
Our days had been numbered, because our end had come.

ק (Qof)

19 The ones chasing after us were faster than the eagles in the sky.
They chased us over the mountains,
then they ambushed us in the wilderness.

ר (Resh)

20 A breath of our nostrils, Yahweh's anointed one was captured in their pits—
the one we'd spoken about, saying, "We'll live among the nations under his protection."

ש (Sin/Shin)

21 Celebrate and be glad, Edom, living there in the Uts (Uz) region.
The cup of suffering will also pass to you.
You'll get drunk and go around naked.

ת (Tav)

22 People of Tsiyon (Zion), your guilt will finish—he won't extend your exile.
^He'll deal with your guilt, people of Edom—he'll uncover your sins.

5:1 Yahweh, take notice of what's happened to us.

The mercy of Yisrael

Look and see our disgrace.
2 The land that was our inheritance has been turned over to strangers—
our houses to foreigners.
3 We have become orphans, without a father,
and our mothers are like widows.
4 We pay to drink water.
We bring in our firewood for a price.
5 We're driven hard with the yoke on our necks.
We work hard, yet never get any rest.
6 We've made a treaty with Mitsrayim (Egypt),
and with Ashur (Assyria) to get food.
7 Our ancestors sinned but they're gone now.
→We ourselves bear the results of their disobedience.

Literal Version

5:1 Remember Oh_**YHWH** what has_it_happened to/for_us wwww[42] and_see ~~ḎǪM~~ reproach_of_our. **2** Inheritance_of_our it_ _has_been_turned_over to_strangers houses_of_our to_ _foreigners. **3** fatherless_ones we_have_become and_there_is_ _not[43] a_father mothers_of_our are_like_widows. **4** Water_of_ _our for_money we_have_drunk wood(s)_of_our for_a_price they_come. **5** At neck_of_our we_have_been_pursued we_have_ _become_weary and_not[44] it_has_been_given_rest[454647] to/for_ _us. **6** Mitsrayim/(Egypt) we_have_given a_hand 'Ashshūr to_ _be_satisfied bread. **7** Ancestors_of_our they_sinned mmm[48] and_we[49] iniquities_of_their we_have_carried. **8** Slaves they_ _have_ruled over_us one_who_tears_away there_is_not from_ _hand_of_their. **9** With_life_of_our we_bring bread_of_our from_face/in_front_of the_sword_of the_wilderness. **10** Skin_ _of_our like_an_oven they_have_grown_hot from_face/in_ _front_of the_burning_heat(s)_of hunger. **11** Women in_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) men_have_humiliated virgins in_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **12** Princes by_hand_of_their they_have_

42 LV 5:1 · Note OSHB variant note: טיבה: (x-qere) 'הָטֵיבַה': lemma_5027 n_0.0 morph_HVhv2ms/Sh id_256uw הָטֵיבַה

43 LV 5:3 · Note OSHB variant note: ויא: (x-qere) 'וְיֵאָיִו': lemma_c/369 morph_HC/Tn id_25vD2 וְיֵאָיִו

44 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB variant note: אל: (x-qere) 'אֵלָיִו': lemma_c/3808 morph_HC/Tn id_25HUX אֵלָיִו

45 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

46 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

47 LV 5:5 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

48 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/ניא: (x-qere) 'ם֫נִיאָיִו': lemma_c/369 n_0.1 morph_HC/Tn/Sp3mp id_257ev ם֫נִיאָיִו

49 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: ונחנא: (x-qere) 'וְנַחֲנָאזו': lemma_c/587 n_0.0 morph_HC/Pp1cp id_25DUZ וְנַחֲנָאזו

Literal Version

_been_hanged the_face_of elders not they_have_been_
_honoured. **13** Young_men a_mill they_have_lifted and_young_
_men with_wood they_have_staggered. **14** Old_men from_the_
_gate they_have_ceased young_men from_music_of_their.
15 The_joy_of our_heart_of_our it_has_ceased it_has_been_
_changed into_mourning dancing_of_our. **16** The_crown_of our_
_head_of_our it_has_fallen woe please to/for_us if/because we_
_have_sinned. **17** On this it_has_become faint heart_of_our on
these_things eyes_of_our they_have_grown_dim. **18** On the_
_mountain_of Tsiyyōn which_is_desolate foxes they_have_
_prowled in_him/it. **19** You Oh_**YHWH** forever_perpetuity you_
_will_sit throne_of_your is_to_a_generation and_a_generation.
20 To/for_what to_perpetuity do_you(pl)_forget_us do_you(pl)_
_abandon_us for_length_of days. **21** Restore_us Oh_**YHWH** to_
_yourself and[50] renew days_of_our like_ancient_time.
22 If/because (if) utterly_(reject) you_have_rejected_us you_
_are_angry towards_us up_to muchness.

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Readers' Version

8 Babylonian slaves rule over us.
There's no one to rescue us from their control.
9 We bring in our food at the cost of our lives,
due to the sword blades out there in the wilderness.
10 Our skin grows as hot as an oven
from the burning heat of hunger.
11 Women are raped in Tsiyon (Zion)—
young women in Yehudah's (Judah's) cities.
12 Princes were hung by their hands.
The city elders were treated with no respect.
13 Young men lift the grind stone
and boys stagger under loads of wood.
14 The elders no longer make decisions at the city gate,
The young men have stopped their music.
15 We're no longer happy and contented.
Our dancing has turned to mourning.
16 The crown has fallen off our head.
We won't end well, because we've sinned.
17 As a result of that, we've become depressed.
On account of those things, our eyes grow dim.
18 On account of Mt. Tsiyon (Zion),
which is desolate with jackals roaming over it.
19 You, Yahweh, exist forever.
You'll sit on your throne throughout the generations.
20 Why do you forget us for so long?
Why do you abandon us for many days?
21 Bring us back to yourself, Yahweh, and we'll be restored.
Renew our life back to what it was before
22 unless you've totally rejected us—
unless you're angry with us beyond measure.

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50 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: בושנ/ו: (x-qere) הָבוּשָׁנָ/וּ': lemma_c/7725 n_0.1 morph_HC/Vqh1cp id_25TZB הָבוּשָׁנָ/וּ

Yonah (Jonah)

Introduction

This account tells about a prophet named Yonah (commonly known as 'Jonah') who lived in northern Yisrael/Israel around 250 years after David became king, i.e., in the eighth century BC, perhaps around 785 BC. This account is not like other prophetic accounts because it tells us about the fate of a prophet who *didn't* obey God when he was commanded by God to go to the city of Nineveh in Ashur/Assyria. He didn't obey because knew that God would be merciful and not carry out his threat of punishing that city if the people decided to turn away from their sins. However, due to a miracle when he was swallowed by a large fish after being tossed overboard from a ship in a storm, Yonah was spat out on the beach and forced to go to Nineveh. His missionary work there was very successful as the king led a movement of turning back towards God. That upset Yonah when God indeed didn't punish the people of Nineveh by destroying their city.

This account also indicates how the author believes that Yahweh is in control of everything he made, including the ocean, fish, the wind, etc. But most of all, we're told here how loving and merciful God is, because even the enemies of his chosen people were forgiven and saved after they turned away from their sins.

Main components of this account

Yonah disobeys Yahweh's command *1:1-17*
Yonah's prayer *2:1-10*
Yonah goes to Nineveh *3:1-10*
Yonah's anger at God's mercy towards Nineveh *4:1-11*

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1:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yōnāh the_son_ _of 'Amittay to_say. **2** Arise go to Nīnəvēh the_city (the)_great and_call_out on/upon_it(f) if/because wickedness_of_their it_ _has_come_up before_me. **3** And_ Yōnāh _he/it_rose_up to_flee to_Tarshiysh from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_ _he/it_descended Yāfō/(Joppa) and_he_found a_ship[3] which_ _was_about_to_go Tarshiysh and_he/it_gave fare_of_its and_ _he/it_descended in_it to_go with_them to_Tarshiysh from_ _to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH**. **4** And_**YHWH** he_hurled a_wind great to the_sea and_ a_storm great _he/it_was on_sea and_the ship it_thought to_be_broken. **5** And_ the_mariners _ _they_were_afraid and_they_cried_for_help each to his/its_god and_they_hurled ĐOM the_vessels which were_in_ship into the_ _sea to_lighten from_on_them and_Yōnāh he_had_gone_down into the_innermost_parts_of the_ship and_he_had_lain_down and_he_had_fallen_asleep. **6** And_he_drew_near to_him/it the_ _chief_of the_sailor[s] and_he/it_said to_him/it what is_to_you sleeping arise call to god_of_your perhaps the_'Elohīm he_will_ _give_thought to/for_us and_not we_will_perish. **7** And_they_ _said each to his/its_neighbour come and_let_us_throw lots so_ _that_we_may_know by_which_of_whom the_evil (the)_this to/for_us and_they_throw lots and_ the_lot _it_fell on Yōnāh/(Jonah). **8** And_they_said to_him/it tell please to/for_us because_account_of_that of_whom the_evil (the)_this to/for_us what occupation_of_is_your and_from_where do_you_come what land_of_is_your and_where from_this people are_you. **9** And_he/it_said to_them am_a_Hebrew I and_ĐOM **YHWH** the_ _god_of the_heavens I am_fearing who he_made ĐOM the_sea and_ĐOM the_dry_ground. **10** And_ the_men _they_feared a_fear great and_they_said to_him/it what this have_you_done if/because the_men they_knew if/because_that from_to/for_ _face/front/presence **YHWH** he was_fleeing if/because he_ _had_told to/for_them. **11** And_they_said to_him/it what will_ _we_do to_you so_ the_sea _that_it_will_be_quiet from_on_us if/because the_sea was_going and_storming. **12** And_he/it_said to_them pick_me_up and_hurl_me into the_sea and_ the_sea _ _it_will_be_quiet from_on_you(pl) if/because I am_knowing if/because_that by_which_of_me the_storm (the)_great the_ _this is_on_you(pl). **13** And_ the_men _they_rowed to_bring_ _back to the_dry_ground and_not they_were_able if/because the_sea was_going and_storming on_them. **14** And_they_called_ _out to **YHWH** and_they_said please Oh_**YHWH** do_not please let_us_perish by_the_life_of the_man the_this and_do_not put on_us blood innocent if/because you Oh_**YHWH** just_as you_ _pleased you_have_done. **15** And_they_picked_up ĐOM Yōnāh/(Jonah) and_they_hurled_him into the_sea and_ the_sea _it_stopped from_storming_its. **16** And_ the_men _they_feared a_fear great ĐOM **YHWH** and_they_sacrificed a_sacrifice to/for_ _**YHWH** and_they_vowed vows.
2:1 [4] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned a_fish great to_swallow ĐOM Yōnāh and_he/it_was Yōnāh in_the_inward_parts_of the_fish three days and_three nights.

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Yonah tries to run from God · Northern kingdom

1:1 Now Yahweh told Yonah (Jonah) (Yonah, Amitay's son),[1] **2** "Go now to the major city of Nineveh, and speak out against it because I've noticed how evil they are."

3 But Yonah decided to run away from Yahweh so he went down to Yafo (Joppa) and found a ship about to go to Tarshish. He paid the fare and went aboard to go with them to Tarshish to get away from Yahweh.

4 However Yahweh caused a strong wind on the sea and it became a such big storm that they all thought the ship would disintegrate. **5** The sailors were afraid and they each cried to their own gods for help, and they threw the cargo overboard to make the ship lighter. But Yonah had gone down into the hold where he had laid down and fallen fast asleep.

6 So the ship's captain approached him and said, "Why are you sleeping? Come on, pray to your god and perhaps he will take notice of us so we won't die."

7 Then the sailors said to each other, "Let's draw straws to find out whose fault it is that we are in this predicament." So they drew straws and Yonah was indicated. **8** So they said to him, "Hey, tell us why this disaster is happening to us. What's your occupation? Where are you from? What country? What nationality are you?"

9 And he said to them, "I'm a Ivri (Hebrew) and I fear Yahweh the god of the heavens who made the sea and the land."

10 And the men became really scared and asked him what he had done, because he had told them that he was running from Yahweh.

11 So they asked him what they should do to him so that the sea would calm, because the storm was getting worse.

12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea so that the sea will calm down because I know that this terrible storm came because of me."

13 However, the men tried to row but they were not able to return to the land because the sea was very rough and getting worse. **14** So they called to Yahweh and said, "We beg you Yahweh: please don't let us die because of this man, and don't consider us guilty because you yourself have made this happen." **15** And then they picked up Yonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea became calm. **16** The men felt really scared of Yahweh and they sacrificed to him and made vows.

17 Then Yahweh commanded a huge fish to swallow Yonah (Jonah) and he stayed in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.[2]

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1 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 14:25.

2 RV 1:17 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:40.

3 LV 1:3 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

4 LV 2:1 · Note Note: KJB: Yōnāh.1.17

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Yonah's prayer

2:1 And Yonah (Jonah) prayed to Yahweh his god from the belly of the fish. 2 And he said,

"I called to you Yahweh in my distress and you answered me. I cried for help from the valley of death and you heard my voice. 3 You have thrown me right into the deep—the heart of the sea; and a flood surrounds me. All your waves are crashing over me.

4 And I said, 'I have been driven out of your sight however I will look again towards your holy temple.'

5 I was up to my neck in the waters; it was deep all around me. There were reeds wrapped around my head.

6 I went down to the foundations of the mountains; barred from returning to the land. But you saved my life from the grave, Yahweh my god.

7 When my life was draining away from me, I remembered you, Yahweh, and my prayer reached you in your holy temple.

8 Those who worship lifeless gods abandon their allegiance to you.

9 But I'll speak out my gratitude as I sacrifice to you. I've vowed this and I'll do it, because Yahweh is my rescuer."

10 Then Yahweh spoke to the fish and it vomited Yonah (Jonah) up onto the land.

Yonah goes to Nineveh

3:1 And Yahweh spoke to Yonah (Jonah) a second time saying, 2 "Go now to the major city, Nineveh, and announce this declaration which I've told you."

3 So Yonah went directly to Nineveh. It was a large city, taking three days to travel across. 4 Yonah went one day's travel into the city and publicly announced, "Nineveh is going to be destroyed in forty days!"[15]

5 The people of Nineveh believed in God and announced a time of fasting, and from the least to the most important people, they just wore sackcloth as a sign of contrition.

6 The king of Nineveh also heard about it and he got down from his throne, took off his robe and put on sackcloth, then sat in a pile of ashes. 7 And he had a statement written out and publicly read throughout Nineveh, saying, "The king and his advisors declare that people and livestock, be it herds or flocks, are

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2 [5] And_ Yōnāh _he_prayed to **YHWH** his/its_god from_the_ _inward_parts_of the_fish. 3 [6] And_he/it_said I_called from_ _distress to_me to **YHWH** and_he_answered_me from_the_ _belly_of Shə'ōl I_cried_for_help you_heard my_sound/voice. 4 [7] And_you_have_thrown_me the_deep in_the_heart_of the_ _seas and_a_river it_surrounds_me all_of breakers_of_your and_ _waves_of_your over_me they_have_passed. 5 [8] And_I I_said I_ _have_been_driven_away from_before eyes_of_your nevertheless I_will_repeat to_look to the_temple_of your_ _holiness_of_your. 6 [9] They_have_encompassed_me waters to the_neck the_deep it_surrounds_me rush[es] is_wrapped_round to_head_of_my. 7 [10] To_extremities_of mountains I_went_down the_earth/land bars_of_its were_behind_me forever_perpetuity and_you_brought_up from_the_pit life_of_my Oh_**YHWH** god_ _of_my. 8 [11] When_fainted_away on_me life_of_my ~~ĐOM~~ **YHWH** I_remembered and_it_came to_you prayer_of_my to the_ _temple_of your_holiness_of_your. 9 [12] Those_who_pay_regard vanities_of nothingness loyalty_of_their they_abandon. 10 [13] And_I with_a_voice_of thanksgiving I_will_sacrifice to_you that_which I_have_vowed I_will_fulfill rescue to/for_**YHWH**. 11 [14] And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_fish and_it_vomited_up ~~ĐOM~~ Yōnāh to the_dry_ground.

3:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Yōnāh a_second_ _time to_say. 2 Arise go to Nīnəvēh the_city (the)_great and_ _call_out[16] to_her/it ~~ĐOM~~ the_proclamation which I am_ _speaking to_you. 3 And_ Yōnāh _he/it_rose_up and_he/it_ _went to Nīnəvēh[17] according_to_the_message_of **YHWH** and_ _Nīnəvēh it_was a_city great to_god a_journey_of three_of days. 4 And_ Yōnāh/(Jonah) _he_began to_go in_city a_journey_of a_ _day one and_he/it_called and_he_said yet forty day[s] and_ _Nīnəvēh is_about_to_be_overturned. 5 And_ the_people_of Nīnəvēh _they_believed in_god and_they_proclaimed a_fast and_they_wore sackcloth(s) from_their_of_great and_unto their_of_insignificant. 6 And_ the_message _it_reached to the_ _king_of[18] of_Nīnəvēh and_he/it_rose_up from_throne_of_his and_he_took_off cloak_of_his from_on_him and_he_covered sackcloth and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived on (the)_ _ash[es]. 7 And_he_had_a_proclamation_made and_he/it_said in_Nīnəvēh from_the_decree_of the_king and_his_great_of_ _people to_say the_humankind and_the_livestock the_cattle

5 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.1
6 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.2
7 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.3
8 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.4
9 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.5
10 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh/(Jonah).2.6
11 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.7
12 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.8
13 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.9
14 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Yōnāh.2.10
15 **RV 3:4-5 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:41; Luk 11:32.
16 **LV 3:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
17 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.
18 **LV 3:6 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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and_the_flock[s] not let_them_taste anything not let_them_
_graze and_water not let_them_drink. **8** And_ the_humankind
and_the_livestock _let_them_cover_themselves sackcloth(s)
and_let_them_call_out to god with_force and_let_them_turn_
_back everyone from_way_of_his (the)_evil and_from the_
_violence which is_in_palms_of_their. **9** Who is_knowing he_
_will_turn and_ the_'Elohīm _he_will_relent and_he_will_turn_
_back from_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his and_not we_will_
perish. **10** And the_'Elohīm _he/it_saw ÐOM deeds_of_their
if/because_that they_turned_back from_way_of_their (the)_evil
and_ the_'Elohīm _he/it_sighed/regretted on the_evil which
he_had_said for_doing to/for_them and_not he_did_it.
4:1 And_it_was_displeasing to Yōnāh/(Jonah) displeasure great
and_it_glowed/burnt to_him/it. **2** And_he_prayed to **YHWH**
and_he_said please Oh_**YHWH** am_not was_this message_of_my
until was_I on land_of_my_own therefore yes/correct/thus/so
I_did_the_first_time to_flee to_Tarshiysh if/because I_knew
if/because_that you are_a_god gracious and_compassionate
long_of anger(s) and_great_of covenant_loyalty and_who_
_relents on (the)_evil. **3** And_now Oh_**YHWH** take please ÐOM
life_of_my from_me if/because is_good death_of_my more_
_than_of_my_life. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said rightly_(do_well)
does_it_burn to/for_you(fs). **5** And_ Yōnāh _he/it_went_out
from the_city and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived from_
_east of_city and_he/it_made to_him/it there a_shelter and_
_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived under_it in_shade until
that he_will_see what will_it_be in_city. **6** And_ **YHWH** god _
_he/it_assigned a_plant and_he/it_ascended from_under (to)_
_Yōnāh to_be shade over his/its_head to_deliver to_him/it
from_distress_of_his and_ Yōnāh _he_rejoiced on the_plant a_
joy great. **7** And the_'Elohīm _he/it_assigned a_worm when_
the_dawn _came_up to_day and_it_attacked ÐOM the_plant and_
_it_withered. **8** And_he/it_was just_ the_sun _as_arose and_ god
_he/it_assigned a_wind_of an_east_wind hot and_ the_sun _it_
_struck on the_head_of Yōnāh/(Jonah) and_he_became_faint
and_he_asked ÐOM life_of_his to_die and_he/it_said is_good
death_of_my more_than_of_my_life. **9** And_ god _he/it_said to
Yōnāh rightly_(do_well) does_it_burn to/for_yourself(m) on
the_plant and_he/it_said rightly_(do_well) it_burns to_me to
death. **10** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said you you_had_compassion on
the_plant which not you_had_toiled in/on/over_him/it and_
_not you_had_made_it_grow which_a_son_of a_night it_was
and_a_son_of a_night it_perished. **11** And_I not will_I_have_
_compassion on Nīnəvēh the_city (the)_great which there_are
in_it many more_than_two_plus ten ten_thousand person[s]
who not he_distinguishes between hand_of_his_right and_left_
_of_his and_livestock much.

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prohibited from grazing or eating anything, and even from drinking water. **8** Both people and livestock should just wear sacks, and they should use their strength to cry out to God and they should turn away from the evil and violent things they have been doing. **9** And maybe God will turn and change his mind and stop his fierce anger, and maybe we won't die."

10 And God saw their actions in turning away from their evil ways and he changed his mind about the destruction which he had said he would send to them and he didn't proceed with it.

Yonah gets upset

4:1 But Yonah (Jonah) was very upset and the situation made him angry. **2** And he said to Yahweh, "Please Yahweh, wasn't this what I said would happen when I was still in my own country? That's why I fled to Tarshish the first time, because I knew that you are a caring forgiving god, who doesn't get angry quickly; full of kindness and not wanting to cause distress.[19] **3** So therefore Yahweh, please kill me because I'd rather die than live like this."[20]

4 But Yahweh said, "Do you think it's right to be angry like that?"

5 And Yonah went outside the city to the east and made himself a shelter and sat there in the shade to see what would happen to the city. **6** And Yahweh God commanded a plant and it grew up over Yonah to shade his head and to relieve him from his distress. Yonah was very pleased about the plant. **7** Then at dawn the next day God commanded a grub and it attacked the plant which then shrivelled up. **8** And when the sun came up, God sent a hot east wind and the sun beat on Yonah's head. He became faint and asked for his life to end and said, "It's better for me to die than to live."

9 And God said to Yonah, "Do you think it's right to be angry about the plant?"

And Yonah replied, "Yes, I'm angry enough to die!"

10 Then Yahweh said, "You felt sorry for the plant which you didn't even plant or work for. It came up in a day and died again in a day **11** so shouldn't I feel sorry for the huge city of Nineveh which has so many people in it who don't know right from wrong—over 120,000 people, not to mention all the livestock!"

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19 **RV 4:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:6.

20 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 19:4.

Nahum

Introduction

This document is about the destruction of Nineveh, the capital city of Ashur/Assyria—an ancient enemy of Yisrael/Israel, and was written between 663 and 612 B.C. The prophet Nahum was pleased that Yahweh destroyed Nineveh, because that was a sign that God does indeed punish sinners.
A large portion of the document is poetry, with some narrative portions also included. Unlike English poetry which can often focus on rhyme, Hebrew poetry often includes parallelism where the same thought is repeated or extended using different words. The *OET Readers' Version* tries to assist the reader by starting the second line in a parallel set with the symbol ≈.
It can take a little bit of effort to decipher this message—to see who's being spoken to—because it's often alternating between Yahweh declaring good news to his people, and declaring bad news to Nineveh.

Main components of this document

Yahweh's punishment of Nineveh *1:1-15*
The destruction of Nineveh *2:1–3:19*

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1:1 The_oracle_of Nīnəvēh the_document_of the_vision_of Naḥūm the_'Elqoshiy.

2 Is_a_god jealous and_avenging **YHWH** **YHWH** is_avenging and_a_master_of rage **YHWH** is_avenging to_foes_of_his and_ _is_ he _keeping to_enemies_of_his. **3** **YHWH** is_long_of anger(s) and[4] power and_certainly_(leave_unpunished) not **YHWH** he_will_leave_unpunished is_in_storm-wind in_storm its_road/course and_cloud[s] are_the_dust_of his_feet_of_his. **4** He_is_rebuking (in)_sea and_he_made_it_dry and_all the_ _rivers he_dries_up Bāshān and_Karmel/(Carmel) it_languishes and_the_blossom_of Ləvānōn it_languishes. **5** Mountains they_ _quake from_him/it and_the_hills they_melt and_ the_ _earth/land _it_lifted_up from_before_of_him and_the_world and_all those_who_dwell_of in_it. **6** To_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before indignation_of_his who will_he_stand and_who will_ _he_endure at_the_burning_of his_anger_of_his rage_of_his it_ _is_poured_out like_fire and_the_rocks they_are_pulled_down from_him. **7** Is_good **YHWH** (into)_a_refuge in/on_day trouble and_he_is_knowing those_who_take_refuge_of in_him/it. **8** And_with_a_flood which_passes_over complete_destruction he_will_make place_of_its and_enemies_of_his he_will_pursue darkness. **9** Whatever you(pl)_will_plot against **YHWH** complete_destruction he will_be_making not it_will_arise two_ _times trouble. **10** If/because to thorns entangled and_like_ _drink_of_their drunkards they_will_be_consumed like_stubble dry full. **11** From_you one_who_plots on **YHWH** evil a_ _counsellor_of worthlessness he_has_come_out. **12** Thus **YHWH** he_says though complete and_thus/so/as_follows numerous and_thus/so/as_follows they_will_be_cut_off and_he_will_pass_ _away and_I_have_afflicted_you not I_will_afflict_you again. **13** And_now I_will_break yoke-bar_of_his from_on_you and_ _fetters_of_your I_will_tear_apart. **14** And_he_has_commanded on_you **YHWH** not it_will_be_sown from_name_of_your again from_the_house_of your(pl)_gods_of_your I_will_cut_off idol and_molten_image I_will_make grave_of_your if/because you_ _are_insignificant.
2:1 [5] THERE on the_mountains the_feet_of one_who_bears_ _news one_who_proclaims peace celebrate_a_festival Oh_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) festivals_of_your pay vows_of_your if/because not he_will_repeat again mmm[6] on/over_you(fs) a_ _worthless_person of_him_of_all it_will_be_cut_off.

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1:1 This document is a declaration about Nineveh city[1] which was given to Nahum from Elkosh as a vision.

Yahweh's anger at Nineveh

2 Yahweh is a jealous[2] God who avenges.
Yahweh avenges and is full of anger.
He takes vengeance on his opponents,
and he continues to be angry with his enemies.
3 Yahweh is slow to get angry, but very powerful.
He certainly won't allow guilty people to go unpunished.
He walks among whirlwinds and storms,
and clouds are like dust stirred up by his feet.
4 He scolds the ocean and makes it sand.
He dries up all the rivers.
Bashan and Karmel wither up.
He makes the flowers wilt in Levanon.
5 The mountains shake when he appears,
and the hills melt.
The ground heaves at his presence—
actually the entire world and all its residents.
6 What can withstand his indignation?
Who can resist his fierce anger?
His anger is poured out like fire,
and rocks shatter in front of him.
7 Yahweh is good at sheltering us when trouble comes.
He recognises those go to him for protection.
8 He'll completely destroy his opponents with a rushing flood.
He will chase his enemies into the darkness.
9 Whatever is plotted against Yahweh,
he'll completely destroy it.
Trouble won't return a second time.
10 They'll get tangled up as if in thorns,
and they'll walk like drunks.
They'll be burnt up completely like dry stubble.
11 Someone in Nineveh made a decision,
to plot evil against Yahweh.
Someone with wicked plans.
12 This is what Yahweh says:
Even though the Assyrians are numerous and well equipped.
they'll be destroyed anyway and will be no more.
Although I've afflicted you my people,
I won't afflict you any more.
13 I'll free your neck from their harness.
I'll snap their chains that are holding you.
14 Yahweh has given instructions about you, Nineveh.
You'll have no more descendants to carry on your name.
I'll destroy your idols and images in your temples.
I'll dig your grave because you're despised.

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1 **RV 1:1–3:19 · Cross-ref.** Isa 10:5-34; 14:24-27; Zeph 2:13-15.

2 **RV 1:2 · Note** Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, Yahweh often compares peoples who worship idols (instead of him, the creator) similar to a spouse that has an affair.

4 **LV 1:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: לוּדִנ/ו: (x-qere) 'לָדִנ/ו': lemma_c/1419 a morph_HC/Aamsc id_34W26 לָדִנ/ו

5 **LV 2:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.1.15

6 **LV 2:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: רובע/ל: (x-qere) 'רָבֵע/ל': lemma_l/5674 a morph_HR/Vqc id_34SHw רָבֵע/ל

Readers' Version

1:15 My people, look, a messenger is running across the hills.
He'll be bringing good news—announcing peace.[3]
So celebrate your festivals Yehudah (Judah), and keep your promises,
because that wicked country won't invade you again—it'll be destroyed.

Nineveh's coming destruction

2:1 The ones who'll scatter you are getting ready to attack you.
Guard the city walls.
Watch the roads.
Be dressed for battle.
Gather your troops together.
2 Yahweh is restoring Ya'akov's (Jacob's) greatness,
like Yisrael's (Israel's) greatness before,
even though the invaders took their valuables and destroyed their vineyards.
3 The enemy's powerful warriors hold red shields,
and his soldiers are dressed in scarlet.
The metal on their chariots gleams
as they get them ready that day,
and their cypress spears are held ready.
4 Their chariots drive madly through the streets,
and rush back and forth across the town squares.
They look like flaming torches,
and dart across like lightning.
5 He calls his officers—
They stumble as they march.
They hurry to attack the city wall,
and to set up the movable roof for protection.
6 The river gates are forced open,
and the palace collapses in the flood.
7 She's[7] stripped ready to be taken away.
Her slave girls moan like doves as they beat their chests.
8 In the good days, Nineveh was like a refreshing pool of water.
but now they're fleeing from it.

Literal Version

2 [9] one_who_scatters he_has_come_up on face_of_your guard the_fortification watch the_road strengthen the_loins make_ _strong strength exceedingly. **3** [10] If/because **YHWH** he_will_ _restore ~~DOM~~ the_majesty_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) like_the_majesty_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_have_laid_waste_to_them those_who_lay_waste and_their_vine_of_branches they_have_ _destroyed. **4** [11] The_shield_of his_warriors is_dyed_red men_of strength are_clothed_in_scarlet are_in_fire_of iron(s) the_ _chariotry in/on_day prepares_he and_the_cypresses they_ _have_been_made_to_quiver. **5** [12] In_streets the_chariotry they_ _drive_madly they_rush_around in_places appearance_of_their are_like_torches like_(the)_flashes they_run_around. **6** [13] He_ _remembers his_of_nobles they_stumble their[14] they_hurry wall_of_its and_ the_cover _it_is_prepared. **7** [15] The_gates_of the_rivers they_have_been_opened and_the_palace it_has_ _melted_away. **8** [16] And_it_has_been_fixed it_was_uncovered it_ _was_taken_away and_maidservants_of_its are_moaning like_ _the_sound_of doves they_are_beating on_hearts_of_their. **9** [17] And_Nīnəvēh was_like_a_pool_of water from_the_days_of it and_they are_fleeing stop stop and_there_is_not one_who_ _turns_back. **10** [18] Plunder silver plunder gold and_there_is_not an_end to_supply abundance from_all article_of preciousness. **11** [19] Emptiness and_emptiness and_devastation and_a_heart melting and_tottering_of knees and_anguish in_all loins and_ _the_faces_of all_of_them_of_their they_have_gathered a_glow. **12** [20] Where is_the_dwelling_place_of lions and_is_pasture it for_(the)_lions where lion lion it_walked there cub_of lion and_ _there_was_not one_who_terrified. **13** [21] The_lion was_tearing for_the_sufficiency_of its_cubs_of_his and_it_was_strangling for_lionesses_of_its and_it_filled prey holes_of_its and_dens_of_ _its torn_flesh. **14** [22] HERE_I am_against_you the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_burn in_smoke chariotry_of_its and_your_young_of_lions the_sword it_will_

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3 **RV 1:15 · Cross-ref.** Isa 52:7.

7 **RV 2:7 · Note** Possibly referring to the city of Nineveh itself, or possibly to its queen.

9 **LV 2:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.1

10 **LV 2:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.2

11 **LV 2:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.3

12 **LV 2:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.4

13 **LV 2:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.5

14 **LV 2:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוכלה/ב/ם: (x-qere) תכילה/ב/ם': lemma_b/1979 n_1 morph_HR/Ncfsc/Sp3mp id_34dAC תכילה/ב/ם

15 **LV 2:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.6

16 **LV 2:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.7

17 **LV 2:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.8

18 **LV 2:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.9

19 **LV 2:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.10

20 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.11

21 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.12

22 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Nah.2.13

Literal Version

_consume and_I_will_cut_off from_the_earth prey_of_your and_
_not it_will_be_heard again the_voice_of your(pl)_messengers_
_of_your.
3:1 Woe_to the_city_of blood(s) of_it_of_all lying plunder is_full
not prey it_will_depart. **2** The_sound_of a_whip and_the_
_sound_of the_rattling_of a_wheel and_a_horse galloping and_
_a_chariot jolting. **3** A_horseman bringing_up and_the_blade_of
a_sword and_the_lightning_flash_of a_spear and_the_
_multitude_of the_slain and_the_weight_of corpse[s] and_
_there_is_not an_end to_corpse[s] and_people_will_stumble[23]
over_corpse[s]_of_their. **4** From_the_abundance_of the_
_prostitution(s)_of a_prostitute good_of grace a_mistress_of
sorceries who_sells nations by_prostitution(s)_of_her and_clans
by_sorceries_of_her. **5** HERE_I am_against_you the_utterance_of
YHWH soldiers/messengers and_I_will_uncover of_your(pl)_
_robe_of_the_skirts over face_of_your and_I_will_show nations
nakedness_of_your and_kingdoms shame_of_your. **6** And_I_will_
_throw on_you detestable_things and_I_will_treat_you_with_
_contempt and_I_will_make_you like_a_spectacle. **7** And_it_was
all_of those_of_who_see_you he_will_flee from_you and_
_saying(ms) Nīnəvēh it_is_devastated who will_he_show_
_sympathy to/for_her/it from_where will_I_seek comforters
to/for_you(fs). **8** Have_you_been_made_good more_than_
_No'/(Thebes) Amon which_was_dwelling among_canals water
was_all_around to/for_her/it which rampart_of was_the_sea
was_from_sea wall_of_its. **9** Cush might_of_was_its and_
_Mitsrayim and_there_was_not an_end Pūṭ and_the_Lūvī they_
_were (in)_help_of_your. **10** Also it to_exile it_went in_captivity
also children_of_its they_were_dashed_in_pieces at_the_head_
_of all_of the_streets and_on its_honoured_of_people they_
_throw a_lot and_all its_great_of_people they_were_bound
with_fetters. **11** Also you you_will_become_drunk it_will_be
hidden also you you_will_seek a_refuge from_the_enemy.
12 All_of fortifications_of_your are_fig_trees with first-fruits if
they_will_be_shaken and_they_will_fall on the_mouth_of one_
_who_eats. **13** THERE people_of_your are_women in_midst_of_
_your to_enemies_of_your wide_(open) the_gates_of your_land_
_of_your they_will_be_opened fire it_will_consume bars_of_
_your. **14** Water_of siege draw to/for_you(fs) strengthen
fortifications_of_your go in_clay and_trample on_mortar take_
_hold_of a_brick-mould. **15** There it_will_consume_you fire it_
_will_cut_you_off the_sword it_will_consume_you like_locust[s]
make_yourself_numerous like_locust[s] make_yourself_
_numerous like_locust. **16** You_have_increased traders_of_your
more_than_the_stars_of the_heavens a_locust it_strips_off and_
_it_flew_away. **17** Courtiers_of_your are_like_locust and_
_officials_of_your are_like_a_locust_of locust[s] which_encamp
in_walls in/on_day coldness the_sun it_rises and_it_flees and_
_not place_of_its where_are_they it_is_known. **18** Shepherds_
_of_your they_are_slumbering Oh_king_of 'Ashshūr your_of_
_nobles they_settle_down people_of_your they_are_scattered
on the_mountains and_there_is_not one_who_gathers.
19 There_is_not relief for_fracture_of_your wound_of_your is_
_severe all_of those_who_hear_of report_of_(of)_your they_

Readers' Version

"Stop, stop," they say, but no one comes back.
9 "Grab the gold, seize the silver."
There's no end to the treasure.
Plenty of valuable things.
10 Nineveh's all emptiness and desolation,
devastation and hearts melting.
Knees trembling and aching stomachs.
Their faces all gone very pale.
11 What happened to that 'lion's den'—
the place where young cubs were fed?
The place where the lion and lioness walked—
where the cubs were safe with nothing to terrify them.
12 The lion tore apart enough for the cubs,
and strangled prey for his lionesses.
He filled his lairs with prey
and his dens with torn flesh.
13 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that he's against you.
He'll burn your chariots up in smoke,
and your young men will be killed with swords.
He'll take your prey away from you,
and the voices of your messengers won't be heard anymore.
3:1 The city of bloodshed will have a bad end.
It's full of lies and stolen property.
Always taking plunder—never letting go.
2 The sound of whips and the rattling of wheels.
Horses galloping and chariots jolting.
3 Charging horsemen, flashing swords, glittering spears.
Many slain—heaps of corpses.
Uncountable bodies—people trip over them.
4 That will happen because the beautiful prostitute had so much business.
She's the mistress of witchcraft.
She attracts other countries with her prostitution.
She attracts other peoples with her sorceries.
5 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that he's against you.
He'll lift your skirt up over your head,
and show your nakedness to the other countries.
Show your shame to the various kingdoms.
6 I throw disgusting filth at you
and treat you with contempt.
I'll make a spectacle of you.
7 Everyone who sees you will run away
and say, 'Nineveh is destroyed.'
Who will weep for her?
Where can I find someone who'll comfort her?
8 Are you better than No city[8] was,
where the Nile surrounded and protected her?
Where the water was one of her secure walls.
9 Kush (Ethiopia) and Mitsrayim (Egypt) were her strength,

8 **RV 3:8 · Note** Ancient No-Amon—modern Luxor in Mitsrayim.

23 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ולשכי**: (x-qere) 'וְלְשָׁכָ֔ו': lemma_c/3782 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vqp3cp id_34AXb וְלְשָׁכָ֔ו

Readers' Version

and her strength had no limit.
Put and Libya were her allies.
10 Yet No was taken as an exile—
taken into captivity.
Her young children were dashed to pieces at the top of every street.
Her captors threw dice for her leading citizens.
All her leading men were bound in chains.
11 You, too, will become drunk.
You'll look for places to hide.
You'll try to find somewhere to be safe from your enemies.
12 All your fortresses will be like fig trees
with the early fruit now ready.
When they're shaken
the fruit falls right into the mouth of the eater.
13 See, your troops are like weak women.
Your city gates will be opened wide to your enemies—
their cross-bars will be destroyed by fire.
14 Get water from the wells to store for the siege.
Strengthen your fortifications.
Fetch clay and start working it.
Get the molds ready to make bricks.
15 Even so, fire will devour you.
The sword will cut you down.
They'll chew you up like locusts.
You need to multiply like locusts and grasshoppers.
16 You have so many merchants—
more than the stars in the sky.
Like locusts, they strip valuables and then fly away.
17 Your many guards are like locusts,
and you have a swarm of officials.
On a cold morning they settle on the walls,
but when the sun rises they fly away
to some place that nobody knows about.
18 You, king of Ashur (Assyria),
your shepherds have fallen asleep.
Your leading citizens have settled down for a break.
Your people will be scattered across the hills,
with no one to gather them again.
19 Your pain will get no relief—
your wound is too severe.
Everyone who hears the news about you will do a high-five,
because there's no one who hasn't experienced your cruelty.

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Literal Version

_strike a_palm on_you if/because over whom not evil_of_your has_it_passed continually.

NAH · OET-LV v0.2.0 (OT set)

Ovadyah

(Obadiah)

Introduction

This short document was written by the prophet Ovadyah (three syllables, traditionally spelt as ‘Obadiah’) and is about God’s judgement and punishment of Edom—the nation made up of Esav’s descendants. Esav was Ya’akov’s twin-brother—the sons of Yitshak (‘Isaac’), however the two sets of descendants ended up as enemies. So that’s why Edom’s people were very glad when the Babylonian army destroyed Yerushalem in 586 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), and not just that, they took advantage of the invasion to join in looting the city and help the invaders. Here, God passes on through Ovadyah the declaration that Edom will be punished and defeated and their warriors would be slaughtered without any survivors, thus allowing Yisrael/Israel to recapture their lands.

Main components of this document

The punishment of Edom *1-14*
The day of the Master God *15-21*

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Readers' Version

1:1 This is the vision of Ovadyah (Obadiah) given by the master Yahweh concerning the Edom region:

Coming punishment for Edom

We have heard from Yahweh and a messenger has been sent to the nations,
telling them:
Get everything ready then go into battle against Edom.
2 And Yahweh says to Edom:
Listen,
I will make you into an insignificant nation.
You'll become utterly despised.
3 Your inner pride has deceived you,
you who live on the rocky cliffs,
with your homes up there so high.
You say to yourselves that
no one can bring you down to the ground.
4 If you go up high like an eagle,
even if your nest was up between the stars,
Yahweh declares that his command can bring you down from there.
5 If it was thieves who came to destroy you in the night,
(and yes, you're going to be destroyed)
they would only steal what they wanted.
Or if it was grape-pickers who came to you,
at least they'd leave behind the smaller grapes.
6 How Esav's (Esau's) descendants will be looted.
Their hidden treasures will be found and taken.
7 Those who have treaties with you will force you to the border.
Those who talk about peace will deceive you.
Those who eat meals with you will set a trap for you.
You have no idea what's about to hit you.
8 Yahweh will make a declaration on that day.
The wise people of Edom will be destroyed.
Understanding will disappear from Esav's (Esau's) hill.
9 And you the city of Teyman, your warriors will be shattered,
so that everyone from Esav's hill country will be slaughtered.

The charges against Edom

10 Because of your violence against your brother Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
shame will overcome you,
and you'll be destroyed forever.
11 You just stood and watched on that day when strangers carried away their wealth.
When foreigners entered their gates and took possession of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), you wished it was you doing that.
12 You shouldn't have gloated over your cousins on the day of

Literal Version

1:1 The_vision_of ʿOvadyāh thus my_master **YHWH** he_says of_ _'Edōm a_report we_have_heard from_with **YHWH** and_an_ _envoy among_nations he_has_been_sent arise and_let_us_arise on/upon_it(f)[123] for_battle.

2 HERE small I_will_make_you among_nations you will_be_ _despised exceedingly. **3** The_presumption_of your_heart_of_ _your it_has_deceived_you Oh_you_who_dwell_of in_clefts_of rock the_height_of his_dwelling_of_his he_is_saying in_heart_ _of_his who will_he_bring_me_down the_ground. **4** If you_will_ _make_high like_eagle and_if between the_stars nest_of_your will_be_set from_there I_will_bring_you_down the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**. **5** If thieves they_came to/for_yourself(m) if destroyers_of night how you_will_be_destroyed am_not will_ _they_steal sufficiency_of_their if grape_gatherers they_came to/for_you(fs) am_not will_they_leave gleanings. **6** How Esau they_will_be_plundered treasures_of_its_hidden they_will_be_ _searched_out. **7** To the_border they_will_send_you_away all_of the_men_of your_covenant_of_your they_will_deceive_you they_will_prevail to/for_yourself(m) the_men_of your_peace_ _of_your food_of_your they_will_set a_trap under_you there_is_ _not understanding in/on/over_him/it. **8** Am_not in_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_destroy wise_ _people from_'Edōm and_understanding from_hill of_Esau. **9** And_ your_of_warriors _they_will_be_dismayed Oh_Tēymān so_that everyone he_may_be_cut_off from_hill of_Esau from_ _slaughter.

10 From_the_violence_of your(ms)_brother/kindred Yaʿ$_a$qovʿ/(Jacob) it_will_cover_you shame and_you_will_be_cut_ _off forever_perpetuity. **11** In/on_day stood_you from_before in/on_day strangers took_captive wealth_of_his and_foreigners they_came his[5] and_on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_throw a_ _lot also you like_one of_them. **12** And_do_not look on_the_day_ _of your(ms)_brother/kindred in/on_day his_misfortune_of_his and_do_not rejoice to_the_people_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in/on_ _day perish_they and_do_not make_big mouth_of_your in/on_ _day trouble. **13** Do_not go in_the_gate_of my_people_of_my

1 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

2 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

3 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

5 LV 1:11 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/רעש: (x-qere) וְ/יִרְעָשׁ': lemma_8179 n_0.1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_31ewe וְ/יִרְעָשׁ

Literal Version

in/on_day their_disaster_of_their do_not also you look on_ _calamity_of_his in/on_day his_disaster_of_his and_do_not stretch_out on_wealth_of_his in/on_day his_disaster_of_his.
14 And_do_not stand at the_parting_ways to_cut_off ~~ḎǪM~~ fugitives_of_his and_do_not deliver_up survivors_of_his in/on_ _day trouble.

15 If/because is_near the_day_of **YHWH** on all_of the_nations just_as you_have_done it_will_be_done to_you recompense_of_ _your it_will_return on_your_own_of_head. **16** If/because just_ _as you(pl)_have_drunk on the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_ _my all_of the_nations they_will_drink continually and_they_ _will_drink and_they_will_swallow and_they_will_be like_ _those_who_not they_had_been.

17 And_on_the_mountain_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) it_will_be deliverance and_it_was a_holy_place and_ the_house_of Ya′ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) _they_will_take_possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ possessions_of_their.[7] **18** And_it_was the_house_of Ya′ₐqoⱱ a_ _fire and_the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) will_be_a_flame and_ _the_house_of Esau will_become_(into)_stubble and_they_will_ _burn in/among_them and_they_will_consume_them and_not he_will_belong[89] a_survivor to_the_house_of Esau if/because **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **19** And_ the_Negeⱱ _they_will_take_ _possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ the_mountain_of Esau and_the_Shephelah ~~ḎǪM~~ Pəlishtiy and_they_will_take_possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _region_of ʾEfrayim and_~~ḎǪM~~ the_region_of Shomrōn and_ _Binyāmīn ~~ḎǪM~~ (the)_Gil′ād. **20** And_the_exile[s]_of the_fortress the_this of_the_people_of of_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) that_which is_of_ _the_Kəna′ₐnī/(Kəna′ₐnī/(Canaanite)s) to Tsₑrəfat/(Zarephath) and_the_exile[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) who are_in_ _Ṣəfārād they_will_take_possession_of ~~ḎǪM~~ the_cities_of the_ _Negeⱱ. **21** And_ deliverers _they_will_go_up on_the_mountain_ _of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) to_rule ~~ḎǪM~~ the_mountain_of Esau and_it_ _will_belong to/for_**YHWH** the_royalty.

Readers' Version

their misfortune.
And you shouldn't have celebrated about the destruction of the people of Yehudah (Judah).
You shouldn't have bragged in their time of distress.
13 You shouldn't have gone into their city at the time of their calamity.
You shouldn't have gloated—yes, you—over their misery in their time of disaster.
And you women shouldn't have grabbed their wealth on the day of their catastrophe.
14 You shouldn't have stood at the crossroads to kill those trying to escape,
And you shouldn't have handed-over any survivors that you'd captured in their time of trouble.[4]

The punishment of nations

15 For all the nations, Yahweh's day is near,
Just as you've done, the same will be done to you.
Your actions will return onto your own head.
16 Because just like how all you Israelis[6] drank suffering on my holy mountain,
all the nations will drink continually.
They will drink and swallow it down.
They'll become as if they'd never even existed.

Yisrael's victory · Both kingdoms

17 But on Mt. Tsiyon (Zion), there'll be deliverance,
and it will be holy,
Yisrael's (Israel's) people will reclaim their possessions.
18 Yisrael's people will be a fire,
and Yosef's (Joseph's) descendants will be a flame.
None of Esav's (Esau's) descendants will survive,
because Yahweh has spoken.
19 The people from the Negev will take ownership of Esav's mountain,
and the people from the Shefelah will take ownership of the Pelishtim' land.
They will recapture the Efrayim (Ephraim) and Shomroni (Samaritan) countrysides,
and the people of Benyamin will recapture Gilead.
20 Yisrael's (Israel's) exiles will take ownership of the Kena'anim' (Canaanites') land as far as Tserefat,
and the exiles from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) (who are in Sefarad) will take ownership of the cities of the Negev.
21 The rescuers will go up Mt. Tsiyon (Zion) to judge Esav's mountain.

4 RV 1:1-14 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Amos 1:11-12; Mal 1:2-5.

6 RV 1:16 · Note It's not actually clear from the Hebrew who 'you all' refers to, so the addition of 'Israelis' is clearly an interpretive decision and other translations might differ.

7 LV 1:17 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

8 LV 1:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

9 LV 1:18 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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and Yahweh will be their king.

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Daniyel

(or Daniyel)

Introduction

This document is about *Daniyel* (originally spelt as 'Daniyyel'). He was captured as a young man in Yehudah (Judah) and taken to serve in Bavel (Babylonia). He wrote this at a time when the Jewish people were suffering a lot of mocking and persecution by those who worshipped false gods. Daniyel became one of the highest officials in Bavel and we learn here about his obedience in serving God during the reigns of King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), Belshatsar (Belshazzar), Dareyavesh (Darius), and Koresh (Cyrus). This document also has some brief but important sections telling about his three friends Hananyah, Meyshak, and Azaryah (perhaps better known as Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego).
God's revelations which Daniyel prophesied are also included here, concerning the strengthening or destruction of other nations starting with Bavel. It's also prophesied here about what would happen in the 'end-times'.
One of the themes of this document is about how God determines everything that happens in this world. He's the one who forms nations, and he's the one who determines their end. He also looks after his people.
This document about Daniyel was written with around 44% written in Hebrew (1:1–2:4a; 8:1–12:13) and the middle 56% in Aramaic (2:4b–7:28). (Modern Syria is in the former Aram region. Aramaic is most closely related to Hebrew, Syriac, and Phoenician, and was written in a script derived from the Phoenician alphabet.)

Main components of this account

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The account about Daniyel and his friends[1] · Daniyel and his friends in Bavel

1:1 In the third year of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Yehoyakim's reign, Bavel's (Babylon's) King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and besieged the city.[2] **2** After two years, the master allowed King Yehoyakim to be defeated by Nevukadnetsar who then took some of the items out of the temple and took them to Shin'ar where he placed them in his god's temple storerooms.[3]

3 Some time later, King Nevukadnetsar commanded his chief official Ashpenaz to bring him some of the young Israeli men, from both their royal family and from some of the prominent families. **4** They had to be good-looking young men without obvious defects, wise and well-educated, who would be competent for future work in the palace. They would be taught the language and literature of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), **5** and the king assigned a daily portion of food and wine for them from his own table. They would be trained for three years before entering the king's service. **6** Among the young men from Yehudah who were chosen were Daniyel, Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah, **7** but Ashpenaz named them Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar), Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego respectively.

8 However Daniyel decided that he wouldn't eat the king's fancy food or drink his wine because it wasn't all 'kosher', so he requested permission from Ashpenaz to eat an alternative diet. **9** Now God had caused the chief official to like and respect Daniyel, **10** but he queried, "I'm afraid of my master the king, who's assigned your food and drink—if he saw you guys looking worse than the others of your own age then I'd risk losing my head if the king got angry."

11 So Daniyel asked the steward that Ashpenaz had assigned over the four of them, **12** "Please test your servants for ten days: let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink, **13** then after that, see how we look compared to the other young men who eat the king's choice food. Then you can make the best decision from the evidence."

14 So the steward agreed to that and started the ten-day trial. **15** At the end of the ten days, they looked better and healthier than all the young men who'd been eating the king's fancy food, **16** so after that, the steward just gave them vegetables to eat instead of the choice food and wine.

17 So God gave those four young men knowledge and insight into all literature, and wisdom, and Daniyel was able to interpret any dreams and visions.

18 At the end of the three years[4] when the king ordered them to be brought in, the chief official Ashpenaz brought them in to

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1:1 In_year three of_(the)_reign of_Yəhōyāqīm/(Jehoiakim) the_ _king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Nəvukadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_laid_siege on_it. **2** And_ my_master _he/it_gave in_his/its_hand ÐǾM Yəhōyāqīm the_king_of Yəhūdāh and_from_(the)_sum of_the_vessels_of of_ _the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_brought_them the_land_ _of Shin'ār the_house_of his/its_god and_ÐǾM the_vessels he_ _brought the_house_of the_treasury_of his/its_god. **3** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said to_'Ashpənaz the_chief_of his/its_officials to_ _bring from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_(the)_seed the_royalty and_from the_nobles. **4** Youths whom there_was_ _not (is)_in_them any_of blemish[5] and_good_of appearance and_having_insight in_all wisdom and_knowing_of (of)_ _knowledge and_understanding_of (of)_knowledge and_which ability (is)_in_them to_stand in_(the)_palace the_king and_to_ _teach_them the_writing and_(the)_tongue of_the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy. **5** And_he/it_assigned to/for_them the_king the_ _matter_of a_day in_its_day from_bit spoil the_king and_from_ _(the)_wine his/its_drinking/feast and_to_bring_them_up years three and_from_their_end they_will_stand to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_king. **6** And_he/it_was in/among_ _them from_(the)_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) Dāniyy'ēl Ḥanan^{yāh} Mīshā'ēl and_'Azar^{yāh}. **7** And_he/it_assigned to/for_them the_ _chief_of the_officials names and_he/it_assigned to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl Bēlətsha'tstsar and_to/for_Hananya Shadrak and_ _to_Mīshā'ēl Mēyshak and_to/for_Azarya 'Avēd- nəgō. **8** And_ Dāniyy'ēl _he/it_assigned on his/its_heart that not he_defiled_ _himself in/with_food the_king and_in/with_wine his/its_ _drinking/feast and_he/it_sought from_(the)_chief the_officials that not he_will_defile_himself. **9** And_ the_'Elohīm _he/it_gave ÐǾM Dāniyy'ēl to_favour and_(to)_compassion(s) to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_chief_of the_officials. **10** And_ the_ _chief_of the_officials _he/it_said to/for_Dāniyy'ēl am_fearing I ÐǾM my_master the_king who he_has_assigned ÐǾM your(pl)_ _food and_ÐǾM your(pl)_drink that to/for_what will_he_see ÐǾM your(pl)_faces looking_thin more_than the_youths who are_about_age_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_endanger ÐǾM my_ _head to_king. **11** And_ Dāniyy'ēl _he/it_said to the_guardian whom the_chief_of the_officials he_had_assigned over Dāniyy'ēl Ḥanan^{yāh} Mīshā'ēl and_'Azar^{yāh}. **12** Put_to_the_test please ÐǾM your_servants days ten and_they_give to/for_us some_of the_ _herbs/vegetables and_we_eat and_water so_that_we_may_ _drink. **13** And_they_appear to_your_face our_appearance and_ _appearance the_youths the_ones_eating ÐǾM the_delicaci[es]_ _of the_king and_as_which you_will_see deal with servants_of_ _your. **14** And_he/it_listened to/for_them to_the_ _message/thing/matter the_this and_he/it_tested_them days ten. **15** And_from_(the)_sum days ten it_appeared their_ _appearance good and_fat flesh more_than all_of the_youths the_ones_eating ÐǾM the_delicaci[es]_of the_king. **16** And_ the_ _guardian _he/it_was taking_away ÐǾM their_food/delicacy and_wine their_drinking/feast and_giving to/for_them

1 **RV 1:1 · Parallel** 1:1–6:28

2 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:1; 2Ch 36:5-7.

3 **RV 1:2-4 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 20:17-18; 24:10-16; 2Ch 36:10; Isa 39:7-8.

4 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** 1:5.

5 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: מואמ: (x-qere) 'מוּמ': lemma_3971 a morph_HNcmsa id_27hh7 מוּמ

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vegetables. **17** And_the_youths the_these them_four he_gave to/for_them the_'Elohīm knowledge and_understanding in_all writing and_wisdom and_Dāniyy'ēl he_understood in_all vision and_dreams. **18** And_to_from_(the)_end the_days which the_ _king he_had_said to_bring_them and_he/it_brought_them the_chief_of the_officials to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Nəvūkadnetstsar. **19** And_he/it_spoke with_them the_king and_ _not he_was_found from_all_them like_Dāniyy'ēl Ḥ$_a$nanyāh Mīshā'ēl and_'Azaryāh and_they_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_king. **20** And_all/each/any/every matter_of wisdom_of understanding which he_sought from_them the_ _king and_he/it_found_them ten hands above all_of the_ _magicians/soothsayers the_conjurers who in_all his/its_ _kingdom. **21** And_ Dāniyy'ēl _he/it_was until year_of one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_king.

2:1 And_in_year_of two of_(the)_reign of_Nəvūkadnetstsar Nəvūkadnetstsar he_dreamed dreams and_ his/its_ _breath/wind/spirit _it_was_disturbed and_his/its_sleep it_ _happened on/upon/above_him/it. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_call to/for_the_magicians/soothsayers and_(to)_conjurers and_to_the_sorcerers and_to_the_ones_from_Kasdiy to_ _announce to/for_the_king his/its_dreams and_they_came and_they_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **3** And_he/it_said to/for_them the_king a_dream I_have_ _dreamed and_ my_breath/wind/spirit _it_was_disturbed to_ _know ᴅᴏᴍ the_dream. **4** And_ the_ones_from_Kasdiy _they_ _spoke to/for_the_king 'Arāmīt Oh/the_king for_ages live tell the_dream to_your(sg)_servant[7] and_the_interpretation we_ _will_declare. **5** Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to_ _the_Kasda'e[8] the_matter from_me is_assured if not you(pl)_ _will_make_known_to_me the_dream and_its_interpretation members you(pl)_will_be_made and_your(pl)_houses a_ _refuse-heap they_will_be_made. **6** And_if the_dream and_its_ _interpretation you(pl)_will_declare gifts and_(a)_reward and_ _glory/honour great you(pl)_will_receive from before_me therefore the_dream and_its_interpretation inform_me. **7** They_replied a_second_time and_they_said Oh/the_king the_ _dream let_him_tell to_his/its_servants and_the_interpretation we_will_declare. **8** Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) according_to certain I am_knowing that the_time you(pl) are_ _gaining as_to because that you(pl)_have_seen that is_assured from_me the_matter. **9** That if the_dream not you(pl)_will_ _make_known_to_me is_one it decree_of_your(pl) and_message a_lie and_being_deceitfull you(pl)_came_to_a_decision[9][10] to_ _tell before_me until that the_time it_will_be_changed therefore the_dream tell to_me and_I_will_know that its_ _interpretation you(pl)_will_declare_to_me. **10** They_replied the_Kasdaye[11] before Oh/the_king and_they_said not there is_

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King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). **19** The king talked with each of them and realised that none of the others were as capable as Daniyel, Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah, so they ended up in the king's service— **20** in every matter of wisdom and understanding which the king asked them about, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers from throughout his entire kingdom. **21** Daniyel continued serving there through to the first year of the reign of King Koresh (Cyrus).

Nevukadnetsar's dream

2:1 Back in the second year of King Nevukadnetsar's (Nebuchadnezzar's) reign, the king had had some dreams that troubled him—leaving him unable to sleep. **2** He summoned the magicians, fortune-tellers, sorcerers, and astrologers to explain the dreams to him, so they came in and stood in front of the king. **3** "I've had a dream," the king told them, "and my spirit is anxious to understand it." **4** The astrologers spoke to the king in Aramit,[6] "Long live King Nevukadnetsar. Tell us what you dreamt, and then we'll give you the interpretation."

5 "I've already made my decision," the king replied. "If you all can't tell me the dream and then give its interpretation, you'll all be torn limb from limb and your houses made into a rubbish heap. **6** But if you all explain the dream and its interpretation, you'll receive gifts from me, and a reward and great honour. So tell me the dream and its interpretation."

7 "Let the king tell his servants the dream," they insisted, "and we'll give the interpretation."

8 "I know for certain that you're all trying to gain time," the king answered. "However, I've made up my mind **9** that if you all don't tell me what my dream was, then your fate is already clear because you've obviously agreed together to keep feeding me with lies and made-up stories until I give in. So then, tell me what my dream was, and then I'll be confident that you can give me its interpretation."

10 "There's no one in the whole world who could tell the king that," the astrologers answered the king. "No great and powerful king has asked any magician or enchanter or astrologer to do that before! **11** What you're requesting, your majesty, is difficult,

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6 RV 8:1 · Note At this point, the original text switches from Hebrew to Aramaic (right through until the end of chapter 7—around 56% of this document).

7 LV 2:4 · Note OSHB variant note: ל/ידבע/ד: (x-qere) ל/דְּבַעֲ/דְּ': lemma_l/5649 n_0.0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27ExP ל/דְּבַעֲ/דְּ

8 LV 2:5 · Note OSHB variant note: ל/ידשכ/א: (x-qere) ל/אָדְשַׁכְּ/י': lemma_l/3779 n_1.1 morph_AR/Ngmpa/Sp1cs id_27Q2u ל/אָדְשַׁכְּ/י

9 LV 2:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ותנמזה/ו: (x-qere) וְ/תֶנְמְדֵזָה': lemma_2164 n_1.1.0 morph_AVMp3mp id_27vLv וְ/תֶנְמְדֵזָה

10 LV 2:9 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

11 LV 2:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ידשכ/א: (x-qere) אָדְשַׁכְּ/י': lemma_3779 morph_ANgmpc/Sp1cs id_27tc4 אָדְשַׁכְּ/י

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and no human can tell you what you dreamt—only the gods."
12 That angered the king, and he got so furious that he ordered
for all the Babylonian wise men to be executed.
13 When the decree went out that all the wise men were to be
rounded up to be executed, Daniyel and his friends were in-
cluded. **14** Areyok was the captain of the king's guards who'd
been sent to execute the Babylonian wise men, but Daniyel
spoke to him with wise and prudent caution.
15 He asked the king's commander Areyok, "Why did the king
come to that sudden decision?" Areyok explained what had hap-
pened, **16** so Daniyel went to the king and requested some time
so he would be able to give the interpretation to him.
17 Then Daniyel went back to his house and told his compan-
ions Hananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah **18** so they might beg for
mercy from the god of the heavens concerning the mystery of
the dream, so that all of them might not be executed along with
the rest of the Babylonian wise men. **19** Then the mystery was
revealed to Daniyel in a vision during the night. Afterwards,
Daniyel blessed the god of the heavens **20** saying, "Let God's
name be blessed forever and ever, because all wisdom and power
belong to him. **21** He moves the times and seasons forwards. He
removes some kings and gives power to others. It's him who
gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have un-
derstanding. **22** He reveals the deep and hidden things—he
knows what is in the darkness, and the light lives with him.
23 Oh God of my ancestors, I thank you and praise you for the
wisdom and power you have given to me. Now you've revealed
to me what we asked you about because you've told us what the
king is wanting to know."

Daniyel explains the king's dream

24 So Daniyel went to Areyok, the man
that the king had appointed to execute
Bavel's (Babylon's) wise men, and told him, "Don't hurt the wise
men in Bavel. Take me in to the king and I'll tell him the dream
and its interpretation."
25 Areyok quickly took Daniyel in to the king and told him,
"I've found a man among the exiles from Yehudah (Judah) who
will reveal the interpretation of your dream."
26 "Are you able to tell me the dream that I saw, and its inter-
pretation?" the king asked Daniyel (also called Belteshatsar (Bel-

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_a_person on the_earth who the_matter_of Oh/the_king he_
_will_be_able to_reply as_to because that any_of king great
and_power a_matter like_this not he_has_asked to/from_
_all/each/any/every magician and_astrologer and_Kasday.
11 And_the_matter which the_king is_asking is_difficult and_
_another not there who he/it_would_inform_it before Oh/the_
_king except gods who their_dwelling_place is_with the_flesh
not it_is. **12** As_to because this Oh/the_king he_was_angry and_
_he/it_was_furious exceedingly and_he/it_said to_destroy to_
_all/each/any/every the_wise_men_of Bāvel. **13** And_the_
_decree it_went_out and_the_wise_men were_about_to_be_
_killed and_they_were_sought Dāniyy'ēl and_his/its_friends to_
_be_executed. **14** In_then Dāniyy'ēl he_sent_back counsel and_
discretion to'Arəyōk the_chief_of the_executioners of
Oh/the_king who he_went_out to_execute to_wisemen of_
_Bāvel. **15** He_was_replying and_saying(ms) to_'Arəyōk the_
_captain of Oh/the_king on what the_decree harsh from before
Oh/the_king then the_matter 'Arəyōk he_made_known to/for_
_Dāniyy'ēl. **16** And_Dāniyy'ēl he_went_in and_he/it_asked from
Oh/the_king that time he_will_give to_him/it and_the_
_interpretation to_inform to_the_king. **17** Then Dāniyy'ēl to_
_his/its_house he_went and_to_Hananyah Mīshā'ēl and_'Azar^{yāh}
his/its_friends the_matter he_made_known. **18** And_
_compassion to_seek from before the_god_of the_heavens
concerning the_mystery this that not they_will_destroy
Dāniyy'ēl and_his/its_friends with the_rest_of the_wise_men_of
Bāvel. **19** Then to/for_Dāniyy'ēl in_the_vision of the_night the_
_mystery it_was_revealed then Dāniyy'ēl he_blessed to_god the_
_heavens. **20** Dāniyy'ēl was_replying and_saying(ms) let_it_be
his/its_name of the_god be_blessed from the_ages and_unto
the_ages that the_wisdom and_the_power that to_him/it it.
21 And_he is_changing the_times and_the_seasons he_is_
_removing kings and_appointing/standing_up/setting_up
kings he_is_giving the_wisdom to_(the)_wise_(ones) and_the_
knowledge to(ones)_knowing (of)_discernment. **22** He is_
_revealing the_deep_(things/mysteries) and_the_hidden he_is_
_knowing what in_the_darkness and_the_light[12] with_him/it
is_dwelling. **23** To/for_you(fs) Oh_god_of my_fathers am_
_praising and_praising I that the_wisdom and_the_power you_
_have_given to_me and_now you_have_made_known_to_me
that we_asked from_you(ms) that the_matter_of Oh/the_king
you_made_known_to_us.

24 As_to because this Dāniyy'ēl he_went_in to 'Arəyōk whom
Oh/the_king he_had_appointed to_destroy to_wisemen of_
_Bāvel he_went and_thus/so/as_follows he_said to_him/it to_
_wisemen of_Bāvel not may_you_destroy bring_in/escort_me
before Oh/the_king and_the_interpretation to_the_king I_will_
_declare. **25** Then 'Arəyōk in_haste he_brought_in to/for_
_Dāniyy'ēl before Oh/the_king and_thus/so/as_follows he_said
to_him/it that I_have_found a_man from the_sons_of the_exile
of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) who the_interpretation to_the_king he_
_will_make_known. **26** Oh/the_king was_replying and_
_saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl who his/its_name was_
_Bēlətəsha'tstsar are_you(ms)_[question][13] able to_make_know_

12 LV 2:22 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ריהנ/ו**: (x-qere) **'אָ/רוֹהָנְ/וּ'**: lemma_c/5094 a n_0.0 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_279Yh **אָ/רוֹהָנְ/וּ**
13 LV 2:26 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/יתיא/ה**: (x-qere) **'דְּ/תְיָא/ה'**: lemma_d/383 morph_ATi/Ta/Sp2ms id_27Jdu **דְּ/תְיָא/ה**

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_me the_dream which I_saw and_its_interpretation. **27** Dāniyy'ēl was_replying before Oh/the_king and_saying(ms) the_mystery which Oh/the_king is_asking not wise_men conjurers magicians astrologers are_being_able to_inform to_the_king. **28** Nevertheless there is_a_god in_the_heavens who_reveals secrets and_he/it_has_made_known to_the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar what that it_will_be in_end/latter the_days your(sg)_dream and_visions_of your(ms)_head on your(ms)_ _bed is_this it. **29** You[1415] Oh/the_king your(ms)_thoughts on your(ms)_bed they_came_up what that it_will_be after this and_revealer the_mysteries he/it_informed_you(ms) what that it_will_be. **30** And_I not by_wisdom which there is_in_me more_ _than all_of the_living_people the_secret this it_has_been_ _revealed to_me but on the_cause_of (of)_that the_ _interpretation to_the_king they_will_make_known and_the_ _thoughts_of your_heart you_will_know. **31** You[1617] Oh/the_ _king seeing you_were and_lo an_image one great the_image this was_great and_splendour_of_its was_extraordinary was_ _standing (to)_before_you and_appearance_of_its was_terrible. **32** That the_image head_of_its was_of gold good breast(s)_of_its and_arms_of_its were_of silver belli(es)_of_its and_loins_of_its were_of bronze. **33** Legs_of_its were_of iron feet_of_its mmm[18] were_of iron and[19] were_of clay. **34** Seeing you_were until that a_stone which not was_by_hands it_was_cut_out and_it_struck ~~DOM~~_the_image on feet_of_its of the_iron and_the_clay and_it_ _shattered them. **35** In_then they_were_shattered as_one the_ _iron the_clay the_bronze the_silver and_the_gold and_they_ _were like_chaff from threshing_floors_of summer and_ the_ _wind _it_carried_away them and_all place not it_was_found for_them and_the_stone which it_struck ~~DOM~~_the_image it_ _became (into)_a_mountain great and_it_filled all_of the_earth. **36** This the_dream and_its_interpretation we_will_tell before Oh/the_king. **37** You[2021] Oh/the_king are_the_king_of the_kings whom the_god_of the_heavens the_kingdom the_power and_ _the_strength and_the_honour he_has_given to/for_you(fs). **38** And_on/over_all that they_are_dwelling[22] the_sons_of (the)_ _humankind the_animal[s]_of the_field and_bird the_heavens he_has_given in_hand_of_your and_he_has_made_you_ruler over_all_of_of_them you are_it[2324] the_head of (the)_gold. **39** And_after_of_you it_will_arise a_kingdom another

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teshazzar)).

27 "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers are able to do what the king has demanded," replied Daniyel. **28** "However, there is a god in the heavens who reveals mysteries, and he's the one who's shown you, King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), what will happen in the days to come. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while you were in your bed: **29** Oh king, as you lay there your thoughts turned to what would happen in the future, and the one who reveals mysteries showed you what is going to happen. **30** As for me, this mystery was revealed to me, not because I'm wiser than anyone else, but so that the interpretation could be revealed to the king, and so that you can understand what you saw in your mind.

31 "What you were looking at, your majesty, was an incredible, huge statue. It was heavy and shone brightly as it stood there in front of you—a terrifying sight. **32** The statue's head was made of pure gold, its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, **33** its legs were made of iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and clay. **34** You continued looking until a stone was supernaturally cut out from a mountain, and it tumbled down and struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and it smashed them to pieces. **35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like the small pieces of dry straw at harvest time in the summer. Then the wind carried them away so that no trace of them could be found, but the stone that struck the statue became a huge mountain that then filled the whole world.

36 "That was the dream, and now we'll tell the king its meaning: **37** You, your majesty, are the king of kings who has been given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the splendour by the god of the heavens. **38** Wherever people live, he's placed you in charge of them, and he's even put you over the animals in the countryside and the birds in the skies, so you're the statue's gold head. **39** But another less prominent kingdom will follow yours, then another kingdom of bronze to rule over all the earth after that. **40** Then there'll be a fourth kingdom that's strong as

14 **LV 2:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

15 **LV 2:29 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

16 **LV 2:31 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

17 **LV 2:31 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

18 **LV 2:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִנְּ/וֹהִ: (x-qere) 'וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ': lemma_4481 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27FsE וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ

19 **LV 2:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּמִנְּ/וֹהִ/ו: (x-qere) 'וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ/ו': lemma_c/4481 n_0.0 morph_AC/R/Sp3fp id_27Pw8 וֶיהֱוֵמִנְּ/ו

20 **LV 2:37 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

21 **LV 2:37 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

22 **LV 2:38 · Note** OSHB variant note: וּיִרְאַד: (x-qere) 'וֶיהֱוֵיִרֵיד': lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpa id_27T3v וֶיהֱוֵיִרֵיד

23 **LV 2:38 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

24 **LV 2:38 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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iron—because iron crushes and shatters all things. Like an iron sledge-hammer that smashes things into pieces, it will smash all those others into broken pieces. **41** And as you saw the feet and toes, a mixture of iron and potter's clay, it will be a divided kingdom—some of the iron's strength will be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. **42** As the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so that kingdom will be partly strong and partly weak. **43** As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so various peoples will make alliances with each other, but they won't stick together just as iron doesn't integrate with clay. **44** In the days of those kings, the god of the heavens will establish a kingdom that will never be destroyed or taken over by others. It will crush all those kingdoms and put an end to them, but it will stand forever. **45** Just as you saw that a stone was supernaturally cut out of the mountain, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the powerful God has revealed to the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy."

Daniyel is rewarded by the king

46 Then King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) fell to his knees with his face to the ground to worship Daniyel, and he commanded that a burnt offering and incense be offered up to him. **47** The king said to Daniyel, "It's true that your god is the god of gods and the master of masters, and the one who reveals mysteries, because you've been able to reveal this mystery." **48** Then the king gave Daniyel high honours and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Bavel (Babylon) and chief supervisor over all of Bavel's wise men. **49** Daniyel asked the king to appoint Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego over the administration of the Babylonian province, but Daniyel remained at the king's court.

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mmm[252627] from_you(ms) and_a_kingdom third[28] another of the_bronze which it_will_rule in_all the_earth. **40** And_a_ _kingdom fourth[29] it_will_be strong like_(the)_iron as_to because that the_iron is_shattering and_is_crushing (the)_ _everything and_like_(the)_iron which is_crushing all_of these it_will_shatter and_it_will_crush. **41** And_that you_saw the_feet and_the_toes mmm[3031] were_clay of a_potter and[32] were_iron a_kingdom divided it_will_be and_from the_firmness of the_ _iron it_will_be in_it as_to because that you_saw the_iron mixed with_the_clay_of the_clay. **42** And_the_toes_of the_feet mmm[33] were_iron and[34] were_clay some_of the_part_of the_ _kingdom it_will_be strong some_of_it it_will_be breakable. **43** And_that[35] you_saw the_iron mixed with_the_clay_of the_ _clay mixing they_will_be with_the_offspring_of (the)_ _humankind not they_will_be clinging this with this HERE like (the)_iron not is_mixing with (the)_clay. **44** And_in_days_of_ _their of the_kings those the_god_of the_heavens he_will_set_ _up a_kingdom which for_ages not it_will_be_destroyed and_ _the_kingdom to_a_people another not it_will_be_left it_will_ _shatter and_it_will_put_an_end_to all_of these the_kingdoms and_she it_will_endure for_(the)_ever. **45** As_to because that you_saw that from_(the)_mountain a_stone which not was_by_ _hands it_was_cut_out and_it_shattered the_iron the_bronze the_clay the_silver and_the_gold god great he_has_made_ _known to_the_king what that it_will_be after this and_is_ _certain the_dream and_is_trustworthy interpretation_of_its.

46 In_then Oh/the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar he_fell on face_of_his and_to_Dāniyy'ēl he_paid_homage and_offering and_soothing_ _offerings he_said to_offer_in_sacrifice to_him/it. **47** Oh/the_ _king was_replying to/for_Dāniyy'ēl and_saying(ms) from truth that god_of_your(pl) he is_the_god_of gods and_the_master_of kings and_one_who_reveals_of secrets that you_have_been_able to_reveal the_mystery this. **48** Then Oh/the_king to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl he_made_great and_gifts great many he_gave to_ _him/it and_he_made_him_ruler over all_of the_province_of Bāvel and_chief_of prefects over all_of the_wise_men_of Bāvel. **49** And_Dāniyy'ēl he_asked from Oh/the_king and_he_appointed over the_administration of the_province_of Bāvel ~~DOM~~_ _Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō and_Dāniyy'ēl was_in_the_gate_ _of Oh/the_king.

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25 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אר/ערא**: (x-qere) 'עֲרֵא': lemma_772 morph_ANcfsd id_27Euh עֲרֵא

26 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as **אערא**

27 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

28 **LV 2:39 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איתילת**: (x-qere) 'הָאֲתִילַת': lemma_8523 b morph_AAofsa id_27zkf הָאֲתִילַת

29 **LV 2:40 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היעיבר**: (x-qere) 'הָאֲעֲיִבַר': lemma_7244 n_1.1 morph_AAofsa id_27Zax הָאֲעֲיִבַר

30 **LV 2:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ**: (x-qere) 'וְזֵ֫ה/נָמּ': lemma_4481 n_1.2.0.0 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27eHZ וְזֵ֫ה/נָמּ

31 **LV 2:41 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

32 **LV 2:41 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ': lemma_c/4481 morph_AC/R/Sp3fp id_27rKT וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ

33 **LV 2:42 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ**: (x-qere) 'וְיֵה/נָמּ': lemma_4481 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27MSY וְיֵה/נָמּ

34 **LV 2:42 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וזה/נמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ': lemma_c/4481 morph_AC/R/Sp3fp id_27ctR וְיֵה/נָמּ/וּ

35 **LV 2:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יד**: (x-qere) 'יְדִ/וֹ': lemma_c/1768 morph_AC/C id_27tkv יְדִ/וֹ

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3:1 Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_made an_image of gold height_of_its was_cubits sixty width_of_its was_cubits six he_ _set_it_up on_the_plain_of Dura in_the_province_of Bāvel.
2 And_Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_sent to_gather ~~DOM~~_ _the_satraps the_prefects and_the_governors the_counsellors the_ministers the_judges the_magistrates and_ _all/each/any/every the_authorities_of the_provinces to_come to_the_dedication_of the_image which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_had_set_up. **3** In_then were_gathered the_ _satraps the_prefects and_the_governors the_counsellors the_ _ministers the_judges the_magistrates and_all/each/any/every the_authorities_of the_provinces for_the_dedication_of the_ _image which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_had_set_up and[36] (to)_before the_image which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_had_ _set_up. **4** And_the_herald was_proclaiming with_power to_ _you(pl) they_are_saying Oh_peoples (the)_nations and_(the)_ _languages. **5** At_the_time which you(pl)_will_hear the_sound_ _of the_horn the_flute zither[37] trigon harp pipe and_ _all/each/any/every (the)_kinds_of (the)_music you(pl)_will_ _fall_down and_you(pl)_will_pay_homage to_the_image_of (the)_gold which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_has_set_up.
6 And_whoever that not he_will_fall_down and_he_will_pay_ _homage at_it the_moment he_will_be_thrown to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning. **7** As_to because this at_ _it the_time as_that all_of the_peoples were_hearing the_ _sound_of the_horn the_flute zither[38] trigon harp and_ _all/each/any/every (the)_kinds_of (the)_music all_of the_ _peoples the_nations and_the_languages were_falling_down they_were_paying_homage to_the_image_of (the)_gold which Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_had_set_up.
8 As_to because this at_it the_time men Chaldean they_ _approached and_they_ate pieces_of_their of the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews). **9** They_replied and_they_said to_ _Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king Oh/the_king for_ages live.
10 You(sg)[39] Oh/the_king you_made a_decree that every_of person who he_will_hear the_sound_of the_horn the_flute zither[40] trigon harp and[41] and_all/each/any/every (the)_ _kinds_of (the)_music he_will_fall_down and_he_will_pay_ _homage to_the_image_of (the)_gold. **11** And_whoever that not he_will_fall_down and_he_will_pay_homage he_will_be_thrown to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning.
12 There are_men Yəhūdī/(Jewish) whom you_have_appointed ~~DOM~~_them over the_administration_of the_province_of Bāvel Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō the_men these not they_have_ _set mmm[42] Oh/the_king discretion mmm[43] not they_are_ _paying_reverence and_to_the_image_of (the)_gold which you_ _have_set_up not they_are_paying_homage. **13** In_then Nəvūkadnetstsar in_rage and_anger he_said to_bring ~~DOM~~_

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The command to worship the statue

3:1 King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had a gold statue made that stood nearly thirty metres high and was almost three metres wide, and it was erected on the Dura plain in the Babylonian province. **2** Then King Nevukadnetsar sent for the various levels of governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the provincial officials, to all come to the dedication of the statue that he'd erected. **3** So all those officials assembled in front of the statue that the king had set up, ready for the dedication. **4** Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "You peoples, nations, and languages are commanded **5** that any time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, harps, pipes, and other instruments, you all must bow down and worship the gold statue that King Nevukadnetsar has erected. **6** Anyone who refuses to bow down and worship it at that time, will be thrown into a blazing furnace." **7** So when all those people who had gathered heard the sounds made by the musical instruments, they all bowed down to worship the gold statue.

Daniyel's three friends get tattled on

8 But some Chaldean astrologers went to the king to make trouble for the Yehudim (Jews). **9** They reported to King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), "Long live the king. **10** Oh king, you've made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the musical instruments, must bow down and worship the gold statue, **11** but anyone who doesn't bow and worship will be thrown into a fiery furnace. **12** Now, there are certain Yehudim who you've appointed over the administration of the province of Bavel (Babylon): Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego. These men, your majesty, don't take any notice of you: they don't serve your gods, or worship the gold statue that you've set up."

13 Then Nevukadnetsar in a furious rage commanded that Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego be arrested. Then they were brought to the king **14** who questioned them, "Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, is it true that you won't serve my gods

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36 LV 3:3 · Note OSHB variant note: וימאק/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמָּיִק/ו': lemma_c/6966 n_0.1.0 morph_AC/Vqrmpa id_27j2a וְיִמָּיִק/ו
37 LV 3:5 · Note OSHB variant note: סורתיק: (x-qere) 'סַוְּרְתַּק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27sgH סַוְּרְתַּק
38 LV 3:7 · Note OSHB variant note: סרתיק: (x-qere) 'סַוְּרְתַּק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27tkY סַוְּרְתַּק
39 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: התנא: (x-qere) 'תֶּנָּא': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27D9B תֶּנָּא
40 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: סרתיק: (x-qere) 'סַוְּרְתַּק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27aZX סַוְּרְתַּק
41 LV 3:10 · Note OSHB variant note: הינפיס/ו: (x-qere) 'הָיְנַפּוּס/ו': lemma_c/5481 n_1.1 morph_AC/Ncfsa id_27sud הָיְנַפּוּס/ו
42 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/ילע: (x-qere) 'דְּ/לֶלַע': lemma_5922 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27evD דְּ/לֶלַע
43 LV 3:12 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/יהלא/ל: (x-qere) 'דְּ/הָלְאֵל': lemma_l/426 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27deG דְּ/הָלְאֵל

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or worship the gold statue that I set up? **15** Now if you're ready, as soon as you hear the musical instruments of music, if you all bow down and worship the statue I erected, everything will be okay. But if you don't, you'll immediately be thrown into a blazing hot furnace. Then what god could rescue you from my punishment?"

16 "Oh Nevukadnetsar," the three of them answered the king, "we don't need to answer that last question. **17** If that's what happens to us, the god that we serve is able to rescue us from the blazing fire and from your punishment. He will save us, your majesty. **18** But just so it's clear your majesty, even if he doesn't, we won't serve your gods or worship that gold statue."

Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego thrown into the fire

19 That made Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) absolutely furious and it could be seen in his face. He ordered that the furnace be made seven times hotter than usual **20** and commanded some of his top warriors to tie up Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego and then to throw them into the blazing furnace. **21** So while still fully dressed even with their turbans still on, they were tied up and thrown into the middle of the furnace where the fire was blazing. **22** Unfortunately, because of the king's insistent command, the furnace was extremely hot and the flames killed the men who threw them in, **23** but Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego fell into the roaring flames while still securely tied up.

24 Then King Nevukadnetsar was startled and jumped up and asked his counsellors, "Wasn't it three who were tied up that were thrown there into the middle of the fire?

"Certainly, your majesty," they replied.

25 "Look there, then!" he responded. "I can see *four* men walking in the middle of the fire, and they're not tied up and they're not hurt, and the fourth one looks like a young god."

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_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō in_then the_men these they_ _were_brought before Oh/the_king. **14** Nəvūkadnetstsar was_ _replying and_saying(ms) to_them purpose Oh_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō to_gods_of_my not there_you(pl) are_ _paying_reverence and_to_the_image_of (the)_gold which I_ _have_set_up not you(pl)_are_paying_homage. **15** Now if there_ _you(pl) are_ready that at_the_time which you(pl)_will_hear the_sound_of the_horn the_flute zither[4445] trigon harp and_ _pipe and_all/each/any/every (the)_kinds_of (the)_music you(pl)_will_fall_down and_you(pl)_will_pay_homage to_the_ _image which I_have_made and_if not you(pl)_will_pay_ _homage at_it the_moment you(pl)_will_be_thrown to_the_ _midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning and_who he is_ _the_god who[46] he_will_deliver_you(pl) from hands_of_my. **16** Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō they_replied and_they_said to_the_king Oh_Nəvūkadnetstsar not we are_needing concerning this affair to_send_back_to_you. **17** If there is_our_ _of_god whom we are_paying_reverence is_being_able to_ _deliver_us from the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning and_ _from hand_of_your Oh/the_king he_will_deliver. **18** And_if not known let_it_be to/for_you(fs) Oh/the_king that mmm[4748] not mmm[49] are_paying_reverence and_to_the_image_of (the)_gold which you_have_set_up not we_will_pay_homage.

19 In_then Nəvūkadnetstsar he_was_filled anger and_the_ _image_of his_face it_was_changed[50] against Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō he_was_replying and_saying(ms) to_heat ~~DOM~~_the_furnace one seven over that was_proper to_heat_it. **20** And_to_men mighty_men_of power who were_in_army_of_ _his he_said to_bind ~~DOM~~_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō to_ _throw to_the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning. **21** In_then the_men these they_were_bound in_mantles_of_their mmm[5152] and_caps_of_their and_clothes_of_their and_they_were_thrown to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning. **22** As_to because this from that the_message_of Oh/the_king was_harsh and_the_furnace was_heated exceedingly the_men these who they_took_up ~~DOM~~_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō the_flame of the_fire it_killed them. **23** And_the_men these three_of_of_ _them Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō they_fell to_the_midst_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning bound. **24** Then Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king he_was_alarmed and_he_arose in_haste he_was_replying and_saying(ms) to_counsellors_of_his not men three did_we_throw to_the_midst_of the_fire bound they_were_replying and_they_said to_the_king certain Oh/the_ _king. **25** He_was_replying and_saying(ms) look I am_seeing men four untied/released walking in_the_midst_of the_fire and_hurt not there is_on_them and_appearance_of_his of

44 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB variant note: סרתיק: (x-qere) 'סָוֹרְתַק': lemma_7030 morph_ANcmsa id_27UhH סָוֹרְתַק

45 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

46 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

47 LV 3:18 · Note OSHB variant note: ל/יהלא/ך: (x-qere) 'לְ/הָלְאָ/ךְ': lemma_l/426 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27TmV לְ/הָלְאָ/ךְ

48 LV 3:18 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

49 LV 3:18 · Note OSHB variant note: אנ/יתיא: (x-qere) 'אָנָ/תְיָא': lemma_383 morph_ATa/Sp1cp id_27qKL אָנָ/תְיָא

50 LV 3:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ונתשא: (x-qere) 'וְנַתְשָׁא': lemma_8133 n_1.1 morph_AVPp3ms id_27RWu וְנַתְשָׁא

51 LV 3:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וה/ישיטפ: (x-qere) 'וָה/יְשִׁטַפ': lemma_6361 n_1.1 morph_ANcmpc/Sp3mp id_27aFY וָה/יְשִׁטַפ

52 LV 3:21 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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mmm[53] is_like ~~DOM~~_a_son_of the_gods. **26** In_then Nəvūkadnetstsar he_approached to_the_door_of the_furnace_of the_fire (the)_burning he_was_replying and_saying(ms) Oh_ _Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō servants_of_his of the_god mmm[54] come_out and_come in_then Shadrach Meshach Abed-Nəgō were_coming_out from the_midst_of the_fire. **27** And_ _were_ the_satraps the_prefects and_the_governors and_the_ _counsellors_of Oh/the_king _gathered they_were_seeing ~~DOM~~_ _the_men these that not the_fire it_had_had_power over_body_ _of_their and_the_hair_of their_head not it_was_singed and_ _mantles_of_their not they_were_changed and_the_smell_of fire not it_had_touched on_them. **28** Nəvūkadnetstsar was_ _replying and_saying(ms) be_blessed god_of of Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō who he_has_sent messenger_of_his and_ _he_has_delivered to_his/its_servants who they_trusted on_ _him and_the_message_of Oh/the_king they_violated and_ _they_gave mmm[5556] that not they_will_pay_reverence and_ _not they_will_pay_homage to/from_all/each/any/every god except to_their_own_of_god. **29** And_from_me it_is_made a_ _decree that any_of people nation and_language which it_will_ _say negligence[57] against god_of_their of Shadrach Meshach Abed- nego members he_will_be_made and_house_of_his a_ _refuse-heap it_will_be_made as_to because that not there is_a_ _god another who he_is_able to_rescue like_this. **30** In_then Oh/the_king he_caused_to_prosper ~~DOM~~_Shadrach Meshach Abed- Nəgō in_the_province_of Bāvel.

31 [59] Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples the_nations and_the_ _languages which are_dwelling[60] in_all the_earth peace_of_ _your(pl) may_it_increase. **32** [61] The_signs and_the_wonders which he_has_done with_me the_god mmm[62] it_seemed_good before_me to_reply. **33** [63] Are_his_of_signs how great and_are_ _wonders_of_his how strong kingdom_of_his is_a_kingdom_of perpetuity and_dominion_of_his is_with generation and_ _generation.

4:1 [64] I Nəvūkadnetstsar at_ease I_was in_house_of_my and_ _flourishing in_palace_of_my. **2** [65] A_dream I_saw and_it_made_ _me_afraid and_imaginings on bed_of_my and_visions_of my_ _head they_alarmed_me. **3** [66] And_from_me a_decree it_was_ _made to_bring_in before_me to_all/each/any/every the_wise_ _men_of Bāvel that the_interpretation_of the_dream they_will_

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26 Then Nevukadnetsar went over by the furnace door and called out, "Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come over here!" Then the three men walked out from the middle of the fire. **27** All the king's officials gathered around them and saw that the fire hadn't harmed them—their hair wasn't even singed, their cloaks weren't damaged, and they didn't even smell like smoke.

28 Nevukadnetsar spoke, "Praise the god of Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego. He sent his angel and rescued his servants who had put their trust in him. They took objection to the king's command at the cost of their own lives, rather than serve or worship any god except their god. **29** I hereby make a decree that any people, nation, or language that speaks anything offensive against the god of Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego will have their houses made into rubbish heaps and they'll be torn limb from limb, because there's no other god who's able to save people like that."

30 Then the king gave Shadrak, Meyshak, and Aved-Nego more important positions in Bavel (Babylon) province than they had before.

Nevukadnetsar's second dream

4:1 King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) sent this message to all people groups, nations, and languages that live all over the world:

May you have peace and prosperity. **2** It seemed good to me to let you all know about the amazing miracles that the supreme God has done for me.

3 The miracles he does are incredible,
and his acts of creation are powerful.
His kingdom will last forever,
and his authority goes from one generation to another.

4 I, Nevukadnetsar, was doing well at home, and prospering at my work in my palace, **5** but one night as I lay in bed, I had a dream that scared me—the images and visions in my head terri-

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53 LV 3:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/יעיבר**: (x-qere) 'הָֽאָעִיבֶר': lemma_7244 n_0.1 morph_AAomsd/Td id_27R15 הָֽאָעִיבֶר

54 LV 3:26 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֣אָלִ֔ע': lemma_5943 n_1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27GWv הָ֣אָלִ֔ע

55 LV 3:28 · Note OSHB variant note: **וה/ימשג**: (x-qere) 'וֹהִ֖מְשָׁגְ': lemma_1655 n_0.1.1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp3mp id_27Dux וֹהִ֖מְשָׁגְ

56 LV 3:28 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

57 LV 3:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **הלש**: (x-qere) 'וּלָ֑שׁ': lemma_7960 n_1.2.2 morph_ANcfsa id_27Hbd וּלָ֑שׁ

59 LV 3:31 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.1

60 LV 3:31 · Note OSHB variant note: **וראד**: (x-qere) 'וָיְרָ֣יד': lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpa id_27HGZ וָיְרָ֣יד

61 LV 3:32 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.2

62 LV 3:32 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֣אָלִ֔ע': lemma_5943 n_1 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27D85 הָ֣אָלִ֔ע

63 LV 3:33 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.3

64 LV 4:1 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.4

65 LV 4:2 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.5

66 LV 4:3 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.4.6

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fied me. **6** So I summoned all of Bavel's (Babylon's) wise men to come and tell me the interpretation of the dream. **7** When those magicians, fortune-tellers, sorcerers and astrologers arrived, I told them the dream, but they didn't know the interpretation.

8 Finally, Daniyel came in—he'd been named Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar) after my god's name. The spirit of the holy gods is in him, and I told him the dream: **9** "Oh Belteshatsar, chief of the magicians, since I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, go through the visions of my dream and tell me their interpretation.

10 This is the vision that was in my mind as a lay in bed: I was looking and was surprised to see a very tall tree growing in the middle of a field. **11** The tree kept growing taller and stronger until its top reached the sky and it could be seen from all over the world. **12** It had beautiful leaves were beautiful and lots of fruit on it. It provided food for everything, the animals in the countryside found shade under it, and the birds of the sky lived in its branches. Every living thing benefitted from it.

13 I was looking at the visions in my mind as I lay in bed, and then, wow, a holy sentinel came down from the heavens. **14** He shouted loudly, 'Chop that tree down and cut its branches off, strip off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Let the animals run away from under it and the birds from its branches. **15** But leave the stump with its roots in the ground, and bind it with a band of iron and bronze. Let it become wet with the dew in the tender grass of the field, accompanied only by those animals that live in the grass. **16** Let his mind[58] be changed from a man to an animal as seven periods pass over him. **17** That sentence is by the decree of the sentinels, and the decision is a command of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the highest one is ruler over human kingdoms and gives them to whoever he wants—even to those who seem unimportant.'

Literal Version

_make_known_to_me. **4** **67** In_then were_going_in[68] the_ _magicians the_conjurers the_Kasdaye[69] and_the_astrologers and_the_dream I was_saying before_them and_its_ _interpretation not they_were_making_known to_me. **5** **70** And_ _unto last he_came_in before_me Dāniyy'ēl who his/its_name is_Bēlətəsha'tstsar like_the_name_of my_god and_who a_spirit_ _of gods holy is_in_him and_the_dream before_him I_said. **6** **71** Oh_Bēlətəsha'tstsar the_chief_of the_magicians whom I I_know that a_spirit_of gods holy on/over_you(fs) and_all secret not is_ _oppressing to/for_you(fs) the_visions_of my_dream which I_ _saw and_its_interpretation tell. **7** **72** And_visions_of my_head on bed_of_my seeing I_was and_lo a_tree in_the_midst_of the_ _land and_height_of_its was_great. **8** **73** The_tree it_grew_great and_it_grew_strong and_height_of_its it_reached to_the_ _heavens and_the_sight_of_of_it was_to_the_end_of all_of the_ _land. **9** **74** Foliage_of_its was_beautiful and_fruit_of_its was_ _plentiful and_food for_all was_on_it under_it it_had_shade the_animal[s]_of the_field and_in_branches_of_its they_ _nested[75] the_birds_of the_heavens and_from_it all_of the_flesh it_fed. **10** **76** Seeing I_was in_the_visions_of my_head on bed_of_ _my and_lo a_watcher and_a_holy_one from the_heavens was_ _coming_down. **11** **77** He_was_proclaiming with_power and_ _thus/so/as_follows he_was_saying cut_down the_tree and_ _cut_off branches_of_its strip_off foliage_of_its and_scatter fruit_of_its the_animal[s] let_it_flee from under_it and_the_ _birds from branches_of_its. **12** **78** Nevertheless the_stump_of its_roots in_the_ground leave and_with_a_fetter of iron and_ _bronze in_the_grass of the_field and_with_the_dew_of the_ _heavens let_it_become_wet and_be_with the_animal[s] portion_of_its in_the_grass_of the_earth. **13** **79** Heart_of_its away_from humankind[80] let_it_be_changed and_the_heart_of an_animal let_it_be_given to_him/it and_seven times let_them_ _pass over_it. **14** **81** Is_by_the_decree_of watchers the_command and_is_by_the_message_of holy_ones the_affair to the_cause_of (of)_that the_living_people they_will_know that is_having_

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58 **RV 4:16 · Note** It seems now that the tree represented a man.

67 **LV 4:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.7

68 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וילל֥ע**: (x-qere) 'וְיִלָּ֣ע': lemma_5954 n_1.1.1 morph_AVqrmpa id_27a5b **וְיִלָּ֣ע**

69 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ידשכ**: (x-qere) 'יְאָדְשַׁכּ': lemma_3779 n_1.0 morph_ANgmsc/Sp1cs id_277ej **יְאָדְשַׁכּ**

70 **LV 4:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.8

71 **LV 4:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.9

72 **LV 4:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.10

73 **LV 4:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.11

74 **LV 4:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.12

75 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וורדי**: (x-qere) 'וְרוּדֵי': lemma_1753 n_0.1.0 morph_AVqi3mp id_27ZMa **וְרוּדֵי**

76 **LV 4:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.13

77 **LV 4:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.14

78 **LV 4:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.15

79 **LV 4:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.16

80 **LV 4:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/שונא**: (x-qere) 'אֱ֝נָשָׁ֗א': lemma_606 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_27pV4 **אֱ֝נָשָׁ֗א**

81 **LV 4:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.17

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_mastery mmm[82] over_the_kingdom_of mmm[8384] and_to_ _whomever whom he_will_be_pleased he and_a_lowly_one_of humankind he_will_set_up mmm[85]. **15** [86] This the_dream I Oh/the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar I_saw and[87] Oh_Bēləṭəsha'tstsar its_interpretation tell as_to because that all_of the_wise_men_ _of my_kingdom not are_able the_interpretation to_make_ _know_me and[88] are_able that a_spirit_of gods holy on/over_ _you(fs).

16 [89] Then Dāniyy'ēl who his/its_name was_Bēləṭəsha'tstsar he_ _was_appalled about_a_moment one and_thoughts_of_his they_ _alarmed_him Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) Oh_ _Bēləṭəsha'tstsar the_dream and_its_interpretation not let_it_ _alarm_you Bēləṭəsha'tstsar was_replying and_saying(ms) my_ _master[90] the_dream mmm[91] and_its_interpretation mmm[92]. **17** [93] The_tree which you_saw which it_grew_great and_it_ _grew_strong and_height_of_its it_reached to_the_heavens and_the_sight_of_of_it to/from_all/each/any/every the_land. **18** [94] And_foliage_of_its was_beautiful and_fruit_of_its was_ _plentiful and_food for_all was_on_it under_it the_animal[s]_of the_field it_dwelt and_in_branches_of_its the_birds_of the_ _heavens they_dwelt. **19** [95] You(sg)[96] it Oh/the_king who you_ _have_grown_great and_you_have_grown_strong and_ _greatness_of_your it_has_grown_great and_it_has_reached to_ _the_heavens and_dominion_of_your is_to_the_end_of the_ _earth. **20** [97] And_that Oh/the_king he_saw a_watcher and_a_ _holy_one coming_down from the_heavens and_saying(ms) cut_down the_tree and_destroy_it nevertheless the_stump_of its_roots in_the_ground leave and_with_a_fetter of iron and_ _bronze in_the_grass of the_field and_with_the_dew_of the_ _heavens let_it_become_wet and_be_with the_animal[s]_of the_ _field portion_of_its until that seven times they_will_pass over_ _it. **21** [98] This the_interpretation Oh/the_king and_is_the_ _decree_of mmm[99] it which it_has_reached to my[100] Oh/the_ _king. **22** [101] And_~~dom~~_you they_will_be_chasing away_from

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18 I, King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), had this dream. Now you, Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar), tell me the interpretation, because none of the wise men in my kingdom can tell me the interpretation. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

The saving/explaining of Daniyel of dream of King

19 Daniyel (also known as Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar)) was appalled for a while at the meaning of the dream, and worried how to present it. The king saw this and said, Belteshatsar, don't hold back on being honest about the dream its interpretation."

"My master," he answered, "If only the dream was for those who hate you, and its interpretation was for your enemies. **20** You saw that tree that grew and became strong, and whose top reached the sky and was visible all over the world, **21** with its beautiful leaves and plentiful fruit. It provided food for everyone, and the animals from the countryside lived under it, and the birds lived in its branches. **22** That was you, your majesty. You've grown and become strong—your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth. **23** Then the king saw a holy sentinel coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump and the roots in the ground, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the countryside, and let him be wet with the dew, and let him live with the animals of the fields until seven periods of time pass over him.'

24 "Your majesty, this is the interpretation: It's actually the decree of what the supreme God has declared will happen to you,

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82 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֫אָלִ֥ע': lemma_5943 n_0.1.1.0 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_27bjL **הָ֫אָלִ֥ע**

83 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/שונא**: (x-qere) 'אֲ֫שֻׁנָּא': lemma_606 n_0.1.1 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_27xLT **אֲ֫שֻׁנָּא**

84 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

85 **LV 4:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הֵ֫לֵ֥ע': lemma_5922 n_0 morph_AR/Sp3fs id_27EHX **הֵ֫לֵ֥ע**

86 **LV 4:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.18

87 **LV 4:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תְּנָ֫אִ֥ו': lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_27eoV **תְּנָ֫אִ֥ו**

88 **LV 4:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תְּנָ֫אִ֥ו': lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_27Frb **תְּנָ֫אִ֥ו**

89 **LV 4:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.19

90 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **י/ארמ**: (x-qere) 'יְ֫רָמִ֥': lemma_4756 n_0.1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp1cs id_27hEY **יְ֫רָמִ֥**

91 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ל/יאנש/ד**: (x-qere) 'דְּ֫אֱנָשִׁ֥ל': lemma_l/8131 n_0.0 morph_AR/Vqrmpc/Sp2ms id_27NzX **דְּ֫אֱנָשִׁ֥ל**

92 **LV 4:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ל/ירע/ד**: (x-qere) 'דְּ֫חֲרָעִ֥ל': lemma_l/6146 n_0 morph_AR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27otL **דְּ֫חֲרָעִ֥ל**

93 **LV 4:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.20

94 **LV 4:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.21

95 **LV 4:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.22

96 **LV 4:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) 'תְּנָ֫אְ': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27kDi **תְּנָ֫אְ**

97 **LV 4:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.23

98 **LV 4:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.24

99 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הָ֫אָלִ֥ע': lemma_5943 n_0.1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_272Xh **הָ֫אָלִ֥ע**

100 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **י/ארמ**: (x-qere) 'יְ֫רָמִ֥': lemma_4756 morph_ANcmsc/Sp1cs id_27u2m **יְ֫רָמִ֥**

101 **LV 4:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.25

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my master the king. 25 You will be driven away from society and you'll live with the animals in the countryside. You'll be forced to eat grass like a bull, and you'll sleep on the ground and be wet with dew in the morning for seven years until you acknowledge that the highest one is ruler over humankind and learn that he gives kingdoms to whoever he wants. 26 But just as it was commanded to leave the stump of the tree with its roots, so too your kingdom will be restored to you from the time you recognise that heaven rules over earth. 27 Therefore, your majesty, please consider my advice: stop sinning and do what is right, and stop disobeying God by starting to show mercy to the oppressed, so that perhaps your prosperity might be prolonged."

28 But all of that did happen to King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). 29 Twelve months later, he was walking on the upper terrace of the royal palace in Bavel (Babylon) 30 when he looked across and said, "Isn't that the great Bavel, which I've built as a royal residence by the strength of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 He'd only just finished saying that when he heard a voice in the sky, "It's now decreed to you, King Nevukadnetsar: you've just lost your kingdom. 32 You'll be driven away from other people, and you'll live will be with the animals out in the countryside where you'll have to eat grass like a cow. Seven years will pass before you acknowledge that the highest one is ruler over mankind and he gives kingdoms to whoever he wants."

33 Immediately what had been said in advance happened to Nevukadnetsar. He was driven away from society. He ate grass like a cow, and his body was wet with dew each morning after sleeping on the ground. Eventually his hair had grown long like eagles' feathers, and his nails were long like birds' claws.

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(the)_humankind and_with the_animal[s]_of the_field it_will_
_be your_dwelling_of_place and_(the)_grass like_oxen to/for_
_you(fs) they_will_feed and_from_the_dew_of the_heavens
to/for_you(fs) they_will_be_making_wet and_seven times they_
_will_pass over_you[102][103] until that you_will_know that is_
_having_mastery the_Most_High[104][105] over_the_kingdom_of
(the)_humankind and_to_whomever whom he_will_be_pleased
he_will_give_it. 23 [106] And_that they_said to_leave the_stump_
_of its_roots of the_tree kingdom_of_your to/for_you(fs) will_
_be_enduring from that you_will_know that are_having_
_mastery the_heavens. 24 [107] Therefore Oh/the_king advice_of_
_my let_it_be_acceptable mmm[108] and[109] by_right_doing
break_off iniquities_of_your by_showing_mercy_to poor_people
whether it_will_be a_prolonging of_prosperity_of_your. 25 [110]
(The)_everything it_came on Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king.
26 [111] To_the_end_of months two_plus_of ten on the_palace_of
the_kingdom of Bāvel walking_about he_was. 27 [112] Oh/the_
_king was_replying and_saying(ms) not is_this it Bāvel (the)_
_great which I I_built_it to_a_house_of a_kingdom by_the_
_strength_of my_power and_for_the_honour_of my_majesty.
28 [113] Still the_matter was_in_the_mouth_of Oh/the_king a_
_voice from the_heavens it_fell to/for_you(fs) they_are_saying
Oh_Nəvūkadnetstsar Oh/the_king the_kingdom it_has_passed_
_away from_you(ms). 29 [114] And_from (the)_humankind to/for_
_you(fs) they_are_about_to_chase and_will_be_with the_
_animal[s]_of the_field your_dwelling_of_place (the)_grass like_
_oxen to/for_you(fs) they_will_feed and_seven times they_will_
_pass mmm[115] until that you_will_know that is_having_mastery
the_Most_High[116][117] over_the_kingdom_of (the)_humankind
and_to_whomever whom he_will_be_pleased he_will_give_it.
30 [118] At_it the_moment the_matter it_was_fulfilled on
Nəvūkadnetstsar and_from (the)_humankind he_was_chased
and_(the)_grass like_oxen he_ate and_from_the_dew_of the_
_heavens body_of_his it_became_wet until that hair_of_his like_
_eagles it_grew_long and_nails_of_his were_like_birds.

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102 **LV 4:22 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
103 **LV 4:22 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
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106 **LV 4:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.26
107 **LV 4:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.27
108 **LV 4:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) 'דְּלֶעִ': lemma_5922 n_1.2 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27gsX דְּלֶעִ
109 **LV 4:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/יטח/ו**: (x-qere) 'דְּאָטֵחוֹ': lemma_c/2408 n_1.1.0 morph_AC/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27vE1 דְּאָטֵחוֹ
110 **LV 4:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.28
111 **LV 4:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.29
112 **LV 4:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.30
113 **LV 4:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.31
114 **LV 4:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.32
115 **LV 4:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) 'דְּלֶעִ': lemma_5922 n_1 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27Vmg דְּלֶעִ
116 **LV 4:29 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
117 **LV 4:29 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
118 **LV 4:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.33

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31 [119] And_to_the_end_of the_days I Nəvūkadnetstsar eyes_of_ _my to_the_heavens I_lifted and_understanding_of_my on_me it_returned and[120] I_blessed and_ĐOM_living_of the_ages I_ _praised and_I_glorified that dominion_of_his is_a_dominion_of perpetuity and_kingdom_of_his is_with generation and_ _generation. **32** [121] And_all the_inhabitants_of[122] of_the_earth are_as_not considered and_as_pleases_he he_is_doing with_ _the_army_of the_heavens and[123] of_the_earth and_not there is_who he_will_strike on_hand_of_his and_he_will_say to_ _him/it what have_you_done. **33** [124] At_it the_time understanding_of_my it_returned to_me and_to_the_honour_of my_kingdom majesty_of_my and_splendour_of_my it_returned to_me and_ĐOM_me counsellors_of_my and_nobles_of_my they_ _sought and_over kingdom_of_my it_was_established and_ _increase/multiply surpassing it_was_added to_me. **34** [125] Now I Nəvūkadnetstsar am_praising and_am_lifting_up and_am_ _glorifying ĐOM_the_king_of the_heavens that all_of deeds_of_ _his are_truth and_ways_of_his are_justice and_those_who are_ _walking in_pride he_is_able to_bring_low.

5:1 Bēləsha'tstsar Oh/the_king he_made a_feast great for_ _nobles_of_his a_thousand and_(to)_before the_thousand (the)_ _wine he_was_drinking. **2** Bēləsha'tstsar he_said in_the_taste_of the_wine to_bring ĐOM_the_vessels_of (the)_gold and_(the)_ _silver which Nəvūkadnetstsar father_of_his he_had_brought_ _out from the_temple which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) so_that_they_may_drink with_them Oh/the_king and_nobles_ _of_his wives_of_his and_concubines_of_his. **3** In_then they_ _brought the_vessels_of (the)_gold which they_had_brought_ _out from the_temple which was_the_house_of the_god which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_they_drank with_them Oh/the_king and_nobles_of_his wives_of_his and_concubines_ _of_his. **4** They_drank the_wine and_they_praised ĐOM_the_ _gods_of (the)_gold and_(the)_silver (the)_bronze (the)_iron (the)_wood and_(the)_stone. **5** At_it the_moment they_went_ _forth[127] fingers of a_hand_of a_human and_they_were_writing (to)_before the_candlestick on the_plaster of the_wall_of the_ _palace of Oh/the_king and_the_king was_seeing the_palm_of the_hand which was_writing. **6** Then Oh/the_king brightness(es)_of_his they_changed_him and_thoughts_of_ _his[128] they_alarmed_him and_the_joints_of his_loin[s] were_ _loosened and_knees_of_his this_one to_this_one were_ _knocking. **7** Oh/the_king was_calling with_power to_bring_in ĐOM_the_conjurers the_Kasdaye[129] and_the_astrologers Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to_wisemen of_

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Nevukadnetsar praises God

34 "After the seven years, I, Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) looked up toward heaven and my reason returned to me. Then I praised and honoured the highest one who lives forever, because his authority is everlasting and his kingdom endures through the generations. **35** Compared to him, all the inhabitants of the earth are insignificant like ants—he issues his commands to the heavenly army and to earth's inhabitants. No one can hold back his hand or has any right to ask him, 'What have you done?' "

36 "At that time my sanity returned to me, and I was reestablished in my kingdom. My majesty and my splendour was restored to me as I became again the respected leader of my kingdom. My counsellors and my leading citizens wanted to be in my company, and I became even more powerful than I was before. **37** Now I, Nevukadnetsar, praise, extol, and honour the king of the heavens, because everything he does is, and his methods are just, and he's able to humble those who become proud.

The writing on the wall

5:1 Several years later when Belshatsar (Belshazzar) was king, he put on a feast for a thousand of his leading citizens, and he was drinking wine with them all. **2** As Belshatsar was drinking the wine, he remembered the gold and silver cups that his father Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had taken from the temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and ordered that they be brought in so that the king and his leading citizens, and his wives and his concubines, could drink from them. **3** So they brought in the gold cups that had been taken out of God's residence in Yerushalem, then the king and his leading citizens, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. **4** They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5 Suddenly, the fingers of a human hand appeared and started writing on the plaster on the king's palace wall, opposite the lampstand. When the king saw the back of the hand that was writing, **6** he was very frightened and the colour drained from his face. His legs felt weak and his knees started knocking together, **7** and he called out for the enchanters, the Kasdim (Chaldeans), and the astrologers to be brought in. The king told those Babylonian wise men, "Anyone who can read this writing and tell me its interpretation will be dressed in royal robes and

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119 **LV 4:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.34

120 **LV 4:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע/ל/ו**: (x-qere) **הָעָלְיָ֔ו**: lemma_c/l/5943 n_1.1.0 morph_AC/To/Aamsd/Td id_27R76 **הָעָלְיָ֔ו**

121 **LV 4:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.35

122 **LV 4:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יראד**: (x-qere) **יְרָיְדֵ֣י**: lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpc id_27YQo **יְרָיְדֵ֣י**

123 **LV 4:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יראד/ו**: (x-qere) **יְרָיְדֵ֣י/ו**: lemma_c/1753 n_1.0 morph_AC/Vqrmpc id_27tAQ **יְרָיְדֵ֣י/ו**

124 **LV 4:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.36

125 **LV 4:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.4.37

127 **LV 5:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וקפנ**: (x-qere) **הָקְקַפְנ֣**: lemma_5312 n_1.3.1 morph_AVqp3fp id_27c3h **הָקְקַפְנ֣**

128 **LV 5:6 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

129 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ידשכ**: (x-qere) **יְאָדְשַׂכְּ֔**: lemma_3779 n_1.0 morph_ANgmpc/Sp1cs id_27kTA **יְאָדְשַׂכְּ֔**

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will have a chain of gold placed around his neck, and he'll become the third ruler in the kingdom." **8** When all the king's wise men of the king got there, none of them could read the writing or tell the king what it meant. **9** Then King Belshatsar became more afraid, his face went whiter still, and his leading citizens also had no idea what to do.

10 My now the queen[126] had heard about what the king and his leading citizens had been saying, so she came into the banquet house and said, "Long live the king. Don't let this get under your skin. Don't let it drain you. **11** There's a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the days of your father, this man has illumination and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) appointed him chief of the magicians, sorcerers, Kasdim, and astrologers, **12** because this Daniyel had an excellent spirit, knowledge, and insight for interpreting dreams, explaining riddles, and solving problems. So summon Daniyel who the king named Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar) and he'll tell you the interpretation."

13 So Daniyel was brought in to the king who said to him, "So, you're that Daniyel—one of the exiles that my father the king brought from Yehudah (Judah). **14** I've heard about you—heard that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that you have illumination and insight and excellent wisdom. **15** Now the wise men and enchanters were brought in here to read this writing on the wall and tell me its interpretation, but they couldn't interpret it. **16** But I've heard about you—that you're able to give interpretations and solve problems. Now, if you're able to read that writing and tell me what it means, you'll be clothed with kingly robes and have a chain of gold placed around your neck, and you'll be made the thirdhighest ruler in the kingdom."

17 "I'm not after your gifts, and your rewards can be given to someone else," Daniyel responded. "But, I'll read the writing to the king and I'll tell you the interpretation.

18 "As for you, your majesty, the highest god gave the kingship, power, honour, and majesty, to your father Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar). **19** Because of that power, all peoples, nations, and

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_Bāvel that any_of person who he_will_read_aloud the_writing this and_its_interpretation he_will_declare_to_me (the)_purple he_will_be_clothed and[130][131] of (the)_gold will_be_on neck_of_ _his and_third in_the_kingdom he_will_rule. **8** Then were_ _going_in[132] all_of the_wise_men_of Oh/the_king and_not they_were_able the_writing to_read_aloud and[133] to_make_ _known to_the_king. **9** Then Oh/the_king Bēləsha'tstsar exceedingly was_alarmed and_brightness(es)_of_his were_ _changing on_him and_nobles_of_his were_dumbfounded. **10** The_queen (to)_before the_words/messages_of Oh/the_king and_nobles_of_his to_the_house_of the_feast she_went_in[134] the_queen she_replied and_she_said Oh/the_king for_ages live not let_them_alarm_you your(ms)_thoughts and_ _brightness(es)_of_your not let_them_be_changed. **11** There is_ _a_man in_kingdom_of_your who a_spirit_of gods holy is_in_ _him and_in_the_days_of your_father illumination and_insight and_wisdom like_the_wisdom_of gods it_was_found in_him and_the_king Nəvūkadnetstsar father_of_your chief_of the_ _magicians conjurers ones_from_Kasdiy astrologers he_ _appointed_him father_of_your Oh/the_king. **12** As_to because that a_spirit extraordinary and_understanding and_insight an_ _interpreter_of dreams and_declaring riddles and_loosening_of knots it_was_found in_him in_Dāniyy'ēl whom Oh/the_king he_ _made his/its_name Bēləṭəsha'tstsar now Dāniyy'ēl let_him_be_ _summoned and_the_interpretation he_will_declare. **13** In_then Dāniyy'ēl he_was_brought before Oh/the_king Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl you(sg)[135] he are_Dāniyy'ēl who is_one_of the_sons_of the_exile of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) whom Oh/the_king father_of_my he_brought from Yəhūdāh. **14** And_I_have_heard mmm[136] that a_spirit_of gods on/over_you(fs) and_illumination and_insight and_ _wisdom extraordinary it_was_found on/over_you(fs). **15** And_ _now they_have_been_brought before_me the_wise_men the_ _conjurers that the_writing this they_will_read_aloud and_its_ _interpretation to_make_know_me and_not they_were_able the_interpretation_of the_matter to_reply. **16** And_I I_have_ _heard mmm[137] that you_are_able[138][139] interpretations to_ _interpret and_knots to_loosen now if you_will_be_able[140] the_ _writing to_read_aloud and_its_interpretation to_make_know_ _me (the)_purple you_will_be_clothed and[141][142] of (the)_gold will_be_on neck_of and_third in_the_kingdom you_will_rule.

126 RV 5:10 · Note Possibly 'the previous queen', i.e., the queen mother (as the next verse displays her knowledge of past events).
130 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/כנומה/ו**: (x-qere) '**אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**': lemma_c/2002 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_27TaA **אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**
131 LV 5:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.
132 LV 5:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **ויללע**: (x-qere) '**וְיִלָּע**': lemma_5954 n_1.1 morph_AVqrmpa id_27tbG **וְיִלָּע**
133 LV 5:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/רשפ/ו**: (x-qere) '**הֵּ/רְשִׁפְ/וּ**': lemma_c/6591 n_0.0 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Sp3ms id_27BK2 **הֵּ/רְשִׁפְ/ו**
134 LV 5:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **תללע**: (x-qere) '**תֲלַּע**': lemma_5954 n_1 morph_AVqp3fs id_27dBb **תֲלַּע**
135 LV 5:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) '**תְּנָא**': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27ouG **תְּנָא**
136 LV 5:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) '**דְּ/לָּע**': lemma_5922 n_1.1 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27z96 **דְּ/לָּע**
137 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **ד/ילע**: (x-qere) '**דְּ/לָּע**': lemma_5922 n_1.1 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27Pym **דְּ/לָּע**
138 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **לכות**: (x-qere) '**לוּכִית**': lemma_3202 morph_AVqi2ms id_27nrb **לוּכִית**
139 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.
140 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **לכות**: (x-qere) '**לוּכְת**': lemma_3202 morph_AVqi2ms id_27Wj8 **לוּכְת**
141 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/כנומה/ו**: (x-qere) '**אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**': lemma_c/2002 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_27r2t **אָכִינְמָהּ/ו**
142 LV 5:16 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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17 In_then Dāniyyʾēl was_replying and_saying(ms) before Oh/the_king gifts_of_your to/for_you(fs) let_them_be and_ _rewards_of_your to_another give nevertheless the_writing I_ _will_read_aloud to_the_king and_the_interpretation I_will_ _make_known_to_him. **18** You(sg)[143] Oh/the_king the_god mmm[144] the_kingdom and_the_greatness and_the_honour and_ _the_majesty he_gave to_Nəvʿūkadnetstsar father_of_your. **19** And_from the_greatness which he_gave to_him/it all_of the_ _peoples the_nations and_the_languages they_were trembling[145] and_fearing from before_him whom he_was pleased he_was killing and_whom he_was pleased he_was letting_live and_whom he_was pleased he_was lifting_up and_ _whom he_was pleased he_was bringing_low. **20** And_as_that heart_of_his it_rose_up and_spirit_of_his it_grew_strong to_act_ _presumptuously he_was_deposed from the_throne_of his_ _kingdom and_the_honour they_removed from_him. **21** And_ _from the_sons_of (the)_humankind he_was_chased and_heart_ _of_his with the_animal[s] they_made[146][147] and_was_with the_ _wild_donkeys his_dwelling_of_place (the)_grass like_oxen they_fed_him and_from_the_dew_of the_heavens body_of_his it_became_wet until that he_knew that was_having_mastery the_god mmm[148] over_the_kingdom_of (the)_humankind and_ _to_whomever whom he_will_be_pleased he_will_appoint mmm[149]. **22** And[150] son_of_his Oh_Bēləshaʾtstsar not you_have_ _brought_low heart_of_your as_to because that all_of this you_ _knew. **23** And_against the_master_of the_heavens you_have_ _lifted_yourself_up and_~~DOM~~_the_vessels of house_of_his they_ _have_brought mmm[151] and[152] and[153][154] wives_of_your and_ _concubines_of (the)_wine are_drinking with_them and_~~DOM~~_ _the_gods_of (the)_silver and_(the)_gold (the)_bronze (the)_ _iron (the)_wood and_(the)_stone who not are_seeing and_not are_hearing and_not are_knowing you_have_praised and_~~DOM~~_ _the_god who breath_of_your is_in_hand_of_his and_all ways_ _of_your to_him/it not you_have_glorified. **24** In_then from before_him it_was_sent_out[155] the_palm of the_hand and_the_ _writing this it_was_inscribed. **25** And_this is_the_writing which it_was_inscribed mene mene teqel and_pharsin. **26** This is_the_interpretation_of the_matter mene the_god he_has_ _numbered kingdom_of_your and_he_has_finished_it. **27** Teqel

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ethnic groups trembled and were afraid when his army approached. He killed whoever he wanted, and he kept alive those he wanted. He promoted whoever he wanted, and he humiliated others when he wanted to. **20** But when he became proud and stubborn and started acting presumptuously, he was disqualified from the throne, and his splendid reputation was deflated. **21** He was driven right out of the community, and he started behaving like an animal—he ended up living with wild donkeys and eating grass like a cow. He slept on the ground, and in the morning his body was wet with dew, until he finally recognized that the highest god is ruler over all mankind and that he appoints whoever he wants as leaders over the kingdoms.

22 "Yet you, Belshatsar (Belshazzar), his son, haven't humbled yourself despite already knowing all that. **23** On the contrary, you've proudly promoted yourself as being greater than the master of the heavens. You brought the temple cups in here and you and your leading citizens, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. You praised the gods made from silver and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which can't see, or hear, or know anything, yet you haven't honoured the god who decides your future and every breath that you take.

24 "So then it's from his presence that the palm of a hand was sent, and this message was written. **25** This is how it reads, 'Numbered, numbered, weighed, and divided,' **26** and this is what it means:

Numbered: God has numbered your days of leadership and brought them to an end,

27 **Weighed**: You've been weighed on the scales and found deficient, and

28 **Divided**: Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Madim (Medes) and the Persians."

29 Then Belshatsar (Belshazzar) gave an order, and they placed a purple robe over Daniyel's shoulders and a gold chain was placed around his neck, and an official announcement was made that he would now be the thirdhighest ruler in the kingdom.

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143 **LV 5:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) 'תָּנָא'; lemma_607 n_1.0 morph_APp2ms id_27WGp תָּנָא

144 **LV 5:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הֳלָאְלַע': lemma_5943 n_0.2 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27TtK הֳלָאְלַע

145 **LV 5:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ויעאז**: (x-qere) 'וְיָעֲיָז': lemma_2112 morph_AVqrmsa id_277xd וְיָעֲיָז

146 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יוש**: (x-qere) 'וְיִוַּשׁ': lemma_7739 a n_1.2.1 morph_AVQp3mp id_27BDF וְיִוַּשׁ

147 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

148 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הֳלָאְלַע': lemma_5943 n_0.1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27GDR הֳלָאְלַע

149 **LV 5:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/ילע**: (x-qere) 'הֳלָלַע': lemma_5922 n_0 morph_AR/Sp3cs id_27VX8 הֳלָלַע

150 **LV 5:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תָּנָא/ו'; lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_274wk תָּנָא/ו

151 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ימדק**: (x-qere) 'דְּמָדֶק': lemma_6925 n_1.1.2 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27nWN דְּמָדֶק

152 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא/ו**: (x-qere) 'תַּנָא/ו'; lemma_c/607 morph_AC/Pp2ms id_27WyJ תַּנָא/ו

153 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ינברבר/ו**: (x-qere) 'דְּנִבְרְבַר/ו': lemma_c/7261 n_1.1.1.0 morph_AC/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_27Kp3 דְּנִבְרְבַר/ו

154 **LV 5:23 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

155 **LV 5:24 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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30 However, the Chaldean King Belshatsar was killed that very night, **31** and Dareyavesh (Darius) the Madi (Mede) became the new ruler at an age of around sixty-two.

Daniyel gets fed to the lions

6:1 The new King Dareyavesh (Darius) decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces with a governor over each one. **2** Over them were three higher officials (Daniyel was one of them) that those governors were accountable to so that the king wouldn't be ripped off, **3** but because Daniyel was exceptionally talented, he became noticed above the other high officials and governors, and the king decided to appoint him over the whole kingdom. **4** That led the high officials and the governors to try to find some fault with Daniyel with regard to his administrative duties. However, they weren't able to find any misdemeanours or corruption that he could be accused of because he was honest, reliable, and diligent. **5** Then these men concluded, "We won't find any grounds for making an accusation against this Daniyel unless we find something against him to do with the laws of his god."

6 So those high officials and governors made a plan and went as a group to the king and made this suggestion, "Long live your majesty, King Dareyavesh. **7** All the high officials of the kingdom, the various leaders, the counsellors, and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish and enforce a law that for thirty days, anyone who makes a request of any god or of any man other than you, your majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. **8** Now, your majesty, sign the document and establish this law so that it can't then be revoked according to the law of the Madim (Medes) and Persians." **9** So King Dareyavesh signed the document and it became law. **10** However although Daniyel knew that that law had been passed, he still

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you_have_been_weighed in_the_scales and_you_have_been_ _found lacking. **28** Peres kingdom_of_your it_has_been_broken_ _in_two and_it_has_been_given to_Māday and_Pāraṣns. **29** In_ _then Bēləsha'tstsar he_said and_they_clothed to/for_Dāniyy'ēl (the)_purple and[156] of (the)_gold was_on neck_of_his and_they_ _made_proclamation concerning_him that he_will_be a_ruler third in_the_kingdom. **30** On_it on_the_night he_was_killed Bēləsha'tstsar Oh/the_king the_Kasdaye[157].
6:1 [158] And_Dārəyāvesh the_Mede[159][160] he_received the_ _kingdom about_a_son_of years sixty and_two.

2 [161] It_seemed_good before Dārəyāvesh and_he_appointed over the_kingdom ~~DOM~~_the_satraps one_hundred and_twenty who they_will_be in_all the_kingdom. **3** [162] And_above more_ _than_them overseers three whom Dāniyy'ēl was_one of_them whom they_will_be the_satraps these giving to_them the_ _report and_the_king not he_will_be suffering_injury. **4** [163] Then Dāniyy'ēl this he_was distinguishing_himself over the_ _overseers and_the_satraps as_to because that a_spirit extraordinary was_in_him and_the_king was_planning to_ _appoint_him over all_of the_kingdom. **5** [164] Then the_ _overseers and_the_satraps they_were seeking an_occasion to_ _find to/for_Dāniyy'ēl from_the_side_of the_kingdom and_all occasion and_being_deceitfull not they_were_able to_find as_to because that he was_trustworthy and_all negligence and_ _being_deceitfull not it_was_found concerning_him. **6** [165] Then the_men these were_saying that not we_will_find to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl this any_of occasion except we_have_found concerning in_the_law_of his_god. **7** [166] Then the_overseers and_the_satraps these they_came_as_a_crowd to Oh/the_king and_thus/so/as_follows they_were_saying to_him/it Oh_ _Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king for_ages live. **8** [167] They_took_ _counsel_together all_of the_overseers_of the_kingdom the_ _prefects and_the_satraps the_counsellors and_the_governors to_establish the_regulation_of Oh/the_king and_to_make_ _stringent a_prohibition that every_of one_who he_will_ask a_ _petition from any_of god and_person until days thirty except from_you(ms) Oh/the_king he_will_be_thrown to_the_den_of the_lions. **9** [168] Now Oh/the_king you_will_establish the_ _prohibition and_you_will_sign the_writing that not to_change according_to_the_law_of the_Māday and_the_Pāraṣns which

156 LV 5:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/כנומה/ו**: (x-qere) **'אֳכִינְמָה/ו'**: lemma_c/2002 morph_AC/Ncmsd/Td id_27cjX **אֳכִינְמָה/ו**
157 LV 5:30 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ידשכ**: (x-qere) **'הֳאָדְשַׁכְּ'**: lemma_3779 n_0 morph_ANgmsd/Td id_27Ade **הֳאָדְשַׁכְּ**
158 LV 6:1 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.5.31
159 LV 6:1 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
160 LV 6:1 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
161 LV 6:2 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.1
162 LV 6:3 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.2
163 LV 6:4 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.3
164 LV 6:5 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.4
165 LV 6:6 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.5
166 LV 6:7 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.6
167 LV 6:8 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.7
168 LV 6:9 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.8

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not it_will_pass_away. **10** [169] As_to because this Oh/the_king Dārəyāvesh he_signed the_writing and_the_prohibition. **11** [170] And_Dāniyy'ēl as_that he_knew that the_writing it_was_signed he_went_in to_his/its_house and_windows were_opened to_ _him/it in_his_upper_of_room facing Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_times three in_the_day he was_kneeling on knees_of_his and_was_praying and_was_praising before god_of_his as_to because that he_was doing from the_former_time_of this. **12** [171] Then the_men these they_came_as_a_crowd and_they_found to/for_Dāniyy'ēl asking and_imploring_favour before god_of_ _his. **13** [172] In_then they_approached and_they_said before Oh/the_king concerning the_prohibition_of Oh/the_king not a_ _prohibition did_you_sign that every_of person who he_will_ _ask from any_of god and_person until days thirty except from_you(ms) Oh/the_king he_will_be_thrown to_the_den_of the_lions Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) is_certain the_matter according_to_the_law_of the_Māday and_the_ _Pāraṣns which not it_will_pass_away. **14** [173] In_then they_ _replied and_they_said before Oh/the_king that Dāniyy'ēl who is_one_of the_sons_of the_exile of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) not he_ _has_set mmm[174] Oh/the_king discretion and_to the_ _prohibition which you_signed and_times three in_the_day he_ _is_asking petition_of_his. **15** [175] Then Oh/the_king as_that the_ _matter he_heard exceedingly it_was_displeasing to_him and_ _concerning Dāniyy'ēl he_set mind to_deliver_him and_unto the_goings_in_of the_sun he_was striving to_rescue_him. **16** [176] In_then the_men these they_came_as_a_crowd to Oh/the_king and_they_said to_the_king know Oh/the_king that the_law of_ _the_Māday and_the_Pāraṣns that any_of prohibition_of and_ _regulation which Oh/the_king he_will_establish not to_ _change. **17** [177] In_then Oh/the_king he_said and_they_brought to/for_Dāniyy'ēl and_they_threw_him to_the_den of the_lions Oh/the_king was_replying and_saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl god_of_your whom you(sg)[178] are_paying_reverence to_him/it in_(the)_continuance he may_he_deliver_you. **18** [179] And_ a_ _stone one _it_was_brought and_it_was_set over the_mouth_of the_den and_he_sealed_it Oh/the_king with_signet-ring_of_his and_with_the_signet-rings_of his_nobles that not anything it_ _will_change with_Dāniyy'ēl. **19** [180] Then Oh/the_king he_went to_palace_of_his and_he_passed_the_night fasting and_ _diversions not he_brought_in before_him and_sleep_of_his it_ _fled on_him.

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went into his house (with the windows in his upper room open toward Yerushalem (Jerusalem)), and he continued to kneel three times a day to pray and give thanks to God, just as he'd always done.

11 Then those officials went as a group and found Daniyel praying to his god and presenting him with his requests. **12** Then they approached the king and reminded him about the law, "Didn't you introduce a law that within thirty days, any man who makes a petition to any god or man, except to you, your majesty, must be thrown into the lions' den?"

"Yes, that's correct," answered the king. "It can't be revoked now according to the law of the Madim and Persians."

13 Then they informed the king, "Daniyel who was exiled from Yehudah (Judah), pays no attention to you, your majesty, or to the law that you introduced, because he petitions his god three times a day."

14 When the king heard that, was very upset and for that entire day, he actively tried to think of a way to get Daniyel out of it. **15** However, the group of men returned to the king and said, "You know, your majesty, that it's a law of the Madim and Persians, that no rule or law that the king establishes can be changed."

16 So the king gave an order, and Daniyel was brought in and the king responded and told him, "May your god, who you serve continually, save you." Then Daniyel was thrown down into the lions' den. **17** A stone was brought and laid over the opening of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his leading citizens so that no one could sneak Daniyel out. **18** Then the king went to his palace and spent the night without eating. He refused all entertainment, and he couldn't sleep.

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169 LV 6:10 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.9

170 LV 6:11 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.10

171 LV 6:12 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.11

172 LV 6:13 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.12

173 LV 6:14 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.13

174 LV 6:14 · Note OSHB variant note: ד/ילע: (x-qere) 'הֶלְעִ': lemma_5922 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27wpu הֶלְעִ

175 LV 6:15 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.14

176 LV 6:16 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.15

177 LV 6:17 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.16

178 LV 6:17 · Note OSHB variant note: התנא: (x-qere) 'תֱנָא': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_27hA6 תֱנָא

179 LV 6:18 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.17

180 LV 6:19 · Note Note: KJB: Dān.6.18

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Daniyel's saved from the lions

19 Then the king got up at dawn, and hurried out to the lions' den. **20** As he approached the den, he called out in a worried voice, "Daniyel, Daniyel, servant of the living god. Has your god, who you serve continually, been able to save you from the lions?"

21 "Long live the king," Daniyel called back. **22** "My god sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they haven't hurt me, because he saw that I wasn't guilty of anything. Also, your majesty, I haven't wronged you in any way."

23 Then the king was very happy, and ordered that Daniyel be pulled up out of the den. So Daniyel was lifted out of the den, and he didn't even have a scratch on him, because he had trusted in his god. **24** Then the king ordered the arrest of the men who had maliciously accused Daniyel, and had them and their wives and children thrown into the lions' den—they didn't even reach the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and tore them to pieces.

25 Then King Dareyavesh (Darius) wrote to all the peoples, nations, and ethnic groups right across his kingdom: "May you all be enjoying peace and prosperity. **26** I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom is to obey and respect Daniyel's god, because he is the eternal, living God. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will continue forever. **27** He delivers and rescues, and he does all kinds of miracles in the heavens and on earth. He's rescued Daniyel from the strength and power of the lions."

28 So Daniyel prospered during the reign of Dareyavesh and during the reign of Koresh (Cyrus) the Persian.

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20 [181] In_then Oh/the_king at_(the)_dawn he_arose at_the_ _daylight and_in_haste to_the_den of the_lions he_went. **21** [182] And_just_as_he_approached to_the_den to/for_Dāniyy'ēl with_ _a_voice pained he_cried_out Oh/the_king was_replying and_ _saying(ms) to/for_Dāniyy'ēl Oh_Dāniyy'ēl the_servant_of the_ _god (the)_living god_of_your whom you(sg)[183] are_paying_ _reverence to_him/it in_(the)_continuance was_he_able to_ _deliver_you from the_lions. **22** [184] Then Dāniyy'ēl with Oh/the_ _king he_spoke Oh/the_king for_ages live. **23** [185] god_of_my he_ _sent messenger_of_his and_he_closed the_mouth_of the_lions and_not they_harmed_me as_to because that before_him innocence it_was_found to_me and_also mmm[186] Oh/the_king a_hurtful_act not I_have_done. **24** [187] In_then Oh/the_king exceedingly it_was_good to_him and_~~DOM~~_Dāniyy'ēl he_said to_ _take_up from the_den and_ Dāniyy'ēl _he_was_taken_up from the_den and_all hurt not it_was_found on_him that he_had_ _trusted in_god_of_his. **25** [188] And_ Oh/the_king _he/it_said and_they_brought the_men these who they_had_eaten pieces_ _of_his of Dāniyy'ēl and_to_the_den_of the_lions they_threw they sons_of_their and_wives_of_their and_not they_reached to_the_bottom_of the_den until that they_assaulted (in)_them the_lions and_all bones_of_their they_shattered. **26** [189] In_then Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king he_wrote to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples the_nations and_the_ _languages which were_dwelling[190] in_all the_earth peace_of_ _your(pl) may_it_increase. **27** [191] From before_me it_is_made a_ _decree that in_all the_dominion_of my_kingdom they_will_be trembling[192] and_fearing from before god_of_his of Dāniyy'ēl that he the_god (the)_living and_he_is_enduring for_ages and_ _kingdom_of_his is_one_which not it_will_be_destroyed and_ _dominion_of_his is_to the_end. **28** [193] He_is_delivering and_he_ _is_rescuing and_he_is_doing signs and_wonders in_the_ _heavens and_on_the_earth one_who he_has_delivered to/for_ _Dāniyy'ēl from the_hand_of the_lions. **29** [194] And_Dāniyy'ēl this he_prospered in_the_reign_of Dārəyāvesh and_in_the_reign_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) mmm[195].

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181 **LV 6:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.19

182 **LV 6:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.20

183 **LV 6:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **התנא**: (x-qere) 'תֵּנָא': lemma_607 morph_APp2ms id_2761z תֵּנָא

184 **LV 6:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.21

185 **LV 6:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.22

186 **LV 6:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ימדק**: (x-qere) 'דְּמָדֶק': lemma_6925 n_0.1.0 morph_AR/Sp2ms id_27DaL דְּמָדֶק

187 **LV 6:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.23

188 **LV 6:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.24

189 **LV 6:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.25

190 **LV 6:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וירא**ד: (x-qere) 'וְיִרְיָד': lemma_1753 morph_AVqrmpa id_27JVz וְיִרְיָד

191 **LV 6:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.26

192 **LV 6:27 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ויעא**ז: (x-qere) 'וְיִעְיָז': lemma_2112 n_1.1.0 morph_AVqrmpa id_27Us4 וְיִעְיָז

193 **LV 6:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.27

194 **LV 6:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Dān.6.28

195 **LV 6:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/יסרפ**: (x-qere) 'הֲאַסְרָפ': lemma_6543 n_0 morph_ANgmsd/Td id_27xdk הֲאַסְרָפ

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7:1 In_year one of_Bēləsha'tstsar the_king_of Bāvel Dāniyy'ēl a_ _dream he_saw and_visions_of his_head on bed_of_his in_then the_dream he_wrote the_head_of matters he_said. **2** Dāniyy'ēl was_replying and_saying(ms) seeing I_was in_vision_of_my with the_night and_lo the_four the_winds_of the_heavens were_stirring_up ~~DOM~~_the_sea (the)_great. **3** And_four beasts great were_coming_up from the_sea they_were_different this_ _one from this_one. **4** The_first was_like_a_lion and_wings of an_eagle were_to_it seeing I_was until that wings_of_its they_ _were_plucked_off and_it_was_lifted away_from the_earth and_ _on two_feet like_a_human it_was_made_to_stand and_a_heart_ _of a_human it_was_given to_it. **5** And_lo a_beast another a_ _second was_like ~~DOM~~_a_bear and_to_a_side one it_was_raised and_three ribs were_in_mouth_of_its between mmm[207] and_ _thus/so/as_follows they_were_saying to arise devour flesh much. **6** After this seeing I_was and_lo another like_a_leopard and_to_it wings four of a_bird were_on mmm[208] and_four heads were_to_the_beast and_dominion it_was_given mmm. **7** After this seeing I_was the_visions_of the_night and_lo a_ _beast fourth[209] was_terrible and_terrible and_strong exceedingly and_teeth of iron were_to_it great it_was_ _devouring and_it_was_shattering and_the_rest in/on/at/with[210] it_was_trampling and_she was_different from all_of the_beasts which were_before_it and_horns ten were_to_ _it. **8** Considering I_was (in)_the_horns and_lo a_horn another small it_came_up mmm[211] and_three of the_horns (the)_former they_were_uprooted[212] from mmm[213] and_lo eyes like_the_ _eyes_of (the)_humankind were_on_the_horn this and_a_ _mouth speaking great_things. **9** Seeing I_was until that thrones they_were_placed and_one_ancient_of days he_sat clothing_of_his like_snow was_white and_the_hair_of his_head like_wool was_pure throne_of_his was_flames of fire wheels_of_ _its were_fire burning. **10** A_river of fire was_flowing and_ _coming_out from before_him a_thousand_of thousands[214] they_were_ministering_to_him and_a_myriad_of myriads[215] before_him they_were_standing the_court it_sat and_books they_were_opened. **11** Seeing I_was in_then from the_sound_of the_words/messages (the)_great which the_horn was_speaking seeing I_was until that the_beast it_was_killed and_ body_of_its

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Daniyel's visions[196] · Daniyel's vision of four creatures

7:1 Previously, in Babylonian King Belshatsar's (Belshazzar's) first year, Daniyel had seen a dream and visions in his mind while lying on his bed. Then he wrote the dream down and gave a summary of it. **2** He explained:

In my vision at night I was looking, and suddenly, the four winds were stirring up the massive ocean, **3** and four huge creatures, each one different from the other, were coming up out of it.[197]

4 The first one was like a lion[198] but had the wings of an eagle. But as I watched, its wings were torn off, and it was lifted up and made to stand on two feet like a man, and then it was given a human mind.

5 The second creature resembled a bear with one arm raised. It was chomping on three ribs and it was told to go and gorge itself on more meat.

6 Next I saw another creature that resembled a leopard, but with four wings (like birds' wings) attached to its back, and with four heads. It was given the authority to rule people.

7 The final creature that I saw in the vision was dreadful and terrifying. It was extremely strong with large iron teeth and it was devouring things then trampling and crushing the remainder. Another difference from the other creatures was that it had ten horns on its head.[199]

8 While I was considering the horns, suddenly another horn, a little one, came up among the others and three of the first horns that were in its way got pulled completely out. Incredibly, this new had eyes like a person and a mouth that had a lot of incredible things to say.[200]

9 I kept looking in the vision while thrones were set up[201] and the ancient one took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow, and his hair looked like pure wool.[202] His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were burning fire. **10** A river of fire was coming out and flowing along in front of him. Thousands and thousands served him, and myriads upon myriads were standing

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196 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** 7:1–12:13

197 **RV 7:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:1; 17:8.

198 **RV 7:4-6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:2.

199 **RV 7:7 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:3; 13:1; 17:3.

200 **RV 7:8,11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:5.

201 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:4.

202 **RV 7:9 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:14.

207 **LV 7:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ינש: (x-qere) 'הַנָּשׁ': lemma_8128 n_1 morph_ANcfsc/Sp3fs id_27KbS הַנָּשׁ

208 **LV 7:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/יבנ: (x-qere) 'הַבַּנּ': lemma_1355 n_1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp3fs id_278Um הַבַּנּ

209 **LV 7:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: היעיבר: (x-qere) 'הָאָעִיבֶר': lemma_7244 n_1.2.1.1 morph_AAofsa id_27MpC הָאָעִיבֶר

210 **LV 7:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ילגר/ב: (x-qere) 'הַלָּגֶר/ב': lemma_b/7271 morph_AR/Ncfsc/Sp3fs id_2786G הַלָּגֶר/ב

211 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: וה/יניב: (x-qere) 'וְהַעֵנִיב': lemma_997 n_1.2 morph_AR/Sp3fp id_27Tmi וְהַעֵנִיב

212 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורקעתא: (x-qere) 'הָרִקָּעָתָא': lemma_6132 n_1.0 morph_AVip3mp id_27gBP הָרִקָּעָתָא

213 **LV 7:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ימדק: (x-qere) 'הַמָּדָק': lemma_6925 n_1 morph_AR/Sp3fs id_271kz הַמָּדָק

214 **LV 7:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיפלא: (x-qere) 'וְיִפְלָא': lemma_506 n_1.1.0 morph_AAcmpa id_27nt9 וְיִפְלָא

215 **LV 7:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: וובר: (x-qere) 'וְבִבְר': lemma_7240 n_1.0 morph_AAcfpa id_27dSA וְבִבְר

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in front of him.[203] The court sat in session and the documents were opened.[204]

11 Then I continued looking because of the amazing things that the horn was saying. I kept looking until that final creature was killed and its body destroyed in the fire. **12** As for the other creatures, their authority to rule was taken away, but an extension of life was given to them for a season and a time.

13 I was looking in the visions of the night, and suddenly, someone like a human male was coming with the clouds,[205] and he came to the ancient one and was presented to him. **14** He was given authority to rule and splendour and a kingdom, so that all the peoples, nations, and ethnic groups will serve him. His authority will never end, and his kingdom will never be destroyed.[206]

The meaning of the visions

15 As for me, Daniyel, my spirit was distressed inside me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. **16** I approached one of those who were standing there and asked him what was going on, so he told me, and then he revealed the interpretation of those things to me:

17 Those four large creatures, they represent four kingdoms that will come to be in the world, **18** but the dedicated followers of the highest one will receive the kingdom, and they will take possession of the kingdom forever.

19 But I still wanted to know more about the fourth creature that was different from all the others, absolutely dreadful, with its iron teeth and bronze claws, and which devoured, then crushed and trampled down with its feet what was left. **20** I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head, and the other horn that came up later, with three other horns falling. That horn had eyes and a mouth that said amazing things, and it looked stronger than the others. **21** I kept watching, and that horn was waging war with those followers and gaining over them[216] **22** until the ancient one arrived and judged in favour of his followers. Then the time arrived when they took possession of the kingdom.[217]

23 Then he said:

The fourth creature will be a fourth kingdom in the world which will be different from all the other kingdoms. It will de-

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_it_was_destroyed and_it_was_given to_the_burning_of fire. **12** And_the_rest_of the_beasts they_removed dominion_of_ _their and_a_prolonging in_life(s) it_was_given to_them until a_ _time and_a_time. **13** Seeing I_was in_the_visions_of the_night and_lo with the_clouds_of the_heavens like_a_son_of man coming he_was and_unto the_one_ancient_of the_days he_ _reached and_before_him they_brought_him_near. **14** And_to_ _him dominion and_glory/honour and_a_kingdom it_was_ _given and_all/each/any/every the_peoples the_nations and_ _the_languages to_him/it they_will_pay_reverence dominion_ _of_his was_a_dominion_of perpetuity which not it_will_pass_ _away and_kingdom_of_his which not it_will_be_destroyed.

15 My_breath/wind/spirit I Dāniyy'ēl it_was_distressed in_the_ _midst_of the_sheath and_visions_of my_head they_alarmed_ _me. **16** I_approached to one of the_ones_standing and_truth I_ _was_asking from_him concerning all_of this and_he/it_said to_ _me and_the_interpretation_of the_matters he_made_known_ _to_me. **17** These the_beasts (the)_great which they are_four four kings they_will_arise from the_earth. **18** And_ the_holy_ _ones_of the_Most_High _they_will_receive the_kingdom and_ _they_will_take_possession_of the_kingdom until the_ages and_ _unto (the)_perpetuity_of (the)_perpetuities. **19** Then I_desired to_make_certain concerning the_beast (the)_fourth which it_ _was different from mmm[222] it_was_terrible exceedingly mmm[223] were_of iron and_claws_of_its were_of bronze it_was_ _devouring it_was_shattering and_the_rest with_feet_of_its[224] it_was_trampling. **20** And_concerning the_horns ten which were_on_head_of_its and_another_horn which it_came_up and[225] from mmm[226] three_horns and_the_horn this and_eyes were_to_it and_a_mouth was_speaking great_things and_ _appearance_of_its was_great more_than companion_of_its. **21** Seeing I_was and_the_horn this was_making war with the_ _holy_ones and_it_was_prevailing to_them. **22** Until that the_ _one_ancient the_days he_came and_(the)_judgement it_was_ _given for_the_holy_ones_of the_Most_High and_the_ _appointed_time it_arrived and_the_kingdom the_holy_ones they_took_possession_of. **23** As_follows he_said the_beast (the)_ _fourth a_kingdom mmm[227] it_will_be on_the_earth which it_ _will_be_different from all the_kingdoms and_it_will_devour

203 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:11.

204 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:12.

205 **RV 7:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:30; 26:64; Mrk 13:26; 14:62; Luk 21:27; Rev 1:7,13; 14:14.

206 **RV 7:14 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:15.

216 **RV 7:21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 13:7.

217 **RV 7:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:4.

222 **LV 7:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: וזוה/לכ: (x-qere) 'וְזֶה/לְכ': lemma_3605 n_1 morph_ANcmsc/Sp3fs id_27SNT וְזֶה/לְכ

223 **LV 7:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ינש: (x-qere) 'ה/נָּשׁ': lemma_8128 morph_ANcfsc/Sp3fs id_27oVd ה/נָּשׁ

224 **LV 7:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

225 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ולפנ/ו: (x-qere) 'הָ/לְפָנ/ו': lemma_c/5308 morph_AC/Vqp3fp id_27EcU הָ/לְפָנ/ו

226 **LV 7:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ימדק: (x-qere) 'ה/מְדָּק': lemma_6925 n_1.0 morph_AR/Sp3fs id_27G6t ה/מְדָּק

227 **LV 7:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: א/יעיבר: (x-qere) 'הָא/עִיבְר': lemma_7244 n_1.1.0 morph_AAofsd/Td id_27Jcq הָא/עִיבְר

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all_of the_earth and_it_will_tread_it_down and_it_will_shatter_
_it. **24** And_the_horns ten from_it the_kingdom ten kings they_
_will_arise and_another he_will_arise after_them and_he he_
_will_be_different from the_former_kings and_three kings he_
_will_bring_low. **25** And_words/messages to_the_side_of
mmm[228] he_will_speak and_ᴅᴏᴍ_the_holy_ones_of the_Most_
_High he_will_wear_out and_he_will_think to_change
appointed_times and_law and_they_will_be_given in_hand_of_
_his until a_time and_times and_half_of a_time. **26** And_the_
_court it_will_sit and_dominion_of_his they_will_remove to_
_annihilate and_to_destroy until the_end. **27** And_the_kingdom
and_the_dominion and_the_greatness of kingdoms_of under
all_of the_heavens it_was_given to_the_people_of the_holy_
_ones_of the_Most_High kingdom_of_his will_be_a_kingdom_of
perpetuity and_all/each/any/every the_empires to_him/it
they_will_pay_reverence and_they_will_obey. **28** Is_to here the_
_end of the_matter I Dāniyy'ēl exceedingly thoughts_of_my
they_alarmed_me and_brightness(es)_of_my they_were_
_changed on_me and_the_matter in_heart_of_my I_have_kept.

8:1 In_year three of_(the)_reign of_Bēləsha'tstsar the_king a_
_vision it_appeared to_me I Dāniyy'ēl after the_one_which_it_
_appeared to_me at_beginning. **2** And_I_saw in_vision and_
_he/it_was when_saw_I and_I was_in_Shūshan the_citadel
which is_in_Elam the_province and_I_saw in_vision and_I I_was
at the_canal_of 'Ūlay. **3** And_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ram one was_standing to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_canal and_to/for_him/it two_horns
and_the_two_horns were_high and_the_one was_high more_
_than the_second(fs) and_the_high_one was_growing_up at_
_last. **4** I_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_ram goring westward_to and_northward_
_to and_southward_to and_all living_creatures not they_stood
before_it and_there_was_not one_who_delivered from_hand_
_of_its and_it_did according_to_of_its_pleasure and_it_
_magnified_itself. **5** And_I I_was observing and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_he-goat_of the_goats was_coming from
the_west over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_not it_
_was_touching on_the_earth and_the_he-goat a_horn_of
conspicuousness was_between eyes_of_its. **6** And_it_came to
the_ram the_possessor_of the_two_horns which I_had_seen
standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_canal and_it_
_ran to_him/it in_the_rage_of its_strength_of_his. **7** And_I_saw_
_it approaching beside the_ram and_it_was_enraged to_him/it
and_it_struck ᴅᴏᴍ the_ram and_it_broke ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of
horns_of_its and_not it_was strength in_ram to_stand before_it
and_it_threw_it towards_land and_it_trampled_it and_not
anyone_was delivering (to)_ram from_hand_of_its. **8** And_the_
_he-goat_of the_goats it_magnified_itself up_to muchness and_
_just_as_it_became_mighty the_horn (the)_great it_was_broken
and_ conspicuousness four _they_grew_up in_its_place to_the_

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vour the whole world, and trample it down and crush it. **24** As for the ten horns, ten kings will become prominent in that kingdom,[218] and then another king will appear. He will be different from the previous kings, and he will overcome three of them. **25** He will speak out against the highest one and will wear out the highest one's followers. He will intend to change the times and the law, and indeed he'll be allowed to for a two times and a half.[219] **26** But the court will sit, and then his authority to rule will be taken away—to perish and be forever destroyed. **27** Then the kingdom and the authority to rule and the greatness of the kingdoms under all the heavens will be given to the people who are the followers of the highest one.[220] His kingdom will continue forever,[221] and all earthly rulers will serve and obey him.

28 That's everything that I saw in my visions. As for me, Daniyel, my thoughts made me very upset and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself.

Daniyel's sheep and goat vision

8:1 In[229] the third year of King Belshatsar's (Belshazzar's) reign, I, Daniyel, had another vision—different from the previous one. **2** In the vision, I saw that I was at the fortress in Shushan (Susa) (often called Shushan, in Eylam province), beside the Ulay Canal. **3** Then I looked up, and to my surprise, there was a ram standing beside the canal. It had two horns and both horns were long, but one was longer than the other, and the longer one had grown last. **4** I saw the ram charging westward, and northward, and southward—no animal could stand against it—there was no one to rescue anything from it. The ram did whatever it wanted, and it became very powerful.

5 As I was observing, suddenly a billy goat was coming from the west, crossing the entire world without touching the ground. The goat had a prominent horn between its eyes. **6** In a powerful rage, it charged at the two-horned ram that I had seen standing in front of the canal. **7** I saw the furious goat reach the ram and strike it, shattering the ram's two horns. The ram wasn't strong enough to stay standing so it was knocked to the ground and trampled on—there was no one who could rescue the ram from the goat's power.

8 Then the billy goat became even more powerful, but at its peak, the large horn was broken, and in its place, four prominent horns came up facing in the four different compass directions. **9** Then a small horn grew out of one of them—it grew very long towards the south, towards the east, and towards the beautiful land of Yisrael (Israel). **10** It grew up to the army in the

218 RV 7:24 · Cross-ref. Rev 17:12.

219 RV 7:25 · Cross-ref. Rev 12:14; 13:5-6.

220 RV 7:27 · Cross-ref. Rev 20:4.

221 RV 7:27 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:5.

228 LV 7:25 · Note OSHB variant note: **א/ילע**: (x-qere) הָ/אָלְעָ': lemma_5943 n_1.1.0 morph_AAamsd/Td id_27r2p הָ/אָלְעָ

229 RV 8:1 · Note Now the text has switched back from Aramaic to Hebrew.

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heavens, but it threw some of the army and some of the stars down to the earth and trampled on them.[230] **11** It became as powerful as the general leading the heavenly army. It took the regular burnt offering away from him, and his sanctuary place was overthrown. **12** Because of sinfulness, it will be allowed to take control of the army, along with the regular burnt offering. It will overthrow truth, but it will be active and will prosper.

13 Then I heard a holy one[231] speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long until this vision about the regular burnt offering will be fulfilled, and about the transgression that makes desolate, the giving over of the sanctuary and the army to be trampled on?"

14 "For 2,300 evenings and mornings," he said to me, "Then the sanctuary will be restored."

Gavriel explains Daniyel's vision

15 While I, Daniyel, was still trying to make sense of the vision that I'd seen, suddenly someone who looked like a man was standing in front of me. **16** Then I heard a human voice call out from the Ulay canal, "Gavriel (Gabriel),[233] help that man to be able to understand the vision." **17** So he came over near where I stood, but I was frightened and fell to my knees with my face to the ground. However, he said to me, "You, human male, that vision concerns the end of the world."

18 While he was speaking with me, I fell into a trance with my face still on the ground. Then he touched me and made me stand up **19** and he said, "Listen, I'm going to tell you what will happen towards the end of God's indignation, because it refers to the appointed time of the end.

20 The ram that you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Maday (Media) and Paras (Persia), **21** and the shaggy goat is the Yavan's (Greece's) king, and the large horn between his eyes is their first king. **22** The horn that was broken, and the four that grew in its place, represent four kingdoms that will rise from his nation, but not with the same power that he had.

23 At the latter end of their rule, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a defiant king who understands riddles, will come to power. **24** His power will increase, but it won't be his own power. He bring about horrific destruction, and he'll succeed in what he does. He'll destroy powerful men and some of God's people. **25** Using his cunning, he'll prosper by being deceitful. He'll be proud of himself, and will destroy many while they're living peacefully. He will even attack the prince of princes, but it's him who'll be broken, but not by human

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_four the_winds_of the_heavens. **9** And_from the_one(f) from_ _them a_horn one it_came_out from_a_small_thing and_it_ _became_great excess to the_south and_near/to the_east and_ _near/to the_beauty. **10** And_it_became_great to the_ _soldier/messenger_of the_heavens and_it_made_fall towards_ _land some_of the_soldier/messenger and_from the_stars and_ _it_trampled_them. **11** And_unto the_commander_of the_ _soldier/messenger it_magnified_itself and_from_him it_was_ _removed[232] the_perpetual_offering and_ the_place_of his_ _sanctuary_of_his _it_was_thrown_down. **12** And_an_army it_ _will_be_set over the_perpetual_offering in_transgression and_ _it_will_throw_down truth towards_land and_it_will_act and_it_ _will_succeed. **13** And_I_heard one holy_one speaking and_ one holy_one _he/it_said to_one who_was_speaking until when will_be_the_vision the_perpetual_offering and_the_ _transgression which_desolates to_give_over and_the_ _sanctuary and_an_army a_trampling_place. **14** And_he/it_said to_me until evening morning two_thousand and_three hundreds and_ the_sanctuary _it_will_be_put_right.

15 And_he/it_was when_saw_I I Dāniyy'ēl ~~DOM~~ the_vision and_I_ _sought understanding and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_standing to_ _before_me like_the_appearance_of a_man. **16** And_I_heard the_ _voice_of a_person between 'Ūlay and_he/it_called and_he_said Oh_Gavrī'ēl explain to_this_one ~~DOM~~ the_vision. **17** And_he_ _came beside place_of_my and_when_came_he I_was_terrified and_I_fell on face_of_my and_he/it_said to_me understand Oh_ _son_of humankind if/because_that is_for_the_time_of the_end the_vision. **18** And_when_spoke_he with_me I_was_dazed on face_of_my ground_to_the and_he_touched (in)_me and_he_ _made_me_stand on place_of_my. **19** And_he/it_said HERE_I am_about_of_to_make_known_to_you ~~DOM~~ that_which it_will_ _be in_end/latter of_the_indignation if/because it_is_for_the_ _appointed_time_of the_end. **20** The_ram which you_saw the_ _possessor_of the_two_horns is_the_kings_of Māday and_Pāraṣ. **21** And_the_he-goat (the)_hairy is_the_king_of Yāvān/(Greece) and_the_horn (the)_great which is_between eyes_of_its it the_ _king (the)_first. **22** And_the_broken_horn and_ four_horns _ _they_arose in_its_place four kingdoms from_a_nation they_ _will_arise and_not with_power_of_its. **23** And_at_the_end_of their_reign_of_their just_ the_rebels _as_are_completed a_king strong_of face and_understanding intrigue(s) he_will_arise. **24** And_ power_of_his _it_will_be_mighty and_not by_his_own_ _of_power and_extraordinary_things he_will_destroy and_he_ _will_succeed and_he_will_act and_he_will_destroy mighty_ _ones and_a_people_of holy_ones. **25** And_on insight_of_his and_he_will_make_successful deceit in_his/its_hand and_in_ _heart_of_his he_will_magnify_himself and_in_security he_will_ _destroy many_people and_on a_prince_of princes he_will_ _stand and_by_not_of a_hand he_will_be_broken. **26** And_ _appearance of_the_evening and_the_morning which it_has_ _been_told is_truth it and_you(ms) keep_secret the_vision if/because it_is_for_days many. **27** And_I Dāniyy'ēl I_was_

230 **RV 8:10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:4.

231 **RV 8:13 · Note** Presumably these 'holy ones' are angels in the heavens (not 'saints' like in 7:27)???

232 **LV 8:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: מִירה: (x-qere) 'הָרוּמָ': lemma_7311 a morph_HVHp3ms id_272vK הָרוּמָ

233 **RV 8:16 · Cross-ref.** Luk 1:19,26.

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_exhausted and_I_was_sick days and_I_arose and_I_did ÐOM the_
_work_of the_king and_I_was_appalled on the_vision and_not I_
_was_understanding.

9:1 In_year one of_Dārəyāvesh the_son_of Ahasuerus one_of_
_the_descendant[s]_of Māday who he_had_been_made_king
over the_kingdom_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy. **2** In_year one of_
_reigning_his I Dāniyy'ēl I_observed in_scrolls the_number_of
the_years which it_came the_message_of **YHWH** to
Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) the_prophet to_complete to_the_ruins_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) seventy year[s]. **3** And_I_set ÐOM face_
_of_my to my_master the_'Elohīm to_seek prayer and_
_supplications with_fasting and_sackcloth and_ash[es]. **4** And_
_I_prayed to/for_**YHWH** god_of_my and_I_confessed and_I_said
please my_master (the)_god (the)_great and_(the)_awesome
who_keeps the_covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty to_those_
_of_who_love_him and_to_those_who_keep_of commands_of_
_(of)_his. **5** We_have_sinned and_we_have_committed_iniquity
and[235] and_we_have_rebelled and_we_have_turned_aside from_
_commands_of_your and_from_judgements_of_your. **6** And_not
we_have_listened to your_servants the_prophets who they_
_spoke in_name_of_your to kings_of_our leaders_of_our and_
_ancestors_of_our and_near/to all_of the_people_of the_
_earth/land. **7** To/for_yourself(m) my_master (the)_
_righteousness and_belongs_to_us the_shame_of the_faces as_
_day the_this to_everyone_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_the_
_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to/for_all
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (the)_near and_(the)_far in_all the_lands where
you_have_banished_them there in_unfaithfulness_of_their
which they_acted_unfaithfully against_you. **8** Oh_**YHWH**
to/for_us the_shame_of the_faces to_kings_of_our to_leaders_
_of_our and_to_ancestors_of_our that we_have_sinned to/for_
_you(fs). **9** Belong_to_the_of_master god_of_our (the)_
compassion(s) and(the)_forgiveness(es) if/because we_have_
_rebelled in/on/over_him/it. **10** And_not we_have_listened to_
_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_our to_go in_laws_of_his which
he_set before_us by_the_hand_of his_servants_of_his the_
_prophets. **11** And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_transgressed
ÐOM law_of_your and_they_have_turned_aside to_not to_listen
to_voice_of_your and_it_has_poured_forth on_us the_curse
and_the_oath which was_written in_the_law_of Mosheh the_
_servant_of the_'Elohīm if/because we_have_sinned to_him/it.
12 And_he_has_carried_out ÐOM mmm[236] which he_spoke on_us
and_on judges_of_our who they_judged_us to_bring on_us a_
_calamity great which not it_has_been_done under all_of the_
_heavens just_as it_has_been_done on_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **13** Just_as it_is_written in_the_law_
_of Mosheh ÐOM all_of the_calamity (the)_this it_has_come on_
_us and_not we_have_entreated ÐOM the_face_of **YHWH** god_of_
_our by_turning_away from_iniquity_of_our and_by_giving_
_attention to_faithfulness_of_your. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he_kept_

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strength. **26** That vision of the evenings and mornings that has
been told is true. But lock the vision away for now, because it
refers to the distant future."

27 Then I, Daniyel, was overwhelmed and lay sick for days.
Then I got up, and went about the king's business, but I was ap-
palled at the vision and didn't really understand it.

Daniyel prays for his people

9:1 It was when Dareyavesh (Darius)
(Dareyavesh, the son of Ahashverosh
(Ahasuerus), a descendant of the Madim (Medes)) was made king
over the realm of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) (perhaps better known
by Westerners as Babylonians), **2** and during that first year of his
reign that I, Daniyel, understood from the sacred books that
Yahweh had told the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah) that
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city would be destroyed and remain in
ruins for seventy years.[234]

3 Then I turned my focus to the Lord God, to make my requests
known to him, as I fasted, wore sackcloth, and sprinkled myself
with ashes. **4** I prayed to my god Yahweh, and I confessed to him,
"My master, the powerful and awe-inspiring God, who keeps his
agreement and shows loyal commitment to those who love him
and keep his commands. **5** We Israelis have sinned and done
wrong. We have done wicked things and rebelled against you,
not wanting to obey your rules and instructions. **6** We ignored
the challenges from your servants the prophets who spoke to
our kings, our generals, and our ancestors on your behalf, and to
all the people of the land. **7** Perfect goodness can only be found
in you, my master, but we have shame on our faces, as we have
today. Yes, the men of Yehudah (Judah), the inhabitants of
Yerushalem, and all Yisrael (Israel) whether near or far away, in
all the countries where you've driven them because of their
treachery against you. **8** We've sinned against you, Yahweh, and
we deserve the shame that's on our kings, our generals, and our
ancestors.

9 "Yet you, our god and master, continue to show compassion
and forgiveness, even though we've rebelled against you **10** and
haven't obeyed your words, Yahweh our god, by following the
instructions that you gave us through your servants the
prophets. **11** All Yisrael has broken your law and turned
away—not obeying your words. The curse and oath that are
written in the law given through your servant Mosheh (Moses),
have been applied to us, because we have sinned against you.
12 You have confirmed your words, which warned both us and
our rulers about the potential of a great calamity. Yes, what has
happened to Yerushalem hasn't happened anywhere else in the
world. **13** As it's written in the Mosheh's law, we've undergone all
that calamity, yet we haven't tried to earn our god Yahweh'a
favour our god by turning away from our disobedience and giv-
ing attention to your truth. **14** Therefore Yahweh kept pondering

234 **RV 9:2 · Cross-ref.** Jer 25:11; 29:10.

235 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונעשרה/ו: (x-qere) יְנִעֲשְׂרָה': lemma_7561 morph_HVhp1cp id_271Cu יְנִעֲשְׂרָה

236 **LV 9:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: ורבד/ו: (x-qere) רָבְדוּ/נָ': lemma_1697 n_1.1.1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_27rYe רָבְדוּ/נָ

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the need for calamity and then eventually brought it on us, because our god Yahweh is always does what is right and yet we haven't obeyed what he said.

15 "Now, my master, our god, who used his amazing power to bring his people out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and have made a reputation for yourself which stands until today, we have sinned against you and been wicked. **16** My master, because you always do what is right, turn your anger from your city Yerushalem—your holy mountain, because Yerushalem and your people have become an object of scorn to all those around us due to our own sins, as well as those of our predecessors. **17** So now, our god, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy. For your sake, my master, show favour to your devastated sanctuary. **18** My god, turn your ear and listen. Open your eyes and see our terrible state here in exile, and the state of the city that is called by your name. We aren't asking all this because we're good enough to deserve it, but because of your extensive mercy. **19** Master, master, listen to us and forgive us. Master, pay attention and take action. Don't delay, my god, for your own sake, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Gavriel explains God's revelation

20 While I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Yisrael (Israel), and presenting my requests to my god Yahweh on behalf of his holy mountain, **21** while I was still speaking in prayer, God's man Gavriel (Gabriel)[238] who I had seen in the earlier vision, came speedily flying to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. **22** He told me, "Daniyel, I've come here now to give you insight and to help you understand. **23** An order was given right at the beginning of your prayer and fasting, and I've come personally to tell you, because you're highly valued, so then consider the message and understand the vision:

24 It's been decreed that there'll be 490 years for your people and your holy city, to stop the transgression, to put an end to sin, to pay the price for disobedience, to bring in righteousness that will then last forever, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. NEEDS MORE WORK **25** Know and understand that from the issuing of the command to restore and build Yerushalem (Jerusalem) until an anointed one (a prince) comes, there will be 49 years and 434 years. It'll be built again with a plaza and a moat, but in distressing times. **26** After those 434 years, the anointed one will be killed and be left with nothing. The followers of that coming prince will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end will come with a flood, and then

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_watch over the_calamity and_he_brought_it on_us if/because has_been_righteous **YHWH** god_of_our on all_of deeds_of_his which he_has_done and_not we_listened to_voice_of_his.
15 And_now my_master god_of_our who you_brought_out ~~DOM~~ people_of_your from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) by_a_hand strong and_you_made to/for_yourself(m) a_name as_day the_ _this we_have_sinned we_have_acted_wickedly. **16** My_master according_to_all_of righteousness(es)_of_your may_it_turn_ _back please anger_of_your and_rage_of_your from_city_of_ _your Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_mountain_of your_ _holiness_of_your if/because by_sins_of_our and_by_the_ _iniquities_of our_ancestors_of_our Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_people_of_your have_become_(into)_a_reproach to/from_ _all/each/any/every around_of_us. **17** And_now listen our_god_ _of_Oh to the_prayer_of your_servant_of_your and_near/to supplications_of_his and_make_shine face_of_your on sanctuary_of_your (the)_desolate for_the_sake_of my_master. **18** Incline my_god_of_my ear_of_your and_listen mmm[237] eyes_ _of_your and_see our_desolate_of_places and_the_city which name_of_your it_is_called on/upon_it(f) if/because not on righteousness(es)_of_our we are_making_fall supplications_of_ _our to_your_face if/because on compassion(s)_of_your (the)_ _great. **19** My_master hear my_master forgive my_master be_ _attentive and_act do_not delay for_your_own_sake my_god_of_ _my if/because name_of_your it_is_called on city_of_your and_ _on people_of_your.

20 And_still I was_speaking and_I_was_praying and_I_was_ _confessing sin_of_my and_the_sin_of my_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_was_making_fall supplication_of_my to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** god_of_my on the_ _mountain_of the_holiness_of my_god_of_my. **21** And_still I was_speaking in_prayer and_the_man Gavrī'ēl whom I_had_ _seen in_vision at_beginning wearied with_weariness was_ _approaching to_me about_the_time_of the_offering_of the_ _evening. **22** And_he_gave_understanding and_he/it_spoke with_me and_he_said Oh_Dāniyy'ēl now I_have_come_forth to_ _give_you_insight understanding. **23** At_the_beginning_of your(pl)_supplications_of_your a_message it_went_forth and_I I_have_come to_announce if/because are_precious you and_ _understand (in)_message and_understand (in)_vision.
24 Sevens seventy it_has_been_decreed on people_of_your and_ _on the_city_of your_holiness_of_your to_put_an_end_to the_ _transgression and[240] sin[241] and_to_atone_for iniquity and_to_ _bring righteousness_of perpetuity and_to_seal_up vision and_ _prophet and_to_anoint a_holy_place_of holy_places. **25** And_ _you_will_know and_you_will_understand from the_going_ _forth_of the_message to_restore and_to_rebuild Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) until an_anointed_one a_prince sevens seven and_sevens sixty and_two it_will_return and_it_ _will_be_built an_open_place and_a_moat and_in_the_distress_ _of the_times. **26** And_after the_sevens sixty and_two an_ _anointed_one he_will_be_cut_off and_there_will_belong_not

237 LV 9:18 · Note OSHB variant note: חקפ/ה: (x-qere) 'חֲקֻפִּ': lemma_6491 morph_HVqv2ms id_27wcG חֲקֻפִּ

238 RV 9:21 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:19,26.

240 LV 9:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ל/סתח: (x-qere) 'וּלְסֵתֶם': lemma_c/l/8552 morph_HC/R/Vhc id_27np9 וּלְסֵתֶם

241 LV 9:24 · Note OSHB variant note: תואטח: (x-qere) 'תְּאָטָּה': lemma_2403 b n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfsa id_27Yj4 תְּאָטָּה

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to_him/it and_the_city and_the_sanctuary the_people_of a_
_prince who_is_coming it_will_destroy and_end_of_his will_by_
_(the)_flood and_unto the_end war desolate_things are_
_determined. **27** And_he_will_make_strong a_covenant to_
_people seven one and_the_middle_of the_seven he_will_cause_
_to_cease sacrifice and_offering and_will_be_on a_wing_of
abomination(s) that_which_desolates and_unto complete_
_destruction and_that_which_has_been_determined it_will_be_
_poured_forth on one_who_is_desolate.

10:1 In_year three to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_king_of
Pāraş a_message it_was_revealed to/for_Dāniyy'ēl whom
his/its_name it_had_been_called Bēləṭəsha'tstsar and_was_
_truth the_message and_a_war great and_he_understood ᴅᴏᴍ
the_message and_understanding to_him/it by_vision. **2** In_the_
_days the_those I Dāniyy'ēl I_was mourning three sevens days.
3 Food_of desirableness(es) not I_ate and_flesh/body and_wine
not it_came into mouth_of_my and_indeed_(anoint) not I_
_anointed_myself until three_of sevens days were_completed.
4 And_on_day_of twenty and_four of_month (the)_first and_I I_
_was on the_side_of the_river (the)_great it is_the_Tigris.
5 And_I_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man one clothed linen(s) and_loins_of_his
were_girded with_(the)_gold_of 'Ūfāz. **6** And_body_of_his was_
_like_chrysolite and_face_of_his was_like_the_appearance_of
lightning and_eyes_of_his were_like_torches_of fire and_arms_
_of_his and_feet_of_his were_like_the_appearance_of bronze
burnished and_the_sound_of his_words/messages_of_his was_
_like_the_sound_of a_multitude. **7** And_ I Dāniyy'ēl _I_saw I_
_alone ᴅᴏᴍ the_vision and_the_men who they_were with_me
not they_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_vision but trembling great it_fell on_
_them and_they_fled in_hiding_themselves. **8** And_I I_was_left_
_behind I_alone and_I_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_vision the_
_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this and_not it_remained in_me
strength and_vigor_of_my it_was_changed on_me into_
_destruction and_not I_retained strength. **9** And_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ
the_sound_of his_words/messages_of_his and_just_as_I_heard
ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of his_words/messages_of_his and_I I_was
dazed on face_of_my and_face_of_my ground_was_to_the.
10 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hand it_touched (in)_me and_it_
_shook_me on knees_of_my and_the_palms_of my_hands_of_
_my. **11** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_Dāniyy'ēl man_of
preciousness(es) understand (in)_words/messages which I am_
_about_to_speak to_you and_stand on place_of_your if/because
now I_have_been_sent to_you and_when_spoke_he with_me
ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this I_stood_up trembling. **12** And_he/it_
_said to_me do_not fear Oh_Dāniyy'ēl if/because from the_day
(the)_first which you_gave ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_your to_understand
and_to_humble_yourself to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
god_of_your words/messages_of_your they_were_heard and_I
I_have_come on_words/messages_of_your. **13** And_the_prince_
_of the_kingdom_of Pāraş was_standing to_before_me twenty
and_one day[s] and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Mīkā'ēl one of_the_
_princes (the)_chief he_came to_help_me and_I I_remained_

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there'll be war until the end with much destruction having been decreed. **27** He'll make a firm agreement with many people for seven years. In the middle of that time, he'll put an end to sacrifices and offerings. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate,[239] until the complete destruction that is decreed is poured out on the desolator." NEEDS MORE WORK

God's terrifying revelation to Daniyel

10:1 In the third year of the reign of Persian King Koresh (Cyrus), a message was revealed to Daniyel (also named Belteshatsar (Belteshazzar)). The message was true, and it concerned was a large conflict. He understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

2 At that time, I, Daniyel, had been mourning for three weeks. **3** I hadn't eaten any tasty food or meat, and no wine had been near my lips. I hadn't even put any perfumed oil on my hair or face during those three weeks.

4 Then on that day in late April, I was standing on the bank of the great river, i.e., the Hidekel. **5** When I looked up, to my surprise there was a man there dressed in linen with a belt of pure gold from Ufaz around his waist.[242] **6** His body sparkled like a jewel, his face was brilliant like lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet were like the gleam of polished bronze, and his voice was loud like the sound of a huge crowd.

7 I, Daniyel, alone saw the vision, because the men with me didn't see anything. However, they started trembling and ran away to hide, **8** so I was left alone and saw this incredible vision. My strength deserted me and my face went deathly pale, and I couldn't move. **9** Then I heard the man start speaking, and as he did I fell to my knees then laid with my face to the ground in a deep sleep. **10** Then suddenly, a hand touched me and set me trembling back on my hands and knees.

11 The man spoke to me, "Daniyel, you're a man who's greatly valued. I've been sent to you, so stand up and listen to what I'm about to tell you." When he said that, I stood up trembling **12** and he told me, "Don't be afraid, Daniyel, because your prayer was heard from the very first day that you started investigating these matters. You humbled yourself before your god, so I've come in response to your words. **13** But the protector of the Persian kingdom held me back for twenty-one days. Then wow, Mika'el (Michael), one of God's chief protectors,[243] came to help me, because I'd been stuck there with the kings of Paras (Persia). **14** "Now I've come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the days near the end, because this vision is for the future."

239 **RV 9:27 · Cross-ref.** Dan 11:31; 12:11; Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14.

242 **RV 10:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:13-15; 2:18; 19:12.

243 **RV 10:13,21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:7.

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15 While he was telling me all that, I faced the ground and
wasn't able to speak. 16 Then suddenly, someone who resembled
a human touched my lips and I opened my mouth and was able
to speak. I said to the one standing in front of me: "My master,
that vision gave me an anxiety attack and I feel weak. 17 How
can a servant of my master like me be able to talk to someone
like you, my master? As for me, I've got no energy left, and I can
barely breathe."
18 Then the one who looked like a human touched me again
and strengthened me, 19 then he said, "Don't be afraid, you hu-
man who's greatly valued. May peace be to you! Be strong and
be strong!"
While he was speaking to me, I felt stronger and said, "Go
ahead and speak, my master, because you've given me some en-
ergy again."
20 Then he asked, "Do you know why I've come to you? But
now I will return to fight against the protector of Paras (Persia).
When I go out, the protector of Yavan (Greece) will come. 21 But
I'll tell you what's inscribed in the Book of Truth. There's no one
standing strong with me against them, except your protector
Mika'el (Michael)."
11:1 As for me, in the first year of King Dareyavesh (Darius) the
Madi (Mede), I stood up to support and protect him.

The kings of Mitsrayim and Aram

2 Now I'll tell you the truth: Three more
kings will reign in Paras (Persia), then a
fourth one will gain far more riches than all the others. When he
becomes strong through his wealth, he'll stir up everyone
against the kingdom of Yavan (Greece). 3 Then a powerful king
will come to the throne, and he'll rule with great authority and
do whatever he wants. 4 But as soon as he's reached his peak, his
kingdom will be uprooted, then broken and divided into the four
compass directions. But it won't be his descendants reigning but
those kingdoms will be given to others, and they won't rule with
that same authority.
5 Then the southern (Egyptian) king will become strong, but
one of his generals will become stronger than him and will take
over—he will rule a larger region. 6 After some years, they'll
forge an alliance—the daughter of the southern king will come
to the northern (Syrian) king to make an agreement. But she
won't be able to retain her power, and he won't be able to con-
tinue in his strength. She'll be handed over, along with her at-
tendants and her child, and the man who supported her in those
times. 7 But one of her relatives will step up to become the
southern king. He will attack the army of the northern king and
invade his fortress, defeating them. 8 He'll also take their gods
away to Mitsrayim (Egypt) as plunder, along with their cast

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_behind there beside the_kings_of Pāraş. 14 And_I_have_come
to_make_you_understand ᴅᴏᴍ that_which it_will_happen to_
_people_of_your in_end/latter the_days if/because still the_
_vision is_for_days. 15 And_when_spoke_he with_me
according_the_words/messages the_these I_put face_of_my
towards_land and_I_was_dumb. 16 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE like_
_the_likeness_of the_sons_of humankind was_touching (on)
lips_of_my and_I_opened mouth_of_my and_I_spoke and_I_said
to the_one_who_was_standing to_before_me my_master on_
_vision pangs_of_my they_have_turned on_me and_not I_have_
_retained strength. 17 And_how the_servant_of my_master this
is_he_able to_speak with my_master this and_I from_now not
it_remains in_me strength and_breath not it_is_left in_me.
18 And_he_repeated and_he_touched (in)_me like_the_
_appearance_of humankind and_he_strengthened_me. 19 And_
_he/it_said do_not fear Oh_man_of preciousness(es) peace
to/for_you(fs) be_strong and_be_strong and_when_spoke_he[244]
with_me I_strengthened_myself and_I_said my_master let_him_
_speak if/because you_have_strengthened_me. 20 And_he/it_
_said do_you_know to/for_what have_I_come to_you and_now
I_will_return to_engage_in_battle with the_prince_of Pāraş
and_I am_about_to_go_forth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_prince_
_of Yāvān/(Greece) he_will_come. 21 But I_will_tell to/for_
_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_thing_inscribed in_writing_of truth and_
_there_is_not one who_shows_himself_strong with_me on
these if/because (if) Mīkā'ēl prince_of_your(pl).
11:1 And_I in_year one of_Dārəyāvesh the_Mede standing_of_
_my was_to_one_who_strengthens and_to_a_protection to_
_him/it.

2 And_now truth I_will_tell to/for_you(fs) THERE yet three
kings will_arise for_Pāraş and_the_fourth_king he_will_gain_
_wealth wealth great from_all and_according_to_of_his_
_strength by_wealth_of_his he_will_stir_up (the)_everyone with
the_kingdom_of Yāvān. 3 And_ a_king_of mighty _he_will_arise
and_he_will_have_dominion dominion great and_he_will_do
according_to_of_his_pleasure. 4 And_just_as_he_arises his/its_
_kingdom it_will_be_broken_up and_it_will_be_divided to_the_
_four the_winds_of the_heavens and_not to_posterity_of_his
and_not like_dominion_of_his which he_had_dominion
if/because his/its_kingdom it_will_be_plucked_up and_to_
_others (from)_besides_of these. 5 And_ the_king_of the_south _
_he_will_become_strong and_from commanders_of_his and_he_
_will_become_strong on/upon/above_him/it and_he_will_
_have_dominion will_be_a_dominion great dominion_of_his.
6 And_to_the_end_of years they_will_make_an_alliance and_
_the_daughter_of the_king_of the_south she_will_come to the_
_king_of the_north for_doing uprightness(es) and_not she_will_
_retain the_power_of the_arm and_not he_will_stand (and)_
_arm_of_his and_ she and_those_of_who_brought_her and_the_
_one_who_of_fathered_her and_the_one_of_who_
_strengthened_her in_times _she_will_be_given_up. 7 And_
one_of_(the)_shoot[s]_of her_roots_of_her _he_will_arise place_
_of_his and_he_will_come against the_army and_he_will_go in_
_the_stronghold_of the_king_of the_north and_he_will_do
in/among_them and_he_will_prevail. 8 And_also gods_of_their

244 LV 10:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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with images_of_their_molten with the_vessels_of their_desire_ _of_their silver and_gold in_captivity he_will_take Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he years he_will_stand away_from_the_ _king_of the_north. **9** And_he_will_go in_the_kingdom of_the_ _king_of of_the_south and_he_will_return to land_of_his_own. **10** His[245] they_will_get_ready_for_war and_they_will_gather a_ _multitude_of armies great it_will_go certainly_(go) and_it_ _will_overflow and_it_will_pass_over and_it_will_return and[246] to mmm[247]. **11** And_ the_king_of the_south _he_will_be_ _enraged and_he_will_go_out and_he_will_engage_in_battle with_him/it with the_king_of the_north and_he_will_raise_up a_multitude great and_ the_multitude _it_will_be_given in_ _his/its_hand. **12** And_ the_multitude _it_will_be_carried_off and_it_will_be_lifted_up[248] heart_of_his and_he_will_make_fall tens_of_thousands and_not he_will_prevail. **13** And_ the_king_ _of the_north _he_will_return and_he_will_raise_up a_ _multitude great more_than the_first and_to_the_end_of the_ _times years he_will_come certainly_(come) with_an_army large and_with_equipment much. **14** And_in_times the_those many_people they_will_arise on the_king_of the_south and_ _the_sons of_the_violent_ones_of your_people_of_your they_ _will_exalt_themselves to_fulfill the_vision and_they_will_ _stumble. **15** And_ the_king_of the_north _he_will_come and_ _he_will_pour_out a_mound and_he_will_capture a_city_of fortifications and_the_forces_of the_south not they_will_stand and_the_people_of his_choicest_ones_of_his and_there_will_ _not_be strength to_stand. **16** And_ the_one_who_comes to_ _him/it _he_will_do according_to_of_his_pleasure and_there_ _will_not_be one_who_stands before_him and_he_will_stand in_land_of (the)_beauty and_complete_destruction will_be_of_ _in_his_hand. **17** And_he_will_set his/its_faces/face to_come with_the_power_of all_of his/its_kingdom and_upright_things with_him/it and_he_will_do and_the_daughter_of the_women he_will_give to_him/it to_destroy_it and_not it_will_stand and_ _not to_him/it it_will_happen. **18** And[249] his/its_faces/face to_ _the_coastlands and_he_will_capture many_people and_ a_ _commander _he_will_put_an_end_to scorn_of_his to_him/it not scorn_of_his he_will_turn_back to_him/it. **19** And_he_will_ _turn his/its_faces/face to_the_strongholds_of his_own_land_ _of_his and_he_will_stumble and_he_will_fall and_not he_will_ _be_found. **20** And_he_will_arise on place_of_his one_who_will_ _send_through an_oppressor the_splendour_of a_kingdom and_ _in_days one(s) he_will_be_broken and_not in_anger(s) and_not in_battle.

21 And_he_will_arise on place_of_his one_who_is_despicable and_not people_had_given on/upon/above_him/it the_ _honour_of royalty and_he_will_come in_security and_he_will_ _take_hold_of royalty by_intrigues. **22** And_the_forces_of the_ _flood they_will_be_swept_away from_before_face_of_him and_ _they_will_be_broken and_also a_prince_of a_covenant. **23** And_ _from made_an_alliance to_him/it he_will_act deceit and_

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metal images and their precious gold and silver utensils. Then he'll stay away from the northern king for several years. **9** Then that northern king will come into the southern king's region, but will return again to his own land.

10 However, his sons will assemble a huge army and wage war. It will keep coming and overflow like a flood and pass through, and will carry the war as far as his fortress again. **11** Then the southern (Mitsri (Egyptian)) king will be furious and go out and fight against the northern (Syrian) king who'll assemble a large army, but that large army will be defeated. **12** Defeating all of them will result in that southern king becoming proud and he'll be responsible for the death of tens of thousands, but he won't triumph.

13 Then the northern (Syrian) king will again assemble a huge army, even larger than previously. After a few years, he'll certainly want to attack with a huge well-equipped army. **14** In those times, many will try to rebel against the southern (Mitsri) king. Men of violence from among your people (Yisrael (Israel)) will also rebel in order to fulfill the vision, but they'll all fail. **15** Then the northern king will come, heap up siege ramps, and capture a fortified city. The forces of the south, not even their best troops, will have enough strength to be able to resist them. **16** So the invader will be able to do whatever he wants—no one will stand against him. The northern king will stand in the beautiful land of Yisrael, ready to destroy it.

17 He'll make the decision to use the strength of his entire kingdom to invade. He'll forge an agreement, yet he'll give him a daughter as a wife in order to ruin it, but it won't work or be to his advantage. **18** After that, he'll focus on the coastlands and will capture many, but a commander will end his insolence against him—in fact he'll cause his insolence to bounce back onto him. **19** Then he'll focus his attention on the fortresses in his own land, but he'll stumble and fall and drop off the scene.

20 Then another man will succeed the northern king and he'll send a tax collector to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) so he can make his kingdom more prosperous, but in a few days he will be broken, although not in anger or in battle.

The evil Arami king

21 In his place, a despicable person without any royal lineage will come to power. He'll come unexpectedly and will seize the northern (Arami (Syrian)) kingdom by intrigue. **22** The overflowing forces will be swept away before him and broken, and also the prince of the agreement. **23** After an alliance is made with him, he'll act deceitfully then he'll go

245 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/נב: (x-qere) 'ו/עָנָב': lemma_c/1121 a morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_27q7V ו/עָנָב

246 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ורגתי: (x-qere) 'ו/הֲרָגְתִּי': lemma_c/1624 n_0.0 morph_HC/Vti3ms id_27gS3 ו/הֲרָגְתִּי

247 LV 11:10 · Note OSHB variant note: ה/זעמ: (x-qere) 'ו/זַעְמִ': lemma_4581 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_27JA8 ו/זַעְמִ

248 LV 11:12 · Note OSHB variant note: סורי: (x-qere) 'סָר/וּ': lemma_c/7311 a morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_27oHh סָר/וּ

249 LV 11:18 · Note OSHB variant note: בשי/ו: (x-qere) 'בֻּשָּׁי/וּ': lemma_c/7760 a morph_HC/Vqi3ms id_27cJF בֻּשָּׁי/וּ

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up and become powerful with a small number of people. **24** He'll come into the richest parts of the province in a time of peace, and he'll do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers did. He will distribute plunder, booty, and possessions among them. He'll make plans against fortresses, but only for a time.

25 He'll use his courage and power to raise a large army against the southern (Egyptian) king. The southern king will amass an exceedingly large, powerful army to respond in battle, but he won't be able to make headway because plots will be devised against him. **26** Even those who sit at his table and eat his fine food will work against him. His army will be swept away with large numbers of casualties. **27** The two kings with their evil intentions, will sit at the same table but tell each other lies. However, it won't succeed, because the end won't come until the time appointed by God. **28** Then the northern king will return to his own country with valuable plunder, but his heart will be set against the holy agreement. He'll take action, and then return to his own country.

29 At the appointed time the northern (Arami (Syrian)) king will come back into the south, but he won't be successful like he had been the previous time. **30** Ships will come against him from Kitim, and he'll withdraw in fear. He'll be angry about the holy agreement and will take action. He'll come back and take the advice of those who forsake the holy agreement. **31** Some of his forces will attack and defile the sanctuary fortress. They'll prevent the regular burnt offerings, and they'll set up something revolting that causes people to be appalled.[250] **32** Using flattery, he will corrupt others who oppose the agreement, But the people who know their god will be strong and will take action. **33** Those among the people and have insight will teach others, But they'll be killed in battle or burnt during the attacks, or be plundered for several days or taken captive. **34** When they fall, they'll receive a little help. Many will join themselves with them in hypocrisy. **35** Some of those who have insight will fall but the others will be refined, purified, and cleaned until the time of the end, because it'll continue until the appointed time.

36 The northern (Arami) king will do whatever he wants. He'll boast and claim to be greater than any god,[251] and he'll say terrible things against the god of gods,[252] . He'll be successful until the indignation is accomplished, because everything will happen just as it's already been determined. **37** He won't pay any attention to his ancestors' gods, or to the one desired by women, or for that matter, to any other god, because he'll think he's better than everyone and everything else. **38** Instead of those, he'll honour the god of fortresses—a god his ancestors had never even heard of. He'll honour that god with gold and silver, and with precious stones and treasures. **39** He'll take action against the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. He'll in-

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_he/it_would_go_up and_he_will_become_mighty with_ _fewness_of a_nation. **24** In_security and_in_the_fat_places_of the_province he_will_come and_he_will_do that_which not ancestors_of_his and_the_ancestors_of his_ancestors_of_his they_did plunder and_booty and_property to/for_them he_ _will_scatter and_on strongholds he_will_plan plans_of_his and_unto a_time. **25** And_he_will_stir_up strength_of_his and_ _heart_of_his on the_king_of the_south with_an_army large and_the_king_of the_south he_will_get_ready for_battle with_ _an_army large and_mighty up_to muchness and_not he_will_ _stand if/because people_will_plan on/upon/above_him/it plans. **26** And_those_who_eat_of rations his they_will_break_ _him and_army_of_his it_will_overflow and_ slain_ones many _ _they_will_fall. **27** And_the_two_of_of_them the_kings heart_of_ _their will_be_to_evil and_at a_table one falsehood they_will_ _speak and_not it_will_succeed if/because yet an_end is_to_ _time. **28** And_he_will_return land_of_his_own with_property great and_heart_of_his will_be_on the_covenant_of holiness and_he_will_act and_he_will_return to_his_own_of_land. **29** To_ _time he_will_return and_he_will_come in_south and_not it_ _will_be as_time and_as_time. **30** And_they_will_come in_him/it ships Kittim and_he_will_be_disheartened and_he_will_turn_ _back and_he_will_direct_indignation towards the_covenant_of holiness and_he_will_act and_he_will_turn_back and_he_will_ _pay_attention on those_who_abandon_of (of)_the_covenant_of holiness. **31** And_forces from_him/it they_will_arise and_they_ _will_profane the_sanctuary the_stronghold and_they_will_ _abolish the_perpetual_offering and_they_will_set_up the_ _abomination which_desolates. **32** And_those_who_act_ _wickedly_of the_covenant he_will_pollute with_flattering_ _words/messages and_a_people_of which_know_of his/its_god they_will_display_strength and_they_will_act. **33** And_those_ _who_have_insight_of the_people they_will_give_ _understanding to_people and_they_will_stumble by_sword and_by_flame by_captivity and_by_plunder days. **34** And_ _when_stumble_they they_will_be_helped help a_little and_ _they_will_join_themselves to_them many_people by_intrigues. **35** And_from those_who_have_insight they_will_stumble to_ _refine (is)_in_them and_to_purge_them and_to_purify_them until the_time_of the_end if/because it_is_still to_time. **36** And_ _he_will_do according_to_of_his_pleasure the_king and_he_ _will_exalt_himself and_he_will_magnify_himself above every_ _of god and_on the_god_of gods he_will_speak extraordinary_ _things and_he_will_succeed until indignation it_has_been_ _completed if/because and_that_which_has_been_determined it_will_be_done. **37** And_on the_gods_of his_ancestors_of_his not he_will_pay_attention and_on the_desire_of women and_on any_of god not he_will_pay_attention if/because above all he_ _will_magnify_himself. **38** And_(to)_a_god_of strongholds on place_of_its he_will_honour and_(to)_a_god which not they_ _knew_it ancestors_of_his he_will_honour with_gold and_with_ _silver and_with_stone costly and_with_precious_things. **39** And_he_will_act to_the_fortresses_of strongholds with a_

250 RV 11:31 · Cross-ref. Dan 9:27; 12:11; Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14.

251 RV 11:36 · Cross-ref. 2Th 2:3-4.

252 RV 11:36 · Cross-ref. Rev 13:5-6.

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_god_of foreignness one_who he_acknowledges[253] he_will_
_increase honour and_he_will_make_them_rule over_people
and_land he_will_divide_up for_a_price. **40** And_at_the_time_of
the_end he_will_wage_war with_him/it the_king_of the_south
and_he_will_storm on/upon/above_him/it the_king_of the_
_north with_chariotry and_with_horsemen and_with_ships
many and_he_will_go in_lands and_he_will_overflow and_he_
_will_pass_through. **41** And_he_will_come in_land of_(the)_
_beauty and_many_people they_will_stumble and_these they_
_will_escape from_hand_of_his ʾEdōm and_Mōʾāv and_the_
_first_of the_people_of ʿAmmōn. **42** And_he_will_stretch_out
his/its_hand on_lands and_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not
it_will_become (into)_an_escaped_remnant. **43** And_he_will_
_rule over_the_treasures_of the_gold and_(the)_silver and_
_over_all_of the_precious_things_of Mitsrayim and_Lūvī and_
_Kūshiy/(Cushite)s will_be_of_in_his_steps. **44** And_reports
they_will_dismay_him from_the_east and_from_the_north and_
_he_will_go_out in_rage great to_destroy and_to_totally_
_destroy many_people. **45** And_he_will_pitch the_tents_of his_
_palace_of_his between the_seas and_the_mountain_of the_
_beauty_of holiness and_he_will_come to end_of_his and_
_there_will_not_be a_helper to_him/it.

12:1 And_at_time (the)_that Mīkāʾēl the_prince (the)_great who_
_stands over the_sons_of your_people_of_your he_will_arise
and_it_will_be a_time_of distress which not it_has_happened
from_when_was a_nation until the_time (the)_that and_at_time
(the)_that people_of_your every_of (the)_one_who_is_found
written in_scroll it_will_escape. **2** And_many_people of_the_
_sleepers_of of_the_ground_of dust they_will_awake these to_
_life_of perpetuity and_these to_reproaches to_abhorrence_of
perpetuity. **3** And_those_who_have_insight they_will_shine
like_the_shining_of the_firmament and_those_who_turn_to_
_righteousness_of (of)_the_many_people like_stars forever_
_perpetuity and_ever. **4** And_you(ms) Oh_Dāniyyʾēl keep_secret
the_words/messages and_seal_up the_scroll until the_time_of
the_end many_people they_will_rove_about and_ (the)_
_knowledge _it_will_increase. **5** And_ I Dāniyyʾēl _I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE two others were_standing one here was_to_
_the_bank_of the_River and_one here was_to_the_bank_of the_
_River. **6** And_he/it_said to_man (the)_clothed_of (the)_linen(s)
who was_from_above (to)_the_water_of the_River until when
will_be_the_end_of the_wonders. **7** And_I_heard ~~DOM~~ the_man
(the)_clothed_of (the)_linen(s) who was_from_above (to)_the_
_water_of the_River and_he_raised hand_of_his_right and_his_
_left_of_hand to the_heavens and_he_swore by_the_living_one_
_of (the)_perpetuity if/because_that to_a_time times and_a_
_half and_just_as_finish to_smash the_hand_of the_people_of
holiness all_of these_things they_will_be_finished. **8** And_I I_
_heard and_not I_understood and_I_said my_master what will_

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creasingly honour those who acknowledge him and will make them influential leaders, and he'll divide up the land for a price.

40 At the time of the end, the southern (Mitsri (Egyptian)) king will attack the northern king, but that northern (Syrian) king will fight back aggressively with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. He'll invade several countries like how a flood overflows then passes through. **41** He will come into the beautiful land of Yisrael (Israel), killing many, but Edom, Moav (Moab), and the bulk of the Amonim will escape from his power. **42** That northern king will invade other countries, and even Mitsrayim (Egypt) won't miss out. **43** He'll accumulate the treasures of gold and of silver, and everything in Mitsrayim that's valuable, and then the Luvim (Libyans) and the Kushim will be in his footsteps. **44** But reports coming in from the east and the north will terrify him, and he'll go out to fight furiously and kill many. **45** He'll erect his royal tents between the seas and the beautiful holy mountain, but that northern king will come to his end, and no one will help him.

The ending of time

12:1 The one who looked like a human also told me: At that time Mika'el (Michael), the powerful prince who stands guard over your people, will become active.[254] There'll be a time of distress such as never has been since there was a nation until that time,[255] but at that time your people will be rescued—everyone whose name is found written in the book. **2** Many of those who've already been buried will come back to life—some to go on and live forever, and some to endure shame and everlasting contempt.[256] **3** Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the Milky Way, and those who lead many people to righteousness, like the stars shining forever.

4 But you, Daniyel, keep these words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end.[257] Many will rush back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

5 Then I, Daniyel, looked, and to my surprise, two others were standing there—one on this side of the river and one on the opposite bank. **6** One of them asked the man dressed in linen, who was above the river itself, "How long will it be until the end of those incredible events?"

7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the river—he raised both arms and promised in the name of him who lives forever[258] that it would be for a time, times, and half a time.[259] When the destruction of the power of the holy people has come to an end, all those things will have been completed.

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253 LV 11:39 · Note OSHB variant note: **ריכה**: (x-qere) **'רִיְכִי'**: lemma_5234 a n_1.0 morph_HVhi3ms id_275vz **רִיְכִי**

254 RV 12:1 · Cross-ref. Rev 12:7.

255 RV 12:1 · Cross-ref. Mat 24:21; Mrk 13:19; Rev 7:14; 12:7.

256 RV 12:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 26:19; Mat 25:46; Yhn 5:29.

257 RV 12:4 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:10.

258 RV 12:7 · Cross-ref. Rev 10:5.

259 RV 12:7 · Cross-ref. Rev 12:14.

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8 I heard, but I didn't understand, so I asked, "My master, what will be the outcome of all those things?"

9 "Just carry on, Daniyel," he responded, "because those matters are closed and sealed until the time of the end. **10** Many people will be purified, cleaned, and refined, but the wicked will behave wickedly.[260] None of the wicked will understand these things, but those who have insight will understand.

11 From the time that the regular burnt offerings are taken away and the revolting thing that causes people to be appalled is set up,[261] there will be 1,290 days. **12** Blessed is any person who's patient and arrives at the 1,335 days.

13 But as for you, carry on with your life until the end. Then you'll be able to relax and receive your allocated inheritance at the end of the days."

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_be_the_outcome of_these_things. **9** And_he/it_said go Oh_ _Dāniyyʾēl if/because are_kept_secret and_sealed_up the_things until the_time_of the_end. **10** They_will_purge_themselves and_ _they_will_purify_themselves and_they_will_be_refined many_ _people and_ wicked_people _they_will_act_wickedly and_not any_of wicked_people they_will_understand and_those_who_ _have_insight they_will_understand. **11** And_from_the_time the_perpetual_offering when_it_was_abolished and_the_ _setting_up the_abomination which_desolates will_be_days one_thousand two_hundred and_ninety. **12** How_blessed is_the_ _one_who_waits and_he_will_arrive to_days one_thousand three hundreds thirty and_five. **13** And_you(ms) go to_end and_ _you_will_rest and_you_will_arise to_your_allotted_of_portion to_the_end_of the_days.

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260 RV 12:10 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:11.

261 RV 12:11 · Cross-ref. Dan 9:27; 11:31; Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14.

Yehezkel

(Ezekiel)

Introduction

Yehezkel (or more properly ‘Yehezkel’ which means ‘God/El will strengthen’, but called ‘Ezekiel’ in older English translations because Greek has no ‘y’ or ‘h’) was a priest in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). He was one of the many people who were captured by the Babylonian army and marched off to Bavel before Yerushalem was defeated in 586 B.C. So he lived in Bavel and became a prophet five years after he’d been exiled. His message was directed to the people exiled to Bavel as well as those back in Yerushalem. Yehezkel’s account can be divided into six parts: 1. God’s calling Yehezkel as a prophet; 2. warnings to the people there about God’s coming punishment of them, and of the coming destruction of Yerushalem; 3. God’s messages about the punishment of various nations who’d attacked Yisrael; 4. comforting Yisrael when enemies defeated Yerushalem, and a promise of a future, better life; 5. the defeat of all of Yisrael’s enemies; 6. Yehezkel’s description of a restored temple and of a nation that would return to living there. Yehezkel demonstrated a lot of faith, and his messages came as visions—many of which he had to act out. Yehezkel explained the importance of a new heart and spirit, and how it’s necessary for each person to individually repent from their sins. He reveals Yisrael’s hope of a new life. Then as prophet and priest, he greatly looks forward to a new temple with all the rooms that are necessary for the sacred services.

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Yehezkel's calling to be a prophet[1] · Yahweh reveals himself

1:1 When I was thirty years old, on July 5th, as I was living with the other captives by the Kevar Canal, the skies opened[2] and I saw visions from God.

2 That was the fifth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive.[3] **3** Yahweh gave me, the priest Yehezkel (Ezekiel) (son of Buzi), this message in the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) (often known better as Babylonians) by the Kevar Canal, and Yahweh revealed his strength to me there. **4** Then I looked, and there was a windstorm coming from the north—a huge cloud with lightning flashing inside it and brilliant light inside it and surrounding it, and fire inside the cloud made it look amber coloured. **5** In the middle was what seemed to be four living creatures resembling humans,[4] **6** but each of them had four faces and four wings. **7** Their legs were straight, but they had hooves like calves' hooves that gleamed like polished bronze. **8** They had human hands under their wings on each of their four sides. For each of the four of them, **9** their wings were touching the wings of the next creature, and they didn't turn as they went—rather each one went straight forward.

10 Each one's front face was like a human face, then they each had a lion's face on the right, a calf's face on the left, and the fourth face was an eagle's face.[5] **11** Their faces were like that, and their wings were spread out above, so that each creature had a pair of wings that touched another creature's wings, and also a pair that covered their bodies. **12** Each went straight forward, so that wherever the spirit directed them to go, they went without turning.

13 The living creatures resembled burning coals or torches.[6] Bright fire also moved around among the creatures, and there were flashes of lightning. **14** The living creatures moved rapidly swiftly back and forth, and they looked a bit like lightning.

15 Then I looked more closely and saw a wheel on the ground beside each of the living creatures with its four faces.[7] **16** Each of the wheels was the same, and they all shone like chrysolite. Each wheel seemed to have one wheel inside another wheel. **17** When they moved, they didn't have to turn to change direction. **18** The rims of the wheels were awesomely tall, and all four of them were full of eyes around the rim.[8] **19** Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the living

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1:1 And_he/it_was in_thirty year in_month on_day_five of_ _month and_I was_among_of the_exile[s] at the_river_of Kəvār the_heavens they_were_opened and_I_saw visions_of god. **2** On_ _day_five of_month it was_the_year (the)_fifth of_the_exile_of the_king Yōyākīn/(Jehoiachin). **3** Expressly_(come) the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Yəḥezqʾēl the_son_of Būzī the_ _priest/officer in_land of_the_ones_from_Kasdiy at the_river_of Kəvār and_it_became on/upon/above_him/it there the_hand_ _of **YHWH**. **4** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wind_of storm was_coming from the_north a_cloud great and_fire flashing and_brightness to_him/it all_around and_was_from_the_ _middle_of_of_it like_the_appearance_of (the)_shining_ _substance from_the_middle_of the_fire. **5** And_was_from_the_ _middle_of_of_it a_likeness_of four living_creatures and_this appearance_of_was_their a_likeness_of a_human belonged_to_ _them. **6** And_four faces belonged_to_one and_four wings belonged_to_one to/for_them. **7** And_feet_of_their was_a_foot straight and_the_sole_of their_feet_of_their was_like_the_sole_ _of the_foot_of a_calf and_they_were_sparkling like_the_ _appearance_of bronze burnished. **8** And[11] a_human from_ _under wings_of_their on the_four_of sides_of_their and_faces_ _of_their and_wings_of_their belonged_to_the_four_of_of_ _them. **9** Were_touching each (to) sister_of_its wings_of_their not they_turned when_moved_they each to the_side_of his/its_ _faces/face they_moved. **10** And_the_likeness_of their_faces_of_ _their was_the_face_of a_human and_the_face_of a_lion to the_ _right_side belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_the_face_of an_ox from_the_left_side belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_the_face_of an_eagle belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them. **11** And_faces_of_their and_wings_of_their were_spread_out from_to_above (to)_each two_wings were_touching each and_ _two_wings were_covering ~~DOM~~ bodies_of_their.[12] **12** And_each to the_side_of his/its_faces/face they_moved to where it_was there_(to) the_spirit to_go they_moved not they_turned when_ _moved_they. **13** And_the_likeness_of the_living_creatures their_appearance was_like_coals_of fire burning like_the_ _appearance_of (the)_torches it was_moving_about between the_living_creatures and_brightness belonged_to_fire and_from the_fire lightning was_coming_out. **14** And_the_living_ _creatures they_were_running and_they_were_returning like_ _the_appearance_of (the)_lightning. **15** And_I_saw the_living_ _creatures and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wheel one on_the_earth beside the_living_creatures for_the_four_of his/its_faces/face. **16** The_appearance_of the_wheels and_construction(s)_of_their was_like_the_appearance_of chrysolite and_a_likeness one

1 RV 1:1 · Parallel 1:1–3:27

2 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. Rev 19:11.

3 RV 1:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:10-16; 2Ch 36:9-10.

4 RV 1:5 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:6.

5 RV 1:10 · Cross-ref. Eze 1:5,10; 10:4; Eze 10:14; Rev 4:7.

6 RV 1:13 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:5.

7 RV 1:15-21 · Cross-ref. Eze 10:9-13.

8 RV 1:18 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:8.

11 LV 1:8 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/דִי/וֹ: (x-qere) וְ/יָדַי/וֹ: lemma_c/3027 morph_HC/Ncbdc id_26NPq וְ/יָדַי/וֹ

12 LV 1:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_appearance_of_their and_construction(s)_of_their just_as the_wheel it_was in_the_ _middle of_the_wheel. **17** On the_four_of sides_of_their when_ _moved_they they_moved not they_turned when_moved_they. **18** And_rims_of_their and_height to/for_them and_fear to/for_ _them and_rims_of_their were_full eyes all_around to_the_ _four_of_of_them. **19** And_when_ the_living_creatures _moved the_wheels they_moved beside_them and_when_ the_living_ _creatures _were_lifted_up from_under the_earth/land the_ _wheels they_were_lifted_up. **20** To where it_was there the_ _spirit to_go they_moved to_(to) the_spirit to_go and_the_ _wheels they_were_lifted_up close_by_of_them if/because the_ _spirit_of the_living was_in_wheels. **21** When_moved_they they_moved and_when_they_stood_still they_stood_still and_ _when_they_were_lifted_up from_under the_earth/land the_ _wheels they_were_lifted_up close_by_of_them if/because the_ _spirit_of the_living was_in_wheels. **22** And_a_likeness was_ _above the_heads_of the_living an_expanse like_the_ _appearance_of (the)_ice (the)_awesome spread_out above heads_of_their from_to_above. **23** And_under the_firmament wings_of_their were_straight each to sister_of_its belonged_to_ _each two_wings which_covered (to)_them belonged_to_each two_wings which_covered (to)_them ᴅᴏᴍ bodies_of_their. **24** And_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_sound_of their_wings_of_their like_ _the_sound_of waters many like_the_sound_of the_almighty when_moved_they the_sound_of a_rainstorm like_the_sound_ _of an_army when_they_stood_still they_let_drop wings_of_ _their. **25** And_ a_sound _he/it_was from_under to_the_ _firmament which was_above head_of_their when_they_stood_ _still they_let_drop wings_of_their.

26 And_was_from_above to_the_firmament which was_above head_of_their like_the_appearance_of a_stone_of sapphire the_ _likeness_of a_throne and_on the_likeness_of the_seat a_ _likeness like_the_appearance_of a_human on/upon/above_ _him/it from_to_above. **27** And_I_saw like_the_appearance_of a_shining_substance like_the_appearance_of fire house_of to/for_her/it was_all_around from_the_appearance_of his_ _hips_of_his and_(to)_upwards and_from_the_appearance_of his_hips_of_his and_(to)_downwards I_saw like_the_ _appearance_of fire and_brightness to_him/it all_around. **28** Like_the_appearance_of (the)_rainbow which it_is in_ _cloud[s] in/on_day of_(the)_rain so the_appearance_of the_ _brightness all_around that was_the_appearance_of the_ _likeness_of the_glory_of **YHWH** and_I_saw_it and_I_fell on face_of_my and_I_heard the_voice one_who_spoke.

2:1 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind stand on feet_ _of_your so_that_I_may_speak with_you. **2** And_it_came in_me a_spirit when he_spoke to_me and_it_made_me_stand_up on feet_of_my and_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ one_who_spoke to_me. **3** And_ _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind I am_sending you to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to nations (the)_rebellious which

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creatures went upwards, the wheels also went up. **20** Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels went up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. **21** Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels also moved, and when the creatures stood still, the wheels stood still. When the creatures went upwards, the wheels went up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 Above the living creatures was something like an awesome crystal dome stretched out over their heads.[9] **23** Beneath the dome, each of the creatures' wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings. Each one also had a pair to cover their own body with. **24** Then I heard the sound of their wings, which was like the noise of a lot of water. When they moved, it was like the voice of the powerful one—like the sound of a rainstorm or an army. Whenever they stood still, they lowered their wings.[10] **25** Whenever they stopped and lowered their wings, a voice came from under the dome that was above their heads.

God's throne

26 Above the dome over their heads was what looked like a sapphire stone that had been made into a throne, and on the thing like a throne was something that looked like a man.[13] **27** I saw a figure that appeared to have glowing metal with fire in it from his hips upwards, and looking downwards from his hips, I saw the appearance of fire and brightness all around.[14] **28** The bright light surrounding the throne looked like a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day—it was the appearance of the likeness of Yahweh's splendour. When I saw it, I quickly knelt down and bowed my head to the ground, and I heard a voice speaking.

Yehezkel sent as a prophet to Yisrael

2:1 He said to me, "Son of humanity, stand up and then I'll speak to you." **2** Then as he spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and stood me up, and I heard him speaking to me. **3** He told me, "Son of humanity, I'm sending you to Yisrael's (Israel's) people—two rebel-

9 RV 1:22 · Cross-ref. Rev 4:6.

10 RV 1:24 · Cross-ref. Rev 1:4-15; 19:6.

13 RV 1:26 · Cross-ref. Eze 10:1; Rev 4:2-3.

14 RV 1:27 · Cross-ref. Eze 8:2.

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lious nations that have rebelled against me. Both they and their ancestors have been sinning against me right up to this very moment. **4** Their descendants are very stubborn and hard-headed. I'm sending you to them, and you'll tell them that this is what the master Yahweh is saying to them. **5** They might listen or might not. They're a rebellious bunch, but they'll at least know that a prophet's been among them.

6 And you, son of humanity, don't be afraid of them or their words. Don't be afraid, even though you're among briers and thorns, and although you live with scorpions. Don't fear their words or be dismayed by their faces, since they're a rebellious bunch. **7** Pass my messages on to them, whether they listen or not, because they're quite rebellious. **8** But you, son of humanity, listen to what I'm telling you. Don't become rebellious like that rebellious bunch. Open your mouth and eat what I'm about to give you." **9** Then I looked and saw a hand extended out to me, and it was holding a scroll with writing on it.[15] **10** He spread it out in front of me—there was writing on both the front and the back, and it was full of messages about grief, mourning, and sad endings.

3:1 He said to me, "Son of humanity, eat what you've found. Eat this scroll,[16] then go speak to the Israeli people." **2** So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

3 He told me, "Son of humanity, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll that I've given you." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey.

4 Then he told me, "Son of humanity, go to the people of Yisrael (Israel) and pass my messages on to them, **5** because you aren't being sent to a people group who speak a strange or difficult language, but to the Israeli people— **6** not to many people groups who speak strange or difficult languages whose words you wouldn't be able to understand. I'm sure that if it was them that I sent you to, they would've listened to you. **7** But the Israeli people won't be willing to listen to you, because they're not willing to listen to me. All the Israeli people are hardheaded and hardhearted. **8** Listen, I'll enable you to be as stubborn and tough as they are. **9** I'll make you hard like a diamond—harder than flint. Don't be scared by them or discouraged by the looks they give you, because they're rebellious people."

10 He also told me, "Son of humanity, listen very carefully to what I say, and keep thinking about it. **11** Then go to any of your people who were brought here as captives, and tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says,' whether they'll listen or not."

12 Then the spirit lifted me up, and I heard rumbling like a large earthquake behind me. (May Yahweh's honour in his place be blessed.) **13** It was the sound of the living creatures' wings as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels that were with them, and the sound of a large earthquake. **14** Then the spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went with bitter-

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they_have_rebelled against_me they and_ancestors_of_their they_have_transgressed against_me until the_substance_of the_day (the)_this. **4** And_the_children are_stern_of face and_ _hard_of heart I am_sending you to_them and_you_will_say to_ _them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says. **5** And_they whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_refrain if/because are_a_ _house_of rebellion they and_they_will_know if/because_that a_prophet he_has_been among_them. **6** And_you(ms) Oh_son_ _of humankind do_not be_afraid from_them and_from_ _words/messages_of_their do_not be_afraid if/because nettles and_briers are_with_you and_near/to scorpions you are_sitting from_words/messages_of_their do_not be_afraid and_from_ _faces_of_their do_not be_dismayed if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **7** And_you_will_speak ᴅᴏᴍ words/messages_of_ _my to_them whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_refrain if/because are_rebellious they. **8** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind hear ᴅᴏᴍ that_which I am_speaking to_you do_not be rebellious like_the_house_of (the)_rebellion open mouth_of_ _your and_eat ᴅᴏᴍ that_which I am_giving to_you. **9** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hand was_stretched_out to_me and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE in_him/it a_scroll_of a_document. **10** And_ _he_spread_out it to/for_my_face/front and_she was_written face and_back and_was_written to_her/it lamentations and_ _moaning and_wailing.

3:1 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ that_ _which you_find eat eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll (the)_this and_go speak to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_I_opened ᴅᴏᴍ mouth_ _of_my and_he_caused_me_to_eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll (the)_this. **3** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind belly_of_your may_you_cause_to_eat and_your(pl)_inward_of_parts may_you_ _fill ᴅᴏᴍ the_scroll (the)_this which I am_giving to_you and_I_ _ate_it and_it_became in_mouth_of_my like_honey to_sweet. **4** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind go go to the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_speak with_ _words/messages_of_my to_them. **5** If/because not to a_people deep_of language and_heavy_of language you are_being_sent to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** Not to peoples many deep_of language and_heavy_of language whom not you_will_ _understand words/messages_of_their if not to_them I_had_ _sent_you they they_will_listen to_you. **7** And_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_be_willing to_listen to_you if/because not_they are_willing to_listen to_me if/because all_ _of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_hard_of forehead and_ _stern_of heart they. **8** HERE I_make ᴅᴏᴍ face_of_your hard corresponding_to_of faces_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ forehead_of_your hard corresponding_to_of forehead_of_their. **9** Like_diamond hard more_than_flint I_make forehead_of_your not you_must_ _fear them and_not you_must_be_dismayed from_their_ _face/front if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **10** And_ _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ all_of words/messages_of_my which I_will_speak to_you take in_ _heart_of_your and_with_ears_of_your hear. **11** And_go go to the_exile[s] to the_children_of your_people_of_your and_you_ _will_speak to_them and_you_will_say to_them thus my_master

15 **RV 2:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:1.

16 **RV 3:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 10:9-10.

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YHWH he_says whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_
_refrain. **12** And_it_lifted_me_up a_spirit and_I_heard behind_
_me a_sound_of rumbling great the_glory_of **YHWH** be_blessed
from_place_of_its. **13** And_the_sound_of the_wings_of the_
_living_creatures touching_closely each (to) sister_of_its and_
_the_sound_of the_wheels close_by_of_them and_a_sound_of
rumbling great. **14** And_spirit it_lifted_me_up and_it_took_me
and_I_went bitter in_the_rage_of my_breath/wind/spirit and_
_the_hand_of **YHWH** on_me it_was_strong. **15** And_I_came to
the_exile[s] Tēl Abib who_were_dwelling to the_river_of Kəvār
and[18] they were_dwelling there and there seven_of days
appalled among_them. **16** And_he/it_was from_the_end_of
seven_of days and_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me
to_say. **17** Oh_son_of humankind a_watchman I_appoint_you
for_the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_hear from_
_mouth_of_my a_message and_you_will_warn them from_me.
18 When_say_I to_(the)_person surely_(die) you_will_die and_
_not you_have_warned_him and_not you_have_spoken to_warn
a_wicked_person from_way_of_his (the)_wicked to_preserve_
_him_alive that wicked_person for_iniquity_of_his he_will_die
and_blood_of_his from_hand_of_your I_will_require. **19** And_
_you(ms) if/because you_have_warned a_wicked_person and_
_not he_has_turned_away from_wickedness_of_his and_from_
_way_of_his (the)_wicked he for_iniquity_of_his he_will_die
and_you(ms) ~~ḎOM~~ life_of_your you_have_delivered. **20** And_
when a_righteous_person _turns_away from_righteousness_
_of_his and_he_will_do injustice and_I_will_put a_stumbling_
_block before_him he he_will_die if/because not you_warned_
_him for_sin_of_his he_will_die and_not they_will_be_
_remembered righteousness(es)_of_his[19] which he_did and_
_blood_of_his from_hand_of_your I_will_require. **21** And_
_you(ms) if/because you_have_warned_him a_righteous_person
to_not a_righteous_person to_sin and_he not he_has_sinned
certainly_(live) he_will_live if/because he_has_been_warned
and_you(ms) ~~ḎOM~~ life_of_your you_have_delivered.

22 And_it_became on_me there the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he/it_
_said to_me arise go_out to the_plain and_there I_will_speak
with_you. **23** And_I_arose and_I_went_out to the_plain and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there the_glory_of **YHWH** was_standing like_
_glory which I_had_seen at the_river_of Kəvār and_I_fell on
face_of_my. **24** And_it_came in_me a_spirit and_it_made_me_
_stand_up on feet_of_my and_he/it_spoke ~~ḎOM~~_me and_he/it_
_said to_me go shut_yourself_up in_the_middle your_house_of_
_your. **25** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind THERE people_
_will_put on_you ropes and_they_will_bind_you (is)_in_them
and_not you_will_go_out among_them. **26** And_tongue_of_your
I_will_make_stick to palate_of_your and_you_will_be_dumb
and_not you_will_become to/for_them (into)_a_person who_
_reproves if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **27** And_
_when_speak_I with_you I_will_open ~~ḎOM~~ mouth_of_your and_
_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_
_one_who_hears let_him_hear and_the_person_who_refrains
let_him_refrain if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they.

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ness and rage in my spirit, because Yahweh's hand was pressing down firmly on me. **15** Then I went to the captives at Tel-Aviv who lived along the Kevar Canal, and I stayed among them there for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.

16 After those seven days were over, Yahweh gave me this message:[17] **17** "Son of humanity, I've made you a guard over the Israeli people, so listen to this message of mine and give them my warning. **18** When I tell the wicked, 'You'll certainly die' and you don't warn them about that or give them a warning about their evil actions so they might live—the wicked will die for their sin, but I'll hold you responsible for their death. **19** But if you do warn the wicked, and they don't turn from their wickedness or from their wicked actions, then they'll die for their sin, but you will have saved your own life.

20 If a godly person turns from their righteousness and behaves unjustly, and I put a stumbling block in front of that person, they'll die. Because you didn't warn them, they'll die in their sin, and I won't consider the righteous things they did, but I'll hold you responsible for their death. **21** But if you warn the godly person to stop sinning so that they no longer sin, that person will surely live, since they were warned, and you will have saved your own life."

Yehezkel's calling

22 Then Yahweh's hand was on me there, and he told me, "Get ready and go out into the plain, and I'll speak with you there."

23 I got up and went out into the plain where Yahweh's glory was staying, like the glory I'd seen beside the Kevar Canal, so I fell to my knees and bowed low to the ground. **24** Then the spirit entered me and stood me up on my feet, and spoke with me, telling me: Go and shut yourself up in your house. **25** Son of humanity, people will tie you up with ropes so that you'll be unable to go outside. **26** Then I'll make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so you'll become mute, and although they're rebellious people, you won't be able to tell them off. **27** But when I speak to you, I'll open your mouth so you'll be able to tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says.' The ones who will hear will hear, but the ones who won't listen won't listen, because they're rebellious people.

17 RV 3:16 · Note This formula occurs around fifty times in Yehezkel's account.

18 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB variant note: רשא/ו: (x-qere) בְּשֶׁאָו: lemma_c/3427 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_26H82 בְּשֶׁאָו

19 LV 3:20 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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Messages about Yerushalem's destruction[20] · Yehezkel models Yerushalem's invasion

4:1 But you, son of humanity, get yourself a brick and place it in front of you and carve Yerushalem (Jerusalem) City on it. **2** Then lay siege against it, and build forts against it. Build an assault ramp up against it and make camps around it. Place battering rams all around it. **3** After that, get yourself an iron pan and use it as an iron wall between yourself and your representation of the city, and keep looking in that direction, because it'll be under siege and you're to put the siege against it. That will be a sign to the Israeli people.

4 Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the Israeli people on it. You'll carry their sin for the number of days you lie down as a sign against them. **5** I myself am assigning to you one day to represent each year of their punishment: 390 days lying on your left side. In that way, you'll carry the Israeli people's sin. **6** When that period is over, then lie down a second time on your right side, because you'll carry the sin of Yehudah's (Judah's) people for forty days. I'm assigning one day to you for each year.

7 Keep looking towards Yerushalem, which is under siege, and with your arm bared like a warrior, prophesy against it. **8** Listen, I'll have you tied with ropes so you won't be able to turn from one side to the other until the days representing the years of your siege are over.

9 Take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt for yourself, and put them into a single container, and make bread for yourself according to the number of days you'll lie on your side—yes, you'll eat it for 390 days. **10** You'll measure 250g by weight to eat each day, and you'll eat it during the day at set times. **11** Then you'll measure out half a litre of water to drink each day, and you'll drink it at set times. **12** You'll cook and eat that bread as barley cakes, but burn sun-dried human excrement to bake it over while they're watching.

13 Yahweh says that that means that the bread that the Israeli people will eat there among the other nations that I'll banish them to will be ceremonially unclean. **14** But I protested, "Oh no, master Yahweh. I've never broken our dietary laws. Ever since I was young, and right up till now, I've never eaten either anything that died or anything killed by animals, and foul meat has never entered my mouth."

15 So Yahweh answered me, "Listen, I'll give you cow manure instead of human excrement, so you can bake your bread over that."

16 Then he told me, "Son of humanity, listen. I'm breaking the cycle of food supply in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and they'll eat bread while anxiously rationing it, and drink water while fearfully rationing it, **17** because they'll lack both food and water,

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4:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m) a_brick and_you(ms)_will_give it to_your_face and_you_will_ _inscribe on/upon_it(f) a_city ᴅᴏᴍ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_you(ms)_will_give on/upon_it(f) a_siege and_you_will_ _build on/upon_it(f) a_siege-work and_you_will_pour_out on/upon_it(f) a_mound and_you(ms)_will_give on/upon_it(f) armies and_set on/upon_it(f) battering-rams all_around. **3** And_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) a_baking_tray_of iron and_you(ms)_will_give it a_wall_of iron between_you(ms) and_ _between the_city and_you_will_direct ᴅᴏᴍ face_of_your to_ _her/it and_it_will_be in_(the)_siege and_you_will_lay_siege on/upon_it(f) will_be_a_sign it for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** And_you(ms) lie_down on side_of_your (the)_ _left and_you_will_put ᴅᴏᴍ the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on/upon/above_him/it the_number_of the_ _days which you_will_lie on/upon/above_him/it you_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ iniquity_of_their. **5** And_I I_have_assigned to/for_ _yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_years_of their_iniquity_of_their to_the_ _number_of days three hundreds and_ninety day[s] and_you_ _will_bear the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **6** And_ _you_will_complete ᴅᴏᴍ these and_you_will_lie_down on side_ _of_your the[2122] a_second_time and_you_will_bear ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _iniquity_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) forty day[s] a_day for_year a_day for_year I_have_assigned_it to/for_you(fs). **7** And_near/to the_siege_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you_will_ _direct face_of_your and_arm_of_your will_be_bared and_you_ _will_prophesy on_it. **8** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_will_put on_you ropes and_not you_will_turn_yourself from_side_of_your to side_of_your until you_have_completed the_days_of your_ _siege_of_your. **9** And_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) wheat(s) and_barley(s) and_bean[s] and_lentils and_millet and_ _spelt(s) and_you(ms)_will_give them in_a_vessel one and_you_ _will_make them to/for_yourself(m) into_bread the_number_of the_days which you will_be_lying on side_of_your three hundreds and_ninety day[s] you_will_eat_it. **10** And_food_of_ _your which you_will_eat_it by_weight will_be_twenty shekel[s] to_day from_time to time you_will_eat_it. **11** And_water by_ _measure you_will_drink (the)_sixth of_(the)_hin from_time to time you_will_drink_it. **12** And_a_bread_cake_of barley(s) you(ms)_will_eat_it(f) and_she in_the_dung(s)_of the_ _excrement_of the_humankind you_will_bake_it to_eyes_of_ _their. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said thus the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_will_eat ᴅᴏᴍ bread_of_their unclean among_nations where I_will_banish_them there. **14** And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** HERE self_of_my not has_been_made_ _unclean and_a_carcass and_a_torn_animal not I_have_eaten since_youth(s)_of_my and_unto now and_not it_has_gone in_ _mouth_of_my the_flesh_of unclean_meat. **15** And_he/it_said to_me see I_give to/for_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_dung(s)_of[23] of_ _(the)_cattle in_place_of the_dung(s)_of the_humankind and_ _you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ bread_of_your on_them. **16** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind HERE_I am_about_to_break the_ _staff_of bread in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_will_eat

20 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** 4:1–24:27

21 **LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ינימו/ה**: (x-qere) **יָנָמִו֙/ה**: lemma_d/3233 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_26KvW **יָנָמִו֙/ה**

22 **LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

23 **LV 4:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יעופצ**: (x-qere) **יֲעִיפְצ֣**: lemma_6832 morph_HNcmpc id_267vQ **יֲעִיפְצ֣**

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bread by_weight and_in_anxiety and_water by_measure and_
_in_horror they_will_drink. **17** So_that they_may_lack bread
and_water and_they_will_be_appalled everyone and_brother_
_of_his and_they_will_rot_away in_iniquity_of_their.

5:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m)
a_sword sharp (the)_razor_of (the)_barbers you_will_take_it
(for)_yourself and_you_will_make_it_pass over head_of_your
and_over beard_of_your and_you_will_take to/for_yourself(m)
balances_of weight and_you_will_divide_them. **2** A_third_part
in_fire you_will_burn in_the_middle the_city just_ the_days_of
the_siege _as_are_completed and_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ (the)_
_third_part you_will_strike_it with_sword around_of_it and_
_(the)_third_part you_will_disperse to_wind and_a_sword I_
_will_draw after_them. **3** And_you_will_take from_there a_few
in_number and_you_will_confine them in_skirts_of_your.
4 And_some_of_them again you_will_take and_you_will_throw
them into the_middle_of the_fire and_you_will_burn ~~DOM~~_them
in_fire from_him/it a_fire it_will_go_out to all_of the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **5** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says this is_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_the_middle the_nations I_have_
_set_it and_are_around_of_it lands. **6** And_it_has_rebelled_
_against ~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my to_wickedness more_than the_
nations and~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my more_than the_lands
which are_around_of_it if/because (in)_judgements_of_my
they_have_rejected and_regulations_of_my not they_have_
_walked in_them. **7** For_so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master
YHWH because tumult_of_your(pl) is_more_than the_nations
which are_around_of_you(pl) in_regulations_of_my not
you(pl)_have_walked and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my not you(pl)_
_have_observed and_according_to_the_judgements_of the_
_nations which are_around_of_you(pl) not you(pl)_have_done.
8 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I
am_on_you also I and_I_will_bring_about in_the_midst_of_of_
_you judgements to_the_eyes_of the_nations. **9** And_I_will_
_bring_about in_you ~~DOM~~ that_which not I_have_brought_about
and_~~DOM~~ that_which not I_will_do like_it again because_of all_
_of abominations_of_your. **10** For_so/thus/hence parents they_
_will_eat children in_the_midst_of_of_you and_children they_
_will_eat parents_of_their and_I_will_bring_about on_you
judgements and_I_will_disperse ~~DOM~~ all_of you_of_the_rest
to/from_all/each/any/every wind. **11** For_so/thus/hence by_
_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not
because ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_of_my you_have_made_unclean in_all
things_of_your_detestable and_on/over_all abominations_of_
_your and_also I I_will_shave_you and_not eye_of_my it_will_
_look_with_compassion and_also I not I_will_show_pity.
12 (The)_third_part_of_of_you by_pestilence they_will_die and_
_by_famine they_will_come_to_an_end in_the_midst_of_of_you
and_(the)_third_part by_sword they_will_fall around_of_you
and_(the)_third_part to/from_all/each/any/every wind I_will_
_disperse and_a_sword I_will_draw after_them. **13** And_ anger_
_of_my _it_will_be_complete and_I_will_give_rest_to rage_of_
_my on_them and_I_will_gain_relief and_they_will_know
if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_spoken in_jealousy_of_my

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and everyone will be appalled by their neighbours' actions, and they'll waste away because they disobeyed God.

Yehezkel's Yerushalem model

5:1 Then you, son of humanity, take a sharp sword as a barber's razor for yourself, and use it to shave your head and beard, then get some scales so you can weigh your hair and divide it equally into three piles. **2** Burn a third of it in the middle of the city when the days representing the siege have finished, and take the second pile of hair and hit it with the sword all around the city. Then scatter the final third to the wind, and I'll draw out a sword to chase after the people. **3** But take a few hairs from them and tie them into the folds of your robe. **4** Then take a bit more of the hair and throw it into the middle of the fire to be burnt up—from there a fire will spread out to all the Israeli people."

5 My master Yahweh says, "That brick model is Yerushalem (Jerusalem) where I've placed her in the middle of the nations, and where I've surrounded her with other countries. **6** But due to her wickedness, she's rejected my decrees more than other nations have, and avoided my regulations more than the countries that surround her. Her people have rejected my judgements and haven't followed my regulations." **7** Therefore my master Yahweh says this, "Because you're more troublesome than the nations that surround you, and haven't followed my statutes or obeyed my regulations, or even acted according to the surrounding nations' regulations," **8** therefore my master Yahweh says this, "Listen, I myself will work against you. I'll execute judgements among you for the other nations to see. **9** Because of your detestable actions, I'll do things to you that I've never done before, and which I'll never do again: **10** Fathers will eat children among you,[24] and sons will eat their fathers, since I'll execute judgement on you and scatter all of you who are left in every direction."

11 This is my master Yahweh's declaration: As surely as I live, it's certainly because you've defiled my sanctuary with all your hateful things, and with all the disgusting things you've done, that I myself will reduce you in number—I won't have pity on you, and I won't spare you. **12** A third of you will die from deadly diseases, plus they'll be consumed by a famine that comes to you. A third will die by violence in the area surrounding you. Then I'll scatter a third in every direction, and draw out a sword to chase after them as well.

13 Then my rage will be over, and I'll end my fury at them. I'll be satisfied, and they'll know that I, Yahweh, have spoken in my rage and I've completed my furious punishment of them. **14** I'll make you into a city of ruins so that those from other nations will mock you as they pass by. **15** So Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will become something for other people to condemn and to mock—a

24 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref. Lam 4:10.

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warning and a horror to the nations that surround you. I'll execute judgements against you in rage and fury, and with an angry rebuke. I, Yahweh have declared that. **16** I'll send out harsh arrows of famine against you that'll become my way of destroying you, because I'll make the famine more severe and destroy your food supply. **17** I'll send a famine and disasters against you so you'll be childless. Plague and bloodshed will pass through you, and I'll bring a sword against you.[25] I, Yahweh, have declared that.

Yahweh's judgement on false gods

6:1 Yahweh gave me this message: **2** "Son of humanity, look towards Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains and prophesy to them. **3** Say, 'Mountains of Yisrael, listen to this message from the master Yahweh. My master Yahweh says this to the mountains and to the hills, to the streambeds, and to the valleys: Listen, I'm bringing a sword against you all, and I'll destroy your hilltop shrines. **4** Then your altars will become desolate and your pillars will be destroyed, and I'll throw your dead people down in front of their idols. **5** I'll lay the dead bodies of Yisrael's people right there in front of their idols, and scatter your bones around your altars. **6** Everywhere you people live, cities will be turned to rubble and the hilltop shrines ruined, so that your altars will be broken down and left idle. Then they'll be broken and disappear, your pillars will be cut down, and everything you people have built will be wiped away. **7** The dead will fall down right there among you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh.

8 " 'But I'll preserve a remnant among you, and there'll be some who escape the sword among the nations, when you're scattered throughout the countries. **9** Then those who escape will think about me among the nations where they'll be held captive. They'll remember that I was grieved by their promiscuous heart that turned away from me, and by their eyes that lusted after their idols. Then the loathing for the wickedness that they've committed with all their disgusting activities will show on their faces, **10** and they'll know that I am Yahweh. It was for a reason that I said I'd bring this evil onto them.' "

Yahweh's punishment of the Israelis

11 My master Yahweh says this: "Clap your hands and stamp your feet. Say, 'Oh dear,' because of all the disgustingly evil things done by the Israeli people, because now they'll fall by sword, famine, and deadly diseases. **12** Those who are far from

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when_complete_I rage_of_my on_them. **14** And_I_will_make_ _you into_a_ruin and_into_a_reproach among_nations which are_around_of_you to_the_eyes_of every_of one_who_passes_ _by. **15** And_it_will_be a_reproach and_a_taunt a_warning and_ _a_horror to_nations which are_around_of_you when_I_bring_ _about on_you judgements in_anger and_in_rage and_with_ _rebukes_of rage I **YHWH** I_have_spoken. **16** When_shoot_I ~~DOM~~ the_arrows_of (the)_famine (the)_harmful (is)_in_them which they_will_be for_destruction which I_will_shoot them to_ _destroy_you(pl) and_famine I_will_increase on_you(pl) and_I_ _will_break to/for_you(pl) staff_of bread. **17** And_I_will_send on_you(pl) famine and_animal[s] wild and_they_will_make_ _you_childless and_pestilence and_blood it_will_pass on/over_ _you(fs) and_sword I_will_bring on_you I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

6:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_ _son_of humankind set face_of_your against the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_prophesy against_them. **3** And_you_will_ _say Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_message_of my_master **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_ _mountains and_hills to_ravines and[26] HERE_I I am_about_to_ _bring on_you(pl) a_sword and_I_will_destroy places_of_ _your(pl)_high. **4** And_ altars_of_your(pl) _they_will_be_made_ _desolate and_ altars_of_your(pl)_incense _they_will_be_ _shattered and_I_will_make_fall your_slain_of_ones to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before idols_of_your(pl). **5** And_I_will_put ~~DOM~~ the_corpses_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before idols_of_their and_I_will_disperse ~~DOM~~ bones_of_your(pl) around_of altars_of_your(pl). **6** In_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling the_cities they_will_be_waste and_ _the_high_places they_will_be_desolate so_that they_may_be_ _waste and_they_may_be_held_guilty altars_of_your(pl) and_ _they_will_be_shattered and_they_will_cease idols_of_your(pl) and_ altars_of_your(pl)_incense _they_will_be_cut_down and_ products_of_your(pl) _they_will_be_wiped_out. **7** And_ the_ _slain _he_will_fall among_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **8** And_I_will_leave_over when_ _belong to/for_you(pl) escapees_of the_sword among_nations when_you_are_dispersed among_lands. **9** And_ escapees_of_ _your(pl) _they_will_remember me among_nations where they_ _have_been_taken_captive there which/who I_was_crushed ~~DOM~~ heart_of_their which_plays_the_prostitute which it_has_ _turned_aside from_with_me and_~~DOM~~ eyes_of_their which_ _play_the_prostitute after idols_of_their and_they_will_feel_ _loathing at_faces_of_their because_of the_wicked_things which they_have_done to_all/each/any/every abominations_ _of_their. **10** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** not to in_vain I_spoke for_doing to/for_them the_calamity (the)_this.

11 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says strike with_palm_of_your and_stamp with_foot_of_your and_say alas because_of all_of the_abominations_of the_wicked_deeds_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who by_sword by_famine and_by_pestilence they_will_fall. **12** The_distant_person by_pestilence he_will_die and_the_near_person by_sword he_will_fall and_the_one_who_

25 RV 5:17 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:8.

26 LV 6:3 · Note OSHB variant note: תיאנ/ל/ו: (x-qere) תוֹיְאֵנ/ל/ְו': lemma_c/l/1516 n_0.1.1 morph_HC/Rd/Ncbpa id_26jJB תוֹיְאֵנ/ל/ְו

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_remains and_the_one_who_is_preserved by_famine he_will_
_die and_I_will_complete rage_of_my on_them. **13** And_you(pl)_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_ their_slain_of_
_ones _are in_the_middle idols_of_their around_of altars_of_
_their to every_of hill high on_all_of the_tops_of the_
_mountains and_under every_of tree luxuriant and_under
every_of terebinth leafy the_place_of (of)_where they_gave
there an_odour_of soothing to_all/each/any/every idols_of_
_their. **14** And_I_will_stretch_out ~~ĐØM~~ hand_of_my on_them
and_I_will_make ~~ĐØM~~ the_earth/land a_desolation and_a_waste
more_than_the_wilderness_of (to)_Dəvəlāh in_all_of places_of_
_their_dwelling and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_
_**YHWH**.

7:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says to_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) an_end the_end it_has_
_come on the_four[27] the_corners_of the_earth/land. **3** Now
the_end is_on_you and_I_will_send_forth anger_of_my
on/over_you(fs) and_I_will_judge_you according_to_of_your_
_ways and_I_will_requite to_you ~~ĐØM~~ all_of abominations_of_
_your. **4** And_not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_compassion on_
_you and_not I_will_show_pity if/because ways_of_your to_you
I_will_requite and_abominations_of_your among_you they_
_will_be and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.
5 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says calamity one calamity
THERE it_is_coming. **6** An_end it_has_come the_end it_has_
_come it_has_awakened against_you THERE it_is_coming.
7 (The)_doom it_has_come to_you Oh_inhabitant_of the_
_earth/land the_time it_has_come is_near the_day confusion
and_not a_shout_of_joy mountains. **8** Now from_near_future I_
_will_pour_out rage_of_my on_you and_I_will_complete anger_
_of_my on/over_you(fs) and_I_will_judge_you according_to_of_
_your_ways and_I_will_requite to_you ~~ĐØM~~ all_of abominations_
_of_your. **9** And_not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_compassion
and_not I_will_show_pity according_to_of_your_ways to_you I_
_will_requite and_abominations_of_your among_you they_will_
_be and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_
_striking. **10** THERE the_day THERE it_is_coming (the)_doom it_
_has_gone_forth the_rod it_has_blossomed (the)_presumption
it_has_budded. **11** (The)_violence it_has_arisen to_a_rod_of
wickedness not from_them and_not any_of_their_multitude
and_not any_of_their_noise and_not distinction is_among_
_them. **12** The_time it_has_come the_day it_has_arrived the_
_one_who_buys not let_him_rejoice and_the_one_who_sells not
let_him_mourn if/because anger is_against all_of multitude_of_
_its. **13** If/because the_one_who_sells to the_thing_sold not he_
_will_return and_still is_in_life life_of_their if/because a_vision
is_concerning all_of multitude_of_its not it_will_turn_back
and_anyone in_iniquity_of_his life_of_his not they_will_
_strengthen_themselves. **14** They_have_given_a_blast on_
_trumpet and_to_prepare (the)_everything and_there_is_not
one_who_goes to_battle if/because anger_of_my is_against all_
_of multitude_of_its. **15** The_drought//sword/knife is_on_
outside and(the)_pestilence and_(the)_famine are_from_
_inside the_one_who in_the_field by_sword he_will_die and_

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Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will die from deadly diseases, and those who are near will fall by the sword. Those who remain and survive will die by famine. That's the way that I'll put my fury against them into action. **13** Then you'll know that I am Yahweh, when their dead lie among their idols, around their altars, on every high hill—on all the mountain peaks, and under every flourishing tree and thick oak—the places where they burnt incense to all their idols. **14** I'll strike the land with my hand and make it bare and deserted from the wilderness to Develah, throughout all the places where they live. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Yisrael's end is coming

7:1 Yahweh gave me this message: **2** "You, son of humanity, the master Yahweh says this to the country of Yisrael (Israel).

" 'An end. An end has come to the four borders of the country.

3 Now your end has come, because I'm sending out my rage onto you, and I'll judge you according to your behaviour,

then I'll bring all your disgusting habits back onto you. **4** I won't pity you, and I won't spare you. Instead, I'll bring your ways back onto you,

and your disgusting actions will come back on you so you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

5 My master Yahweh says this:

"Disaster. A unique disaster. Listen, it's coming. **6** An end of an era is definitely coming. The end has woken up and is starting to work against you—yes it's coming. **7** Your doom is coming to you who inhabit the land. The time has come. The day of destruction is near, and the mountains will no longer be cheerful.

8 "Now before long I'll pour out my fury against you and expend my rage on you when I judge you according to what you do and bring all your disgusting actions back on you, **9** because I won't be compassionate and I won't spare you. Whatever you've done in the past, I'll do to you now, and your disgusting actions will bounce back on you so you'll know that it's me, Yahweh, who's punishing you. **10** Look here, the day—yes, it's coming. Doom has gone out. The wooden stick has blossomed. Arrogance has budded. **11** Violence has grown up into a wooden stick of wickedness, but none of them (even though there's many of them), and none of their wealth, and none of their importance will continue.

12 "The time is coming—the day has come close. Don't let a buyer be happy or a seller be sad, because my anger is directed at the entire large group. **13** No, the seller won't return to the land he sold as long as they both live, because the vision concerning the entire group won't be reversed, and because of their disobedience, none of them will be able to save themselves.

14 They've blown the trumpet and gotten everything ready, but there's no one marching to battle, since my anger is on the en-

27 **LV 7:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: תעברא: (x-qere) עָבְרָא: lemma_702 n_0.0 morph_HAcfsa id_262GL עָבְרָא

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tire large group.

15 "The sword is on the outside, and deadly diseases and famine are inside the building. People who are in the countryside will die by the sword, while famine and deadly diseases will consume those in the city. 16 But some survivors will escape from among them, and will go up into the hills. Like the doves that live in the valleys, all of them will moan—each person for their own disobedience. 17 They won't be able to use their trembling hands, and their knees will feel like liquid. 18 They'll wear sackcloth, but will be covered in terror. Their faces will display their shame, and they'll shave their heads as a sign of sorrow. 19 They'll throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be like rubbish. Their silver and gold won't be able to rescue them in the day of Yahweh's rage. Their lives won't be saved, and their hunger won't be satisfied, because their disobedience has become a stumbling block. 20 In their pride they took his beautiful jewelled ornaments and made them into their idolatrous figures and detestable things. Therefore, I'm going to defile those things. 21 I'll hand those things over to strangers and to the earth's wicked people as plunder, and they'll defile them. 22 Then I'll put my hand over my eyes when they defile my cherished place—bandits will enter it and defile it.

23 "Make a chain, because the country is filled with judgement for murder, and now the city is full of violence. 24 I'll bring the most wicked foreigners here, and they'll take over the people's houses, and I'll bring the pride of the powerful people to an end, because their sacred places will be defiled. 25 Anguish will be the order of the day, and they'll wish for peace, but there won't be any. 26 Disaster will follow disaster and there'll be rumour after rumour. Then they'll be wanting a vision from the prophet, but the priest will no longer teach God's instructions, and advice from the elders will be useless. 27 The king will mourn and the prince will be overcome by despair, while the hands of the country's people will tremble in fear. I'll do that to them just like they did to others. I'll judge them by their own standards until they know that I am Yahweh."

Yahweh's second revelation to Yehezkel[29] · Yerushalem's disgusting idol worship

8:1 Then in the middle of the sixth year,[30] as I sat in my house, and Yehudah's (Judah's) elders sat in front of me, my master Yahweh's hands fell on me there again. 2 I looked, and wow—there was something that looked a bit like a man. From his hips downward there appeared to be fire, and from his hips upward there appeared to be something shining like glowing metal.[31] 3 Then he reached out something in the shape of a hand and took me by my hair—the Spirit lifted me up between earth and the heavens, and in visions from God, he took me to Yerushalem

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_which is_in_city famine and_pestilence it_will_consume_him. 16 And_ escapees_of_their _they_will_escape and_they_will_be to the_mountains like_the_doves of the_valleys of_them_of_all will_be_moaning everyone for_his_own_of_iniquity. 17 All_of the_hands they_will_drop and_all knees they_will_go water. 18 And_they_will_gird_themselves sackcloth(s) and_ shuddering _it_will_cover them and_near/to every_of face shame and_on/over_all heads_of_their baldness. 19 Silver_of_ _their in_streets they_will_throw and_gold_of_their (into)_an_ _impure_thing it_will_become silver_of_their and_gold_of_their not it_will_be_able to_deliver_them in/on_day of_the_fury_of of_**YHWH** appetite_of_their not they_will_satisfy and_their_ _inward_of_parts not they_will_fill if/because the_stumbling_ _block_of their_iniquity_of_their it_has_become. 20 And_the_ _beauty_of its_ornament[s]_of_his into_pride he_has_made_it and_the_images_of their_abominations_of_their things_of_ _their_detestable they_have_made in_him/it therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_make_it to/for_them into_an_ _impure_thing. 21 And_I_will_give_him/it in_the_hand_of the_ _strangers to_spoil and_to_the_wicked_people_of the_ _earth/land to_plunder and[28]. 22 And_I_will_turn face_of_my from_them and_they_will_profane ᴅᴏᴍ my_treasured_of_place and_they_will_go in_it robbers and_they_will_profane_it. 23 Make the_chain if/because the_earth/land it_is_full judgement_of blood(s) and_the_city it_is_full violence. 24 And_ _I_will_bring the_evil_of nations and_they_will_take_ _possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ houses_of_their and_I_will_put_an_end_to the_pride_of mighty_ones and_ sanctuaries_of_their _they_ _will_be_profaned. 25 Anguish it_has_come and_they_will_seek peace and_there_will_not_be. 26 Disaster to disaster it_will_ _come and_report to report it_will_be and_they_will_seek a_ _vision from_a_prophet and_instruction it_will_be_lost from_ _the_priest and_counsel from_elders. 27 The_king he_will_ _mourn and_the_prince he_will_wear desolation and_the_ _hands_of the_people_of the_earth/land they_will_be_terrified from_way_of_their I_will_deal with_them and_by_judgements_ _of_their I_will_judge_them and_they_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH**.

8:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_sixth in_month on_day_five of_ _month I was_sitting in_house_of_my and_the_elders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_sitting before_me and_it_fell on_me there the_hand_of my_master **YHWH**. 2 And_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_likeness like_the_appearance_of fire was_ _from_the_appearance_of his_hips_of_his and_(to)_downwards fire and_was_from_hips_of_his and_(to)_upwards like_the_ _appearance_of brightness like_the_appearance_of (to)_the_ _shining_substance. 3 And_he_stretched_out the_form_of a_ _hand and_he_took_me by_the_hair_of my_head and_ a_spirit _ _it_carried ᴅᴏᴍ_me between the_earth/land and_between the_ _heavens and_it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_me to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_visions_of god to the_opening_of the_gate_of the_inner_

28 **LV 7:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ללח/ו: (x-qere) 'וה/וְלִלְחָ/ו': lemma_c/2490 c n_0 morph_HC/Vpq3cp/Sp3ms id_26W6k וה/וְלִלְחָ/ו

29 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** 8:1–10:22

30 **RV 8:1 · Note** About fourteen months later—around mid-September 592 B.C.

31 **RV 8:2 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:27.

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_court which_faces northward_to where was_there the_
_location_of the_image_of (the)_jealousy which_provokes_to_
_jealousy. **4** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_there the_glory_of the_
_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_appearance which I_had_seen on_
_plain. **5** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind lift_up
please eyes_of_your the_direction_of northward_to and_I_
_lifted_up eyes_of_my the_direction_of northward_to and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from_the_north of_the_gate_of of_the_altar
the_image_of (the)_jealousy the_this was_in_entrance. **6** And_
_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind seeing are_you
mmm[33] doing abominations great which the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_doing here to_be_far from_under
sanctuary_of_my and_again you_will_return you_will_see
abominations great. **7** And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_
_entrance_of the_court and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hole
one was_in_wall. **8** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind
dig please in_wall and_I_dug in_wall and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE an_
_opening one. **9** And_he/it_said to_me go and_see ~~DOM~~ the_
_abominations (the)_wicked which they are_doing here.
10 And_I_went and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE every_of form_
_of creeping_thing and_animal detestable_thing and_all the_
_idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_carved on the_wall
all_around all_around. **11** And_seventy man of_the_elders_of
of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Jaazaniah the_son_of
Shaphan was_standing among_them were_standing before_
_them and_everyone censer_of_his in_his/its_hand and_the_
_fragrance_of the_cloud_of (the)_incense was_going_up.
12 And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_son_of humankind
that_which the_elders_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_
_doing in_darkness everyone in_the_rooms_of his_carved_
_image_of_his if/because they_are_saying not **YHWH** is_seeing
us **YHWH** he_has_abandoned ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land. **13** And_
_he/it_said to_me again you_will_return you_will_see
abominations great which they are_doing. **14** And_he/it_
_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_house_of
YHWH which was_to to_the_north and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there
the_women were_sitting they_were_bewailing ~~DOM~~ (the)_
_Tammūz. **15** And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_son_of
humankind again you_will_return you_will_see abominations
great from_these. **16** And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_court_
_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_inner and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
were_at_the_entrance_of the_temple_of **YHWH** between the_
_porch and_between the_altar about_twenty and_five person[s]
backs_of_their were_to the_temple_of **YHWH** and_faces_of_
_their were_eastward and_they were_bowing_down eastward_
_toward to_sun. **17** And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_
_son_of humankind is_it_too_trifling for_the_house_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_abominations which they_
_have_done here that/for/because/then/when they_have_
_filled ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land violence and_they_have_returned
to_provoke_me_to_anger and_THERE_they are_sending ~~DOM~~
the_vine_branch to_nose_of_their. **18** And_also I I_will_act in_
_rage not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_compassion and_not I_
_will_show_pity and_they_will_call_out in_ears_of_my a_voice

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(Jerusalem), to the entrance of the inner northern gate, where the idol was that made Yahweh very jealous.

4 Then wow, the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god was there, just like the vision that I'd seen on the plain.[32] **5** Then he told me, "Son of humanity, look towards the north." So I looked towards the north, and to the north of the gate leading to the altar—there in the entrance—was the idol that caused the jealousy.

6 So he told me, "Son of humanity, do you see what they're doing? Those are horribly disgusting things that the Israeli people are doing here to drive me far from my own sanctuary. But you'll see even more disgusting things soon."

7 Then he took me to the courtyard doorway, and I looked, and there was a hole in the wall. **8** He told me, "Son of humanity, dig into this wall." So I dug into the wall, and discovered a doorway. **9** Then he told me, "Go and see the disgustingly wicked things that they're doing there." **10** So I went through and looked, and oh dear, there were shapes of every creeping thing and detestable creature. Pictures of all the Israeli people's idols were carved into the wall all around. **11** Seventy elders from the Israeli people were there, and Shafan's son Ya'azanyah was standing in the middle of them. They were standing in front of the images, and each man was holding his incense burner so that the smell of the cloud of incense went up. **12** Then he asked me, "Son of humanity, do you see what the Israeli elders are doing in the dark? Each one does this in his idol's hidden room, because they say, 'Yahweh doesn't even notice us. Yahweh's abandoned this country.' "

13 Then he told me, "Turn again and see the other terribly disgusting things that they're doing," **14** and he took me to the gate at the northern entrance of Yahweh's temple, and oh dear—there were some women sitting there mourning for the Babylonian Tamuz deity. **15** Then he said to me, "Son of humanity, do you see that? Turn again, and you'll see even more disgusting things than those."

16 Then he took me into the inner courtyard of Yahweh's house, and oh no—at the entrance of Yahweh's temple between the porch and the altar, there were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple and their faces toward the east where they were worshipping the sun.

17 He asked me, "Son of humanity, do you see that? Is it insignificant that Yehudah's (Judah's) people do those disgusting things that they're doing here? They've filled the land with violence and keep provoking me to anger and mocking me. **18** So I will also do something to them—I won't have compassion and I won't spare them. Even if they cry loudly in my ears, I won't hear them."

32 **RV 8:4 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:28.

33 **LV 8:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מה/מ:** (x-qere) 'הֵמָּ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_26vua הֵמָּ 'מֵּה': lemma_1992 morph_HPp3mp id_26v3n מֵּה

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Yehezkel is shown Yerushalem's coming punishment

9:1 Then I heard Yahweh call out with a loud voice, saying, "Guards, come up to the city, and each one is to bring his destructive weapon." **2** Then wow, six men came out from the pathway from the upper gate that faces north, each carrying his weapon of slaughter. There was a man among them dressed in linen with writing equipment at his side. Then they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Then the bright light representing Yisrael's (Israel's) god went from the winged creature, where it had been, up to the threshold of the temple. Yahweh called to the man dressed in linen who had the writing equipment at his side. **4** Yahweh told him, "Go through the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) City, and make a mark on the foreheads of those who complain and despair about all the disgusting things being done there in the middle of the city."[34]

5 Then he spoke to the others within my hearing, "Go through the city after him and kill. Don't let yourselves have compassion, and don't show any pity. **6** Slaughter all the old men, young adults, little children, and women, but don't approach anyone who has the mark on their head. Begin at my sacred place." So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

7 Yahweh told them, "Defile the temple, and fill its courtyards with the corpses. Now go." So they went out and started attacking the city.

8 As they were attacking it, I found myself alone, and I fell to my knees with my head bowed down to the ground, and cried out, and said, "Ah, master Yahweh, will you destroy the entire remnant of Yisrael by pouring out your rage on Yerushalem?"

9 "The disobedience of the people of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah) has been extremely bad," he answered. "The land is full of blood, and the city full of perversions, since they say, 'Yahweh has forgotten this country,' and 'Yahweh won't take any notice.' **10** So then, I won't show compassion, and I won't spare them, rather I'll bring it all on their heads."

11 Then wow, the man dressed in linen who had the writing equipment by his side came back to report, saying, "I've done everything you commanded."

God's splendour leaves the temple

10:1 As I looked toward the dome that was over the heads of the winged crea-

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great and_not I_will_hear them.

9:1 And_he/it_called in_ears_of_my a_voice great to_say the_ _punishments_of the_city they_have_drawn_near and_ _everyone the_weapon_of his_destruction_of_his in_his/its_ _hand. **2** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE six men were_coming from_the_ _direction_of the_gate_of (the)_upper which is_turned northward_to and_everyone the_weapon_of his_shattering_of_ _his in_his/its_hand and_a_man one among_them was_clothed linen(s) and_(the)_writing-case_of (the)_scribe was_at_hips_of_ _his and_they_came and_they_stood beside the_altar_of (the)_ _bronze. **3** And_the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_was_ _taken_up from_under the_cherub which it_had_been on/upon/above_him/it to the_threshold_of the_house and_ _he/it_called to the_man clothed the_linen(s) whom the_ _writing-case_of (the)_scribe was_at_hips_of_his. **4** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said him[35] pass in_the_middle the_city in_the_middle of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_you_will_mark a_mark on the_foreheads_of the_people who_are_groaning and_who_are_ _groaning on all_of the_abominations which_are_done in_the_ _midst_of_of_it. **5** And_to_these he_said in_ears_of_my pass in_ _city after_him and_strike not[36] let_it_look_with_compassion mmm[37] and_do_not show_pity. **6** Old_man young_man and_ _virgin and_little_one[s] and_women you(pl)_will_kill to_ _destruction and_to any_of person whom on/upon/above_ _him/it the_mark do_not draw_near and_from_sanctuary_of_ _my you(pl)_will_begin and_they_began with_men (the)_old who to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_house. **7** And_ _he/it_said to_them make_unclean ~~DOM~~ the_house and_fill ~~DOM~~ the_courts those_slain go_forth and_they_went_forth and_ _they_struck in_city. **8** And_he/it_was just_as_they_were_ _striking and_was_ I _remaining and_I_fell on face_of_my and_ _I_cried_out and_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** about_ are_you _ _to_destroy ~~DOM~~ all_of the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ _you_pour_out ~~DOM~~ rage_of_your on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **9** And_he/it_said to_me the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) is_great with_ _muchness muchness and_ the_earth/land _she/it_was_filled blood(s) and_the_city it_is_full perverseness if/because they_ _have_said **YHWH** he_has_abandoned ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_ _not **YHWH** is_seeing. **10** And_also I not eye_of_my it_will_look_ _with_compassion and_not I_will_show_pity conduct_of_their on_their_own_of_head I_will_requite. **11** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_man (the)_clothed_of the_linen(s) which/who the_ _writing-case was_at_hips_of_his was_bringing_back a_message to_say I_have_done mmm[3839] you_commanded_me.

10:1 And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_to the_firmament which was_above the_head_of the_cherubims like_a_stone_of sapphire like_the_appearance_of the_likeness_of a_throne it_

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34 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:1-8; 9:4; 14:1.

35 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/לֹא**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֹלֵא': lemma_413 n_1.2 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_26kPm **וְיֹלֵא**

36 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לע**: (x-qere) 'לַא': lemma_408 morph_HTn id_262XE **לַא**

37 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מכ/יניע**: (x-qere) 'מֶכְ/נֵיעַ': lemma_5869 a n_0.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp2mp id_26hLv **מֶכְנֵיעַ**

38 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רשא/כ**: (x-qere) 'לְכְ/כִ': lemma_k/3605 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_265hm **לְכְכִ** 'רֶשֶׁא': lemma_834 a morph_HTr id_26a8a **רֶשֶׁא**

39 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_appeared above_them. 2 And_he/it_said to the_man (the)_
_clothed of_the_linen(s) and_he/it_said go to between (to)_
_wheel to under (to)_cherub and_fill of_your_two's_hands_of_
_the_hollow coals_of fire from_between (to)_cherubim and_
_sprinkle_them on the_city and_he_went to_eyes_of_my. 3 And_
_the_cherubim were_standing from_the_right_side_of house
when_went_he the_man and_the_cloud it_filled ᴅᴏᴍ the_court
(the)_inner. 4 And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _it_rose from_under
the_cherub to the_threshold_of the_house and_ the_house _it_
_was_filled ᴅᴏᴍ the_cloud and_the_court it_was_full ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_brightness_of the_glory_of **YHWH**. 5 And_the_sound_of the_
_wings_of the_cherubim it_was_heard to the_court (the)_outer
like_the_sound_of god_of almighty when_speaks_he. 6 And_
_he/it_was when_commanded_he ᴅᴏᴍ the_man (the)_clothed_
_of the_linen(s) to_say take fire from_between (to)_wheel from_
_between (to)_cherubim and_he_went and_he_stood beside
the_wheel. 7 And_ the_cherub _he_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_
_hand from_between (to)_cherubim into the_fire which was_
_between the_cherubims and_he_lifted_up_some and_he/it_
_gave into the_hollow_of_the_hands_of the_man_clothed_of
the_linen(s) and_he/it_took and_he/it_went_out. 8 And_it_was_
_seen to_cherubim the_form_of the_hand_of a_human under
wings_of_their. 9 And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE four wheels
were_beside the_cherubim a_wheel one beside the_cherub one
and_a_wheel one beside the_cherub one and_appearance of_
_the_wheels was_like_the_appearance_of a_stone_of chrysolite.
10 And_appearance_of_their a_likeness one belonged_to_the_
_four_of_of_them just_as it_was the_wheel in_the_middle of_
_the_wheel. 11 When_moved_they to the_four_of sides_of_their
they_moved not they_turned when_moved_they if/because
the_place which the_head it_turned after_it they_moved not
they_turned when_moved_they. 12 And_all body_of_their and_
_backs_of_their and_hands_of_their and_wings_of_their and_
_the_wheels were_full eyes all_around belonged_to_the_four_
_of_of_them wheels_of_their. 13 To_wheels to/for_them the_
_wheel it_was_called in_ears_of_my. 14 And_four faces
belonged_to_one the_face_of the_one was_the_face_of the_
_cherub and_the_face_of the_second was_the_face_of a_human
and_the_third_face was_the_face_of a_lion and_the_fourth_face
was_the_face_of an_eagle. 15 And_ the_cherubim _they_rose
that the_living which I_had_seen at_the_river_of Kəvār.
16 And_when_ the_cherubim _moved the_wheels they_moved
beside_them and_when_ the_cherubim _lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ wings_
_of_their to_rise from_under the_earth/land not the_wheels
also they they_turned from_beside_them. 17 When_they_stood_
_still they_stood_still and_when_rose_they they_rose with_
_them if/because the_spirit_of the_living was_in_them. 18 And_
the_glory_of **YHWH** _he/it_went_out from_under the_
_threshold_of the_house and_it_stood_still above the_
cherubim. 19 And the_cherubim _they_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ wings_
_of_their and_they_rose from the_earth/land to_eyes_of_my

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tures, something appeared above them that looked like a sapphire stone that had been made into a throne.[40] 2 Then Yahweh spoke to the man dressed in linen and said, "Go between the wheels underneath the winged creatures, and fill both your hands with fiery coals from between the winged creatures and scatter them over the city."[41]

Then the man went in as I watched. 3 The winged creatures stood on the right side of the temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner courtyard. 4 Yahweh's brilliant light rose up from the winged creature and stood over the threshold of the temple. It filled the temple with the cloud, and the courtyard was full of the brightness of Yahweh's splendour. 5 The sound of the creatures' wings could be heard as far as the outer courtyard, like the voice of the powerful God when he speaks.

6 When Yahweh had commanded the man dressed in linen, "Take fire from between the wheels that are between the winged creatures," the man went in and stood beside a wheel. 7 A winged creature reached out his hand between the winged creatures to the fire that was among them, and lifted it up and placed it into the hands of the one dressed in linen. The man took it and went back out.

8 I noticed that the winged creatures had something like a human hand under their wings, 9 then I looked, and wow, four wheels were beside the winged creatures—one wheel beside each one—and the wheels seemed like shining chrysolite.[42] 10 They all appeared to be the same, like having a wheel within a wheel. 11 When they moved, they went in any of their four directions, without turning as they went, because whatever direction the head faced, they went in that direction without turning as they went. 12 Their whole body (including their backs, their hands, and their wings) was covered with eyes, and there were eyes all around the four wheels, covering them as well.[43] 13 I heard someone call them 'the whirling wheels'.

14 Each one had four faces: the first face was a winged creature's face, the second was a human face, the third was a lion's face, and the fourth was an eagle's face.[44] 15 Then the living creatures (they were the same ones I'd seen by the Kevar Canal) rose up in the air. 16 Whenever the winged creatures moved, the wheels would go beside them, and whenever the winged creatures lifted up their wings to take off from the earth, the wheels didn't turn—they still stayed beside them. 17 When the winged creatures stood still, the wheels stood still, and when they went up, the wheels went up with them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

18 Then Yahweh's brilliant light moved out over the temple threshold and stayed over the winged creatures. 19 The winged

40 **RV 10:1 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:26; Rev 4:2.

41 **RV 10:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 8:5.

42 **RV 10:9-13 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:15-21.

43 **RV 10:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:8.

44 **RV 10:14 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:10; Rev 4:7.

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creatures lifted up their wings and rose from the ground in my sight when they travelled, and the wheels did the same beside them. They stood at the eastern entrance to Yahweh's residence, and the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god came onto them from above. **20** Those were the living creatures that I'd seen below Yisrael's god by the Kevar Canal, so I knew that they were winged creatures.

21 They each had four faces and four wings, and had something like human hands under their wings, **22** and their faces resembled the faces that I'd seen in the vision at the Kevar Canal, and each of them went straight ahead.

Yahweh's punishment for Yerushalem

11:1 Then the spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of Yahweh's temple, facing east, and wow, in the doorway of the gate there were twenty-five men. Among them I saw Azur's son Ya'azanyah and Benayah's son Pelatyah, who were leaders of the people.

2 Yahweh told me, "Son of humanity, these are the men who plan to do evil things and who make wicked plans in this city. **3** They're saying, 'This isn't yet the time to build houses. This city is like a cooking pot, and we're the meat.' **4** So, prophesy against them, son of humanity, start prophesying."

5 Then Yahweh's spirit came on me and told me to say: This is what Yahweh says, "That's what you Israeli people are saying, because I know what goes through your mind. **6** You've killed many people in this city, and filled its streets with them.

7 Therefore the master Yahweh says: The people you've killed, whose bodies you've laid in the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), are the meat, and this city is the pot. But you people are going to be brought out from the centre of this city. **8** You've feared the sword, so I'm bringing the sword against you. That's my master Yahweh's declaration. **9** I'll bring you out from the city, and put you into the hands of foreigners, because I'll bring judgement against you people. **10** You'll be killed by the sword. I'll judge you within Yisrael's (Israel's) borders so that you people will know that I am Yahweh. **11** This city won't be your cooking pot, nor will you be the meat inside it. I'll judge you people within Yisrael's borders. **12** Then you'll know that I am Yahweh, the one whose instructions you haven't obeyed and whose regulations you haven't followed. Instead, you people have imitated the wicked customs of the nations that surround you."

13 Then as I was prophesying, Benayah's son Pelatyah died. So I fell to my knees with my face bowed low to the ground and cried out with a loud voice, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, will you completely eliminate the Israeli people?"

Yahweh's promise to the exiles

14 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **15** "Your brothers, son of humanity, your brothers and all the Israeli people who were exiled—the ones living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) say about them all, 'They're far away from Yahweh. *This land* was given to us as ours to own.'

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when_they_went_out and_the_wheels were_close_by_of_them and_it_stood_still the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_eastern and_the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_above_them from_to_above. **20** That the_ _living which I_had_seen under the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_ _the_river_of Kəvār and_I_knew if/because_that were_ _cherubim they. **21** Four four faces belonged_to_one and_four wings belonged_to_one and_the_likeness_of the_hands_of a_ _human were_under wings_of_their. **22** And_the_likeness_of their_faces_of_their they were_the_faces which I_had_seen at the_river_of Kəvār their_appearance and_them each to the_ _side_of his/its_faces/face they_moved.

11:1 And_ a_spirit _it_lifted_up ~~ĐOM~~_me and_it_brought ~~ĐOM~~_me to the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_eastern which_faces eastward_to and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_at_the_entrance_of the_gate twenty and_five man and_I_saw among_them ~~ĐOM~~ Jaazaniah the_son_of ʿAzzūr and_~~ĐOM~~ Pəlaṭʸāh the_son_of Bənāʸāh the_leaders_of the_people. **2** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_ _son_of humankind these are_the_people who_plan wickedness and_who_counsel counsel_of evil in_city (the)_this. **3** Who_say not is_in_the_near_future to_build houses it is_the_pot and_we are_the_meat. **4** For_so/thus/hence prophesy on_them prophesy Oh_son_of humankind. **5** And_it_fell on_me the_ _spirit_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_me say thus **YHWH** he_says thus you(pl)_have_said Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_ _thoughts_of your_spirit_of_your(pl) I I_know_it. **6** You(pl)_ _have_multiplied your_slain_of_ones in_city (the)_this and_ _you(pl)_have_filled streets_of_its the_slain. **7** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says your_slain_of_ _ones which you(pl)_have_put in_the_midst_of_of_it they are_ _the_meat and_she is_the_pot and_you(pl) he_will_bring_out from_the_midst_of_of_it. **8** A_sword you(pl)_have_feared and_a_ _sword I_will_bring on_you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **9** And_I_will_bring_out you(pl) from_the_midst_of_of_it and_I_will_give you(pl) in_the_hand_of strangers and_I_will_ _bring_about on_you(pl) judgements. **10** By_sword you(pl)_will_ _fall on the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_judge you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **11** It not it_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_pot and_you(pl) you(pl)_ _will_become in_the_midst_of_of_it to/for_flesh/body to the_ _border_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_judge you(pl). **12** And_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** whom in_regulations_ _of_my not you(pl)_have_walked and_judgements_of_my not you(pl)_have_done and_according_to_the_judgements_of the_ _nations which are_around_of_you(pl) you(pl)_have_done. **13** And_he/it_was just_as_I_prophesied and_Pəlaṭʸāh the_son_of Bənāʸāh he_died and_I_fell on face_of_my and_I_cried_out a_ _voice great and_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** complete_ _destruction you_are making with the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **15** Oh_ _son_of humankind brothers_of_your brothers_of_your the_ _people_of your_redemption_of_your and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all are_those_whom they_said to/for_ _them the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) be_distant from_under **YHWH** to/for_us it the_earth/land it_has_been_

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_given to_a_possession. **16** For_so/thus/hence say thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says if/because I_have_removed_them_far_
_away among_nations and_because/when I_have_scattered_
_them among_lands and_I_have_become to/for_them (into)_a_
_sanctuary a_little in_lands where they_have_gone there.
17 For_so/thus/hence say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_
_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather
you(pl) from the_lands which you(pl)_have_been_scattered (is)_
_in_them and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_land_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **18** And_they_will_come to_(to) and_they_will_
_remove ~~DOM~~ all_of things_of_its_detestable and_~~DOM~~ all_of
abominations_of_its from_it. **19** And_I_will_give to/for_them a_
_heart one and_spirit new I_will_put in_your_inner_of_being
and_I_will_remove the_heart_of (the)_stone from_flesh_of_
_their and_I_will_give to/for_them a_heart_of flesh. **20** So_that
in_regulations_of_my they_may_walk and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_
_my they_may_keep and_they_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_they_
_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_
_them (into)_god. **21** And_near/to the_heart_of their_
_detestable_things_of_their and_abominations_of_their heart_
_of_their is_going conduct_of_their on_their_own_of_head I_
_will_requite the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

22 And_ the_cherubim _they_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ wings_of_their and_
_the_wheels were_close_by_of_them and_the_glory_of the_god_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_above_them from_to_above. **23** And_
the_glory_of **YHWH** _he/it_ascended from_under the_middle_
_of the_city and_it_stood_still over the_mountain which from_
_east of_city. **24** And_spirit it_lifted_me_up and_it_brought_me
to_Chaldea to the_exile[s] in_vision by_the_spirit_of god and_
_he/it_ascended from_on_me the_vision which I_had_seen.
25 And_I_spoke to the_exile[s] ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_
_of **YHWH** which he_had_shown_me.
12:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind in_the_middle of_the_house_of of_
_(the)_rebellion you are_dwelling whom eyes to/for_them to_
_see and_not they_see ears to/for_them to_hear and_not they_
_hear if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. **3** And_you(ms)
Oh_son_of humankind prepare to/for_yourself(m) baggage(s)_
_of exile and_go_into_exile by_day to_eyes_of_their and_you_
_will_go_into_exile from_place_of_your to a_place another to_
_eyes_of_their perhaps they_will_see if/because are_a_house_of
rebellion they. **4** And_you_will_bring_out baggage(s)_of_your
like_baggage(s)_of exile by_day to_eyes_of_their and_you(ms)
you_will_go_out in_evening to_eyes_of_their like_goings_out_of
exile. **5** To_eyes_of_their dig to/for_yourself(m) in_wall and_
_you_will_bring_out in/on/over_him/it. **6** To_eyes_of_their on
a_shoulder you_will_lift_it_up in_darkness you_will_bring_it_
_out face_of_your you_will_cover and_not you_will_see ~~DOM~~
the_earth/land if/because a_sign I_have_made_you to_the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** And_I_did so just_as I_was_
_commanded baggage(s)_of_my I_brought_out like_baggage(s)_
_of exile by_day and_in_evening I_dug to_me in_wall by_hand

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16 So tell them, 'My master Yahweh says this: 'Although I've removed them far away to other nations, and though I've scattered them among those lands, I myself have been a place of security for them for a little while in the lands where they were taken.'
17 So explain to them, 'My master Yahweh says this: 'I'll gather you from the people groups, and assemble you from the lands where you were scattered, and I'll give you back the country of Yisrael (Israel).' **18** Then they'll go there and remove every detestable and disgusting thing from there, **19** and I'll give them one heart, and I'll put a new spirit in them. I'll take the rock-hard heart out of them and give them a tender heart,[45] **20** so that they'll follow my instructions and obey my regulations. Then they'll be my people, and I'll be their god. **21** But to those who would rather happily choose their detestable and disgusting ways, I'll make their actions bounce back onto their own heads. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

God's glory leaves Yerushalem

22 Then the winged creatures lifted up their wings and the wheels that were beside them, and the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god was up high over them.[46] **23** Then it went up from the centre of the city and sat above the mountain to the east of the city. **24** The spirit lifted me up and brought me into the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) to the exiles, in the vision from God's spirit, and the vision that I'd been seeing left me, **25** and I told the exiles everything Yahweh had shown me.

Portraying the future exile

12:1 Then Yahweh gave me this message: **2** "Son of humanity, you live among a rebellious people group who have eyes to see, yet they don't see, and who have ears to hear, but don't listen,[47] because they're a rebellious people group.
3 "Therefore, son of humanity, pack up your stuff ready to go into exile, and each day while they're watching, start going out somewhere, because while they're watching, I'll exile you from your place to another place. Perhaps they'll begin to see, even though they're such rebellious people. **4** Each day while they're watching, bring out your things for an exile, then as they watch in the evening, go out in the way that people do when going into exile. **5** Dig a hole through the city wall where they'll see you do it, and go out through it. **6** While they're watching, lift your things up onto your shoulder, and bring them out in the darkness. Cover your face, because you mustn't see this land, since I've made you into a sign for the Israeli people."
7 So I did just as I was instructed: I brought my things for an

45 RV 11:19-20 · Cross-ref. Eze 36:26-28.
46 RV 11:22-23 · Cross-ref. Eze 43:2-5.
47 RV 12:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 6:9-10; Jer 5:21; Mrk 8:18.

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exile out in the daytime, and in the evening I dug a hole through the wall by hand. I brought my things out in the dark, and lifted them up onto my shoulder as they watched.

8 The next morning, Yahweh gave me this message: **9** "Son of humanity, haven't those rebellious Israeli people asked you what you're doing? **10** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'this prophetic action concerns the ruler in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all the other Israeli people who are there.' **11** Tell them that you're a sign to them, and that everything you've done will happen to them—they'll be captured and taken into exile in another country. **12** Their leader will lift his things up onto his shoulder in the dark, and will go out through the wall. They'll dig through the wall and take their things out. He'll cover his face, so he won't see the place he's leaving. **13** I'll spread my net out over him and he'll be caught in my trap, then I'll take him away to Bavel (Babylon) (the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans)), but he won't see it, and he'll die there.[48] **14** I'll also scatter all of his assistants in every direction, and I'll send out a sword after his entire army. **15** When I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the lands, then they'll know that I am Yahweh. **16** But I'll spare a few of them from the sword, famine, and deadly diseases, so they'll be able to record all their hardships and ungodly practices in the countries that I take them to, so they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Portraying the peoples' trembling

17 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **18** "Son of humanity, eat your food while trembling with fear, and drink your water while shaking anxiously, **19** and tell the people in this country, 'My master Yahweh says this about the inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and the country of Yisrael (Israel), "They'll anxiously eat their food and fearfully drink their water, since all the abundance from the land will be devastated because of the violence of all the people who live there. **20** The inhabited cities will become desolate, and the land itself will become a wasteland. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh." ' "

Just because it never came true before...

21 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **22** "Son of humanity, what's that saying that you have in Yisrael (Israel)? It goes, 'The days seem to go on and on, yet no prophecy ever comes true.' **23** So tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says: I'm going to prove that what they say isn't correct, then they'll never say it again in Yisrael.' Tell them, 'It'll soon be the time when everything that the prophets have predicted will happen, **24** because there'll no longer be any false visions or people-pleasing prophecies within Yisrael. **25** I speak, and I put the words that I speak into action, because I am Yahweh. The matter

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in_darkness I_brought_it_out on a_shoulder I_lifted_it_up to_ _eyes_of_their. **8** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me in_morning to_say. **9** Oh_son_of humankind not have_they_said to_you the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_house_of (the)_ _rebellion what are_you doing. **10** Say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says is_the_prince the_oracle the_this in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)[49] and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they are_among_of_them. **11** Say I sign_of_ _am_your(pl) just_as I_have_done so it_will_be_done to/for_ _them in_exile in_captivity they_will_go. **12** And_the_prince who is_among_of_them to a_shoulder he_will_lift_up in_ _darkness and_he_will_go_out in_wall they_will_dig to_bring_ _out in_him/it his/its_faces/face he_will_cover because that not he_will_see to_eye[50] he ĐOM the_earth/land. **13** And_I_will_ _spread ĐOM net_of_my on/upon/above_him/it and_he_will_ _be_caught in_my_hunting_of_net and_I_will_bring ĐOM_him/it to_Bāvel the_land_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_it not he_will_ _see and_there he_will_die. **14** And_all/each/any/every those_ _who are_around_of_him mmm[51] and_all troops_of_his I_will_ _disperse to/from_all/each/any/every wind and_a_sword I_ _will_draw after_them. **15** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_scatter_I them among_nations and_I_will_ _disperse them among_lands. **16** And_I_will_leave_over from_ _them people_of number from_the_sword from_the_famine and_from_the_pestilence so_that they_may_recount ĐOM all_of abominations_of_their among_nations where they_have_gone there and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

17 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **18** Oh_ _son_of humankind food_of_your in_quaking you_will_eat and_ _water_of_your in_trembling and_in_anxiety you_will_drink. **19** And_you_will_say to the_people_of the_earth/land thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says of_the_inhabitants_of of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) concerning the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) food_of_their in_anxiety they_will_eat and_ _water_of_their in_horror they_will_drink so_that land_of_its it_may_be_desolate from_fullness_of_its from_the_violence_of all_of the_inhabitants in_it. **20** And_the_cities (the)_inhabited they_will_be_waste and_the_earth a_desolation it_will_become and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

21 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **22** Oh_ _son_of humankind what is_the_proverb the_this to/for_ _you(pl) on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say the_days they_ _are_long and_ every_of vision _it_perishes. **23** For_ _so/thus/hence say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says I_ _will_make_to_cease ĐOM the_proverb the_this and_not people_ _will_use_as_a_proverb ĐOM_him/it again in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because (if) speak to_them the_days and_the_matter_of every_of vision they_have_drawn_near. **24** If/because not it_ _will_be again any_of vision_of worthlessness and_divination_ _of flattery in_the_middle of_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** If/because I **YHWH** I_will_speak ĐOM which I_will_speak message and_it_will_be_done not it_will_be_postponed again

48 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:7; Jer 52:11.

49 **LV 12:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

50 **LV 12:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

51 **LV 12:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/רזע: (x-qere) וְ/רֻזֵּי: lemma_5828 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_26MUZ וְ/רֻזֵּי

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if/because in_days_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of (the)_rebellion I_
_will_speak a_message and_I_will_do_it the_utterance_of my_
master **YHWH**. **26** And the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. **27** Oh_son_of humankind THERE the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_saying the_vision which he is_seeing is_of_
_days many and_of_times distant he is_prophesying. **28** For_
_so/thus/hence say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
not it_will_be_postponed again all_of words/messages_of_my
which I_will_speak a_message and_it_will_be_done the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

13:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind prophesy against the_prophets_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_are_prophesying and_you_will_say to_the_
_prophets_of from_their_own_of_heart hear the_message_of
YHWH. **3** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says woe on the_prophets
the_fools who are_walking after spirit_of_their_own and_to_not
they_have_seen. **4** Like_foxes among_ruins prophets_of_your
Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_been. **5** Not you(pl)_have_gone_
_up in_breaches and_you(pl)_have_walled_up a_wall on the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_stand in_battle in/on_day **YHWH**.
6 Those_who_say the_utterance_of **YHWH** they_have_seen
worthlessness and_divination_of falsehood and_**YHWH** not he_
_has_sent_them and_they_have_waited to_fulfill a_message.
7 Am_not a_vision_of worthlessness have_you(pl)_seen and_
_divination_of falsehood have_you(pl)_said and_you(pl)_were_
_saying the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I not I_have_spoken.
8 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because
you_have_spoken worthlessness and_you(pl)_have_seen
falsehood for_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_against_you(pl) the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **9** And_it_will_be hand_of_my
against the_prophets who_see worthlessness and_who_divine
falsehood in_the_council_of my_people_of_my not they_will_be
and_in_the_register_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_
_will_be_written_down and_near/to the_land_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_go and_you(pl)_will_know
if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**. **10** Because and_by_cause
they_have_led_astray ~~DOM~~ people_of_my to_say peace and_
_there_is_not peace and_he is_building a_wall and_there_they
are_plastering ~~DOM~~_him/it whitewash. **11** Say to those_who_
_are_plastering_of whitewash and_it_will_fall it_will_come rain
overflowing and_you(pl) Oh_stones_of hail you(pl)_will_fall
and_spirit tempests it_will_break_through_the_wall. **12** And_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_wall it_has_fallen am_not will_it_be_said
to_you(pl) where is_the_plaster which you(pl)_plastered.
13 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_
_will_make_break_out a_wind_of tempests in_rage_of_my and_
_rain overflowing in_anger_of_my it_will_come and_stones_of
hail in_rage for_complete_destruction. **14** And_I_will_tear_
_down ~~DOM~~ the_wall which you(pl)_plastered whitewash and_I_
_will_make_it_touch (to) the_earth/land and_ foundation[s]_of_
_its _it_will_be_uncovered and_it_will_fall and_you(pl)_will_
_come_to_an_end in_the_midst_of_of_it and_you(pl)_will_know
if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **15** And_I_will_complete ~~DOM~~ rage_
_of_my on_wall and_on_who]_plastered ~~DOM~~_him/it whitewash
and_I_will_say to/for_you(pl) is_not the_wall and_are_not

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will no longer be delayed, because I'll speak this message in your lifetimes, you rebellious people, and then I'll carry it out!' That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

26 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **27** "Listen, son of humanity, the Israeli people have said, 'The vision that the prophet sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies about far-off times,' **28** so tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: 'My words won't be delayed any longer, but the message that I've given will be put into effect. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

Condemning the false prophets

13:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, prophesy against the prophets who are prophesying in Yisrael (Israel), and tell those who are prophesying out of their own imaginations, 'Listen to Yahweh's message. **3** My master Yahweh says this: 'Foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and haven't actually seen any vision won't end well. **4** Yisrael, your prophets have been like jackals in the wastelands. **5** You haven't gone to the breaks in the walls around the Israeli cities and repaired them, in order to be able to defend yourselves well during the battle on Yahweh's chosen day. **6** The people have false visions and make false predictions. Yahweh hasn't sent those who say that they're bringing Yahweh's declaration, but nevertheless they've made people hope that their messages would come true. **7** Haven't you had false visions and made false predictions—all of you who say that you're bringing Yahweh's declaration when I myself haven't spoken?'

8 Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you people have presented false visions and have told lies, this is the master Yahweh's declaration against you: **9** I'll punish the prophets who have lying visions and who make false predictions. They won't be allowed in the assembly of my people, or enrolled in the record of Yisrael's descendants. They mustn't go to the land of Yisrael—that's how you people will know that I am the master Yahweh.

10 Also because they led my people astray and said, "Peace," when there's no peace,[52] it's as if they're building a wall and then whitewashing it.' **11** Tell the ones who are whitewashing the wall that it'll fall down. There'll be a downpour, then I'll send hailstones to make it fall down, and a strong wind to break it down. **12** See, the wall will fall down. Haven't others asked you where the white coating went that you put on it?

13 Therefore my master Yahweh says this: 'In my rage, I'll bring a storm, and in my anger, there'll be heavy rain causing floods. In my rage, hailstones will completely destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **14** I'll tear down the wall that you covered with whitewash, and I'll demolish it to ground level and expose its foundations. So it'll fall, and you'll be annihilated in the middle of it all. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

15 In my rage I'll annihilate the wall and those who white-

52 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Jer 6:14; 8:11.

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washed it. I'll tell you, "The wall doesn't exist anymore, nor do the people who whitewashed it— **16** those Israeli prophets who prophesied about Yerushalem and had visions of peace for it. But there isn't any peace! That's the master Yahweh's declaration." '

17 So, son of humanity, turn your attention to your people's daughters and prophesy against them because they invented prophecies in their own imaginations. **18** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'The women won't end well who sew magic charms onto every part of their hands, and make headbands for people of every walk of life that are used to deceive people and hunt them down. Do you people really think you can get away with hunting down my people, but then save your own lives? **19** You've profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and crumbs of bread. You people have killed people who shouldn't have died, and saved the lives of those who shouldn't have continued to live, because of your lies to my people who heard you.

20 Therefore my master Yahweh says this: 'I'm against the magic charms that you've used to lure the people in as if they were birds. Indeed, I'll tear them from your arms, and I'll let the people you've trapped like birds go free. **21** I'll tear away your headbands and rescue my people from your control so they'll no longer be trapped in your system. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

22 Because you've discouraged the righteous people with lies (even though I didn't desire their discouragement), and because you people encouraged the actions of the wicked people instead so they won't change their ways to save their lives, **23** because of that, you'll no longer have false visions or continue to make predictions, because I'll rescue my people out of your control. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh's hate for idols

14:1 One day some of the Israeli elders came and sat down to talk, **2** and Yahweh gave me this message: **3** "Son of humanity, these men have taken their idols to be their gods, and their choice to disobey makes it very difficult for them to relate to me. Should I even let them ask me anything?

4 Therefore tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'Every Israeli person who makes their idols their priority, or who allows their disobedience to separate them from me, and who then comes to a prophet, I, Yahweh, will answer them according to how many idols they have. **5** I'll do that so that I can reclaim the Israeli people whose values are now far from mine due to their idols.

6 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says

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those_who_plastered ~~DOM~~_him/it. **16** The_prophets_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_prophesied[53] concerning Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_who_saw to/for_her/it a_vision_ _of peace and_there_was_not peace the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **17** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against the_daughters_of your_people_of_your who_prophesy from_their_own_of_heart and_prophesy on_ _them. **18** And_you_will_say thus he_says my_master **YHWH** woe to_women_who_sew bands on all_of the_joints_of my_ _hands_of_my and_women_who_make the_long_veils on the_ _head_of every_of stature to_hunt persons persons will_ _you(pl)_hunt of_people_of_my and_persons of_yourselves will_you(pl)_preserve_alive. **19** And_you(pl)_have_profaned[54] ~~DOM~~_me to people_of_my for_handfuls_of barley(s) and_for_ _fragments_of bread by_putting_to_death persons who not they_will_die and_by_preserving_alive persons who not they_ _will_live when_you_speak_falsehood to_people_of_my who_ _listen_to_of (of)_falsehood. **20** For_so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** HERE_I am_against bands_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_hunting there ~~DOM~~ the_persons for_birds and_I_ _will_tear_away ~~DOM~~_them from_under arms_of_your(pl) and_I_ _will_set_free ~~DOM~~ the_persons whom you(pl) are_hunting ~~DOM~~ persons for_birds. **21** And_I_will_tear_away ~~DOM~~ veils_of_ _your(pl)_long and_I_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ people_of_my from_ _hand_of_your(pl) and_not they_will_become again in_hand_ _of_your(pl) (into)_prey and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **22** Because made_disheartened the_heart the_ _righteous falsehood and_I not I_caused_him_pain and_ _strengthened the_hands_of the_wicked to_not to_turn_back from_way_of_his (the)_evil to_preserve_him_alive. **23** For_ _so/thus/hence worthlessness not you(pl)_will_see and_ _divination not you(pl)_will_divine again and_I_will_deliver ~~DOM~~ people_of_my from_hand_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

14:1 And_he_came to_me men of_the_elders_of of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_lived before_me. **2** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **3** Oh_son_of humankind the_men the_these they_have_brought_up idols_of_ _their on heart_of_their and_the_stumbling_block_of their_ _iniquity_of_their they_have_set in_front_of faces_of_their indeed_(be_consulted) will_I_let_myself_be_consulted to/for_ _them. **4** For_so/thus/hence speak with_them and_you_will_say to_them thus he_says my_master **YHWH** a_person a_person from_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_will_bring_up ~~DOM~~ idols_of_his to his/its_heart and_the_stumbling_block_of his_ _iniquity_of_his he_will_set in_front_of his/its_faces/face and_ _he_will_go to_the_prophet I **YHWH** I_will_let_myself_give_an_ _answer to_him/it in/on/at/with[55] by_the_multitude_of his_ _idols_of_his. **5** So_as to_seize ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_heart_of_their who they_have_become_estranged from_

53 LV 13:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

54 LV 13:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

55 LV 14:4 · Note OSHB variant note: ב/ה: (x-qere) 'אָבָיו': lemma_935 n_0.0 morph_HVqp3ms id_26Hme אָבָיו

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_with_me by_idols_of_their of_them_of_all. **6** For_
_so/thus/hence say to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says turn_back and_turn_away from_under
idols_of_your(pl) and_from_with all_of abominations_of_
_your(pl) turn_away faces_of_your(pl). **7** If/because a_person a_
_person from_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_the_
_sojourner who he_sojourns in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_will_
_separate_himself from_after_me and_he_will_bring_up idols_
_of_his to his/its_heart and_the_stumbling_block_of his_
_iniquity_of_his he_will_set in_front_of his/its_faces/face and_
_he_will_go to the_prophet to_consult to_him/it (in)_me I
YHWH will_let_myself_give_an_answer for_him/it by_myself.
8 And_I_will_set face_of_my on_person (the)_that and_I_will_
_make_him into_a_sign and_into_bywords and_I_will_cut_him_
_off from_among_of people_of_my and_you(pl)_will_know
if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **9** And_the_prophet if/because he_
_will_be_deceived and_he_will_speak a_message I **YHWH** I_
_have_deceived ᴅᴏᴍ the_prophet (the)_that and_I_will_stretch_
_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_my on/upon/above_him/it and_I_will_
_destroy_him from_among_of people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
10 And_they_will_bear iniquity_of_their as_the_iniquity_of the_
_one_who_enquires as_the_iniquity_of the_prophet it_will_be.
11 So_that not they_may_wander again the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_after_me and_not they_will_make_
_themselves_unclean again in_all transgressions_of_their and_
_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become
to/for_them (into)_god the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

12 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **13** Oh_
_son_of humankind a_land if/because it_will_sin to_me by_
_acting_unfaithfully unfaithfulness and_I_will_stretch_out
hand_of_my on/upon_it(f) and_I_will_break to/for_her/it staff_
_of bread and_I_will_send on_it famine and_I_will_cut_off from_
_her/it humankind and_animal[s]. **14** And_ the_three_of the_
_men the_these _they_will_be in_the_midst_of_of_it Noaḥ
Dāniyy'ēl[5758] and_'Iyyōv/(Job) they by_righteousness_of_their
they_will_deliver life_of_their_own the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**. **15** If animal[s] wild I_will_cause_to_pass on_
_the_earth and_it_will_make_it_childless and_it_will_be a_
_desolation from_not_of one_who_passes_by from_face/in_
_front_of the_living. **16** The_three_of the_men the_these in_
_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH** if sons and_if daughters they_will_deliver they
they_alone they_will_be_delivered and_the_earth it_will_be a_
_desolation. **17** Or a_sword I_will_bring on the_earth/land
(the)_that and_I_will_say a_sword let_it_pass on_the_earth and_
_I_will_cut_off from_her/it humankind and_animal[s]. **18** And_
_the_three_of the_men the_these in_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_
_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** not they_will_
_deliver sons and_daughters if/because they they_alone they_
_will_be_delivered. **19** Or pestilence I_will_send against the_
_earth/land (the)_that and_I_will_pour_out rage_of_my
on/upon_it(f) by_blood to_cut_off from_her/it humankind and_

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this: 'Change your behaviour and turn away from your idols. Make a decision to stop disobeying me by doing those evil things.

7 Any Israeli person or any foreigner residing in Yisrael (Israel) who deserts me, who takes idols to be their gods and allows their disobedience to separate them from me, and who then comes to a prophet to request my guidance, I, Yahweh, will answer that person myself. **8** I'll clearly show my disapproval and make that person into a sign for others and into a talking point, and they'll be isolated from the rest of my people, and you people will know that I am Yahweh.

9 If a prophet is deceived and speaks a message, then I, Yahweh, will deceive that prophet. I'll take action against him and destroy him to remove him from among the Israeli people. **10** Both the prophet and the one who asks him for advice will be guilty, and I'll punish both of them for their disobedience. **11** Because of that, the Israeli people will no longer wander away from following me, nor defile themselves any longer through all their disobedience. They'll be my people, and I'll be their god. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

Turning the country into wasteland

12 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **13** "Son of humanity, when a country sins against me by choosing to worship other gods, so that I decide to take action against it, then I'll break the cycle of food production and send a famine out over it. I'll punish both people and animals from that land **14** in such a way that even if Noah, Daniyel, and Iyov (Job) lived in that place, they could only rescue their own lives by being blameless in my sight. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

15 If I send vicious wild animals through the country and make it barren so that it becomes a wasteland where no one can pass through because of those animals, **16** then even if those same three men were in it, as I live, declares the master Yahweh, they wouldn't be able to rescue even their own children—only their own lives would be saved, but the land itself would become a wasteland.

17 Or if I bring a sword against that country and say, 'Sword, go through the land and eliminate both the people and domestic animals from it', **18** then even if those three men were in it, as I live, declares the master Yahweh, they wouldn't be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters—only their own lives would be saved.

57 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB variant note: לאנד: (x-qere) 'לְאֶיָנֵד': lemma_1840 morph_HNp id_26V1j לְאֶיָנֵד

58 LV 14:14 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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19 Or if I send deadly diseases against that country and pour
out my rage against it through bloodshed, in order to eliminate
both the people and the domestic animals, 20 as surely as I live,
even if Noah, Daniyel, and Iyov were in that country, they
wouldn't be able to rescue even their sons and daughters.
They'd save only themselves by being blameless in my sight.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
21 The master Yahweh says this: 'I'll certainly make things
worse by sending my four punishments against Yerushalem
(Jerusalem) to eliminate both the people and the domestic ani-
mals from it: famine, sword, wild animals, and deadly diseases.[56]
22 But listen! Despite that, a remnant will be left in the city—sur-
vivors who'll go out with sons and daughters. Yes, they'll go out
to you, and you'll see their behaviour and actions and under-
stand why they deserved the punishment that I sent to
Yerushalem, and about everything else that I've sent against the
country. 23 The survivors will relieve you people when you see
their behaviour and their actions, because you'll know that all
those things that I've done against Yerushalem, I didn't do them
without good reason. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The vine stem is useless as wood

15:1 Then Yahweh gave me another mes-
sage: 2 "Son of humanity, how is a vine
better than any tree with branches in a forest? 3 Do people take
wood from a vine to make anything? Would anyone use vine
wood even to make something to hang a mug on? 4 If it's used as
firewood, and if the fire burns both ends, and even the middle, is
it good wood, or indeed good for anything? 5 Originally, the vine
wood couldn't be used to make anything, so surely, when the
fire's burnt it, it still can't do anything useful.
6 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: 'Unlike the trees in
the forests, I've given the vine as fuel for fires. I'll act in the
same way toward Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, 7 and
I'll start to take action against them. Even if they get out of the
fire, the fire will still consume them, so you people will know
that I am Yahweh, when I take action against them. 8 Then I'll
make the land into an abandoned wasteland because they chose
to worship other gods. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Unfaithful Yerushalem's vile practices

16:1 Then Yahweh gave me another mes-
sage: 2 "Son of humanity, inform
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) about their de-
testable behaviour, 3 and declare that the master Yahweh says
this to Yerushalem: Your beginning and your birth took place in
the land of Kena'an (Canaan), your father was an Amori, and
your mother was a Hiti.[61] 4 When you were born, your mother
didn't cut your cord, nor did she clean you with water or rub you

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_animal[s]. 20 And_Noaḥ Dāniyy'ēl[5960] and_'Iyyōv/(Job) in_the_
_midst_of_it by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master
YHWH if a_son if a_daughter they_will_deliver they by_
_righteousness_of_their they_will_deliver life_of_their_own.
21 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says indeed
if/because the_four_of judgements_of_my (the)_harmful sword
and_famine and_animal[s] wild and_pestilence I_will_send
against Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_cut_off from_her/it
humankind and_animal[s]. 22 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_will_be_
_left in_it an_escaped_remnant those_who_are_brought_out
sons and_daughters THERE_they are_about_to_come_out to_
_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_see ~~ÐOM~~ conduct_of_their and_~~ÐOM~~
practices_of_their and_you(pl)_will_be_comforted on the_
_calamity which I_have_brought on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
~~ÐOM~~ all_of that I_have_brought on_it. 23 And_they_will_comfort
you(pl) if/because you(pl)_will_see ~~ÐOM~~ conduct_of_their and_
_~~ÐOM~~ practices_of_their and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that
not without_cause I_have_done ~~ÐOM~~ all_of that I_have_done in_
_it the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind what is_it the_wood_of the_vine from_
_all tree_of the_vine_branch which it_is among_the_trees_of
the_forest. 3 Is_it_taken from_him/it wood for_doing into_a_
_product or do_people_take from_him/it a_peg to_hang
on/upon/above_him/it any_of vessel. 4 THERE to_fire it_is_
_given for_food ~~ÐOM~~ the_two_of ends_of_its the_fire it_
_consumes and_the_middle_of_of_it it_is_charred is_it_
_successful for_a_product. 5 THERE when_was_it complete not
it_was_made into_a_product indeed if/because a_fire it_has_
_consumed_it and_it_has_been_charred and_will_it_be_made
again into_a_product. 6 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master
YHWH he_says just_as the_wood_of the_vine among_the_
_tree[s]_of the_forest which I_have_given_it to_fire for_food so
I_have_given ~~ÐOM~~ the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).
7 And_I_will_set ~~ÐOM~~ face_of_my (is)_in_them from_the_fire
they_have_come_out and_the_fire it_will_consume_them and_
_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_set_I
~~ÐOM~~ face_of_my on_them. 8 And_I_will_make ~~ÐOM~~ the_
_earth/land a_desolation because they_have_acted_unfaithfully
unfaithfulness the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
16:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind make_known_to ~~ÐOM~~
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ~~ÐOM~~ abominations_of_its. 3 And_you_
_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) origins_of_your and_birth(s)_of_
_your were_from_the_land_of the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s]
father_of_your the_'Amorī and_mother_of_your was_a_Ḥittiy.
4 And_birth(s)_of_your in/on_day you were_born not cord_of_
_your_umbilical it_was_cut_off and_with_water not you_were_

56 RV 14:21 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:8.

59 LV 14:20 · Note OSHB variant note: לאנד: (x-qere) לְאֵינֵד': lemma_1840 morph_HNp id_266Tw לְאֵינֵד

60 LV 14:20 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

61 RV 16:3 · Note A bunch of insults to the proud Israelis.

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_washed for_cleansing and_at_all_(be_salted) not you_were_
_rubbed_with_salt and_at_all_(be_wrapped) not you_were_
_wrapped. **5** Not it_looked_with_compassion on_you an_eye
for_doing to/for_you(fs) one from_these for_compassion on_
_you and_you_were_thrown_out to the_surface_of the_field in_
_the_loathing_of your_life_of_your in/on_day you were_born.
6 And_I_passed_by at_you and_I_saw_you kicking_about in_
_blood(s)_of_your and_I_said to/for_you(fs) in_blood(s)_of_your
live and_I_said to/for_you(fs) in_blood(s)_of_your live. **7** Ten_
_thousand like_the_growth_of the_field I_made_you and_you_
_grew and_you_grew_up and_you_came in_an_ornament_of
ornaments breasts they_were_firm and_hair_of_your it_had_
_grown and_you were_nakedness and_bareness. **8** And_I_
_passed_by at_you and_I_saw_you and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE time_
_of_your was_a_time_of love(s) and_I_spread_out of_my_
_garment_of_the_skirt over_you and_I_covered nakedness_of_
_your and_I_swore_an_oath to/for_you(fs) and_I_came in_a_
_covenant with_you the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_
_you_belonged to_me. **9** And_I_washed_you with_water and_I_
_washed_off blood(s)_of_your from_on_you and_I_anointed_you
with_oil. **10** And_I_clothed_you multicoloured_material and_I_
_shod_you leather and_I_wrapped_your_head with_(the)_linen
and_I_covered_you silk. **11** And_I_adorned_you ornament[s]
and_I_put bracelets on hands_of_your and_a_chain on neck_of_
_your. **12** And_I_put a_ring on nose_of_your and_earrings on
ears_of_your and_a_crown_of beauty on_head_of_your. **13** And_
_you_adorned_yourself gold and_silver and_clothing_of_your
was_fine_linen[63] and_silk and_multicoloured_material fine_
_flour and_honey and_oil you_ate[64] and_you_were_beautiful
with_muchness muchness and_you_prospered into_kingship.
14 And_he/it_went_out to/for_you(fs) name among_nations
on_beauty_of_your if/because was_perfect it on_splendour_of_
_my which I_had_put on_you the_utterance_of my_master
YHWH. **15** And_you_trusted in_beauty_of_your and_you_acted_
_as_a_prostitute on name_of_your and_you_poured_out ~~ĐOM~~
prostitution(s)_of_your on every_of one_who_passed_by to_
_him/it let_it_belong. **16** And_you_took some_of_your_clothes
and_you_made to/for_you(fs) high_places multicoloured and_
_you_acted_as_a_prostitute on_them not coming and_not it_
_will_be. **17** And_you_took the_articles_of your_beauty_of_your
some_of_my_gold and_some_of_my_silver which I_had_given
to/for_you(fs) and_you_made to/for_you(fs) images_of a_male
and_you_acted_as_a_prostitute with_them. **18** And_you_took
~~ĐOM~~ the_clothes_of your_multicoloured_material_of_your and_
_you_covered_them and_oil_of_my and_incense_of_my you_
_set[65] before_them. **19** And_food_of_my which I_had_given
to/for_you(fs) fine_flour and_oil and_honey which_I_had_
_given_you_to_eat and_you_set_it before_them to_an_odour_of
soothing and_it_was the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
20 And_you_took ~~ĐOM~~ sons_of_your and_~~ĐOM~~ daughters_of_your
whom you_had_borne to_me and_you_sacrificed_them to/for_

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down with salt, or wrap cloth around you. **5** No one cared
enough about you to do any of these things for you—to be compassionate toward you. Your life was despised and you were
thrown out into the open field on the very day that you were
born.

6 But I went past, and I saw you, Yerushalem, writhing in your
own blood, so I said to you as you lay there in your blood,
"Live!"[62] **7** I made you grow like a plant in the countryside. You
grew up and became tall, and you became the most precious
jewel. Your breasts became firm, and your hair grew thick, even
though you'd been naked and bare.

8 I went past again and saw you. Wow, the time of love came
for you, so I spread my robe out over you and covered your
nakedness. Then I made a promise to you and brought you into a
contract and you became mine. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

9 I washed you, Yerushalem, with water, and rinsed your blood
off you, and I put lotion on your skin. **10** Then I dressed you in
embroidered clothes and put leather sandals on your feet. I
wrapped you in fine linen, then covered you with silk. **11** Next I
adorned you with jewellery, and I put bracelets on your hands
and a chain around your neck. **12** I put a ring in your nose and
earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. **13** So
you were adorned with gold and silver, and you were dressed in
fine linen, silk, and embroidered clothes. You ate good food
made from fine flour, honey, and oil, and you were very beautiful, and you became a queen. **14** Your reputation, Yerushalem,
spread among the nations because of your beauty, because it was
perfect in the majesty I'd given you. That's the master Yahweh's
declaration.

15 But Yerushalem, you trusted in your own beauty, and you
acted like a prostitute because of your reputation. You flirted
with everyone going past, and prostituted yourself, so that your
beauty became theirs. **16** Then you took your clothes and made
hilltop shrines for yourself with them, decorated in various
colours, and there you acted like a prostitute. This shouldn't
have happened, nor should such a thing exist. **17** You took the
fine gold and silver jewellery that I gave you, and you made male
sculptures for yourselves, and you behaved with them like a
prostitute would. **18** You took your embroidered garments and
covered those idols, and you offered my oils and perfumes to
them. **19** The high-quality bread that I gave you (made with fine
flour, oil, and honey), you placed in front of them to be a fragrant aroma, and indeed it was. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

20 Then you took your sons and daughters that you bore for

62 RV 16:6 · Note The last part of the verse is repeated in the Hebrew.

63 LV 16:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ישש**: (x-qere) 'שֵׁשׁ': lemma_8336 b morph_HAcfsa id_26qg7 שֵׁשׁ

64 LV 16:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתלכא**: (x-qere) 'תְּלָכָא': lemma_398 n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_2618S תְּלָכָא

65 LV 16:18 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתתנ**: (x-qere) 'תַּתָּנ': lemma_5414 n_0.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26Sag תַּתָּנ

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me, and you sacrificed them to those idols to be devoured as food. Are your acts of prostitution a small matter? 21 You slaughtered my children for the idols and made them pass through the fire. 22 In all your evil goings on and your acts of prostitution, you never thought back to the days when you were young, when you were naked and bare as you thrashed about in your own blood. 23 After all your wickedness, you won't end well. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Yahweh's anger at Yerushalem

24 You made yourself a mound and built a raised shrine in every public square. 25 You built your raised platform at the top of every street and made your beauty a disgrace, and you spread your legs for anyone who passed by, and you multiplied your acts of prostitution. 26 You've acted like a prostitute with your lusty neighbours the Mitsrim (Egyptians), and you committed many more acts of prostitution, provoking me to anger.

27 Listen, I'll hit you with my hand and cut off your food supply. I'll hand your life over to your enemies, the daughters of the Pelishtim, who were ashamed of your obscene behaviour.

28 You've acted like a prostitute with the Assyrians because you couldn't be satisfied. You acted like a prostitute and still you weren't satisfied. 29 So you performed many more acts of prostitution in Bavel (Babylon) (the country of the Chaldean merchants), and even that didn't satisfy you. 30 Your heart is so sick that you would do things like that—things that only a shameless prostitute would do. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

31 You made your mounds at the top of every street and built your tall shrines in every public square, yet you weren't like a prostitute, in the sense that you scoffed at taking payment. 32 You adulterous woman, you prefer strangers over your husband. 33 It's normal for clients to pay the prostitute, but you do the opposite: you give your wages to all your lovers and bribe them to come to you from all around for your acts of prostitution. 34 Yes, there's a difference between you and other women. No one offers payment for you to act as a prostitute. You're the very opposite—you paid them but nothing was given to you.

Yahweh's punishment of Yerushalem

35 Therefore, Yerushalem (Jerusalem), you prostitute, listen to Yahweh's message. 36 The master Yahweh says this: 'Because you've poured out your lust and uncovered your nakedness through your acts of prostitution with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because you gave them your chil-

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_them to_devour little mmm[66]. 21 And_you_slaughtered ÐOM children_of_my and_you_gave_them when_made_pass_through them to/for_them. 22 And_ÐOM all_of abominations_of_your and_prostitution(s)_of_your not you_remembered[67] ÐOM the_ _days_of your_youth(s)_of_your when_were_you nakedness and_bareness kicking_about in_blood_of_your you_were. 23 And_he/it_was after all_of wickedness_of_your woe woe to/for_you(fs) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

24 And_you_built to/for_you(fs) a_mound[68] and_you_made to/for_you(fs) a_high_place in_all open_place. 25 To every_of head_of a_road you_built place_of_your_high and_you_made_ _abominable ÐOM beauty_of_your and_you_opened_wide ÐOM feet_of_your to/from_all/each/any/every one_who_passed_by and_you_increased ÐOM mmm[69]. 26 And_you_acted_as_a_ _prostitute to the_people_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) neighbours_of_ _your who_were_great_of flesh and_you_increased ÐOM prostitution_of_your to_provoke_me_to_anger. 27 And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_stretched_out hand_of_my on_you and_I_ _diminished allotment_of_your and_I_gave_you in_the_will_of those_who_hate_you the_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy who_ _were_ashamed from_conduct_of_your licentiousness. 28 And_ _you_acted_as_a_prostitute to the_people_of 'Ashshūr from_not satiety_of_your and_you_acted_as_a_prostitute_with_them and_also not you_were_satisfied. 29 And_you_increased ÐOM prostitution_of_your to a_land_of merchant[s] to_Chaldea and_ _also by_this not you_were_satisfied. 30 How anger_of_is_your hot the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** when_do_you ÐOM all_ _of these_things the_deed[s]_of a_woman a_prostitute imperious. 31 When_built_you mound_of_your at_the_head_of every_of road and_your_high_of_place you_made[70] in_all open_ _place and_not you_were[71] like_prostitute to_scorn the_hire. 32 The_woman (the)_adulterous who_in_place_of her/its_ _husband/man she_takes ÐOM strangers. 33 To/from_ _all/each/any/every prostitutes men_give a_gift and_you you_ _have_given ÐOM gifts_of_your to/from_all/each/any/every lovers_of_your and_you_have_bribed them to_come to_you from_round_about by_prostitution(s)_of_your. 34 And_he/it_ _was in_you contrariness from the_women in_prostitution(s)_ _of_your and_after_you not it_was_approached_for_ _prostitution and_because_gave_you the_hire and_the_hire not it_was_given to/for_you(fs) and_it_became (into)_contrariness.

35 For_so/thus/hence Oh_prostitute hear the_message_of **YHWH**. 36 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because lust_of_ _your was_poured_out and_ nakedness_of_your _it_was_ _uncovered in_prostitution(s)_of_your with lovers_of_your and_on all_of the_idols_of your(pl)_abominations_of_your and_ _according_to_the_blood(s)_of your(pl)_children_of_your which you_gave to/for_them. 37 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_

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66 **LV 16:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: תנזת/ך: (x-qere) 'יתונזת/מ': lemma_m/8457 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp2fs id_26R79 יתונזת/מ

67 **LV 16:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתרכז: (x-qere) 'תרכזי': lemma_2142 n_1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26khN תרכזי

68 **LV 16:24 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

69 **LV 16:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: תנזת/ך: (x-qere) 'יתונזת': lemma_8457 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_26fn2 יתונזת

70 **LV 16:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתישע: (x-qere) 'תישי': lemma_6213 a n_1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26ibz תישי

71 **LV 16:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתייה: (x-qere) 'תייה': lemma_1961 morph_HVqp2fs id_26KVW תייה

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_about_to_gather ᴅᴏᴍ all_of lovers_of_your whom you_were_ _pleasing to_them and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_whom you_loved to all_of those_whom you_hated and_I_will_gather ᴅᴏᴍ_them on_ _you from_round_about and_I_will_uncover nakedness_of_your to_them and_they_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ all_of nakedness_of_your.
38 And_I_will_judge_you judgements_of adulteresses and_ _women_who_shed_of (of)_blood and_I_will_put_on_you blood_ _of rage and_jealousy. **39** And_I_will_give you in_hand_of_their and_they_will_tear_down mound_of_your and_they_will_be_ _broken_down places_of_your_high and_they_will_strip_off you clothes_of_your and_they_will_take the_articles_of your_ _beauty_of_your and_they_will_leave_you nakedness and_ _bareness. **40** And_they_will_bring_up on_you a_company and_ _they_will_stone you with_stone[s] and_they_will_cut_you_to_ _pieces with_swords_of_their. **41** And_they_will_burn houses_ _of_your with_fire and_they_will_bring_about on_you judgements to_the_eyes_of women many and_I_will_cause_ _you_to_cease from_a_prostitute and_also the_hire not you_ _will_give again. **42** And_I_will_give_rest_to rage_of_my on/over_you(fs) and_ jealousy_of_my _it_will_turn_aside from_ _you and_I_will_be_at_peace and_not I_will_be_angry again.
43 Because that not you_remembered[72] ᴅᴏᴍ the_days_of your_ _youth(s)_of_your and_you_were_enraged to_me in_all these_ _things and_also I THERE conduct_of_your on_the_head I_will_ _requite the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_not did_you_ _do[73] ᴅᴏᴍ the_licentiousness to all_of abominations_of_your.

44 THERE every_of (the)_one_who_speaks_a_proverb on_you he_will_speak_a_proverb to_say is_like_mother_of_her daughter_of_her. **45** Are_the_daughter_of your_mother_of_your you who_abhorred her/its_husband/man and_children_of_her and_are_the_sister_of your_sister_of_your you who they_ _abhorred husbands_of_their and_children_of_their mother_of_ _your(pl) was_a_Ḥittiy and_father_of_your(pl) was_an_'Amorī. **46** And_sister_of_your (the)_old was_Shomrōn she and_her/its_ _daughters who_dwelt on north_of_your and_sister_of_your (the)_young more_than_you who_dwelt from_south_of_your was_Ṣədom and_daughters_of_her. **47** And_not in_ways_of_their did_you_walk and_in_abominations_of_their did_you_do[75] like_ _a_little only and_you_behaved_corruptly more_than_them in_ _all ways_of_your. **48** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** if Ṣədom sister_of_your she and_her/its_ _daughters she_did just_as you and_daughters_of_your you_ _have_done. **49** HERE this it_was the_iniquity_of Ṣədom sister_ _of_your pride surfeit_of food and_security_of quietness it_ _belonged to/for_her/it and_to_daughters_of_her and_the_ _hand_of the_poor and_the_needy not she_strengthened.
50 And_they_were_haughty and_they_did abomination before_ _me and_I_removed them just_as I_saw. **51** And_Shomrōn according_to_(the)_half_of your(pl)_sins_of_your not it_sinned and_you_have_increased ᴅᴏᴍ abominations_of_your more_ _than_them and_you_have_made_appear_righteous ᴅᴏᴍ

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dren's blood, **37** then listen: I'll gather all your lovers that you've met, including the ones you loved and the ones you hated—I'll gather them against you on every side. I'll uncover your nakedness for them so they see all your nakedness. **38** Then I'll punish you for your adultery and the shedding of blood, and I'll bring on you the bloodshed of my anger and passion. **39** I'll allow them to conquer you so they'll tear apart your mounds and break down your tall shrines, and they'll strip your clothes off you and take all your jewellery—leaving you naked and bare.

40 Then they'll bring a crowd up against you and throw heavy stones at you, and they'll cut you apart with their swords. **41** They'll burn down your houses and punish you in several ways in the sight of many women, because I'll put a stop to your prostitution, and you'll no longer pay your lovers. **42** Then I'll calm my rage against you. My anger will leave you, because I'll be satisfied and won't be angry at you any longer.

43 Because you didn't call to mind your younger days, and made me shake with anger because of all those things, therefore, listen: I myself will bring the punishment for what you've done down onto your own head. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Like mother, like daughter

Haven't you added prostitution to all your other detestable practices? **44** Listen, everyone who speaks proverbs about you will say, "Like mother, like daughter." **45** You are the daughter of your mother, who detested her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters, who detested their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hiti, and your father was an Amori.

46 Your older sister was Shomron (Samaria), and her daughters were the ones living in the north, while your younger sister was the one living south of you, that is, Sedom and her daughters. **47** Not only did you follow their customs and copy their behaviour and practices, but in everything you did, you've been *worse* than they were.

48 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, your sister Sedom and her daughters didn't do as much evil as you and your daughters have done. **49** Listen, your sister Sedom's sin was that she was arrogant in her leisure, careless and unconcerned about anything. She didn't assist the poor and needy people. **50** She was arrogant and performed disgusting actions in front of me, so I took them away, just as you've seen.

51 As for Shomron, they didn't commit even half of your sins. No, you've done many more disgusting things than they did, and

72 LV 16:43 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתרכז**: (x-qere) 'תְּתֹרַכְזָ֗': lemma_2142 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26mmj תְּתֹרַכְזָ֗

73 LV 16:43 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תִּישָׁע': lemma_6213 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26WHq תִּישָׁע

75 LV 16:47 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תֵּיָשְׁעִ': lemma_6213 a n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_26z69 תֵּיָשְׁעִ

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you've shown that your sisters were better than you, because of all the disgusting things you do. **52** Also how you display your own shame—you've shown that your sisters were better than you by the sins you committed in all those disgusting ways. Your sisters now seem better than you.

53 From their captivity, I'll restore the fortunes of Sedom and her daughters, and of Shomron and her daughters, and your fortunes will be similar,[74] **54** so that you'll display your shame. You'll be humiliated because of everything you've done, and in that way you'll be a consolation to Sedom and Shomron. **55** Your sister Sedom and her daughters will be restored to their former condition, and Shomron and her daughters will be restored similarly. Then you and your daughters will be restored to your former condition. **56** You never even mentioned your sister Sedom in the period when you were proud, **57** before your wickedness was revealed. But now you're an object of scorn to the daughters of Aram (Syria) and to all the daughters of the Pelishtim around her. People all around despise you. **58** You'll display your shame and your disgusting actions. That's Yahweh's declaration.

59 The master Yahweh says this: 'I'll deal with you as you deserve—you who've despised your oath by breaking our agreement. **60** But I myself will call to mind my agreement with you that was made when you were younger, and I'll establish a never-ending agreement with you. **61** Then you'll call to mind your behaviour and be ashamed when you adopt your older and younger sisters. I'll give them to you as daughters, but not because of your agreement. **62** I myself will establish my agreement with you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh, **63** so that you'll call everything to mind and be ashamed. Then you'll no longer open your mouth to speak, because of your shame, when I've forgiven you for everything you've done. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The permanent agreement

17:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, present a riddle and tell a parable to the Israeli people. **3** Tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: 'A large eagle, with large wings full of multi-coloured feathers, and long pinions, went to Levanon and

Two eagles and the vine

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mmm[76] in_all abominations_of_your which you_have_done[77]. **52** Also you bear disgrace_of_your that you_have_mediated for_ _sister_of_your by_sins_of_your which you_have_acted_ _abominably more_than_them they_are_righteous more_than_ _you and_also you be_ashamed and_bear disgrace_of_your because_you_have_made_appear_righteous sisters_of_your. **53** And_I_will_turn_back ~~ḎǪM~~ captivity_of_their ~~ḎǪM~~ wwww[78] of_Ṣədom and_her/its_daughters and_~~ḎǪM~~ wwww[79] of_ _Shomrōn and_her/its_daughters and[80] your(pl)_captivities_ _of_your among_them. **54** So_that you_may_bear disgrace_of_ _your and_you_will_be_ashamed[81] from_all that you_have_done when_comfort_you them. **55** And_sisters_of_your Ṣədom and_ _her/its_daughters they_will_return to_their_former_of_state and_Shomrōn and_her/its_daughters they_will_return to_ _their_former_of_state and_you and_daughters_of_your you(pl)_will_return to_your_former_of_state. **56** And_not did_ _she_become Ṣədom sister_of_your (into)_a_mention in_ _mouth_of_your in/on_day your(pl)_pride(s)_of_your. **57** Before_before wickedness_of_your it_was_uncovered like the_time_of the_reproach_of the_daughters_of 'Arām and_all around_of_it the_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy who_despise you from_round_about. **58** ~~ḎǪM~~ licentiousness_of_your and_~~ḎǪM~~ abominations_of_your you you_will_bear_them the_utterance_ _of **YHWH**.

59 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and[82] with_you just_as you_have_done you_who you_despised an_oath by_ _breaking a_covenant. **60** And_ I _I_will_remember ~~ḎǪM~~ covenant_of_my with_you in_the_days_of your_youth(s)_of_ _your and_I_will_establish to/for_you(fs) a_covenant_of_ perpetuity. **61** And_you_will_remember ~~ḎǪM~~ ways_of_your and_ _you_will_be_ashamed when_receive_you ~~ḎǪM~~ sisters_of_your (the)_old more_than_you to (the)_young more_than_you and_I_ _will_give them to/for_you(fs) to_daughters and_not from_ _covenant_of_your. **62** And_ I _I_will_establish ~~ḎǪM~~ covenant_of_ _my with_you and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **63** So_that you_may_remember and_you_will_be_ashamed and_ _not it_will_belong to_you again an_opening_of mouth from_ _face/in_front_of disgrace_of_your when_I_make_atonement to/for_you(fs) to/from_all/each/any/every that you_have_ _done the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

17:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind ask_a_riddle a_riddle and_speak_a_ _parable a_parable concerning the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_you_will_say thus he_says my_master **YHWH** the_eagle (the)_great (the)_great_of (the)_wings (the)_long_of (the)_wing full (the)_plumage which to_him/it (the)_multicoloured_

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74 **RV 16:53 · Note** i.e., to go into captivity, but then after a time, to be restored.

76 **LV 16:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/תוחא**: (x-qere) 'תּוֹחֵא/ךָ': lemma_269 n_0.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_26kjj תּוֹחֵא/ךָ

77 **LV 16:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תִּישָׁע': lemma_6213 a n_0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26agQ תִּישָׁע

78 **LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תיבש**: (x-qere) 'תָּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26UXx תָּוּבְשׁ

79 **LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תיבש**: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26PxD תּוּבְשׁ

80 **LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תיבש**: (x-qere) 'תּוּבְשׁ/וּ': lemma_c/7622 morph_HC/Ncfsc id_26LYs תּוּבְשׁ/וּ

81 **LV 16:54 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

82 **LV 16:59 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תישע**: (x-qere) 'יתִישָׁע/וְ': lemma_c/6213 a morph_HC/Vqq1cs id_26iDE יתִישָׁע/וְ

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_plumage it_came to (the)_Ləvānōn and_he/it_took ÐOM the_ _treetop_of the_cedar. **4** ÐOM the_top_of shoots_of_its it_ _plucked_off and_it_brought_it to a_land_of merchant[s] in_a_ _city_of traders it_placed_it. **5** And_he/it_took one_of_the_ _seed_of the_earth/land and_it_put_it in_a_field_of seed a_ _shoot at waters many a_willow it_placed_it. **6** And_it_sprouted and_he/it_was (into)_a_vine overhanging low_of stature to_ branches_of_its _turn to_him/it and_roots_of_its under_it they_ _were and_it_became (into)_a_vine and_it_produced shoots and_it_sent_out boughs. **7** And_he/it_was an_eagle one great great_of wings and_great_of plumage and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_vine (the)_this it_bent roots_of_its on/upon/above_him/it and_branches_of_its it_sent_out for_him/it to_water it from_ _the_beds_of its_planting_of_her. **8** To a_field good to waters many it was_planted for_doing branch[es] and_to_bear fruit to_ _be (into)_a_vine_of splendour. **9** Say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says will_it_prosper am_not ÐOM roots_of_its will_it_pull_up and_ÐOM fruit_of_its will_it_strip_off and_it_will_wither all_of the_fresh_things_of its_growth_of_her it_will_wither and_not by_an_arm great and_by_a_people numerous to_lift_up it from_ _roots_of_its. **10** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_is_planted will_it_ _prosper am_not just_as_touches (in)_it the_wind_of the_east will_it_wither completely_(wither) on the_beds_of its_growth_ _of_her it_will_wither.
11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **12** Say please to_the_house_of (the)_rebellion not do_you(pl)_know what are_these_things say THERE the_king_of Bāvel he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_took ÐOM king_of_its and_ _ÐOM princes_of_its and_he/it_brought them to_him/it to_ _Bāvel. **13** And_he/it_took one_of_the_offspring_of the_royalty and_he_made with_him/it a_covenant and_he/it_brought ÐOM_ _him/it in_an_oath and_ÐOM the_leaders_of the_earth/land he_ _took. **14** To_be a_kingdom lowly to_not to_exalt_itself to_ _guard/protect ÐOM covenant_of_his it_to_continue. **15** And_ _he_rebelled in/on/over_him/it by_sending messengers_of_his Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_give to_him/it horses and_a_people numerous will_he_prosper will_ the_one_who_does_of these_ _things _he_escape and_will_he_break a_covenant and_will_he_ _escape. **16** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not in_the_place_of the_king who_made_king ÐOM_ _him/it whom he_despised ÐOM oath_of_his and_which he_ _broke ÐOM covenant_of_his with_him/it in_the_midst_of Bāvel he_will_die. **17** And_not with_an_army large and_with_a_ _company great Par'oh he_will_do with_him in_battle when_ _pour_out a_mound and_when_build a_siege-work to_cut_off lives many. **18** And_he_despised the_oath by_breaking the_ _covenant and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_had_given his/its_hand and_all these_things he_did not he_will_escape. **19** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says by_the_life of_ _me if not oath_of_my which he_despised and_covenant_of_my which he_broke and_I_will_give_him/it on_his_own_of_head. **20** And_I_will_spread on/upon/above_him/it net_of_my and_ _he_will_be_caught in_my_hunting_of_net and_I_will_bring_ _him to_Bāvel and_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_him/it

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grabbed hold of the top of a cedar tree. **4** He broke off the top shoot of the tree and took it to Kena'an (Canaan) where he placed it in a city full of merchants. **5** He also took some of the land's seed and planted it in fertile soil, beside a large body of water where a willow might grow. **6** Then the seed sprouted and became a spreading vine low to the ground. Its branches turned toward him, and its roots grew down below, so it became a vine and produced branches and sent out shoots.

7 But there was another large eagle with large wings and many feathers. Oh wow, that vine turned its roots toward this eagle, and it spread out its branches toward the eagle from the place it had been planted so it might get watered. **8** It had been planted in good soil beside a large body of water so it would grow branches and produce fruit, to become a magnificent vine.'

9 Ask the people: 'The master Yahweh wants to know if it'll prosper. Won't it be uprooted and stripped of its fruit so that it withers, and all its fresh growth will dry out? You wouldn't have to be very strong or get lots of people to help to pull it out by its roots. **10** So listen. After it had been planted, would it thrive? Wouldn't it wither up when the eastern wind touches it? Yes, it would wither right up in the garden plot where it sprouted.' "

The vine part of the parable explained

11 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **12** "Ask those rebellious people, 'Don't you know what those things mean? Listen, the king of Bavel (Babylon) came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and captured its king and its princes and took them with him to Bavel.[83] **13** Then he took a member of the royal family, made an agreement with him—forcing him to make various commitments. Then he took away the country's former powerful people, **14** so the kingdom would remain subjected and not be able to become powerful again. However, by keeping the agreement, the country would at least survive. **15** But the king of Yerushalem rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to acquire horses and an army. Will he succeed? Will the one doing these things escape? If he breaks the agreement, will he survive? **16** This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, he'll definitely die in the land of the king who made him king, the king whose promises he despised, and whose agreement he broke. He'll die in the middle of Bavel. **17** Mitsrayim's Par'oh (Pharaoh) with his mighty army and huge horde won't help him in battle, when ramps are constructed and siege walls are built up to cut off many lives, **18** because the king despised his promise by breaking the agreement. Wow, he reached out to make a promise, and yet afterwards he did all those things. He won't escape. **19** Therefore the master Yahweh says this: 'As I live, wasn't it my promise that he despised and my agreement that he broke? Therefore I'll cause him to be punished for what he did. **20** I'll spread my net out over him, and he'll be caught in my

83 RV 17:12-15 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 24:15-20; 2Ch 36:10.

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trap, and I'll take him to Bavel and handle his judgement there for the treason he committed when he betrayed me. **21** All of his refugees in his armies will be killed by the sword, and the ones who remain will be scattered in every direction. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh, because I've declared that that will happen."

The tree-tip part of the parable explained

22 The master Yahweh says this, 'So I myself will take away the highest part of the cedar tree, and I'll plant it away from its tender branches. I'll break it off, and I myself will plant it on a very high mountain. **23** I'll plant it on Yisrael's (Israel's) highest mountain so it'll grow branches and produce fruit, and it'll become a majestic cedar so that every winged bird will live under it. They'll nest in the shade of its branches, **24** then all the trees in the countryside will know that I am Yahweh. I bring down the high trees and I raise up the low trees. I wither the watered tree and I cause the wilted tree to bloom. I am Yahweh. I've declared that that will happen, and I will do it.' "

Individual responsibility

18:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "What do you mean, you people who use this proverb about Yisrael (Israel)? You say, 'Fathers eat sour grapes, but it's the children's teeth that are set on edge'.

3 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: as I live, there'll certainly no longer be any occasion for you to use this proverb in Yisrael. **4** Listen, every life belongs to me: the father's life as well as the son's—they belong to me. The one who disobeys is the one who'll die.

The godly man

5 If there's a godly man who does what's fair and right, **6** who doesn't eat at the hilltop shrines, who doesn't request help from Yisrael's (Israel's) idols, who doesn't mess with someone else's wife or a menstruating woman, **7** who doesn't oppress anyone, who gives back to debtors what they put up as security for loans, who doesn't steal but rather gives his food to the hungry and gives clothes to those without them, **8** who doesn't charge too much interest if he lends money, and doesn't take too much profit for what he sells, who promotes true justice within the community, **9** who follows my instructions and faithfully obeys my regulations, that man will be acquitted and will definitely live.[85] That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

The wayward son of the godly man

10 But suppose that godly man has a violent son who kills and sadly goes against all those things above, **11** not following the example of his godly father, but rather who's eaten at the hilltop shrines and slept with someone else's wife, **12** who oppresses the poor and needy, who steals and robs, who doesn't return something given as a pledge, who requests help from idols and does disgusting things, **13** who lends out money at too high interest, and who makes too much profit on what he sells. Should that man live? He certainly won't! He'll definitely die, and his blood will be on his own head.

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there unfaithfulness_of_his which he_has_acted_unfaithfully against_me. **21** And_ĐØM all_of mmm[84] in_all troops_of_his by_ _sword they_will_fall and_those_who_survive to/from_ _all/each/any/every wind they_will_be_scattered and_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

22 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_ I _I_will_take from_ _the_treetop_of the_cedar (the)_high and_I_will_place_it from_ _the_top_of its_young_shoots_of_his a_tender_shoot I_will_ _pluck_off and_ I _I_will_plant_it on a_mountain high and_lofty. **23** On_the_mountain_of the_height_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_ _plant_it and_it_will_bear branch[es] and_it_will_produce fruit and_it_was (into)_a_cedar majestic and_they_will_dwell under_ _it every_of bird of_every_of wing in_the_shadow_of its_ _branches_of_his they_will_dwell. **24** And_ all_of the_trees_of the_field _they_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_bring_low a_tree tall I_raise_up a_tree low I_make_dry a_tree moist and_I_ _make_sprout a_tree dry I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_act.

18:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** What is_to_you(pl) you(pl) are_speaking_a_proverb ĐØM the_ _proverb the_this on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say parents they_eat sour_grape[s] and_the_teeth_of the_children they_ _are_blunt. **3** By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) again to_speak_a_ _proverb the_proverb the_this in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **4** HERE all_of (the)_lives to_me they as_the_life_of the_parent and_as_the_ _life_of the_child to_me they the_living_creatures which_sins it it_will_die.

5 And_anyone if/because he_will_be righteous and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness. **6** To the_mountains not he_has_ _eaten and_eyes_of_his not he_has_lifted_up to the_idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ĐØM the_wife_of his/its_ _neighbour not he_has_defiled and_near/to a_woman menstruation not he_drew_near. **7** And_anyone not he_ _oppressed pledge_of_his a_debt he_returned robbery not he_ _robbed food_of_his to_the_hungry he_gave and_the_naked he_ _covered clothing. **8** For_interest not he_lent and_usury not he_ _took from_injustice he_turned_back his/its_hand justice_of faithfulness he_did between a_person and_a_person. **9** In_ _regulations_of_my he_walked and_judgements_of_my he_has_ _kept for_doing faithfulness is_righteous he certainly_(live) he_ _will_live the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

10 And_he_will_father a_son violent who_sheds_of (of)_blood and_he_will_do alas any_one from_these. **11** And_he ĐØM all_of these_things not he_did if/because also to the_mountains he_ _has_eaten and_ĐØM the_wife_of his/its_neighbour he_has_ _defiled. **12** The_poor and_the_needy he_has_oppressed robberies he_has_robbed a_pledge not he_returned and_ _near/to the_idols he_has_lifted_up eyes_of_his abomination he_has_done. **13** For_interest he_has_lent and_usury he_has_ _taken and_will_he_live not he_will_live ĐØM all_of the_ _abominations the_these he_has_done certainly_(die) he_will_ _be_put_to_death blood(s)_of_his in/on/over_him/it it_will_be.

84 LV 17:21 · Note OSHB variant note: וְ/חרבמ: (x-qere) וְ/יָחָרְבְּמ: lemma_4015 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26yyS וְ/יָחָרְבְּמ

85 RV 18:9 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:5.

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14 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_has_fathered a_child and_he/it_ _saw ~~DOM~~ all_of the_sins_of his/its_father which he_did and_ _he_saw and_not he_did like_them. **15** On the_mountains not he_has_eaten and_eyes_of_his not he_has_lifted_up to the_ _idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_ _neighbour not he_has_defiled. **16** And_anyone not he_has_ _oppressed a_pledge not he_has_taken_as_pledge and_robbery not he_has_robbed food_of_his to_the_hungry he_has_given and_the_naked he_has_covered clothing. **17** From_the_poor he_ _has_turned_back his/its_hand interest and_usury not he_has_ _taken judgements_of_my he_has_done in_regulations_of_my he_has_walked he not he_will_die for_the_iniquity_of his/its_ _father certainly_(live) he_will_live. **18** His/its_father if/because he_has_extorted extortion he_has_robbed robbery_ _of a_brother and_which not was_good he_has_done in_the_ _middle people(s)_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_will_die for_ _iniquity_of_his. **19** And_you(pl)_say why not the_child has_he_ _borne in_the_iniquity_of the_parent and_the_child justice and_righteousness he_has_done ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my he_has_kept and_he_has_done ~~DOM~~_them certainly_(live) he_ _will_live. **20** The_living_creatures which_sins it it_will_die a_ _child not he_will_bear in_the_iniquity_of the_parent and_a_ _parent not he_will_bear in_the_iniquity_of the_child the_ _righteousness_of the_righteous_person on/upon/above_ _him/it it_will_be and_the_wickedness_of the_wicked_person[87] on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be.

21 And_the_wicked_person if/because he_will_turn_away from_ _all his[88] which he_has_done and_he_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness certainly_(live) he_will_live not he_will_die. **22** All_of transgressions_of_his which he_has_done not they_will_be_ _remembered to_him/it for_righteousness_of_his which he_ _has_done he_will_live. **23** Really_(take_pleasure) do_I_take_ _pleasure_in the_death_of the_wicked the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** am_not in_his_turning_back from_ways_of_his and_he_will_live. **24** And_when_ the_righteous _turns_away from_righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do injustice according_ _to_all_of the_abominations which the_wicked_person he_did he_will_do and_will_he_live all_of his[89] which he_did not they_ _will_be_remembered for_unfaithfulness_of_his which he_has_ _acted_unfaithfully and_for_sin_of_his which he_has_sinned for_them he_will_die. **25** And_you(pl)_say not the_way_of my_ _master it_is_correct listen please Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) way_of_my not is_it_correct not ways_of_your(pl) not are_they_ _correct. **26** When_ the_righteous _turns_away from_ _righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do injustice and_he_will_die on_them for_injustice_of_his which he_has_done he_will_die. **27** And_when_ the_wicked _turns_away from_wickedness_of_his which he_has_done and_he/it_made justice and_righteousness he ~~DOM~~ life_of_his he_will_preserve_alive. **28** He_saw and[90] from_all transgressions_of_his which he_had_done certainly_

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The peace/prosperity of child righteous/honest/sensible

14 But listen, suppose he has a son, and his son sees all the sins that his father's committed, and though he sees them, he doesn't do those things. **15** He hasn't eaten at the hilltop shrines, and hasn't requested help from the Israeli people's idols, and hasn't slept with someone else's wife, **16** he doesn't oppress anyone, or keep things given as a pledge, or accept stolen things, but instead gives his food to the hungry and gives clothes to those without them, **17** he's turned his back on crime, and doesn't charge high interest, he follows my instructions and obeys my regulations—he won't die for his father's evil actions, but he'll certainly live. **18** His father, since he oppressed others by extortion and robbed people, and did evil things among his people—listen, he'll die in his sin.

19 But you people ask, 'Why doesn't the son also have to pay the cost for his family's crimes?' Well it's because the son promotes justice and godliness and follows all my instructions. He'll definitely live. **20** The one who sins is the one who'll die. The children won't have to be responsible for their parents' sin, and the parents won't be responsible for their children's sins—the righteousness of those who act rightly will be on themselves, and the wickedness of the wicked will be on themselves.[86]

Turning away from disobedience

21 But if the wicked person turns away from all their disobedience, and follows all my instructions and does what's right and fair, then that person will certainly live and not die. **22** All their acts of disobedience won't be called to mind against them. They'll live by the right things they do. **23** That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Do I celebrate happily about the death of wicked people, and not about them turning away from their evil behaviour so that they can live? **24** But if a righteous person turns away from their righteousness, and disobeys and does disgusting things like the wicked people do, then will they live? All the good things that had been done won't be called to mind when they betray me in their treason, so they'll die in the sins that they committed.

25 But you people complain that the master's way isn't correct. Please listen, you Israeli people: is it my ways that aren't correct, or is it *your* ways? **26** When the righteous person turns away from their righteousness, and commits injustice and dies because of it, then that person will die in the injustice that they've done. **27** But when a wicked person turns away from the wicked things they've done and does what's fair and what's right, then that person will preserve their life— **28** they've become aware of all their disobedient behaviours and turned away from them.

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86 **RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:16.

87 **LV 18:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **עשר**: (x-qere) 'עָשָׂר/ה': lemma_d/7563 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_26vf3 עָשָׂר/ה

88 **LV 18:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תאטח**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְאַשַּׁח': lemma_2403 b n_1.2.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26cUS וְ/יִתְאַשַּׁח

89 **LV 18:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תקדצ**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְקְדַצ': lemma_6666 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26M3A וְ/יִתְקְדַצ

90 **LV 18:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בושי/ו**: (x-qere) 'בָּשְׁיִ/ו': lemma_c/7725 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_268Mb בָּשְׁיִ/ו

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That person certainly won't die, but will live. **29** But the Israeli people insist, 'The master's way isn't fair!' How is my way not fair, you Israeli people? It's *your* ways that aren't fair. **30** Therefore I'll judge each person among you according to their ways, you Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Change your direction and turn away from all your disobedient behaviours so that they won't be stumbling blocks of evil for you. **31** Throw off all the disobedient things you people have done. Work towards a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, you Israeli people? **32** I take no pleasure in the death of someone who dies. That's the master Yahweh's declaration, so turn away from your evil behaviour and live.

A song of mourning for Yisrael's final kings

19:1 Now sing a mournful song for Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders, **2** saying:

'Who was your mother? A lioness—she lived with a lion's son.

There among the young lions, she reared her cubs.

3 She's the one who raised one of her cubs to become a young lion—

a lion who learned to tear apart his victims,

and then he devoured people.

4 Then the nations heard about him.

He got caught in their trap,

and they took him to Mitsrayim (Egypt) with hooks.

5 The mother lion waited for his return,

but eventually she realised that he wasn't coming back,

so she took another one of her cubs and made him into a young lion.

6 This young lion roamed around amongst the other lions.

He was a young lion and learned to tear his victims—

he devoured people.

7 He seized their fortresses and ruined their cities.

The land and its produce were abandoned

because of the sound of his roaring.

8 But the nations came against him from the surrounding provinces.

They spread their nets over him—

he was caught in their pit.

9 With hooks in him, they put him in a cage,

and then they took him to the Babylonian king.

They took him to the fortresses

so that his voice would no longer be heard in Yisrael's (Israel's) hills.

10 Your mother was like a vine planted in your vineyard beside the water.

It was fruitful and full of branches because there was plenty of water.

11 It had strong branches that were used for making rulers'

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_(live) he_will_live not he_will_die. **29** And_ the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_say not the_way_of my_master it_is_ _correct ways_of_my not are_they_correct[91] Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) not ways_of_your(pl) not is_it_correct. **30** For_ _so/thus/hence everyone according_to_of_his_ways I_will_ _judge you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** turn_back and_turn_away from_all transgressions_of_your(pl) and_not it_will_become to/for_ _you(pl) (into)_a_stumbling_block_of iniquity. **31** Throw_away from_with_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ all_of transgressions_of_your(pl) which you(pl)_have_transgressed by_them and_make to/for_you(pl) a_heart new and_spirit new and_for_what will_you(pl)_die Oh_ _house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **32** If/because not I_take_pleasure in_ _the_death_of (the)_one_who_dies the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_turn_away and_live.

19:1 And_you(ms) take_up a_lamentation because_of the_ _princes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **2** And_you_will_say what mother_ _of_was_your a_lioness between lions she_lay_down in_the_ _middle young_lions she_reared cubs_of_her. **3** And_she_ _brought_up one of_cubs_of_her a_young_lion it_was and_it_ _learned to_tear prey human[s] it_devoured. **4** And_they_heard to_him/it nations in_pit_of_their it_was_caught and_they_ _brought_it with_hooks to the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **5** And_she/it_saw if/because_that she_waited hope_of_her it_ _was_lost and_she/it_took one of_cubs_of_her a_young_lion she_made_it. **6** And_he/it_walked/wandered in_the_middle lions a_young_lion it_was and_it_learned to_tear prey human[s] it_devoured. **7** And_he/it_knew widows_of_its and_cities_of_ _their it_laid_waste and_ the_land and_what_of_fills_it _it_was_ _desolate from_the_sound_of its_roaring_of_his. **8** And_they_set on/upon/above_him/it nations all_around from_provinces and_they_spread_out on/upon/above_him/it net_of_their in_ _pit_of_their it_was_caught. **9** And_they_put_it in_cage with_ _hooks and_they_brought_it to the_king_of Bāvel they_ _brought_it in_strongholds so_that not voice_of_its it_may_be_ _heard again to the_mountains_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **10** Mother_ _of_your was_like_vine in_blood_of_your at water planted bearing_fruit and_full_of_branches it_was from_waters many. **11** And_they_were to/for_her/it branches_of strength to scepters_of rulers and_ stature_of_its _it_was_lofty above between branches and_it_was_seen by_height_of_its by_the_ _abundance_of its_branches_of_his. **12** And_it_was_plucked_up in_rage to_ground it_was_thrown_down and_spirit of_the_east it_dried_up fruit_of_its they_were_torn_off and_they_became_ _dry the_branch_of its_strength_of_her a_fire it_consumed_it. **13** And_now it_is_planted in_wilderness in_land dryness and_ _thirst. **14** And_ fire _it_went_out from_the_branch_of its_ _shoots_of_her fruit_of_its it_consumed and_not it_was in_it a_ _branch_of strength a_scepter to_rule is_a_lamentation it and_ _it_became (into)_a_lamentation.

91 LV 18:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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20:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_seventh in_the_month on_ten of_month men of_the_elders_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_came to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_they_lived before_me. **2** And_ the_ _message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **3** Oh_son_of humankind speak with the_elders_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_ _will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ_me are_you(pl) coming by_the_life of_me if I_will_let_ _myself_be_consulted to/for_you(pl) the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **4** Will_you_judge ᴅᴏᴍ_them will_you_judge Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ the_abominations_of their_ _ancestors_of_their make_known_to_them. **5** And_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in/on_day chose_I (in)_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_lifted_up hand_of_my to_the_ _offspring_of the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_I_made_ _myself_known to/for_them in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _I_lifted_up hand_of_my to/for_them to_say I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl). **6** In_the_day (the)_that I_lifted_up hand_of_my to/for_them to_bring_them_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim to a_land which I_had_selected to/for_them flowing_of milk and_ _honey is_beauty it to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands. **7** And_I_said to_them everyone the_detestable_things_of his_ _eyes_of_his throw_away and_by_the_idols_of Mitsrayim do_not make_yourselves_unclean I am_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl). **8** And_ _they_rebelled against_me and_not they_were_willing to_listen to_me anyone ᴅᴏᴍ the_detestable_things_of their_eyes_of_ _their not they_threw_away and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_idols_of Mitsrayim not they_abandoned and_I_said to_pour_out rage_of_my on_ _them to_complete anger_of_my (is)_in_them in_the_middle of_the_land_of of_Mitsrayim. **9** And_I_acted for_the_sake_of name_of_my to_not to_be_profaned to_the_eyes_of the_nations which they were_among_of_them which I_had_made_myself_ _known to_them to_eyes_of_their by_bringing_them_out from_ _the_land_of Mitsrayim. **10** And_I_brought_them_out from_the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_brought_them into the_ _wilderness. **11** And_I_gave to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ regulations_of_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ judgements_of_my I_made_known_to them which the_humankind he_will_do them and_he/it_will_live by_them.

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scepters,
and it towered above the branches,
and its height could be seen due to the mass of its foliage.
12 But the vine was uprooted in fury and thrown down onto the ground,
and an eastern wind dried out its fruit.
Its strong branches were broken off and withered,
and then burnt in a fire.
13 So now it's planted in the wilderness—
in a land of drought and thirst.
14 Fire went out from its large branches and consumed its fruit.
There's no strong branches left on it—no scepter for ruling with.'
That's a song for mourning, and should be sung as such."

Israeli rebellion

20:1 Seven years after we'd been taken to Bavel (Babylon), some Israeli elders came to get me to ask Yahweh for advice for them. **2** Then Yahweh gave me this message: **3** "Son of humanity, tell the Israeli elders that the master Yahweh says this: 'Have you people come to get advice from me? As I live, I won't allow you to ask for my advice. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

4 Will you judge them? Will you judge, son of humanity? Let them know about their ancestors' disgusting behaviour. **5** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'On the day that I chose Yisrael (Israel) and made myself known to them in Mitsrayim (Egypt), I raised my hand to make a promise to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants. I told them, "I am Yahweh your god"[92]— **6** on that day I raised my hand to make a promise to them that I would bring them out of Mitsrayim into a land that I'd carefully selected for them. It was flowing with milk and honey—it was the most beautiful of all the lands. **7** I told them, "Let each family throw away their Mitsri (Egyptian) idols, plus any other detestable things they have. Don't defile yourselves. I am Yahweh your god." **8** But they rebelled against me and were unwilling to listen to me. They didn't throw away the detestable things they had or abandon their Mitsri idols, so I determined to pour my fury out on them to satisfy my rage among them right there in Mitsrayim. **9** I did that to protect my reputation so it wouldn't be tarnished in the eyes of the nations where they were staying. I made myself clearly known to them[93] by bringing them out of Mitsrayim.

10 So I led them out of Mitsrayim and took them into the wilderness. **11** Then I gave them my instructions and regulations—anyone who follows them will live.[94] **12** I also established rest days as a sign between myself and them—for them to know that I am Yahweh who declares them different from others.[95] **13** But the Israeli people rebelled against me in the wilderness.

92 RV 20:5-6 · Cross-ref. Exo 6:2-8.

93 RV 20:9 · Note them: Probably referring to those countries, but some translations interpret it to refer to the ones being brought out.

94 RV 20:11-13 · Cross-ref. Lev 18:5.

95 RV 20:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 31:13-17.

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They wouldn't follow my instructions, and they rejected my regulations, even though anyone who obeys them will live. They severely disrespected my rest days, so I said I'd pour my fury out on them in the wilderness in order to end them. **14** But I did that to protect my reputation so it wouldn't be tarnished in the eyes of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out of Mitsrayim. **15** So I myself took action by making a promise to them in the wilderness not to bring them into the land that I'd been going to give them—a land flowing with milk and honey, which was the most beautiful out of all the lands.[96] **16** I promised that because they'd rejected my instructions and not followed my regulations, and they disrespected my rest days, because what they really wanted was their idols. **17** But I pitied them, so I didn't wipe them out in the wilderness.

18 I told their children in the wilderness, "Don't follow your parents' habits or behaviour, and don't defile yourselves with their idols. **19** I am Yahweh your god—follow my instructions, obey my regulations, **20** and keep my rest days different from other days so that they'll be a sign between me and you. That way you'll all know that I am Yahweh your god."

21 However, their sons and daughters rebelled against me. They didn't keep my instructions or follow my regulations, even though anyone who obeys them will live. They disrespected my rest days, so I determined to pour my fury out on them to satisfy my rage against them in the wilderness. **22** But I didn't proceed, for the sake of my reputation, so it wouldn't be mocked by the nations who saw me bring the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **23** So I took action in the wilderness, promising that instead I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them into other countries.[97] **24** I decided to do that since they hadn't obeyed my instructions, and since they'd rejected my regulations and disrespected my rest days—they really wanted their ancestors' idols.

25 Then I even gave them instructions that weren't good, and regulations that they couldn't live by. **26** I declared them to be defiled because of the gifts they gave (they sacrificed every woman's firstborn child in the fire) so that I could fill them with horror so they would know that I am Yahweh.'

27 Therefore, son of humanity, speak to the Israeli people and tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'That was also how your ancestors blasphemed me when they were unfaithful to me. **28** When I brought them into the land that I'd promised to give them, then whenever they saw any high hill and leafy tree, they offered their sacrifices. They provoked me with their offerings, and also burnt their fragrant incense there and poured out their drink offerings. **29** Then I asked them, "What's this high place where you present your offerings?" so the place is called Bamah (meaning 'High place') to this day.'

30 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh

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12 And_also ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my I_gave to/for_them to_be (into)_a_sign between_me and_between_them to_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** who_sanctifies_of_them. **13** And_ _they_rebelled against_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ _wilderness in_regulations_of_my not they_walked and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my they_rejected which the_humankind he_ _will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_them and_~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_profaned exceedingly and_I_said to_ _pour_out rage_of_my on_them in_wilderness to_make_an_ _end_of_them. **14** And_I_acted for_the_sake_of name_of_my to_ _not to_be_profaned to_the_eyes_of the_nations which I_had_ _brought_them_out to_eyes_of_their. **15** And_also I I_lifted_up hand_of_my to/for_them in_wilderness to_not to_bring them into the_earth/land which I_had_given flowing_of milk and_ _honey is_beauty it to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands. **16** Because (in)_judgements_of_my they_had_rejected and_~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my not they_had_walked in/among_them and_ _~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_had_profaned if/because after idols_of_their heart_of_their was_walking. **17** And_ eye_of_my _ _it_looked_with_compassion on_them from_destroying_them and_not I_made them complete_destruction in_wilderness. **18** And_I_said to children_of_their in_wilderness in_the_ _regulations_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) do_not walk and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_their do_not keep and_by_idols_of_ _their do_not make_yourselves_unclean. **19** I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl) in_regulations_of_my walk and_~~DOM~~ judgements_ _of_my keep and_do them. **20** And_~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my keep_ _holy and_they_will_be (into)_a_sign between_me and_ _between_you(pl) to_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_ _of_your(pl). **21** And_they_rebelled against_me the_children in_ _regulations_of_my not they_walked and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_ _my not they_kept for_doing them which the_humankind he_ _will_do them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_them ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_ _of_my they_profaned and_I_said to_pour_out rage_of_my on_ _them to_complete anger_of_my on_them in_wilderness. **22** And_I_turned_back ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my and_I_acted for_the_ _sake_of name_of_my to_not to_be_profaned to_the_eyes_of the_nations which I_brought_out them to_eyes_of_their. **23** Also I I_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to/for_them in_wilderness to_ _scatter ~~DOM~~_them among_nations and_to_disperse them among_lands. **24** Because judgements_of_my not they_had_ _done and_regulations_of_my they_had_rejected and_~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_had_profaned and_after the_idols_of their_parents_of_their eyes_of_their they_had_been. **25** And_ _also I I_gave to/for_them regulations not good and_ _judgements which_not they_will_live by_them. **26** And_I_ _made_unclean them by_gifts_of_their when_made_pass_ _through every_of firstborn_of a_womb so_that I_may_make_ _them_appalled so_that that they_may_know which/who I am_ _**YHWH**. **27** For_so/thus/hence speak to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Oh_son_of humankind and_you_will_say to_ _them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says again this ancestors_of_ _your(pl) they_blasphemed me when_they_acted_unfaithfully against_me unfaithfulness. **28** And_I_brought_them into the_ _earth/land which I_had_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to_give it

96 RV 20:15 · Cross-ref. Num 14:26-35.

97 RV 20:23 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:33.

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to/for_them and_they_saw every_of hill high and_all tree leafy and_they_sacrificed there ס֗ם sacrifices_of_their and_they_ _presented there the_provocation_of their_offering_of_their and_they_made there the_odour_of their_soothing_of_their and_they_poured_out there ס֗ם offerings_of_their_drink. **29** And_I_said to_them what is_the_high_place where you(pl) the_(ones_who)_went there and_ his/its_name _it_has_been_ _called Bāmāh until the_day (the)_this. **30** For_so/thus/hence say to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says in_the_way_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) are_you(pl) making_yourselves_unclean and_after things_of_their_ _detestable are_you(pl) acting_as_prostitutes. **31** And_when_ _lift_up gifts_of_your(pl) when_make_pass children_of_your(pl) in_fire you(pl) are_making_yourselves_unclean to/from_ _all/each/any/every idols_of_your(pl) until the_day and_I will_ _I_let_myself_be_consulted to/for_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if I_will_let_myself_be_consulted by_you(pl). **32** And_ _(the)_that_which_comes_up on spirit_of_your(pl) certainly_ _(happen) not it_will_happen that_which you(pl) are_saying we_will_be like_nations like_the_clans_of the_lands to_serve wood and_stone.

33 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_with_rage poured_out I_will_reign over_you(pl). **34** And_I_will_bring_out you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_ _lands which you(pl)_have_been_scattered among_them by_a_ _hand strong and_by_an_arm outstretched and_with_rage poured_out. **35** And_I_will_bring you(pl) into the_wilderness_of the_peoples and_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_you(pl) there face to face. **36** Just_as I_entered_into_judgement with ancestors_of_your(pl) in_the_wilderness_of the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) so I_will_enter_into_judgement with_ _you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **37** And_I_will_ _make_pass you(pl) under the_rod and_I_will_bring you(pl) in_ _the_bond_of the_covenant. **38** And_I_will_purge from_you(pl) those_who_rebel and_those_who_transgress against_me from_ _the_land_of their_sojournings_of_their I_will_bring_out them and_near/to the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_will_go and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **39** And_ _you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus he_says my_master **YHWH** everyone idols_of_his go serve and_after if not_you(pl) will_be_listening to_me and_ס֗ם the_name_of my_holiness_of_ _my not you(pl)_will_profane again by_gifts_of_your(pl) and_ _by_idols_of_your(pl). **40** If/because on_the_mountain_of my_ _holiness_of_my on_the_mountain_of the_height_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** there they_will_serve_me all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_ _of_all on_the_earth there I_will_accept_them and_there I_will_ _seek ס֗ם contributions_of_your(pl) and_ס֗ם the_choicest_of your(pl)_offerings_of_your(pl) in_all things_of_your(pl)_holy. **41** (In)_an_odour_of soothing I_will_accept you(pl) when_I_ _bring_out you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_lands which you(pl)_have_been_scattered among_ _them and_I_will_show_myself_holy among_you(pl) to_the_ _eyes_of the_nations. **42** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH** when_bring_I you(pl) into the_land_of

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asks this: 'Why do you defile yourselves with your ancestors' customs? Why do you act like prostitutes, searching for disgusting things? **31** To this day, when you offer up your gifts (offering your sons as burnt sacrifices), you defile yourselves with all your idols. So why should I let you try to find me, you Israeli people? As I live, I won't allow you people to request my help or advice. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **32** The thought that's forming in your mind will never happen. You people say, "Let's be like the other nations—like the clans in other countries who worship wood and stone."

Punishment and forgiveness

33 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll certainly reign over you people with strict control, and with fury that'll be poured out on you. **34** I'll bring you out from the other people groups and will gather you out of the countries where you've been scattered. I'll do this with power, pouring out fury. **35** Then I'll bring you into the wilderness of the people groups, and there I'll judge you face to face— **36** just like I judged your ancestors in the Mitsri (Egyptian) wilderness, that's how I'll judge you people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

37 I'll cause you people to pass under my staff to be counted, and I'll make you obey the requirements of our agreement. **38** I'll purge the rebels from among you, as well as those who revolt against me. I'll send them out from the land where they're staying as foreigners, but they won't enter Yisrael (Israel). Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

39 So to you Israeli people, the master Yahweh says this: 'Each of you should go to his own idols. Worship them if you refuse to listen to me, but you must no longer desecrate my sacred name with your gifts and your idols, **40** because this is the master Yahweh's declaration: all the Israeli people will worship me there on my sacred mountain in Yisrael. I'll be happy to accept your offerings there, along with your choice gifts dedicated to me. **41** I'll accept you like a soothing aroma when I bring you out from the people groups and gather you out of the countries where you've been scattered. I'll display my holiness among you for the nations to see. **42** You'll know that I am Yahweh when I bring you back to Yisrael—to the land that I promised to give to your ancestors. **43** There you'll call to mind your conduct and everything you defiled yourselves by doing, and you'll despise yourselves for all the evil things you've done. **44** Then you'll know that I am

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Yahweh, when I do this to you for the sake of my reputation, not because of your evil practices, and not because of your corrupt actions, you Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The burnt forest

45 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 46 "Son of humanity, look towards the southern lands, and speak against the south—prophesy against the Negev forest. 47 Tell the forest that this is the master Yahweh's declaration: See, I'll set a fire among you. It'll burn up every tree among you, whether living or dead. The fiery flame won't be able to be put out—every area from the north to the south will be burnt. 48 Then everyone will see that I am Yahweh, when I light the fire, and it can't be extinguished.' "

49 Then I said, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, now they're wondering if I'm just someone who tells cute parables."

Yahweh's piercing sword

21:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, look towards Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and speak against the sacred places and prophesy against Yisrael (Israel). 3 Tell Yisrael that Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you. I'll draw my sword from its sheath to kill both the righteous and the wicked among you. 4 Yes, in order for me to eliminate both the righteous and the wicked from you, my sword will go out from its sheath against everyone from the south to the north, 5 then everyone will know that I, Yahweh, have drawn my sword from its sheath. It will no longer hold back.'

6 As for you, son of humanity, groan as if your pelvis has cracked. Groan bitterly in front of them. 7 That'll get the people asking you, 'What are you groaning about?' Then you'll tell them, 'Because of the news that's coming, because every stomach will go tense and every hand will tremble. Breathing will be-

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) into the_earth/land which I_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to_give it to_ancestors_of_your(pl). 43 And_ _you(pl)_will_remember there ~~DOM~~ ways_of_your(pl) and_~~DOM~~ all_of practices_of_your(pl) which you_have_made_yourselves_ _unclean by_them and_you(pl)_will_feel_loathing at_faces_of_ _your(pl) in_all deeds_of_your(pl)_wicked which you(pl)_have_ _done. 44 And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_do_I with_you(pl) for_the_sake_of name_of_my not according_to_of_your(pl)_ways (the)_wicked and_according_to_ _of_your(pl)_practices (the)_corrupt Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

21:1 [98] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 2 [99] Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your the_direction_of southward_to and_prophesy against the_south and_prophesy against the_forest_of the_field the_south. 3 [100] And_you_will_ _say to_the_forest_of the_south hear the_message_of **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_kindle in_ _you a_fire and_it_will_consume in_you(ms) every_of tree moist and_all tree dry not the_flame_of flame it_will_be_extinguished and_they_will_be_scorched by_it all_of faces from_the_south north_to_the. 4 [101] And_ all_of flesh _they_will_see if/because_ _that I **YHWH** I_have_kindled_it not it_will_be_extinguished. 5 [102] And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** they are_saying to_me not is_he making_a_parable parables.

6 [103] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 7 [104] Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_prophesy against sanctuaries and_prophesy against the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 8 [105] And_ _you_will_say to_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus **YHWH** he_ _says HERE_I am_against_you and_I_will_bring_out sword_of_ _my from_sheath_of_its and_I_will_cut_off from_you the_ _righteous and_the_wicked. 9 [106] Because that I_have_cut_off from_you the_righteous and_the_wicked for_so/thus/hence sword_of_my it_will_go_forth from_sheath_of_its against all_of flesh from_the_south the_north. 10 [107] And_ all_of flesh _they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_brought_out sword_of_my from_sheath_of_its not it_will_go_back again. 11 [108] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind groan with_ _breaking_of loins and_with_bitterness you_will_groan to_eyes_ _of_their. 12 [109] And_it_was if/because they_will_say to_you concerning what are_you groaning and_you_will_say because_ _of a_report if/because_that it_is_coming and_ every_of heart _

98 **LV 21:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.45
99 **LV 21:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.46
100 **LV 21:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.47
101 **LV 21:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.48
102 **LV 21:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.49
103 **LV 21:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.1
104 **LV 21:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.2
105 **LV 21:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.3
106 **LV 21:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.4
107 **LV 21:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.5
108 **LV 21:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.6
109 **LV 21:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.7

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_it_will_melt and_ all_of hands _they_will_drop and_ every_of spirit _it_will_grow_faint and_all knees they_will_go water THERE it_is_coming and_it_will_happen the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **13** [110] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **14** [111] Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_ _will_say thus my_master he_says say a_sword a_sword it_has_ _been_sharpened and_also it_is_polished. **15** [112] So_as to_ _slaughter a_slaughter it_has_been_sharpened so_as be to/for_ _her/it lightning it_has_been_polished or we_will_rejoice the_ _scepter_of my_son_of_my it_is_rejecting_of every_of tree. **16** [113] And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_her/it to_polish_it to_grasp_it in_ _palm it it_has_been_sharpened a_sword and_she it_has_been_ _polished to_put it in_the_hand_of one_who_slays. **17** [114] Cry_ _out and_wail Oh_son_of humankind if/because it it_has_ _come[115] on_people_of_my it in_all the_princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thrown_of to the_sword they_have_been with people_of_my for_so/thus/hence slap to a_thigh. **18** [116] If/because it_has_been_tested and_what if also a_scepter it_is_ _rejecting not it_will_be the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **19** [117] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_strike palm to palm and_ a_sword _let_it_be_doubled a_third a_sword_ _of those_slain it is_a_sword_of the_slain (the)_great which_ _surrounds to/for_them. **20** [118] So_as to_ a_heart _melt and_ _may_be_many the_stumblings at all_of gates_of_their I_have_ _set a_slaughter_of a_sword alas it_is_made for_lightning it_is_ _wrapped for_slaughter. **21** [119] Be_sharp go_to_the_right cause_ _to_set go_to_the_left where face_of_is_your set. **22** [120] And_also I I_will_strike palm_of_my to palm_of_my and_I_will_give_rest_ _to rage_of_my I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

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come difficult, and every knee will turn to jelly. Listen, it's coming, and that's what it'll be like. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

8 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **9** "Son of humanity, prophesy and tell them that the master says this:

"A sword! A sword!
It will be sharpened and polished.
10 It will be sharpened in order to engage in great slaughter!
It will be polished in order to be like lightning!
Should we rejoice in my son's scepter?
The coming sword hates every such rod.
11 So the sword will be given to be polished,
and then to be grasped by the hand.
The sword is sharpened and polished
and will be handed to the one who kills!" ' "
12 Call for help and wail, son of humanity,
because that sword has come against my people.
It's against all of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders—
they're thrown against the sword along with my people.
Therefore, hammer your fists against the wall,
13 because testing will come,
but what if the scepter doesn't last?
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

14 Now, son of humanity, prophesy and clap your two hands together loudly,
because the sword will attack even a third time.
A sword for the ones to be slaughtered.
It's a sword for the many to be slaughtered,
piercing them wherever they run.
15 In order to melt their hearts and to multiply their fallen,
I've placed the sword for slaughter at all their gates.
Ah, it flashes like lightning.
It's held tightly for slaughter.
16 You, sword, strike to the right.
Strike to the left.
Go in whichever direction you're facing,
17 because I will also clap my two hands together,
and then I'll cease my fury.
I, Yahweh, declare it."

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110 LV 21:13 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.8

111 LV 21:14 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.9

112 LV 21:15 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.10

113 LV 21:16 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.11

114 LV 21:17 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.12

115 LV 21:17 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

116 LV 21:18 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.13

117 LV 21:19 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.14

118 LV 21:20 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.15

119 LV 21:21 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.16

120 LV 21:22 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.17

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The sword of Bavel's king

18 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 19 "Now, son of humanity, assign two roads for Bavel's (Babylon's) king's sword to come on. The two roads will start in the same land, and a signpost will mark one of them as leading to a city. 20 Markos one road for the Babylonian army to come to Rabah, the Amoni city. Markos the other to lead the army to Yehudah (Judah) and the fortified city of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 21 because the Babylonian king will stop at the crossroads, at the junction, in order to practice divination. He'll shake some arrows and ask direction from some idols, and he'll examine a liver. 22 With his right hand he'll take the sign for Yerushalem: to set battering rams against it, to open his mouth to order the slaughter, to sound a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp, and to erect siege towers. 23 From the perspective of those in Yerushalem, it would seem to be a pointless sign, since they'd made a treaty with the Babylonians, but the king will accuse them of violating their treaty so he can besiege them.

24 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: You've caused your guilt to be noticed by revealing your disobedience, so that your sins will be obvious through all your actions. Because you've done that, you'll be taken by force. 25 As for you, Yisrael's (Israel's) profane and wicked ruler, your time of going against me has now ended and your day of punishment has come. 26 The master Yahweh instructs you: Remove the turban and take off the crown. Things will no longer be the same. I'll give power to those who had none, and disgrace those who had power. 27 A ruin. A ruin. Yes, I'll make it a ruin. It won't be restored until the person comes who's assigned to execute judgement.

Yahweh warns the Amonim

28 So you, son of humanity, prophesy and say, 'The master Yahweh says this to the Amonim concerning their coming disgrace: A sword, a sword is drawn. It's sharpened for the slaughter in order to devour, so

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23 [121] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 24 [122] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind make to/for_ _yourself(m) two roads to_ the_sword_of the_king_of Bāvel _ _come from_a_land one both_of_them they_will_go_out and_a_ _monument cut_out at_the_beginning_of the_road_of a_city cut_it_out. 25 [123] A_road you_will_make to_ a_sword _come ~~DOM~~ Rabāh of_the_people_of of_ʹAmmōn and_~~DOM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) fortified. 26 [124] If/because the_ _king_of Bāvel he_has_stopped to the_mother_of the_road at_ _the_beginning_of the_two_of the_roads to_divine divination he_has_shaken (in)_arrows he_has_enquired by_teraphim he_ _has_looked at_liver. 27 [125] In_his_right_of_hand it_was the_ _divination Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_set_up battering-rams to_open a_mouth for_shattering to_raise a_sound with_a_war_ _cry to_set_up battering-rams on the_gates to_pour_out a_ _mound to_build a_siege-work. 28 [126] And_it_was to/for_them mmm[127] falsehood in_eyes_of_their oaths_of oaths to/for_them and_he will_bring_to_remembrance iniquity to_be_seized. 29 [128] For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because you_brought_to_remembrance iniquity_of_your(pl) because_ transgressions_of_your(pl) _were_uncovered to_ sins_ _of_your(pl) _be_seen in_all_of practices_of_your(pl) because you_have_been_remembered by_palm you(pl)_will_be_seized. 30 [129] And_you(ms) Oh_profane_one wicked prince_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) whom day_of_his it_has_come at_a_time_of punishment_of the_end. 31 [130] Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_remove the_turban and_to_lift_off the_crown this not this the_lowly exalt[131] and_the_exalted[132] to_bring_low. 32 [133] A_ _ruin a_ruin a_ruin I_will_make_it also this not it_will_be until the_one_whom to_him/it the_judgement comes and_I_will_ _give_him/it.

33 [135] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_ _will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says concerning the_ _people_of ʹAmmōn and_near/to reproach_of_their and_you_ _will_say a_sword a_sword is_drawn for_slaughter it_is_ _polished to_contain on_account_of lightning. 34 [136] When_see

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121 LV 21:23 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.18

122 LV 21:24 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.19

123 LV 21:25 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.20

124 LV 21:26 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.21

125 LV 21:27 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.22

126 LV 21:28 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.23

127 LV 21:28 · Note OSHB variant note: כ/סוסק: (x-qere) כ/סָסָק': lemma_k/7080 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_26MeU כ/סָסָק

128 LV 21:29 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.24

129 LV 21:30 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.25

130 LV 21:31 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.26

131 LV 21:31 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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133 LV 21:32 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.27

135 LV 21:33 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.28

136 LV 21:34 · Note Note: KJB: Ezek.21.29

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to/for_you(fs) falsehood when_divine to/for_you(fs) falsehood to_give you to the_necks_of those_profaned_of wicked_people whom day_of_their it_has_come at_a_time_of punishment_of the_end. **35** **137** Pūṭ_it_back into sheath_of_its in_the_place_of (of)_where you_were_created in_land your(pl)_origins_of_your I_will_judge you. **36** **138** And_I_will_pour_out on_you indignation_of_my with_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_ _will_blow on_you and_I_will_give_you in_the_hand_of men brutish craftsmen_of destruction. **37** **139** For_fire you_will_ _become for_food blood_of_your it_will_be in_the_middle the_ _earth/land not you_will_be_remembered if/because I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

22:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind will_you_judge will_you_ _judge ᴅᴏᴍ the_city_of (the)_blood(s) and_you_will_make_ _known_to_it ᴅᴏᴍ all_of abominations_of_its. **3** And_you_will_ _say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says Oh_city which_sheds blood in_the_midst_of_of_it to_ time_of_its _come and_it_has_ _made idols on/upon_it(f) to_become_unclean. **4** By_blood_of_ _your which you_have_shed you_have_become_guilty and_by_ _idols_of_your which you_have_made you_have_become_ _unclean and_you_have_brought_near days_of_your and_ _you(m)_have_come to years_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_made_you a_reproach to_nations and_derision to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands. **5** The_ _nations_nearby and_the_nations_far_off from_you they_will_ _deride (in)_you Oh_unclean_of the_name Oh_great_one_of (the)_turmoil. **6** HERE the_princes_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) each to_ _strength_of_his they_have_been in_you so_as to_shed blood. **7** father and_mother they_have_treated_with_contempt in_you to_sojourner they_have_acted with_oppression in_the_midst_ _of_of_you fatherless_one and_widow they_have_maltreated in_you. **8** Things_of_my_holy you_have_despised and_ᴅᴏᴍ sabbaths_of_my you_have_profaned. **9** People_of slander they_ _have_been in_you so_as to_shed blood and_near/to the_ _mountains they_have_eaten in_you licentiousness they_have_ _done in_the_midst_of_of_you. **10** The_nakedness_of a_father someone_has_uncovered in_you the_woman_unclean_of the_ _menstruation they_have_humiliated in_you. **11** And_a_man with the_wife_of his/its_neighbour he_has_done abomination and_a_man ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_daughter-in-law he_has_defiled in_ _wickedness and_a_man ᴅᴏᴍ sister_of_his the_daughter_of his/its_father he_has_humiliated in_you. **12** A_bribe they_have_ _taken in_you so_as to_shed blood interest and_usury you_ _have_taken and_you_have_made_unjust_gain neighbour_of_ _your by_oppression and_me you_have_forgotten the_

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it'll be like lightning.[134] **29** While prophets see empty visions for you and perform rituals to come up with lies for you, this sword will lie on the necks of the wicked who are about to be killed, whose day of punishment has come and whose time of disobedience is about to end.

30 Return the sword to its sheath. I'll judge you in the place where you were created. In your native land **31** I'll pour my indignation out on you! I'll fan the fire of my rage against you and hand you over to cruel men—craftsmen of destruction. **32** You'll become fuel for the fire. Your blood will be spilled right there in your own land. You won't be remembered, because I, Yahweh have declared it.' "

Yerushalem's evil ways

22:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Now you, son of humanity, will you judge the city of blood? Will you judge Yerushalem (Jerusalem)? Make it understand all its disgusting behaviour. **3** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: You're a city that sheds blood right there in your centre, forcing your time of judgement to come—a city that makes idols to defile yourself. **4** You've become guilty because of the blood you've poured out, and you've become defiled by the idols you've made. You've brought your days to a close, and the end of your years has come, so I'll allow the other nations to laugh at you and mock you. **5** You unclean city full of confusion, both people who are near and those who are far away will deride you.

6 Listen, each of Yisrael's (Israel's) rulers has used their own resources to go to you, Yerushalem, to shed blood. **7** They've dishonoured the fathers and mothers within you,[140] and they've oppressed the foreigners there among you. They've mistreated the orphans and the widows within you.[141] **8** You've despised my sacred things and disrespected my rest days.[142] **9** Slanderous men have come into you in order to pour out blood, and they eat at the hilltop shrines. They do wicked things right there in your centre. **10** Within you, men uncover their fathers' nakedness. Within you they've violated women during their 'unclean' menstrual period.[143] **11** Men who sleep with their neighbours' wives, and men who sleep with their own daughters-in-law, even men who abuse their own sisters or half-sisters. All these are done within you. **12** Those men are involved in paid assassinations within you, plus you've taken interest and gained too much profit,[144] you've harmfully oppressed your neighbours, and you've forgotten me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

134 **RV 21:28-32 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 25:1-7; Amos 1:3-15; Zeph 2:8-11; Gen 19:36-38; Jdg 3:12-13; 10:6-11.

137 **LV 21:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.30

138 **LV 21:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.31

139 **LV 21:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.32

140 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

141 **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:21-22; Deu 24:17.

142 **RV 22:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:30; 26:2.

143 **RV 22:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:7-20.

144 **RV 22:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:8; Deu 16:19; Exo 22:25; Lev 25:36-37; Deu 23:19.

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13 Listen, Yerushalem. I've reached out and taken away the dishonest gain that you've made, and the bloodshed that's done in your centre. 14 Will your heart keep beating when I personally deal with you? Will your hands be able to resist trembling? I, Yahweh, am declaring this, and I will do it. 15 I'll scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the lands—that's how I'll purge your uncleanness from you, 16 and you'll become unclean in the eyes of the nations. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh's separating out the rubble

17 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 18 "Son of humanity, the Israeli people have become like dross to me. They're all just the leftovers of bronze, tin, iron, and lead among you—they'll be like the dross from silver in your furnace. 19 Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you people have become like dross, then listen: I'm about to gather you into the centre of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 20 Just like men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin, and put it into a furnace to melt it, then blast the fire onto it in order to melt it, that's how I'll gather you in my anger and my rage, and I'll put you in there and melt you. 21 Yes, I'll gather you and blow my fire of fury onto you, and you'll be melted in the middle of it. 22 Just like silver's melted in a furnace, you'll be melted in it, and you'll know that I, Yahweh, have poured my wrath out onto you!' "

The sins of Yisrael's teachers

23 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 24 "Son of humanity, tell the land, 'You're a land that hasn't been cleansed. When you're judged, there won't be any rain. 25 There's a conspiracy among the prophets within the land, like a roaring lion tearing apart a victim. They consume life and take precious wealth—making many widows within it. 26 Its priests do violence to my law, and they profane my sacred things. They don't distinguish between sacred and profane things, and don't teach the difference between what God approved and what he didn't.[146] They ignore my rest days so I end up getting mocked among them. 27 Its leaders within it are like wolves tearing apart their victims. They pour out blood and destroy life, just to make a dishonest profit, 28 but its prophets have painted them over with whitewash. They see false visions and predict falsehoods to them, saying 'The master Yahweh says this' when Yahweh hasn't spoken. 29 The land's people have oppressed others through extortion and robbery, they mistreat the poor and needy, and they oppress foreigners by denying them justice. 30 Then I searched for an advocate from among them who'd build up a wall of righteousness and who'd admit the breaches made by the country and make an ap-

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_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 13 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_ _will_strike palm_of_my concerning gain_of_your_unjust which you_have_made and_on blood_of_your which they_have_been in_the_midst_of_of_you. 14 Will_ heart_of_your _it_stand or hands_of_your will_they_be_strong to_days when I will_be_ _dealing with_you I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_act. 15 And_I_will_scatter you among_nations and_I_will_disperse_ _you among_lands and_I_will_make_an_end_of uncleanness_of_ _your from_you. 16 And_you_will_be_profaned on/over_you(fs) to_the_eyes_of nations and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

17 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 18 Oh_ _son_of humankind they_have_become to_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[145] of_them_of_all are_copper and_tin and_iron and_lead in_the_middle a_furnace dross(es) silver they_have_become. 19 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because of_you_of_all have_become (into)_ _dross(es) for_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_gather you(pl) into the_middle_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 20 The_ _gathering_of silver and_copper and_iron and_lead and_tin into the_middle_of a_furnace to_blow on/upon/above_him/it fire to_melt_it so I_will_gather in_anger_of_my and_in_rage_of_my and_I_will_set_down and_I_will_melt you(pl). 21 And_I_will_ _gather you(pl) and_I_will_blow on_you(pl) with_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my and_you(pl)_will_be_melted in_the_ _midst_of_of_it. 22 Like_the_melting_of silver in_the_middle a_ _furnace so you(pl)_will_be_melted in_the_midst_of_of_it and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_poured_out rage_of_my on_you(pl).

23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 24 Oh_ _son_of humankind say to/for_her/it you are_a_land which_not it is_cleansed not rain_of_its in/on_day indignation. 25 (The)_ _conspiracy_of its_prophets_of_her is_in_the_midst_of_of_it like_a_lion roaring which_tears prey person[s] they_have_ _devoured wealth and_glory/honour they_have_been_taking widows_of_its they_have_multiplied in_the_midst_of_of_it. 26 Priests_of_its they_have_treated_violently law_of_my and_ _they_have_profaned things_of_my_holy between a_holy_thing and_a_profane_thing not they_have_made_a_distinction and_ _between (the)_unclean_thing and_a_clean_thing not they_ _have_made_known and_from_sabbaths_of_my they_have_ _hidden eyes_of_their and_I_have_been_profaned among_them. 27 Princes_of_its in_midst_of_its are_like_wolves which_tear_of (of)_prey to_shed blood to_destroy lives so_as to_make_unjust_ _gain unjust_gain. 28 And_prophets_of_its they_have_plastered to/for_them whitewash they_are_seeing falsehood and_they_ _are_divining to/for_them falsehood they_are_saying thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says and_**YHWH** not he_had_spoken. 29 The_people_of the_earth/land they_have_extorted extortion and_they_have_robbed robbery and_the_poor and_the_needy they_have_maltreated and_~~DOM~~ the_sojourner they_have_ _oppressed with_not justice. 30 And_I_sought from_them a_ _person who_will_wall_up a_wall and_who_will_stand in_

145 LV 22:18 · Note OSHB variant note: גוס/ל: (x-qere) גֵּיסְלִי: lemma_l/5509 n_1 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_26xWm גֵּיסְלִי

146 RV 22:26 · Cross-ref. Lev 10:10.

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_breach to/for_my_face/front for the_earth/land to_not to_
_destroy_it and_not I_found_anyone. **31** And_I_have_poured_
_out on_them indignation_of_my with_the_fire_of my_severe_
_anger_of_my I_have_made_an_end_of_them conduct_of_their
on_their_own_of_head I_have_requited the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**.
23:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind two women daughters_of a_mother
one they_were. **3** And_they_acted_as_prostitutes in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_youth(s)_of_their they_acted_as_
prostitutes there(to) breasts_of_their they_were_touched
and_there people_squeezed the_nipples_of their_virginiti(es)_
_of_their. **4** And_names_of_their was_'Āh$_e$lāh the_old_one and_
was'Āh$_e$līvāh sister_of_her and_they_belonged to_me and_
_they_bore sons and_daughters and_names_of_their was_
_Shomrōn 'Āh$_e$lāh and_was_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
'Āh$_e$līvāh.
5 And_ 'Āh$_e$lāh _she_acted_as_a_prostitute under_me and_she_
_lusted on lovers_of_her to 'Ashshūr were_warriors. **6** Clothed_
_of blue governors and_officials young_men_of desire of_them_
_of_all horsemen who_rode_of horses. **7** And_she/it_gave
prostitution(s)_of_her to_them were_the_choicest_of the_sons_
_of 'Ashshūr of_them_of_all and_by_all those_whom she_
_lusted_after in_all idols_of_their she_made_herself_unclean.
8 And_~~DOM~~ prostitution(s)_of_her from_Mitsrayim not she_
_abandoned if/because with_her people_had_lain in_youth(s)_
_of_her and_they they_had_squeezed the_nipples_of her_
_virginiti(es)_of_her and_they_had_poured_out prostitution_
_of_their on_her. **9** For_so/thus/hence I_gave_her in_the_hand_
_of her_lovers in_the_hand_of the_people_of 'Ashshūr whom
she_had_lusted on_them. **10** They they_uncovered nakedness_
_of_her her/its_sons/descendants and_her/its_daughters they_
_took and_her with_sword they_killed and_it_became a_name
to_women and_judgements they_brought_about on_her.

11 And_ sister_of_her 'Āh$_e$līvāh _she/it_saw and_she_acted_
_corruptly lust_of_her from_her/it and_~~DOM~~ prostitution(s)_of_
_her more_than_the_prostitution(s)_of her_sister_of_her. **12** To
the_sons_of 'Ashshūr she_lusted governors and_officials
warriors clothed_of perfection horsemen who_rode_of horses
were_young_men_of desire of_them_of_all. **13** And_I_saw
if/because_that she_had_made_herself_unclean way one
belonged_to_both_of_of_them. **14** And_she_added to
prostitution(s)_of_her and_she/it_saw men_of a_carved_thing
on the_wall the_images_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy[147] inscribed
with_vermilion. **15** Girded_of a_loincloth on_hips_of_their
overhung_of turbans on_heads_of_their the_appearance_of
officers of_them_of_all the_likeness_of the_sons_of Bāvel
Chaldea was_the_land_of their_kindred_of_their. **16** And[148] on_
_them to_the_sight_of her_eyes_of_her she_sent messengers
to_them to_Chaldea. **17** And_they_came to_her/it the_sons_of
Bāvel to_a_bed_of love(s) and_they_defiled her by_
_prostitution_of_their and_she_became_unclean by_them and_
self_of_her _it_was_alienated from_them. **18** And_she_

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peal on its behalf so I wouldn't destroy it, but I didn't find anyone. **31** So I'll pour my indignation out onto them. I'll finish them off with the fire of my indignation, and their own actions will seal their fate. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The parable of two prostitutes

23:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, once there was a woman who had two daughters **3** who, as young women, prostituted themselves in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Their breasts were squeezed and their virgin nipples were fondled there. **4** The older one was Oholah (referring to Shomron (Samaria) or Shomron) and her younger sister was Oholivah (referring to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)). Then they became my wives and had sons and daughters.

The sin and punishment of Shomron/Samaria

5 But Oholah prostituted herself even when she was mine. She lusted for her lovers: for the Assyrian warriors, **6** princes and captains dressed in fine clothes. They were attractive young men riding their horses, **7** and she gave them sexual favours. They were all the best of Ashur's (Assyria's) men, and she defiled herself with everyone she lusted for, and with all their idols. **8** She hadn't left her prostitute behaviour behind in Mitsrayim (Egypt), where they'd slept with her when she was young—caressing her virgin nipples and pouring their lust out on her.
9 That's why I handed her over to her lovers—those Assyrians that she lusted for. **10** They uncovered her nakedness, took her sons and daughters, and killed her with the sword. She'd become notorious among women, so they executed judgement on her.

Yerushalem's sin

11 Her sister Oholivah saw that, but she lusted more passionately and prostituted herself even more wildly than her sister. **12** She also lusted for the Assyrians, the governors and the dominating officials who rode horses and dressed impressively. All of them were strong, handsome men. **13** I saw that she'd defiled herself just like her older sister.
14 Then she increased her prostitution even more. She saw men carved on walls, figures of Kasdim (Chaldeans) painted in red, **15** wearing belts around their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads. All of them looked like chariot troop officers, similar to Babylonians (whose native land is the land of the Kasdim). **16** As soon as she saw those pictures, she lusted for those men, so she sent messengers out to them in the land of the Kasdim. **17** The Babylonians came to her and to her bed of lust, and they defiled her with their promiscuity. Yes, she'd defiled herself by what she'd done, so she turned herself away from them in disgust. **18** When she'd exposed her nakedness and openly been

147 LV 23:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **סייחשכ**: (x-qere) **סִיחְשַׁכ'**: lemma_3778 n_0.1 morph_HNgmpa id_261kr **סִיחְשַׁכ**
148 LV 23:16 · Note OSHB variant note: **בנעת/ו**: (x-qere) **ה֫/בְּנְעַת/ו'**: lemma_c/5689 morph_HC/Vqw3fs/Sh id_26qX2 **ה֫/בְּנְעַת/ו**

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involved in prostitution, I turned away from her just like I'd turned away in disgust from her sister. **19** Then she increased her prostitution as she remembered when she was a young prostitute in Mitsrayim (Egypt), **20** and she lusted for her lovers whose private parts were long like those of donkeys, and whose emissions of semen were huge like those of stallions. **21** That's how you did those shameful things when you were young, when the Mitsrim (Egyptians) fondled your nipples and squeezed your young breasts.

Yahweh's judgement of Yerushalem

22 Therefore, Oholivah, the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'll turn your lovers against you. I'll bring those that you rejected against you from every side: **23** the Babylonians and all the Kasdim (Chaldeans), Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them—strong, handsome men, governors and commanders, all of them officers and famous men, all of them riding on horses. **24** They'll bring many people against you with weapons, as well as chariots and wagons. They'll surround you with units with large shields, small shields, and helmets. I'll get them to punish you, and they'll punish you with their actions. **25** I'll direct my jealous anger at you, and they'll deal with you in fury. They'll cut off your noses and your ears, and even the survivors will be killed by the sword. They'll take away your sons and your daughters, and the remainder will be burnt. **26** They'll strip off your clothes and take away all your jewellery. **27** I'll remove your shameful behaviour from you, including your acts of prostitution with Mitsrayim (Egypt). You'll give up your longing looks towards them, and you won't think about Mitsrayim any more,' **28** because the master Yahweh says this, Listen, I'll hand you over to the ones you hate—back into the control of the ones you'd turned away from. **29** They'll show their hate for you as they take all your possessions and abandon you naked and bare—yes, your nakedness will be uncovered just like when you engaged in promiscuity and prostitution. **30** These things will be done to you because you acted like a prostitute—lusting after nations whose idols defiled you.

31 You followed a similar path to that of your older sister, so I'll give you the same punishment that I gave her.' **32** The master Yahweh says this, 'You'll suffer the same extreme suffering that your sister suffered. You'll become a laughingstock and a subject for derision—there's a lot of pain coming your way. **33** You'll be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, horror and devastation—the same suffering that your sister Shomron (Samaria) was made to drink. **34** You'll drink that cup of suffering and drain it empty, then you'll shatter it and tear your breasts with the pieces. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

35 So the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you've forgotten me and thrown me away behind your back, you'll bear the consequences of your shameful behaviour and your prostitution.' "

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_uncovered prostitution(s)_of_her and_she_uncovered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ nakedness_of_her and_ self_of_my _it_was_alienated from_ _with_her just_as self_of_my it_had_been_alienated from_under sister_of_her. **19** And_she_increased ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ prostitution(s)_of_her to_remember ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_days_of her_youth(s)_of_her when she_ _acted_as_a_prostitute in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **20** And_ _she_lusted on paramours_of_their whom was_the_flesh_of donkeys flesh_of_their and_was_the_ejaculation_of horses ejaculation_of_their. **21** And_you_sought ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_ _licentiousness_of your_youth(s)_of_your when_squeezed from_Mitsrayim nipples_of_your on_account_of the_breasts_of your_youth(s)_of_your.
22 For_so/thus/hence Oh_'Āh$_e$līvāh thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_rouse ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ lovers_of_your on_you ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ those_whom self_of_your it_was_alienated from_them and_I_will_bring_them on_you from_round_about. **23** The_ _people_of Bāv̇el and_all the_ones_from_Kasdiy Pəqōd and_ _Shṓa and_Qṓa all_of the_people_of 'Ashshūr with_them young_men_of desire governors and_officials of_them_of_all officers and_those_who_are_called who_rode_of horses of_ _them_of_all. **24** And_they_will_come on_you weapon[s]_of chariot[s] and_wheel[s] and_with_a_company_of peoples body_ _shield and_shield and_helmet they_will_set_up on_you all_ _around and_I_will_set before_them judgement and_they_will_ _judge_you by_judgements_of_their. **25** And_I_will_set jealousy_ _of_my on/over_you(fs) and_they_will_deal with_you in_rage nose_of_your and_ears_of_your they_will_remove and_ _remainder_of_your by_sword it_will_fall they sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your they_will_take and_remainder_of_your it_will_be_consumed by_fire. **26** And_they_will_strip_off_you ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ clothes_of_your and_they_will_take_away the_articles_of your_beauty_of_your. **27** And_I_will_cause_to_cease licentiousness_of_your from_you and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ prostitution_of_your from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_not you_will_lift_up eyes_of_your to_them and_Mitsrayim not you_will_remember again. **28** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_of_to_give_you in_the_hand_of those_whom you_ _hate in_the_hand_of those_whom self_of_your it_has_been_ _alienated from_them. **29** And_they_will_deal with_you in_ _hatred and_they_will_take all_of property_of_your and_they_ _will_leave_you nakedness and_bareness and_ the_nakedness_ _of your(pl)_prostitution(s)_of_your and_licentiousness_of_ _your and_prostitution(s)_of_your _it_will_be_uncovered.
30 They_have_done these_things to/for_you(fs) because_you_ _acted_as_a_prostitute after nations on that you_made_ _yourself_unclean by_idols_of_their. **31** In_the_way_of your_ _sister_of_your you_have_walked and_I_will_put cup_of_her in_ _hand_of_your. **32** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_cup_of your_sister_of_your you_will_drink (the)_deep and_(the)_wide it_will_become (into)_laughter and_(into)_mockery much to_ _contain. **33** Drunkenness and_sorrow you_will_be_filled is_a_ _cup_of horror and_desolation the_cup_of your_sister_of_your Shomrōn. **34** And_you_will_drink it and_you_will_drain_it and_ _~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ fragments_of_its you_will_break and_breasts_of_your you_will_tear_out if/because I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **35** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because you_have_forgotten me and_you_have_ _thrown me behind back_of_your and_also you bear

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licentiousness_of_your and_ĐƠM prostitution(s)_of_your.

36 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind will_ _you_judge ĐƠM ʾĀhₑlāh and_ĐƠM ʾĀhₑlīvāh and_declare to_ _them ĐƠM abominations_of_their. **37** If/because they_have_ _committed_adultery and_blood is_on_hands_of_their and_ĐƠM idols_of_their they_have_committed_adultery and_also ĐƠM children_of_their whom they_bore to_me they_made_pass_ _through to/for_them for_food. **38** Again this they_have_done to_me they_have_made_unclean ĐƠM sanctuary_of_my in_the_ _day (the)_that and_ĐƠM sabbaths_of_my they_have_profaned. **39** And_when_they_had_slaughtered ĐƠM children_of_their to_ _idols_of_their and_they_came into sanctuary_of_my in_the_ _day (the)_that to_profane_it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE thus they_ _did in_the_middle my_house_of_my. **40** And_also if/because they_sent for_men who_come from_a_distance whom a_ _messenger was_sent to_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_came those_for_whom you_bathed you_painted eyes_of_your and_ _you_adorned_yourself ornament[s]. **41** And_you_sat on a_ _couch glorious and_a_table was_arranged before_it and_ _incense_of_my and_oil_of_my you_put on_it. **42** And_the_ _sound a_multitude at_ease was_in_her and_near/to men of_ _the_multitude_of humankind were_brought Ṣāvā'[149] from_ _the_wilderness and_they_put bracelets to_hands_of_their and_ _a_crown_of beauty on heads_of_their. **43** And_I_said of_worn_ _out adulteri(es) now[150] they_will_act_as_a_prostitutes[151] prostitution(s)_of_her and_she. **44** And_he_went to_her/it as_ _goes into a_woman a_prostitute so they_went into ʾĀhₑlāh and_near/to ʾĀhₑlīvāh the_women_of (the)_licentiousness. **45** And_people righteous they they_will_judge them judgement_of adulteresses and_judgement_of women_who_ _shed_of (of)_blood if/because are_adulteresses they and_blood is_on_hands_of_their. **46** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says bring_up on_them a_company and_make them into_a_ _terror and_to_spoil. **47** And_they_will_stone on_them stone[s] the_company and_they_will_cut_down them with_swords_of_ _their sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their they_will_kill and_ _houses_of_their with_fire they_will_burn. **48** And_I_will_cause_ _to_cease licentiousness from the_earth/land and_ all_of the_ _women _they_will_be_warned and_not they_will_do like_ _licentiousness_of_your(pl). **49** And_people_will_requite licentiousness_of_your(pl) to_you(pl) and_the_sins_of your(pl)_ _idols_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_bear and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.

24:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me in_year (the)_ninth in_month (the)_tenth on_ten of_month to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind write[153] to/for_yourself(m) ĐƠM the_ _name_of the_day ĐƠM the_substance_of the_day the_this the_ _king_of Bāvel he_has_leaned to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) on_ _the_substance_of the_day (the)_this. **3** And_speak_a_parable to the_house_of (the)_rebellion a_parable and_you_will_say to_

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Revealing the disgusting actions of the sisters

36 Yahweh said to me, "Son of humanity, will you judge Oholah and Oholivah? Present them a list of their disgusting actions, **37** since they've committed adultery, and also have blood on their hands. They've committed adultery by worshipping their idols, and they've even caused their sons to pass through the fire to be considered as food for their idols. **38** Then on top of that, they defile my sanctuary, and at the same time, they disrespect my rest days. **39** When they'd slaughtered their children for their idols, then they came to my sanctuary on the same day to desecrate it. So listen, that's what they've done right there in my residence.

40 You sent messengers to go and bring men from far away. Now look, they indeed came—those who you prepared for by bathing, painting your eyes, and adorning yourself with jewellery. **41** You sat on a lovely couch bed with a table arranged in front of you where you placed my incense and my olive oil. **42** Then the sound of a noisy crowd was around her as all kinds of men, even Sava, were brought in from the wilderness, and they put bracelets on their hands and beautiful crowns on their heads. **43** Then I said about that experienced adulterer, 'Now they'll treat her as a prostitute, and she'll fornicate with them.' **44** They had sex with her like men do with a prostitute. In that way they had sex with the two immoral women, Oholah and Oholivah. **45** But righteous men will judge and punish them as adulteresses, and they'll punish them with the appropriate sentence for those who've shed blood, because they're adulteresses plus they have blood on their hands.

46 So the master Yahweh says this: I'll bring a group to attack Shomron (Samaria) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and give them up to be terrorized and plundered. **47** Then that group will stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords. They'll kill their children and burn down their houses. **48** That's how I'll remove shameful behaviour from the land, and discipline all the women so they'll no longer act like prostitutes. **49** They'll use your shameful behaviour against you. You'll all bear the guilt of the sins you did with your idols, and in that way you'll know that I am the master Yahweh."

The rusty cooking pot

24:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message on the 15th of January of the ninth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive. **2** "Son of humanity, write down the day and month for yourself, because on this exact day, the Babylonian king started his siege of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[152] **3** So tell this parable to the rebellious

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149 **LV 23:42 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סיאבוס**: (x-qere) **סִיאָבָס'**: lemma_5433 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_26B9g **סִיאָבָס**

150 **LV 23:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תע**: (x-qere) **הָתַע'**: lemma_6258 n_0.0.0 morph_HD id_266mk **הָתַע**

151 **LV 23:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הנזי**: (x-qere) **וְנָזִי'**: lemma_2181 morph_HVqi3mp id_26CLp **וְנָזִי**

152 **RV 24:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:1.

153 **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בותכ**: (x-qere) **בָתְכ'**: lemma_3789 morph_HVqv2ms id_26MW7 **בָתְכ**

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Israeli people and explain that it comes from the master Yahweh:

Pour water into the cooking pot and place it on the fire.
4 Put in the leg and shoulder of a good sheep,
then fill it up with the best bones.
5 Yes, take the best one from the flock
and pile up the fuel underneath it—
keeping it boiling to make sure the bones in it cook well.

6 Now the master Yahweh says this: The city of blood won't end well—it's like a cooking pot that has rust in it, and that rust won't come out of it. Take piece after piece out of it, but don't be choosy about which pieces, **7** because the blood the city shed is all the way through its centre. It displayed the blood on a flat rock to be easily seen, rather than pouring it out on the ground where it could be covered over with dust, **8** so it makes me angry enough to get revenge: I placed *the city's* blood on the smooth rock, so it couldn't be covered.

9 Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: The city of blood won't end well. I'll also enlarge the pile of firewood to put underneath it. **10** Stack up the wood and kindle the fire. Cook the meat well and mix in the spices and let the bones be charred. **11** Then put the empty pot onto the hot coals in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so the impurities in it will be melted—its corrosion eaten away.' **12** That was a lot of work, but the fire didn't remove the corrosion from it. **13** Your shameful behaviour is in your uncleanness. Because you wouldn't accept it when I tried to cleanse you, you won't be purified anymore until I've satisfied my fury against you. **14** I, Yahweh, have declared it, and I will do it. I won't relent, nor will I rest from it. You'll be judged by your own practices and your own behaviour. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The death of Yehezkel's wife

15 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **16** "Listen, son of humanity, I'm taking your cherished wife from you with a deadly disease, but you mustn't mourn or weep, or let any tears show. **17** You must groan silently. Don't organise a funeral when she's dead. Put on your turban and your sandals, but don't veil your beard, or eat the bread of men who mourn who've lost their wives."

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and then my wife died in the evening. In the morning I did what I'd been commanded to do. **19** Then the people asked me, "Won't you tell us what these things mean—the way that you're behaving?"

20 "Yahweh gave me a message," I answered them, **21** "to tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says this to them: Listen, I'll desecrate my sanctuary—the pride of your power, the delight of your eyes, and the yearning of your soul—and also your sons and daughters who you left behind there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be killed by the sword. **22** When that happens, you people will do exactly as I've done: you won't veil your beards, or eat the bread of mourning men, **23** but instead your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet. You won't mourn or weep, because you'll melt away due to

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_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says put_on the_pot put_on and_also pour in/on/over_him/it water. **4** Gather pieces_of_its to_her/it every_of piece good thigh and_shoulder the_choicest_ _of the_bones fill_it. **5** The_choicest_of the_flock take and_also pile_up the_bones under_it make_boil boilings_of_its also they_ _have_cooked bones_of_its in_the_midst_of_of_it. **6** For_ _so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** woe the_city_ _of (the)_blood(s) a_pot which rust_of_its is_in_it and_rust_of_ _its not it_has_gone_out from_her/it to_pieces_of_its to_pieces_ _of_its take_it_out not it_has_fallen on/upon_it(f) a_lot. **7** If/because blood_of_its in_the_midst_of_of_it it_was on bareness_of rock it_put_it not it_poured_it_out on the_ _earth/land to_cover on/upon/above_him/it dust. **8** To_stir_up rage to_avenge vengeance I_put ~~DOM~~ blood_of_its on bareness_ _of rock to_not to_be_covered. **9** For_so/thus/hence thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says woe the_city_of (the)_blood(s) also I I_ _will_make_great the_wood_pile. **10** Increase the_wood(s) kindle the_fire complete the_meat and_mix the_seasoning and_ _the_bones let_them_be_charred. **11** And_set_it on coals_of_its_ _burning empty so_that it_may_grow_warm and_ bronze_of_its _it_will_burn and_it_will_be_melted in_the_midst_of_of_it uncleanness_of_its rust_of_its it_may_be_consumed. **12** Toil(s) it_has_made_weary and_not it_comes_out from_her/it the_ _great_amount_of its_rust_of_her in_a_fire rust_of_its. **13** In_ _uncleanness_of_your licentiousness because I_cleansed_you and_not you_are_clean from_uncleanness_of_your not you_ _will_be_clean again until I_give_rest_to ~~DOM~~ rage_of_my on/over_you(fs). **14** I **YHWH** I_have_spoken it_is_coming and_I_ _will_act not I_will_refrain and_not I_will_have_compassion and_not I_will_have_pity according_to_of_your_ways and_ _according_to_of_your_practices they_have_judged_you the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **16** Oh_ _son_of humankind HERE_I am_about_to_take from_you ~~DOM~~ the_desire_of your_two's_eyes_of_your with_a_blow and_not you_must_lament and_not you_must_weep and_not tear[s]_of_ _your it_will_come. **17** Groaning be_silent dead_people mourning not you_must_do turban_of_your bind on_you and_ _sandals_of_your you_will_put on_feet_of_your and_not you_ _must_cover over a_moustache and_food_of people not you_ _must_eat. **18** And_I_spoke to the_people in_morning and_ wife_of_my _she_died in_evening and_I_did in_morning just_as I_had_been_commanded. **19** And_they_said to_me the_people not will_you_tell to/for_us what are_these_things to/for_ _ourselves that/for/because/then/when you are_doing_this. **20** And_I_said to_them the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **21** Say to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_profane ~~DOM~~ sanctuary_ _of_my the_pride_of your_strength_of_your(pl) the_desire_of your(pl)_eyes and_the_love_of your_being_of_your(pl) and_ _sons_of_your(pl) and_daughters_of_your(pl) whom you(pl)_ _have_left by_sword they_will_fall. **22** And_you(pl)_will_do just_ _as I_have_done over a_moustache not you(pl)_must_cover and_food_of people not you(pl)_must_eat. **23** And_turbans_of_ _your(pl) will_be_on heads_of_your(pl) and_sandals_of_your(pl) will_be_of_on_your(pl)_feet not you(pl)_must_lament and_not

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you(pl)_must_weep and_you(pl)_will_rot_away in_iniquities_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_groan each to his/its_brother.
24 And_it_was Yəḥezqᵓēl to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_sign according_
_to_all that he_has_done you(pl)_will_do when_comes_it and_
_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.
25 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind am_not in/on_day take_
_I from_them ÐOM stronghold_of_their the_joy_of their_
_splendour_of_their ÐOM the_desire_of their_eyes_of_their and_
_ÐOM the_uplifting_of their_being_of_their sons_of_their and_
_daughters_of_their. **26** In_the_day (the)_that the_escapee he_
_will_come to_you for_information_of ears. **27** In_the_day (the)_
_that mouth_of_your it_will_be_opened with the_escapee and_
_you_will_speak and_not you_will_be_dumb again and_you_
_will_become to/for_them (into)_a_sign and_they_will_know
if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

25:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against the_people_of
ʿAmmōn and_prophesy on_them. **3** And_you_will_say to_the_
_people_of ʿAmmōn hear the_message_of my_master **YHWH**
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because said_you aha
concerning sanctuary_of_my if/because it_was_profaned and_
_near/to the_land_of Yisrāᵓēl/(Israel) if/because it_was_made_
_desolate and_near/to the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
if/because they_went in_exile. **4** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I
am_about_of_to_give_you to_the_people_of the_east to_a_
_possession and_they_will_set_up encampments_of_their
on/over_you(fs) and_they_will_make among_you dwellings_of_
_their they they_will_eat fruit_of_your and_they they_will_
_drink milk_of_your. **5** And_I_will_make ÐOM Rabāh into_a_
_pasture_of camels and_ÐOM the_people_of ʿAmmōn into_a_
_resting_place_of flock[s] and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH**. **6** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
because clapped_you a_hand and_stamped_you with_a_foot
and_you_rejoiced in_all scorn_of_your in_the_self concerning
the_land_of Yisrāᵓēl/(Israel). **7** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I I_
_have_stretched_out ÐOM hand_of_my on_you and_I_will_give_
_you mmm[157][158] to_nations and_I_will_cut_you_off from the_
_peoples and_I_will_destroy_you from the_lands I_will_destroy_
_you and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

8 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because Mōʾāv and_Sēʿīr said
THERE is_like_all_of the_nations the_house_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **9** For_so/thus/hence here_I am_about_to_
_open ÐOM the_slope_of Mōʾāv from_the_cities from_cities_of_
_its from_border_of_its the_beauty_of the_land Bēyt
Hayshimōt/(Jeshimoth) Baʿal Məʿōn Qiryātayim[160]. **10** To_the_
_people_of the_east with the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_I_will_

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your disobedience, and everyone will groan for their relatives.
24 So Yehezkel (Ezekiel) will be a sign for you, because when that time comes, you'll do exactly the same as he's doing. Then you people will know that I am the master Yahweh.' "

25 "But you, son of humanity, on the day that I capture their temple, (which is their joy, their pride, and what they see and desire), and when I take away their sons and daughters, **26** a refugee will come to you here on that day to give you the news. **27** At that time, your mouth will be opened up to that refugee and you'll speak again—you'll no longer be silent. You'll be a sign for them so that they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Yahweh's judgement of nations[154] · Amon's punishment

25:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, keep looking towards the Amonim[155] and prophesy against them. **3** Tell them to listen to this message because this is what the master Yahweh says: You celebrated my sanctuary being desecrated, and the land of Yisrael (Israel) being desolate, and the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) going into exile, **4** so because of that, listen: I'm giving you to a people in the east as their possession. They'll set up camp against you and set up their tents among you. They'll eat your fruit and drink your milk. **5** I'll make the Amoni capital city, Rabah,[156] into a camel pasture, and the Amoni people into a resting place for flocks. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

6 Because the master Yahweh says this: You clapped your hands and stamped your feet and celebrated with all the contempt within you against the Israeli nation, **7** therefore, listen Amon. I'll strike you down and give you as plunder to the other nations. I'll cut you off from the people groups and make you perish from among the countries. I'll destroy you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh.'

Moav's punishment

8 The master Yahweh says this, 'Because Moav (Moab)[159] and Se'ir say that the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) is just like every other nation, **9** well listen, I'll destroy the border cities protecting Moav, starting with the splendour of Beyt-Hayeshimot, Ba'al-Me'on, and Kiryatayim. **10** I'll hand them over to the people in the east who've already been against the

154 **RV 25:1 · Parallel** 25:1–32:32

155 **RV 25:2 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 21:28-32; Amos 1:13-15; Zeph 2:8-11.

156 **RV 25:5 · Note** Now the modern city of Amman (in Jordan) has been built on Rabah's ruins.

157 **LV 25:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: גב/ל: (x-qere) זֻבְּלִי: lemma_l/957 n_1.2.0 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_269n6 זֻבְּלִי

158 **LV 25:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

159 **RV 25:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:36-37; Isa 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.

160 **LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/מתירק/ו: (x-qere) הָֽמְיַתָּירְקִֽוּ: lemma_c/7156 n_0 morph_HC/Np/Sd id_26Zs6 הָֽמְיַתָּירְקִֽוּ

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Amonim—I'll give them up as a possession so that the Amonim won't be remembered among the nations. **11** Yes, I'll execute judgements against Moav, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.'

Edom's punishment

12 The master Yahweh also says, 'Edom has taken vengeance against the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) and has done wrong by doing that.[161] **13** Therefore, the master Yahweh says: I'll hit Edom with my hand and destroy every person and animal there. I'll make it a ruined, abandoned place, from Teyman all the way to Dedan—they'll be killed by the sword. **14** I'll use my people Yisrael (Israel) to place my vengeance on Edom, and they'll apply my anger and fury to Edom so they'll know my vengeance. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

Peleshet's punishment

15 The master Yahweh says this, 'The Pelishtim have chosen hateful vengeance and have put much effort into trying to destroy Yehudah (Judah).[162] **16** So this is what the master Yahweh says: Listen, I'll take action against the Pelishtim, and I'll cut off the Kereti and destroy the remnant along the coast. **17** I'll take severe vengeance against them with furious acts to punish them—they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I take my vengeance on them.' "

Tsor's punishment

26:1 At the beginning of the month in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive, Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, Tsor (Tyre)[163] has said against Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 'Nice one! Yerushalem's gates are broken. It's going my way—I can take advantage because it's been destroyed.'

3 Because of that, the master Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm opposed to you, Tsor, and I'll raise up many nations against you, just like the sea raises its waves. **4** They'll destroy Tsor's walls and tear down its towers, then I'll sweep its dust away and make it like a bare rock. **5** It'll become a place in the middle of the sea for people to spread their nets out to dry them, since I've declared it, and it'll become plunder for the nations. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **6** Its young women who are in the countryside will be slaughtered by swords, and then they'll know that I am Yahweh.'

7 Yes, this is what Yahweh says: Listen, I'm bringing the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), king of kings, from the north, against Tsor, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen and a large army. **8** He'll kill your daughters in the countryside. He'll set up a siege program and build a ramp against your walls and lift up shields against you. **9** He'll use his battering rams to smash down your walls, and he'll tear down your towers with his axes. **10** They'll have so many horses that

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_give_it to_a_possession so_that not the_people_of ʼAmmōn it_
_may_be_remembered among_nations. **11** And_on_Mō'āv I_
_will_bring_about judgements and_they_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH**.

12 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because ʼEdōm acted by_
_avenging_itself vengeance to_the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_
_they_have_become_guilty exceedingly_(be_guilty) and_they_
_have_avenged_themselves on_them. **13** For_so/thus/hence
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_stretch_out hand_
_of_my on ʼEdōm and_I_will_cut_off from_her/it humankind
and_animal[s] and_I_will_make_it a_desolation from_Tēymān
and_to_Dədān by_sword they_will_fall. **14** And_I_will_put ĐOM
vengeance_of_my on_ʼEdōm by_the_hand_of my_people_of_my
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_do with_ʼEdōm according_to_of_
_my_anger and_according_to_of_my_rage and_they_will_know
ĐOM vengeance_of_my the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because the_Pəlishtiy acted
in_vengeance and_they_avenged_themselves vengeance with_
_scorn in_the_self to_destruction enmity_of antiquity. **16** For_
_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_
_about_to_stretch_out hand_of_my on the_Pəlishtiy and_I_will_
_cut_off ĐOM the_Kərētī and_I_will_destroy ĐOM the_remnant_of
the_coast_of the_sea. **17** And_I_will_do on_them vengeance(s)
great with_rebukes_of rage and_they_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH** when_I_have_put ĐOM vengeance_of_my on_
_them.

26:1 And_he/it_was in_one_plus_of ten year on_day_one of_
_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_
_son_of humankind because that Tsor/(Tyre) it_said on
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) aha the_doors_of the_peoples it_is_
_broken it_has_been_turned_over to_me I_will_be_filled it_has_
_been_laid_waste. **3** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says here_I am_on_you Oh_Tsor/(Tyre) and_I_will_bring_up
on_you nations many as_brings_up the_sea (to)_waves_of_its.
4 And_they_will_destroy the_walls_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_they_
_will_tear_down towers_of_its and_I_will_scrape_away dust_of_
_its from_her/it and_I_will_make it into_bareness_of rock. **5** A_
_spreading_place_of nets it_will_be in_the_middle the_sea
if/because I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**
and_it_will_become (into)_spoil for_nations. **6** And_her/its_
_daughters which in_the_field with_sword they_will_be_killed
and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **7** If/because
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring
against Tsor/(Tyre) Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel from_
_the_north the_king_of kings with_horse[s] and_with_chariotry
and_with_horsemen and_a_company and_a_people numerous.
8 Daughters_of_your in_the_field with_sword he_will_kill and_
_he/it_gave on_you a_siege-work and_he_will_pour_out on_you
a_mound and_he_will_raise_up on_you a_body_shield. **9** And_
_the_blow_of his_battering-ram_of_his he_will_set on_walls_of_
_your and_towers_of_your he_will_break_down with_swords_
_of_his. **10** From_the_abundance_of his_horses_of_his it_will_
_cover_you dust_of_their from_the_sound_of a_horseman and_

161 RV 25:12-14 · Cross-ref. Gen 25:24-34; 36:39; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 35:1-15; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

162 RV 25:15-17 · Cross-ref. Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Jdg 13:1; 1Sam 4:1.

163 RV 26:2 · Cross-ref. Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10.

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_wheel[s] and_chariot[s] walls_of_your they_will_shake when_
_comes_he in_gates_of_your like_the_entering(s)_of a_city
broken_into. **11** With_the_hooves_of his_horses_of_his he_will_
_trample ᴅᴏᴍ all_of streets_of_your people_of_your with_sword
he_will_kill and_the_pillars_of your_strength_of_your to_
_ground it_will_come_down. **12** And_they_will_plunder wealth_
_of_your and_they_will_take_as_spoil merchandise_of_your
and_they_will_tear_down walls_of_your and_the_houses_of
your_desire_of_your they_will_pull_down and_stones_of_your
and_wood(s)_of_your and_dust_of_your in_the_middle the_
_waters they_will_put. **13** And_I_will_put_an_end_to the_noise_
_of your(pl)_songs_of_your and_the_sound_of your(pl)_harps_
_of_your not it_will_be_heard again. **14** And_I_will_make_you
into_bareness_of rock a_spreading_place_of nets you_will_be
not you_will_be_built again if/because I **YHWH** I_have_spoken
the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **15** Thus my_master
YHWH he_says to_Tsor/(Tyre) not from_the_sound_of your_
_downfall_of_your when_ the_fatally_wounded _groan when_
a_slaughter _is_killed in_the_midst_of_of_you the_islands will_
_they_quake. **16** And_they_will_go_down from_under thrones_
_of_their all_of the_princes_of the_sea and_they_will_remove
ᴅᴏᴍ robes_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_clothes_of their_
_multicoloured_material_of_their they_will_strip_off
trembling(s) they_will_be_clothed on the_earth/land they_
_will_sit and_they_will_tremble to_moments and_they_will_be_
_appalled on_you. **17** And_they_will_take_up on_you a_
_lamentation and_they_will_say to/for_you(fs) how you_have_
_perished Oh_city_inhabited from_the_seas the_city which_it_
_was_praised which it_was mighty in_sea it and_inhabitants_
_of_its which they_put terror_of_their to/from_
_all/each/any/every inhabitants_of_its. **18** Now the_islands
they_will_tremble the_day_of your_downfall_of_your and_ the_
_islands which are_in_sea _they_will_be_terrified because_you_
_went_out. **19** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
when_make_I you a_city desolate like_cities which not they_
_are_inhabited when_bring_up over_you ᴅᴏᴍ the_deep and_
_they_will_cover_you the_waters (the)_many. **20** And_I_will_
_send_you_down with those_who_have_gone_down_of the_pit
to a_people_of antiquity and_I_will_cause_you_to_dwell in_land
the_lowest_parts like_waste_places from_long_ago/eternity
with those_who_have_gone_down_of the_pit so_that not you_
_may_remain and_I_will_put splendour in_land the_living.
21 Sudden_terror(s) I_will_give_to_you and_you_will_not_be
and_you_will_be_sought and_not you_will_be_found again
forever_perpetuity the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

27:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
2 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take_up on Tsor/(Tyre)
a_lamentation. **3** And_you_will_say to_Tsor/(Tyre) the[168] at
the_entrances_of the_sea the_trader_of the_peoples to islands
many thus my_master **YHWH** he_says Oh_Tsor/(Tyre) you you_
_have_said I am_perfect_of beauty. **4** Were_in_the_heart_of the_
_seas territories_of_your builders_of_your they_perfected
beauty_of_your. **5** Fir_trees from_Sənīr they_built to/for_

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their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake with the noise of their horsemen, wagons, and chariots. When he rides through your gates, he'll pick his way over the stones like men do when entering a city whose walls have been broken down. **11** The hooves of his horses will trample all of your streets. He'll slaughter your people with the sword and your mighty stone pillars will be knocked to the ground. **12** They'll tear down your walls and destroy your nice homes—plundering your riches and looting your merchandise. Then they'll throw your building stones, wood, and rubble into the ocean. **13** I'll stop the sound of your songs, and the music from your harps won't be heard anymore. **14** I'll make you back into a bare rock—you'll become a place where nets are spread out to dry. You'll never be built again, because I, master Yahweh, have spoken. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

15 The master Yahweh says this to Tsor (Tyre), 'Won't the islands shake with the sound of your downfall, and with the groans of the wounded when the terrible slaughter is happening in you? **16** Then all the leaders of the coastal kingdoms will step down from their thrones and remove their robes and take off their embroidered clothes. Instead, they'll clothe themselves in fear, they'll sit on the ground and tremble every moment, and they'll be appalled because of you. **17** Then they'll sing this song of mourning for you and say to you,

How you, who were inhabited by sailors, have been destroyed.
The famous city that was so strong, it's now gone from the sea.
The ones living in her once spread terror around themselves on everyone who lived nearby.

18 Now the coastal kingdoms tremble on the day of your downfall.

The islands in the sea are terrified by your passing.'

19 Yes, the master Yahweh says this: When I make you a desolate city, like the other cities that are uninhabited, when I raise up the deep seas against you, and when the great waters cover you, **20** then I'll take you down to the pit that ancient people went down to, because I'll make you live in the lowest realms of the earth like ancient ruins. Because of that, you won't come back and be splendid in the land of the living. **21** I'll send disaster onto you, and you won't exist anymore. Then people will look for you, but you'll never be found again.[164] That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The end of the city of Tsor

27:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Now you, son of humanity, begin a funeral song about Tsor (Tyre), **3** and tell Tsor (which is on a coastal island—merchants to people groups on many other islands) that the master Yahweh says this to you:

Tsor, you've said, 'My beauty has reached perfection.'
4 Your borders are surrounded by the ocean.

164 RV 26:21 · Cross-ref. Rev 18:21.

168 LV 27:3 · Note OSHB variant note: יתבשי/ה: (x-qere) תָּבְּשִׁי/ה: lemma_d/3427 n_1.2.0 morph_HTd/Vqrfsa id_26qJg תָּבְּשִׁי/ה

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Your builders have perfected your beauty.[165]

5 They made all your planks with cypress from Mt. Hermon (Senir).

They got a cedar from Levanon to make a mast for you.

6 They made your oars from the oak trees in Bashan.

They made your decks out of cypress wood from Kupros (Cyprus), and overlaid them with ivory.

7 Your sails were made from colourful linen from Mitsrayim (Egypt) that served as your banner.

The colours of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah are used for the awning on your boat.

8 Those who were living in Tsidon (Sidon) and Arvad were your rowers.

The wise men of Tsor (Tyre) were within you—they were your pilots.

9 Experienced craftsmen from Geval sealed your seams.

All the ships and their sailors among you were carrying your merchandise for trade.

10 Warriors from Paras (Persia), Ludia, and Libya were in your army.

They hung their shields and helmets within you.

They displayed your splendour.

11 The men of Arvad and Helek in your army were on your walls surrounding you,

and the people from Gamadim were in your towers.

They hung up their shields on your walls all around you.

They completed your beauty.

12 "Tarshish was a trading partner with you because of your abundant wealth of goods. They traded silver, iron, tin, and lead for your wares. **13** Yavan (Greece), Tuval, and Meshek traded slaves, as well as bronze items, for your merchandise. **14** Beyt-Togarmah provided horses, stallions, and mules in exchange for your products. **15** People from Dedan were your traders on many coasts. You sent the merchandise and they sent back ivory tusks and ebony wood as payment. **16** Aram (Syria) was a dealer in your many products—they provided emeralds, purple dye, coloured cloth, fine fabric, pearls, and rubies for your merchandise. **17** Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel) were trading with you. They provided wheat from Minit, cakes, honey, oil, and balsam for your merchandise. **18** Damesek (Damascus) was a trader of all your products, of all your enormous wealth, and of the wine from Helbon and the wool from Tsahar.[166] **19** Dan and Yavan from Uzal provided you with merchandise of wrought iron, cinnamon, and fragrant calamus seeds which became your merchandise. **20** Dedan was your dealer in woven saddle blankets. **21** Arav and all of Kedar's leaders were traders with you—they provided you with lambs, rams, and goats. **22** Traders

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_you(fs) ~~ĐƠM~~ all_of planks a_cedar from_Ləvānōn they_took for_doing a_mast on_you. **6** Oaks from_Bāshān they_made oars_ _of_your boards_of_your they_made ivory the_daughter_of 'Ashshūrns from_the_islands_of Kittim[169]. **7** Fine_linen with_ _multicoloured_weaving from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_was sail_ _of_your to_be to/for_you(fs) (into)_a_sail blue and_purple from_the_islands_of 'Elīshā'h it_was covering_of_your. **8** The_ _inhabitants_of Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_'Arvad they_were those_ _who_row to/for_you(fs) your_skillful_of_people Oh_ _Tsor/(Tyre) they_were in_you they sailors_of_were_your. **9** The_elders_of Gebal and_its_wise_of_people they_were in_you the_repairers_of your_leak[s]_of_your all_of the_ships_of the_ _sea and_mariners_of_their they_were in_you to_trade merchandise_of_your. **10** Pāraṣ and_Lūd and_Pūṭ they_were in_ _army_of_your men_of your_war_of_your shield and_helmet they_hung_up in_you they they_gave splendour_of_your. **11** The_people_of 'Arvad and_Helech were_on walls_of_your all_ _around and_the_Gammād in_towers_of_your they_were shields_of_their they_hung_up on walls_of_your all_around they they_perfected beauty_of_your. **12** Tarshiysh was_your_of_ _trader from_the_abundance_of all_of wealth for_silver iron tin and_lead they_exchanged wares_of_your. **13** Yāvān/(Javan) Tūv̇al and_Meshek they were_your(pl)_of_traders for_the_life_ _of human[s] and_vessels_of bronze they_exchanged merchandise_of_your. **14** From_the_house_of Tōgarmāh horses and_horsemen and_mules they_exchanged wares_of_your. **15** The_people_of Dədān were_your(pl)_of_traders islands many were_the_merchandise_of your_hand_of_your horns_of ivory and[170] they_brought tribute_of_your. **16** 'Arām was_your_of_ _trader from_the_abundance_of your(pl)_products_of_your for_ _turquoise purple and_multicoloured_material and_fine_linen and_corals and_ruby they_exchanged for_wares_of_your. **17** Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they were_your(pl)_of_traders for_the_wheat(s)_of Minnit and_cake and_honey and_oil and_balm they_exchanged merchandise_of_ _your. **18** Dammeseq was_your_of_trader in_the_abundance_of your(pl)_products_of_your from_the_abundance_of all_of wealth for_the_wine_of Ḥelbōn and_wool_of Tsaḥar/(Zahar). **19** Vədān and_Yāvān/(Javan) from_Uzal for_wares_of_your they_exchanged iron wrought cassia and_calamus for_ _merchandise_of_your it_was. **20** Dədān was_your_of_trader for_clothes_of material for_riding. **21** 'Arāv̇ and_all the_ _princes_of Qēdār they were_the_traders_of your_hand_of_your for_lambs and_rams and_goats for_them traders_of_your. **22** The_traders_of Shəv̇ā' and_Ra'māh they were_your(pl)_of_ _traders for_the_best_of every_of spice and_on/over_all stone precious and_gold they_exchanged wares_of_your. **23** Ḥārān and_Canneh and_'Ēden the_traders_of Shəv̇ā' 'Ashshūr Kilmād/(Chilmad) was_your_of_trader. **24** They were_your(pl)_ _of_traders for_beautiful_garments for_garments_of blue and_ _multicoloured_material and_for_blankets_of variegated_cloth for_ropes bound and_made_firm in_your_market_of_place.

165 RV 27:4 · Note Here, the island city of Tsor is imagined as a ship in the ocean.

166 RV 27:18 · Note Possibly, Tsahar (used only once in the Hebrew scriptures) could refer to the white colour of the wool.

169 LV 27:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **סיתכ**: (x-qere) **'סַיָּיְתִּכְ'**: lemma_3794 n_0 morph_HNgmpa id_26NiH **סַיָּיְתִּכְ**

170 LV 27:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **סינבוה/ו**: (x-qere) **'סֹוֵּנְבָה/ִו'**: lemma_c/1894 n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpa id_26R73 **סֹוֵּנְבָה/ִו**

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25 The_ships_of Tarshiysh were_your(pl)_of_travellers merchandise_of_your and_you_were_filled and_you_were_ _honoured exceedingly in_the_heart_of the_seas. **26** On_waters many they_brought_you those_who_row you the_wind_of the_ _east it_broke_you in_the_heart_of the_seas. **27** Wealth_of_your and_wares_of_your merchandise_of_your mariners_of_your and_sailors_of_your the_repairers_of your_leak[s]_of_your[171] and_the_traders_of your_merchandise_of_your and_all the_ _men_of your_war_of_your who on/over_you(fs) and_on/over_ _all company_of_your which was_in_the_midst_of_of_you they_ _will_fall in_the_heart_of the_seas in/on_day your_downfall_of_ _your. **28** To_sound/voice of_the_outcry_of your(pl)_sailors_of_ _your pasturelands they_will_quake. **29** And_they_will_come_ _down from_ships_of_their[172] all_of those_who_wield_of (of)_ _an_oar mariners all_of the_sailors_of the_sea to the_ _earth/land they_will_stand. **30** And_they_will_make_heard on_ _you (in)_voice_of_their and_they_will_cry_out bitter and_ _they_will_bring_up dust on heads_of_their in_ash[es] they_ _will_roll. **31** And_they_will_make_bald because_of_you baldness and_they_will_gird_themselves sackcloth(s) and_they_ _will_weep because_of_you with_bitterness_of emotion wailing bitter. **32** And_they_will_take_up concerning_you in_wailing_of_ _their a_lamentation and_they_will_make_a_lament on_you who is_like_Tsor/(Tyre) like_one_silenced in_the_middle the_ _sea. **33** When_ wares_of_your _went_out from_the_seas you_ _satisfied peoples many by_the_abundance_of your(pl)_ _wealth(s)_of_your and_merchandise(s)_of_your you_made_ _rich the_kings_of the_earth. **34** The_time_of when_being_ _broken from_the_seas in_the_depths_of the_water merchandise_of_your and_all company_of_your in_the_midst_ _of_of_you they_have_fallen. **35** All_of the_inhabitants_of the_ _islands they_have_been_appalled on_you and_kings_of_their they_have_shuddered shuddering faces they_have_been_ _disconcerted. **36** Traders among_peoples they_have_hissed on_ _you sudden_terror(s) you_have_become and_you_will_not_be until perpetuity.

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from Sheva and Ramah came to sell you the best of every spice and all kinds of precious gems—they traded gold for your goods.
23 Haran, Kaneh, and Eden were traders with you, along with Sheva, Ashur (Assyria), and Kilmad. **24** Those were your traders in fancy robes made of violet cloth with woven colours, and in blankets of multicoloured, embroidered, and well-woven cloth in your marketplaces. **25** Tarshish's ships were the transporters of your merchandise.

So you were filled up—heavily laden with cargo there in the heart of the seas.

26 Your rowers have brought you into vast seas.
The east wind has wrecked you in the middle of them.
27 Your wealth, merchandise, and trade goods,
your sailors, pilots, and ship-builders,
your traders of merchandise and all the men of war who are in you, and all your crew—
they will sink into the depths of the sea at the time of your destruction.
28 The surroundings will shake
when they hear your pilot's cry of distress.
29 All the oarsmen will come down off their ships.
Mariners and all the pilots on the sea will stand on the land,
30 then they'll raise their voices towards you and will wail bitterly.

They'll throw dust up onto their heads. They'll roll around to get covered in ashes.
31 They'll shave their heads bald for you and dress in rough sackcloth,[167]
and they'll weep bitterly over you and they will cry out with loud moans.
32 They will wail loudly for you and sing funeral songs about you.

Who is like the city of Tsor (Tyre), which has now been brought to silence in the middle of the sea?
33 When your merchandise went ashore from the sea, it pleased many people groups.
You enriched kings across the world with your great wealth and merchandise.
34 But when you were shattered by the seas, by deep waters,
your merchandise and all your crew sank.
35 All the inhabitants of the coastal kingdoms were appalled at you,
and their kings shuddered in horror—their faces trembled.
36 The merchants of the people hiss at you.
You've become a horror, and you won't exist anymore."

167 **RV 27:30 · Note** All of these (dust, ashes, shaving, sackcloth) are traditional signs of mourning.

171 **LV 27:27 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

172 **LV 27:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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Against the pride of Tsor's king

28:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, tell Tsor's (Tyre's) ruler that the master Yahweh says this: Your heart is proud and you've said, "I'm a god. I'll sit in the seat of gods in the vital centre of the oceans." Even though you're a man and not a god, you tell yourself that you're a god.

3 Listen, you king of Tsor, are you wiser than Daniyel was? Are there any secrets that you don't already know? **4** You've used your wisdom and skill to make yourself wealthy, and amassed gold and silver in your treasuries. **5** By great wisdom and by your trading, you've multiplied your wealth, but now you've become arrogant because of your wealth.

6 Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: Because you've convinced yourself that you're invincible like a god, **7** I'll bring foreigners against you—terrifying warriors from other nations. They'll bring their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they'll defile your splendour. **8** They'll send you down to the pit, and you'll die violently like those who die at sea. **9** Will you really say, "I'm a god" to the face of one who's about to kill you? You're a man and not God, and you'll be at the mercy of the one who runs you through. **10** You'll die like an ungodly person killed by foreigners, because I've declared it. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

The fall of Tsor's king

11 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **12** "Son of humanity, sing a mourning song for the king of Tsor (Tyre) and tell him that the master Yahweh says this:

You were the model of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
13 You were in Eden—God's garden.
Every precious stone covered you:
ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite,
onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl.
Your settings and mountings were made from gold.
They were prepared on the very day that you were created.
14 I placed you on God's sacred mountain
like the winged creatures that I appointed to guard humanity.
You were among the fiery stones where you walked around.
15 You had integrity in your ways from the day you were created
until injustice was found within you.
16 Through your great trade you were filled with violence, and so you sinned.
Then I threw you out of God's mountain, like someone who was defiled,
and I destroyed you, guardian winged creature,
and drove you from among the fiery stones.
17 Your heart was arrogant due to your beauty.

Literal Version

28:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind say to_the_ruler_of Tsor/(Tyre) thus he_says my_master **YHWH** because heart_of_your it_has_been_ _haughty and_she/it_said am_a_god I the_seat_of gods I_sit in_ _the_heart_of the_seas and_you(ms) are_a_human_being and_ _not a_god and_she/it_gave heart_of_your like_the_heart_of a_ _god. **3** THERE are_wise you mmm[173][174] all_of that_which_is_ _kept_secret not people_hold_dark_from_you. **4** By_wisdom_of_ _your and_by_understanding_of_your you_have_acquired for_ _yourself wealth and_you_have_acquired gold and_silver in_ _treasuries_of_your. **5** By_the_greatness_of your_skill_of_your by_trade_of_your you_have_increased wealth_of_your and_ heart_of_your _it_has_been_haughty in_wealth_of_your. **6** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because you_ _have_made ~~DOM~~ heart_of_your like_the_heart_of a_god. **7** For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_you strangers ruthless_ones_of nations and_they_will_draw swords_of_their on the_beauty_of your_wisdom_of_your and_they_will_profane splendour_of_your. **8** To_pit they_will_bring_you_down and_ _you_will_die the_death(s)_of the_slain in_the_heart_of the_ _seas. **9** Really_(say) will_you_say am_a_god I to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before one_of_who_kills_you and_you(ms) are_ _a_human_being and_not a_god in_the_hand_of those_who_ _pierce_you. **10** The_deaths_of uncircumcised_men you_will_die by_the_hand_of strangers if/because I I_have_spoken the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **12** Oh_ _son_of humankind take_up a_lamentation on the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_you_will_say for_him/it thus my_master **YHWH** he_says you were_one_who_seals_of an_example you_ _were_full wisdom and_perfect_of beauty. **13** In_ʿĒden the_ _garden_of god you_were was_every_of stone precious covering_of_your ruby topaz and_emerald chrysolite onyx and_ _jasper sapphire turquoise and_beryl and_gold the_ _workmanship_of your(pl)_tambourines_of_your and_settings_ _of_your on/over_you(fs) in/on_day you_were_created they_ _were_prepared. **14** You were_a_cherub_of expansion_of which_ _covers and_I_appointed_you on_the_mountain_of the_holiness god you_were in_the_middle of_stones_of fire you_walked_ _about. **15** Were_blameless you in_ways_of_your from_the_day_ _of you_were_created until unrighteousness it_was_found on/over_you(fs). **16** In_the_abundance_of your_trade_of_your of_you_of_the_middle people_filled violence and_you_sinned and_I_profaned_you from_hill god and_I_destroyed_you Oh_ _cherub which_covers from_the_middle_of the_stones_of fire. **17** Heart_of_your it_was_haughty in_beauty_of_your you_ _perverted wisdom_of_your on splendour_of_your on the_ _ground I_threw_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before kings I_put_you to_look on_you. **18** From_the_greatness_of your(pl)_ _iniquities_of_your by_the_unrighteousness_of your_trade_of_ _your you_profaned sanctuaries_of_your and_I_brought_out fire from_the_midst_of_of_you it it_consumed_you and_I_ _made_you into_ash[es] on the_earth/land to_the_eyes_of all_ _of those_of_who_saw_you. **19** All_of those_of_who_knew_you

173 LV 28:3 · Note OSHB variant note: לאנד/מ: (x-qere) 'לאֵינֵד/מ': lemma_m/1840 n_1 morph_HR/Np id_26pwL לאֵינֵד/מ

174 LV 28:3 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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among_peoples they_were_appalled on_you sudden_terror(s) you_became and_you_will_not_be until perpetuity.

20 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **21** Oh_ _son_of humankind set face_of_your against Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_prophesy on_it. **22** And_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_on_you Oh_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_I_ _will_gain_glory in_the_midst_of_of_you and_people_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_bring_about on_it judgements and_I_will_show_myself_holy in_it. **23** And_I_will_ _send on_it a_pestilence and_blood in_streets_of_its and_ the_ _slain _it_will_fall in_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_sword on/upon_it(f) from_round_about and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

24 And_not it_will_belong again to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_brier which_pricks and_thorn which_causes_ _pain from_all around_of_them who_despise them and_they_ _will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**. **25** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says when_gather_I ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from the_peoples which they_have_been_ _scattered among_them and_I_will_show_myself_holy among_ _them to_the_eyes_of the_nations and_they_will_dwell on land_ _of_their_own which I_gave to_servant_of_my to_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob). **26** And_they_will_dwell on/upon_it(f) to_ _security and_they_will_build houses and_they_will_plant vineyards and_they_will_dwell to_security when_I_bring_about judgements on_all_of those_who_despise ~~DOM~~_them from_ _around_of_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_their.

29:1 In_year (the)_tenth in_month on_day_two_plus ten of_ _month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_ _son_of humankind set face_of_your on Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it and_ _on Mitsrayim of_it_of_all. **3** Speak and_you_will_say thus he_ _says my_master **YHWH** here_I am_on_you Oh_Par'oh the_ _king_of Mitsrayim the_sea_monster (the)_great which_lies in_ _the_middle canals_of_its which it_has_said to_me River_my and_I I_made_for_myself. **4** And_I_will_put hooks[178] in_jaws_of_ _your and_I_will_make_cling the_fish_of your(pl)_canals_of_ _your to_scales_of_your and_I_will_bring_you_up from_among_ _of canals_of_your and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fish_of your(pl)_canals_ _of_your to_scales_of_your it_will_cling. **5** And_I_will_abandon_ _you to_the_wilderness you and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_fish_of

Readers' Version

You ruined your wisdom because of your splendour.
I threw you down to the earth.
I put you in front of kings so they can see you.
18 Because of all your disobedience and your dishonest trade,
you've defiled your sacred places,
so I've made fire come out from you to consume you.
I'll turn you into ashes on the earth
in the sight of everyone who looks at you.
19 Everyone who knew you among the people groups
will shudder to look at you now—
they will be horrified, and you won't exist any longer.' "

Tsidon's punishment

20 Then Yahweh gave me another message:

21 "Son of humanity, look towards Tsidon (Sidon)[175] and prophesy against it. **22** Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm against you, Tsidon, because I intend to be praised by you, so your people will know that I am Yahweh, when I execute justice within you and demonstrate my holiness to you. **23** I'll send a deadly disease to afflict you, and there'll be blood in your streets, and people will fall dead all around you. When the sword comes against you from all around, then you'll know that I am Yahweh.

The blessing for Yisrael

24 Then there'll no longer be pricking briars and painful thorns for the Israeli people from all those around her who despise her, so then they'll know that I am the master Yahweh.'

25 The master Yahweh says that when I gather the Jewish people from the nations that they were scattered among, and when they properly honour me so the nations may see, then they'll make their homes in the land I gave to my servant Ya'akov (Jacob). **26** Then they'll live securely within the land and build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely. When I execute justice on all the people all around who now despise them, then they'll know that I am their god Yahweh.' "

Mitsrayim's punishment

29:1 At the beginning of January in the twelfth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive, Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, stand firmly against Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king Par'oh (Pharaoh).[176] Prophesy against him and against all of Mitsrayim, **3** telling them that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Par'oh, king of Mitsrayim—you, the great sea monster that lurks in the middle of the river, who says, "My river is my own. I've made it for myself." **4** I'll put hooks into your jaw, and the fish from your streams will cling to the scales on your side. I'll lift you up from the middle of your river, along with all the river's fish that cling to your scales. **5** I'll fling you into the

175 **RV 28:21 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:4-8; 1Ki 11:4-5; 1Ki 16:30-33.

176 **RV 29:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 19:1-25; Jer 46:2-26.

178 **LV 29:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: מייחח: (x-qere) מִיחַח: lemma_2397 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_26rpk מִיחַח

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wilderness—you and all the fish from your river. You'll fall on the open countryside—your corpse won't be taken or moved, but rather I'll give you as food to the birds and wild animals. **6** Then all of Mitsrayim's inhabitants will know that I am Yahweh, because they've been like a brittle reed to the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel).[177] **7** When Yisrael grabbed you, you broke and tore open their shoulder, and when they leaned on you, you broke and made their legs unsteady. **8** Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll send an army against you that will cut short both people's and animals' lives, **9** and Mitsrayim will become a desolate ruin. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh.

Because the sea monster said, "The river is mine, because I made it," **10** listen: I'm against you and against your river, so I'll give Mitsrayim over to desolation and waste, and you'll become a wasteland from the Migdol to Seveneh and the borders of Kush (Ethiopia). **11** No person or domestic animal will pass through it, and it won't be inhabited for forty years. **12** I'll make Mitsrayim a desolation in the middle of uninhabited lands, and its cities will become a desolation in the middle of wasted cities for forty years, then I'll scatter the Mitsri (Egyptian) people among the nations, and I'll disperse them through the lands.

13 But the master Yahweh says this: At the end of forty years I'll gather Mitsrayim from the people groups they were scattered among, **14** and I'll restore Mitsrayim's fortunes and bring them back to the region of Patros, to their native land. Then they'll become an insignificant kingdom there. **15** It'll be the least significant kingdom, and it won't become prominent again among the nations. I'll diminish them so that they'll no longer dominate other nations. **16** Requesting help from Mitsrayim will no longer be a reason for the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel) to be confident, instead, Mitsrayim will be a reminder of Yisrael's disobedience when they turned to Mitsrayim for help. Then they'll know that I am the master Yahweh."

Nevukadnetsar's defeat of Mitsrayim

17 At the beginning of May in the 27th year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[180] Yahweh gave me a message: **18** "Son of humanity, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) stationed his army to do hard work against the fortified island city of Tsor (Tyre). Every head was rubbed until it was made bald, and every shoulder was made raw. Yet he and his army received no payment from Tsor for the hard work that he carried out against it, **19** therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm giving Mitsrayim (Egypt) to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar and he'll take away its wealth, plunder its possessions, and carry off everything he finds there—that will be his army's wages. **20** I've

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your(pl)_canals_of_your on the_surface_of the_field you_will_ _fall not you_will_be_gathered and_not you_will_be_gathered to_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_to/for_bird the_ _heavens I_will_give_you for_food. **6** And_ all_of the_ _inhabitants_of Mitsrayim _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** because they_have_been a_staff_of reed for_the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **7** When_seized_they (in)_you in/on/at/with[179] you_were_crushed and_you_broke to/for_ _them every_of shoulder and_when_leaned_they on_you you_ _were_broken and_you_caused_to_stand to/for_them all_of hips. **8** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_you a_sword and_I_will_cut_off from_you humankind and_animal[s]. **9** And_ the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _it_will_become (into)_a_desolation and_a_ _ruin and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** because he_said the_River to_me and_I I_made_it. **10** For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_against_you and_near/to canals_of_your and_I_will_ _make ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim (into)_ruins_of destruction a_desolation from_Migdōl Ṣəvēnēh and_unto the_border_of Kūsh/(Cush). **11** Not it_will_pass in_it the_foot_of human[s] and_the_foot_of animal[s] not it_will_pass in_it and_not it_will_ _remain forty year[s]. **12** And_I_will_make ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim a_desolation in_the_middle lands made_desolate and_cities_of_its in_the_middle cities laid_waste they_will_be a_desolation forty year[s] and_I_will_scatter ÐOM Mitsrayim among_nations and_I_will_disperse_them among_lands. **13** If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says from_the_ _end/extremity forty year[s] I_will_gather ÐOM Mitsrayim from the_peoples where they_were_scattered to_(to). **14** And_I_will_ _turn_back ÐOM the_captivity_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_bring_ _back ÐOM_them the_land_of Patrōṣ to the_land_of their_ _origin_of_their and_they_will_be there a_kingdom lowly. **15** More_than the_kingdoms it_will_be lowly and_not it_will_ _exalt_itself again over the_nations and_I_will_make_them_ _small to_not to_rule over_nations. **16** And_not it_will_become again for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_object_of_ _confidence which_brings_to_remembrance iniquity when_ _turned_they after_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.

17 And_he/it_was in_twenty and_seven year in_month on_day_ _one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **18** Oh_son_of humankind Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he_made_to_labour ÐOM army_of_his labour great against Tsor/(Tyre) every_of head was_made_bald and_all shoulder was_made_bare and_wage[s] not it_belonged to_him/it and_to_ _army_of_his from_Tsor/(Tyre) on the_labour which he_had_ _laboured on_it. **19** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_give to_Nəvūkadnetstsar the_ _king_of Bāvel ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_ _will_carry_off wealth_of_its and_he_will_plunder plunder_of_ _its and_he_will_take_as_spoil spoil_of_its and_it_will_be wage[s] for_army_of_his. **20** Wage[s]_of_his which he_served for_it I_have_given to_him/it ÐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim that

177 RV 29:6 · Cross-ref. Isa 36:6.

179 LV 29:7 · Note OSHB variant note: בְּ/פֶּכֶ/ךָ: (x-qere) בְּ/יָדְכָ֔ה: lemma_b/3709 n_1.1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_26W3R בְּ/יָדְכָ֔ה

180 RV 29:17 · Note 571 B.C.

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they_acted to_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **21** In_ _the_day (the)_that I_will_make_grow a_horn for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_you I_will_give opening_of_mouth among_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

30:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says wail alas for_day. **3** If/because is_near a_day and_is_near a_day to/for_**YHWH** a_day_of cloud[s] a_ _time_of nations it_will_be. **4** And_ a_sword _it_will_come on_ _Mitsrayim and_it_will_be anguish on_Kūsh/(Cush) when_ the_ _slain _fall in_Mitsrayim and_people_will_take_away wealth_of_ _its and_ foundations_of_its _they_will_be_torn_down. **5** Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ and_Lūd and_all (the)_foreigner and_ _Kūv/(Chub) and_the sons of_the_land_of of_the_covenant with_them by_sword they_will_fall. **6** Thus **YHWH** he_says and_ those_who_support_of (of)_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_will_fall and_ the_pride_of its_strength_of_her _it_will_come_down from_Migdōl Şəvēnēh by_sword they_will_fall in_it the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **7** And_they_will_be_desolate in_the_middle lands made_desolate and_cities_of_its in_the_ _middle cities laid_waste they_will_be. **8** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_put_I fire in_Mitsrayim and_ all_of helpers_of_its _they_will_be_broken. **9** In_the_day (the)_ _that messengers they_will_go_out from_before_face_of_me in_ _ships to_make_tremble ĐǾM Kūsh/(Cush) security and_ anguish _it_will_be in/among_them in/on_day of_Mitsrayim if/because THERE it_is_coming. **10** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says and_I_will_put_an_end_to ĐǾM the_multitude_of Mitsrayim by_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel. **11** He and_people_of_his with_him/it ruthless_ones_of nations will_be_brought to_destroy the_earth/land and_they_will_draw swords_of_their on Mitsrayim and_they_will_fill ĐǾM the_ _earth/land the_slain. **12** And_I_will_make canals dry_ground and_I_will_sell ĐǾM the_earth/land in_the_hand_of wicked_ _people and_I_will_devastate the_land and_what_of_fills_it by_ _the_hand_of strangers I **YHWH** I_have_spoken. **13** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_destroy idols and_I_will_ _cause_to_cease worthless_idols from_Nof/(Memphis) and_a_ _prince from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not he_will_be again and_I_will_put fear in_land of_Mitsrayim. **14** And_I_will_ _devastate ĐǾM Patrōş and_I_will_put fire in_Tso'an/(Zoan) and_I_will_bring_about judgements on_No'/(Thebes). **15** And_I_ _will_pour_out rage_of_my on Şīn the_stronghold_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_cut_off ĐǾM the_multitude_of No'. **16** And_I_will_put fire in_Mitsrayim surely_(writhe_in_agony) it_will_dance[181] Şīn and_No' it_is about_to_be_broken_into and_Nof foes_of daytime. **17** The_young_men_of wickedness and_Piy- veşet by_ _sword they_will_fall and_they(f) in_captivity they_will_go. **18** And_in_Taḥpanḥēş the_day it_will_withhold when_break_I there ĐǾM the_yoke-bars_of Mitsrayim and_it_will_cease in_it the_pride_of its_strength_of_her it a_cloud it_will_cover_it and_ _her/its_daughters in_captivity they_will_go. **19** And_I_will_ _bring_about judgements on_Mitsrayim and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

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given him the land of Mitsrayim as the wages for the work they did for me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

21 On that day I'll make power sprout up for the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel), and I'll put you among them to speak out so they'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh's punishment of Mitsrayim

30:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message:

2 "Son of humanity, prophesy and say that the master Yahweh says this:

'Wail now because the coming days won't go well.

3 The day is near—the day is near for Yahweh.

It'll be a day of clouds—a time of doom for nations.

4 Then an army will come against Mitsrayim (Egypt),

and there'll be anguish in Kush (Ethiopia) when the people are killed in Mitsrayim—

when they take its wealth,

and when its foundations get torn apart.

5 Kush and Put, Ludia, all Arav, and Libya, together with the people belonging to the agreement—they'll all be killed by the sword. **6** Yahweh says this: The ones who support Mitsrayim militarily will fall, and the pride of Mitsrayim's strength will collapse. From Migdol to Seveneh their combined warriors will be killed by the sword. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **7** Those allies will be appalled there among the abandoned lands, and their cities will be among all the other ruined cities. **8** Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I set fire to Mitsrayim, and when all its helpers are destroyed.

9 At that time, messengers will go out from in front of me in ships to terrorise Kush when they think they're secure, and there'll be anguish among them on the day of Mitsrayim's doom. Yes, take notice, it's coming. **10** The master Yahweh says this: I'll use the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) to bring Mitsrayim's multitudes to an end. **11** He and his army with him, the terror of nations, will be brought in to destroy the land. They'll draw out their swords against Mitsrayim and fill the land with those they kill. **12** I'll make the rivers into dry ground, and I'll sell the land into the hands of wicked men. I'll make the land and its abundant produce desolate by the actions of strangers. I, Yahweh, have spoken.

13 The master Yahweh says this: I'll destroy idols, and I'll bring an end to the worthless idols in Nof (Memphis). There won't be a prince in the land of Mitsrayim any longer, and I'll put terror into Mitsrayim. **14** Then I'll make the Patros region desolate and set fire to Tsoan city, and I'll execute judgement against No (Thebes) (the capital of southern Mitsrayim). **15** I'll pour out my fury on Mitsrayim's fortress Sin, and cut off the crowd at No. **16** Then I'll set fire to Mitsrayim: Sin will be in great agony, No will be broken up, and Nof will face enemies every day. **17** The young men of Aven and Pi-Beset cities will be killed by the sword, and their populations will be taken into captivity. **18** In Mitsrayim's Tahfanhes, the day will hold back its light when I

181 LV 30:16 · Note OSHB variant note: לִיחַת: (x-qere) לוֹחָת': lemma_2342 a n_1.1.0 morph_HVqi3fs id_26vPm לוֹחָת

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break Mitsrayim's power and control there, and its pride in its strength will be finished. There'll be a cloud covering it, and its daughters will be taken away into captivity. **19** I'll execute acts of judgement in Mitsrayim, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

Yahweh breaks Mitsrayim's power

20 At the beginning of May in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[182] Yahweh gave me a message: **21** "Son of humanity, I've broken the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) arm. Listen, it hasn't been put in a splint, or set to heal with a bandage, so that it'll become strong enough again to hold a sword. **22** Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm against the Mitsri king Par'oh and I'll break both his strong arm and the previously broken one, and I'll make the sword fall from his grip. **23** Then I'll scatter Mitsrayim (Egypt) among the other nations and disperse their people among the lands. **24** I'll strengthen the Babylonian king's arms and place my sword in his hand so that I can destroy Par'oh's arms. He'll groan in front of the Babylonian king with the groans of a dying man. **25** I'll strengthen the arms of the Babylonian king, while Par'oh's arms will fall. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Bavel (Babylon) and he uses it against Mitsrayim. **26** I'll scatter Mitsrayim among the other nations and disperse their people through the lands. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

Mitsrayim gets compared to fallen Ashur

31:1 At the end of June in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[183] Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, ask the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) and his multitudes around him, 'Who else is as powerful as you and your people? **3** Listen, Ashur (Assyria) was like a cedar in Levanon with beautiful branches, giving shade to the forest—extremely tall, and the branches formed its treetop. **4** A deep water supply made it grow tall. Rivers flowed all around its area, because their channels stretched out to all the trees in the countryside. **5** It grew taller than any of the other trees in the countryside, and its branches grew long and thick because of having plenty of water in its shoots. **6** Every kind of bird nested in its branches, while every living thing in the countryside gave birth to its young under the foliage of that tree. All the powerful nations lived under its shade. **7** It was beautiful in its greatness and due to the length of its branches, because its roots had access to many water sources. **8** Cedar trees in God's garden[184] couldn't equal it. None of the cypress trees matched its branches, nor could its branches be equalled by the plane tree. There was no other tree in God's garden that could compare to its beauty. **9** I made it beautiful with its many branches, and all

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20 And_he/it_was in_one_plus ten year in_month on_day_seven of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **21** Oh_ _son_of humankind ~~ÐØM~~ the_arm_of Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_have_broken and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_ _has_been_bound_up to_give healing(s) to_put a_bandage to_ _bind_it_up it_to_be_strong to_wield (on)_sword. **22** For_ _so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** here_I am_ _against Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_break ~~ÐØM~~ arms_of_his ~~ÐØM~~ the_strong_arm and_~~ÐØM~~ the_broken_arm and_I_will_make_fall ~~ÐØM~~ the_drought//sword/knife from_ _hand_of_his. **23** And_I_will_scatter ~~ÐØM~~ Mitsrayim among_ _nations and_I_will_disperse_them among_lands. **24** And_I_will_ _make_strong ~~ÐØM~~ the_arms_of the_king_of Bāvel and_I_will_ _put ~~ÐØM~~ sword_of_my in_his/its_hand and_I_will_break ~~ÐØM~~ the_arms_of Par'oh and_he_will_groan the_groans_of one_ _fatally_wounded before_him. **25** And_I_will_strengthen ~~ÐØM~~ the_arms_of the_king_of Bāvel and_the_arms_of Par'oh they_ _will_fall and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_put_I sword_of_my in_the_hand_of the_king_of Bāvel and_he_will_stretch_out it against the_land_of Mitsrayim. **26** And_I_will_scatter ~~ÐØM~~ Mitsrayim among_nations and_I_ _will_disperse them among_lands and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

31:1 And_he/it_was in_one_plus ten year in_month on_day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_ _son_of humankind say to Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_near/to multitude_of_his (to) whom are_you_like in_greatness_of_your. **3** THERE 'Ashshūr was_a_ _cedar in_Lə·vānōn beautiful_of branch[es] and_a_forest which_ _gave_shade and_tall_of height and_between branches it_was treetop_of_its. **4** Waters they_made_it_grow the_deep it_raised_ _it_up ~~ÐØM~~ rivers_of_its was_going around_of place_of_its_ _planting and_~~ÐØM~~ channels_of_its it_sent_out to all_of the_ _trees_of the_field. **5** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so height_of_ _its it_was_tall from_all the_trees_of the_field and_ boughs_of_ _its _they_became_great and_they_became_long mmm[185] from_ _waters many when_it_sent_out. **6** In_boughs_of_its every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens they_made_nests and_under branches_of_its every_of (the)_animal_of the_field they_gave_ _birth and_in_shade_of_its all_of nations great they_dwelt. **7** And_it_was_beautiful in_greatness_of_its in_the_length_of its_ _branches_of_his if/because root_of_its it_was to waters many. **8** Cedars not they_eclipsed_it in_the_garden_of god fir_trees not they_were_like (to) boughs_of_its and_plane_trees not they_were like_branches_of_its every_of tree in_the_garden_of god not it_was_like to_him/it in_beauty_of_its. **9** Beautiful I_ _made_it in_the_abundance_of its_branches_of_his and_they_ _envied_it all_of the_trees_of ʿĒden which were_in_the_garden_

182 **RV 30:20 · Note** (Back in time to) 587 B.C.

183 **RV 31:1 · Note** 587 B.C.

184 **RV 31:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:9.

185 **LV 31:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תראפ: (x-qere) ו/יתראפ': lemma_6288 a n_0.0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26u4x ו/יתראפ

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of the'Elohīm. **10** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because that you_were_tall in_height and_he/it_gave treetop_of_its to between branches and_ heart_of_its _it_was_ _lifted_up in_height_of_its. **11** And_I_will_give_it in_the_hand_ _of a_leader_of nations certainly_(do) he_will_do to_him/it according_to_of_its_wickedness I_drove_it_out. **12** And_they_ _cut_it_down strangers ruthless_ones_of nations and_they_ _abandoned_it to the_mountains and_on/over_all the_valleys branches_of_its they_fell and_ branches_of_its _they_were_ _broken in_all_of the_ravines_of the_earth/land and_they_ _went_down from_shade_of_its all_of the_peoples_of the_ _earth/land and_they_abandoned_it. **13** On trunk_of_its_fallen every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens they_dwelt and_near/to branches_of_its every_of (the)_animal_of the_field they_were. **14** So_that that not they_may_be_lifted_up in_height_of_their any_of trees_of water and_not they_may_set ᴅᴏᴍ treetop_of_ _their to between branches and_not they_may_stand oaks_of_ _their by_height_of_their any_of drinkers_of water if/because of_them_of_all they_have_been_given to_death to the_earth lowest in_the_middle the_children_of humankind to those_ _who_have_gone_down_of the_pit. **15** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in/on_day it_went_down Shə'ōl_to I_caused_mourning I_covered on/upon/above_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_deep and_I_ _withheld rivers_of_its and_ waters many _they_were_ _restrained and_I_made_mourn on/upon/above_him/it Ləvānōn and_all the_trees_of the_field on/upon/above_him/it were_wilted. **16** From_the_sound_of its_downfall_of_his I_ _caused_to_tremble nations when_I_brought_down ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it Shə'ōl_to with those_who_go_down_of the_pit and_they_were_ _comforted in_land lowest all_of the_trees_of ʿĒden the_ _choicest_of and_good of_Ləvānōn all_of drinkers_of water. **17** Also they with_him/it they_went_down Shə'ōl_to to those_ _slain_of a_sword and_arm_of_its which_they_dwelt in_shade_ _of_its in_the_middle the_nations. **18** (To) whom are_you_like thus in_splendour and_in_greatness among_the_trees_of ʿĒden and_you_will_be_brought_down[186] with the_trees_of ʿĒden to the_earth lowest in_the_middle uncircumcised_men you_will_ _lie with those_slain_of a_sword that is_Parʿoh and_all multitude_of_his[187] the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

32:1 And_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year in_two_plus_of ten month on_day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind take_up a_lamentation on Parʿoh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_you_will_say to_ _him/it a_young_lion_of nations you_became_like and_you(ms) were_like_(the)_monster in_the_seas and_you_burst_forth in_ _rivers_of_your and_you_made_turbid waters with_feet_of_ _your and_you_fouled rivers_of_their. **3** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_spread over_you ᴅᴏᴍ net_of_my by_ _a_company_of peoples many and_they_will_bring_you_up in_ _net_of_my. **4** And_I_will_abandon_you in/on_the_earth on the_ _surface_of the_field I_will_hurl_you and_I_will_cause_to_settle

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the trees in God's garden in Eden envied it.

10 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Because it was so tall, and it set its treetop between its branches, and because it grew proud of its height, **11** I handed it over to a powerful nation to deal with it according to what its wickedness deserves. I've thrown it out, **12** and foreigners who were the terror of all the nations cut it off and left it to die. Its branches fell onto the mountains and all the valleys, and lay broken in all the land's ravines. Then all the nations on earth came out from under its shade and went away from it. **13** All the various kinds of birds rested on the trunk of the fallen tree, and every kind of animal in the countryside came to its branches. **14** That happened so that no other trees that grow by the waters will raise up their foliage to the height of the tallest trees, and that no other trees that grow beside the waters will reach up to that height. They've all been assigned to death, to the earth below, among humanity's children, with those that go down into the pit.

15 The master Yahweh says this: On the day when the cedar went down to the place of the dead, I brought mourning to the earth. I covered the deep waters over it, and I held back the oceans. I held back the great waters, and I brought mourning to Levanon for it. So all the trees in the countryside mourned because of it. **16** I brought shuddering to the nations at the sound of its downfall, when I threw it down to the place of the dead, along with those who went down into the pit. So I comforted all the trees from Eden in the lowest parts of the earth. Those had been the choicest and best trees from Levanon—the trees that drank the waters. **17** They also went down with the big tree to the place of the dead, to the ones who'd been killed by the sword. Those were its strong arm—those nations who'd lived in its shade.

18 Mitsrayim (Egypt), which of the trees in Eden was your equal in glory and greatness? You'll be brought down with Eden's trees to the lowest parts of the earth among the uncircumcised. You'll live there with those who were killed by the sword.'
That's the fate of Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his multitudes. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Mourning over Mitsrayim and its king

32:1 At the beginning of March in the twelfth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[188] Yahweh gave me a message: **2** "Son of humanity, sing a loud mourning song about the Mitsri (Egyptian) King Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him,

'You're like a young lion among the nations,
but you're like the sea monster in the oceans—
you churn up the water—
you stir up the waters with your feet, making them muddy.

3 The master Yahweh says this:

186 **LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
187 **LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
188 **RV 32:1 · Note** 585 B.C.

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I'll spread my net over you in the assembly of many people groups,
and they'll haul you up in my net.
4 I'll abandon you in the land.
I'll throw you into the countryside
and cause every kind of bird to settle on you,
and animals of every kind of will gorge themselves on you.
5 I'll dump your flesh on the hills,
and fill the valleys with your corpse.
6 Then I'll drench your land with your blood across to the hills,
and the ravines will be filled with your blood.
7 Then when I eliminate you, I'll cover the heavens and darken their stars.
I'll cover the sun with clouds, and the moon won't shine its light.[189]
8 I'll darken all the shining lights in the skies over you,
and I'll put darkness over your land. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
9 I'll disturb the hearts of many people groups in lands that you don't know about
when I bring about your destruction among the nations—among lands you haven't known.
10 I'll shock many people groups with what I'll do to you.
Their kings will shudder in horror concerning you when I swing my sword towards them.
On the day of your downfall they'll be trembling continuously because of you.
11 Yes, the master Yahweh says this to you, Mitsrayim (Egypt):
The Babylonian king's sword will come against you.
12 I'll cause large numbers of you to be killed by warriors' swords—each warrior a terror of nations.
Those warriors will devastate the pride of Mitsrayim and destroy all its many people.
13 I'll destroy all the livestock from beside the plentiful waters.
No human foot will stir the waters up again,
nor will cattle hooves disturb them.
14 Then I'll calm their waters and make their rivers run like oil.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
15 When I make Mitsrayim's territory into an abandoned place,
when the land is stripped of all its produce,
when I attack all its inhabitants, they'll know that I am Yahweh.
16 There'll be a funeral song—the daughters of the nations will sing mournful songs about it.
They'll sing sadly about Mitsrayim—over all its multitudes they'll sing dirges.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "
17 In the middle of that same month,[190] Yahweh gave me a message: **18** "Son of hu-

Those in the place of the dead

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on_you every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens and_I_will_satisfy from_you the_animal[s]_of all_of the_earth/land. **5** And_I_will_ _put ~~DOM~~ flesh_of_your on the_mountains and_I_will_fill the_ _valleys height_of_your. **6** And_I_will_make_drink the_land_of outflow_of_your from_blood_of_your to the_mountains and_ _ravines they_will_be_filled from_you. **7** And_I_will_cover when_extinguish_you heavens and_I_will_darken ~~DOM~~ stars_of_ _their the_sun with_cloud I_will_cover_it and_the_moon not it_ _will_give_light light_of_its. **8** All_of the_luminaries_of light in_ _heavens I_will_darken_them over_you and_I_will_put darkness over land_of_your the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **9** And_ _I_will_disturb the_heart_of peoples many when_bring_I breaking_of_your among_nations to lands which not you_have_ _known_them. **10** And_I_will_make_appalled on_you peoples many and_kings_of_their they_will_shudder on_you shuddering when_brandish_I sword_of_my on faces_of_their and_they_will_tremble to_moments everyone for_life_of_his in/on_day your_downfall_of_your. **11** If/because thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says the_sword_of the_king_of Bāvel it_will_ _come_to_you. **12** By_the_swords_of warriors I_will_make_fall multitude_of_your ruthless_ones_of nations of_them_of_all and_they_will_devastate ~~DOM~~ the_pride_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ all_of multitude_of_its _it_will_be_destroyed. **13** And_I_ _will_destroy ~~DOM~~ all_of livestock_of_its from_under waters many and_not it_will_make_them_turbid a_foot_of a_human again and_hooves_of livestock not it_will_make_them_turbid. **14** Then I_will_make_settle waters_of_their and_rivers_of_their like_oil I_will_make_go the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **15** When_make_I ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim a_desolation and_ _is_ the_land _made_desolate from_fullness_of_its when_I_ _strike_down ~~DOM~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of in_it and_they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **16** Is_a_lamentation it and_ _people_will_take_it_as_a_lament the_daughters_of the_nations they_will_take_as_a_lament it on Mitsrayim and_on all_of multitude_of_its they_will_take_as_a_lament it the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH**.

17 And_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year on_day_fif- teen of_ _month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. **18** Oh_ _son_of humankind wail on the_multitude_of Mitsrayim and_

189 **RV 32:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:29; Rev 6:12-13; 8:12.

190 **RV 32:17 · Note** 585 B.C.

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_bring_it_down it and_the_daughters_of nations mighty to the_
_earth the_lowest_parts with those_who_go_down_of the_pit.
19 More_than_whom are_you_lovely go_down and_be_laid with
uncircumcised_men. **20** In_the_middle those_slain_of a_sword
they_will_fall a_sword it_has_been_appointed they_have_
_drawn_down it and_all multitudes_of_its. **21** They_will_speak
to_him/it the_leaders_of the_mighty_ones from_the_midst_of
Shə'ōl with helpers_of_his they_have_come_down the_
_uncircumcised_men slain_of a_sword they_have_lain_down.
22 Is_there 'Ashshūr and_all company_of_its are_around_of_it
graves_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain those_who_have_fallen
by_sword. **23** Which graves_of_its they_have_been_put in_the_
_remotest_parts_of the_pit and_ company_of_its _he/it_was
around_of grave_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain those_who_
_have_fallen by_sword who they_had_put terror in_land the_
_living. **24** Is_there Elam and_all multitude_of_its around_of
grave_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain those_who_have_fallen
by_sword who they_have_gone_down uncircumcised into the_
_earth the_lowest_parts who they_had_put terror_of_their in_
_land the_living and_they_have_borne disgrace_of_their with
those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **25** In_the_middle those_slain
people_have_made a_bed to/for_her/it in_all multitude_of_its
are_around_of_it graves_of_its of_them_of_all are_
_uncircumcised slain_of a_sword if/because terror_of_their it_
_was_put in_land the_living and_they_have_borne disgrace_of_
_their with those_who_go_down_of the_pit in_the_middle
those_slain it_was_made. **26** Is_there Meshek Tūval and_all
multitude_of_its are_around_of_it graves_of_its of_them_of_all
are_uncircumcised pierced_of a_sword if/because they_had_
_put terror_of_their in_land the_living. **27** And_not they_lie
with warriors who_have_fallen from_uncircumcised_men who
they_went_down Shə'ōl with_the_weapons_of their_war_of_
_their and_people_put ÐØM swords_of_their under heads_of_
their and iniquities_of_their _it_became on bones_of_their
if/because terror_of warriors in_land the_living. **28** And_
_you(ms) in_the_middle uncircumcised_men you_will_be_
_broken and_you_will_lie with those_slain_of a_sword. **29** Is_
_(to)_(to) 'Edōm kings_of_its and_all princes_of_its who they_
_have_been_put in_strength_of_their with those_slain_of a_
_sword they with uncircumcised_men they_will_lie and_ÐØM
those_who_go_down_of the_pit. **30** Are_(to)_(to) princes_of the_
_north of_them_of_all and_all the_Sidonian[s] who they_have_
_gone_down with those_slain in_terror_of_their[192] from_
_strength_of_their they_were_ashamed and_they_lay
uncircumcised with those_slain_of a_sword and_they_have_
_borne disgrace_of_their with those_who_go_down_of the_pit.
31 Them Par'oh he_will_see and_he_will_be_comforted on all_of
mmm[193] slain_of a_sword Par'oh and_all army_of the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **32** If/because I_had_put ÐØM
mmm[194] in_land the_living and_he_will_be_laid in_the_middle
uncircumcised_men with those_slain_of a_sword Par'oh and_all

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manity, weep for the numerous Mitsrim (Egyptians) and bring them down to the lowest parts of the earth. Bring Mitsrayim (Egypt) and the daughters of majestic nations down along with those who've already gone down into the pit. **19** Ask them: Mitsrayim, are you really more beautiful than anyone else? Go down and lie down with the uncircumcised.

20 They'll fall among those who were killed by the sword. The sword has been drawn. Mitsrayim has been handed over to the sword—its enemies will seize it and its multitudes. **21** The strongest of the warriors in the place of the dead will declare about Mitsrayim and its allies, 'They've come down here. They'll lie with the uncircumcised—with those who were killed by the sword.'

22 Ashur (Assyria) is there with all its people, with its graves all around it—all of them were killed by the sword. **23** Those whose graves are set in the pit's recesses[191] are there, along with all its people. Its graves surround all of those who were killed by the sword—those who brought terror onto the land of the living.

24 Eylam is there with all its multitudes, with its graves all around it—all of them were killed. That's the place for those who were killed by the sword, who've gone down uncircumcised to the lowest parts of the earth, who brought their terrors onto the land of the living, and who carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit. **25** They prepared a bed for Eylam and all its multitudes among those who were slain—its graves surround it. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced by the sword, because they brought their terrors onto the land of the living. So they carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit among all those who've been killed, those who are going down into the pit. Eylam is among all those who were killed.

26 Meshek, Tuval, and all their multitudes are there with their graves all around them. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword, because they brought their terrors onto the land of the living. **27** They don't lie with the fallen warriors of the uncircumcised who've gone down to the place of the dead with all their weapons of war, and with their swords placed under their heads and their iniquities over their bones, because they were the terror of warriors in the land of the living.

28 So you, Mitsrayim (Egypt), will be broken amongst the uncircumcised. You'll lie alongside those who were pierced by the sword.

29 Edom is also there with its kings and all its leaders. Despite their strength, they've been placed with those killed by the sword. They lie there along with the uncircumcised—with those who've gone down into the pit.

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191 **RV 32:23 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:15.

192 **LV 32:30 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

193 **LV 32:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/נומה: (x-qere) 'וֹ/נוֹמָהּ': lemma_1995 a n_1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_26ZQ8 וֹ/נוֹמָהּ

194 **LV 32:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תיתח: (x-qere) 'י/תִיתְּחּ': lemma_2851 n_1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cs id_26DaS י/תִיתְּחּ

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30 All the northern leaders are there, along with all the Tsidonim (Sidonians) who went down with the ones who'd been pierced. They were powerful and made others afraid, but now they're there in shame—uncircumcised along with those who were pierced by the sword. They carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit.

31 Par'oh (Pharaoh) will look and be comforted about all his multitudes who were pierced by the sword—Par'oh and all his army. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

32 Yes, I put him there as my agent to terrify those in the land of the living, but Par'oh and all his multitudes will be laid down among the uncircumcised—among those pierced by the sword. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The promise of God of his people[196] · Yehezkel as Yisrael's watchman[197]

33:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, tell this to your people: 'When I send an army against any country, then the people of that country choose one of their men to become a watchman for them. 3 He looks for any attacker coming onto the land, and then he blows his horn to warn the people. 4 If the people hear the sound of the horn but don't take any notice, and if the attacker comes and kills them, then each one's blood is on their own head. 5 Yes, if someone heard the horn but paid no attention, that person's blood is on them, but if those people do pay attention, they'll save their own lives. 6 However, if the watchman sees the attacker coming, but doesn't blow the horn, that is, if the people weren't warned, and if the attacker approaches and takes anyone's life, then that person dies in their own sin, but I'll require their blood from the watchman.'

7 Now, talking to you, son of humanity: I've made you a watchman for the Israeli people. You'll hear the words from my mouth and then warn them on my behalf. 8 If I say to a wicked person, 'You wicked person, you're certainly about to die,' and if you don't announce it so as to warn that wicked person about their behaviour, then that wicked person will die in their sin, but it'll be you that I hold responsible for their death. 9 But if you warn the wicked person about their behaviour, so that they might turn back from it, and if that person doesn't turn back from their behaviour, then they'll die in their sin, but you yourself will have saved your own life.

Each person is responsible for their own actions

10 So, son of humanity, you tell the Israeli people, 'You're saying this, "Our errors and our disobedience have come back on us and they're hurting us. How can we go on living like this?" ' 11 Tell them that this is the master Yahweh's declaration: 'As I live, I don't delight in the death of wicked people. If they

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multitude_of_his[195] the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

33:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind speak to the_children_of your_people_ _of_your and_you_will_say to_them a_land if/because I_will_ _bring on/upon_it(f) a_sword and_ the_people_of the_ _earth/land _they_will_choose a_man one from_ends_of_their and_they_will_make ~~DOM~~_him/it to/for_them into_a_ _watchman. 3 And_he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife coming on the_earth/land and_he_will_give_a_blast on_ _trumpet and_he_will_warn ~~DOM~~ the_people. 4 And_ the_one_ _who_hears _he_will_hear ~~DOM~~ the_sound_of the_trumpet and_ _not he_took_warning and_ the_sword _it_came and_it_took_ _him blood_of_his on_his_own_of_head it_will_be. 5 ~~DOM~~ the_ _sound_of the_trumpet he_heard and_not he_took_warning blood_of_his in/on/over_him/it it_will_be and_he he_had_ _taken_warning life_of_his he_delivered. 6 And_the_watchman if/because he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife coming and_not he_will_give_a_blast on_trumpet and_the_people not it_was_warned and_ the_sword _it_came and_she/it_took from_ _them anyone he in_iniquity_of_his he_was_taken and_blood_ _of_his from_the_hand_of the_watchman I_will_require. 7 And_ _you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind a_watchman I_have_ _appointed_you for_the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_ _hear from_mouth_of_my a_message and_you_will_warn ~~DOM~~_ _them from_me. 8 When_say_I to_person Oh_wicked_person surely_(die) you_will_die and_not you_have_spoken to_warn the_wicked_person from_way_of_his that wicked_person in_ _iniquity_of_his he_will_die and_blood_of_his from_hand_of_ _your I_will_require. 9 And_you(ms) if/because you_have_ _warned the_wicked_person from_way_of_his to_turn_back from_her/it and_not he_has_turned_back from_way_of_his he in_iniquity_of_his he_will_die and_you(ms) life_of_your you_ _have_delivered.

10 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind say to the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) thus you(pl)_have_said to_say if/because transgressions_of_our and_sins_of_our are_on_us and_in_them we are_rotting_away and_how will_we_live. 11 Say to_them by_ _the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if I_take_ _pleasure in_the_death_of the_wicked_person if/because (if) when_ a_wicked_person _turns_back from_way_of_his and_he_

195 **LV 32:32 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

196 **RV 33:1 · Parallel** 33:1–37:27

197 **RV 33:1 · Parallel** Eze. 3:16-21

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_will_live turn_back turn_back from_ways_of_your(pl) (the)_
_evil and_for_what will_you(pl)_die Oh_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind say to
the_children_of your_people_of_your the_righteousness_of
the_righteous_person not it_will_deliver_him in/on_day his_
_transgression_of_his and_the_wickedness_of the_wicked_
_person not he_will_stumble in_it in/on_day bring_back_turns_
_back from_wickedness_of_his and_a_righteous_person not he_
_will_be_able to_live in_it in/on_day sins_he. **13** When_say_I to_
person certainly(live) he_will_live and_he he_relies on
righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do unrighteousness all_of
his[198] not they_will_be_remembered and_in_unrighteousness_
_of_his which he_has_done in/on/over_him/it he_will_die.
14 And_when_say_I to_person surely_(die) you_will_die and_he_
_will_turn_back from_sin_of_his and_he_will_do justice and_
_righteousness. **15** A_pledge a_wicked_person he_will_return
robbery he_will_repay in_the_regulations_of the_life he_walks
to_not to_do unrighteousness certainly_(live) he_will_live not
he_will_die. **16** All_of his[199] which he_has_sinned not they_will_
_be_remembered to_him/it justice and_righteousness he_has_
done certainly(live) he_will_live. **17** And_ the_children_of
your_people_of_your _they_say not the_way_of my_master it_
_is_correct and_they way_of_their_own not it_is_correct.
18 When_ a_righteous_person _turns_back from_righteousness_
_of_his and_he_will_do unrighteousness and_he_will_die in_
_them. **19** And_when_ a_wicked_person _turns_back from_
_wickedness_of_his and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness
on_them he he_will_live. **20** And_you(pl)_say not the_way_of
my_master it_is_correct everyone according_to_of_his_ways I_
_will_judge you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[200]

21 and_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year in_month on_day_
_five of_month of_exile_of_our he_came to_me the_escapee
from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say the_city it_has_been_
_struck_down. **22** And_the_hand_of **YHWH** it_had_been to_me
in_evening to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_escapee
came and_he_had_opened ~~ḏǫm~~ mouth_of_my until came to_me
in_morning and_ mouth_of_my _it_was_opened and_not I_was_
_dumb again.

23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **24** Oh_
_son_of humankind the_inhabitants_of the_waste_places the_
_these on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_saying to_say one he_
_was 'Avrāhām and_he_possessed ~~ḏǫm~~ the_earth/land and_we
are_many to/for_us the_earth/land it_has_been_given to_a_
_possession. **25** For_so/thus/hence say to_them thus he_says
my_master **YHWH** with the_blood you(pl)_eat and_eyes_of_
_your(pl) you(pl)_lift_up to idols_of_your(pl) and_blood
you(pl)_shed and_the_earth will_you(pl)_possess. **26** You(pl)_
_have_stood on_sword_of_your(pl) you(pl)_have_done
abomination and_everyone ~~ḏǫm~~ the_wife_of his/its_neighbour
you(pl)_have_defiled and_the_earth will_you(pl)_possess.
27 Thus you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says

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turn away from their wicked behaviour, then they'll live! So turn back, yes turn away from your wicked behaviour. Why should you Israeli people die?'

12 So now, son of humanity, you tell your people, 'Righteous people's righteousness won't save them if they sin. Wicked people's wickedness won't cause them to die if they turn away from their sin. No, the righteous person won't be able to live because of his righteousness if he sins. **13** If I say that a righteous person will surely live, and if they trust in their righteousness and then commit injustice, I won't call to mind any of the good things they did—that person will die for the wickedness they committed. **14** Again, if I say to the wicked, "You will surely die," but if they then turn away from their sins and do what's just and right, **15** like returning loan guarantees that were wickedly demanded, or like making restitution for what they've stolen, and then if they obey the instructions that give life and no longer disobey, then those formerly wicked people will surely live—they won't die. **16** None of the sins that they've committed will be called to mind against them. Those who've acted justly and rightly, will certainly live.

17 But your people say, "The master's way isn't fair!" but it's your ways that aren't fair. **18** When the righteous person turns away from doing what's right and becomes disobedient, then they'll die in their sin. **19** When the wicked person turns away from doing evil and does what's just and right, they'll live because of those things. **20** Yes, you people say, "The master's way isn't fair!" but I'll judge each of you Israeli people according to your behaviour."

The demolition of Yerushalem

21 In mid-January of the twelfth year of our captivity in Bavel (Babylon), someone who'd escaped from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) came to me and told me that the city had been captured.[201] **22** Yahweh had held me in a vision the evening before the fugitive came, but my mouth was opened by the time he came to me at dawn, so by then, I was able to speak again.

More desolation to come

23 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **24** "Son of humanity, the people inhabiting those ruins back in Yisrael (Israel) are saying, 'Avraham was only one person, and he inherited the land, but there's lots of us now. The land has been given to us as an inheritance.'

25 Therefore tell them that the master Yahweh says this: You eat blood, and you pay your respect to your idols, then you pour out people's blood. Should you then inherit that land? **26** You people rely on your swords for protection, and you've done disgusting things—each man defiles his neighbour's wife. Should you really possess that land?'

198 **LV 33:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ותקדצ**/: (x-qere) **יתקדצ**ו/: lemma_6666 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26Aca **יתקדצ**ו/

199 **LV 33:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תאטח**/: (x-qere) **יתאטח**ו/: lemma_2403 b n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26WA2 **יתאטח**ו/

200 **LV 33:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

201 **RV 33:21 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:3-10; Jer 39:2-8; 52:4-14.

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27 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: As I live, surely the ones in the ruins will be killed by swords, and I'll give those in the countryside to the wild animals as food, and those in fortresses and in caves will die from deadly diseases. 28 Then I'll turn the country into a desolation and a horror, and the pride that came from its power will end, because Yisrael's mountains will be deserted, and there'll be no one to walk through them.' 29 Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I make the country a desolation and a wasteland because of all the disgusting things they've done.

Listening but not obeying

30 So now son of humanity, your people are out beside the walls and the gates of their houses talking about you, and they're all telling each other, 'Let's go and listen to the prophet's message that comes from Yahweh.' 31 So my people will come to you, as they often do, and will sit in front of you and listen to your words, but they won't obey them. The right words are on their lips, but their hearts are going after unjust profit. 32 Yes, you're like a lovely song to them, a beautiful sound that's played well on a stringed instrument, so they'll listen to your words, but none of them will obey them. 33 So when all that happens, watch out, because it will indeed happen. Then they'll realise that a prophet's been among them."

The 'shepherds' of Yisrael (Israel)

34:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, prophesy against Yisrael's (Israel's) shepherds. Prophesy and tell them that the master Yahweh says this to the shepherds: Yisrael's shepherds who are shepherding themselves won't end well. Shouldn't shepherds guard the flock? 3 You eat the best sheep meat and dress in woollen clothes. You slaughter the fat lambs. You don't shepherd at all. 4 You haven't taken care of those with diseases, nor do you heal those who are ill. You don't bandage up the ones with broken limbs, and you don't restore the outcasts or search for those who've gone missing. Instead, you use strength and violence to rule over them. 5 Then they were scattered without a shepherd,[202] and after they were scattered, they became food for all the wild animals in the countryside. 6 My flock has strayed across all the mountains and onto every high hill, and it's dispersed over the entire surface of the earth, yet no one is searching for them.

7 Therefore, you shepherds, listen to Yahweh's message to you: 8 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, my flock has become plunder and food for all the wild animals in the countryside, because there wasn't any shepherd and because none of my shepherds tried to find any of my flock that had gotten lost.

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by_the_life of_me if not those_who are_in_places by_sword they_will_fall and_the_one_who is_on the_surface_of the_field to_animal[s] I_will_give_him to_eat_him and_which are_in_ _strongholds and_in_caves by_pestilence they_will_die. 28 And_ _I_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land a_desolation and_a_waste and_ the_pride_of its_strength_of_her _it_will_cease and_ the_ _mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_be_desolate from_not one_who_passes_by. 29 And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_make_I ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land a_desolation and_a_waste on all_of abominations_of_their which they_have_ _done.

30 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind the_children_of your_ _people_of_your who_are_speaking_together in_you beside the_walls and_in_the_doorways_of the_houses and_he_speaks one with one each with his/its_brother to_say come please and_hear what is_the_message which_is_coming_out from_ _with **YHWH**. 31 And_they_come to_you like_the_coming_of a_ _people and_they_sit to_your_face people_of_my and_they_ _hear ~~DOM~~ words/messages_of_your and_them not they_do if/because lustful_desires in_mouth_of_their they are_doing after gain_of_their_unjust heart_of_their is_going. 32 And_ _THERE_you to/for_them are_like_a_song_of lustful_desires one_beautiful_of voice and_one_who_does_well to_play and_ _they_hear ~~DOM~~ words/messages_of_your and_are_doing not_ _they them. 33 And_when_comes_it THERE it_is_coming and_ _they_will_know if/because_that a_prophet he_has_been among_them.

34:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind prophesy on the_shepherds_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) prophesy and_you_will_say to_them to_ _shepherds thus[203] he_says my_master **YHWH** woe_to the_ _shepherds_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_have_been shepherding themselves am_not the_flock the_shepherds will_ _they_shepherd. 3 ~~DOM~~ the_fat you(pl)_eat and_~~DOM~~ the_wool you_clothe_yourselves the_fat_sheep you(pl)_slaughter the_ _flock not you(pl)_shepherd. 4 ~~DOM~~ the_weak_sheep not you(pl)_have_strengthened and_~~DOM~~ the_sick_sheep not you(pl)_have_healed and_(to)_the_sheep not you(pl)_have_ _bound_up and_~~DOM~~ the_strayed_sheep not you(pl)_have_ _brought_back and_~~DOM~~ the_lost_sheep not you(pl)_have_ _sought and_by_force you(pl)_have_ruled ~~DOM~~_them and_with_ _harshness. 5 And_they_have_been_scattered from_not_of a_ _shepherd and_they_have_become for_food to/from_ _all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_field and_they_have_ _been_scattered. 6 Flock_of_my they_wander in_all the_ _mountains and_on every_of hill high and_over all_of the_ _surface_of the_earth/land flock_of_my they_have_been_ _scattered and_there_is_not one_who_searches and_there_is_ _not one_who_seeks. 7 For_so/thus/hence Oh_shepherds hear ~~DOM~~ the_message_of **YHWH**. 8 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH** if not because flock_of_my has_become (into)_prey and_ flock_of_my _they_have_become for_food

202 **RV 34:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:17; 1Ki 22:17; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

203 **LV 34:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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to/from_all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_field because_there_is_not a_shepherd and_not shepherds_of_my they_have_searched_for ĐOM flock_of_my and_ the_shepherds _ _they_have_shepherded themselves and_ĐOM flock_of_my not they_have_shepherded. **9** For_so/thus/hence Oh_shepherds hear the_message_of **YHWH**. **10** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says here_I am_against the_shepherds and_I_will_seek ĐOM flock_of_my from_hand_of_their and_I_will_cause_them_to_ _cease from_shepherding a_flock and_not they_will_shepherd again the_shepherds themselves and_I_will_deliver flock_of_my from_mouth_of_their and_not they_will_become to/for_them for_food.

11 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I_am I and_I_will_search_for ĐOM flock_of_my and_I_will_seek_them. **12** Like_the_seeking_of a_shepherd flock_of_his in/on_day is_he among_midst_of his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats separated so I_ _will_seek ĐOM flock_of_my and_I_will_deliver them from_all the_places where they_were_scattered there in/on_day cloud and_thick_darkness. **13** And_I_will_bring_them_out from the_ _peoples and_I_will_gather_them from the_lands and_I_will_ _bring_them to land_of_their_own and_I_will_shepherd_them to the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ravines and_in_all_of the_habitable_places_of the_earth/land. **14** In_pasture good I_ _will_shepherd ĐOM_them and_on_the_mountains_of the_ _height_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be pastureland_of_their there they_will_lie_down in_pastureland good and_pasture fertile they_will_graze to the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** I I_ _will_shepherd flock_of_my and_I I_will_make_them_lie_down the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **16** ĐOM the_lost_sheep I_ _will_seek and_ĐOM the_strayed_sheep I_will_bring_back and_ _(to)_the_sheep I_will_bind_up and_ĐOM the_sick_sheep I_will_ _make_strong and_ĐOM the_fat_sheep and_ĐOM the_strong_ _sheep I_will_destroy I_will_shepherd_it with_justice. **17** And_ _you(pl) my_flock_of_my thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_ _I am_about_to_judge between a_sheep and_a_sheep and_rams and_(the)_goats. **18** Too_little for_you(pl) is_the_pasture (the)_ _good which_you(pl)_are_grazing and_the_rest_of your(pl)_ _pasture_of_your(pl) you(pl)_are_trampling with_feet_of_ _your(pl) and_clearness_of waters which_you(pl)_are_drinking and_ĐOM those_which_are_left with_feet_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _are_fouling. **19** And_flock_of_my the_trampling_place_of your_ _two's_feet_of_your(pl) they_will_graze and_the_befouled_ _thing_of your_two's_feet_of_your(pl) they_will_drink. **20** For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_them HERE_I_am I and_I_will_judge between a_sheep fat and_ _between a_sheep lean. **21** Because with_side and_with_ _shoulder you(pl)_push and_with_horns_of_your(pl) you(pl)_ _gore all_of the_weak_sheep until that you(pl)_have_scattered them to (to)_the_outside. **22** And_I_will_save (to)_flock_of_my and_not they_will_become again (into)_prey and_I_will_judge between a_sheep and_a_sheep. **23** And_I_will_raise_up over_ _them a_shepherd one and_he_will_shepherd them ĐOM servant_of_my Dāvid he he_will_shepherd ĐOM_them and_he he_will_become for_them (into)_a_shepherd. **24** And_I **YHWH** I_

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Instead it was themselves that the shepherds looked after, and they didn't shepherd my flock. **9** Therefore, you so-called 'shepherds', listen to Yahweh's message: **10** The master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against those shepherds. I'll require compensation from them for my flock, and then I'll dismiss them from shepherding the flock. Those shepherds won't shepherd themselves any longer either, because I'll take my flock away from their mouths, so that my flock won't become food for them any longer.

The evil shepherds

11 So the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I myself will search for those lost from my flock, and I myself will look after them, **12** like a shepherd searches for his sheep when he's among his scattered flock. So I'll look for my flock and I'll rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the dark times. **13** I'll bring my people out from among the nations. I'll gather them from foreign lands and bring them back to their land. I'll put them in pastures on Yisrael's (Israel's) mountainsides, by the streams, and in every settlement in the land. **14** I'll put them in good pastures—Yisrael's high mountains will be their grazing places. They'll lie down there in places good for grazing, in abundant pastures, and they'll graze on Yisrael's hills. **15** I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will give them rest. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

16 I'll search out the lost and restore the outcast. I'll bandage up those who are broken and heal those who are sick, but I'll destroy those who are fat and well. I will shepherd with justice.

17 So now this is what the master Yahweh says, You, my flock, listen, I'll be a judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and billy goats. **18** Isn't it enough to feed on the good pasture? Do you have to trample down any remaining grass? Or drink from clear waters, then muddy the streams with your feet? **19** Must my flock eat what you've trampled and drink what you've muddied with your feet?

20 Therefore the master Yahweh says this to them: Listen, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin ones, **21** because you shepherds have pushed them with your sides and shoulders, and you've gored all the weak ones with your horns until you succeeded in scattering them away from the land. **22** I'll save my flock and they'll no longer be taken as plunder, and I'll judge between one sheep and the next. **23** I'll set one shepherd over them—my servant David. He'll look after them, and he'll be their shepherd.[204] **24** Then I, Yahweh, will be their god, and my servant David will be a leader among them.[205] I, Yahweh, have declared that.

25 Then I'll make a peace treaty with them and remove the wild animals from the land, so that they'll be able to live se-

204 **RV 34:23 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:17.

205 **RV 34:24 · Cross-ref.** Eze 37:24.

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curely in the wilderness and sleep safely in the forests.
26 I'll also bless both them and the places around my hill, and send out showers in the right season—they'll be showers of blessing. **27** Then the trees in the countryside will produce their fruit, the soil will yield its produce, and my sheep will be secure in their land. When I break off the ties holding the yoke onto their necks, and when I rescue them from the control of those who enslaved them, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.
28 They'll no longer be plunder for the other nations, and the wild animals on the land will no longer devour them. Then they'll live securely, and no one will make them afraid. **29** I'll provide a land for them that's known for its crops, so they won't be victims of famine, and they won't be mocked by other nations. **30** Then they'll know that I, Yahweh their god, am with them. The Israeli people are my people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
31 You are my sheep, the flock of my pasture, and my people, and I am your god. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

35:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, look out towards Mt. Se'ir[206] and prophesy against it. **3** Tell it that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you Edom, represented by Mt. Se'ir, and I'll work against you to make you a desolation and a waste. **4** I'll turn your cities into ruins, and you yourself will become desolate. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.

Edom's coming punishment

5 You've always been hostile to the Israeli people, and when they were distressed you decided to attack them with swords—at the time their punishment was coming to an end. **6** Therefore, this is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll prepare you for bloodshed, and bloodshed will chase after you. Since you didn't hate bloodshed, bloodshed will come to you. **7** I'll make Edom completely desolate when I cut it off so that no one will want to pass through it. **8** I'll fill its mountain ranges with people who were killed—those killed by the sword will fall on your high hills and valleys and in all your streams. **9** I'll make your land perpetually desolate. Your cities won't be inhabited, and then you'll know that I am Yahweh.
10 You've said, "These two nations and these two lands will become mine, and we'll possess them," even when Yahweh was there with them. **11** Therefore, this is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll act according to your anger and according to your jealousy that you had in your hatred of Yisrael (Israel), and I'll show myself to them when I judge you— **12** then you'll know

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_will_become to/for_them (into)_god and_servant_of_my Dāvid will_be_prince among_them I **YHWH** I_have_spoken. **25** And_I_ _will_make to/for_them a_covenant_of peace and_I_will_cause_ _to_cease animal[s] wild from the_earth/land and_they_will_ _dwell in_wilderness to_security and_they_will_sleep in_ _forests. **26** And_I_will_make them and_around_of hill_of_my a_ _blessing and_I_will_bring_down the_rain at_its_appropriate_ _of_time rains_of blessing they_will_be. **27** And_ the_tree[s]_of the_field _he/it_gave ĐØM fruit_of_its and_the_earth it_will_ _give produce_of_its and_they_will_be on land_of_their_own to_security and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_break_I ĐØM the_bars_of their_yoke_of_their and_I_will_ _deliver_them from_the_hand_of those_who_laboured by_ _them. **28** And_not they_will_be again spoil for_nations and_ _the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land not it_will_devour_them and_ _they_will_dwell to_security and_there_will_not_be one_who_ _terrifies. **29** And_I_will_establish to/for_them a_planting_place for_name and_not they_will_be again those_who_are_gathered_ _of famine on_the_earth and_not they_will_bear again the_ _insult_of the_nations. **30** And_they_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** god_of_their with_them and_they people_of_are_my the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **31** And_you(pl) flock_of_are_my the_flock_of my_ _pasture_of_my human[s] you(pl) I god_of_am_your(pl) the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

35:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your on the_mountain_of Sē'īr and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it. **3** And_you_will_say for_him/it thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_against_ _you Oh_mountain_of Sē'īr and_I_will_stretch_out hand_of_my on_you and_I_will_make_you a_desolation and_a_waste. **4** Cities_of_your a_ruin I_will_make and_you(ms) a_desolation you_will_be and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **5** Because belonged to/for_yourself(m) enmity_of antiquity and_you_poured ĐØM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) over the_ _hands_of the_sword at_the_time_of their_disaster_of_their at_ _a_time_of punishment_of the_end. **6** For_so/thus/hence by_ _the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if/because to_blood I_will_appoint_you and_blood it_will_pursue_you if not blood you_have_hated and_blood it_will_pursue_you. **7** And_I_will_make ĐØM the_mountain_of Sē'īr into_a_desolation and_a_desolation and_I_will_cut_off from_him/it one_who_ _passes_through and_one_who_returns. **8** And_I_will_fill ĐØM mountains_of_its its_slain_of_ones hills_of_your and_valleys_ _of_your and_all ravines_of_your those_slain_of a_sword they_ _will_fall in_them. **9** Desolations_of perpetuity I_will_make_you and_cities_of_your not they_will_return[207] and_you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **10** Because you_have_said ĐØM the_two_of the_nations and_ĐØM the_two_of the_lands to_ _me they_will_belong and_we_will_take_possession_of_it and_ _**YHWH** there he_was. **11** For_so/thus/hence by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_I_will_act according_ _to_of_your_anger and_according_to_of_your_jealousy which

206 RV 35:2 · Cross-ref. Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

207 LV 35:9 · Note OSHB variant note: הנבשית: (x-qere) הֲנֶבֶשֶׁת: lemma_7725 n_1 morph_HVqi3fp id_26hWa הֲנֶבֶשֶׁת

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you_did from_hatred(s)_of_your with_them and_I_will_make_
_myself_known among_them just_as I_will_judge_you. **12** And_
_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** I_have_heard ᴅᴏᴍ
all_of blasphemies_of_your which you_have_said on the_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say they_have_been_
_desolated[208] to/for_us they_have_been_given for_food.
13 And_you_have_magnified_yourselves on_me with_mouth_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_have_multiplied on_me
words/messages_of_your(pl) I I_have_heard. **14** Thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says just_ all_of the_earth/land _as_rejoices
desolation I_will_make for_you. **15** According_to_of_your_
_rejoicing to_the_inheritance_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
on that it_had_been_desolated so I_will_do to_you a_desolation
you_will_be Oh_mountain_of Sē'īr and_all 'Edōm of_it_of_all
and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

36:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy to the_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say Oh_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_message_of **YHWH**.
2 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because the_enemy he_has_
_said on_you(pl) aha and_the_high_places_of antiquity (into)_a_
_possession it_has_become to/for_ourselves. **3** For_
_so/thus/hence prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_master
YHWH he_says because by_cause to_desolate and_to_trample_
_on you(pl) from_round_about you_to_be a_possession of_the_
_rest_of the_nations and_you(pl)_have_been_taken_up on a_lip_
_of a_tongue and_the_whispering_of the_people. **4** For_
_so/thus/hence Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_
_message_of my_master **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says to_mountains and_to_hills to_ravines and_to_valleys and_
_to_places (the)_desolate and_to_cities (the)_abandoned which
they_have_become (into)_spoil and_(into)_mockery to_the_
_rest_of the_nations which are_from_round_about. **5** For_
_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says if not in_the_
_fire_of my_jealousy_of_my I_have_spoken on the_rest_of the_
_nations and_on 'Edōm of_it_of_all which they_made ᴅᴏᴍ land_
_of_my to/for_them into_a_possession with_joy_of every_of
heart with_scorn_of self so_that pastureland_of_its becomes_
_(into)_spoil. **6** For_so/thus/hence prophesy on the_land_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_mountains and_to_hills to_
_ravines and_to_valleys thus he_says my_master **YHWH** here_I
in_jealousy_of_my and_in_rage_of_my I_have_spoken because
the_insult[s]_of nations you(pl)_have_borne. **7** For_
_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says I I_lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ
hand_of_my if not the_nations which to/for_you(pl) are_from_
_round_about they insult[s]_of_their[210] they_will_bear. **8** And_
_you(pl) Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) branch[es]_of_
_your(pl) you(pl)_will_extend and_fruit_of_your(pl) you(pl)_
_will_bear for_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_
_have_brought_near to_come. **9** If/because HERE_I am_with_
_you(pl) and_I_will_turn to_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be_tilled
and_you(pl)_will_be_sown. **10** And_I_will_multiply on_you(pl)
human[s] all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all and_
the_cities _they_will_be_inhabited and_the_waste_places they_
_will_be_rebuilt. **11** And_I_will_multiply on_you(pl) human[s]

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that I am Yahweh. I've heard all the insults you spoke against Yisrael's hill country, when you said, "They've been destroyed—they've been given over to us to devour." **13** You raised yourselves up against me with what you said, and you multiplied the words you said against me, and I heard all of them.

14 The master Yahweh says this: I'll make you into a desolate place while the rest of the world cheers. **15** Just like you rejoiced over the Israeli people's inheritance when it was made desolate, I'll do the same to you. You'll become a desolation, Mt. Se'ir and all of Edom—all of it. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

God's blessing for Yisrael (Israel)

36:1 "Now, son of humanity, prophesy to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains and say, 'Mountains of Yisrael, listen to Yahweh's message. **2** The master Yahweh says this: The enemy has said, "Aha," when talking about you, and "The ancient hilltop shrines have become ours." '

3 Therefore prophesy and tell them that the master Yahweh says this: Because of your desolation and because of the attacks that came on you from all sides, you've ended up belonging to other nations—you've been the subject of slanderous lips and tongues, and of people's stories. **4** Therefore, mountains of Yisrael, listen to the message from the master Yahweh: The master Yahweh says this to the mountains and the high hills, to the streambeds and valleys, to the places that have been destroyed and are now uninhabited, and to the forsaken cities that have become plunder and a subject of mocking for the other nations that surround them— **5** the master Yahweh says this: I've certainly spoken in the heat of my anger against the other nations, against Edom and everyone who took my land for themselves as a possession—against all those who had both celebration in their heart and disdain in their spirit as they seized my land so they could claim its pasturelands for themselves.'

6 Therefore, prophesy to Yisrael and tell the mountains and the high hills, the streambeds and the valleys, that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, in my fury and in my anger I'm declaring this because you've endured insults from other nations. **7** Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: I myself will take action and promise that the nations that surround you will certainly be made to carry their own shame. **8** But you Israeli mountains, you'll grow branches and bear fruit for my Israeli people, since they'll soon come back to you, **9** because, listen, I'm for you, and I'll treat you favourably—you'll be ploughed and sown with seed. **10** I'll multiply your population—all the Israeli people. The cities will be inhabited again and the ruins rebuilt. **11** I'll increase both people and animals on you mountains so that they'll multiply and be fruitful. Then I'll cause you to be in-

208 LV 35:12 · Note OSHB variant note: הממש: (x-qere) 'וּמֻמָּשׁ': lemma_8074 n_1 morph_HVqp3cp id_26T82 וּמֻמָּשׁ

210 LV 36:7 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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habited like you were previously, and I'll make you prosper more than you did in the past so that you'll know that I am Yahweh. **12** I'll bring my Israeli people to walk on you. They'll possess you, and you'll be their inheritance, and you'll no longer cause their children to die.

13 The master Yahweh says this: They're telling you, "You mountains devour people, bereaving your nation of children," **14** therefore you won't consume people any longer, and you'll no longer make your nation mourn their deaths. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **15** I won't allow you to hear the insults from the other nations any longer—you'll no longer have to bear the people groups shaming you, and you won't cause your nation to stumble. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

16 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **17** "Son of humanity, when the Israeli people inhabited their land, they defiled it with their customs and their activities. In my eyes, their customs were like the uncleanness of a woman's menstruation, **18** so I poured out my fury against them for the blood that they'd poured out on the land, and for how they'd polluted it with their idols. **19** I scattered them among the nations—they were dispersed through the lands. I judged them according to their customs and their actions. **20** Then they went to those other nations, and wherever they went, they profaned my holy name when people asked about them, 'Are these really Yahweh's people? After all, they've been thrown out of his land.' **21** But I had compassion for my holy name that the Israeli people had defiled among the other nations, when they went there.

22 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says this: I'm not doing this for the sake of you Israeli people, but for my sacred name, which you've profaned among the nations everywhere you've gone. **23** My great name, which you people have profaned among the nations, I'll make holy even among the nations where you profaned it. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh, when they see you recognise my holiness. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **24** I'll take you back out of those nations and gather you from every land, and I'll bring you into your land. **25** Then I'll sprinkle pure water on you so you'll be cleaned from all of your impurities, and I'll purify you from all your idols. **26** I'll give you people a new heart and a new spirit in your innermost parts, and I'll take the stony heart away from your bodies and replace it with a heart of flesh.[209] **27** I'll put my spirit in you and enable you Israelis to follow my instructions and keep my regulations. **28** Then you'll inhabit the land that I gave to your ancestors—you'll be my people and I'll be your god. **29** I'll save you from all of your uncleanness,

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and_animal[s] and_they_will_increase and_they_will_be_
_fruitful and_I_will_cause_to_be_inhabited you(pl) like_
_your(pl)_former_of_state(s) and_I_will_do_good more_than_
_of_your(pl)_beginnings and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_
that I am**YHWH**. **12** And_I_will_cause_to_walk on_you(pl)
human[s] ~~ᵭᵯ~~ people_of_my Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_will_
_possess_you and_you_will_become to/for_them (into)_an_
_inheritance and_not you_will_repeat again to_bereave_them.
13 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because people_are_saying
to/for_you(pl) are_devouring_of (of)_human[s] you[211] and_
_bereaving_of mmm[212] you_have_been. **14** For_so/thus/hence
human[s] not you_will_devour again and[213] not you_will_
_bereave[214] again the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **15** And_
_not I_will_make_heard to_you again the_insult[s]_of the_
_nations and_the_reproach_of peoples not you_will_bear again
and[215] not you_will_cause_to_stumble again the_utterance_of
my_master **YHWH**. **16** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was
to_me to_say. **17** Oh_son_of humankind the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) were_dwelling on land_of_their_own and_they_
_made_unclean it by_conduct_of_their and_by_practices_of_
_their like_the_uncleanness_of (the)_menstruation it_was
conduct_of_their before_me. **18** And_I_poured_out rage_of_my
on_them on the_blood which they_had_poured_out on the_
_earth/land and_by_idols_of_their they_made_it_unclean.
19 And_I_scattered ~~ᵭᵯ~~_them among_nations and_they_were_
_dispersed among_lands according_to_of_their_conduct and_
_according_to_of_their_practices I_judged_them. **20** And_it_
_came to the_nations where they_went there and_they_
_profaned ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_name_of my_holiness_of_my when_said
to/for_them are_the_people_of **YHWH** these and_from_land_
_of_his they_have_come_out. **21** And_I_showed_pity on the_
_name_of my_holiness_of_my which they_had_profaned_it the_
_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) among_nations where they_had_
gone to(to). **22** For_so/thus/hence say to_the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says not for_
_your(pl)_sake I am_about_to_act Oh_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
if/because (if) for_the_name_of my_holiness_of_my which
you(pl)_have_profaned among_nations where you(pl)_have_
_gone there. **23** And_I_will_show_holy ~~ᵭᵯ~~ name_of_my (the)_
_great which_has_been_profaned among_nations which
you(pl)_have_profaned among_them and_ the_nations _they_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH** when_I_show_myself_holy by_you(pl) to_eyes_
_of_their. **24** And_I_will_take you(pl) from the_nations and_I_
_will_gather you(pl) from_all the_lands and_I_will_bring
you(pl) into land_of_your(pl)_own. **25** And_I_will_sprinkle on_
_you(pl) water pure and_you(pl)_will_be_pure from_all
uncleanness(es)_of_your(pl) and_from_all_of idols_of_your(pl)
I_will_purify you(pl). **26** And_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) a_heart
new and_spirit new I_will_put in_your_inner_of_being and_I_

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209 RV 36:26-28 · Cross-ref. Eze 11:19-20.

211 LV 36:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **יתא**: (x-qere) **תָּאְ**: lemma_859 b n_1 morph_HPp2fs id_26qfg **תָּאְ**

212 LV 36:13 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יוג**: (x-qere) **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ**: lemma_1471 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2fs id_26Lz9 **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ**

213 LV 36:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יוג/ו**: (x-qere) **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**: lemma_c/1471 a n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_26AKC **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**

214 LV 36:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **ילשכת**: (x-qere) **יְלַכְּשְׁתְ**: lemma_7921 a morph_HVpi2fs id_26d88 **יְלַכְּשְׁתְ**

215 LV 36:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ך/יוג/ו**: (x-qere) **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**: lemma_c/1471 a n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_26oZZ **ךְ/יָיוֹגְ/ו**

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_will_remove ~~DOM~~ the_heart_of (the)_stone from_flesh_of_ _your(pl) and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) a_heart_of flesh. **27** And_~~DOM~~ my_breath/wind/spirit I_will_put in_your_inner_ _of_being and_I_will_bring_about ~~DOM~~ which/who in_ _regulations_of_my you(pl)_will_walk and_judgements_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_you(pl)_will_do_them. **28** And_you(pl)_ _will_dwell on_the_earth which I_gave to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_god. **29** And_I_will_save you(pl) from_all uncleanness(es)_of_your(pl) and_I_will_summon (to) the_grain and_I_will_increase ~~DOM~~_him/it and_not I_will_give to_you(pl) famine. **30** And_I_will_increase ~~DOM~~ the_fruit_of the_tree and_ _the_produce_of the_field so_that that not you(pl)_may_receive again the_reproach_of famine among_nations. **31** And_you(pl)_ _will_remember ~~DOM~~ ways_of_your(pl) (the)_evil and_deeds_of_ _your(pl) which not were_good and_you(pl)_will_feel_loathing at_faces_of_your(pl) on iniquities_of_your(pl) and_on abominations_of_your(pl). **32** Not for_your(pl)_sake I am_ _about_to_act the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** let_it_be_ _known to/for_you(pl) be_ashamed and_be_humiliated from_ _ways_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **33** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says in/on_day cleanse_I you(pl) from_all iniquities_of_your(pl) and_I_will_cause_to_be_inhabited ~~DOM~~ the_cities and_ the_waste_places _they_will_be_rebuilt. **34** And_ _the_earth (the)_desolated it_will_be_tilled in_place_of that it_ _was a_desolation to_the_eyes_of every_of one_who_passes_by. **35** And_people_will_say the_earth/land this (the)_desolated it_ _has_become like_the_garden_of ʿĒden and_the_cities (the)_ _desolate and_(the)_desolated and_(the)_broken_down fortified_cities they_have_remained. **36** And_ the_nations which they_will_be_left around_of_you(pl) _they_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_rebuilt the_broken_down_ _cities I_have_planted the_desolated_place I **YHWH** I_have_ _spoken and_I_will_act. **37** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says again this I_will_let_myself_be_sought by_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_doing to/for_them I_will_increase ~~DOM~~_ _them like_flock human[s]. **38** Like_sheep_of holiness(es) like_ _the_sheep_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) at_its_appointed_of_ _times so they_will_be the_cities (the)_desolate full of_flock[s]_ _of human[s] and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

37:1 It_was on_me the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he_brought_me_out by_the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he_set_me_down in_the_middle of_the_valley and_she was_full bones. **2** And_he_made_me_ _pass_by at_them all_around all_around and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE many_bones very were_on the_surface_of the_valley and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_dry very. **3** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind will_ the_bones the_these _they_live and_I_said my_master **YHWH** you you_know. **4** And_he/it_said to_me prophesy to the_bones the_these and_you_will_say to_ _them Oh_bones (the)_dry hear the_message_of **YHWH**. **5** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_bones the_these HERE I am_ _about_to_bring in_you(pl) breath and_you(pl)_will_live. **6** And_ _I_will_give to_you(pl) tendons and_I_will_bring_up over_ _you(pl) flesh and_I_will_cover over_you(pl) skin and_I_will_put in_you(pl) breath and_you(pl)_will_live and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **7** And_I_prophesied just_as I_was_ _commanded and_he/it_was a_sound just_as_I_prophesied and_

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and then I'll summon the grain and multiply it—I'll no longer assign famine to you. **30** I'll multiply the fruit on the trees and the produce from the soil so that you'll no longer be shamed by other nations seeing you suffering famine. **31** Then you'll think about your wicked customs and your activities that weren't good, and your faces will display your loathing of your own sins and your disgusting habits. **32** But make sure you know this: I'm not doing all that for *your* sake, so you Israeli people should be ashamed and disgraced because of your behaviour. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

33 The master Yahweh says this: When I purify you from all your disobedience, I'll enable you to inhabit the cities again and to rebuild the ruined places, **34** and the idle land will be tilled until it's no longer a wasteland for everyone to see as they go past. **35** Then instead they'll say, "This land was desolate, but it's become like the garden of Eden—the abandoned cities and the uninhabited ruins that were torn down are now fortified and inhabited." **36** Then the other nations around you will know that I am Yahweh, because I built up the ruins and replanted the abandoned places. I, Yahweh, have declared it and I will do it.

37 The master Yahweh also says this: The Israeli people will again ask me to do this for them: to increase their population like sheep. **38** Just like the flock that's kept separate to be used for sacrifices (like the flock in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) at its scheduled feasts), so too the ruined cities will be filled with flocks of people and they will know that I am Yahweh."

The valley with bleached bones

37:1 One day Yahweh gave me another vision, and he took me out by his spirit and put me down in the middle of a valley that was full of bones. **2** Then he led me all around them, and wow, there were so many bones in the valley, and they were totally dried out! **3** "Son of humanity," he asked me, "can these bones become living people again?"

"My master Yahweh," I replied, "only you would know that."

4 Then he told me, "Prophesy over these bones and tell them, 'Dry bones. Listen to Yahweh's message. **5** The master Yahweh says this to these bones: Listen, I'm about to put breath into you, and you'll live. **6** I'll connect sinews to you and put flesh onto you. I'll cover you with skin and put breath into you so you'll live. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

7 So I prophesied as I was instructed, and wow, a sound like

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something rattling started as the bones moved together—bone against bone! **8** I looked and, wow, the bones now had sinews on them, and flesh grew up over that, and then skin covered them! But there was still no breath in them.

9 Then Yahweh told me, "Prophesy to the wind, son of humanity, prophesy and tell the air, 'The master Yahweh commands this: Breath, come from the four compass points, and breathe into these who've been killed, so they'll come to life.' "

10 So I prophesied just like I was commanded. Then breath came into them and they came to life. Then they stood on their feet—a very large army.

11 Then Yahweh informed me, "Son of humanity, these bones are the entire Israeli population. Listen, they're saying, 'Our bones have dried up and our hope is gone. We've been cut off.' **12** Therefore prophesy and tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll open your graves and lift you, my people, out from them, then I'll bring you back to Yisrael (Israel). **13** Then, my people, when I open your graves and bring you out of them, you'll know that I am Yahweh. **14** I'll place my spirit within you so you'll live, and I'll cause you to rest in your land when you know that I am Yahweh. I declare it, and I will do it. That is Yahweh's declaration.' "

The two sticks indicating unity of Yisrael and Yehudah

15 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **16** "So now, son of humanity, take a stick for yourself and write on it, 'For Yehudah (Judah) and for all their associated people.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Yosef (Joseph), the branch of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), and for all their associated people.' **17** Then hold both of them together so that they seem like one stick in your hand. **18** When your people ask you and insist, 'Aren't you going to tell us what these props of yours mean?' **19** then tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: Look, I'm taking Yosef's branch that's in Yisrael's hand along with the tribes of Yisrael his companions, and joining it to Yehudah's branch, so that they'll make one branch, and they'll become one in my hand.'

20 Hold the branches in your hand that you wrote on while they watched. **21** Tell the people, 'The master Yahweh says this: Look, I'm about to take the Israeli people out from the nations where they went. I'll gather them from the surrounding lands and bring them back to their land. **22** I'll unite them as a single nation in the land, on the mountains of Yisrael, and there'll be one king as king over all of them, and they'll no longer be two nations—they'll no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

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_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_rattling and_ the_bones _they_drew_near bone to bone_of_its. **8** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_ _on_them tendons and_flesh/body it_came_up and_it_covered over_them skin from_to_above and_spirit there_was_not in_ _them. **9** And_he/it_said to_me prophesy to the_breath prophesy Oh_son_of humankind and_you_will_say[216] to the_ _breath thus he_says my_master **YHWH** from_four winds come Oh_breath and_blow on_who_have_been]_killed the_these so_ _that_they_may_live. **10** And_I_prophesied just_as he_ _commanded_me and_it_came in/among_them the_breath and_they_lived and_they_stood on feet_of_their an_army great very very. **11** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind the_ _bones the_these are_all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they THERE people_are_saying bones_of_our they_have_dried_up and_ hope_of_our _it_has_been_lost we_have_been_cut_off to/for_us. **12** For_so/thus/hence prophesy and_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_ _open ÐOM graves_of_your(pl) and_I_will_bring_up you(pl) from_graves_of_your(pl) my_people_of_my and_I_will_bring you(pl) into the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **13** And_you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_open_I ÐOM graves_ _of_your(pl) and_when_I_bring_up you(pl) from_graves_of_ _your(pl) my_people_of_my. **14** And_I_will_put my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_live and_I_ _will_set_down you(pl) on land_of_your(pl)_own and_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_ _act the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

15 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **16** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m) a_piece_of_wood one and_write on/upon/above_him/it for_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[220] and_take a_piece_of_wood one and_write on/upon/above_him/it for_Yōşēf/(Joseph) the_piece_of_wood_ _of 'Efrayim and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[221]. **17** And_bring_near ÐOM_them one to one to/for_yourself(m) into_a_piece_of_wood one and_they_will_be (into)_one(s) in_ _hand_of_your. **18** And_when they_will_say to_you the_ _children_of your_people_of_your to_say am_not will_you_tell to/for_us what are_these_things to_you. **19** Speak to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_take ÐOM the_ _piece_of_wood_of Yōşēf which is_in_the_hand_of 'Efrayim and_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[222] and_I_will_put them on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM the_piece_of_wood_of Yəhūdāh and_I_will_make_them into_a_piece_of_wood one and_they_ _will_be one in_hand_of_my. **20** And_ the_pieces_wood which you_will_write on_them _they_will_be in_hand_of_your to_ _eyes_of_their. **21** And_speak to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_take ÐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_between the_nations where they_have_ _gone there and_I_will_gather ÐOM_them from_round_about and_I_will_bring them into land_of_their_own. **22** And_I_will_ _make ÐOM_them to_(a)_nation one on_the_earth on_the_

216 LV 37:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
220 LV 37:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) וְיָרֵבֵּחַ': lemma_2270 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26HZ4 וְיָרֵבֵּחַ
221 LV 37:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) וְיָרֵבֵּחַ': lemma_2270 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26uQs וְיָרֵבֵּחַ
222 LV 37:19 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) וְיָרֵבֵּחַ': lemma_2270 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_263Qd וְיָרֵבֵּחַ

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_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_a_king one he_will_become to/for_all_them (into)_king and_not they_will_become[223] again (into)_two_of nations and_not they_will_be_divided again into_ _two_of kingdoms again. **23** And_not they_will_make_ _themselves_unclean again by_idols_of_their and_by_ _abominations_of_their and_by_all_of transgressions_of_their and_I_will_save ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_all places_of_their_dwelling which they_have_sinned in/among_them and_I_will_cleanse them and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_ _become to/for_them (into)_god. **24** And_servant_of_my Dāvid will_be_king over_them and_a_shepherd one he_will_belong to/for_all_them and_in_judgements_of_my they_will_walk and_ _regulations_of_my they_will_keep and_they_will_do them. **25** And_they_will_dwell on the_earth/land which I_gave to_ _servant_of_my to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) which they_dwelt in_it ancestors_of_your(pl) and_they_will_dwell on/upon_it(f) they and_children_of_their and_the_sons their_children_of_their until perpetuity and_Dāvid servant_of_my will_be_prince to/for_them forever_perpetuity. **26** And_I_will_make to/for_ _them a_covenant_of peace a_covenant_of perpetuity it_will_be them and_I_will_give_them and_I_will_increase them and_I_ _will_put ᴅᴏᴍ sanctuary_of_my among_them forever_ _perpetuity. **27** And_it_was place_of_my_dwelling with_them and_I_will_be to/for_them (into)_god and_they they_will_ _become to_me (into)_a_people. **28** And_ the_nations _they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_sanctifying ᴅᴏᴍ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ sanctuary_of_my _is among_them forever_perpetuity.

38:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against Gōg the_land_ _of (the)_Māgōg the_prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_Tūval and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it. **3** And_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_against_you Oh_Gōg the_ _prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_Tūval. **4** And_I_will_turn_ _you_around and_I_will_put hooks in_jaws_of_your and_I_will_ _bring_out you[226] and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of army_of_your horses and_ _horsemen are_clothed_of perfection of_them_of_all a_ _company great body_shield and_shield are_wielding_of (of)_ _swords of_them_of_all. **5** Pāraṣ Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ with_ _them of_them_of_all shield and_helmet. **6** Gomer and_all troops_of_its the_house_of Tōgarmāh the_remotest_parts_of the_north and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of troops_of_its peoples many will_be_ _with_you. **7** Be_prepared and_prepare to/for_yourself(m) you and_all company_of_your which_have_assembled with_you and_you_will_become to/for_them (into)_a_guard. **8** From_days many you_will_be_mustered in_end/latter of_the_years you_ _will_go into a_land restored from_the_sword gathered_

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23 Then they'll no longer defile themselves with their idols, with their disgusting things, or with any of their other sins. I'll save them from all of their faithless actions[217] with which they've sinned, and I'll purify them so they'll be my people and I'll be their god. **24** My servant David will be king over them, so there'll be one shepherd over them all,[218] and they'll follow my instructions and keep my regulations and obey them. **25** They'll live in the land that I've given to my servant Ya'akov (Jacob) (also called Yisrael), where your ancestors had stayed. They'll live in it forever—they, their children, and their grandchildren, and my servant David will be their permanent leader. **26** I'll establish a peace treaty with them—a never-ending agreement with them. I'll establish them and multiply them and put my sacred place among them forever. **27** My residence will be with them—I'll be their god, and they'll be my people.[219] **28** Then the other nations will know that I am Yahweh who sets Yisrael apart, when my sacred place is permanently among them.' "

The defeat of all of Yisrael's opponents[224] · Invasion by Gog and his army

38:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, look toward the land of Magog where King Gog is the main leader of Meshek and Tuval,[225] and prophesy against him. **3** Tell him that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Gog, leader of Meshek and Tuval, **4** so I'll turn you around and put hooks into your jaws. Then I'll bring you out with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all of them dressed in full armour—a huge group with large and small shields, all of them holding swords. **5** Paras (Persia), Kush (Ethiopia) (Kush), and Libya are with them, all of them with shields and helmets, **6** as well as Gomer and all its troops, and Beyt-Togarmah, from the far parts of the north, and all its troops. Many people groups are with you. **7** Tell Gog to get ready as commander, and to assemble and prepare his troops. **8** You'll be summoned many days later, then after some years you'll go to a land that's recovered from war and where the people have

217 **RV 37:23 · Note** The Hebrew text has 'living places' rather than 'faithless actions' (from the Septuagint), but it's difficult to make sense of the Hebrew.

218 **RV 37:24 · Cross-ref.** Eze 34:24.

219 **RV 37:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 6:16; Rev 21:3.

223 **LV 37:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **היהי**: (x-qere) 'וְיִהְיֶ': lemma_1961 morph_HVqi3mp id_26Rnv **וְיִהְיֶ**

224 **RV 38:1 · Parallel** 38:1–39:29

225 **RV 38:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:8.

226 **LV 38:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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come back from many nations—gathered back to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains that had continuously been a ruin. But the land's people will indeed be brought out of the nations, and they'll all live there safely again. **9** Then you'll go in like a storm with your large army—you'll all be like a cloud covering the land.

10 The master Yahweh says this: But plans will start to form in your heart on that day and you'll devise wicked schemes. **11** Then you'll think, 'I'll take my army up onto the open ground—we'll attack the people living quietly and peacefully—all of them living where there are no walls or barriers, and no city gates. **12** I'll capture booty and steal plunder and use my forces against those ruins that have been newly inhabited, and against those people who've returned from the nations—people who are gaining livestock and property, and who are living at the centre of the world.' **13** People from Sheva and Dedan, and traders from Tarshish and its villages will ask you, 'Have you come to plunder? Have you assembled your armies to take away spoil, to carry off gold and silver, to take their livestock and property and to haul away plenty of plunder?'

14 Therefore, son of humanity, prophesy and tell Gog that the master Yahweh says this: On that day, when my people Yisrael are living securely—but you won't take notice of that— **15** you'll come from your place far away in the north with a large army—all of them riding on horses, yes, a very numerous force. **16** Then you'll attack my Israeli people like a cloud that covers the land. I'll send you against my land near the end of the era, so that the nations might know me when I show myself through you, Gog—they'll see with their own eyes that I always demand what's right. **17** The master Yahweh says this: Aren't you the one that I spoke about in the past through my servants, the Israeli prophets who prophesied for years in their own times, that I would bring you against them?

Yahweh's punishment of Gog

18 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: When Gog attacks Yisrael (Israel), my fury will mount up into a rage. **19** In my zeal and in the fire of my anger, I declare that on that day there'll be a terrible earthquake in Yisrael, **20** and the fish in the sea and the birds in the skies, the wild animals in the countryside including all the creatures that crawl on the earth, and every person who's on the surface of the land will tremble in front of me. The mountains will be thrown down and the cliffs will fall, until every wall falls to the ground. **21** I'll summon an army against Gog on all my mountains. Every man's sword will be against his brother. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **22** Then I'll punish Gog with deadly diseases and bloodshed, as well as overwhelming rain and hailstones and burning sulfur that I'll rain down on him and his troops and the many nations that joined with him. **23** Yes, I'll display my greatness and purity, and I'll make myself known to those many nations, so they'll know that I am Yahweh.

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_together from_peoples many on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_had_become (into)_a_desolation continually and_she from_peoples it_had_been_brought_out and_they_will_be_dwelling to_security of_them_of_all. **9** And_ _you_will_go_up like_storm you_will_go like_cloud about_to_ _cover the_earth/land you_are you and_all troops_of_your and_ _peoples many with_you. **10** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_it_was in_the_day (the)_that words/messages they_will_ _come_up on heart_of_your and_you_will_plan a_plan_of evil. **11** And_you_will_say I_will_go_up on a_land_of unwalled_ _villages I_will_go those_who_are_at_peace who_dwell_of to_ _security of_them_of_all are_dwelling with_not a_wall and_ _bar[s] and_gates there_belonged_not to/for_them. **12** To_ _plunder plunder and_to_take_as_spoil spoil to_turn hand_of_ _your on waste_places inhabited and_near/to a_people which_ _has_been_gathered from_nations which_has_acquired livestock and_property who_dwell_of at the_center_of the_ _earth/land. **13** Shəvā' and_Dədān and_the_traders_of Tarshiysh and_all lions_of_its_young they_will_say to/for_ _yourself(m) to_plunder plunder are_you coming to_take_as_ _spoil spoil have_you_assembled company_of_your to_carry_ _away silver and_gold to_take/accept/receive livestock and_ _property to_plunder plunder great. **14** For_so/thus/hence prophesy Oh_son_of humankind and_you_will_say to_Gōg thus my_master **YHWH** he_says am_not in_the_day (the)_that when_ people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _dwell to_security will_ _you_know. **15** And_you_will_come from_place_of_your from_ _the_remotest_parts_of the_north you and_peoples many with_ _you are_riders_of horses of_them_of_all a_company great and_ _an_army great. **16** And_you_will_go_up on people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_cloud to_cover the_earth/land in_ _end/latter the_days it_will_happen and_I_will_bring_you on land_of_my so_as the_nations to_know ~~DOM~~_me when_I_show_ _myself_holy in_you(ms) to_eyes_of_their Oh_Gōg. **17** Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says are_you he whom I_spoke in_days former by_the_hand_of my_servants_of_my the_prophets_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_prophesied in_the_days the_those years to_bring you on_them.

18 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that in/on_day Gōg comes on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** rage_of_my it_will_rise in_anger_of_my. **19** And_in_ _jealousy_of_my in_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_have_ _spoken if not in_the_day (the)_that it_will_be an_earthquake great on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** And_they_will_shake from_before_of_me the_fish(es)_of the_sea and_bird the_ _heavens and_the_animal[s]_of the_field and_all the_creeping_ _(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_soil and_ _all/each/any/every the_humankind which is_on the_surface_ _of the_soil and_ the_mountains _they_will_be_thrown_down and_ the_steep_places _they_will_fall and_all wall to_ground it_ _will_fall. **21** And_I_will_summon on/upon/above_him/it to/from_all/each/any/every mountains_of_my a_sword the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** the_sword_of each on_ _brother_of_his it_will_be. **22** And_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_him/it by_pestilence and_by_blood and_rain overflowing and_stones_of hail fire and_sulfur I_will_rain_down on/upon/above_him/it and_on troops_of_his and_on peoples

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many which with_him/it. **23** And_I_will_show_myself_great and_I_will_show_myself_holy and_I_will_make_myself_known to_the_eyes_of nations many and_they_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH**.

39:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy on Gōg and_ _you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_ _against_you Oh_Gōg the_prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_ _Tūval. **2** And_I_will_turn_you_around and_I_will_lead_you_on and_I_will_bring_you_up from_the_remotest_parts_of the_ _north and_I_will_bring_you on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_I_will_strike bow_of_your from_the_ _hand_of your_left_hand_of_your and_arrows_of_your from_ _the_hand_of your_right_side_of_your I_will_make_fall. **4** On the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) you and_all troops_of_your and_peoples which are_with_you you_will_fall to_bird[s]_of_ _prey_of bird[s] of_every_of wing and_the_animal[s]_of the_ _field I_will_give_you for_food. **5** On the_surface_of the_field you_will_fall if/because I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. **6** And_I_will_send fire on_Māgōg and_on_ _those_who_dwell_of the_islands to_security and_they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. **7** And_ĐOM the_name_of my_holiness_of_my I_will_make_known in_the_middle people_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not I_will_let_be_profaned ĐOM the_name_of my_holiness_of_my again and_ the_nations _they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_holy in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** THERE it_is_coming and_it_will_occur the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** it the_day which I_have_ _spoken. **9** And_they_will_go_out the_inhabitants_of the_cities_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_kindle and_they_will_kindle_ _a_fire with_weaponry and_shield and_body_shield with_bow and_with_arrows and_with_staff_of hand and_with_spear and_ _they_will_kindle in/among_them fire seven years. **10** And_not they_will_carry wood(s) from the_field and_not they_will_cut_ _it from the_forests if/because with_weaponry they_will_kindle fire and_they_will_plunder ĐOM those_of_who_plundered_them and_they_will_take_as_spoil ĐOM those_of_who_took_them_as_ _spoil the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

11 And_it_was on_day (the)_that I_will_give to_Gōg a_place_of (of)_there a_burial_site in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_valley_of those_ _who_pass_through the_east_of the_sea and_ it _will_be_ _blocking_the_way_of ĐOM those_who_pass_through and_ _people_will_bury there ĐOM Gōg and_ĐOM all_of multitude_of_ _his[228] and_they_will_call_it the_valley_of_H$_a$mōn- Gōg the_ _valley_of_H$_a$mōn-. **12** And_they_will_bury_them the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_as to_cleanse ĐOM the_earth/land seven months. **13** And_ all_of the_people_of the_earth/land _they_ _will_bury_them and_it_was to/for_them (into)_a_name the_ _day_of my_glorifying_myself the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **14** And_people_of continuity they_will_set_apart who_ _pass on_the_earth who_bury ĐOM those_who_pass_on ĐOM those_who_remain on the_surface_of the_earth/land to_ _cleanse_it from_the_end_of seven months they_will_make_a_ _search. **15** And_ those_who_pass _they_will_pass on_the_earth and_they_will_see a_bone_of a_human and_he_will_build beside_it a_marker until those_who_bury they_have_buried

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The defeat of Gog

39:1 "Now, son of humanity, prophesy against Gog and say that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Gog, leader of Meshek and Tuval. **2** I'll turn you around and drag you along—I'll bring you from the far north and take you up to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains, **3** Then I'll knock your bow out of your left hand and make the arrows fall out of your right hand. **4** You and all your troops and soldiers who are with you will die on Yisrael's mountains. I'll give you to the birds of prey and the wild animals in the countryside for food. **5** You'll die there in the countryside, because I myself declare it. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **6** Then I'll send fire out onto Magog and on those living in safety in the coastal regions, and then they'll know that I am Yahweh. **7** I'll make my holy name known among my people Yisrael, and I'll no longer allow my holy name to be profaned—the nations will know that I am Yahweh, the holy One in Yisrael.

8 Listen, the day is coming, and all that will take place. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **9** The people living in Yisrael's cities will go out and they'll use those weapons to kindle and make fires and burn them—small shields, large shields, bows, arrows, the clubs and spears—they'll make fires with them for seven years. **10** They won't need to gather firewood from the countryside or cut down trees from the forests, since they'll burn the weapons. They'll take from those invaders who wanted to take from them, and plunder those who wanted to plunder them. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Gog's burial

11 Then at that time, I'll make a grave for Gog there in Yisrael (Israel)—a valley for those who journey to the east of the sea. They'll bury Gog there with all his multitudes, and they'll call it the 'Hamon-Gog' (or, 'Gog's horde') valley. That mass grave will block people who want to cross over. **12** It'll take seven months for the Israelis to bury them to make the area clean— **13** all the land's people will bury them. It'll be a memorable day for them when I'm honoured. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **14** At the end of the seven months, they'll designate men to continually go through the region to find people who were travelling through, but who died and their bodies remained above the ground, so that they can bury them to make the land clean. **15** As those men pass through the land, when they see any human bone, they'll put a marker by it, until gravediggers come and bury it in the Hamon-Gog valley. **16** There'll even be a city there named 'Hamonah' (which means,

228 LV 39:11 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In this we agree with L against BHS.

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'horde' or 'multitude'). In that way, they'll make the land clean again.

17 Now, son of humanity, the master Yahweh says this to you: Tell all the winged birds and all the wild animals in the countryside, 'Gather together and come. Gather from all around to the sacrifice that I myself am making for you—a large sacrifice on Yisrael's mountains, so that you can eat human flesh and drink blood.[227] **18** You'll eat warriors' flesh and drink the blood of the world's leaders as if they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls that were all fattened in Bashan. **19** Then you'll eat fat until you're full and drink blood until you're drunk—that'll be the sacrifice that I'll slaughter for you birds and animals. **20** You'll be satisfied at my table with horses, chariot drivers, warriors, and every man of war. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

Yisrael's restoration

21 I'll display my power among the nations, and all the nations will see my judgement that I'll put into process and how I'll put that into action against them. **22** Then from that time onwards, the Israeli people will know that I am their god Yahweh. **23** The nations will know that the Israeli people went into captivity because of how they betrayed me with their disobedience, so I distanced myself from them and handed them over to their adversaries so that they all died in the battle. **24** When I distanced myself from them, I treated them exactly as their defilement and rebellion deserved.

25 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Now I'll restore Ya'akov's (Jacob's) fortunes, and I'll have compassion on all of Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants, when I act with zeal to protect my pure reputation. **26** Then they'll bear their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed me. They'll forget all that when they rest in their land in safety, with no one to terrify them **27** when I restore them from the people groups and gather them from their enemies' lands, and I show myself in the sight of many nations to always do what's right. **28** Then they'll know that I am Yahweh their god, because I sent them into captivity among the other nations, but then I'll gather them back to their own land. I won't leave any of them among the nations. **29** I'll no longer distance myself from them when I pour out my spirit on the Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

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ĐØM_him/it to the_valley_of_Hₐmōn- Gōg the_valley_of_ _Hₐmōn-. **16** And_also the_name_of a_city is_Hamonah and_ _they_will_cleanse the_earth/land. **17** And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind thus he_says my_master **YHWH** say to_bird[s]_of every_of wing and_to/for_all (the)_animal_of the_field assemble and_come gather_yourselves from_round_about to sacrifice_of_my which I am_sacrificing to/for_you(pl) a_ _sacrifice great on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _you(pl)_will_eat flesh and_you(pl)_will_drink blood. **18** The_ _flesh_of warriors you(pl)_will_eat and_the_blood_of the_ _princes_of the_earth/land you(pl)_will_drink rams lambs and_ _goats bulls fatlings_of Bāshān of_them_of_all. **19** And_you(pl)_ _will_eat fat to_satiety and_you(pl)_will_drink blood to_ _drunkenness from_sacrifice_of_my which I_have_sacrificed for_you(pl). **20** And_you(pl)_will_be_satisfied at table_of_my horse and_charioteer warrior and_all man_of war the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

21 And_I_will_set ĐØM glory_of_my among_nations and_ all_of the_nations _they_will_see ĐØM judgement_of_my which I_ _have_done and_ĐØM hand_of_my which I_have_put on_them. **22** And_ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_their from the_day (the)_ _that and_onwards. **23** And_ the_nations _they_will_know if/because_that for_iniquity_of_their the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_went_into_exile on that they_had_acted_ _unfaithfully against_me and_I_hid face_of_my from_them and_ _I_gave_them in_the_hand_of their_foes_of_their and_they_fell by_sword of_them_of_all. **24** According_to_of_their_ _uncleanness and_according_to_of_their_transgressions I_ _have_dealt ĐØM_them and_I_hid face_of_my from_them. **25** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says now I_ _will_turn_back ĐØM the_captivity_of[229] of_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_I_will_have_compassion_on all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_be_zealous for_the_name_of my_ _holiness_of_my. **26** And_they_will_bear ĐØM disgrace_of_their and_ĐØM all_of unfaithfulness_of_their which they_acted_ _unfaithfully against_me when_dwell_they on land_of_their_ _own to_security and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. **27** When_I_bring_back them from the_peoples and_I_will_ _gather ĐØM_them from_the_lands_of their_enemies_of_their and_I_will_show_myself_holy by_them to_the_eyes_of the_ _nations many. **28** And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** god_of_their because_I_sent_into_exile ĐØM_them to the_nations and_I_will_gather_them to land_of_their_own and_ _not I_will_leave_behind again from_them there. **29** And_not I_ _will_hide again face_of_my from_them I_who I_have_poured_ _out ĐØM my_breath/wind/spirit on the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

227 RV 39:17-20 · Cross-ref. Rev 19:17-18.

229 LV 39:25 · Note OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) תָּוּבְשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26taf תָּוּבְשׁ

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40:1 In_twenty and_five year of_exile_of_our at_the_beginning_ _of the_year on_ten of_month in_four- teen year after that the_ _city it_was_struck_down on_the_substance_of the_day the_this it_was on_me the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_me to_(to). **2** In_visions_of god he_brought_me to the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_set_me_down to a_mountain high very and_was_on_it like_the_structure_of a_city from_the_south. **3** And_he_brought me to_(to) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man appearance_of_his was_like_the_appearance_of bronze and_a_ _cord_of linen(s) in_his/its_hand and_the_reed_of (the)_ _measurement and_he was_standing in_gate. **4** And_he/it_ _spoke to_me the_man Oh_son_of humankind see with_eyes_ _of_your and_with_ears_of_your hear and_set heart_of_your to_ _all/each/any/every that I am_about_to_show you if/because so_as to_show_you you_have_been_brought hither tell ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of that you are_about_to_see to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

5 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wall was_from_the_outside of_house all_around all_around and_in_the_hand_of the_man the_reed_ _of the_measurement was_six cubits by_cubit and_a_hand_ _breadth and_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_breadth_of the_structure a_reed one and_the_height a_reed one. **6** And_he_went to the_ _gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of (to)_the_ _east and_he/it_ascended its[234] and_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _threshold_of the_gate a_reed one breadth and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _threshold one a_reed one breadth. **7** And_the_chamber a_reed one length and_a_reed one breadth and_between the_chambers five cubits and_the_threshold_of the_gate from_beside the_ _porch_of the_gate from_the_house a_reed one. **8** And_he_ _measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_porch_of the_gate from_the_house a_reed one. **9** And_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_porch_of the_gate eight cubits its[235] two cubits the_porch_of the_gate was_from_the_ _house. **10** And_the_chambers_of the_gate the_direction_of the_ _east three from_here and_three from_here a_measurement one belonged_to_the_three_of_of_them and_a_measurement one belonged_to_pillars from_here and_from_here. **11** And_he_ _measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_breadth_of the_entrance_of the_gate ten cubits the_length_of the_gate thir- teen cubits. **12** And_a_ _barrier to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_chambers was_a_cubit one and_was_a_cubit one a_barrier from_here and_ _the_chamber was_six cubits from_here and_six cubits from_ _here. **13** And_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate from_the_roof of_ _the_chamber to_roof_its breadth twenty and_five cubits entrance before entrance. **14** And_he/it_made ᴅᴏᴍ pillars sixty cubit[s] and_near/to the_pillar_of the_courtyard the_gate all_ _around all_around. **15** And_on the_face_of the_gate the[236] on to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_porch_of the_gate (the)_inner fifty cubit[s]. **16** And_windows closed were_to the_ _chambers and_near/to pillars_of_their to_within to_gate all_ _around all_around and_thus/so/as_follows to_porches and_

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The revelation concerning the coming temple and nation[230] · Yehezkel is taken to Yerushalem

40:1 In mid-April of the twenty-fifth year of our captivity (the fourteenth year after Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was captured), Yahweh used his power to take me there, **2** yes, God took me to Yisrael (Israel) in visions. He put me on a very high mountain where there seemed to be city buildings towards the south,[231] **3** and he took me there. Then wow, there was a man standing in the city gateway who looked like bronze! He was holding a linen cord and a measuring rod.[232]

4 The man told me, "Son of humanity, look with your eyes and listen with your ears, and fix your mind on everything that I'm revealing to you, because you were brought here so I could reveal them to you. Report everything you see here to the Israeli people."

The eastern gateway

5 There was a wall surrounding the temple area. The measuring rod in the man's hand was just over three metres long. (It was six long cubits—each long cubit was a cubit long plus a handbreadth.) So he measured the wall, and it was one measuring rod thick and one high.[233] **6** Then he went to the temple gate that faced east. He went up its steps and measured the gate's threshold—one rod across. **7** The guard chambers were each one rod long and deep, and just under three metres wide. The temple gate threshold by the temple porch was one rod across. **8** He measured the porch inside the gate and it was one rod long, **9** and the porch over the gate was one rod deep. The doorposts were each a metre wide. (This was the porch at the gate facing the temple.) **10** There were three guard chambers on either side of the east gate, and each of them was the same size, and the walls that separated them were the same size.

11 Then the man measured the width of the gateway entrance and it was five metres, and the length of the gateway entrance was almost seven metres. **12** He measured the wall that ran along the front of the chambers at half a metre high. The chambers measured three metres on each side. **13** Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one chamber to that of the next chamber, and it was thirteen metres from the entrance of the first chamber to that of the second. **14** Then he measured the wall that went between the guard chambers, and it was over thirty metres long as far as the gate's porch. **15** The entrance from the front of the gate to the other end of the gate's porch was twenty-seven metres. **16** There were closed windows facing the chambers and toward their pillars within the gates all around,

230 RV 40:1 · Parallel 40:1–48:35

231 RV 40:2 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:10.

232 RV 40:3 · Cross-ref. Rev 11:1; 21:15.

233 RV 40:5–42:20 · Cross-ref. 1Ki 6:1-38; 2Ch 3:1-9.

234 LV 40:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תולעמ/ב: (x-qere) 'ו/יְתוֹלְעֵמְ/ב': lemma_b/4609 b n_1 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_26S85 ו/יְתוֹלְעֵמְ/ב

235 LV 40:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יְלֵיאָ/ו': lemma_c/352 b n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26M6J ו/יְלֵיאָ/ו

236 LV 40:15 · Note OSHB variant note: ווֹתאי/ה: (x-qere) 'וְוֹתֵיאָ/ה': lemma_d/2978 n_1.2 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_26K9x וְוֹתֵיאָ/ה

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and likewise for the porches. There were windows all around the inside, and each of the door jambs was decorated with carvings of palm trees.

The temple courtyard

17 Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard of the temple. Look, there were rooms, and the courtyard was paved, with thirty rooms next to the pavement. **18** The pavement reached to the side of the gates, and its width was the same as the gates' length. That was the lower pavement. **19** Then the man measured the distance from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner gate: it was just over fifty metres on the eastern side, and the same on the northern side.

The northern gateway

20 Then he measured the length and width of the gate that was at the northern end of the outer courtyard. **21** There were three chambers on each side of that gate, and the gate with its porch measured the same as the main gate: twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. **22** Its windows, porch, chambers, and its palm trees matched the eastern gate. Seven steps went up to it and to its porch. **23** There was a gate to the inner courtyard in front of the northern gate, just as there was at the eastern gate. The man measured from one gate to the other gate, and it was fifty-four metres.

The southern gateway

24 Next the man took me to the gateway at the southern entrance, and its walls and porch measured the same as the other outer gates. **25** There were closed windows in the gateway and its porch just like the other gates. The southern gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. **26** There were seven steps up to the gate and its porch, and carvings of palm trees on the walls on each side. **27** There was a gate to the inner courtyard on the southern side, and the man measured fifty-four metres from that gate to the gate at the southern entrance.

The gateways to the inner courtyard

28 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by way of its southern gate,

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_windows were_all_around all_around to_within and_near/to a_pillar palm_trees.

17 And_he_brought_me into the_courtyard the_outer and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE rooms and_a_pavement made for_courtyard all_around all_around thirty rooms to the_pavement. **18** And_ _the_pavement was_to the_side_of the_gates corresponding_to_ _of the_length_of the_gates the_pavement (the)_lower. **19** And_ _he_measured the_breadth from_to/for_face/front/presence the_gate (the)_lower to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before of_ _the_courtyard (the)_inner from_outside a_hundred cubit[s] the_east and_the_north.

20 And_the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_north of_courtyard (the)_outer he_measured length_of_its and_breadth_of_its. **21** And[237] three from_here and_three from_ _here and[238] and[239] it_was like_the_measurement_of the_gate (the)_first was_fifty cubit[s] length_of_its and_the_breadth was_five and_twenty by_cubit. **22** And[240] and[241] and[242] were_ _like_the_measurement_of the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_east and_by_steps seven people_go_ _up in_him/it and[243] were_before_of_them. **23** And_a_gate to_ _courtyard (the)_inner was_before the_gate to_north and_to_ _east and_he_measured from_gate to gate a_hundred cubit[s].

24 And_he_led_me the_direction_of the_south and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_gate_of the_direction_of the_south and_ _he_measured its[244] its[245] according_the_measurements the_ _these. **25** And_windows to_him/it its[246] all_around all_around like_the_windows the_these was_fifty cubit[s] the_length and_ _the_breadth was_five and_twenty cubit[s]. **26** And_were_steps seven mmm[247] its[248] were_before_of_them and_palm_trees to_ _him/it one from_here and_one from_here were_to mmm[249]. **27** And_a_gate belonged_to_courtyard (the)_inner the_ _direction_of the_south and_he_measured from_gate to the_ _gate the_direction_of the_south a_hundred cubits.
28 And_he_brought_me into a_courtyard (the)_inner by_the_ _gate_of the_south and_he_measured ~~DOM~~ the_gate the_south according_the_measurements the_these. **29** And[250] and[251]

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237 LV 40:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/את: (x-qere) ו/אֶתְ: lemma_c/8372 n_1.2.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26iyu וְ/אֶתְ
238 LV 40:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/לֵיאֵ: lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26BpP וְ/לֵיאֵ
239 LV 40:21 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מלא: (x-qere) ו/יַמְּלֵאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26QeB וְ/יַמְּלֵאֵ
240 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/נולח: (x-qere) ו/נָוֹלַחְ: lemma_c/2474 morph_HC/Ncbpc/Sp3ms id_26ff8 וְ/נָוֹלַחְ
241 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מלא: (x-qere) ו/יַמְּלֵאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_1.2.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26Qr5 וְ/יַמְּלֵאֵ
242 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/רמת: (x-qere) ו/יְרַמָּתְ: lemma_c/8561 n_1.2 morph_HC/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_266Qc וְ/יְרַמָּתְ
243 LV 40:22 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מליא: (x-qere) ו/יַמְּלֵיאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pEU וְ/יַמְּלֵיאֵ
244 LV 40:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/יֶלֵיאּ: lemma_352 b n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26APL וְ/יֶלֵיאּ
245 LV 40:24 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מליא: (x-qere) ו/יְמַלֵּיאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_2615v וְ/יְמַלֵּיאֵ
246 LV 40:25 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מליא/ל/ו: (x-qere) ו/יְמַלֵּיאֵ/ל/ו: lemma_c/l/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26Hoy וְ/יְמַלֵּיאֵ/ל/ו
247 LV 40:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/תולע: (x-qere) ו/יְתוֹלְעּ: lemma_5930 b n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26QiW וְ/יְתוֹלְעּ
248 LV 40:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/מלא: (x-qere) ו/יְמַלֵּאֵ: lemma_c/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26xLM וְ/יְמַלֵּאֵ
249 LV 40:26 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/יֶלֵיאּ: lemma_352 b n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26mqh וְ/יֶלֵיאּ
250 LV 40:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/את: (x-qere) ו/יָּאֶתְ: lemma_c/8372 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26KCZ וְ/יָּאֶתְ
251 LV 40:29 · Note OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) ו/יֶלֵיאּ: lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pi8 וְ/יֶלֵיאּ

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and[252] were_according_the_measurements the_these and_ _windows to_him/it its[253] all_around all_around was_fifty cubit[s] the_length and_the_breadth was_twenty and_five cubits. 30 And_porches were_all_around all_around the_length was_five and_twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_five cubits. 31 And_porches_of_its[254] were_to a_courtyard (the)_outer and_ _palm_trees were_to mmm[255] and_was_steps eight mmm[256].

32 And_he_brought_me into the_courtyard (the)_inner the_ _direction_of the_east and_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate according_the_measurements the_these. 33 And[257] and[258] and[259] were_according_the_measurements the_these and_ _windows to_him/it its[260] all_around all_around the_length was_fifty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_five and_twenty cubit[s]. 34 Its[261] were_to_courtyard (the)_outer palm_trees were_to mmm[262] from_here and_from_here and_eight steps mmm[263].

35 And_he_brought_me into the_gate_of the_north and_he_ _measured according_the_measurements the_these. 36 Mmm[264] mmm[265] its[266] and_windows to_him/it all_around all_around the_length was_fifty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_ _five and_twenty cubit[s]. 37 Its[267] were_to_courtyard (the)_ _outer palm_trees were_to mmm[268] from_here and_from_here and_eight steps mmm[269].

38 And_a_room and_entrance_of_its was_at_pillars the_gates there people_rinse ᴅᴏᴍ the_burnt_offering. 39 And_were_in_ _the_porch_of the_gate two tables from_here and_two tables from_here to_slaughter to_them the_burnt_offering and_the_ _sin_offering and_the_guilt_offering. 40 And_near/to the_side from_(to)_outside for_who]_goes_up to_the_entrance_of the_ _gate (the)_northward_toward two tables and_near/to the_side (the)_other which was_to_the_porch_of the_gate two tables. 41 Four tables from_here and_four tables from_here were_to_

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which had the same measurements as the other gates. 29 Its chambers, walls, and porches measured the same as the other gates—there were windows all around in the porch. The inner gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 30 There were also porches all around the inner wall—they were all thirteen metres long and almost three metres wide. 31 The porch facing the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on its walls, and eight steps going up to it.

The eastern gate to the inner courtyard

32 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by the eastern side and measured the gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates. 33 Its chambers, walls, and porches measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The inner gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 34 Its porch that faced the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on each side of it, and eight steps going up it.

The northern gate to the inner courtyard

35 Next the man brought me to the northern gate and measured it, and it measured the same as the other gates. 36 Its chambers, walls, and porch measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The gateway with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 37 Its porch that faced the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on each side of it, and eight steps going up it.

Rooms for preparing sacrifices

38 There was a room with a door by each of the inner gateways which was where they rinsed the burnt offerings. 39 There were two tables on each side of each porch, which were for slaughtering the offerings: the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering. 40 By the wall of the courtyard, going up to the gate to the north, there were two tables. Also on the other side there were two tables at the gate's porch. 41 There were four tables by the gate on

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252 **LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26cGB וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

253 **LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/l/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_2615j וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

254 **LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

255 **LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵיא': lemma_352 b n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26KVs וְיָלֵיא

256 **LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26Bgt וְיָלֵעַמ

257 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/את/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיָאֵתְוֹ': lemma_c/8372 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26kL5 וְיָאֵתְוֹ

258 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵאוֹ': lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pEE וְיָלֵאוֹ

259 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_266kc וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

260 **LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/l/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26JTd וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

261 **LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26JSR וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

262 **LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵא': lemma_352 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26HTu וְיָלֵא

263 **LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26aqk וְיָלֵעַמ

264 **LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/את: (x-qere) 'וְיָאֵתְ': lemma_8372 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26QQV וְיָאֵתְ

265 **LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵא': lemma_352 b morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26Rqg וְיָלֵא

266 **LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26SXR וְיִמַּלֵּאוֹ

267 **LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵיאוֹ': lemma_c/352 b n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26a4E וְיָלֵיאוֹ

268 **LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵיא': lemma_352 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26tt3 וְיָלֵיא

269 **LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיָלֵעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_261gK וְיָלֵעַמ

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each side—they slaughtered animals on those eight tables.
42 There were four cut-stone tables for the burnt offerings, each just under a metre long and wide, and standing half a metre tall. They kept the tools which they used to slaughter the burnt offerings for the sacrifices on those stone tables. 43 Some two-pronged hooks a handbreadth in length were fastened all around in the porch, and the flesh of the offerings would be put on the tables.

The priests' rooms

44 Within the inner courtyard but on the outside of the inner gate were singers' rooms—one on the northern side facing south, and the other on the southern side facing north. 45 Then the man told me, "This room facing south is for the priests who are on duty in the temple. 46 The room facing north is for the priests on duty at the altar, that is, for Tsadok's descendants—they're the only Levites who approach Yahweh to serve him."

The inner courtyard

47 Next he measured the square courtyard at fifty-four metres long and wide, with the altar in front of the temple.

The temple entrance

48 Then the man took me to the temple porch and measured its doorposts—they were each two and a half metres thick. The entryway itself was seven metres wide,[270] and the walls on each side of it were one and a half metres wide.
49 The porch was eleven metres wide and six metres deep, with steps going up to it and pillars standing on each side of it.

Inside the temple

41:1 Then the man took me into the temple's holy place and measured the doorposts at three metres thick on each side. 2 The doorway was five metres wide and the wall on each side was two and a half metres long. Then the man measured the dimensions of the holy place—twenty-one metres long and eleven metres wide. 3 Then the man went into the very sacred inner place and measured the door at one metre wide, and the doorway was three metres wide. The walls on either side were nearly four metres wide. 4 Then he measured the square room's length and width of eleven metres, measuring to the temple hallway. Then he said to me, "This is the most sacred area."

The temple rooms

5 Then the man measured the wall of the house at three metres thick. The width of each side room around the house was two metres. 6 There were side rooms on three levels, one room above another, thirty rooms on each level. There were ledges around the temple wall to support all the side rooms, as the supports weren't built into the temple wall. 7 So the side rooms widened and went around going up, because the

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_the_side_of the_gate eight tables which_to_them people_ _slaughter. 42 And_four tables for_offering were_stones_of hewn_stone the_length was_a_cubit one and_a_half and_the_ _breadth was_a_cubit one and_a_half and_the_height was_a_ _cubit one to_them and_people_set_down ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_vessels which people_slaughtered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_burnt_offering by_them and_the_sacrifice. 43 And_the_hooks a_hand_breadth one were_ _established in_house all_around all_around and_near/to the_ _tables the_flesh_of the_offering.

44 And_from_(to)_the_outside of_gate (the)_inner rooms_of singers were_in_courtyard (the)_inner which was_to the_side_ _of the_gate_of the_north and_fronts_of_their was_the_ _direction_of the_south one was_to the_side_of the_gate_of the_east the_front_of the_direction_of the_north. 45 And_he/it_ _spoke to_me this the_room which front_of_its is_the_ _direction_of the_south is_for_priests who_keep_of (of)_the_ _charge_of the_house. 46 And_the_room which front_of_its is_ _the_direction_of the_north is_for_priests who_keep_of (of)_ _the_charge_of the_altar they are_the_sons_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) (the)_approaching from_(the)_sons of_Lēvī to **YHWH** to_serve_ _him.

47 And_he_measured ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_courtyard the_length was_a_ _hundred cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_a_hundred cubit[s] a_ _square and_the_altar to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _house.

48 And_he_brought_me to the_porch_of the_house and_he_ _measured a_pillar_of a_porch five cubits from_here and_five cubits from_here and_the_breadth_of the_gate was_three cubits from_here and_three cubits from_here. 49 The_length_of the_porch was_twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_one_plus_ _of ten cubit[s] and_by_steps which people_go_up to_him/it and_columns to the_pillars one from_here and_one from_here.

41:1 And_he_brought_me to the_temple and_he_measured ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_pillars was_six cubits the_breadth from_here and_was_six cubits the_breadth from_here the_breadth_of the_tent. 2 And_ _the_breadth_of the_entrance was_ten cubits and_the_sides_of the_entrance was_five cubits from_here and_five cubits from_ _here and_he_measured length_of_its forty cubit[s] and_the_ _breadth was_twenty cubit[s]. 3 And_he_went to_within and_ _he_measured the_pillar_of the_entrance two cubits and_the_ _entrance was_six cubits and_the_breadth_of the_entrance was_seven cubits. 4 And_he_measured ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ length_of_its twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_twenty cubit[s] to the_face_of the_temple and_he/it_said to_me this is_the_holy_place_of the_ _holy_places.

5 And_he_measured the_wall_of the_house six cubits and_the_ _breadth_of the_rib/plank was_four cubits all_around all_ _around to_house all_around. 6 And_the_side-chambers side-chamber to_side-chamber were_three and_thirty times and_things_which_were_going were_in_wall which belonged_ _to_house for_side-chambers all_around all_around to_be supports and_not they_will_be supports in_the_wall_of the_ _house. 7 And_it_was_broad and_it_surrounded (to)_upwards

270 RV 40:48 · Note Following the LXX, as the 1.5m (three cubits) in the Hebrew appears likely to be a copying mistake.

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(to)_upwards to_side-chambers if/because the_surrounding_of the_house (to)_upwards (to)_upwards all_around all_around to_ _house therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_breadth of_house (to)_upwards and_thus/so/as_follows the_lower_story someone_will_ascend to the_upper_story to_story. **8** And_I_saw to_house a_height all_around all_around the_foundations_of[271] of_the_side-chambers was_the_fullness_of the_reed six cubits a_joint. **9** The_breadth_of the_wall which belonged_to_ _side-chamber to the_outside was_five cubits and_which was_ _free_space between_of the_side-chambers which belonged_to_ _house. **10** And_between the_rooms the_breadth_of was_twenty cubit[s] around (to)_house all_around all_around. **11** And_the_ _entrance_of the_rib/plank was_to_space an_entrance one was_ _the_direction_of the_north and_an_entrance one was_to_ _south and_the_breadth_of the_place_of the_free_space was_ _five cubits all_around all_around.

12 And_the_structure which was_to the_face_of the_separate_ _place the_side_of the_direction_of the_sea the_breadth_of was_seventy cubit[s] and_the_wall_of the_structure was_five cubits breadth all_around all_around and_length_of_its was_ _ninety cubit[s].

13 And_he_measured ~~DOM~~ the_house the_length was_a_hundred cubit[s] and_the_separate_place and_the_structure and_walls_ _of_its the_length was_a_hundred cubit[s]. **14** And_the_ _breadth_of the_front_of the_house and_the_separate_place to_ _east was_a_hundred cubit[s]. **15** And_he_measured the_length_ _of the_structure to the_face_of the_separate_place which was_ _at behind_it and[272] from_here and_from_here a_hundred cubit[s] and_the_temple (the)_inner and_the_porches_of the_ _courtyard. **16** The_thresholds and_the_windows (the)_closed and_the_galleries were_all_around (to)_the_three_of_of_them before the_threshold panelled_of wood all_around all_around and_the_earth to the_windows and_the_windows were_ _covered. **17** Over from_under the_entrance and_unto the_ _house (the)_inner and_to_outside and_near/to every_of (the)_ _wall all_around all_around in_part and_in_part measurements. **18** And_was_ cherubim and_palm_trees _made and_a_palm_tree was_between a_cherub and_a_cherub and_two faces belonged_ _to_cherub. **19** And_the_face_of a_human was_to the_palm_tree from_here and_the_face_of a_young_lion was_to the_palm_tree from_here it_was_done to all_of the_house all_around all_ _around. **20** From_the_ground to from_under the_entrance the_ _cherubim and_the_palm_trees were_made and_the_wall_of the_temple.[273] **21** The_temple a_doorpost_of a_square and_the_ _front_of the_holy_place the_appearance was_like_appearance. **22** The_altar was_wood three cubits high and_length_of_its was_two cubits and_corners_of_its to_him/it and_length_of_its and_sides_of_its were_wood and_he/it_spoke to_me this is_the_ _table which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**.

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house went around higher and higher all around—the rooms widened on each higher level, and a stairway went up through the middle level to the highest level. **8** Then I saw a raised part all around the temple, the foundation for the side rooms. It measured a full rod in height—just over three metres. **9** The width of the wall of the side rooms on the outside was two and a half metres. There was an open space outside those rooms in the temple. **10** On the other side of that open space were the priests' outer side rooms. That space was eleven metres wide all around the temple. **11** There were doors into the side rooms from another open space with one doorway on the north side, and the other on the south. The width of that open area was two and a half metres all around.

The western side

12 The building that faced the courtyard on the western side was thirty-six metres wide. Its wall was two and a half metres thick all around, and it was forty-seven metres long.

The temple building measurements

13 Then the man measured the temple as being fifty-four metres long. The separate building, its wall, and the courtyard combined also measured fifty-four metres across. **14** The width of the front of the courtyard in front of the temple was also fifty-four metres.

15 Then the man measured the length of the building behind the temple, to its west, and including the galleries on either side, it came to fifty-four metres.

The sacred inner place and the porch, **16** the inner walls and the windows, including the narrow windows, and the galleries all around on three levels, were all panelled in wood. **17** Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary and spaced along the walls there was a repeating pattern. **18** It was decorated with winged creatures and palm trees—with a palm tree between each winged creature, and each winged creature had two faces: **19** the human face looked toward a palm tree on one side, and the young lion face looked toward a palm tree on the other side. They were carved all around the entire temple. **20** From the ground to above the doorway, winged creatures and palm trees were carved on the outer wall of the temple. **21** The door posts of the main temple room were square, all with the same appearance. **22** The wooden altar was one metre on each side and stood one and a half metres high. Its corner posts, base, and frame were all made of wood.

Then the man said to me, "This is the table that stands in Yahweh's presence."

271 **LV 41:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: תודסימ: (x-qere) 'תָּוֹדְסוּמ': lemma_4145 morph_HNcfpc id_26vRK תָּוֹדְסוּמ

272 **LV 41:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: אה/יקותא/ו: (x-qere) 'אָהֵ֣יקִיתַּא/וְ': lemma_c/862 b n_1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3fs id_26jaX אָהֵ֣יקִיתַּא/וְ

273 **LV 41:20 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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The temple doorways

23 Both the main room and the sacred
place had double doors— 24 each consist-
ing of two parts that swung on hinges. 25 There were carvings of
winged creatures and palm trees on the doors, just like on the
walls, and there was a wooden roof over the front porch.
26 There were narrow windows and palm trees on either side of
the porch, like the side rooms of the temple, and they also had
overhanging roofs.

Two buildings near the temple

42:1 Next the man sent me out to the
outer courtyard on the northern side, and
he brought me to rooms in front of the outer courtyard and the
northern outer wall. 2 That building with a north-facing en-
trance was fifty-four metres long and twenty-seven metres
wide. 3 Some of those rooms faced the inner courtyard and were
eleven metres away from the sanctuary. There were three levels
of rooms, and the ones above looked down on the ones below
and were open to them, having a walkway. Some of the rooms
looked out onto the outer courtyard. 4 A five metre wide passage
ran in front of the rooms and was fifty-four[274] metres long. The
rooms' doors faced north. 5 But the upper halls were smaller, be-
cause the walkways there used more space than they did in the
bottom and middle levels of the building. 6 The third storey halls
had no pillars (unlike the courtyards), so the rooms at the high-
est level were smaller than those on the bottom and middle lev-
els. 7 The outside wall ran along the rooms toward the outer
courtyard that was in front of the rooms, and was twenty-seven
metres long. 8 The row of rooms along the outer courtyard was
twenty-seven metres long, and the row of rooms facing the
sanctuary was fifty-four metres long. 9 There was an entrance to
the lowest rooms from the eastern side, coming from the outer
courtyard. 10 There was also a set of rooms along the outer
courtyard wall on the eastern side of the outer courtyard, in
front of the sanctuary's inner courtyard, 11 with a walkway in
front of them. They looked similar to the rooms on the northern
side and had the same measurements, as well as the same exits
and arrangements and doors. 12 There were also doorways into
rooms on the south side that were similar to what was on the
north side. There was an inside passage with an outer door—the
passage had doors into all the rooms. At the eastern end of the
passage there was a door from the outside.
13 Then the man told me, "The northern rooms and the south-
ern rooms that are in front of the outer courtyard are sacred
rooms where the priests who work nearest to Yahweh may eat
the very sacred food. They'll put the very sacred things
there—the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offer-

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23 And_two doors belonged_to_temple and_to_place. 24 And_
_two leaves belonged_to_doors two turning leaves two_leaves
belonged_to_a_door one and_two_of leaves belonged_to_door.
25 And_it_was_done to_them to the_doors_of the_temple
cherubim and_palm_trees just_as they_were_done to_walls
and_a_canopy_of wood was_to the_face_of the_porch from_the_
_outside. 26 And_windows closed and_palm_trees from_here
and_from_here to the_sides_of the_porch and_the_
_side-chambers_of the_house and_the_canopies.

42:1 And_he_brought_me_out to the_courtyard (the)_outer the_
_way the_direction_of the_north and_he_brought_me to the_
_room which was_before the_separate_place and_which was_
_before the_structure to the_north. 2 To the_face_of length
cubits_of the_hundred the_entrance_of the_north and_the_
_breadth was_fifty cubits. 3 Before the_twenty_cubits which
belonged_to_courtyard (the)_inner and_before the_pavement
which belonged_to_courtyard (the)_outer a_gallery was_to the_
_face_of a_gallery in_thirds. 4 And_was_before_of the_rooms a_
_passage_of ten cubits breadth to the_inner_court a_way_of a_
_cubit one and_entrances_of_their were_to_north. 5 And_the_
_rooms (the)_upper were_short if/because galleries they_
_consumed from_them more_than_the_lower_rooms and_
_more_than_the_middle_rooms the_structure. 6 If/because
were_divided_into_three_parts they and_there_belonged_not
to_them columns like_the_columns_of the_courtyards
therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_was_shortened more_than_
_the_lower_rooms and_more_than_the_middle_rooms from_
_the_ground. 7 And_a_wall which was_to_outside was_close_to_
_of the_rooms the_direction_of the_courtyard (the)_outer to
the_face_of the_rooms length_of_its was_fifty cubit[s].
8 If/because the_length_of the_rooms which belonged_to_
_courtyard (the)_outer was_fifty cubit[s] and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE
on the_face_of the_temple a_hundred cubit[s]. 9 And_from
wwww[275] the_these the[276] from_the_east when_comes_he to_
_them from_the_courtyard outer. 10 Were_in_the_breadth_of
the_wall_of the_courtyard the_direction_of the_east to the_
_face_of the_separate_place and_near/to the_face_of the_
_structure rooms. 11 And_a_way was_before_of_them like_the_
_appearance_of the_rooms which were_the_direction_of the_
_north like_length_of_their was_so breadth_of_their and_
_all/each/any/every exits_of_their and_like_plans_of_their
and_like_entrances_of_their. 12 And_like_the_entrances_of the_
_rooms which were_the_direction_of the_south an_entrance
was_at_the_head_of a_way a_way in_the_face_of the_wall
corresponding the_direction_of the_east when_come_to_them.
13 And_he/it_said to_me the_rooms_of the_north the_rooms_of
the_south which are_to the_face_of the_separate_place they
are_the_rooms_of (the)_holiness where they_will_eat there
the_priests who are_near to/for_**YHWH** the_holy_things_of
the_holy_things there they_will_set_down the_holy_things_of
the_holy_things and_the_grain_offering and_the_sin_offering

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274 **RV 42:4 · Note** The Hebrew text seemed to be missing a word here (as it didn't make sense), so the word from the (approx. 300 B.C.) Septuagint translation was used.

275 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוכשל ה/תחת/מ/ו: (x-qere) 'תַּחַתִּ/מ/ו': lemma_c/m/8478 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/R id_262Lg
'תַּחַתִּ/מ/ו תַּנָּכְשֶׁל/ה': lemma_d/3957 morph_HTd/Ncfpa id_26CYE

276 **LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: אובמ/ה: (x-qere) 'אֹיְבֵמ/ה': lemma_d/935 n_0.2.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_26wTv אֹיְבֵמ/ה

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and_the_guilt_offering if/because the_place is_holy. **14** When_
_go_they the_priests and_not they_will_go_out from_the_holy_
_place into the_courtyard (the)_outer and_there they_will_set_
_down clothes_of_their which they_will_serve in_them
if/because are_a_holy_thing they and_they_will_put_on[277]
clothes other and_they_will_draw_near to that_which is_for_
_people.

15 And_he_completed ᴅᴏᴍ the_measurements_of the_house
(the)_inner and_he_brought_me_out the_way_of the_gate
which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_east and_
_he_measured_it all_around all_around. **16** He_measured the_
_side_of the_east with_the_reed_of (the)_measurement five
hundred(s)[279] reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement all_
_around. **17** He_measured the_side_of the_north five
hundred(s) reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement all_
_around. **18** ᴅᴏᴍ the_side_of the_south he_measured five
hundred(s) reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement. **19** He_
_turned to the_side_of the_sea he_measured_it five hundred(s)
reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement. **20** To_four sides he_
_measured_it a_wall to_him/it all_around all_around the_
_length was_five hundred_cubits and_the_breadth was_five
hundred_cubits to_separate between (the)_holy_thing and_a_
_profane_thing.

43:1 And_he_led_me to the_gate the_gate which was_facing the_
_direction_of the_east. **2** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of
the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) was_coming from_the_direction_of
the_east and_sound_of_its was_like_the_sound_of waters many
and_the_earth it_gave_light from_glory_of_his. **3** And_like_the_
_appearance_of the_vision which I_saw was_like_vision which
I_had_seen when_came_I to_destroy ᴅᴏᴍ the_city and_visions
were_like_vision which I_had_seen to the_river_of Kəvār and_I_
_fell to face_of_my. **4** And_the_glory_of **YHWH** it_came into
the_house the_way_of the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_
_the_direction_of the_east. **5** And_it_lifted_me_up a_spirit and_
_it_brought_me into the_courtyard (the)_inner and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled the_house.
6 And_I_heard one_who_spoke to_me from_the_house and_a_
_man he_was standing beside_me. **7** And_he/it_said to_me Oh_
_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ the_place_of my_throne_of_my and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_place_of the_soles_of my_feet_of_my where I_will_
_dwell there in_the_middle the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel)
forever_perpetuity and_not they_will_defile again the_house_
_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) the_name_of my_holiness_of_my they and_
_kings_of_their by_prostitution_of_their and_by_the_corpses_of
their_kings_of_their places_of_their_high. **8** When_put_they
threshold_of_their with threshold_of_my and_doorpost_of_
_their beside doorpost_of_my and_the_wall between_me and_
_between_them and_they_defiled ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of my_
_holiness_of_my by_abominations_of_their which they_did

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ing—because it's a very sacred area. **14** When the priests enter it, they must not go back out of the sacred area to the outer courtyard, without laying aside the clothes in which they served, since those clothes are sacred. So they must dress in other clothes before going back into the public areas."

Measuring outside the temple

15 The man completed measuring the temple interior and then took me out to the eastern gate and measured all the surrounding area there. **16–19** He measured each side of the wall with his measuring rod, and it was 270m[278] long on each of the eastern, northern, southern, and western sides. **20** So the four sides that were measured (and thus the wall around it) was 270m on each side, and the wall separated the sacred area from the public area.

God's powerful splendour of God at the temple

43:1 Then the man took me to the gate that opened to the east. **2** Wow! The splendour of Yisrael's (Israel's) god appeared towards the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing water, and the land shone with his brilliance.[280] **3** What I saw in this vision was like what I'd seen in my earlier visions, first by the Kevar Canal, then later when he[281] came to destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem). I fell to my knees with my face to the ground. **4** So Yahweh's brightness entered into the temple via the eastern entrance.

5 Then the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and wow, Yahweh's brilliance was filling the temple.
6 Then as the man was standing there beside me, I heard someone speak to me from inside the temple, **7** and the voice told me, "Son of humanity, this is the place where I'll sit on my throne and rest my feet—where I'll live in the middle of the Israeli people forever. Yisrael's descendants and their kings will no longer profane my sacred name with their faithlessness or with the corpses of their kings at their hilltop shrines. **8** They'll no longer profane my sacred name by putting their entrance next to my entrance, and their doorposts next to my doorposts, with nothing but a wall between me and them. They profaned my sacred name with their disgusting actions, so I destroyed them with my

277 **LV 42:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ושבלי: (x-qere) וְשִׁבָּל/וֹ: lemma_c/3847 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_26EEg וְשִׁבָּל/וֹ

278 **RV 42:16 · Note** Following the Septuagint here, which seems more accurate (unless he now has a shorter measuring rod).

279 **LV 42:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: תומא: (x-qere) תְּוֹאֵמָּ: lemma_3967 morph_HAcbpa id_26T6b תְּוֹאֵמ

280 **RV 43:2 · Cross-ref.** Eze 10:3-4,18-19; 11:22-23; Rev 1:15.

281 **RV 43:3 · Note** It's only one letter difference, but the Hebrew has 'I' here which seems wrong and is adjusted in some later manuscripts.

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anger. 9 Now they're to remove their prostitution and their kings' corpses from in front of me, and I'll live among them forever.

10 "Son of humanity, describe that temple to the Israeli people so they'll be ashamed of their disobedience and think about those plans. 11 If they're ashamed of everything they've done, then reveal the design of that temple to them—its details, its entrances and exits, its complete design, and all its decrees and rules. Then right in front of them, write that down so they'll see its complete design and all its rules, and then obey them. 12 This is the regulation for the temple: From the peak of the hill to all the surrounding border around it, it'll be very sacred. Listen, that's the regulation for the temple.

The altar dimensions

13 These are the altar's measurements, using the same kind of measuring rod that was used for the temple area: There's a gutter around the altar that's both half a metre deep and wide. There's a rim around it that's 23cm wide. That'll be the base for the rest of the altar.[285] 14 The lower part of the gutter is one metre high to the lower ledge that surrounds the altar. The lower ledge is half a metre wide. From that ledge to the upper ledge, it's two metres. That ledge is also half a metre wide. 15 The altar body at the top is another two metres high and has a hornlike projection jutting up from each of its corners. 16 The sides of the square body are six metres long. 17 The upper ledge that borders the altar body is also a square, eight metres long on each side, and has a rim all around that's 27cm wide. There's a gutter measuring half a metre at the bottom of the altar. There are steps leading up to the east side of the altar."

The purification of the new altar

18 Then the man told me, "Son of humanity, the master Yahweh says that those are the dimensions for when they make the altar for presenting the burnt offering on, and for sprinkling blood onto.[289] 19 You must give a bull from the cattle as a sin offering for the Levitical priests who are Tsadok's descendants—those who approach me to serve me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 20 Then you'll take some of the bull's blood and place it on the altar's 'horns' and on the four top edges and the surrounding rim. You'll purify it and make it allowable in my presence. 21 Then take that sin offering bull and burn it in the designated

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and_I_made_an_end_of ~~DOM~~_them in_anger_of_my. 9 Now let_ _them_put_far_away ~~DOM~~ prostitution_of_their and_the_ _corpses_of their_kings_of_their from_me and_I_will_dwell among_them forever_perpetuity. 10 You Oh_son_of humankind declare ~~DOM~~ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ~~DOM~~ the_house so_ _that_they_may_be_ashamed from_iniquities_of_their and_ _they_will_measure ~~DOM~~ a_pattern. 11 And_if they_are_ _ashamed from_all that they_have_done the_design_of the_ _house and_arrangement_of_its and_exits_of_its and_ _entrances_of_its and_all designs_of_its[282] and_~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_its and_all mmm[283] and_all mmm[284] make_ _known_to them and_write to_eyes_of_their so_that_they_may_ _keep ~~DOM~~ all_of design_of_its and_~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_its and_they_will_do them. 12 This is_the_law_of the_house on the_top_of the_mountain all_of territory_of_its all_around all_ _around will_be_a_holy_place_of holy_places THERE this is_the_ _law_of the_house.

13 And_these are_the_measurements_of the_altar by_cubits a_ _cubit is_a_cubit and_a_hand_breadth and_a_gutter_of is_the_ _cubit and_is_a_cubit the_breadth and_border_of_its to edge_ _of_its around a_span_of the_one and_this is_the_mound_of the_altar. 14 And_from_the_gutter_of the_earth/land to the_ _ledge (the)_lower is_two cubits and_the_breadth is_a_cubit one and_from_the_ledge (the)_small to the_ledge (the)_large is_ _four cubits and_the_breadth is_the_cubit. 15 And_the_altar_ _hearth is_four cubits and_are_from_the_altar_hearth[286][287] and_(to)_upwards the_horns four. 16 And_the[288] is_two_plus ten_cubits length by_two_plus ten_cubits breadth it_is_square to the_four_of sides_of_its. 17 And_the_ledge is_four- teen_ _cubits length by_four- teen_cubits breadth to the_four_of sides_of_its and_the_border around it is_(the)_half_of (the)_ _cubit and_the_gutter to/for_her/it is_a_cubit all_around and_ _steps_of_its are_to_face east.

18 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says these are_the_regulations_of the_altar in/on_day it_is_made to_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it a_ _burnt_offering and_to_sprinkle on/upon/above_him/it blood. 19 And_you(ms)_will_give to the_priests the_Lēviyyiy who they are_of_the_offspring_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) (the)_near to_me the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** to_serve_me a_young_bull a_ _young_one_of the_herd to_a_sin_offering. 20 And_you_will_ _take some_of_its_blood and_you(ms)_will_give on the_four horns_of_its and_near/to the_four the_corners_of the_ledge and_to the_border all_around and_you_will_cleanse_from_sin it and_you_will_make_atonement_for_it. 21 And_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_young_bull the_sin_offering and_someone_will_burn_

282 LV 43:11 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
283 LV 43:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תרוצ/י: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְּרוֹצִ': lemma_6699 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26eP8 וְיִתְּרוֹצִ
284 LV 43:11 · Note OSHB variant note: תרות/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיִתְּרוֹתִ': lemma_8451 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26Ape וְיִתְּרוֹתִ
285 RV 43:13-17 · Cross-ref. Exo 27:1-2; 2Ch 4:1.
286 LV 43:15 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.
287 LV 43:15 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
288 LV 43:16 · Note OSHB variant note: ליארא/ה/ו: (x-qere) 'לְאִרְאֶהָוְ': lemma_c/d/741 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Td/Ncmsa id_26d63 לְאִרְאֶהָוְ
289 RV 43:18-27 · Cross-ref. Exo 29:35-37.

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_it in_the_appointed_place_of the_house from_the_outside of_
_sanctuary. **22** And_on_day the_second you_will_bring_near a_
_male_goat_of goats unblemished to_a_sin_offering and_they_
_will_cleanse_from_sin ᵭᵒᵐ the_altar just_as they_cleansed_it_
_from_sin by_bull. **23** When_finish_you from_cleansing_it_
_from_sin you_will_bring_near a_young_bull a_young_one_of
the_herd unblemished and_a_ram from the_flock unblemished.
24 And_you_will_bring_them_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
of/before **YHWH** and the_priests _they_will_throw on_them
salt and_they_will_offer_up them a_burnt_offering to/for_
_**YHWH**. **25** Seven_of days you_will_offer a_male_goat_of a_sin_
_offering for_day and_a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd
and_a_ram from the_flock unblemished they_will_offer.
26 Seven_of days they_will_make_atonement_for ᵭᵒᵐ the_altar
and_they_will_purify ᵭᵒᵐ_him/it and_fill its[290]. **27** And_they_
_will_complete ᵭᵒᵐ the_days and_it_was on_day (the)_eighth
and_onwards the_priests they_will_offer on the_altar ᵭᵒᵐ
offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_ᵭᵒᵐ offerings_of_your(pl)_
_peace and_I_will_accept you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master
YHWH.

44:1 And_he_brought_back ᵭᵒᵐ_me the_way_of the_gate_of the_
_sanctuary (the)_outer which_faces east and_he was_shut.
2 And_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** the_gate the_this shut it_will_
_be not it_will_be_opened and_anyone not he_will_go in_him/it
if/because **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_has_gone in_
_him/it and_it_was shut. **3** ᵭᵒᵐ the_prince prince he he_will_sit
in/on/over_him/it to_eat bread[291][292] to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before **YHWH** from_the_way_of the_porch_of the_
_gate he_will_come and_from_way_of_its he_will_go_out.

4 And_he_brought_me the_way_of the_gate_of the_north to
the_face_of the_house and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_
_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled ᵭᵒᵐ the_house_of **YHWH** and_I_fell to
face_of_my. **5** And_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** Oh_son_of
humankind set heart_of_your and_see with_eyes_of_your and_
_with_ears_of_your hear ᵭᵒᵐ all_of that I am_speaking you
to/from_all/each/any/every the_regulations_of the_house_of
YHWH and_to/for_all its[293] and_you_will_set heart_of_your to_
_the_entrance_of the_house on_all_of the_exits_of the_
_sanctuary. **6** And_you_will_say to_rebellion to the_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says enough to/for_
_you(pl) from_all abominations_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **7** When_brought_you(pl) sons_of foreignness
uncircumcised_of heart and_uncircumcised_of flesh to_be in_
_sanctuary_of_my to_profane_it ᵭᵒᵐ house_of_my when_you_
_brought_near ᵭᵒᵐ food_of_my fat and_blood and_they_broke
ᵭᵒᵐ covenant_of_my because_of all_of abominations_of_
_your(pl). **8** And_not you(pl)_kept the_charge_of my_holy_
_things_of_my and_you(pl)_appointed_them to_those_who_
_keep_of charge_of_(of)_my in_sanctuary_of_my for_
_yourselves. **9** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says any_of son_of
foreignness uncircumcised_of heart and_uncircumcised_of

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part of the temple area outside the sanctuary. **22** Then on the second day, you'll get from the goats a male goat without any blemishes, and offer it as a sin offering—the priests will purify the altar just as they purified it with the bull. **23** When you finish that purification, offer an unblemished bull from the cattle and an unblemished ram from the flock, **24** and offer them to me, Yahweh. The priests will throw salt onto them and present them as a burnt offering to Yahweh. **25** Then every day for the next seven days you must bring a billy goat to the priest to be sacrificed for an offering, so I'll accept the altar. You must also sacrifice a young bull and a ram, each without any defect, that the priests will provide. **26** They must atone for the altar for seven days and purify it, and in that way they must consecrate it to me. **27** After doing all that, from the eighth day onward the priests will prepare you people's burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar, and I'll accept you. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

The locked gate

44:1 Then the man took me back to the outer sanctuary gate facing east, but it was shut, **2** and Yahweh told me, "This gate has been sealed shut—it won't be opened. No person will go through it, because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh entered through it, so it's now closed. **3** Only Yisrael's ruler will sit by it to eat food in front of Yahweh, but he'll enter via the gate's porch, and leave the same way."

Foreigners disallowed in the temple

4 Then he took me to the front of the temple by way of the northern gate, and I looked, and wow, Yahweh's brilliance filled his temple, and I fell to my knees with my face bowed towards the ground. **5** Then Yahweh told me, "Son of humanity, pay attention and look with your eyes and listen with your ears to everything that I'm declaring to you: all the instructions about Yahweh's temple and all its regulations. Take special note of the temple's entrance and exits. **6** Then tell the rebellious Israelis that the master Yahweh says this: Let all your disgusting actions be enough for you Israeli people— **7** that you brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and uncircumcised flesh to be in my sanctuary, profaning my temple, while you people were offering me food, fat, and blood. You people have broken my agreement with all your disgusting actions. **8** You haven't carried out your duties regarding my sacred things, but instead, you people appointed others to take up your duties, and you assigned them to care for my sacred place.

9 "The master Yahweh says this: No foreigner, from any of

290 **LV 43:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/דִי: (x-qere) ’ו/יָדָי’: lemma_3027 n_0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_266uN ו/יָדָי

291 **LV 44:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

292 **LV 44:3 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

293 **LV 44:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תרות: (x-qere) ’ו/יָתְרוֹתֹ’: lemma_8451 n_1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26uBg ו/יָתְרוֹתֹ

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those who live among the Israeli people, may enter my sacred place if they're not physically circumcised or if they haven't declared themself to be one of my people.

Demotion of the Levites

10 The Levites went far from me—wandering away from me and going after their idols, but they'll be punished. **11** They're still servants in my sanctuary, watching the temple gates and serving inside, and they slaughter the burnt offerings and the people's sacrifices, and they'll stand in front of the people and serve them. **12** However, because they sacrificed to their idols, they became sinful stumbling blocks for the Israeli people, therefore I've promised to take action against them, and they'll pay for their disobedience. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **13** They mustn't come near to me to act as my priests or to approach any of my sacred things, the most sacred things. Instead, they'll bear their shame and their guilt for the disgusting things they've done, **14** but I'll place them as housekeepers in the temple—for all its mundane duties and all the menial work that's done in it.

Tsadok's descendants as priests

15 Then the Levitical priests, those descendants of Tsadok who fulfilled the duties of my sanctuary when the Israeli people were wandering away from me, they'll approach me to worship me. They'll stand in front of me to offer me the fat and the blood. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. **16** They'll come to my sanctuary and approach my table to worship me and to fulfill their duties to me. **17** When they come to the gates of the inner courtyard, they'll have to dress in linen clothing,[294] because they mustn't wear wool inside the courtyard gates or in the temple. **18** They must wear linen turbans on their heads and linen underclothes around their waists. They mustn't dress in clothing that makes them sweat. **19** When they go back out to the outer courtyard to go back again to the people, they must take off the clothes they wore when they served—they must take them off and lay them down in a sacred room,[295] so they don't make other people sacred by contact with their special clothing.

20 The priests mustn't shave their heads or allow their hair to hang loosely, but they must keep the hair on their heads neatly trimmed. **21** No priest should drink wine before he comes to the inner court.[296] **22** Also, priests can't marry widows of men who weren't priests, or women who've been divorced—they're permitted to marry only Israeli women who've never been married, or widows of other priests.

23 They must teach the people the difference between things that are sacred and things that are not, and teach them how to

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flesh not he_will_go into sanctuary_of_my to/from_
_all/each/any/every son_of foreignness who in_the_middle
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

10 If/because (if) the_Lēviyyiy who they_became_distant from_
_with_me when_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_astray who they_went_
_astray from_with_me after idols_of_their and_they_will_bear
iniquity_of_their. **11** And_they_will_be in_sanctuary_of_my
serving overseers to the_gates_of the_house and_serving ᴅᴏᴍ
the_house they they_will_slaughter ᴅᴏᴍ the_burnt_offering
and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacrifice for_people and_they they_will_stand
before_them to_serve_them. **12** Because that they_served them
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before idols_of_their and_they_
_will_be for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_stumbling_
_block_of iniquity therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_lift_up
hand_of_my on_them the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_
_they_will_bear iniquity_of_their. **13** And_not they_will_draw_
_near to_me to_serve_as_priests to_me and_to_draw_near to
all_of things_of_my_holy to the_holy_things_of the_holy_things
and_they_will_bear disgrace_of_their and_abominations_of_
_their which they_have_done. **14** And_I_will_make them those_
_who_keep_of (of)_the_charge_of the_house to_
_all/each/any/every service_of_its and_to/for_all that it_will_
_be_done in/on/over_him/it.
15 And_the_priests the_Lēviyyiy the_sons_of Tsādōq/(Zadok)
who they_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_charge_of my_sanctuary_of_my when_
the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_astray from_with_me they
they_will_draw_near to_me to_serve_me and_they_will_stand
to/for_my_face/front to_bring_near to_me fat and_blood the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **16** They they_will_come into
sanctuary_of_my and_they they_will_draw_near to table_of_my
to_serve_me and_they_will_keep ᴅᴏᴍ charge_of_my. **17** And_it_
_was when_come_they into the_gates_of the_courtyard (the)_
_inner clothes_of linen(s) they_will_be_clothed and_not it_will_
_go_up on_them wool when_serve_they at_the_gates_of the_
_courtyard (the)_inner and_to_the_inside. **18** Turbans_of
linen(s) they_will_be on head_of_their and_undergarments_of
linen(s) they_will_be on loins_of_their not they_will_gird_
_themselves with_sweat. **19** And_when_they_go_out into the_
_courtyard (the)_outer into the_courtyard (the)_outer to the_
_people they_will_strip_off ᴅᴏᴍ clothes_of_their which they
were_serving in_them and_they_will_set_down them in_the_
_rooms_of (the)_holiness and_they_will_put_on clothes other
and_not they_will_consecrate ᴅᴏᴍ the_people by_clothes_of_
_their. **20** And_head_of_their not they_will_shave and_hair not
they_will_let_untie/release surely_(trim) they_will_trim ᴅᴏᴍ
heads_of_their. **21** And_wine not any_of priest they_will_drink
when_come_they into the_courtyard (the)_inner. **22** And_a_
_widow and_a_divorced_woman not they_will_take to/for_
_them to_wives if/because (if) virgins of_the_offspring_of of_
_the_house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_widow who she_will_
_be a_widow of_a_priest they_will_take. **23** And_ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_
_my they_will_instruct between a_holy_thing and_a_profane_

294 **RV 44:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:39-43; Lev 16:4.

295 **RV 44:19 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:23.

296 **RV 44:21 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:9.

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_thing and_between an_unclean_thing and_a_clean_thing they_
_will_make_known_to_them. **24** And_on a_dispute they they_
_will_stand mmm[302] by_judgements_of_my and[303][304] and_ĐOM
laws_of_my and_ĐOM regulations_of_my in_all times_of_my_
_appointed they_will_observe and_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my they_
_will_sanctify. **25** And_near/to dead_of (of)_a_person not he_
_will_go to_become_unclean if/because (if) for_a_father and_
_for_a_mother and_for_a_son and_for_a_daughter for_a_
_brother and_for_a_sister who not she_has_belonged to_a_
_husband they_will_make_themselves_unclean. **26** And_after
purification_of_his seven_of days people_will_count to_him/it.
27 And_on_the_day_of goes_he into the_holy_place into the_
_courtyard (the)_inner to_serve in_place he_will_bring_near
offering_of_his_sin the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
28 And_it_will_become to/for_them (into)_an_inheritance I
inheritance_of_am_their and_a_possession not you(pl)_will_
_give to/for_them in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I possession_of_am_their.
29 The_grain_offering and_the_sin_offering and_the_guilt_
_offering they they_will_eat_them and_all devoted_thing in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_them it_will_belong. **30** And_the_best_
_of all_of the_first-fruits_of everything and_all contribution_of
everything from_all contributions_of_your(pl) to_priests it_
_will_belong and_the_first_of your(pl)_dough(s)_of_your(pl)
you(pl)_will_give to_priest to_cause_to_rest blessing to house_
_of_your. **31** Any_of carcass and_a_torn_animal from the_bird[s]
and_from the_cattle/livestock not the_priests they_will_eat.

45:1 And_when_you_make_fall ĐOM the_earth/land (in)_an_
_inheritance you(pl)_will_offer_up a_contribution to/for_
_**YHWH** a_holy_portion from the_earth/land the_length will_
_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_length and_the_
_breadth will_be_ten thousand_cubits will_be_a_holy_place it
in_all_of territory_of_its all_around. **2** It_will_be of_this to the_
_holy_place five hundred_cubits by_five hundred_cubits a_
_square all_around and_fifty cubit[s] open_land to_him/it all_
_around. **3** And_from the_measured_area (the)_this you_will_
_measure a_length_of five[306] and_twenty thousand_cubits and_
_a_breadth_of ten_of thousand_cubits and_in_it it_will_be the_
_sanctuary a_holy_place_of holy_places. **4** Will_be_a_holy_
_portion from the_earth/land it to_priests who_serve_of (of)_
_the_sanctuary it_will_belong (the)_approaching to_serve ĐOM
YHWH and_it_was to/for_them a_place for_houses and_a_holy_
_place for_sanctuary. **5** And_five and_twenty thousand_cubits
length and_ten_of thousand_cubits breadth and_it_will_

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know what things are acceptable to me and what things are not.[297] **24** In a dispute they must judge in accordance with my instructions and regulations. They must keep my law and my statutes at every religious celebration, and they must observe my sacred rest days.

25 Priests mustn't defile themselves by going near a person's dead body. However, if the dead person was his father or mother, son or daughter, or brother or unmarried sister, then they can defile themselves, **26** and after they've been purified, they must wait for seven days. **27** Then after that, when he goes into the inner courtyard to serve in the sacred place, he must bring a sin offering for himself. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

28 The priests must not own any land—I am their inheritance and I'll be their property.[298] **29** They'll have the food offerings, the sin offerings, and the guilt offerings to eat, plus everything in Yisrael (Israel) that's devoted to Yahweh will be theirs.[299] **30** The best of the firstfruits from every harvest and every contribution from the people will belong to the priests, and you Israelis will give the first of your bread dough[300] to the priests so that blessing may rest on your home. **31** Priests must not eat the meat of any bird or animal that's found dead or that's been killed by any other animal.[301]

Yahweh's section of land

45:1 When you throw dice to divide up the land as an inheritance for the tribes, you must make an offering of land to Yahweh. That offering will become a sacred part of the land: thirteen kilometres by ten kilometres in size.[305] That entire area will become sacred. **2** Within that area, a 270m wide square area that'll surround the sacred place will be left empty, with a further border around it twenty-seven metres wide. **3** Inside that first, larger area, measure a rectangle thirteen kilometres by five kilometres for the sanctuary—the most sacred place. **4** It'll be a sacred place in the nation for the priests who serve Yahweh, who come near Yahweh to serve him. It'll be a place for their houses and a sacred area for the sacred place. **5** The other half, which is also thirteen kilometres long and five kilometres wide, will be for towns for the Levites who serve in the temple.

297 **RV 44:23 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:10.

298 **RV 44:28 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:20.

299 **RV 44:29-30 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:8-19.

300 **RV 44:30 · Note** Probably after it's cooked???

301 **RV 44:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 22:8.

302 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: טפש/ל: (x-qere) 'טָּפְשְׁמִ/ל': lemma_l/4941 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_26h9i טָּפְשְׁמִ/ל

303 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: וה/טפש/ו: (x-qere) 'וה/וְטִפְּשִׁי': lemma_8199 n_1 morph_HVqi3mp/Sp3ms id_26992 וה/וְטִפְּשִׁי

304 **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

305 **RV 45:1 · Note** The 'ten kilometres' (twenty thousand cubits) from the Septuagint appears to correct the Hebrew which has half of that, but then v3 and v4 wouldn't make sense.

306 **LV 45:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: שמח: (x-qere) 'הָשְׁמָח': lemma_2568 morph_HAcmsa id_26Qet הָשְׁמָח

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6 You'll designate an area thirteen kilometres long by half a kilometre wide for the city that will be next to the area reserved for the holy place. This city will belong to all the Israeli people.

The leader's section of land

7 The leader's land will be on both sides of the area reserved for the holy place and the city—on the west and the east. Its length will be the same as those portions that it's parallel to. 8 That area will belong to Yisrael's (Israel's) leader so the leaders won't keep oppressing my people, but rather they'll give the rest of the land to be divided among the tribes. 9 The master Yahweh says this: That's plenty for you, leaders of Yisrael! Replace your violence and strife with justice and righteousness. Quit your evictions of my people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Dealing with produce and animals

10 You Israelis must use accurate scales and measuring containers.[308] 11 The baskets for measuring dry things and containers for measuring liquids (called an 'efah' for dry things and a 'bath' for liquids, both a tenth of the large 220 litre 'homer') must be the same volume—each must hold twenty-two litres. 12 For weights, the shekel weight must be ten grams. (Twenty 'gerahs' makes one shekel, then sixty shekels makes one 'mina'.)

13 You Israelis must present to the leader one measure of wheat or barley for every sixty measures that you harvest, 14 one measure of olive oil for every one hundred measures that you produce, 15 plus one sheep or goat from the flock for every two hundred animals from the watered regions of Yisrael (Israel), to be used for any burnt offering or peace offering to make atonement for the people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

16 All the people in the country will give that contribution to Yisrael's leader. 17 It'll be the leader's responsibility to supply the animals for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings at the festivals and the new moon celebrations, and on the rest days—all the Israeli people's scheduled festivals. He'll provide for the sin offerings, the grain offerings, the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings to make the Israeli people right with God.

The festivals[309]

18 The master Yahweh says this: On the first day of the first month of the year, you must take an unblemished bull from the herd and perform a sin offering to pu-

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_belong[307] to_Lēviyyiy who_serve_of (of)_the_house to/for_ _them to_a_possession twenty rooms. 6 And_the_possession_of the_city you(pl)_will_give five_of thousand_cubits breadth and_ _length_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits close_to_of the_ _contribution_of (the)_holiness to/from_all/each/any/every the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_belong.

7 And_will_to_the_prince from_this and_from_this of_the_ _contribution_of of_(the)_holiness and_of_the_possession_of the_city to the_face_of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_ _near/to the_face_of the_possession_of the_city from_the_side_ _of the_west westward_to and_from_the_side_of eastward eastward_to and_length corresponding_to_of one of_the_ _portions from_the_border_of the_west to the_border_of eastward_of. 8 To_land it_will_belong for_him/it to_a_ _possession in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_will_oppress again princes_of_my ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my and_the_earth they_will_give to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_tribes_of_their. 9 Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says enough to/for_you(pl) Oh_princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) injustice and_violence remove and_justice and_ _righteousness do remove eviction(s)_of_your(pl) from_under people_of_my the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

10 Balances_of righteousness and_an_'ēyfāh_of righteousness and_a_bath_of righteousness let_it_belong to_you(pl). 11 The_ _'ēyfāh and_the_bath measurement one it_will_be is_to_ the_ _bath _carry the_tenth_part_of the_homer and_the_tenth_part_ _of the_homer the_'ēyfāh to the_homer it_will_be measurement_of_its. 12 And_the_shekel will_be_twenty gerah[s] twenty shekels five and_twenty shekels ten and_five shekel[s] the_mina it_will_be for_you(pl). 13 This will_be_the_ _contribution which you(pl)_will_offer_up the_sixth_part_of the_'ēyfāh from_the_homer_of the_wheat(s) and_you(pl)_will_ _give_a_sixth_part_of the_'ēyfāh from_the_homer_of the_ _barley(s). 14 And_the_prescribed_portion_of the_oil the_bath the_oil will_be_the_tenth_part_of the_bath from the_cor the_ _ten_of the_baths are_a_homer if/because ten_of the_baths are_a_homer. 15 And_a_sheep one from the_flock from the_ _two_hundred from_the_well-watered_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_a_grain_offering and_to_a_burnt_offering and_to_peace_ _offerings to_make_atonement on_them the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. 16 All_of the_people the_earth/land they_will_ _be to the_contribution (the)_this for_prince in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 17 And_on the_prince it_will_be the_burnt_ _offerings and_the_grain_offering and_the_drink_offering at_ _festivals and_at_moons and_on_sabbaths in_all the_appointed_ _times_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he he_will_provide ᴅᴏᴍ the_sin_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _burnt_offering and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_peace_offerings to_make_ _atonement for the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

18 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in_month on_day_one of_ _month you_will_take a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished and_you_will_cleanse_from_sin ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _sanctuary. 19 And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_

307 LV 45:5 · Note OSHB variant note: הִיהִי: (x-qere) הָיָה/וְ': lemma_c/1961 n_0.0.0.0 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_26GwM הָיָה/וְ

308 RV 45:10 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:36.

309 RV 45:18 · Parallel Exo. 12:1-20; Lev. 23:33-43

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_of_the_blood_of the_sin_offering and_he/it_gave to the_ _doorpost_of the_house and_near/to the_four the_corners_of the_ledge of_altar and_on the_doorpost_of the_gate_of the_ _courtyard (the)_inner. **20** And_thus/so/as_follows you_will_do on_day_seven in_month from_man who_errs and_from_a_ _simple_person and_you(pl)_will_make_atonement_for ~~DOM~~ the_house. **21** In_month on_four- teen day of_month it_will_be to/for_you(pl) the_passover a_festival weeks_of days unleavened_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten. **22** And_ the_prince _he_ _will_provide in_the_day (the)_that for_himself and_for all_of the_people_of the_earth/land a_young_bull_of a_sin_offering. **23** And_the_seven_of the_days_of the_festival he_will_provide a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH** seven_of young_bulls and_ _seven_of rams unblemished to_day the_seven_of the_days and_a_sin_offering a_male_goat_of goats to_day. **24** And_a_ _grain_offering an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram he_ _will_provide and_oil_of a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **25** In_month on_fif- teen day of_month at_festival he_will_provide like_these_ _things the_seven_of the_days like_offering like_offering and_ _like_offering and_like_oil.

46:1 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_gate_of the_courtyard (the)_inner which_faces east it_will_be shut the_six_of the_ _days_of (the)_work and_on_the_day_of the_sabbath it_will_be_ _opened and_on_the_day_of the_new_moon it_will_be_opened. **2** And_ the_prince _he_will_go the_way_of the_porch_of the_ _gate from_outside and_he_will_stand at the_doorpost_of the_ _gate and_ the_priests _they_will_offer ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_ _burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_his_peace and_he_will_bow_down at the_threshold_of the_gate and_he_will_go_out and_the_gate not it_will_be_shut until the_evening. **3** And_ the_people_of the_earth/land _they_will_bow_down the_entrance_of the_gate (the)_that on_sabbaths and_on_moons to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before **YHWH**. **4** And_the_burnt_offering which the_ _prince he_will_bring_near to/for_**YHWH** in/on_day of_the_ _sabbath will_be_six lambs unblemished and_a_ram unblemished. **5** And_a_grain_offering will_be_an_'ēyfāh for_ _ram and_for_lambs a_grain_offering will_be_the_gift_of his/its_hand and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **6** And_on_the_day_of the_ _new_moon a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished and_six_of lambs and_a_ram unblemished they_ _will_be. **7** And_an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram he_ _will_provide a_grain_offering and_for_lambs just_as his/its_ _hand it_will_reach and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **8** And_when_ the_ _prince _comes the_way_of the_porch_of the_gate he_will_ _come and_by_way_of_its he_will_go_out. **9** And_when_ the_ _people_of the_earth/land _comes to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH** at_times the_one_who_comes the_way_of the_gate_of the_north to_bow_down he_will_go_out the_way_of the_gate_of the_south and_the_one_who_comes the_way_of the_gate_of the_south he_will_go_out the_way_of the_gate_of

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rify the temple. **19** The priest will take some of the blood of that sin offering and place it on the doorposts of the temple and on the four corners of the border of the altar, and on the doorposts of the gate to the inner court. **20** You'll do this again on the seventh day of that month for each person's accidental sin, or sin by ignorance. In that way you'll make the temple pure in God's sight.

21 Then on the fourteenth day of that first month, you Israelis will have a seven-day celebration, when you'll eat bread made without any raising agent.[310] **22** That same day, the leader will prepare a bull as a sin offering for himself and for all the people in the country. **23** For the seven days of the celebration, the leader will prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh: Seven bulls and seven unblemished rams each day for seven days, and a male goat each day as a sin offering. **24** Then the leader will perform a food offering of twenty-two litres of flour with seven litres of olive oil for each bull and each ram.

25 On the fifteenth day of the seventh month of the year, at the 'temporary shelters' celebration, the leader will perform offerings on those seven days: Sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil.[311]

The leader and the festivals

46:1 The master Yahweh says this: The eastern gate of the inner courtyard will be shut for the six days of work, but it'll be opened on rest days and on the day of the new moon. **2** The leader will enter the outer courtyard by the path to that gate and its outside porch, and he'll stand at the doorposts of the inner gate while the priests perform his burnt offering and peace offering. Then he'll worship right there at the inner gate and then leave again, but the gate won't be shut until evening. **3** The people will also worship in front of Yahweh at the entrance to that gate on rest days and new moons. **4** The burnt offering that the leader offers to Yahweh on the rest day will be six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram. **5** The grain offering that he gives with the ram is twenty-two litres of flour, and with the lambs it should be as much as he pleases, along with one litre of olive oil for every twenty-two litres of flour. **6** On the day of the new moon he must offer a bull, six lambs, and a ram—all without any defects. **7** He must also provide a grain offering of twenty-two litres of flour with the bull, the same with the ram, and as much as he wants with the lambs, along with a litre of olive oil with every twenty-two litres of flour. **8** The leader enters by the path to the gate and its porch, and he must leave by the same path.

9 But when the land's people come in front of Yahweh at the scheduled festivals, anyone entering through the north gate to worship must leave through the south gate, and anyone entering through the south gate must leave through the north gate. No one is allowed to turn back to the gate through which they

310 **RV 45:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-20; Num 28:16-25.

311 **RV 45:25 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:33-36; Num 29:12-38.

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entered, because everyone must keep going straight ahead until they get out. **10** The leader must be amongst them in their midst—when they go in, he must go in, and when they leave, he must leave. **11** During the festivals that you hold for me, the king must present twenty-two litres of flour along with a bull or a ram, and as much flour as he wants to with the lambs, along with a litre of olive oil with every twenty-two litres of flour.

12 When the leader gives a voluntary offering to Yahweh (either a burnt offering or a peace offering), the eastern gate will be opened for him. He'll offer his burnt offering or his peace offering just like he does on the rest day. Then he must go out, and after he's gone out, the gate will be shut.

The daily sacrifice

13 In addition, every morning someone[314] must provide a one year old lamb with no defects to be completely burnt up as an offering to Yahweh. **14** Also every morning someone must provide an offering of four litres of flour mixed with a litre of olive oil, and that's a permanent requirement. **15** They'll prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, every morning—a permanent daily burnt offering.

The leader and the country

16 The master Yahweh says this: If the leader gives a gift to any of his sons, it becomes his inheritance—that is, it'll become his sons' property because it's an inheritance. **17** But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, then it'll belong to that servant until the year of liberty, and then it'll return to the leader.[316] His inheritance must definitely be for his own sons. **18** The leader mustn't take the people's inheritance away from them, evicting them from their own property—he must provide for his sons from his own property so that my people won't be forced off their own inherited land."

The temple kitchens

19 Next the man brought me through the entrance at the gate to the sacred rooms for the priests which were north-facing, and what's more, there was a place toward the west. **20** He told me, "That's the place where the priests must boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and where they must bake the grain offering. They mustn't bring the offerings into the outer courtyard, because then the people would become sacred (and not be able to leave)."

21 Then he brought me to the outer courtyard and led me past the four corners of that courtyard, and I saw that in every cor-

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northward_to not he_will_return the_way_of the_gate which he_came in_him/it if/because opposite_it wwww[312]. **10** And_ _the_prince will_be_of_among_them when_come_they he_will_ _come and_when_they_go_out they_will_go_out. **11** And_at_ _festivals and_at_times it_will_be the_grain_offering an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram and_for_lambs the_gift_of his/its_hand and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. **12** And_because/when the_prince he_will_provide a_freewill_offering a_burnt_ _offering or peace_offerings a_freewill_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_someone_will_open to_him/it ~~DOM~~[313] the_gate which_faces east and_he_will_offer ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_his_peace just_as he_will_offer in/on_day of_the_ _sabbath and_he_will_go_out and_someone_will_shut ~~DOM~~ the_ _gate after he_has_gone_out.

13 And_a_lamb the_son_of its_year_of_his unblemished you_ _will_offer a_burnt_offering to_day to_**YHWH** in_morning in_ _morning you_will_offer ~~DOM~~_him/it. **14** And_a_grain_offering you_will_offer on/upon/above_him/it in_morning in_morning (the)_sixth_of (the)_'ēyfāh and_oil (the)_third_of (the)_hin to_ _moisten ~~DOM~~ the_fine_flour a_grain_offering to/for_**YHWH** regulations_of perpetuity continually. **15** And[315] ~~DOM~~ the_lamb and_~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_oil in_morning in_ _morning a_burnt_offering_of continuity.

16 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says if/because the_prince he_ _will_give a_gift to_anyone of_sons_of_his be_his_inheritance_ _of_will it to_sons_of_his it_will_belong be_their_possession_of_ _will it (in)_an_inheritance. **17** And_because/when he_will_give a_gift from_inheritance_of_his to_one of_servants_of_his and_ _it_will_belong for_him/it until the_year_of (the)_liberty and_ _it_will_return to_prince surely inheritance_of_his sons_of_his to/for_them it_will_belong. **18** And_not the_prince he_will_ _take_away any_of_the_inheritance_of the_people to_oppress_ _them from_possession_of_their some_of_his_own_possession he_will_cause_to_inherit ~~DOM~~ sons_of_his so_that that not people_of_my they_may_be_scattered anyone from_ _possession_of_his.

19 And_he_brought_me in_entrance which was_at the_side_of the_gate to the_rooms_of (the)_holiness to the_priests which_ _face northward_to and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_there a_place in/on/at/with[317] westward_toward. **20** And_he/it_said to_me this is_the_place where they_will_boil there the_priests ~~DOM~~ the_guilt_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_sin_offering where they_will_ _bake ~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering to_not to_take_them_out into the_courtyard (the)_outer to_make_holy ~~DOM~~ the_people. **21** And_he_brought_me_out into the_courtyard (the)_outer and_he_made_me_pass to the_four_of the_corners_of the_ _courtyard and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_courtyard was_in_the_ _corner_of the_courtyard a_courtyard was_in_the_corner_of

312 LV 46:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **ואצי**: (x-qere) '**אֶצֵּי**': lemma_3318 n_0 morph_HVqi3ms id_26CHT **אֶצֵּי**

313 LV 46:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

314 RV 46:13 · Note Some of the earliest translations (the Septuagint and the Vulgate) have 'he' here, suggesting it must be the leader.

315 LV 46:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ושע/ו**: (x-qere) '**וְשַׁעֲי**': lemma_6213 a morph_HVqi3mp id_26oWQ **וְשַׁעֲי**

316 RV 46:17 · Cross-ref. Lev 25:10.

317 LV 46:19 · Note OSHB variant note: **ם/תכרי/ב**: (x-qere) '**סַיְתָכְרֵי/ב**': lemma_b/3411 n_0.0 morph_HRd/Ncfda id_26rgN **סַיְתָכְרֵי/ב**

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the_courtyard. **22** Were_in_the_four_of the_corners_of the_ _courtyard courtyards enclosed was_forty_cubits the_length and_thirty the_breadth measurement one belonged_to_the_ _four_of_of_them set_in_corners.[318] **23** And_a_row_of_stones_of was_all_around (is)_in_them around to_the_four_of_of_them and_boiling_places was_made from_under the_rows_stones all_ _around. **24** And_he/it_said to_me these are_the_house_of those_who_boil where they_will_boil there those_who_serve_of (of)_the_house ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacrifice_of the_people.

47:1 And_bring_back_brought_me_back to the_entrance_of the_ _house and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_going_out from_ _under the_threshold_of the_house eastward_toward if/because the_front_of the_house was_east and_the_waters were_going_down from_under from_the_side_of the_house (the)_south from_the_south of_altar. **2** And_he_brought_me_out the_way_of the_gate northward_to and_he_brought_me_round the_way_of the_outside to the_gate_of the_outside the_way which_faces east and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_trickling from the_side (the)_south. **3** When_ the_man _went_out east and_a_measuring-line in_his/its_hand and_he_measured_out a_ _thousand by_cubit and_he_made_me_pass in_waters waters_of ankles. **4** And_he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits and_he_ _made_me_pass in_waters waters knees and_he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits and_he_made_me_pass_through waters_of loins. **5** And_he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits a_river which not I_was_able to_pass_through if/because the_waters they_ _had_risen waters_of swimming a_river which not it_was_ _passed_through. **6** And_he/it_said to_me do_you_see Oh_son_ _of humankind and_he_led_me and_bring_back_brought_me_ _back the_bank_of the_river. **7** When_returned_I and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_to the_bank_of the_river tree[s] many very from_this and_from_this. **8** And_he/it_said to_me the_ _waters the_these are_going_out to the_territory (the)_eastern they_will_go_down to the_ʼArāvāh and_they_will_go to_the_sea to (to)_the_sea those_which_were_brought_out and[321] the_ _waters. **9** And_it_was every_of creature living which it_swarms to every_of where it_will_go there two_rivers it_will_live and_ the_fish _it_was many very if/because they_have_gone to_(to) the_waters the_these and_they_will_be_healed and_ every where it_will_go to_(to) the_river _it_will_live. **10** And_it_was they_have_stood[322] on/upon/above_him/it fishermen from_ ʼĒyn- gedī and_unto ʼĒyn- ʼeglayim a_spreading_place for_nets they_will_be to_kind_of_its it_will_be fish_of_their like_the_ _fish_of the_sea (the)_great many very. **11** Its[323] and_marshes_ _of_its and_not they_will_be_healed to_salt they_will_be_given. **12** And_at the_river it_will_grow_up on bank_of_its from_this and_from_this every_of tree_of food not leafage_of_its it_will_ _wither and_not fruit_of_its it_will_be_finished to_months_of_

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ner of the courtyard there was another enclosed area, **22** and each was twenty-two metres long and sixteen metres wide. **23** Around the inside of each of those enclosed areas was a stone ledge, with cooking hearths all around under the ledge. **24** The man told me, "Those are the places where the temple workers will boil the people's sacrifices."

The healing river

47:1 Then the man took me back to the temple entrance, and there was water flowing out from under the front edge of the building toward the east, and the water was flowing down the south side of the temple, to the right of the altar.[319] **2** So he took me out through the northern gate and led me around the outside to the eastern gate, and look, the water was flowing from this gate on its south side. **3** As the man started walking toward the east holding his measuring line in his hand, he measured off five hundred metres and led me through the water, which was ankle-deep. **4** Then he measured another five hundred metres and led me through the water, which was now knee-deep, and then after another five hundred metres it was up to the waist. **5** Finally he measured off another five hundred metres, but the water had become deep enough to swim in and too deep to cross—it was now a river that couldn't be walked through. **6** The man asked me, "Son of humanity, have you taken note of all this?"

Then he led me out and had me return along the riverbank. **7** As I walked back, wow, now the riverbank had many trees on each side. **8** The man told me, "This water flows eastward and down into the Rift Valley. It'll flow into the Dead Sea and will make it into fresh water. **9** As a result, every kind of living creature that swarms will live where that water flows. There'll be lots of fish when that water flows into the Dead Sea as it causes the salty water to become fresh water—everything will live wherever that river goes. **10** Then the fishermen from Eyn-Gedi will stand there by the water, and there'll be a place to dry out the fishing nets near Eyn-Eglayim. There'll be many kinds of fish in the Dead Sea—plentiful just like the fish in the Mediterranean Sea. **11** However, the Dead Sea's swamps and marshes won't be made fresh—they'll be for providing salt. **12** Beside that river on both banks, all kinds of fruit trees will grow. Their leaves will never wilt, and they'll never fail to fruit—in fact they'll bear fruit every month because that water from the temple flows to them. Their fruit will be good to eat, and their leaves will help

318 LV 46:22 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

319 RV 47:1 · Cross-ref. Zech 14:8; Yhn 7:38; Rev 22:1.

321 LV 47:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **ואפרנ/ו**: (x-qere) '**וְפַּרְנֵ/וְ**': lemma_c/7495 morph_HC/VNq3cp id_26NV2 **וְפַּרְנֵ/וְ**

322 LV 47:10 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודמעי**: (x-qere) '**וּדְמָע**': lemma_5975 morph_HVqp3cp id_26v1M **וּדְמָע**

323 LV 47:11 · Note OSHB variant note: **ו/תאצב**: (x-qere) '**ו/יְתאֲצַב**': lemma_1207 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_26aY5 **ו/יְתאֲצַב**

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with healing.[320]

Land boundaries

13 The master Yahweh says that this will be the way that you divide the land up for Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve tribes: Yosef (Joseph) will have a double allocation.
14 You're to equally divide the land that I took action to give to your ancestors—from now on that land will come to you Israelis as an inheritance.
15 These will be the land boundaries: On the north side, it'll extend from the Mediterranean Sea east along the road towards Hetlon, and then on to Tsedad, 16 to Berotah, and then on to Sivrayim, which is on the border between Damesek (Damascus) and Hamat. The boundary will run as far as Hatsar-Hatikon, which is on the border of the Havran region. 17 So the boundary will extend from the Mediterranean Sea to Hatsar-Eynan on the border between Hamat to the north and Damesek to the south. That'll be the northern boundary.
18 On the eastern side, the boundary will extend between Havran and Damesek, south along the Yarden (Jordan) River between the Gilead region and Yisrael's territory, along the Dead Sea as far as Tamar.[325] That'll be the eastern boundary.
19 On the southern side, the boundary will extend from Tamar to the springs near Merivah-Kadesh. Then it'll extend west along the brook of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to the Mediterranean Sea. That'll be the southern boundary.
20 On the western side, the boundary will be the Mediterranean Sea, north to a point near Levo-Hamat.
21 This is how you'll divide this land for yourselves among Yisrael's tribes: 22 You must assign the land as a permanent possession for yourselves and also for any foreigners who are living and raising their children among you. You must consider them to be like native born Israelis, and they must be assigned land among Yisrael's tribes. 23 Wherever foreigners are living, you must give them some land to belong to them permanently. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

Land allocated to Yisrael's tribes

48:1 Here's a list of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes and the territory that each tribe is to receive. The northern boundary of Yisrael will start at the Mediterranean Sea and go east to Hetlon city, then to Levo-Hamat, and farther on to Hatsar-Eynan, which is south of Damesek (Damascus), and it'll continue to Hamat. Each tribe will receive land that will extend from the eastern boundary of Yisrael west to the Mediterranean Sea.
The tribe of Dan will receive land alongside Yisrael's northern border. 2 South of their area will be the territory for the tribe of Asher. 3 South of Asher's land will be territory for the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali). 4 South of Naftali's land will be territory for

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_its it_will_bear_first-fruits if/because waters_of_its from the_ _sanctuary they are_coming_out and[324] fruit_of_its for_food and_leafage_of_its will_be_for_healing.

13 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says this is_the_boundary which you(pl)_will_give_as_possession ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land to_two_ _plus_of ten the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Yōṣēf/(Joseph) measured_portions. 14 And_you(pl)_will_divide_as_possession it each like_brother_of_his which I_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to_give_it to_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_ the_earth/land (the)_ _this _it_will_fall to/for_you(pl) (in)_an_inheritance. 15 And_ _this is_the_boundary_of the_earth/land to_the_side_of northward_of from the_sea (the)_great the_direction of_Ḥētlon Ləvō' to_Tsədād/(Zedad). 16 Hamath Bērōtāh Ṣivrayim which is_between the_territory_of Dammeseq and_between the_ _territory_of Hamath Ḥatsēr- hattikōn which is_to the_border_ _of Ḥavrān. 17 And_ the_boundary _it_was from the_sea Ḥatsar ʿĒynōn the_border_of Dammeseq and_north northward_to and_ _the_territory_of Hamath and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of the_north. 18 And_will_be_the_side_of the_east from_between Ḥavrān and_from_between Dammeseq and_from_between (the)_Gilʿād and_from_between the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_ _Yardēn/(Jordan) from_the_border to the_sea (the)_eastern you(pl)_will_measure and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of eastward_on. 19 And_the_side_of the_south southward_on will_be_from_ _Tāmār to the_waters_of Mərīvāh Qādēsh the_wadi to the_sea (the)_great and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of southward_of southward_ _toward. 20 And_the_side_of the_west the_sea (the)_great from_ _the_border to opposite Ləvō' Hamath this is_the_side_of the_ _west. 21 And_you(pl)_will_divide ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land (the)_ _this to/for_you(pl) to_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 22 And_it_ _was you(pl)_will_make_fall it (in)_an_inheritance to/for_ _you(pl) and_for_the_sojourners who_sojourn among_you(pl) who they_have_fathered children among_you(pl) and_they_ _will_be to/for_you(pl) like_the_native-born among_the_ _people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_you(pl) they_will_fall (in)_an_ _inheritance in_the_middle the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 23 And_it_was in_tribe which the_sojourner he_has_sojourned with_him/it there you(pl)_will_give_him inheritance_of_his the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

48:1 And_these are_the_names_of the_tribes from_the_end_of northward_of to the_hand_of the_road_of Ḥētlon Ləvō' Hamath Ḥatsar ʿĒynān the_border_of Dammeseq northward_to to the_ _hand_of Hamath and_they_will_be to_him/it the_side_of the_ _east the_sea Dān one_portion. 2 And_at the_border_of Dān from_the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of 'Āshēr one_portion. 3 And_at the_border_of 'Āshēr from_the_side_of eastward_of and_unto the_side_of westward_of Naftālī one_ _portion. 4 And_at the_border_of Naftālī from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Mənashsheh one_ _portion. 5 And_at the_border_of Mənashsheh from_the_side_ _of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of 'Efrayim one_ _portion. 6 And_at the_border_of 'Efrayim from_the_side_of the_east and_unto the_side_of westward_of Rə'ūvēn one_

320 RV 47:12 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:2.

324 LV 47:12 · Note OSHB variant note: וְיִהְיוּ: (x-qere) וְהָיָה: lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_266we

325 RV 47:18 · Note Tamar: the Hebrew has 'the Eastern Sea'.

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_portion. **7** And_at the_border_of Rə'ūvēn from_the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one_ _portion.

8 And_at the_border_of Yəhūdāh from_the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of it_will_be the_contribution which you(pl)_will_offer_up will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_breadth and_the_length like_one of_the_portions from_ _the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of and_it_ _was the_sanctuary in_the_middle_of_of_it. **9** The_contribution which you(pl)_will_contribute to/for_**YHWH** the_length_of will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_the_breadth will_ _be_ten_of thousand_cubits. **10** And_to_these it_will_belong the_contribution_of (the)_holiness to_priests northward_on five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_westward_on the_ _breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits and_eastward_on the_ _breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits and_southward_on the_length_of will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_it_ _was the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** in_the_middle_of_of_it. **11** To_ _priests the_one_who_is_consecrated from_(the)_sons of_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) who they_kept charge_of_my who not they_ _went_astray when_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_ _astray just_as the_Lēviyyiy they_went_astray. **12** And_it_will_ _belong to/for_them a_contribution from_the_contribution_of the_earth/land a_holy_place_of holy_places to the_border_of the_Lēviyyiy. **13** And_the_Lēviyyiy close_to_of the_border_of the_priests will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_ _length and_the_breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits all_of the_length will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_the_ _breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits. **14** And_not they_will_ _sell from_him/it and_not anyone_will_exchange and_not Q_ _anyone_will_make_pass_over[326] the_choicest_of the_ _earth/land if/because it_is_a_holy_place to/for_**YHWH**. **15** And_five_of thousand_cubits which_remains in_breadth on the_face_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits will_be_a_ _profane_area it for_city for_dwelling_place and_for_open_land and_it_will_be the_city in/on/at/with[327]. **16** And_these be_its_ _measurements_of_will the_side_of the_north will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_the_side_of the_ _south will_be_five wwww[328] hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_from_the_side_of the_east will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_the_side_of westward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_ _cubits. **17** And_ open_land _it_was to_city northward_on fifty and_two_hundreds and_southward_on fifty and_two_hundred_ _cubits and_eastward_on fifty and_two_hundreds and_ _westward_on fifty and_two_hundred_cubits. **18** And_that_ _which_remains in_length close_to_of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits eastward_to and_ten_of thousand_cubits westward_to and_it_was close_to_ _of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_it_will_become

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the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh). **5** South of Menasheh's land will be territory for the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim). **6** South of Efrayim's land will be territory for the tribe of Re'uven. **7** South of Re'uven's land will be territory for the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).

The chosen place

8 South of Yehudah's (Judah's) land will be an area that the entire nation will give to me—you Israelis will set it apart for special use. The temple will be in the middle of the area that's thirteen kilometres wide and as long as the other land allocations.

9 The special area that you Israelis will give to Yahweh will be thirteen kilometres long and five kilometres wide. **10** This special area will be allocated to the priests: you'll assign them an area of land measuring thirteen kilometres on the northern and southern sides, and five kilometres on the western and eastern sides. Yahweh's temple will be in the middle of that special area. **11** The temple area will be for the priests, Tsadok's descendants, who are dedicated to serving me. (They're the ones who served me faithfully and didn't turn away from me like the Levites and the others did.) **12** The priests' allocation will be a portion of that very sacred land, extending to the Levites' border. **13** The land assigned to the Levites will be the same size as the land that the priests will receive. (So together, these two portions of land will be thirteen kilometres long and about ten kilometres wide.) **14** They mustn't sell or barter it—none of this best part of Yisrael's (Israel's) land must ever be used for any other purpose, because it's all sacred to Yahweh.

15 Another strip of land thirteen kilometres long and almost three kilometres wide will be allotted for other people living in the special area to use. They may build homes and have pasturelands there, and there'll be a city in the middle of that area. **16** The city will be square, over two kilometres long on each side, **17** with an open area around it, within the special area, that will be about 130m wide in each direction. **18** Outside the city, there'll be two strips that'll extend five kilometres on each of the east and west sides, and the produce from those strips will be food for the people working in the city. **19** Those who come from the various tribes to work in the city may also work in this farmland. **20** That entire special area, including the land given for Yahweh's use and the city, will be a square that's thirteen kilometres long on each side.

21 The tracts of land to the east and to the west of Yahweh's area and the city will belong to the leader. One area will extend thirteen kilometres east to Yisrael's eastern boundary, and the other will extend thirteen kilometres west to the Mediterranean Sea. Yahweh's area, which contains the temple, will be in the middle. **22** The area that belongs to the leader (that surrounds

326 **LV 48:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: רובעי: (x-qere) 'רִבֻּעַי': lemma_5674 a n_1.0 morph_HVhi3ms id_26pDo רִבֻּעַי

327 **LV 48:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/כות/ב: (x-qere) 'וְ/כוֹת/בְּ': lemma_b/8432 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_26PV1 וְ/כוֹת/בְּ

328 **LV 48:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: שמח: (x-qere)

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the Levites' property and the city in the middle of it) will be between the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) to the north and the tribe of Benyamin to the south.

23 South of Yahweh's area, each of the other tribes will receive one section of land that extends from the eastern boundary of Yisrael west all the way to the Mediterranean Sea.

Just south of Yahweh's area will be territory for the tribe of Benyamin. **24** South of Benyamin's land will be the land for the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon). **25** South of Shim'on's land will be the land for the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar). **26** South of Yisakar's land will be the land for the tribe of Zevulun. **27** South of Zevulun's land will be the land for the tribe of Gad. **28** Gad's southern boundary will extend from Tamar south to the waters of Merivah-Kadesh, and farther west to the brook of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then on to the Mediterranean Sea.

29 That describes the territory you'll allocate to Yisrael's tribes to become their permanent inheritance. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

30 These will be the exits from the city: **The city gateways**
On the northern side (which will be just over two kilometres long), **31** there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Re'uven, Yehudah (Judah), and Levi. **32** On the eastern side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Yosef (Joseph), Benyamin, and Dan. **33** On the southern side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Shim'on (Simeon), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun. **34** On the western side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Gad, Asher, and Naftali (Naphtali).[331] **35** The distance around the city will be nine kilometres.

From that time onwards, the city's name will be 'Yahweh is there'.

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mmm[329] (into)_food for_those_who_serve_of the_city. **19** And_ _one_who_serves the_city they_will_serve_it from_all the_ _tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **20** All_of the_contribution will_be_ _five and_twenty thousand_cubits by_five and_twenty thousand_cubits fourth you(pl)_will_offer_up ~~ḎǪM~~ the_ _contribution_of (the)_holiness to the_possession_of the_city. **21** And_that_which_remains will_to_the_prince from_this and_ _from_this of_the_contribution_of of_(the)_holiness and_of_ _the_possession_of the_city to the_face_of the_five and_twenty thousand_cubits a_contribution to the_border_of eastward_of and_westward on the_face_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits on the_border_of westward_of close_to_of the_portions will_to_ _the_prince and_it_will_be the_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_the_sanctuary_of the_house in/on/at/with[330]. **22** And_ _from_the_possession_of the_Lēviyyiy and_from_the_ _possession_of the_city in_the_middle of_that_which to_prince it_will_belong between the_border_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _between the_border_of Binyāmīn to_prince it_will_belong. **23** And_the_remainder_of the_tribes from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Binyāmīn one_portion. **24** And_at the_border_of Binyāmīn from_the_side_of eastward_ _of to the_side_of westward_of Shim'ōn one_portion. **25** And_at the_border_of Shim'ōn from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_ _side_of westward_of Issachar one_portion. **26** And_at the_ _border_of Issachar from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_ _of westward_of Zəvūlūn one_portion. **27** And_at the_border_of Zəvūlūn from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Gād one_portion. **28** And_at the_border_of Gād to the_side_of the_south southward_toward and_ the_border _it_ _was from_Tāmār the_waters_of Mərīvāh_of Qādēsh the_wadi on the_sea (the)_great. **29** This the_earth/land which you(pl)_ _will_make_fall from_the_inheritance to_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_these portions_of_are_their the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH**.

30 And_these will_be_the_exits_of the_city from_the_side_of the_north will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits the_measurement. **31** And_the_gates_of the_city will_be_on the_names_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) gates three be_ _northward_will the_gate_of Rə'ūvēn one the_gate_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one the_gate_of Lēvī one. **32** And_near/to the_side_of eastward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_gates three and_the_gate_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) one the_gate_of Binyāmīn one the_gate_of Dān one. **33** And_the_side_of southward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits the_measurement and_gates three the_gate_of Shim'ōn one the_gate_of Issachar one the_ _gate_of Zəvūlūn one. **34** The_side_of westward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits gates_of_their three the_gate_of Gād one the_gate_of 'Āshēr one the_gate_of Naftālī one. **35** The_circuit will_be_eight- teen thousand_cubits and_ _name_of the_city from_the_day will_be_**YHWH** is_(to)_(to).

329 LV 48:18 · Note OSHB variant note: תאובת/ה: (x-qere) תָּאוּבֶת/וֹ: lemma_8393 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_26kfc תָּאוּבֶת/וֹ

330 LV 48:21 · Note OSHB variant note: כות/ב: (x-qere) כוֹת/בֵּי/וֹ: lemma_b/8432 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_26fX4 כוֹת/בֵּי/וֹ

331 RV 48:30-34 · Cross-ref. Rev 21:12-13.

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EZE · OET-RV v0.3.4



Ezra

Introduction

The account of Ezra, is like a continuation of *The Chronicles*—it tells us about the returning home of other Yehudim who had been taken to Bavel as captives, and the restoration of daily life in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and of worshipping at the temple.
It's divided into three main sections: 1. The declaration of King Koresh (Cyrus) of Paras/Persia to allow a group of exiled Yehudim to return to Yerushalem from Bavel. 2. The rebuilding of the temple and its dedication, and the return to worshipping Yahweh there in Yerushalem. 3. The return of a different group of Jewish descendants to Yerushalem under the leadership of Ezra—the one knowledgeable about God's instructions. He assisted the Israelis to return to their beliefs and customs, so that their worshipping of the true God wouldn't be forgotten.

Main components of this account

The first group of exiled Yehudim return home *1:1–2:70*
The rebuilding of the temple and its dedication *3:1–6:22*
Ezra leads other exiles to return to Yehudah (Judah) *7:1–10:44*

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1:1 And_in_year_of one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) the_
_king_of Pāraṣ to_fulfill the_message_of **YHWH** from_the_
_mouth_of Yirməʸᵃʰ/(Jeremiah) **YHWH** he_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_spirit_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) the_king_of Pāraṣ and_he_
_caused_to_pass a_proclamation in_all his/its_kingdom and_
_also in_writing to_say. **2** Thus Kōresh the_king_of Pāraṣ he_
_says all_of the_kingdoms_of the_earth/land he_has_given to_
_me **YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens and_he he_has_appointed
(on)_me to_build to_him/it a_house in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which is_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah).
3 Who is_among_you(pl) from_all people_of_his may_he_be
his/its_god with_him/it and_let_him_go_up to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which is_in_Yəhūdāh and_let_him_
_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he
the_ʾElohīm who is_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **4** And_all
(the)_one_who_remains from_all the_places where he is_
_sojourning there let_them_support_him the_people_of his_
_place_of_his with_silver and_with_gold and_with_property
and_with_cattle with the_freewill_offering for_the_house_of
the_ʾElohīm which is_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **5** And_ the_
_heads_of the_fathers of_Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_the_
_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_arose to_all/each/any/every
the_ʾElohīm one_whom_he_had_stirred_up ᴅᴏᴍ his/its_
_breath/wind/spirit to_go_up to_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of
YHWH which is_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **6** And_all
around_of_them they_strengthened (in)_hands_of_their with_
_vessels_of silver with_gold with_property and_on/over_
_cattle/livestock and_with_(the)_gifts besides_addition_to (on)
all_of offering_of_freewill_offerings. **7** And_the_king
Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) he_brought_out ᴅᴏᴍ
the_vessels_of the_house_of **YHWH** which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_
_had_brought_out from_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he_had_
_put_them in_house_of his/its_god. **8** And_he_brought_them_
_out[34] Kōresh the_king_of Pāraṣ on the_hand_of Mitrədāt the_
_treasurer and_he_counted_them_out to_Shēshəbatstsar the_
_prince of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **9** And_these number_of_were_
_their basins_of gold thirty basins_of silver one_thousand
knives nine and_twenty. **10** Bowls_of gold thirty bowls_of silver
second_order four hundred(s) and_ten vessels other one_
_thousand. **11** All_of vessels of_gold and_of_silver five_of
thousand(s) and_four hundred(s) (the)_everything
Shēshəbatstsar he_brought_up with the_exile[s] were_led_up
from_Bāvel to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2:1 And_these are_the_children_of the_province who_came_up
from_the_captivity_of the_exile whom he_had_taken_into_exile
Nəvūkadnetstsar[8] the_king_of Bāvel to_Bāvel and_they_
_returned to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) each to_his_own_of_city. **2** Who they_
_came with Zərubāvel Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) Nəḥemʸᵃʰ Sərāʸᵃʰ
Rəʿēlāʸᵃʰ Mordəkay Bilshān Mişpār Bigvay Rəḥūm Baʿₐnāh the_

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Koresh returns some Yehudim

1:1 In the first year that Koresh (Cyrus) was king of Paras (Persia), Yahweh stirred up his spirit in order to fulfil what he'd spoken through the prophet Yirmiyah (Jeremiah).[1] So the king distributed an official written notice throughout his kingdom, saying, **2** "Koresh, king of Paras, declares this: Yahweh, the god of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms in the world, and he's appointed me to build a residence for him in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in Yehudah (Judah).[2] **3** Anyone among you who's one of his followers is free to go to Yerushalem (in Yehudah) to help build a temple there for Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh—the god of Yerushalem. May God go with you. **4** Those who live near these people but who are not going themselves, should donate gold and silver, and goods and livestock, plus cash as a voluntary offering for God's temple in Yerushalem.

5 Then some of the leaders of Benyamin and Yehudah, and some priests and Levites—all of whom had had their spirits stirred up by God—left to go and build Yahweh's residence in Yerushalem. **6** Their neighbours had helped them by donating gold and silver utensils, goods and livestock, and expensive gifts, as well as the voluntary offerings of cash.

7 Then King Koresh brought out the equipment from Yahweh's temple that Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had brought all the way from Yerushalem and had put in the house of his gods. **8** He put the treasurer Mitredat in charge of bringing them out and Sheshebatsar, the ruler of Yehudah, in charge of accepting them and listing them. **9** There were: thirty gold basins, one thousand silver basins, twenty-nine knives, **10** thirty gold bowls, 410 silver bowls, and a thousand other utensils, **11** coming to a total of 5,400 gold and silver utensils. Sheshebatsar took all of that with the group of exiles going from Bavel (Babylon) to Yerushalem.

The list of returning exiles[5]

2:1 Out of the captives that Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had brought as slaves to Bavel (Babylon), these are their descendants who returned to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in Yehudah (Judah)—each person returning to their own ancestral town. **2** The ones who went with Zerubavel were: Yeshua, Nehemyah (Ne-

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Jer 25:11; 29:10.

2 **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 44:28.

3 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

4 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

5 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** Neh. 7:4-73

8 **LV 2:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוצנדכובנ: (x-qere) ’רֶצָּנְדַכוּבְנ’: lemma_5020 morph_HNp id_15PGK רֶצָּנְדַכוּבְנ

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hemiah), Serayah, Re'elayah, Mordekai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvay, Rehum, and Ba'anah.

Their numbers were:

3 2,172 descendants of Par'osh,
4 372 descendants of Shefatyah,
5 775 descendants of Arah,
6 2,812 descendants of Pahat-Moav, from the families of Yeshua and Yoav (Joab),
7 1,254 descendants of Eylam,
8 945 descendants of Zatu,
9 760 descendants of Zakay,
10 642 descendants of Bani,
11 623 descendants of Bevay,
12 1,222 descendants of Azgad,
13 666 descendants of Adonikam,
14 2,056 descendants of Bigvay,
15 454 descendants of Adin,
16 98 descendants of Ater, who descended from Hizkiyah (Hezekiah),
17 323 descendants of Betsay,
18 112 descendants of Yorah,
19 223 descendants of Hashum,
20 95 descendants of Givar.
21 And from these towns:
123 from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem),
22 56 from Netofah,
23 128 from Anatot,
24 42 from Azmavet,
25 743 from Kiryat-Yearim, Kefirah, and Be'erot,
26 621 from Ramah and Geva,
27 122 from Mikmas,
28 223 from Beyt-El (Bethel) and Ay,
29 52 from Nevo,
30 156 from Magbish,
31 1,254 from the other Eylam,
32 320 from Harim,
33 725 from Lod, Hadid, and Ono,
34 345 from Yeriho (Jericho),
35 3,630 from Sena'ah.
36 The priests who returned:
973 descendants of Yedayah (descendants of Yeshua),
37 1,052 descendants of Imer,
38 1,247 descendants of Pashhur,
39 1,017 descendants of Harim.
40 The Levites who returned:
74 descendants of Yeshua and Kadmiel, who were from the family of Hodavyah,
41 128 musicians who were descendants of Asaf,
42 139 gatekeepers who were descendants of the gatekeepers Shalum, Ater, Talmon, Akuv, Hatita, and Shovay,

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_number_of the_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 3 The_ _descendants_of Par'osh/(Parosh) two_thousand one_hundred seventy and_two. 4 The_descendants_of Shəfaṭyāh three hundred(s) seventy and_two. 5 The_descendants_of 'Āraḥ seven hundred(s) five and_seventy. 6 The_descendants_of Paḥat-Mō'āv of_the_descendants_of of_Yēshū'a Yō'āv/(Joab) two_ _thousand eight hundred(s) and_two_plus ten. 7 The_ _descendants_of 'Ēylām one_thousand two_hundred fifty and_ _four. 8 The_descendants_of Zattū' nine hundred(s) and_forty and_five. 9 The_descendants_of Zakkay seven hundred(s) and_ _sixty. 10 The_descendants_of Bānī six hundred(s) forty and_ _two. 11 The_descendants_of Bēvay six hundred(s) twenty and_ _three. 12 The_descendants_of 'Azgād one_thousand two_ _hundred twenty and_two. 13 The_descendants_of 'Adonīqām six hundred(s) sixty and_six. 14 The_descendants_of Bigvay two_thousand fifty and_six. 15 The_descendants_of 'Ādīn four hundred(s) fifty and_four. 16 The_descendants_of 'Āṭēr of_ _Ḥizqiyyāh ninety and_eight. 17 The_descendants_of Bētsay three hundred(s) twenty and_three. 18 The_descendants_of Yōrāh/(Jorah) one_hundred and_two_plus ten. 19 The_ _descendants_of Ḥāshum two_hundred twenty and_three. 20 The_descendants_of Givar ninety and_five. 21 The_ _descendants_of Bēyt- leḥem one_hundred twenty and_three. 22 The_men_of Nəṭofāh fifty and_six. 23 The_men_of 'Anātōt one_hundred twenty and_eight. 24 The_descendants_of 'Azmāvet forty and_two. 25 The_descendants_of Qiryat Kephirah and_Beeroth seven hundred(s) and_forty and_three. 26 The_descendants_of (the)_Rāmāh and_Geva' six hundred(s) twenty and_one. 27 The_men_of Mikmāş one_hundred twenty and_two. 28 The_men_of Bēyt- 'ēl and_(the)_'Ay two_hundred twenty and_three. 29 The_descendants_of Nəvō fifty and_two. 30 The_descendants_of Magbiysh one_hundred fifty and_six. 31 The_descendants_of 'Ēylām the_other one_thousand two_ _hundred fifty and_four. 32 The_descendants_of Ḥārim three hundred(s) and_twenty. 33 The_descendants_of Lod Ḥādīd and_ _Ono seven hundred(s) twenty and_five. 34 The_descendants_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) three hundred(s) forty and_five. 35 The_ _descendants_of Şənā'āh three_of thousand(s) and_six hundred(s) and_thirty. 36 The_priests the_descendants_of Yəda'yāh/(Jedaiah) of_the_house_of of_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) nine hundred(s) seventy and_three. 37 The_descendants_of 'Immēr one_thousand fifty and_two. 38 The_descendants_of Pashḥūr one_thousand two_hundred forty and_seven. 39 The_ _descendants_of Ḥārim one_thousand and_seven teen. 40 The_ _Lēviyyiy the_descendants_of Yēshū'a and_Qadmī'ēl of_the_ _sons_of of_Hōdavyāh seventy and_four. 41 The_singers the_ _descendants_of 'Āşāf one_hundred twenty and_eight. 42 The_ _descendants_of the_gatekeepers the_descendants_of Shallūm the_descendants_of 'Āṭēr the_descendants_of Ţalmōn the_ _descendants_of 'Aqqūv the_descendants_of Ḥaṭīṭā' the_ _descendants_of Shovāy (the)_everyone was_one_hundred thirty and_nine. 43 The_temple_servants the_descendants_of Tsīḥā'/(Ziha) the_descendants_of Ḥasūfā' the_descendants_of Ţabā'ōt. 44 The_descendants_of Qēyroş the_descendants_of Şī'ā' the_descendants_of Pādōn. 45 The_descendants_of Ləvānā' the_descendants_of Ḥagāvā' the_descendants_of 'Aqqūv.

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46 The_descendants_of Ḥāgāv the_descendants_of Salmay[9]
the_descendants_of Ḥānān. **47** The_descendants_of Giddēl the_
_descendants_of Gaḥar the_descendants_of Rə'āyāh. **48** The_
_descendants_of Rətsīn the_descendants_of Nəqōdā' the_
_descendants_of Gazzām. **49** The_descendants_of ʻUzzā' the_
_descendants_of Pāṣēaḥ the_descendants_of Bēṣay. **50** The_
_descendants_of 'Aṣnāhh the_descendants_of Məʻūnāy[10] the_
_descendants_of Nephussim[11]. **51** The_descendants_of Baqbūq
the_descendants_of Ḥaqūfā' the_descendants_of Ḥarḥūr.
52 The_descendants_of Batslūt the_descendants_of Məḥīdā'
the_descendants_of Ḥarshā'. **53** The_descendants_of Barqōṣ
the_descendants_of Ṣīṣərā' the_descendants_of Temaḥ. **54** The_
_descendants_of Nətsīaḥ the_descendants_of Ḥaṭīfā'. **55** The_
_descendants_of the_servants_of Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_
_descendants_of Ṣōṭay the_descendants_of Ṣoferet the_
_descendants_of Pərūdā'. **56** The_descendants_of Jaala the_
_descendants_of Darkon the_descendants_of Giddēl. **57** The_
_descendants_of Shəfaṭyāh the_descendants_of Ḥaṭṭil the_
_descendants_of Pokeret- Tsəvāyīm the_descendants_of 'Āmī.
58 All_of the_temple_servants and_the_sons of_the_servants_of
of_Shəlomoh three hundred(s) ninety and_two. **59** And_these
are_the_ones_who_came_up from_Tēl- melaḥ Tēl Harsha Kərūv
Addon 'Immēr and_not they_were_able to_announce the_
_house_of their_ancestors_of_their and_offspring_of_their if
were_from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they. **60** The_descendants_of Dəlāyāh
the_descendants_of Ṭōviyyāh the_descendants_of Nəqōdā' six
hundred(s) fifty and_two. **61** And_of_the_descendants_of the_
_priests the_descendants_of Ḥavayyāh the_descendants_of
Haqqōts the_descendants_of Barzillay who he_had_taken one_
_of_the_daughters_of Barzillay the_Gil'ādite a_wife and_he_
_was_called on their_name. **62** These they_sought document_
_of_their those_who_had_had_themselves_enrolled and_not
they_were_found and_they_were_defiled from the_priesthood.
63 And_ the_governor _he/it_said to/for_them which/who not
they_will_eat any_of_the_holy_thing_of the_holy_things until
a_priest will_arise to_Urim and_to_Thummim. **64** All_of the_
_assembly as_one four ten_thousand two_thousand three
hundred(s) sixty. **65** (From)_besides_of servants_of_their_male
and_their_female_of_servants these were_seven_of thousand(s)
three hundred(s) thirty and_seven and_belonged_to_them
male_singers and_female_singers two_hundred. **66** Horses_of_
_their seven hundred(s) thirty and_six mules_of_their two_
_hundred forty and_five. **67** Camels_of_their four hundred(s)
thirty and_five donkeys six_of thousand(s) seven hundred(s)
and_twenty. **68** And_some_of_the_heads_of the_fathers when_
_came_they to_the_house_of **YHWH** which is_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_offered_freewill_offerings for_
_the_house_of the_'Elohīm to_erect_it on place_of_its.
69 According_to_of_their_ability they_gave to_the_treasury_of
the_work gold drachmas six ten_thousands and_one_thousand
and_silver minas five_of thousand(s) and_tunics_of priests one_
hundred. **70** And the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_from the_

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43 The temple servants who returned:
The descendants of Tsiha, Hasufa, and Tabaeot,
44 the descendants of Keyros, Siea, and Padon,
45 the descendants of Levana, Hagava, and Akuv,
46 the descendants of Hagav, Shalmay, and Hanan,
47 the descendants of Gidel, Gahar, and Reayah,
48 the descendants of Retsin, Nekoda, and Gazam,
49 the descendants of Uza, Paseah, and Besay,
50 the descendants of Asnah, Meunim, and Nefushesim,
51 the descendants of Bakbuk, Hakufa, and Harhur,
52 the descendants of Batslut, Mehida, and Harsha,
53 the descendants of Barkos, Sisera, and Temah,
54 and the descendants of Netsiah and Hatifa.
55 The descendants of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) servants who returned:
the descendants Sotay, Soferet, Peruda,
56 the descendants of Ya'alah, Darkon, and Gidel,
57 the descendants of Shefatyah, Hatil, Pokeret Tsevayim, and Ami.
58 Altogether there were 392 descendants of temple workers and Shelomoh's servants who returned.
59 Another group went from the towns of Tel-Melah, Tel-Harsha, Keruv, Adan, and Imer, but they didn't know their ancestry from before they were taken as captives.
60 There were 652 people who were descendants of Delayah, Toviyah, and Nekoda, **61** and from the sons of the priests: the descendants of Havayah; the descendants of Hakots; and the descendants of Barzilay, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzilay the Giladi, so he was called by their name. **62** They had searched for their records among the genealogies, but couldn't find their families listed, so they were disqualified to serve as priests. **63** Also the governor told them that they mustn't eat any of the holiest food until a priest could use the Urim and Tumim to determine their status.[6]
64 Altogether in this group, 42,360 people returned to Yehudah (Judah). **65** not counting their 7,337 male and female servants, plus 200 male and female musicians. **66** They also took 736 horses and 245 mules, **67** 435 camels and 6,720 donkeys.
68 When some of the heads of families got to Yahweh's temple in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), they freely donated so that it could be rebuilt. **69** They each donated to the treasury according to their individual resources—a total of sixty-one thousand gold coins, five thousand silver bars, and a hundred sets of clothing for the priests.
70 So the priests and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers and the temple servants returned to live in their ancestral cities, and so all the Israeli cities

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6 **RV 2:63 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:21.

9 **LV 2:46 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ילמש**: (x-qere) **יְמְלֵשׁ**: lemma_8014 n_0.0 morph_HNp id_15Sjh **יְמְלֵשׁ**

10 **LV 2:50 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיניעמ**: (x-qere) **מְעוּנִים**: lemma_4586 n_0.0 morph_HNgmpa id_15Abd **מְעוּנִים**

11 **LV 2:50 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיסיפנ**: (x-qere) **מְסִיפִים**: lemma_5304 n_0 morph_HNgmpa id_15gMU **מְסִיפִים**

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had returnees living in them.[7]

Rebuilding the altar

3:1 In the seventh month, the Israelis from their various cities, gathered together in unity in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **2** Then Yotsadak's son Yeshua and his brothers the priests, and Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and his brothers, and they built the altar to offer up burnt offerings to Yisrael's (Israel's) god on it[12] as is written in the law of Mosheh (Moses), the man of God. **3** They set the altar up on its foundation because they were worried about trouble from some of the other people groups in the region. Then they offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on it as well as the regular morning and evening burnt offerings.[13] **4** Then they observed the Celebration in Shelters as per the written instructions[14] with a burnt offering each day as required. **5** After that was over, they kept up the regular burnt offerings, plus those for the new moons and other times that Yahweh required,[15] as well as any free-will offerings to Yahweh. **6** Even though the temple foundation rebuilding hadn't started yet, the people started sacrificing burnt offerings to Yahweh from the beginning of October.

Rebuilding the temple

7 They donated cash to the stone-workers and carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the workers from Tsidon (Sidon) and Tsor (Tyre) to float cedar logs along the coast from Levanon into Port Yafo (Joppa) with the permission of Persian King Koresh (Cyrus).

8 In the second month of second year since their return to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and Yotsadak's son Yeshua, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and everyone except who'd returned to Yerushalem from captivity, began work on God's residence, and they appointed the Levites who were twenty and over to act as overseers for the work of rebuilding Yahweh's temple. **9** And Yeshua with his brothers and their sons, Kadmiel and his sons, (all descendants of Yehudah (Judah)) cooperated to act as overseers for those doing the work at the temple together with Henadad's sons and grandsons, and their brothers the Levites.

10 When the builders had laid the foundation of Yahweh's temple, they got the priests to stand there in their robes with their trumpets, and Asaf's descendants (who were Levites) with their

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_people and_the_singers and_the_gatekeepers and_the_temple_ _servants _they_lived in_their_own_of_cities and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_in_their_own_of_cities.

3:1 And_ the_month the_seventh _it_arrived and_the_sons of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_in_cities and_ the_people _they_gathered like_a_man one to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **2** And_ Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_brothers_ _of_his the_priests and_Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_ _brothers_of_his _he/it_rose_up and_they_rebuilt ÐOM the_ _altar_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings according_what_is_ _written in_the_law_of Mosheh the_man_of the_'Elohīm. **3** They_established the_altar on foundations_of_its if/because (in)_terror was_on_them from_the_peoples_of the_lands and[16][17] on/upon/above_him/it burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** burnt_offerings of_morning and_of_evening. **4** And_they_made ÐOM the_festival_of (the)_booths according_what_is_written and_a_burnt_offering_of a_day in/on_day by_number according_to_the_ordinance_of the_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **5** And_after afterwards[18] a_burnt_offering_of continuity and_ _for_moons and_to/for_all the_appointed_times_of **YHWH** (the)_consecrated and_to/for_all one_who_offered a_freewill_ _offering to/for_**YHWH**. **6** From_day one of_month the_seventh they_began to_offer_up burnt_offerings to/for_**YHWH** and_ _the_temple_of **YHWH** not it_was_founded.

7 And_people_gave money to_stonemasons and_to_craftsmen and_food and_drink and_oil to_Tsīdonī/(Sidonians) and_to_ _Tsorī/(Tyrians) to_bring wood(s)_of cedar(s) from (the)_ _Ləvānōn to the_sea_of Yāfō/(Joppa) according_to_the_ _permission_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) the_ _king_of Pāraş to_them. **8** And_in_year the_second(fs) of_ _coming_their to the_house_of the_'Elohīm to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_month the_second they_began Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_ _son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_the_rest_of their_brothers_of_ _their the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_all the_(ones_who)_ _went from_the_captivity Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_ _appointed ÐOM the_Lēviyyiy from_a_son_of twenty year[s] and_upward_upwards to_act_as_overseers over the_work_of the_house_of **YHWH**. **9** And_ Yēshū'a sons_of_his and_brothers_ _of_his Qadmī'ēl and_sons_of_his the_sons_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_stood as_one to_act_as_overseers over the_doer[s]_of the_ _work in_house_of the_'Elohīm the_sons_of Ḥēnādād sons_of_ _their and_brothers_of_their the_Lēviyyiy. **10** And_ the_builders _they_founded ÐOM the_temple_of **YHWH** and_they_appointed the_priests fully_clothed with_trumpets and_the_Lēviyyiy the_ _sons_of 'Āşāf with_cymbals to_praise ÐOM **YHWH** on the_

7 **RV 2:70 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 9:2; Neh 11:3.

12 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Exo 27:1.

13 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:1-8.

14 **RV 3:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 29:12-38.

15 **RV 3:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 28:11–29:39.

16 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לעי/ו**: (x-qere) **וּלְעֵי/ו**: lemma_c/5927 morph_HC/Vhw3mp id_156Tj **וּלְעֵי/ו**

17 **LV 3:3 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

18 **LV 3:5 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: A single word in the text has been divided for exegesis.

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_hands_of Dāvid the_king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **11** And_they_sang with_praising and_with_giving_thanks to/for_**YHWH** if/because he_is_good if/because forever_perpetuity loyalty_ _of_his_covenant is_towards Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all the_people they_shouted a_shout_of_joy[21] great with_praising to/for_ _**YHWH** because the_house_of **YHWH** it_was_founded. **12** And_ _many of_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_heads_of the_ _fathers (the)_old who they_had_seen ~~DOM~~ the_house (the)_ _first when_founded_it this the_house in_eyes_of_their were_ _weeping with_a_voice great and_many_people with_a_shout_ _of_joy with_gladness to_lift_up a_voice. **13** And_not the_people were_recognizing the_sound_of the_shout_of (the)_joy to_ _sound/voice of_the_weeping_of of_the_people if/because the_ _people were_shouting a_shout_of_joy great and_the_sound it_ _was_heard to (to)_from_a_distance.

4:1 And_ the_foes_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Binyāmīn _they_ _heard if/because_that the_children_of the_exile were_building a_temple to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ _they_approached (to) Zərubāvel and_near/to the_heads_of the_fathers and_they_said to/for_them let_us_build with if/because like we_seek (to)_god_of_your(pl) and[23] we have_ _been_sacrificing since_the_days_of 'Ēşar- ḥaddōn the_king_of 'Ashshūr who_brought_up us here. **3** And_he/it_said to/for_ _them Zərubāvel and_Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_the_rest_of the_ _heads_of the_fathers of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not to/for_you(pl) and_for to_build a_house for_god_of if/because we together we_will_build_it to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) just_ _as he_commanded_us the_king Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) the_king_of Pāraş. **4** And_he/it_was the_people_of the_earth/land were_making_ _drop the_hands_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh and[24] them to_ _build. **5** And_they_were_hiring on_them counsellors to_ _frustrate purpose_of_their all_of the_days_of Kōresh the_king_ _of Pāraş and_unto the_reign_of Dārəyāvesh the_king_of Pāraş.

6 And_in_the_reign_of 'Aḥashvērōsh at_the_beginning_of his/its_kingdom they_wrote an_accusation on the_inhabitants_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **7** And_in_ _the_days_of 'Artaḥshashtā' he_wrote Bishlām Mitrədāt Ṭeʋə'ēl and_the_rest_of mmm[26] to 'Artaḥshashtā'[27] the_king_of Pāraş and_the_writing_of[28] of_the_letter was_written 'Arāmīt and_it_ _was_translated 'Arāmīt. **8** Rəḥūm master_of command and_ _Shimshay the_scribe they_wrote a_letter one concerning Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) to_'Artaḥshashtā' Oh/the_king as_ _follows. **9** Then Rəḥūm master_of command and_Shimshay

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cymbals, to praise Yahweh using the rhythms composed by David, the former Israeli king.[19] **11** Then they sang in response—praising and thanking Yahweh: "Yes, he is good, because his loyal commitment to Yisrael (Israel) will continue forever."[20]

Then all the people shouted a great shout in praise to Yahweh because the foundation of Yahweh's temple had been laid. **12** Many of the older priests and Levites, and clan leaders who'd seen the first temple, wept loudly when they witnessed the founding of this one, but others were shouting happily with loud voices. **13** So the people couldn't differentiate the happy sounds from the sound of the people weeping, because the people were shouting very loudly and it could be heard from far away.

Opposition to rebuilding the temple

4:1 Now the enemies of Yehudah (Judah) and Benyamin heard that the Israelis who'd come back from exile were building a temple for Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh. **2** so they went to Zerubavel and to the other clan leaders and they said to them, "Let us help you with the building work, because like you, we worship your god and we've been sacrificing to him since the days of the Assyrian king Esar-Hadon—the one who sent us here."[22]

3 But Zerubavel, and Yeshua, and the rest of the Israelis clan leaders said to them, "It's not for you and for us to build a house for our god, but we ourselves together will build for Yisrael's god Yahweh, just as the Persian King Koresh (Cyrus) has commanded us."

4 Those local people had been discouraging the people of Yehudah and trying to stop them from building. **5** They'd also hired influencers to work against them throughout the reigns of the Persian kings Koresh and Dareyavesh (Darius).

The opposition of replacement of Yerushalem

6 Now at the beginning of the reign of Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus), they forwarded an accusation against those who lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and throughout Yehudah (Judah).

7 And in the days of Persian King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), Bishlam, Mitredat, Teve'el and the rest of their companions wrote to the king. (The letter was written in Aramit (Syrian) and using that alphabet).

8 Rehum the high commissioner and Shimshay the provincial

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19 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 25:1.

20 **RV 3:11 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 16:34; 2Ch 5:13; 7:3; Psa 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1; Jer 33:11.

21 **LV 3:11 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

22 **RV 4:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 17:24-41.

23 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אל/ו**: (x-qere) 'וְ/לְ/וֹ': lemma_c/l n_0.1.2.0 morph_HC/R/Sp3ms id_15ozy וְ/לְ/וֹ

24 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיהלבמ/ו**: (x-qere) 'מִ/יְלַהֲבִמְ/וֹ': lemma_c/926 morph_HC/Vprmpa id_15Atm מִ/יְלַהֲבִמְ/וֹ

26 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/תונכ**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִתְּוֻנְכּ': lemma_3674 n_1.1 morph_HNcmpc/Pp3ms id_15to2 וְ/יִתְּוֻנְכּ

27 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אתששחתרא**: (x-qere) 'תְּשֶׁשְׁחַתְּרַא': lemma_783 a n_1.0 morph_HNp id_15dPn תְּשֶׁשְׁחַתְּרַא

28 **LV 4:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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secretary wrote a letter to King Artahshashta against Yerushalem as follows:

9 From Rehum the high commissioner and Shimshay the provincial secretary, and the our companions, the judges and the rulers, the officials, the Persians, the Erekites, the Babylonians, the Susaites (that is, the Eylamites), **10** and the rest of the nations that the famous and powerful King Asenapar exiled from other nations and forced them to live in the cities of Shomron (Samaria), and the province went of the Perat (Euphrates) river.

And now **11** this is what the letter said that they sent to him:

To Artahshashta the king from your servants on this side of the river.

And now **12** let it be known to the king that the Yehudim (Jews) who left your region have come to us at Yerushalem to rebuild that rebellious and evil city—they're currently finishing the walls and repairing the building foundations. **13** Now let it be known to the king that if that city is built and the walls are completed, those people won't pay taxes, or send tributes, and your royal treasury will lose out. **14** Now, because we've had the favour of the palace, and because we don't want to see the king dishonoured, that's why we've sent this letter to update the king, **15** so that he can search in the official records of the kingdom. You'll discover and learn that that city of Yerushalem is a rebellious city and one that has caused harm to kings and provinces, and has harboured rebellion there for decades past—that's why that city was destroyed. **16** We are letting the king know that if that city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, then you'll lose control of this province on this side of the Perat."

17 The king sent this reply:

"To Rehum the high commissioner and Shimshay the provincial secretary, and the rest of their companions who live in Shomron (Samaria), and the rest of the people in the province west of the Perat: Peace.

And now **18** the letter that you all sent to us has been carefully read aloud to me. **19** I ordered my officials to search the records and discovered that it's true that that city has been rebellious and seditious since ancient times. **20** Powerful kings have reigned from Yerushalem and ruled the entire region that side

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the_scribe and_the_rest_of their_associates the_Dinay[29] and_ _the_officials the_Tarpelites the_Sipparites the_Erechites[30] the_ _Bāvelians the_Susanchites mmm[31] the_ʹĒylāmites. **10** And_ _the_rest_of the_nations which ʾOşnappar (the)_great and_ _(the)_honourable he_took_into_exile and_he_caused_to_dwell them in_the_city of Shomrōn and_the_rest_of the_region_ _beyond the_river and_now. **11** This is_(the)_copy_of the_letter which they_sent to_him to ʾArtaḫshashtā' Oh/the_king servants_of_your[3233] the_man_of the_region_beyond the_river and_now. **12** Known let_it_be to_the_king that the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) who they_came_up from beside_you to_us they_have_come to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) the_city (the)_ _rebellious and[3435] they_are_building and[36] they_have_ _finished[37] the_foundations they_are_repairing. **13** Now known let_it_be to_the_king that if the_city this it_will_be_built and_ _the_walls they_will_be_finished tribute tax and_toll not they_ _will_give and_eventually kings it_will_injure. **14** Now as_to because that the_salt_of the_palace we_eat_salt and_the_ _dishonour_of Oh/the_king not is_proper for_us to_see concerning this we_have_sent and_we_have_made_known to_ _the_king. **15** That he_will_search in_the_book_of the_records of fathers_of_your and_you_will_find in_the_book_of the_ _records and_you_will_know that the_city this is_a_city rebellious and_injuring_of (of)_kings and_provinces and_a_ _revolt it_was_making in_midst_of_its from the_days_of the_ _ages on this the_city this it_was_laid_waste. **16** We are_ _making_known to_the_king that if the_city this it_will_be_ _built and_the_walls they_will_be_finished (to)_before this possession in_the_region_beyond the_river not there to/for_ _you(fs). **17** The_message Oh/the_king he_sent to Rəḥūm master_of command and_Shimshay the_scribe and_the_rest_of their_associates who were_dwelling in_Shomrōn and_the_rest_ _of the_region_beyond the_river peace and_now. **18** The_letter which you(pl)_sent to_us was_made_distinct it_was_read_aloud before_me. **19** And_from_me a_decree it_was_made and_they_ _searched and_they_found that the_city this from the_days_of the_ages against kings was_rising_up and_rebellion and_revolt have_been_done by_it. **20** And_kings strong they_were over Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_having_mastery over_all_of the_ _region_beyond the_river and_tribute tax and_toll was_being_ _paid to_them. **21** Now make a_decree[38] to_make_to_cease the_ _men these and_the_city this not it_will_be_built until from_me the_decree it_will_be_made. **22** And_cautious be negligence_of to_do concerning this why the_damage will_it_grow_great to_ _injury_of kings. **23** Then from that the_copy_of the_letter of

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29 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as אֱנָ֣יְדֵ֔

30 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יוכרא**: (x-qere) 'א/וְיוֹכַרַ֔א': lemma_756 morph_ANgmpd/Td id_15mQU **א/וְיוֹכַרַ֔א**

31 **LV 4:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אוה/ד**: (x-qere) 'א/וְיָ֣הֲדָ': lemma_1723 n_0.0 morph_ANgmpd/Td id_15QHV **א/וְיָ֣הֲדָ**

32 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

33 **LV 4:11 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

34 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/תשיאב/ו**: (x-qere) 'א/תְּשִׁיבוּ/ו': lemma_c/873 n_0.2.0 morph_AC/Aafsd/Td id_15DK9 **א/תְּשִׁיבוּ/ו**

35 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

36 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ו/ירוש**: (x-qere) 'א/יְרוּשׁוּ/ו': lemma_c/7792 morph_AC/Ncmpd/Td id_15Zzg **א/יְרוּשׁוּ/ו**

37 **LV 4:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וללכשא**: (x-qere) 'וּלְלַכֵּשׁ': lemma_3635 a n_0.1 morph_AVep3mp id_15Q2N **וּלְלַכֵּשׁ**

38 **LV 4:21 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

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'Artaḫshashtā'[39] Oh/the_king it_was_read_aloud before Rəḥūm and_Shimshay the_scribe and_associates_of_their they_went in_haste to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) to the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_they_made_to_cease them with_force and_power. **24** In_ _then the_work_of the_house_of the_god which is_in_ _Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) it_ceased and_it_was ceasing until year_of two of_(the)_reign of_Dārəyāvesh the_king_of Pāraṣ.

5:1 And_he_prophesied Ḥaggay mmm[44] and_Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_ _of 'Iddō mmm[45] to the_Yəhūdī who were_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_the_name_of the_god_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) who_was_over_them. **2** In_then Zərubāvel the_ _son_of Shə'altiy'^{ēl} and_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) they_arose and_they_began to_build the_ _house_of the_god which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_ _were_with_them mmm[46] of the_god supporting ~~DOM~~_them. **3** At_it the_time he_came to_them Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_beyond the_river Shətar- bōzənay and_associates_ _of_their and_thus/so/as_follows they_were_saying to_them who did_he_make for_you(pl) a_decree the_house this to_build and_the_structure this to_finish. **4** Then as_follows we_said to_ _them what are_they the_names_of the_men who this the_ _building are_building. **5** And_the_eye_of their_god it_was on the_elders_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_not they_made_cease them until the_report to_Dārəyāvesh it_will_go and_then they_ _will_send_back the_letter concerning this. **6** (The)_copy_of the_letter which he_sent Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_ _beyond the_river Shətar- bōzənay and_associates_of_his the_ _officials who were_in_the_region_beyond the_river to Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king. **7** The_message they_sent to_him and_according_to_this it_was_written in_midst_of_its to_ _Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king the_peace (the)_all. **8** Known let_it_ _be to_the_king that we_went to_Judea the_province to_the_ _house_of the_god (the)_great and_he is_being_built stone_of rolling and_timber is_being_set in_the_walls and_the_work this diligently is_being_done and_is_prospering in_hand_of_their. **9** Then we_asked to_the_elders these as_follows we_said to_ _them[47][48] who did_he_make for_you(pl) a_decree the_house this to_build and_the_structure this to_finish. **10** And_also names_of_their we_asked to_them[49][50] to_make_known_to_you that we_will_write the_name_of the_men who are_at_heads_of_

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of the river, and had taxes and tributes paid to them. **21** So command those Yehudim to stop rebuilding the city until such time as I make a decree. **22** Don't be negligent in doing that or the damage to this kingdom might get worse."

23 When King Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') letter reached Rehum, Shimshay the secretary, and their companions, and was read aloud to them all, they immediately went to Yerushalem and used force to stop the Yehudim (Jews) from their rebuilding.

24 So there was a period when the rebuilding of the temple in Yerushalem stopped, and it remained paused until the second year of King Dareyavesh's (Darius') reign in Paras (Persia).[25]

The temple rebuilding continues

5:1 Then the prophet Hagay and Ido's son Zekaryah (Zechariah)[40] prophesied to the Yehudim (Jews) in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah) in the name of Yisrael's (Israel's) god who they served. **2** Then Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and Yotsadak's son Yeshua took action and began to rebuild God's temple in Yerushalem, and the prophets who served God were there with them, supporting them.[41]

3 At that time, Tatenay, the governor of the province west of the Perat (Euphrates), and Shetar-Bozenay, and their companions came to them and demanded, "Who gave you all permission to rebuild this temple?" **4** They also asked the Yehudim to tell them the names of the men who were working on the building. **5** However, God was watching over the Jewish leaders, and they weren't actually stopped. A report was sent to King Dareyavesh (Darius), then they waited for a response. **6** Tatenay, the governor of the province west of the river, and Shetar-Bozenay and his companions, the provincial officials, sent the letter to King Dareyavesh— **7** this is what was written in their report:

"To King Dareyavesh. All peace. **8** Let it be known to the king that we went to the province of Yehudah (Judea), to the temple of the great God, and it is being built with large stones, and timber is being placed in the walls. This work is being done to a high standard and they're making good progress.

9 "Then we asked those elders, 'Who gave you all permission to rebuild this temple?' **10** We also asked them their names, so that we could write down the names of their leaders to inform you.

11 "This is the answer they gave us, 'We are servants of the god of the heavens and earth, and we are rebuilding the temple that

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25 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:1; Zech 1:1.

39 **LV 4:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: **אתששחתרא**: (x-qere) **'תְּשַׁשְׁחַתְּרַא**'; lemma_783 b morph_ANp id_155hr **תְּשַׁשְׁחַתְּרַא**

40 **RV 5:1 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:1; Zech 1:1.

41 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:12; Zech 4:6-9.

44 **LV 5:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/איבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיְּבְנ**': lemma_5029 n_1.2.1 morph_ANcmsd/Td id_15KNH **אִיְּבְנ**

45 **LV 5:1 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/יאיבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיֵּיבְנ**': lemma_5029 n_1.2 morph_ANcmpd/Td id_15nkE **אִיֵּיבְנ**

46 **LV 5:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/יאיבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיֵּיבְנ**': lemma_5029 morph_ANcmpd/Td id_15MWU **אִיֵּיבְנ**

47 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

48 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

49 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

50 **LV 5:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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was constructed and finished many years ago by a famous Israeli king. **12** However, because our ancestors made the god of the heavens angry, he let Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) (Nevukadnetsar, the Chaldean) defeat them, and he destroyed that temple and caused the people to be exiled to Bavel (Babylon).[42] **13** But in the first year of the reign of Babylonian King Koresh (Cyrus), he made a decree to rebuild this house of God.[43] **14** What's more, the gold and silver containers that Nevukadnetsar had taken out from that temple that was in Yerushalem and had brought to the temple in Bavel, King Koresh took them out from the temple in Bavel and they were handed over to the man named Sheshebatsar who he'd appointed as governor over Yehudah. **15** Koresh had told him to take those containers and put them back in the temple in Yerushalem, and to ensure that the temple got rebuilt in the same place where it had been before. **16** So Sheshebatsar came here and laid the foundation of God's house in Yerushalem, and since then, it's been being rebuilt but isn't finished yet.'

17 So now, if it pleases the king, let a search be made in the records in the king's treasure house there in Bavel, if it's correct that a decree was set by King Koresh to rebuild this house of God in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Then let the king send his decision on this matter back to us."

The former approval is found

6:1 So King Dareyavesh (Darius) ordered that a search be conducted in all the archives where treasures had been deposited there in Bavel (Babylon), **2** and one scroll was found in the fortress at Ahmeta in the province of Maday (Media), and this record had been made:

3 "In year one of Koresh (Cyrus) the king, he made a decree about the house of God in Yerushalem (Jerusalem):
'Let the house be built in the same place where sacrifices were made. Establish its foundations and build it 27m high and 27m wide **4** with three layers of large stones and a layer of new timber. That should all be paid for from the royal treasury. **5** Also, the gold and silver containers from the house of God that Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) had taken out from the Yerushalem temple and had brought to Bavel, must be returned to their places in the temple in Yerushalem. So you must put them in the house of God.' "

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_their. **11** And_as_follows the_message they_sent_back_to_us to_say we they are_his_of_servants of the_god_of the_heavens and_the_earth and_we_are_building the_house which it_was built from_the_former_time_of this years many and_a_king of_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) great he_built_it and_he_finished_it. **12** But from that fathers_of_our they_enraged to_god the_heavens he_ _gave them in_the_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel mmm[51] and_the_house this he_destroyed_it and_the_people he_took_into_exile to_Bāvel. **13** Nevertheless in_year one to/for_Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) Oh/the_king of Bāvel Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) Oh/the_king he_made a_decree the_ _house_of the_god this to_build. **14** And_also the_vessels of the_ _house_of the_god of (the)_gold and_(the)_silver which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_had_brought_out from the_temple which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_he_carried them to_the_ _temple of Bāvel Kōresh Oh/the_king he_brought_out them from the_temple of Bāvel and_they_were_given to_ _Sheshbazzar his/its_name whom governor he_had_made_him. **15** And_he/it_said to_him/it these[52] the_vessels take go deposit them in_the_temple which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_ _the_house_of the_god let_it_be_built on place_of_its. **16** Then Sheshbazzar this he_came he_laid the_foundations of the_ _house_of the_god which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_ _from then and_unto now it_is_being_built and_not it_is_ _finished. **17** And_now if to Oh/the_king it_is_good let_it_be_ _searched in_house_of the_treasures of Oh/the_king there which are_in_Bāvel whether there is_that from Kōresh Oh/the_ _king a_decree it_was_made to_build the_house_of the_god this in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_the_will_of Oh/the_king concerning this let_him_send to_us.

6:1 In_then Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king he_made a_decree and_ _they_searched in_house_of the_books where the_treasures were_deposited there in_Bāvel. **2** And_it_was_found in_ _'Aḥmətā' in_the_citadel which is_in_Māday the_province a_ _scroll one and_thus/so/as_follows it_was_written in_midst_of_ _its (the)_memorandum. **3** In_year one to/for_ _Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus) Oh/the_king Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh) Oh/the_king he_made a_decree the_house_of the_god in_ _Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) the_house let_it_be_built a_place which they_were_sacrificing sacrifices and_foundations_of_its be_retained height_of_its cubits sixty width_of_its cubits sixty. **4** Rows of stone_of rolling three and_a_row of timber new and_ _the_expense from the_house_of Oh/the_king let_it_be_given. **5** And_also the_vessels_of the_house_of the_god of (the)_gold and_(the)_silver which Nəvūkadnetstsar he_brought_out from the_temple which was_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) and_he_ _carried to_Bāvel let_them_send_back and_let_it_go to_the_ _temple which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) to_place_of_its and_you_will_deposit_them in_house_of the_god.

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42 **RV 5:12 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:8-12; 2Ch 36:17-20; Jer 52:12-15.

43 **RV 5:13 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 1:2-11.

51 **LV 5:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: **א/ידסכ**: (x-qere) **'הָאֲדַסְּכ'**: lemma_3679 n_1 morph_ANgmsd/Td id_15mxT **הָאֲדַסְּכ**

52 **LV 5:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הלא**: (x-qere) **'לֶא'**: lemma_412 n_1.2.0 morph_ANcmsa id_15vkL **לֶא**

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6 Now Oh_Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_beyond the_
_river Shətar- Bozenai and_associates_of_their[53] the_officials
who are_in_the_region_beyond the_river far be from there.
7 Leave ~~DOM~~_the_work_of the_house_of the_god this the_
_governor_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_(to)_the_elders_of the_
_Yəhūdī the_house_of the_god this let_them_build on place_of_
_its. **8** And_from_me a_decree it_is_made to_whatever that
you(pl)_will_do with the_elders_of the_Yəhūdī these to_build
the_house_of the_god this and_from_the_properti(es)_of
Oh/the_king which is_the_tribute_of the_region_beyond the_
_river diligently the_expense let_it_be given to_the_men these
that not to_make_to_cease. **9** And_whatever things_needed
and_the_sons bulls and_rams and_lambs for_burnt_offerings
to_god the_heavens wheat(s) salt wine and_oil according_to_
_the_message_of the_priests who are_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) it_will_be given to_them day in/on_
_day that not negligence. **10** That they_will_be offering
soothing_offerings to_god the_heavens and_praying for_the_
_life(s)_of Oh/the_king and_sons_of_his. **11** And_from_of_me a_
_decree that every_of person who he_will_violate the_
_command this a_beam let_it_be_pulled_away from house_of_
_his and_he_will_be_lifted_up let_him_be_impaled on_it and_
_house_of_his a_refuse-heap let_it_be_made on this it_is_made.
12 And_(the)_god who he_has_caused_to_dwell his/its_name
there may_he_overthrow every_of king and_people who he_
_will_stretch_out hand_of_his to_violate to_destroy the_house_
_of the_god this which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) I
Dārəyāvesh I_make a_decree diligently let_it_be_done.

13 Then Tattənay the_governor_of the_region_beyond the_river
Shətar- Bozenai and_associates_of_their (to)_before that
Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king he_had_sent accordingly diligently
they_did. **14** And_the_elders_of were_building and_prospering
by_the_prophesying_of Ḥaggay mmm[56] and_Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_
_of ʿIddō and_they_built and_they_finished according_to the_
_decree_of the_god_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) and_according_to_the_
_decree_of Kōresh/(Cyrus/Kōresh/(Coresh/Cyrus)) and_
_Dārəyāvesh and_ʾArtaḥshashtā' the_king_of Pāraṣ. **15** And_
the_house this _it_was_finished until day three of_the_month_
_of of_Adar which it was_year_of six of_(the)_reign of_
_Dārəyāvesh Oh/the_king. **16** And_ the_people_of
Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_rest_of
the_people_of the_exile _they_made the_dedication_of the_
_house_of the_god this with_joy. **17** And_they_offered for_the_
_dedication_of the_house_of the_god this bulls one_hundred
rams two_hundred lambs four hundred and_he-goats_of goats
mmm[57] on all_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel) two_plus_of ten the_number_
_of the_tribes_of Yisrā^{ʾēl}/(Israel). **18** And_they_appointed the_
_priests in_divisions_of_their and_the_Lēviyyiy in_classes_of_
_their over the_service_of the_god which is_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) according_to_the_writing_of the_
_book_of Mosheh.

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King Dareyavesh orders resumption of work

6 Therefore King Dareyavesh (Darius) wrote: "Now to Governor Tatenay in the province west of the Perat (Euphrates), Shetar-Bozenay, and their companions, the officials who in that province:

Keep away from that place. **7** Leave alone the work on that house of God. Let the Jewish governor and elders build that temple in its place. **8** So here's my decree about what should be done for those Jewish elders to build that house of God: Using the king's treasures that come from the tribute of that west-Euphrates province, let those workers costs be regularly reimbursed so that the work doesn't stop. **9** Whatever is needed (including young bulls, or rams, or lambs for burnt offerings to the god of the heavens, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, according to the command of the priests in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)), let it be given to them day by day (that is, without delay), **10** so that they can be offering sweet-smelling sacrifices to the god of the heavens and praying for the life of the king and his sons. **11** Also I decree that any man who changes this edict should have a beam pulled from his house, and after it's sharpened and set into the ground, then he should be impaled on it. Then his entire house should be made into a rubbish heap because of what he did. **12** May the god who has established his name there overthrow any king or person who makes any attempt to change this decree or to destroy that house of God in Yerushalem. I, Dareyavesh, have made a decree. Let it be done diligently."

The temple dedication

13 Then Tatenay, the governor of the region west of the Perat (Euphrates), Shetar-Bozenay, and their companions worked hard to follow the instructions sent by King Dareyavesh (Darius). **14** So the Jewish elders continued building, and they were encouraged by the prophesying of the prophet Hagay[54] and Ido's son Zekaryah (Zechariah).[55] As a result of the decrees of the Persian kings Koresh (Cyrus) , and Dareyavesh and Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), they were able to fulfil God's decree to rebuild the temple. **15** The rebuilt temple was finished in mid-March in the sixth year of King Dareyavesh's reign.

16 Then the Israeli people, the priests, and the Levites, and the ones that had returned from exile, performed the dedication of this house of God with celebrations. **17** During the dedication, they offered a hundred bulls, two-hundred rams, and four-hundred lambs, as well as twelve male goats for a sin offering for all Yisrael (Israel) (matching the number of the tribes). **18** Then they organised the priests to stand in their divisions and the Levites in their sections to serve the god who resides in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), according to the instructions written by Mosheh (Moses).

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53 **LV 6:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

54 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Hag 1:1.

55 **RV 6:14 · Cross-ref.** Zech 1:1.

56 **LV 6:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ה/איבנ**: (x-qere) **'אִיֶּבְנִ'**: lemma_5029 n_1.1 morph_ANcmpd/Td id_15xRq **אִיֶּבְנִ**

57 **LV 6:17 · Note** OSHB variant note: **איטח/ל**: (x-qere) **'הָאָטַּח/לִ'**: lemma_l/2402 morph_AR/Vpc id_15Upn **הָאָטַּח/לִ**

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The Feast of 'pass-over' of Messenger

19 So the people who'd returned from exile celebrated the 'pass-over' in late April.[58] **20** The priests and Levites all had to be individually purified, and they slaughtered the lambs for all the exiles and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. **21** Then all the Israelis ate the meal—those who'd returned from the exile and every one who'd separated themselves from the uncleanness of the nations of the land in order to search for Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh. **22** Then they happily enjoyed the Flat Bread Celebration for seven days, because Yahweh had made them happy, and had caused the Assyrian king to show favour to them, to assist their work rebuilding the house of God, the god of Yisrael.

Ezra arrives in Yerushalem

7:1 Many years later in the reign of Persian King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes), Ezra (son of Serayah, son of Azaryah, son of Hilkiyah, **2** son of Shalum, son of Tsadok, son of Ahituv, **3** son of Amaryah, son of Azaryah, son of Merayot, **4** son of Zerahyah, son of Uzi, son of Buki, **5** son of Avishua, the son of Pinhas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aharon (Aaron) the head priest) **6** was a skilled expert in the law that Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh had given through Mosheh (Moses). With the favour of his god Yahweh helping Ezra, the king had granted all his requests, and he travelled from Bavel (Babylon) to Yerushalem (Jerusalem). **7** Some Israelis, including some priests and Levites, singers and gatekeepers, and some temple servants travelled to Yerushalem in the seventh year of Artahshashta's reign. **8–9** They left Bavel on New Year's Day (in early April) and with God's favour on the journey, arrived in Yerushalem exactly four months later **10** because Ezra had made a firm resolution to study Yahweh's written instructions, and to carefully follow them, and to teach them in Yisrael.

King Artahshashta's letter to Ezra

11 King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) had given a letter for Ezra the priest and scribe and expert in Yahweh's commands and instructions to take with him, saying:

12 Artahshashta, the king of kings, to the priest Ezra, the scribe of the law of the god of heavens: Peace.

Now, **13** I hereby decree that anyone in my kingdom from Yisrael (Israel) (including priests and Levites) who freely offers to go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with you, may go. **14** You are sent by the king and his seven counsellors to determine whether the people of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem are following the law of your god which you have a copy of. **15** You are also to take the

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19 And_ the_children_of the_exile _they_made ~~DOM~~ the_ _passover on_day_four- teen of_month the_first. **20** If/because the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy they_had_purified_themselves as_ _one of_them_of_all were_pure and_they_slaughtered the_ _passover to/from_all/each/any/every the_children_of the_ _exile and_for_brothers_of_their the_priests and_for_ _themselves. **21** And_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_had_ _returned from_the_exile and_all/each/any/every (the)_one_ _who_had_separated_himself from_the_uncleanness_of the_ _nations_of the_earth/land to_them to_seek to/for_**YHWH** the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_ate. **22** And_they_observed the_ _feast_of unleavened_bread(s) seven_of_days with_joy if/because he_had_made_them_rejoice **YHWH** and_he_had_ _turned the_heart_of the_king_of 'Ashshūr towards_them to_ _strengthen hands_of_their in_the_work_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

7:1 And_after the_things the_these in_the_reign_of 'Artaḥshashtā' the_king_of Pāraṣ ʿEzrā' the_son_of Sərāʸāʰ the_ _son_of ʿAzarʸāʰ the_son_of Ḥilqiyʸāʰ. **2** The_son_of Shallūm the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of 'Aḥīṭūv. **3** The_son_of 'Amarʸāʰ the_son_of ʿAzarʸāʰ the_son_of Mərāyōt. **4** The_son_of Zəraḥʸāʰ the_son_of ʿUzziy the_son_of Buqqiy. **5** The_son_of 'Avīshūʿa the_son_of Pinḥās the_son_of 'Elʿāzār the_son_of 'Aha_aron the_priest/officer the_head. **6** That ʿEzrā' he_came_up from_Bāvel and_he was_a_scribe skilled in_the_law_of Mosheh which **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_had_given and_he_ _gave to_him/it the_king according_to_the_hand_of **YHWH** his/its_god on/upon/above_him/it all_of request_of_his. **7** And_ from_(the)_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from the_ _priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_singers and_the_ _gatekeepers and_the_temple_servants _they_came_up to Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_year seven of_'Artaḥshashtā' the_ _king. **8** And_he_came Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_month (the)_fifth it was_the_year_of (of)_the_seventh of_king. **9** If/because on_day_one of_month (the)_first it was_the_ _beginning_of the_going_up from_Bāvel and_on_day_one of_ _month (the)_fifth he_came to Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) according_to_the_hand_of his/its_god (the)_good on/upon/above_him/it. **10** If/because ʿEzrā' he_had_directed heart_of_his to_study ~~DOM~~ the_law_of **YHWH** and_to_do_it and_ _to_teach in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) decree and_judgement.

11 And_this is_(the)_copy_of the_letter which the_king 'Artaḥshashtā' he_gave to_ʿEzrā' the_priest/officer the_scribe the_scribe_of the_matters_of the_commands_of **YHWH** and_ _regulations_of_his on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **12** 'Artaḥshashtā' the_ _king_of (the)_kings to_ʿEzrā' the_priest the_scribe_of the_law of the_god_of the_heavens perfect and_now. **13** From_me a_ _decree that every_of one_who_volunteers in_kingdom_of_my from the_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_priests_of_its and_the_ _Lēviyyiy to_go to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) with_you he_will_ _go it_is_made. **14** As_to because that from before Oh/the_king and_seven_of counsellors_of_his you_are_sent to_enquire on Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_to_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) in_the_law_ _of your_god which is_in_hand_of_your. **15** And_to_carry silver and_gold which Oh/the_king and_counsellors_of_his they_

58 RV 6:19 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:1-20.

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_have_offered_freely to_god of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who is_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) abode_of_his. **16** And_
_all/each/any/every the_silver and_the_gold which you_will_
_find in_all_of the_province_of Bāvel with the_freewill_
_offering_of the_people and_the_priests who_have_offered_
_freely for_the_house_of their_god which is_in_
_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **17** As_to because this diligently you_
_will_buy with_the_silver this bulls rams lambs and_their_
_grain_of_offerings and_their_drink_of_offerings and_you_will_
_offer them on the_altar of the_house_of your(pl)_god which
is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **18** And_whatever that mmm[5960]
and_to mmm[6162] it_is_good with_the_rest_of the_silver and_
_the_gold to_do according_to_the_will_of your(pl)_god you(pl)_
_will_do. **19** And_the_vessels which have_been_given to/for_
_you(fs) for_the_worship_of the_house_of your_god make_
_complete before the_god_of Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem). **20** And_
_the_rest_of the_thing[s]_needed_of the_house_of your_god
which it_will_fall to/for_you(fs) to_give you_will_give from the_
_house_of the_treasures_of Oh/the_king. **21** And_from_me I
'Artaḥshashtā' Oh/the_king it_is_made a_decree to_
_all/each/any/every the_treasurers who are_in_the_region_
_beyond the_river that all_of that he_will_ask_you(pl)_for ʿEzrā'
the_priest the_scribe_of the_law of the_god_of the_heavens
diligently let_it_be_done. **22** Up_to silver talents one_hundred
and_unto wheat(s) kor_measures one_hundred and_unto wine
baths one_hundred and_unto baths oil one_hundred and_salt
which not is_writing. **23** All that is_according_to the_decree_of
the_god_of the_heavens let_it_be_done exactly for_the_house_
_of the_god_of the_heavens that why will_it_be anger on the_
_kingdom_of Oh/the_king and_sons_of_his. **24** And_to_you(pl)
we_are_making_known that all_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy
the_singers the_gatekeepers the_temple_servants and_the_
_servants_of the_house_of the_god this tribute tax and_toll not
is_authorized to_throw on_them. **25** And_you Oh_ʿEzrā'
according_to_the_wisdom_of your_god which is_in_hand_of_
_your appoint judges and_judges that they_will_be judging[63]
to/from_all/each/any/every the_people which is_in_the_
_region_beyond the_river to/from_all/each/any/every those_
_who_know_of (of)_the_laws_of your_god and_one_who not he_
_is_knowing you(pl)_will_instruct. **26** And_all who not he_will_
_be doing the_law of god_of_your and_the_decree of Oh/the_
_king diligently (the)_judgement let_it_be done from_him
whether to_death or mmm[64] or to_confiscation_of properti(es)
and_to_imprisonment(s).

27 **YHWH** the_god_of our_ancestors_of_our who he_has_put
like_this in_the_heart_of the_king to_beautify ~~DOM~~ the_house_
_of **YHWH** which is_in_Yərūshelēm/(Jerusalem) be_blessed.
28 And_towards_me he_has_extended covenant_loyalty to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_counsellors_of_

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gold and silver that the king and his counsellors have freely offered to the god of Yisrael who lives in Yerushalem, **16** along with all the gold and silver that you collect all across Bavel (Babylon), along with the freewill offerings of the people and the priests who freely give towards the house of God in Yerushalem.

17 So then you should diligently use those funds to buy bulls, rams, lambs, and supplies for their grain offerings and drink offerings, and you should offer them on the altar at the your god's house in Yerushalem. **18** With the remaining funds, you can use them for whatever seems good to you and your brothers, according to the will of your god. **19** Also, make sure that you deliver all those gold and silver containers that were handed over to you for use in your god's house in Yerushalem. **20** Anything else that's needed for the house of your god that you need to supply can be provided from the king's treasuries.

21 And I, King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) make a decree for all the treasurers in the province west of the river: that you all diligently help with everything that the priest Ezra (the scribe of the law of the god of the heavens) asks from you all— **22** up to three tonnes of silver, five hundred bushels of wheat, two thousand litres of wine and the same amount of olive oil, and as much salt as he needs. **23** Everything that the god of the heavens decreed to be done should be done exactly as he specified because there's no good reason to make him angry at the kingdom of the king and his sons? **24** Also, it should be made clear that there is no authority to extract taxes or tribute from any priests or Levites, singers or the gatekeepers, the temple servants or the servants of that house of God.

25 As for you, Ezra, use the wisdom that your god has given to you to appoint magistrates and judges who can judge all the people who are in that province beyond the river—everyone who know the laws of your god (plus you should teach those who don't know them). **26** Anyone who refuses to obey your god's laws and the king's laws, should receive swift judgement—whether it's confiscation of goods, or banishment, imprisonment, or the death sentence."

Ezra praises Yahweh

27 Blessed be Yahweh, the god of our fathers who put it into the king's heart to honour Yahweh's house in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **28** and showed me his loyal commitment in dealing with the king and his counsellors, and all the

59 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/ילע**: (x-qere) **ךָלָעְי**: lemma_5921 a morph_AR/Sp2ms id_15cH4 **ךָלָעְ**

60 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

61 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ך/יחא**: (x-qere) **ךָלָחְא**: lemma_252 n_1.0.1.0 morph_ANcmsc/Sp2ms id_15Qs2 **ךָלָחְא**

62 **LV 7:18 · Note** OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

63 **LV 7:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ון/נאד**: (x-qere) **ונינאדו**: lemma_1778 n_1.1.2 morph_AVqrmpa id_15kMd **וְנִינָאדֹ**

64 **LV 7:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ושרש/ל**: (x-qere) **ושרשל**: lemma_l/8332 n_0.1 morph_AR/Ncfsa id_15jaw **וְשֹׁרֶשׁ/ל**

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powerful officials of the king. And as for me, Yahweh my god blessed me with initiative and the strength to carry it out as I gathered some Israeli leaders to go to Yerushalem with me.

The returning exiles

8:1 Now these are the family heads and their descendants by number who went with me from Bavel (Babylon) to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) in the reign of King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes):

2 from the descendants of Pinhas: Gereshom,
from the descendants of Itamar: Daniyel,
from the descendants of David: Hatush,

3 from the descendants of Shekanyah and Par'osh: Zekaryah (Zechariah) and a hundred and fifty other men,

4 from the descendants of Pahat-Moav: Zerahyah's son Elyehoeynay and two hundred other men,

5 from the descendants of Shekanyah: Yahaziel's son and three hundred other men,

6 from the descendants of Adin: Yonatan's (Jonathan's) son Eved and fifty other men,

7 from the descendants of Eylam: Atalyah's (Athaliah's) son Yeshayah (Isaiah) and seventy other men,

8 from the descendants of Shefatyah: Mika'el's (Michael's) son Zevadyah and eighty other men;

9 from the descendants of Yoav (Joab): Yehiel's son Ovadyah (Obadiah) and 218 other men,

10 from the descendants of Shelomit: Yosifyah's son and one hundred and sixty other men,

11 from the descendants of Bevay: his son Zekaryah (Zechariah) and twenty-eight other men,

12 from the descendants of Azgad: Hakatan's son Yohanan and one hundred and ten other men,

13 from the later descendants of Adonikam: Elifelet, Yeiel, and Shemayah, and sixty other men,

14 and from the descendants of Bigvay: Utay and Zakur and seventy other men.

Ezra finds some Levites to take

15 Firstly, I gathered them near the river that goes to Ahava, and we camped there for three days. I interviewed the people and the priests and discovered that we didn't have any Levites included in the group. **16** So I summoned the following leaders: Eliezer, Ariel, Shemayah, Elnatan, Yariv, a second Elnatan, Natan (Nathan), Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Meshulam, as well as the wise men: Yoyariv and a third Elnatan. **17** I commanded them to go to Ido, the leader at Kasifya, and I told them to tell Ido and his relatives (temple servants in Kasifya) to send us some Levites who would go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to serve in our god's temple. **18** Then since we had God's favour, they sent us a talented man

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_his and_to/for_all the_officials_of the_king the_
_powerful/mighty(pl) and_I I_strengthened_myself according_
_to_the_hand_of **YHWH** god_of_my on_me and_I_assembled
from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) leaders to_go_up with_me.

8:1 And_these are_the_heads_of their_fathers_of_their and_
_their_genealogical_enrolment who_came_up with_me in_the_
_reign_of 'Artaḥshashtā' the_king from_Bāvel. **2** From_(the)_
_sons of_Piṇḥāṣ Gērəshom from_(the)_sons of_'Ītāmār Dāniyy'ēl
from_(the)_sons of_Dāvid Ḫaṭṭūsh. **3** From_(the)_sons of_
Shəkanʸāh from(the)_sons of_Par'osh/(Parosh) Zəkarʸāh and_
_with_him a_genealogical_list of_males one_hundred and_fifty.
4 From_(the)_sons of_Paḥat- Mō'āv 'Elyəhō'ēynay the_son_of
Zəraḥʸāh and_with_him were_two_hundred the_males. **5** From_
_(the)_sons of_Shəkanʸāh the_son_of Yaḥₐzī'ēl/(Jahaziel) and_
_with_him were_three hundred(s) the_males. **6** And_of_the_
_descendants_of 'Ādīn 'Eved the_son_of
Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) and_with_him were_fifty
the_males. **7** And_of_the_descendants_of 'Ēylām
Yəsha'ʸāh/(Jeshaiah) the_son_of 'Atalʸāh and_with_him were_
_seventy the_males. **8** And_of_the_descendants_of Shəfaṭʸāh
Zəvadʸāh the_son_of Mīkā'ēl and_with_him were_eighty the_
males. **9** From(the)_sons of_Yō'āv/(Joab) 'Ovadʸāh the_son_of
Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_with_him were_two_hundred and_eight-
teen the_males. **10** And_of_the_descendants_of Shəlomīt the_
_son_of Yōṣifʸāh/(Josiphiah) and_with_him were_one_hundred
and_sixty the_males. **11** And_of_the_descendants_of Bēvay
Zəkarʸāh the_son_of Bēvay and_with_him were_twenty and_
_eight the_males. **12** And_of_the_descendants_of 'Azgād
Yōḥānān/(Johanan) the_son_of Hakkatan and_with_him were_
_one_hundred and_ten the_males. **13** And_of_the_descendants_
_of 'Adonīqām the_last_ones and_these names_of_are_their
'Elīfeleṭ Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) and_Shəma'ʸāh and_with_them were_sixty
the_males. **14** And_of_the_descendants_of Bigvay 'Ūtay and[65]
with_him were_seventy the_males.

15 And_I_assembled_them to the_river which_goes to 'Ahₐvā'
and_we_encamped there days three and_I_considered (in)_
people and(in)_priests and_any_of_the_descendants_of Lēvī
not I_found there. **16** And_I_sent for_'Elī'ezer for_'Arī'ēl for_
_Shəma'ʸāh and_for_'Elnātān and_for_Yārīv/(Jarib) and_for_
_'Elnātān and_for_Nātān and_for_Zəkarʸāh and_for_Məshullām
leaders and_for_Yōyārīv/(Joiarib) and_for_'Elnātān teachers.
17 And[66] them to 'Iddō the_leader in_Kāṣifyā'/(Casiphia) the_
_place I_put in_mouth_of_their words/messages to_speak to
'Iddō his/its_brother the[67] in_Kāṣifyā'/(Casiphia) the_place to_
_bring to/for_us servants for_the_house_of our_god_of_our.
18 And_they_brought to/for_us according_to_the_hand_of our_
_god_of_our (the)_good on_us a_man_of insight from_(the)_
_sons of_Maḥlī the_son_of Lēvī the_son_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_

65 LV 8:14 · Note OSHB variant note: דובז/ו: (x-qere) 'רִוְכַּז/ו': lemma_c/2139 n_1 morph_HC/Np id_15mUy רִוְכַּז/ו

66 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: אצוא/ה/ו: (x-qere) 'הֶוָּצְאֻ/ו': lemma_c/6680 morph_HC/Vpw1cs id_15D5E הֶוָּצְאֻ/ו

67 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: מינותנ/ה: (x-qere) 'מִינִיתְנֻ/ה': lemma_d/5411 n_0.1.0 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_15x1h מִינִיתְנֻ/ה

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_Shērēvəʸᵃʰ and_sons_of_his and_brothers_of_his eight- teen.
19 And_ĐOM Ḫₐshavʸᵃʰ and_with_him Yəshaʻʸᵃʰ/(Jeshaiah)
from_(the)_sons of_Mərārī brothers_of_his and_sons_of_their
twenty. **20** And_from the_temple_servants whom_ Dāvid and_
_the_officials _he_had_appointed for_the_work_of the_Lēviyyiy
temple_servants two_hundred and_twenty of_them_of_all
they_had_been_designated by_names.
21 And_I_proclaimed there a_fast at the_river ʼAhₐvāʼ to_
_humble_ourselves to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before god_of_
_our to_seek from_him/it a_journey straight to/for_us and_for_
_our_little_of_one[s] and_to/for_all property_of_our.
22 If/because I_was_ashamed to_ask from the_king a_retinue
and_horsemen to_help_us from_an_enemy on_journey
if/because we_had_said to/for_the_king to_say the_hand_of
our_god_of_our is_on all_of those_of_who_seek_him for_good
and_strength_of_his and_anger_of_his are_towards all_of
those_of_who_abandon_him. **23** And_we_fasted and_we_sought
from_god_of_our on this and_he_was_entreated to/for_us.
24 And_I_set_apart of_the_leaders_of of_the_priests two_plus
ten to_Shērēvəʸᵃʰ Ḫₐshavʸᵃʰ and_with_them of_brothers_of_
_their ten. **25** Weighed_out[6869] to/for_them ĐOM the_silver and_
_ĐOM the_gold and_ĐOM the_vessels the_contribution_of the_
_house_of our_god_of_our which_ the_king and_counsellors_of_
_his and_officials_of_his and_all Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) who_were_
_found _they_had_offered. **26** And_I_weighed_out on hand_of_
_their silver talents six hundred(s) and_fifty and_vessels_of
silver one_hundred of_talents gold one_hundred talent[s].
27 And_bowls_of gold twenty of_darics a_thousand and_vessels_
_of bronze gleaming fine two precious_things like_gold.
28 And_I_said to_them you(pl) are_holy_person[s] to/for_
_**YHWH** and_the_vessels are_holy_thing[s] and_the_silver and_
_the_gold are_a_freewill_offering to/for_**YHWH** the_god_of
your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl). **29** Watch and_keep_them until
you(pl)_will_weigh_them_out to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_leaders_of the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy and_
_the_leaders_of the_fathers of_Yisrāʼēl/(Israel) in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_rooms_of the_house_of **YHWH**.
30 And_ the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_took the_weight_of
the_silver and_the_gold and_the_vessels to_bring to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_the_house_of our_god_of_our.
31 And_we_set_out from_the_river_of ʼAhₐvāʼ on_day_two_plus
ten of_month (the)_first to_go Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_the_hand_of our_god_of_our it_was on_us and_he_delivered_
_us from_the_palm_of an_enemy and_from_an_ambusher on
the_journey. **32** And_we_came Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_
_we_remained there days three. **33** And_on_day the_fourth it_
_was_weighed_out the_silver and_the_gold and_the_vessels in_
_house_of our_god_of_our on the_hand_of Mərēmōt the_son_of
ʼŪriyʸᵃʰ the_priest/officer and_was_with_him ʼElʻāzār the_son_
_of Piṇḥāṣ and_were_with_them Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) the_son_of
Yēshūʻa/(Jeshua) and_Nōʻadʸᵃʰ the_son_of Binnūy the_Lēviyyiy.
34 By_number by_weight for_everything and_ all_of the_weight
_it_was_written_down at_time (the)_that. **35** The_(ones_who)_
_went from_the_captivity the_children_of the_exile they_

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(from the sons of Mahli, son of Levi, son of Yisrael (Israel)) and eighteen of his sons and other relatives. **19** They also sent Hashavyah and Yeshayah (Isaiah) (from Merari's sons), and their relatives and sons—some twenty men— **20** plus two hundred and twenty descendants of Levite temple servants that King David and his officials had appointed for service—all designated by name.

Ezra's fasting and praying

21 Then right there by the river Ahava, I proclaimed a fast to humble ourselves in front of our god to request that he'd smooth the way ahead for us, and for our children, and for all our property, **22** because I was ashamed to request an army and horsemen from the king to help us from possible enemies on the way. Also, you see, we had previously told the king, "Our god does good to all those who honour him, but his might and his anger are against all those who abandon him." **23** So we fasted and asked for wisdom from our god concerning this, and he listened to our requests.

The gift and donations for the temple

24 Then I chose twelve of the leaders of the priests along with Shereveyah and Hashavyah and ten of the other Levites, **25** and as they watched, I weighed out the gold and silver, and the valuable utensils—the offering for the house of our god that the king, and his counsellors and officials, and all the exiled Israelis who could be contacted, had offered. **26** It came to three tonnes of gold, twenty-one tonnes of silver, and another three tonnes of silver containers, **27** as well as twenty gold bowls that weighed another eight kilograms, and two polished bronze containers that were as valuable as gold.

28 "You are sacred to Yahweh," I told them all, "and the containers and utensils are sacred, and the gold and silver are a freewill offering to Yahweh, the god of your ancestors. **29** Look after them all carefully until you weigh them out in front of the leaders of the priests and Levites and the leaders of the Israeli elders in the chambers of Yahweh's house in Yerushalem (Jerusalem)." **30** So the priests and the Levites accepted the receipt of the gold and silver, and the containers, to take them to Yerushalem—to the house of our god.

The return to Yerushalem

31 Then in mid-April, we set out from the river Ahava to go to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and we had God's favour as he kept us safe from any enemies or ambushes on the way. **32** So we arrived at Yerushalem, and rested there for three days. **33** On the fourth day, the gold and silver and the containers and utensils were weighed out in the temple—being handed over to Uriyah's son Meremot, the priest, and with him was Pinhas's son Eleazar (and with them were Yeshua's son Yozavad, and Binuy's son Noadyah, the Levites). **34** They recorded all the items with their weights.

35 The descendants of the former captives who had returned from exile offered burnt offerings to Yisrael's (Israel's) god:

68 LV 8:25 · Note OSHB variant note: ה/לוקשא/ו: (x-qere) ה/לָקְשֶׁא/וְ: lemma_c/8254 morph_HC/Vqw1cs/Sh id_15cZW ה/לָקְשֶׁא/וְ

69 LV 8:25 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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twelve bulls for all Yisrael, 96 rams, 77 lambs, then twelve male goats for a sin offering. The whole was presented as a burnt offering to Yahweh. **36** They relayed the king's orders to the governors and officials of the province beyond the river, and so they honoured the people and God's house.

Ezra's reaction against mixed marriages

9:1 Now as soon as those things were finished, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Yisrael (Israel), and the priests and Levites haven't kept themselves separate from the idolatry of the peoples of the lands: the Kena'anim (Canaanites) , Hitim, Perizim, the Yevusim, Amonim, Moavim, Mitsrim (Egyptians) , and the Amorim. **2** Instead, they've taken women from those peoples as wives for themselves and their sons, so they've diluted their sacred heritage with the anti-God customs of those peoples. But the worst is that it's our leaders and officials that have been at the forefront in this unfaithfulness." **3** As soon as I heard that, I tore my clothes and pulled some of the hair out of my head and beard, and I sat down appalled. **4** Any others who respectfully followed Yisrael's god's instructions and who were concerned about the unfaithfulness of the exiles, joined with me and I sat there appalled until the time of the evening sacrifice.

Ezra's prayer

5 So I got up from my position of humiliation with my torn clothes during the evening sacrifice, then I went down on my knees and spread out my palms to my god Yahweh **6** and prayed, "My god, I'm ashamed and humiliated to raise my face to you, my god, because our sins have multiplied and risen above our heads, and our guilt has mounted up as high as the sky. **7** From back in the time of our ancestors until today, we've been very guilty, and in our disobedience, we ourselves, including our kings and our priests, have been killed by the kings of the surrounding countries, or taken captive, or been plundered, or simply put to shame, which is the case right now. **8** But now for a brief moment, favour has come from our god Yahweh and given us remaining survivors a stake in his holy place—yes, our god has cheered us up and given us a little relief from our slavery. **9** Because we are slaves, yet our god hasn't abandoned us in our slavery, but he's used his loyal commitment to us to influence the Persian king to give to us breathing space to rebuild the house of our god from its ruins, and to give to us a 'wall of protection' in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and across Yehudah (Judah).

10 "So now, our god, what can we say after that? We've abandoned your instructions **11** which you gave us via your servants,

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_brought_near burnt_offerings to_the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) bulls two_plus ten on all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) rams ninety and_six lambs seventy and_seven he-goats_of sin_offering two_plus ten (the)_everything was_a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **36** And_ _they_gave ~~DOM~~ the_decrees_of the_king to_the_satraps_of the_ _king and_the_governors of_the_other_side_of the_river and_ _they_supported ~~DOM~~ the_people and_~~DOM~~ the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm.

9:1 And_just_ these_things _as_finished they_drew_near to_me the_leaders to_say not the_people Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_ _priests and_the_Lēviyyiy they_have_separated_themselves from_the_peoples_of the_lands according_to_of_their_ _abominations to_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] the_Ḫittiy[s] the_ _Pərizzī[s] the_Yəvūşī the_'Ammōnī[s] the_Mō'āvite[s] the_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt)ian[s] and_the_'Amorī[s]. **2** If/because they_ _have_taken some_of_their_daughters to/for_them and_for_ _sons_of_their and_ the_offspring_of (the)_holiness _they_ _have_mixed_themselves with_the_peoples_of the_lands and_ _the_hand_of the_leaders and_the_officials it_has_been in_ _unfaithfulness the_this first. **3** And_just_as_I_heard ~~DOM~~ the_ _matter the_this I_tore ~~DOM~~ garment_of_my and_robe_of_my and_I_pulled_out some_of_the_hair_of my_head and_beard_of_ _my and_I_sat_down appalled. **4** And_to_me every person_ _trembling at_the_words/messages_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_gathered on the_unfaithfulness_of the_ _exile[s] and_I was_sitting appalled until (to)_the_offering_of the_evening.

5 And_at_the_offering_of the_evening I_arose from_ _humiliation_of_my and_in_tearing_my my_garment_of_my and_robe_of_my and_I_bowed_down on knees_of_my and_I_ _spread_out palms_of_my to **YHWH** god_of_my. **6** And_I_said my_god_of_my I_am_ashamed and_I_am_ashamed to_lift_up my_god_of_my face_of_my to_you if/because iniquities_of_our they_have_increased (to)_upwards a_head and_guilt_of_our it_ _is_great to (to)_heavens. **7** From_the_days_of our_ancestors_ _of_our we have_been_in_guilt great until the_day the_this and_in_iniquities_of_our we kings_of_our priests_of_our we_ _have_been_given in_the_hand_of the_kings_of the_lands by_ _sword by_captivity and_by_plunder and_by_shame_of face as_ _the_day (the)_this. **8** And_now like_a_little a_moment favour it_has_come from_with **YHWH** god_of_our to_leave to/for_us an_escaped_remnant and_to_give to/for_us a_tent_peg in_the_ _place_of his_holiness_of_his to_ god_of_our _give_light eyes_ _of_our and_to_give_to_us reviving a_little in_servitude_of_our. **9** If/because are_slaves we and_in_servitude_of_our[717273] not he_has_abandoned_us god_of_our and_he_has_extended towards_us covenant_loyalty to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_kings_of Pāraş by_giving to/for_us reviving to_ _raise_up ~~DOM~~ the_house_of our_god_of_our and_to_set_up ~~DOM~~ ruins_of_its and_by_giving to/for_us a_wall in_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** And_ _now what will_we_say our_god_of_Oh after this if/because we_

71 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

72 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

73 LV 9:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_have_abandoned commands_of_your. **11** Which you_
_commanded by_the_hand_of your_servants the_prophets to_
_say the_earth/land which you(pl) are_going to_take_
_possession_of_it is_a_land_of impurity it by_the_impurity_of
the_peoples_of the_lands by_abominations_of_their which
they_have_filled_it from_mouth to mouth with_uncleanness_
_of_their. **12** And_now daughters_of_your(pl) do_not give to_
_sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their do_not take for_sons_of_
_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_must_seek peace_of_their and_good_
_of_their until perpetuity so_that you(pl)_may_be_strong and_
_you(pl)_will_eat ᴅᴏᴍ the_good_thing[s]_of the_earth/land
and_you(pl)_will_cause_to_inherit_it (to)_sons_of_your(pl) until
perpetuity. **13** And_after every_of (the)_thing_which_has_come
on_us by_deeds_of_our (the)_evil and_by_guilt_of_our the_
_big/large/great(fs) if/because you our_god_of_Oh you_have_
_withheld (to)_downwards from_iniquity_of_our and_you(ms)_
_will_give to/for_ourselves an_escaped_remnant like_this.
14 Will_we_return to_break commands_of_your and_to_
_intermarry with_the_peoples_of the_abominations the_these
am_not will_you_be_angry with_us until make_an_end to_
_there_will_not_be a_remnant and_an_escaped_remnant.
15 Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_righteous you
if/because we_are_left an_escaped_remnant as_the_day the_
_this here_we to_your_face in_guilt_of_our if/because and_
_there_is_not to_stand to_your_face on this.
10:1 And_just_ ʿEzrā' _as_was_praying and_just_as_he_was_
_confessing[7475] weeping and_prostrating_himself to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before the_house_of the_'Elohīm they_
_gathered to_him/it from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_company great
very men and_women and_children if/because the_people
they_wept great weeping. **2** And_he_answered Shəkanʸāh the_
_son_of Yəḥî'ēl/(Jehiel) from_(the)_sons of_ʿĒylām[76] and_he/it_
_said to_ʿEzrā' we we_have_acted_unfaithfully against_god_of_
_our and_we_have_married women foreign from_the_peoples_
_of the_earth/land and_now there_is hope for_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
on this. **3** And_now let_us_make a_covenant to_god_of_our to_
_send_out all_of wives and_those_who_were_born from_them
by_the_counsel_of my_master and_the_people_trembling at_
_the_command_of our_god_of_our and_according_the_law let_
_it_be_done. **4** Arise if/because is_on_you the_matter and_we
will_be_with_you be_strong and_act. **5** And_ ʿEzrā' _he/it_rose_
_up and_he_made_to_swear_an_oath ᴅᴏᴍ the_leaders_of the_
_priests the_Lēviyyiy and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_doing
according_the_manner the_this and_they_swore_the_oath.
6 And_ ʿEzrā' _he/it_rose_up from_to/for_face/front/presence
the_house_of the_'Elohīm and_he/it_went into the_room_of
Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) the_son_of 'Elyāshiyv and_he/it_went
there food not he_ate and_water not he_drank if/because he_
_was_mourning on the_unfaithfulness_of the_exile[s]. **7** And_
_they_caused_to_pass a_proclamation in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_all/each/any/every the_

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the prophets, saying, 'The land that you're all entering to occupy is a land of impurity, due to the impurity of the current inhabitants with their evil practices that have filled it from one end to the other with their filth. **12** So now, don't give your daughters to their sons to marry, or vice versa.[70] And don't try to make long-term peace treaties or contracts with them. Then you all will stay in power, and eat the good things of the land, and be able to pass it on to your children for all their future generations.'

13 "Yet after everything that's happened to us as a result our evil actions and our great guilt (even though you, our god, didn't punish us as harshly as you could have, and you've allowed us to survive as we're here now), **14** should we return to disobeying your instructions and to intermarrying with those people groups with their evil practices? You'd rightfully be angry enough with us as to wipe us out completely without leaving any remnant or survivors? **15** Yahweh, the god of Yisrael (Israel), you always do what is right, because here we are as survivors even to this day. So, yes, here we are standing in front of you in our guilt, because none of us are innocent enough to stand in front of you because of what we've done."

The people's acceptance of their sin

10:1 When Ezra prayed and confessed like that, weeping and bowing down low in front of the temple, an extremely large number of Israeli men and women and children gathered around him to join in and weep aloud. **2** Then Yehiel's son Shekanyah (from the sons of Eylam) answered and admitted to Ezra, "We ourselves have behaved unfaithfully towards our god and have married foreign women from the other people groups in this region. But there's still hope for Yisrael (Israel) concerning this. **3** So now, let's make an agreement with our god to send all those women back, along with their children, following the advice of my master and the ones who strive to obey God's instructions, and as per the law. **4** So take action because this is now in your hands, but we're with you. Lead strongly and make a clear decision."

5 So Ezra took action and made the leaders of the priests and Levites, and all Yisrael, to promise to implement this decision, and they did so. **6** Then Ezra left that place there in front of the temple, and he went to Yehohanan's room (Elyashiv's son) and went in. He didn't eat or drink, but continued mourning because of the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

7 Then the leaders sent an official written notice throughout Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all Yehudah (Judah) to all those

70 RV 9:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:11-16; Deu 7:1-5.

74 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

75 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

76 LV 10:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **מלוע**: (x-qere) 'סָלֵיעַ': lemma_5867 b n_1.2.0 morph_HNp id_15GwE סָלֵיעַ

Readers' Version

Yehudim (Jews) who'd returned from captivity, that their men should assemble in Yerushalem. 8 They were told that it was the decision of the leaders and elders that anyone who didn't arrive within three days would then forfeit all their property and would no longer be considered as an Israeli. 9 So on the third day (in mid-December), all the men of Yehudah and Benyamin gathered in Yerushalem, and all the people sat in the courtyard in front of the temple. They were shivering because of the rain, and because of the seriousness of the matter.

10 Then the priest Ezra stood up and announced, "You yourselves have acted unfaithfully and have married foreign women, thus adding to Yisrael's guilt in God's eyes. 11 Now however, praise Yahweh, the god of your ancestors, and do what he's commanded us and separate yourselves from the other religions of the peoples in this region, including not marrying their women."

12 Then all the gathered Israelis answered, "Yes, we do need to do what you've said. 13 However, it's the rainy season now, and there's so many people who can't stand outside for several days while we try to work all this out, because we've done so much wrong. 14 So let's delegate our leaders to make the decisions for all of us. Then we can arrange to meet together by city with our elders and judges to apply the decisions about our foreign wives, until God's anger towards us about these matters cools down. 15 The only ones who were against this plan were Asahel's on Yonatan (Jonathan) and Tikvah's son Yahzeyah, with the support of Meshulam and the Levite Shabtay.

16 So the exiled Israelis agreed to follow that plan, and the names of the men were written down by each clan leader who then stayed behind with the priest Ezra, and a few days later, they sat down to start working through the lists. 17 Some two months later, they had finished considering all the men who had married foreign women.

The men married to foreigners

18 Some of the priests' descendants had married foreign women, i.e., the descendants of Yotsadak's son Yeshua and his brothers, Ma'aseyah, Eliezer, Yariv, and Gedalyah, 19 and they promised to expel their wives, and because of their guilt, each of them sacrificed a ram from their flock. 20 Then, also:

From Imer's descendants: Hanani and Zevadyah,

21 From Harim's descendants: Ma'aseyah, Eliyah (Elijah), Shemayah, Yehiel, and Uziyah,

22 From Pashhur's descendants: Elyehoeynay, Ma'aseyah, Yishmael (Ishmael), Netanel, Yozavad, and Eleasah,

23 Among the other Levites: Yozavad, and Shimei, and Kelayah

Literal Version

_children_of the_exile to_assemble Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 8 And_all/each/any/every one_who not he_will_come to_the_ _three_of the_days according_to_the_counsel_of the_leaders and_the_elders all_of property_of_his it_will_be_forfeited and_ _he he_will_be_separated from_the_assembly_of the_exile[s]. 9 And_ all_of the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn _they_ _assembled Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_the_three_of the_days it was_the_month_of (the)_ninth on_day_twenty in_month and_ all_of the_people _they_lived in_the_open_place_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm trembling on the_matter and_from the_ _rains. 10 And_ ʻEzrā' the_priest/officer _he/it_rose_up and_ _he/it_said to_them you(pl) you(pl)_have_acted_unfaithfully and_you(pl)_have_married women foreign to_add to the_guilt_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 11 And_now give praise to/for_**YHWH** the_ _god_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl) and_do will_of_his and_ _separate_yourselves from_the_peoples_of the_earth/land and_ _from the_women (the)_foreign. 12 And_ all_of the_assembly _ _they_answered and_they_said a_voice great so mmm[77] on_us for_doing. 13 But the_people is_numerous and_the_time is_ _rains and_there_is_not ability to_stand on_outside and_the_ _business not belongs_to_a_day one and_not belongs_to_two_ _days if/because we_have_increased to_transgress in_matter (the)_this. 14 Let_them_stand please leaders_of_our to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_assembly and_all/each/any/every one_who is_in_cities_of_our who_he_has_married women foreign let_him_come to_times appointed and_with_them the_ _elders_of a_city and_a_city and_judges_of_its until (to)_turn_ _back the_burning_of the_anger our_god_of_our from_him/it until to_the_message/thing/matter (the)_this. 15 Only Yōnātān/(Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan)) the_son_of ʻAsāh'ēl and_ _Yaḥzəʸāh/(Jahzeiah) the_son_of Tikvah they_stood on this and_Məshullām and_Shabtay the_Lēviyyiy they_supported_ _them. 16 And_they_made thus the_children_of the_exile and_ ʻEzrā' the_priest/officer men the_heads_of the_fathers _they_ _separated_themselves for_the_house_of their_ancestors_of_ _their and_all_of_of_them by_names and_they_lived in/on_day one of_month (the)_tenth to_investigate the_matter. 17 And_ _they_finished with_everything the_men who_they_had_ _married women foreign until day one of_month (the)_first.

18 And_it_was_found from_(the)_sons of_the_priests who they_ _had_married women foreign from_(the)_sons[78][79] of_ _Yēshūʻa/(Jeshua) the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_ _brothers_of_his Maʻaśēʸāh and_'Elīʻezer and_Yārīv/(Jarib) and_ _Gədalʸāh. 19 And_they_gave hand_of_their to_send_out wives_ _of_their and_being_guilty a_ram_of the_flock on guilt_of_their. 20 And_of_the_sons_of 'Immēr Ḥanānī and_Zəvaḏʸāh. 21 And_of_ _the_sons_of Ḥārim Maʻaśēʸāh and_'Ēliyʸāh and_Shəmaʻʸāh and_ _Yəḥī'ēl/(Jehiel) and_ʻUzziyʸāh. 22 And_of_the_sons_of Pashḥūr 'Elyəhōʻēynay Maʻaśēʸāh Ishmael Nətan'ēl Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) and_'Elʻāsāh. 23 And_from the_Lēviyyiy Yōzāvād and_Shimʻī and_Qēlāʸāh it is_Qəlīṭā' Pəṭaḥʸāh Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _'Elīʻezer. 24 And_from the_singers 'Elyāshiyv and_from the_ _gatekeepers Shallūm and_Ṭelem and_'Ūrī. 25 And_of_

77 **LV 10:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: כ/ירבד/ך: (x-qere) כ/רָבָד/הִ'; lemma_k/1697 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp2ms id_15Kbe כ/רָבָד/הִ,

78 **LV 10:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

79 **LV 10:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from(the)_sons of_Par'osh/(Parosh) Ramʸᵃʰ and_Yizziyʸᵃʰ/(Izziah) and_Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_Miyyāmin and_ _'El'āzār and_Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_Bənāʸᵃʰ. **26** And_of_the_sons_of 'Ēylām Mattanʸᵃʰ Zəkarʸᵃʰ and_Yəḥī'ēl and_'Avdiy and_ _Yərīmōt/(Jeremoth) and_'Ēliyʸᵃʰ. **27** And_of_the_sons_of Zattū' 'Elyəhō'ēynay 'Elyāshiyv Mattanʸᵃʰ and_Yərīmōt and_Zāvād and_'Azīzā'. **28** And_of_the_sons_of Bēvay Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ Zabay 'Atlay. **29** And_of_the_ _sons_of Bānī Məshullām Mallūk and_'Adāʸᵃʰ Yāshūv/(Jashub) and_Shə'āl and_Ramoth[80]. **30** And_of_the_sons_of Paḥat- Mō'āv 'Adnā' and_Kelal Bənāʸᵃʰ Maʻₐsēʸᵃʰ Mattanʸᵃʰ Bətsal'ēl and_ _Binnūy and_Mənashsheh. **31** And_the_sons of_Ḥārim 'Elī'ezer Yishshiyʸᵃʰ/(Isshiah) Malkīyʸᵃʰ Shəma'yᵃʰ Shim'ōn. **32** Binyāmīn[81] Mallūk Shəmarʸᵃʰ. **33** From_(the)_sons of_ _Ḥāshum Mattənay Mattattah Zāvād 'Elīfeleṭ Yərēmay/(Jeremai) Mənashsheh Shim'ī. **34** From_(the)_sons of_ _Bānī Ma'ₐday 'Amrām and_'Ū'ēl. **35** Bənāʸᵃʰ Bēdəʸᵃʰ Kəlūhayo[82]. **36** Vanʸᵃʰ Mərēmōt 'Elyāshiyv. **37** Mattanʸᵃʰ Mattənay and[83]. **38** And_Bānī and_Binnūy Shim'ī. **39** And_Shelemʸᵃʰ and_Nātān and_'Adāʸᵃʰ. **40** Maknadvay Shāshay Shāray. **41** 'Azar'ēl and_ _Shelemʸᵃʰ Shəmarʸᵃʰ. **42** Shallūm 'Amarʸᵃʰ Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **43** From_(the)_sons of_Nəvō Yə'ī'ēl/(Jeiel) Mattitʸᵃʰ Zāvād Zəvīnā' Yiddō/(Jaddai)[84] and_Yō'ēl/(Joel) Bənāʸᵃʰ. **44** All_of these mmm[858687] women foreign and_there_were from_them wives and_they(m)_had_made children.

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(that is, Kelita), Petahyah, Yehudah (Judah), and Eliezer.

24 Among the singers: Elyashiv.

Among the temple guards: Shalum, Telem, and Uri.

25 From the other Israelis:

From Par'osh's descendants: Rameyah, Yiziyah, Malkiyah, Miyamin, Eleazar, Malkiyah, and Benayah.

26 From Heylam's descendants: Matanyah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), Yehiel, Avdi, Yerimot, and Eliyah (Elijah).

27 From Zatu's descendants: Elyehoeynay, Elyashiv, Matanyah, Yerimot, Zavad, and Aziza.

28 From Bevay's descendants: Yehohanan, Hananyah, Zabay, and Atlay.

29 From Bani's descendants: Meshulam, Maluk, Adayah, Yashuv, and Sheal-Yerimot.

30 From Pahat-Moav's descendants: Adna, Kelal, Benayah, Ma'aseyah, Matanyah, Betsalel, Binuy, and Menasheh (Manasseh).

31 From Harim's descendants: Eliezer, Yishiyah, Malkiyah, Shemayah, Shim'on (Simeon), **32** Benyamin, Maluk, and Shemaryah.

33 From Hashum's descendants: Matenay, Matatah, Zavad, Elifelet, Yeremay, Menasheh, and Shimei.

34 From Bani's descendants: Ma'aday, Amram, Uel, **35** Benayah, Bedeyah, Keluhayo, **36** Vanyah, Meremot, Elyashiv, **37** Matanyah, Matenay, and Ya'asu.

38 From Binuy's descendants: Shimei, **39** Shelemyah, Natan (Nathan), Adayah, **40** Maknadvay, Shashay, Sharay, **41** Azarel, Shelemyah, Shemaryah, **42** Shalum, Amaryah, and Yosef (Joseph).

43 From Nevo's descendants: Yeiel, Matityah, Zavad, Zevina, Yido, Yoel (Joel), and Benayah.

44 All of those had married foreign women and had children from them.

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80 LV 10:29 · Note OSHB variant note: **תומרי**: (x-qere) 'תֻּמָּר֫וּ': lemma_c/3406 n_0 morph_HC/Np id_15SCH תֻּמָּר֫וּ

81 LV 10:32 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

82 LV 10:35 · Note OSHB variant note: **יהלכ**: (x-qere) 'וּהוּלְכ': lemma_3622 n_0 morph_HNp id_15wi3 וּהוּלְכ

83 LV 10:37 · Note OSHB variant note: **ושעי/ו**: (x-qere) 'יֶשַּׁעַ֫י/וְ': lemma_c/3299 n_0 morph_HC/Np id_15ikF יֶשַּׁעַ֫י/וְ

84 LV 10:43 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודי**: (x-qere) 'יְהַדַּי': lemma_3035 morph_HNp id_15Ua5 יְהַדַּי

85 LV 10:44 · Note OSHB variant note: **אשנ/י**: (x-qere) 'וְאֶשְׁנִ': lemma_5375 n_1.0 morph_HVqp3cp id_15wX7 וְאֶשְׁנִ

86 LV 10:44 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHQ.

87 LV 10:44 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Ester

Introduction

This account tells about the life of a young Jewish woman named Ester. These events happened back when King Ahashverosh (more widely known as King Xerxes) ruled over the kingdom of Paras. After Queen Vashti was banished for refusing to dance in front the king's guests at a drinking party, Ester was chosen as the new queen without revealing her Jewish background. But there was a high official called Haman who was offended by Ester's Jewish guardian and in his anger, determined to annihilate all of the Yehudim from the kingdom. This account reveals how Eter's courage and her love for her Jewish people leads her to help them and eventually helps to save their lives.
The account also reveals the source of a Jewish feast named 'Purim', which to this day is a time when Jewish people celebrate how God saved them from their enemy, Haman.

Main components of this account

Ester becomes Queen of Paras *1:1–2:23*
Haman's threat to the Yehudim *3:1–5:14*
Haman's execution *6:1–7:10*
The Jewish people destroy their enemies *8:1–10:3*

Lighter type marks additions. Underscores join parts of a single source word.
Struck words are untranslated. The ◘ sign marks a verse with no text.
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1:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of ’Aḥashvērōsh that ’Aḥashvērōsh who_reigned from_Hoddū/(India) and_unto Kūsh/(Cush) seven and_twenty and_one_hundred province[s]. **2** In_the_days the_those just_as_sat the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh on the_throne_of his/its_kingdom which was_in_Shūshan the_ _citadel. **3** In_year three of_reigning_his he_made a_feast to/from_all/each/any/every officials_of_his and_servants_of_ _his the_army_of Pāraṣ and_Māday the_nobles and_the_ _officials_of the_provinces were_before_of_him. **4** When_ _showed_he ꝺⱺᵯ the_wealth_of the_splendour_of his/its_ _kingdom and_ꝺⱺᵯ the_honour_of the_glory_of his_greatness_ _of_his days many eighty and_one_hundred day[s]. **5** And_ _when_were_completed the_days the_these the_king he_made to/from_all/each/any/every the_people who_were_found in_ _Shūshan the_citadel (to)_from_great and_unto insignificant a_ _feast seven_of days in_the_courtyard_of the_garden_of the_ _palace_of the_king. **6** White_cloth cotton and_violet_material was_held with_cords_of fine_linen and_purple on rods_of silver and_pillars_of marble couches_of gold and_silver were_on a_ _pavement_of porphyry and_marble and_mother-of-pearl and_ _paving_stone. **7** And_they_gave_to_drink in_vessels_of gold and_vessels from_vessels were_differing and_wine royalty was_ _much according_to_the_hand_of the_king. **8** And_the_drinking was_according_the_law there_was_not one_who_compelled if/because thus the_king he_had_appointed on every_of (the)_ _chief_of his_house_of_his for_doing according_to_the_ _pleasure_of man and_man. **9** Also Vashti the_queen she_made a_feast_of women the_house_of (the)_royalty which to/for_ _the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh. **10** In_the_day the_seventh just_ the_ _heart_of the_king _as_was_good by_wine he_said to_Mehuman Biztha Harbona Bigtha and_Abagtha Zethar and_Carcas the_ _seven_of the_officials who_served ꝺⱺᵯ the_presence_of the_ _king ’Aḥashvērōsh. **11** To_bring ꝺⱺᵯ Vashti the_queen to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king with_a_crown_of royalty to_show the_peoples and_the_officials ꝺⱺᵯ beauty_of_ _her if/because was_good_of appearance she. **12** And_ the_ _queen Vashti _she_refused to_come at_the_message_of the_ _king which was_by_the_hand_of the_officials and_ the_king _ _he_was_angry exceedingly and_rage_of_his it_burnt in_him/it. **13** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_men who_knew_of (of)_the_ _times if/because was_thus the_manner_of the_king to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before all_of those_who_knew_of (of)_law and_judgement. **14** And_the_ones_close to_him/it[3] were_ _Carshena Shethar Admatha Tarshiysh Meres Marsena Memucan the_seven_of the_officials_of Pāraṣ and_Māday who_ _saw_of (of)_the_face_of the_king who_sat foremost in_ _kingdom. **15** According_to_the_law what is_to_do with_queen Vashti on that not she_did ꝺⱺᵯ the_command_of the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh by_the_hand_of the_officials. **16** And_he/it_said Memucan[4] to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_ _the_officials not on the_king for_him/it_being_alone Vashti the_queen she_did_wrong if/because on all_of the_officials and_on all_of the_peoples which in_all the_provinces_of the_

Readers’ Version

Empress Vashti refuses Emperor Ahashverosh

1:1 The following events happened during the reign of Emperor Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes).[1] (Also known as King Ahashverosh, he ruled the 127 provinces of Paras (Persia) extending from Hodu to Kush (Ethiopia).) **2** In those days, he ruled his empire from Shushan (Susa),[2] city.

3 In the third year of his reign, he hosted a celebration for all of his officials and for every important person who worked for him, the wealthy landowners, the officials of the provinces, as well as the officers who served in the army of the combined empire of Paras and Maday (Media). He was present in person **4** to host the six-month celebration which, displayed the incredible wealth and prestige of his empire and his personal wealth and power.

5 At the end of that time, the emperor hosted another celebration, but this time for all the people in the royal fort in Shushan, from the leading citizens to the least prestigious. He held this celebration over an entire week in the enclosed garden of the royal palace. **6** There were white and blue curtains hanging from white and purple cords attached to silver rings on marble pillars. The guests reclined on gold and silver couches set on a mosaic floor made of red and white marble, mother-of-pearl and other expensive stones. **7** Drinks were served in golden goblets, and each one was a unique design. The king’s wine seemed limitless as he displayed his generosity, **8** and it was served according to his rule: there was no compulsion to drink, but his servants were to give each guest however much they wanted.

9 Meanwhile, Queen Vashti was hosting a celebration for the women in a different part of the royal palace.

10 On the last day of the celebrations, when the emperor was pleasantly tipsy, he ordered seven of his chief servants (Mehuman, Bizta, Harvona, Bigta, Avagta, Zetar, and Karkas) **11** to bring Queen Vashti to him, wearing her royal crown, in order to show the officials and other people how good-looking she was, because she was very beautiful. **12** The servants told her Ahashverosh’s (Ahasuerus’/Xerxes’) command, but Queen Vashti refused to come. When they reported back to Ahashverosh, he was furious and sat there raging for a while.

13–14 Eventually he discussed it with his close advisors who knew the law and could make good decisions. (These seven officials; Karshena, Shetar, Admata, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena and Memukan; were from various places. They advised the emperor personally, so were the most powerful officials in the empire.) **15** ‘According to our law,’ he asked, ‘what should be done with Empress Vashti, since she refused to obey my command when the servants passed it on to her?’

16 Memukan replied, addressing the whole group, ‘Empress

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:6.

2 **RV 1:2 · Note** Known as ‘Susa’ in many 20th century translations, even though earlier English translations often got it correct.

3 **LV 1:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

4 **LV 1:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: וכמומ: (x-qere) ’וְכוּמְמָ֗ן: lemma_4462 n_1.2.1 morph_HNp id_172tG וְכוּמְמָ֗ן

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Vashti has done wrong, and not only against the emperor. She has also done wrong against all the officials and people groups of the empire. **17** Soon women all over the empire will hear about what the empress did and they'll say, "Emperor Ahashverosh commanded his servants to bring Empress Vashti to him, but she didn't go!" Then women will stop respecting their husbands. **18** Even today, the important wives in the empire will hear what the empress did and start doing the same to their husbands; it will result in contempt on her part and anger on his. **19** If it pleases you to do so, your majesty, you should personally issue a royal decree and have it added to the laws of Paras (Persia) and Maday (Media) which cannot be repealed. This decree should say that Vashti can never again come into your presence. Then you should choose a different woman for the royal position – someone who's better than her. **20** Have your decree proclaimed throughout your empire, even though it's so huge, and then all women, whatever their status or position, will respect their husbands.'

21 Memukan's advice seemed like a good idea to the emperor and his officials, so that's what they did. **22** They wrote letters to every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. The letters said that men should be the masters over their wives and children, and that a husband should be able to give orders to his wife in his own language and that she should understand and obey him.

Beautiful Ester enters the king's harem

2:1 Some time later when King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) no longer felt so angry, he started to miss Vashti. But when she'd disobeyed his command, he had made a decree that she could never come into his presence again. **2** So some of the young men who served the king suggested to him, "Your majesty, you should get a new wife for yourself. You could tell your servants to look for young virgins who are very beautiful. **3** You could assign officers in each province of your empire to bring every virgin who is very beautiful here to your capital city of Shushan (Susa). They could stay in the harem for virgins under the custody of Hegay, the castrated royal guardian who takes care of the young women who live there and he could arrange for them to receive beauty treatments. **4** Then you could decide which young woman you like best and then make her queen instead of Vashti."

The king liked what they suggested, so he did it.

5 At that time, there was a Jewish man named Mordekai living in the capital city of Shushan. (He was from the tribe of Benyamin: his father was Yair, his grandfather was Shimei, and his great-grandfather was Kish **6** who'd been taken away from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and led to Bavel (Babylon) when King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) of Bavel had exiled Yekaneyah, the king of Yehudah (Judah), along with many of his people.)[5] **7** Now Mordekai was taking care of his cousin, who was

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_king 'Aḥashvērōsh. **17** If/because the_matter_of the_queen it_ _will_go_forth to all_of the_women to_make_despicable husbands_of_their in_eyes_of_their because_they_will_say the_ _king 'Aḥashvērōsh he_said to_bring ~~ĐǾM~~ Vashti the_queen before_him and_not she_came. **18** And_the_day the_this they_ _will_say the_noble_ladies_of Pāraṣ and_Māday who they_have_ _heard ~~ĐǾM~~ the_matter_of the_queen to_all/each/any/every the_officials_of the_king and_will_be_as_enough_of contempt and_anger. **19** If is_on the_king good a_message_of royalty let_ _it_go_forth from_before_face_of_him and_let_it_be_written in_ _the_laws_of Pāraṣ and_Māday and_not which/who not Vashti she_will_come to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh and_queenhood_of_her the_king let_him_give to_ _her_fellow_of_woman (the)_good more_than_she it_will_pass_ _away. **20** And_ the_decree_of the_king which he_will_make _it_ _will_be_heard in_all his/its_kingdom if/because is_great it and_all the_women they_will_give honour to_husbands_of_ _their (to)_from_great and_unto insignificant. **21** And_ the_ _message _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_the_ _officials and_ the_king _he/it_made according_to_the_ _message_of Memucan. **22** And_he_sent_out documents to all_ _of the_provinces_of the_king to province and_province according_to_of_its_writing and_near/to people and_people according_to_of_its_language to_be every_of man ruling over_ _his_own_of_household and_speaking according_to_the_ _language_of his_people_of_his.

2:1 After the_things the_these just_ the_anger_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh _as_subsided he_remembered ~~ĐǾM~~ Vashti and_ _~~ĐǾM~~ that_which she_had_done and_~~ĐǾM~~ that_which it_had_ _been_decided on_her. **2** And_ the_young_men_of the_king who_of_were_serving_him _they_said let_people_seek to/for_ _the_king young_women virgins good_of appearance. **3** And_ the_king _let_him_appoint appointees in_all the_provinces_of his/its_kingdom and_let_them_gather ~~ĐǾM~~ every_of girl virgin good_of appearance to Shūshan the_citadel to the_house_of the_women into the_hand_of Hegai the_eunuch_of the_king the_one_who_kept_of the_women and_let_him_give cleansings_ _of_their. **4** And_the_young_woman who she_will_be_good in/on_both_eyes_of the_king she_will_reign in_place_of Vashti and_ the_message _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_he/it_made thus. **5** A_man a_Jew he_was in_Shūshan the_ _citadel and_his/its_name was_Mordəkay the_son_of Yā'īr/(Jair) the_son_of Shim'ī the_son_of Qīsh a_man a_ _Jaminite. **6** Who he_had_been_taken_into_exile from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with the_exile[s] which it_had_ _been_taken_into_exile with Yəkon^{yāh}/(Jeconiah) the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) whom Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_had_taken_into_exile. **7** And_he/it_was acting_as_guardian ~~ĐǾM~~ H$_a$daṣṣāh that is_'Eṣtēr the_daughter_of his_uncle_of_his if/because there_was_not to/for_her/it a_father and_a_mother and_the_young_woman was_beautiful_of form and_good_of appearance and_at_the_death_of her_father_of_her and_ _mother_of_her he_took_her Mordəkay to_him/it to_a_ _daughter. **8** And_he/it_was when_ the_edict_of the_king and_

5 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:10-16; 2Ch 36:10.

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_orders_of_his _were_heard and_when_ young_women many _
_were_gathered to Shūshan the_citadel into the_hand_of Hegai
and_ 'Eṣtēr _she_was_taken to the_house_of the_king into the_
_hand_of Hegai the_one_who_kept_of the_women. **9** And_ the_
_young_woman _she_was_good in_eyes_of_his and_she_bore
favour before_him and_he_hastened ÐOM cleansings_of_her
and_ÐOM portions_of_her to_give to/for_her/it and_ÐOM seven
the_servant_girls (the)_chosen to_give to/for_her/it from_the_
_house_of the_king and_he_moved_her and_ÐOM girls_of_her_
_servant to_the_good_place_of the_house_of the_women.
10 Not 'Eṣtēr she_had_told ÐOM people_of_her and_ÐOM
kindred_of_her if/because Mordəkay he_had_commanded
on/upon_it(f) which/who not she_will_tell. **11** And_on/over_all
day and_day Mordəkay was_walking_about to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_courtyard_of the_house_of the_women
to_know ÐOM the_welfare_of 'Eṣtēr and_what was_it_done with_
_her. **12** And_when_ the_turn_of a_young_woman and_a_young_
_woman _arrived to_go to the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh from_the_
_end/extremity of_being to/for_her/it according_to_the_
_regulation_of the_women two_plus ten month[s] if/because
thus the_days_of their_rubbings_of_their six months with_the_
_oil_of (the)_myrrh and_six months with_(the)_oil and_with_
_the_cleansings_of (the)_women they_were_completed. **13** And_
_in_this_way the_young_woman was_going into the_king ÐOM
all that she_said it_was_given to/for_her/it to_go with_her/it
from_the_house_of the_women to the_house_of the_king. **14** In_
_evening she was_going and_in_morning she was_returning to
the_house_of the_women second into the_hand_of Shaashgaz
the_eunuch_of the_king the_one_who_kept_of the_concubines
not she_went again into the_king if/because (if) he_delighted
in_her the_king and_she_was_summoned by_name.

15 And_when_ the_turn_of 'Eṣtēr the_daughter_of 'Avīhayil
the_uncle_of Mordəkay whom he_had_taken to_him/it to_a_
_daughter _arrived to_go to the_king not she_requested
anything if/because (if) ÐOM that_which Hegai the_eunuch_of
the_king the_one_who_kept_of the_women he_said and_ 'Eṣtēr
_it_became bearing_of favour in/on_both_eyes_of all_of those_
_of_who_saw_her. **16** And_ 'Eṣtēr _she_was_taken to the_king
'Aḥashvērōsh into the_house_of his/its_kingdom in_month
(the)_tenth that is_the_month_of Tebeth in_year seven of_
_reign_of_his. **17** And_ the_king _he_loved ÐOM 'Eṣtēr from_all
the_women and_she_bore favour and_favour before_him from_
_all the_virgins and_he/it_assigned a_crown_of royalty on_
_head_of_her and_he_made_her_queen in_place_of Vashti.
18 And_ the_king _he/it_made a_feast great to/from_
_all/each/any/every officials_of_his and_servants_of_his ÐOM
the_feast_of 'Eṣtēr and_a_holiday for_provinces he_made and_
_he/it_gave present[s] according_to_the_hand_of the_king.

19 And_when_ virgins _were_gathered a_second_time and_
_Mordəkay was_sitting at_the_gate_of the_king. **20** Not 'Eṣtēr
was_telling kindred_of_her and_ÐOM people_of_her just_as he_
_had_commanded on/upon_it(f) Mordəkay and_ÐOM the_

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an orphan. When her father and mother had died, Mordekai had adopted her as his own daughter. Her Hebrew name was Hadasah, and her Persian name was Ester. Ester was now a young woman and she was exceptionally attractive.

8 So when the king's command and decree became known, many young women were being brought into the capital city of Shushan and placed under Hegay's charge, and this is what happened to Ester. (Hegay was the overseer of the women.) **9** Hegay was very impressed with Ester, and he treated her favourably. He quickly arranged for Ester to receive her beauty treatments and her allotment of food, as well as choosing seven female servants from the king's palace and assigning them to be her personal attendants. He also moved Ester and her attendants to the best rooms in the harem for virgins. **10** (Ester hadn't revealed her family ties or her Jewishness to anyone, because Mordekai had instructed her not to.)

11 Every day Mordekai would walk around in front of the courtyard of the women's harem to find out from others how Ester was doing and how she was being treated.

12 Each young woman would get twelve months of beauty treatment according to the Persian law for women—there would be six months of applying oil of myrrh, then six months of perfumes and other lotions designed for women. Then their turn would come, one at a time, to be taken to King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes). **13** The young woman was allowed to take whatever she wanted from the harem when she went to the king's house. **14** She'd be taken across in the evening, and in the morning she'd be led out to the other harem which was for the concubines. (That harem was overseen by Sha'ashgaz, another castrated royal guardian.) The women taken there wouldn't go again to the king's house unless he had especially liked them and summoned her back by name.

Ester becomes queen

15 Now Ester was the daughter of Mordekai's uncle, Avihayil, from whom Mordekai had adopted her as his own daughter. When it was her turn to go to the king, she didn't ask for anything other than what Hegay, the king's trusted official in charge of the harem, had advised, and everyone who saw Ester liked her. **16** So Ester was taken to King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) at his royal palace in January, in the seventh year of his reign, **17** and the king loved Ester more than any of the other women. He treated her more kindly and more favourably than any of the other young women who had become his concubines. He put a royal crown on her head and made her the new queen to replace Vashti. **18** Then the king hosted a large celebration and invited all his officials and servants to a feast to celebrate Ester becoming queen. He proclaimed that this would be a time to celebrate for people in all of the provinces of his empire when they wouldn't have to pay taxes, and he gave many generous gifts.

Mordekai and Ester earn the king's favour

19 Later on, King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) had his officers bring more virgins to Shushan (Susa). During

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this time, Mordekai had been given a position by the king so he sat there at the king's gate. **20** Ester had still not told anyone that she was Jewish because Mordekai had warned her not to tell anyone. What's more, she continued to follow all of Mordekai's instructions, just as she had done when she was still under his guardianship.

21 One day when Mordekai was on duty at the king's gate, two of the king's guards who protected the doorway to the king's private rooms became angry with the king and so they planned to assassinate King Ahashverosh. (Their names were Bigtan and Teresh.) **22** But when Mordekai heard what they were planning, he told Queen Ester about it and she told the king, explaining that Mordekai had given her the information. **23** When the matter was investigated and the facts discovered, both conspirators were impaled on sharpened wooden poles, and in the presence of the king, the incident was recorded in the royal record of events.

Haman plans to annihilate the Yehudim

3:1 Some time later, King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) promoted Haman, one of his officials (and the son of Hamedata who was a descendant of Agag). The king gave Haman a very important position—more important than any of his other officials. **2** Then the king commanded that all his other officials had to bow down in front of Haman to honour him, and they were doing this at the king's gate, except for Mordekai who refused to bow down to reverence Haman. **3** "Why are you disobeying the king's command?" asked the other royal servants at the king's gate. **4** Mordekai told them that it was because he was a Yehudi (Jew) (and Yehudim (Jews) only worship Yahweh). He didn't listen to their warnings so they told Haman about it to see if he would tolerate Mordekai in keeping refusing to bow down. **5** When Haman saw that Mordekai would not bow down to him or show him reverence, he was furious. **6** But Haman despised the idea of just punishing Mordekai because he'd been told that Mordekai didn't bow to him because Mordekai was a Yehudi. So Haman decided to annihilate all of Mordekai's people, i.e., all the Yehudim throughout the kingdom of Ahashverosh.

7 In early April of the twelfth year of King Ahashverosh' reign, Haman got his servants to throw dice to select the best month and the best day to kill the Yehudim, and the 13th of March was chosen.

8 Then Haman went to King Ahashverosh and said, "Your Majesty, there is a certain group of people who live among the other peoples in every province of your empire. They have their own set of laws, so they don't obey your laws. It's not good for you to allow them to continue to live in your empire. **9** Your majesty, if you approve of this plan, then write a decree saying that all of the Yehudim must be destroyed. When they're dead, we can take all of their possessions, and from that I will give 300

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_command_of Mordəkay 'Eştēr was_doing just_as she_had_been in_guardianship with_him/it. **21** In_the_days the_those and_ _Mordəkay was_sitting at_the_gate_of the_king Bigthan and_ _Teresh two_of the_eunuchs_of the_king of_the_keepers_of of_ _the_threshold he_was_angry and_they_sought to_stretch_out a_hand on_king 'Aḥashvērōsh. **22** And_ the_matter _it_was_ _made_known to_Mordəkay and_he_told to_'Eştēr the_queen and_ 'Eştēr _she/it_said to/for_the_king in/on_name_of Mordəkay. **23** And_ the_matter _it_was_sought and_it_was_ _found and_ both_of_them _they_were_hanged on a_gallows and_it_was_written in_the_book_of the_matters_of the_days to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king.

3:1 After the_things the_these the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh he_made_ _great ÐOM Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_Agagite and_ _he_exalted_him and_he/it_assigned ÐOM seat_of_his from_ _under all_of the_officials who with_him/it. **2** And_all the_ _servants_of the_king who were_at_the_gate_of the_king were_ _kneeling and_were_bowing_down to_Haman if/because thus he_had_commanded to_him/it the_king and_Mordəkay not he_ _knelt and_not he_bowed_down. **3** And_ the_servants_of the_ _king who were_at_the_gate_of the_king _they_said to_ _Mordəkay why are_you transgressing ÐOM the_command_of the_king. **4** And_he/it_was they_spoke[7] to_him/it a_day and_a_ _day and_not he_listened to_them and_they_told to_Haman to_ _see will_ the_words/messages_of Mordəkay _they_stand if/because he_had_told to/for_them which/who he was_a_Jew. **5** And_ Haman _he/it_saw if/because_that not Mordəkay was_ _kneeling and_bowing_down to_him/it and_ Haman _he_was_ _filled rage. **6** And_he_despised in_his_own_of_eyes to_stretch_ _out[8] a_hand on_Mordəkay for_him/it_being_alone if/because people_had_told to_him/it ÐOM the_people_of Mordəkay and_ Haman _he/it_sought to_annihilate ÐOM all_of the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) who in_all the_kingdom_of 'Aḥashvērōsh the_ _people_of Mordəkay. **7** In_month (the)_first that is_the_ _month_of Nisan in_year two_plus ten to/for_the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh someone_throw Pur that is_the_lot to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before Haman from_day to_day and_from_ _month to_month two_plus ten that is_the_month_of Adar. **8** And_ Haman _he/it_said to/for_the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh there_ _it_is a_people one scattered and_separated among the_peoples in_all_of the_provinces_of your_kingdom_of_your and_laws_of_ _their are_differing from_all people and_ÐOM the_laws_of the_ _king not_they are_doing and_for_king not is_appropriate to_ _leave_them. **9** If is_on the_king good let_it_be_written to_ _destroy_them and_ten_of thousand(s) talent[s]_of silver I_will_ _weigh_out on the_hands_of the_doers_of the_work to_bring into the_treasuries_of the_king. **10** And_ the_king _he_removed ÐOM signet-ring_of_his from_under his/its_hand and_he_gave_

7 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ם/רמא/ב**: (x-qere) **'ם/רָמְאִ/כ'**: lemma_k/559 morph_HR/Vqc/Sp3mp id_171go **ם/רָמְאִ/כ**

8 **LV 3:6 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_it to_Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_Agagite the_
_harasser_of the_Yəhūdī. **11** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_
_Haman the_silver is_given to/for_you(fs) and_the_people for_
_doing in/on/over_him/it according_the_good in_eyes_of_your.
12 And_ the_scribes_of the_king _they_were_summoned in_
_month (the)_first on_thir- teenth day in/on/over_him/it and_
_it_was_written according_to_all that Haman he_commanded
to the_satraps_of the_king and_near/to the_governors who
were_over province and_province and_near/to the_officials_of
people and_people province and_province according_to_of_its_
_writing and_people and_people according_to_of_its_language
in/on_name_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh it_was_written and_it_
_was_sealed with_the_signet-ring_of the_king. **13** And_
documents _they_were_sent by_the_hand_of the_runners to
all_of the_provinces_of the_king to_annihilate to_kill and_to_
_destroy ĐOM all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) from_young_man and_
_unto old_man little_one[s] and_women in/on_day one on_day_
_thir- teen of_month two_plus ten that is_the_month_of Adar
and_spoil_of_their to_take_as_plunder. **14** (The)_copy_of the_
_writing was_to_ law _be_given in_all province and_province
displayed to/from_all/each/any/every the_peoples to_be ready
for_day (the)_this. **15** The_runners they_went_out hurried at_
_the_message_of the_king and_the_law it_was_given in_
_Shūshan the_citadel and_the_king and_Haman they_sat_down
to_drink and_the_city of_Shūshan it_was_in_confusion.

4:1 And_Mordəkay he_knew ĐOM all that it_had_been_done and_
Mordəkay _he_tore ĐOM clothes_of_his and_he_put_on
sackcloth and_ash[es] and_he/it_went_out in_the_middle the_
_city and_he_cried a_cry loud and_bitter. **2** And_he_went to_to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_gate_of the_king
if/because there_was_not to_go into the_gate_of the_king in_
_clothing_of sackcloth. **3** And_on/over_all province and_
_province the_place_of (of)_where the_message_of the_king
and_law_of_his was_reaching mourning great belonged_to_
_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_fasting and_weeping and_wailing
sackcloth and_ash[es] it_was_spread_as_a_bed by_(the)_people.
4 And_they_came[9][10][11] the_maids_of 'Eṣtēr and_eunuchs_of_her
and_they_told to/for_her/it and_ the_queen _she_agonized
exceedingly and_she_sent garments to_clothe ĐOM Mordəkay
and_to_remove sackcloth_of_his from_on_him and_not he_
_accepted_them. **5** And_ 'Eṣtēr _she/it_called/named (to)_
_Hathach one_of_the_eunuchs_of the_king whom he_had_
_made_stand before_her and_she_commanded_him on
Mordəkay to_know what was_this and_concerning what was_

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tons of silver to your administrators for them to put into your royal treasuries."

10 This seemed sensible to the king so he removed his signet ring from his finger and he gave it[6] to Haman (the son of Hamedata, the Agagi, the adversary of the Yehudim). **11** The king told Haman, "You can keep the money for yourself, and you can do whatever you want to do with those people."

12 On the thirteenth day of that same month, Haman called in the royal scribes, and he dictated a letter to them. He told them to send copies to the royal officials, the governors of each province, and the leaders of each people group within the empire. The scribes translated the letter so it could be sent to each province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. To show that he was sending the letter under the king's own authority, Haman sealed each copy of the letter with the ring that had the king's official seal on it. **13** Couriers delivered the letters to the officials in every province in the empire. The letters said to completely destroy all the Yehudim, including the children and women, on a single day. That was to be the thirteenth day of March early in the following year. The letters also stated that those who killed the Yehudim could take everything that belonged to them. **14** The letter told the officials to display copies where everyone could see them—that way all the people in every single province would know that the king had commanded this, and they could get ready for when the day came.

15 So couriers hurried off with the letters as the king had commanded. A herald in the capital city of Shushan (Susa) also proclaimed what the letters said. Then the king and Haman relaxed and drank together, but there was total confusion in Shushan about how all of this would work out.

Mordekai asks the queen for help

4:1 When Mordekai found out about what had been done, he tore his clothes and dressed in sackcloth and threw ashes over himself (as a sign of mourning or distress) and went out into the city centre, wailing loudly and bitterly. **2** But no one was wearing mourning garb was allowed inside the king's gate, so when Mordekai reached the gate, he had to stay just outside it. **3** In every province of the empire, the letter that said to destroy the Yehudim (Jews) was publicly displayed and when the Yehudim heard about it, they were incredibly upset. They skipped meals and wailed loudly, and many of them also wore sackcloth and threw ashes on themselves and lay on the ground.

4 When Queen Ester's young female attendants came with her guardians and told her what was going on outside, even the queen became very scared. She sent Mordekai some good clothes to wear instead of the sackcloth, but he wouldn't accept them. **5** The king had assigned some of the royal guardians to Es-

6 **RV 3:10 · Note** Having the king's signet ring enabled Haman to stamp the king's seal (like a signature) onto the newly drafted laws.

9 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

10 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

11 **LV 4:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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ter personally, so Ester called for one of them—a man named Hatak. She told him to go out and speak with Mordekai and find out what he was so distressed about. **6** So Hatak went out to talk to Mordekai who was out in the plaza in front of the king's gate. **7** Mordekai told him everything that Haman was planning to do and even told him how much money Haman had said the king would get for his treasuries if the king commanded people to kill all the Yehudim. **8** Mordekai also gave Hatak a copy of the letter that the announcers had read out loud in Shushan (Susa), that said that people must kill all the Yehudim. He told Hatak to show the letter to Ester so that she would know exactly what it said and also told him to urge her to go to the king personally and to beg him desperately to save her people from destruction. **9** So Hatak returned to the queen and told her what Mordekai had said, **10** and Ester told him to go back to Mordekai with this message: **11** "There's a law about going to the king that applies to everyone in the kingdom, both men and women. If anyone goes into the inner courtyard of the palace, where the king can see them, and the king has not summoned them, that person will be executed. Only if the king holds out his golden scepter to them, then they will live. (Everyone in the whole empire knows this law.) The king hasn't called for me in over a month, and if I go in without being summoned, I could be put to death."

12 So Hatak went back to Mordekai and told him what the queen had said. **13** Mordekai told Hatak to tell this to Ester: "Don't imagine that just because you live there in the king's palace that you'll be safe when they kill all the other Yehudim. **14** If you say nothing at all now, someone from some other place will rescue the Yehudim, but you and your relatives will not survive. Who knows, perhaps it was for a time just like this that God allowed you to become queen?"

15 Then Ester sent this reply to Mordekai: **16** "Go and assemble all the Yehudim who live here in Shushan (Susa), and tell them to fast and pray for my sake—tell them to not eat or drink anything for three days and three nights. My female attendants and I will also fast in the same way. At the end of the three days, I will go in to talk to the king even though it's against the law. I will do that even if it costs me my life."

17 So Mordekai went and did everything that Ester had told him to do.

Ester goes to the king without an invitation

5:1 Three days later, Queen Ester put on her royal robes and went and stood in the inner courtyard of the palace, across from the king's house. He was in the royal palace, sitting on the royal throne and facing the room's entrance. **2** As soon as the king noticed Ester standing there in the courtyard, he was very pleased

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this. **6** And Hathach _he/it_went_out to Mordəkay to the_ _open_place_of the_city which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_gate_of the_king. **7** And_he_told to_him/it Mordəkay ÐOM all that it_had_happened_to_him and_ÐOM the_ _exact_amount_of the_silver which Haman he_had_said to_ _weigh_out to the_treasuries_of the_king in/on/at/with[1213] to_ _destroy_them. **8** And_ÐOM (the)_copy_of the_writing_of the_ _law which it_had_been_given in_Shūshan to_annihilate_them he_gave to_him/it to_show ÐOM 'Eştēr and_to_tell to/for_her/it and_to_command on/upon_it(f) to_go to the_king to_seek_ _favour to_him/it and_to_request from_before_face_of_him on people_of_her. **9** And_ Hathach _he_came and_he_told to_'Eştēr ÐOM the_words/messages_of Mordəkay. **10** And_ 'Eştēr _she/it_ _said to_Hathach and_she_commanded_him to Mordəkay. **11** All_of the_servants_of the_king and_the_people_of the_ _provinces_of the_king are_knowing which/who every_of man and_woman who he_goes to the_king into the_court (the)_ _inner who not he_is_summoned is_one law_of_his to_put_to_ _death apart_except from_that he_holds_out to_him/it the_ _king ÐOM the_scepter_of the_gold and_he_will_live and_I not I_ _have_been_summoned[141516] to_go to the_king this thirty day[s]. **12** And_they_told to_Mordəkay ÐOM the_ _words/messages_of 'Eştēr. **13** And_ Mordəkay _he/it_said to_ _bring_back to 'Eştēr do_not imagine in_self_of_your to_escape the_house_of the_king from_all the_Yəhūdī/(Jews). **14** If/because if indeed_(keep_quiet) you_will_keep_quiet at_ _time (the)_this relief and_deliverance it_will_arise for_Yəhūdī from_a_place another and_you and_the_house_of your_father_ _of_your you(pl)_will_perish and_who is_knowing if for_a_time like_this you_have_reached (to)_queenhood. **15** And_ 'Eştēr _ _she/it_said to_bring_back to Mordəkay. **16** Go gather ÐOM all_of the_Yəhūdī who_are_found in_Shūshan and_fast on_me and_ _do_not eat and_do_not drink three_of days night and_day also I and_maids_of_my I_will_fast thus and_in_such I_will_go to the_king which not is_according_the_law and_as_which I_have_ _perished I_have_perished. **17** And_ Mordəkay _he_passed_on and_he/it_made according_to_all that she_had_commanded on/upon/above_him/it 'Eştēr.

5:1 And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third and_ 'Eştēr _she_put_on royalty and_she_stood in_the_court_of the_house_of the_king (the)_inner in_front_of the_house_of the_king and_the_king was_sitting on the_throne_of his/its_kingdom in_house_of (the)_royalty in_front_of the_entrance_of the_house. **2** And_ _he/it_was just_ the_king _as_saw ÐOM 'Eştēr the_queen standing in_court she_bore favour in_eyes_of_his and_ the_king

12 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ב: (x-qere) יְהוּדִי/ב': lemma_b/3064 n_0.0 morph_HRd/Ngmpa id_17iqH יְהוּדִי/ב

13 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

14 LV 4:11 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

15 LV 4:11 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

16 LV 4:11 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_he_held_out to_'Eṣtēr ÐOM the_scepter_of the_gold which in_ _his/its_hand and_ 'Eṣtēr _she_drew_near and_she_touched (in)_the_top_of the_scepter. 3 And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_ _king what is_to_you Oh_'Eṣtēr the_queen and_what request_ _of_is_your up_to (the)_half_of the_kingdom and_it_will_be_ _given to/for_you(fs). 4 And_ 'Eṣtēr _she/it_said if is_on the_ _king good the_king and_Haman let_him_come the_day to the_ _feast which I_have_made to_him/it. 5 And_ the_king _he/it_ _said bring_quickly ÐOM Haman for_doing ÐOM the_message_of 'Eṣtēr and_ the_king and_Haman _he_came to the_feast which 'Eṣtēr she_had_made. 6 And_ the_king _he/it_said to_'Eṣtēr at_ _the_feast_of (the)_wine what petition_of_is_your and_it_will_ _be_given to/for_you(fs) and_what request_of_is_your up_to (the)_half_of the_kingdom and_it_will_be_done. 7 And_ 'Eṣtēr _ _she_answered and_she/it_said petition_of_my and_request_of_ _my. 8 If I_have_found favour in/on_both_eyes_of the_king and_ _if is_on the_king good to_grant ÐOM petition_of_my and_to_do ÐOM request_of_my the_king and_Haman let_him_come to the_ _feast which I_will_make to/for_them and_tomorrow I_will_do according_to_the_message_of the_king.

9 And_ Haman _he/it_went_out in_the_day (the)_that joyful and_good heart and_just_ Haman _as_saw ÐOM Mordəkay at_ _the_gate_of the_king and_not he_stood_up and_not he_ _trembled from_him/it and_ Haman _he_was_filled towards Mordəkay rage. 10 And_ Haman _he_restrained_himself and_ _he_went to house_of_his and_he_sent and_he/it_brought ÐOM friends_of_his and_ÐOM Zeresh his/its_wife/woman. 11 And_he_ _recounted to/for_them Haman ÐOM the_splendour_of his_ _wealth_of_his and_the_multitude_of his_sons_of_his and_ÐOM all_of how he_had_made_him_great the_king and_ÐOM how he_ _had_exalted_him above the_officials and_the_servants_of the_ _king. 12 And_ Haman _he/it_said also not 'Eṣtēr the_queen she_let_come with the_king to the_feast which she_had_ _prepared if/because (if) me and_also for_tomorrow I have_ _been_invited to/for_her/it with the_king. 13 And_all this not_ _it is_adequate to_me in_all time when I am_seeing ÐOM Mordəkay the_Jew sitting at_the_gate_of the_king. 14 And_ _she/it_said to_him/it Zeresh his/its_wife/woman and_all friends_of_his let_people_make a_gallows high fifty cubit[s] and_in_morning speak to/for_the_king and_people_will_hang ÐOM Mordəkay on/upon/above_him/it and_go with the_king to[17][18][19] the_feast joyful and_ the_message _it_was_good to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Haman and_he/it_made the_ _tree.

6:1 In_night (the)_that the_sleep_of the_king it_fled and_he/it_ _said to_bring ÐOM the_book_of the_memorials the_ _words/messages_of the_days and_they_were being_read_aloud to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. 2 And_it_was_ _found recorded which/who Mordəkay he_had_told on Bigthana and_Teresh two_of the_eunuchs_of the_king of_the_ _keepers_of of_the_threshold who they_had_sought to_stretch_ _out a_hand on_king 'Aḥashvērōsh. 3 And_ the_king _he/it_said

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to see her. So he held out his golden scepter to her and Ester came up to the throne and touched the top of the scepter.
3 "Why have you come here, Queen Ester?" the king asked. "What do you want? Tell me, and I'll give you anything you ask for—even half of the empire."
4 "If it pleases your majesty," Ester replied, "please come with Haman today to the banquet that I've prepared for you."
5 The king said to his servants, "Go and get Haman" the king told his servants, "and bring him quickly so that we can do what the queen has asked us." So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Ester had had prepared for them. 6 While they were drinking wine, the king said to Ester, "Now please tell me what you really want. I'll give you anything you ask for, no matter how much it is. I truly mean what I am saying."
7 "This is what I really want." Ester replied. 8 "Your majesty, if you're pleased with me and if you're happy to give me what I want, please come with Haman to another banquet that I'll prepare for you tomorrow and I'll answer your question then."

Haman's anger with Mordekai and his execution plan

9 Haman was feeling very happy as he left the banquet that day. But then he saw Mordekai sitting at the king's gate and noticed that Mordekai didn't stand up or show fearful reverence to him. This made Haman furious with Mordekai 10 but he restrained himself and went home. Then he sent for his friends and brought in his wife, Zeresh, 11 boasting to them about how rich he was and about how many sons he had, and how the king had promoted him many times and given him a position above all of the other officials and administrators. 12 "And that is not all," Haman added. "I was the only one that Queen Ester invited to go with the king to a banquet that she prepared for us today. And she's also invited only me to go with the king again tomorrow. 13 However, I still can't be happy as long as I keep seeing that Yehudi (Jew), Mordekai, sitting there at the king's gate."
14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, "Get them to install 25-metre high pole, and in the morning get permission from the king, and get them to impale Mordekai on it. Then you can go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself."
That idea sounded good to Haman, so he got the pole erected.

The king honours Mordekai

6:1 That night the king was unable to sleep so he ordered the royal records to be fetched and to be read to him. 2 The records mentioned that Bigtan and Teresh, two of the royal guardians who protected the doorway to the king's private quarters, had planned to assassinate the king, but that Mordekai had reported it. 3 "What honour or recognition did I give Mordekai for saving my life?" the

17 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

18 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

19 **LV 5:14 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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king asked.

"Nothing was done for him," replied the young men who were attending him.

4 At that moment, Haman had entered the outer courtyard of the king's house. He had come to tell the king that he wanted to execute Mordekai on the pole that he'd had set up for him.

"Who's out in the courtyard?" the king asked.

5 "Haman's out there standing in the courtyard," replied the young men.

"Bring him in then," the king instructed.

6 When Haman came in, the king asked him, "What should I do for a man that I would really like to honour?"

Haman thought to himself, "Surely it must be me that the king would like to honour more than anyone else?" **7** so he replied to the king, "If you really want to honour someone, **8** tell your servants to bring one of your own royal robes that you have already worn yourself and also bring a horse that you have already ridden yourself and put a royal crown on its head. **9** Then have one of your most noble officials present the man with the robe and the horse. Have your servants put the robe on the man whom you really want to honour and have them seat that man on the horse and then lead the horse through the public square of the city while they shout out to everyone in front of them, 'The king is doing this because he really wants to honour this man!' "

10 The king agreed so he replied to Haman, "Go quickly and take the robe and the horse and do what you've just described for Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew) who sits by the gate to the palace. Make sure that you do absolutely everything that you've said."

11 So Haman got the robe and the horse and put the robe on Mordekai, seated him on the horse, and then led the horse through the public square of the city. As he did, he shouted out to everyone in front of him, "The king is doing this because he really wants to honour this man!"

12 Afterwards, Mordekai returned to the king's gate but Haman hurried to his house, covering his head like a mourner. **13** At home he explained to Zeresh his wife and to all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his advisors and his wife said to him, "Mordekai has begun to defeat you and since he is one of the Jewish people, you won't win against him—instead, he'll certainly defeat you."

14 While they were still talking together, **Haman's execution** some of the royal guardians arrived to bring Haman quickly to the banquet that Ester had had prepared.

7:1 So the king and Haman went to Queen Ester's banquet. **2** While they were drinking wine at that second banquet, the king asked Ester again, "Now please tell me what you really want, Queen Ester. Tell me, and I'll do it for you—I'll give you anything you ask for, no matter what it is."

3 "Your majesty," Queen Ester replied, "if you are pleased with me, I hope you'll be willing to do what I ask. Please allow me to

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what honour and_greatness has_it_been_done for_Mordəkay on this and_ the_young_men_of the_king who_served_of_him _ _they_said not it_was_done with_him/it anything. **4** And_ the_ _king _he/it_said who is_in_court and_Haman he_had_come to_ _the_court_of the_house_of the_king (the)_outer to_say to/for_ _the_king to_hang ÐOM Mordəkay on the_tree which he_had_ _prepared to_him/it. **5** And_ the_servants_of the_king _they_ _said to_him/it THERE Haman is_standing in_court and_ the_ _king _he/it_said let_him_come. **6** And_ Haman _he_came and_ _he/it_said to_him/it the_king what for_doing for_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his and_ Haman _he/it_said in_heart_of_his to_whom the_king will_he_delight for_doing honour excess more_than_me. **7** And_ Haman _he/it_said to the_king a_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his. **8** Let_people_bring clothing_of royalty which he_has_worn in/on/over_him/it the_king and_a_horse which he_has_ridden on/upon/above_him/it the_king and_which a_head-dress_of royalty it_has_been_put on_head_of_its. **9** And_let_them_put the_clothing and_the_horse on the_hand_of a_man one_of_the_ _officials_of the_king the_nobles and_they_will_clothe ÐOM the_ _man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his and_they_ _will_make_him_ride on the_horse in_the_open_place_of the_ _city and_they_will_proclaim before_him thus it_will_be_done for_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_of_his. **10** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_Haman hurry take ÐOM the_clothing and_ÐOM the_horse just_as you_have_said and_do so for_ _Mordəkay the_Jew who_sits at_the_gate_of the_king do_not make_fall a_message from_all that you_have_said. **11** And_ Haman _he/it_took ÐOM the_clothing and_ÐOM the_horse and_ _he_clothed ÐOM Mordəkay and_he_made_him_ride in_the_ _open_place_of the_city and_he/it_called before_him thus it_ _will_be_done for_man whom the_king he_delights in_honour_ _of_his. **12** And_ Mordəkay _he_returned to the_gate_of the_ _king and_Haman he_hurried_himself to house_of_his mourning and_covered_of head. **13** And_ Haman _he_recounted to_Zeresh his/its_wife/woman and_to/for_all friends_of_his ÐOM all_of that it_had_happened_to_him and_they_said[20] to_ _him/it his_wise_of_men and_Zeresh his/its_wife/woman if is_ _one_of_the_offspring_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) Mordəkay whom you_have_begun to_fall before_him not you_will_prevail to_ _him/it if/because certainly_(fall) you_will_fall before_him.

14 Still_they were_speaking with_him/it and_the_eunuchs_of the_king they_arrived and_they_made_haste to_bring ÐOM Haman to the_feast which 'Eştēr she_had_prepared.
7:1 And_ the_king and_Haman _he_went to_drink with 'Eştēr the_queen. **2** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_'Eştēr also in_the_ _day the_second at_the_feast_of (the)_wine what petition_of_ _is_your Oh_'Eştēr the_queen and_it_will_be_given to/for_ _you(fs) and_what request_of_is_your up_to (the)_half_of the_ _kingdom and_it_will_be_done. **3** And_ 'Eştēr the_queen _she_ _answered and_she/it_said if I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_ _your the_king and_if is_on the_king good let_it_be_given to_ _me life_of_my for_petition_of_my and_people_of_my for_

20 LV 6:13 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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_request_of_my. **4** If/because I and_people_of_my we_have_
_been_sold to_annihilate to_kill and_to_destroy and_if to_male_
_slaves and_to_female_slaves we_had_been_sold I_kept_quiet
if/because not the_distress is_equal for_the_injury_of the_king.
5 And_ the_king ʾAḥashvērōsh _he/it_said and_he/it_said to_
_ʾEṣtēr the_queen who he is_this_one and_where this is_he
whom it_has_filled_him his/its_heart for_doing thus. **6** And_
ʾEṣtēr _she/it_said a_man a_foe and_an_enemy Haman (the)_
_evil the_this and_Haman he_was_terrified from_to/for_
_face/front/presence the_king and_the_queen. **7** And_the_king
he_rose_up in_rage_of_his from_the_feast_of (the)_wine into
the_garden_of the_palace and_Haman he_remained to_seek on
life_of_his from_ʾEṣtēr the_queen if/because he_saw
if/because_that it_was_determined to_him/it (the)_harm from_
_with the_king. **8** And_the_king he_returned from_the_garden_
_of the_palace to the_house_of the_feast_of (the)_wine and_
_Haman was_falling on the_couch which ʾEṣtēr on/upon_it(f)
and_ the_king _he/it_said also to_violate ÐOM the_queen with_
_me in_house the_message it_came_out from_the_mouth_of
the_king and_the_face_of Haman people_covered. **9** And_
Harbona one of the_officials _he/it_said to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_king also THERE the_tree which Haman
he_has_made for_Mordəkay who he_spoke good on the_king is_
_standing in_house_of Haman high fifty cubit[s] and_ the_king
_he/it_said hang_him on/upon/above_him/it. **10** And_they_
_hanged ÐOM Haman on the_tree which he_had_prepared for_
_Mordəkay and_the_rage_of the_king it_subsided.

8:1 In_the_day (the)_that the_king ʾAḥashvērōsh he_gave to_
_ʾEṣtēr the_queen ÐOM the_house_of Haman the_harasser_of
the[22] and_Mordəkay he_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_king if/because ʾEṣtēr she_had_told what was_
_he to/for_her/it. **2** And_ the_king _he_removed ÐOM
signet-ring_of_his which he_had_taken_away from_Haman
and_he_gave_it to_Mordəkay and_ ʾEṣtēr _she_appointed ÐOM
Mordəkay over the_house_of Haman. **3** And_ ʾEṣtēr _she_
_repeated and_she_spoke to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
the_king and_she_fell to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before feet_
_of_his and_she_wept and_she_sought_favour to_him/it to_
_take_away ÐOM the_evil_of Haman the_Agagite and_ÐOM plan_
_of_his which he_had_planned on the_Yəhūdī/(Jews). **4** And_
the_king _he_held_out to_ʾEṣtēr ÐOM the_scepter_of the_gold
and_ ʾEṣtēr _she/it_arose and_she_stood to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_king. **5** And_she/it_said if is_on the_king
good and_if I_have_found favour before_him and_ the_matter _
_it_is_proper to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_
_am_good I in_eyes_of_his let_it_be_written to_revoke ÐOM the_
_letters the_plan_of Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_
_Agagite which he_wrote to_destroy ÐOM the_Yəhūdī who in_all
the_provinces_of the_king. **6** If/because how will_I_be_able

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live, and please save my people. That is what I am asking for **4** because someone has turned me and my people over to our enemies and they're going to completely destroy us. If someone had just sold the men and even the women to be slaves, I wouldn't have said anything, because that wouldn't have been important enough to bother your majesty with."

5 "Who has done this?" King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) asked her. "Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

6 "The man who is our bitter enemy is this evil man Haman!" answered Ester.

By this time, Haman was terrified standing there in front of the king and the queen. **7** Now the king became so angry that he got up and abandoned his wine-drinking at the banquet and went outside into the palace garden. But Haman stayed inside to beg his life from Queen Ester because he recognized that the king wanted to execute him. **8** As he was pleading for his life, Haman knelt down very close to Ester as she was reclining on a couch. When the king returned from the palace garden to the room where they had been drinking wine, he saw this and exclaimed, "Now he's even trying to rape the queen in my presence and in my own house!"

As soon as the king said this, some of his servants covered Haman's face (as a sign that he would be executed). **9** Then Harvona, who was one of the guardians who served the king personally, said, "Your majesty, Haman has also set up a pole twenty-five metres high at his house because he wants to hang Mordekai on it. But Mordekai saved your life."

"Execute Haman on it!" the king commanded.

10 So they impaled Haman on the pole that he had set up for Mordekai, and then the king's anger dissipated.

The Yehudim are enabled to defend themselves

8:1 That same day, King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) gave Queen Ester all the property that had belonged to Haman, the enemy of the Yehudim (Jews). Ester told the king that Mordekai was her cousin and that he had been like a father to her, and so the king summoned Mordekai to come to him. **2** Then the king removed his signet ring which he had retrieved from Haman, and gave it to Mordekai. The queen also put Mordekai in charge of all the property that had belonged to Haman.

3 Then Ester came to speak to the king again, and she knelt down and put her face right on top of his feet. She cried as she begged him to stop Haman's terrible plan to destroy the Yehudim. **4** The king held out his golden scepter toward Ester, so she stood up and waited facing the king. **5** "Your majesty," she said, "if you think that it's the right thing to do, and if you're pleased with me, please write a new letter revoking the letters that Haman (the son of Hamedata, the Agagi) sent out instructing the people to destroy all the Yehudim throughout your empire. **6** I couldn't bear to see the terrible thing that is about to

22 LV 8:1 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה: (x-qere) יְהוּדִי/ה: lemma_d/3064 n_1 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_173sH

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happen to my people. I certainly couldn't bear to see all my relatives destroyed!"

7 Then king Ahashverosh said to Queen Ester and to Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew), "Listen, I've given the house of Haman to Ester, and they've executed him on the pole because he attempted to destroy the Yehudim. **8** But as you both know, no one can revoke a letter that has my name and my official seal on it. So this is what you should do: write a new letter to help the Yehudim, as you think best and put my name on it and seal the letter with my signet ring."

9 It was now June, and the king sent for his scribes and they wrote a letter to the Yehudim containing everything that Mordekai dictated. It was also addressed to royal officials, and to the governors and leaders in each province. The empire had 127 provinces, extending all the way from Hodu in the east to Kush (Ethiopia) in the west. The scribes wrote to every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language, and to the Yehudim in their language and using their alphabet. **10** The letters were written in King Ahashverosh' name, and each one was sealed with the king's signet ring. Then the letters were distributed by mounted couriers riding on swift horses bred from the royal mares.

11 The letters stated that the king permitted the Yehudim in each and every city to get together and defend themselves, and what's more to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces of any people or province hostile to them, including women and children, and then to plunder their possessions. **12** This was to take place on a certain day in every province throughout the empire: the 13th of March[21] (the same day on which Haman's law was to take effect). **13** A copy of the decree was to be included as law in every province and to be displayed to all the people so that the Yehudim could be prepared to fight back against their enemies on that day. **14** So the couriers on the royal horses rode out quickly under the king's orders to deliver the letters. The new law was also proclaimed throughout the capital city of Shushan (Susa).

15 The king gave Mordekai royal clothing that was blue and white, with a large gold crown, and a purple robe made from fine linen. The people of Shushan cheered happily when Mordekai exited the palace. **16** For the Yehudim, it was a time of light and happiness, and they were honoured by those around them. **17** In every single province and in every single city, wherever the letter announcing the king's decree was brought, the Yehudim were very cheerful and had big celebrations. Many people from other groups in the empire became afraid of the Yehudim, so they converted to Youdaismos themselves.

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and_I_will_look on_evil which it_will_find ~~DOM~~ people_of_my and_how will_I_be able and_I_will_look on_the_destruction_of my_kindred_of_my. **7** And_ the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh _he/it_said to_'Eştēr the_queen and_to_Mordəkay the_Jew HERE the_ _house_of Haman I_have_given to_'Eştēr and_him they_have_ _hanged on the_tree on that he_stretched_out his/its_hand in/on/at/with[23]. **8** And_you(pl) write on the_Yəhūdī according_the_good in_eyes_of_your(pl) in/on_name_of the_ _king and_seal_it with_the_signet-ring_of the_king if/because a_writing which is_written in/on_name_of the_king and_it_is_ _sealed with_the_signet-ring_of the_king there_was_not to_ _revoke. **9** And_ the_scribes_of the_king _they_were_summoned at_time (the)_that in_month the_third that is_the_month_of Sivan on_day_three and_twenty in/on/over_him/it and_it_ _was_written according_to_all_of that Mordəkay he_ _commanded to the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_near/to the_satraps and_the_governors and_the_officials_of the_provinces which were_from_Hoddū/(India) and_unto Kūsh/(Cush) seven and_ _twenty and_a_hundred province[s] province and_province according_to_of_its_writing and_people and_people according_ _to_of_its_language and_near/to the_Yəhūdī according_to_of_ _their_writing and_according_to_of_their_language. **10** And_ _he_wrote in/on_name_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh and_he_ _sealed_it with_the_signet-ring_of the_king and_he_sent letters by_the_hand_of (the)_runners on_horses who_rode_of the_ _steed[s] (the)_royal the_sons_of the_mares. **11** Which/who the_king he_had_permitted to_Yəhūdī who in_all city and_city to_assemble and_to_make_a_stand on life_of_their to_ _annihilate and_to_kill and_to_destroy ~~DOM~~ every_of army_of people and_province which_treats_as_a_foe ~~DOM~~_them little_ _one[s] and_women and_spoil_of_their to_take_as_plunder. **12** In/on_day one in_all the_provinces_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh on_day_thir- teen of_month two_plus ten that is_ _the_month_of Adar. **13** (The)_copy_of the_writing was_to_ law _be_given in_all province and_province displayed to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_peoples and_to_be the[24] ready[25] for_ _day the_this to_avenge_themselves from_enemies_of_their. **14** The_runners who_rode_of the_steed[s] (the)_royal they_ _went_out hastened and_hurried at_the_message_of the_king and_the_law it_was_given in_Shūshan the_citadel. **15** And_ _Mordəkay he_went_out from_to/for_face/front/presence the_ _king in_clothing_of royalty_of violet_stuff and_white_cloth and_a_crown_of gold great and_a_robe_of fine_linen and_ _purple and_the_city Shūshan it_cried_aloud and_it_rejoiced. **16** To_Yəhūdī/(Jews) it_belonged light and_gladness and_joy and_glory/honour. **17** And_on/over_all province and_province and_on/over_all city and_city the_place_of (of)_where the_ _message_of the_king and_law_of_his was_reaching gladness and_joy belonged_to_Yəhūdī a_feast and_a_day good and_many of_the_peoples_of the_earth/land were_becoming_Yəhūdī if/because dread_of the_Yəhūdī it_had_fallen on_them.

21 **RV 8:12 · Cross-ref.** 3:7.

23 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: יהודי/ב: (x-qere) 'יְהוּדִ֔י/ב': lemma_b/3064 n_0 morph_HRd/Ngmpa id_17spB יְהוּדִ֔י/ב

24 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה: (x-qere) 'יְהוּדִ֔י/ה': lemma_d/3064 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_17s9p יְהוּדִ֔י/ה

25 **LV 8:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: ידות/ע: (x-qere) 'יְדִיתֵ֣ע': lemma_6264 n_0.1.0 morph_HAampa id_17wPL יְדִיתֵ֣ע

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9:1 And_in_two_plus ten month that is_the_month_of Adar on_ _thir- teen day in/on/over_him/it when the_message_of the_ _king and_law_of_his it_approached to_be_done in_the_day when the_enemies_of the_Yəhūdī they_had_hoped to_gain_ _power (is)_in_them and_ it _it_was_reversed that the_Yəhūdī they they_gained_power over_those_of_who_hated_them. **2** The_Yəhūdī they_assembled in_cities_of_their in_all the_ _provinces_of the_king ʾAḥashvērōsh to_stretch_out a_hand on_those_who_were_seeking_of harm_of_(of)_their and_anyone not he_stood before_them if/because of_them_of_dread it_had_ _fallen on all_of the_peoples. **3** And_all the_officials_of the_ _provinces and_the_satraps and_the_governors and_the_doers_ _of the_work which to/for_the_king were_supporting ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) if/because the_dread_of Mordəkay it_had_ _fallen on_them. **4** If/because was_great Mordəkay in_house_of the_king and_the_report_of_of_him was_going in_all the_ _provinces if/because the_man Mordəkay was_going and_ _becoming_great. **5** And_ the_Yəhūdī _they_struck in_all enemies_of_their a_blow_of sword and_slaughter and_ _destruction and_they_did with_those_of_who_hated_them according_to_of_their_pleasure. **6** And_in_Shūshan the_citadel the_Yəhūdī they_killed and_they_destroyed five hundred(s) man. **7** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Parshandatha and_ᴅᴏᴍ Dalphon and_ᴅᴏᴍ Aspatha. **8** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Poratha and_ᴅᴏᴍ Adalia and_ᴅᴏᴍ Aridatha. **9** And_ᴅᴏᴍ Parmashta and_ᴅᴏᴍ Arisai and_ᴅᴏᴍ Aridai and_ᴅᴏᴍ Vaizatha. **10** The_ten_of the_sons_of Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_harasser_of the_Yəhūdī they_killed and_on_ _plunder not they_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their. **11** In_the_ _day (the)_that the_number_of those_killed in_Shūshan the_ _citadel it_came to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king. **12** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_ʾEṣtēr the_queen in_Shūshan the_citadel the_Yəhūdī they_have_killed and_they_have_ _destroyed five hundred(s) man and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ten_of the_sons_ _of Haman in_the_rest_of the_provinces_of the_king what have_they_done and_what petition_of_is_your and_it_will_be_ _given to/for_you(fs) and_what request_of_is_your more and_ _it_will_be_done. **13** And_ ʾEṣtēr _she/it_said if is_on the_king good let_it_be_permitted also tomorrow to_Yəhūdī/(Jews) who are_in_Shūshan for_doing according_to_the_law_of the_day and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ten_of the_sons_of Haman let_them_hang on the_ _tree. **14** And_ the_king _he/it_said to_be_done thus and_ the_ _law _it_was_given in_Shūshan and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ten_of the_sons_of Haman people_hanged. **15** And_they_assembled the[26] who were_in_Shūshan also in/on_day four- teen of_the_month_of of_Adar and_they_killed in_Shūshan three hundred(s) man and_on_plunder not they_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their. **16** And_the_remainder_of the_Yəhūdī who were_in_the_ _provinces_of the_king they_assembled and_they_made_a_ _stand on life_of_their and_they_had_rest from_enemies_of_ _their and_they_killed among_those_of_who_hated_them five and_seventy thousand and_on_plunder not they_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_their. **17** In/on_day thir- teen of_the_month_of of_ _Adar and_they_rested on_day_four- teen in/on/over_him/it and_they_made ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it a_day_of feast and_joy. **18** And_ _the[27] who were_in_Shūshan they_assembled on_day_thir- teen

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The Yehudim destroy their enemies

9:1 Finally when the 13th of March arrived, it was time for everyone to do what the letters from the king said that he had decreed for them to do. The enemies of the Yehudim (Jews) had expected to destroy the Yehudim on that day but just the opposite happened—instead, it was the Yehudim who destroyed their enemies. **2** Throughout the empire, the Yehudim joined together in their cities to defend themselves against those who wanted to harm them. No one was able to fight back against them because everyone else in the empire had become afraid of them. **3** All the leaders in each province, the royal officials, the governors, and everyone who worked for the king helped the Yehudim because they had become afraid of Mordekai **4** because he was now a very important royal official, and his fame spread throughout the provinces as he became more and more powerful. **5** So the Yehudim took their weapons and fought against all of their enemies and completely destroyed them. They were able to do everything that they wanted to do against their enemies.

6 In the capital city of Shushan (Susa), the Yehudim killed 500 men **7** including Haman's ten sons Parshandata, Dalfon, Aspata, **8** Porata, Adalya, Aridata, **9** Parmashta, Arisay, Ariday, and Vayzata. **10** Those were the ten sons of Haman (son of Hamedata), the enemy of the Yehudim, but the Yehudim didn't take their possessions.

11 At the end of the day, the king received a report about how many people the Yehudim had killed in the capital city of Shushan **12** and he told Queen Ester, "Here in the capital city of Shushan the Yehudim have killed 500 men, including Haman's ten sons. In the rest of my empire, they must have killed many more than that! So tell me what else you want and I'll do it for you. I'll do whatever you ask, so do tell me."

13 "If it seems like a good plan to you, your majesty," Ester replied, "then please allow the Yehudim who live here in Shushan to do again tomorrow what you allowed them to do today. Also, command that the bodies of Haman's ten sons be impaled on the wooden pole." **14** Then the king ordered for this to be done and a decree was made throughout in Shushan, and they publicly impaled the bodies ofHaman's ten sons. **15** So the next day on the 14th, the Yehudim in Shushan gathered together again and killed 300 more men in Shushan. But once again they did not take the things that belonged to those men.

16 The Yehudim in the other parts of the empire, who had gathered together to fight for their lives had defeated their enemies and killed 75,000 of them. But they too did not take the things that had belonged to their enemies. **17** That all happened on the 13th (as the law had said), and then they stopped on the 14th and made it a day of feasting and celebration. **18** But the Yehudim in Shushan had gathered together and fought their enemies on both the 13th and the 14th, so they stopped on the

26 LV 9:15 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה: (x-qere) יְהוּדִ֔י/ה: lemma_d/3064 morph_HTd/Ngmpa id_17Eoc יְהוּדִ֔י/ה

27 LV 9:18 · Note OSHB variant note: יהודי/ה/ו: (x-qere) יְהוּדִ֔י/ה/ו: lemma_c/d/3064 morph_HC/Td/Ncmpa id_17nrb יְהוּדִ֔י/ה/ו

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15th and made it a day of feasting and celebration. **19** So that's why the Yehudim who live in the rural villages observe this holiday on the 14th rather than the 15th. They celebrate with feasting and by giving gifts to each other.

The celebration named 'Purim'

20 Now Mordekai recorded everything that had happened and sent letters to all the Yehudim (Jews) throughout the empire, in both the near provinces and the far away ones. **21** That decree established an annual holiday on the 14th and 15th of March every year,[29] **22** because those were the days when the Yehudim no longer had to oppose their enemies and that was the month when their sorrow and mourning had changed into a good day. Now they were instructed to make them days of feasting and happiness, and sending of gifts—to each other but also to the needy. **23** The Yehudim had already celebrated those days that way, so they readily agreed to do what Mordekai had written.

24 Yes, Haman (the son of Hamedata, the Agagi), the enemy of all the Yehudim, had plotted to annihilate them, and he had thrown a 'Pur' (which is 'lot' or perhaps 'dice') choose the date to crush them and to destroy them. **25** But instead they would remember how Queen Ester stood in front of the king, and how he had said in the letter, "Let his evil plot that he plotted concerning the Yehudim return on his head, and let them execute him and his sons on the pole." **26** Therefore they called this celebration 'Purim'[30] because of what they had experienced and because of the contents of Mordekai's letter. **27** The Yehudim agreed to establish those two days as holidays and to observe them on those specific days as they'd been instructed. They agreed that they and their descendants and everyone who became part of the Jewish people would celebrate it every year. **28** So that's why every Jewish family in every generation since has celebrated these days as holidays, wherever they live. The Jewish community and its descendants will always faithfully observe this festival of 'Purim'.

29 Then Queen Ester (the daughter of Avihayil), with help from Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew), wrote a second letter about 'Purim'. **30** He sent this second letter to all the Yehudim throughout the empire of King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes), with words of peace and truth **31** to set up the 'Purim' celebration on the given dates according to what Mordekai the Yehudi and Queen Ester

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in/on/over_him/it and_on_day_four- teen in/on/over_him/it and_they_rested on_day_fif- teen in/on/over_him/it and_they_ _made ÐOM_him/it a_day_of feast and_joy. **19** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) the[28] who_are_ _dwelling in_the_cities_of the_open_regions are_observing ÐOM day_of four- teen of_the_month_of Adar joy and_a_feast and_a_ _day good and_the_sending_of portions each to_neighbour_of_ _his.

20 And_ Mordəkay _he_wrote ÐOM the_words/messages the_ _these and_he_sent_out letters to all_of the_Yəhūdī who in_all the_provinces_of the_king 'Aḥashvērōsh (the)_near and_(the)_ _far. **21** To_impose on_them to_be observing ÐOM day_of four- teen of_the_month_of Adar and_ÐOM day_of fif- teen in/on/over_him/it in_all year and_year. **22** Like_days when they_had_rest in/among_them the_Yəhūdī from_enemies_of_ _their and_the_month when it_was_changed to/for_them from_sorrow into_joy and_from_mourning into_a_day good for_doing them days_of feast and_joy and_the_sending_of portions each to_neighbour_of_his and_gifts to_people. **23** And_ the_Yəhūdī _he_accepted ÐOM that_which they_had_begun for_ _doing and_ÐOM that_which Mordəkay he_had_written to_ _them. **24** If/because Haman the_son_of Hammedatha the_ _Agagite the_harasser_of all_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) he_had_ _planned on the_Yəhūdī to_destroy_them and_he_had_throw Pur that is_the_lot to_disturb_them and_to_destroy_them. **25** And_when_came_it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _king he_said with the_letter plan_of_his (the)_evil which he_ _had_planned on the_Yəhūdī let_it_return on his/its_head and_ _people_will_hang ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM sons_of_his on the_ _tree. **26** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so people_called (to)_ _days the_these Purim on the_name_of the_Pur therefore yes/correct/thus/so on all_of the_words/messages_of the_ _letter (the)_this and_whatever they_had_seen on thus and_ _whatever it_had_happened to_them. **27** They_imposed and[3132] the_Yəhūdī on_themselves and_on offspring_of_their and_on all_of those_who_joined_themselves to_them and_not it_will_ _pass_away to_be observing ÐOM the_two_of the_days the_these according_to_of_their_writing and_according_to_of_their_ _appointed_time in_all year and_year. **28** And_the_days the_ _these were_remembered and_observed in_all generation and_ _generation clan and_clan province and_province and_city and_city and_the_days_of the_Purim the_these not they_will_ _pass_away from_among_of the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_ _remembrance_of_their not it_will_come_to_an_end from_ _offspring_of_their. **29** And_ 'Eştēr the_queen the_daughter_of 'Avīhayil and_Mordəkay the_Jew _she_wrote with all_of authority to_confirm ÐOM the_letter_of the_Purim (the)_this the_second(fs). **30** And_he_sent letters to all_of the_Yəhūdī to

28 LV 9:19 · Note OSHB variant note: מיזורפ/ה: (x-qere) 'סָיְזְרִפֵ/ה': lemma_d/6521 n_1.2.1 morph_HTd/Ncmpa id_173Nb סָיְזְרִפֵ/ה

29 RV 9:21 · Note The OET-RV gives an approximate time of the year in our calendars, but the Jewish calendar is largely a lunar calendar so the dates of the feast in our calendars moves around a little. In 2024 for example, 'Purim' begins on the evening of March 23 in Yisrael/Israel and concludes at sundown on March 24.

30 RV 9:26 · Note Plural of Hebrew 'Pur' meaning 'lot/dice'.

31 LV 9:27 · Note OSHB variant note: לבק/ו: (x-qere) 'וְלְבְקֵ/ו': lemma_c/6901 morph_HC/Vpp3cp id_17VLE וְלְבְקֵ/ו

32 LV 9:27 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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seven and_twenty and_one_hundred province[s] the_kingdom_
_of ’Aḥashvērōsh words/messages_of peace and_truth. **31** To_
_confirm ~~DOM~~ the_days_of the_Purim the_these at_their_
_appointed_of_times just_as he_had_imposed on_them
Mordəkay the_Jew and_’Eştēr the_queen and_as_which they_
_had_imposed on self_of_their and_on offspring_of_their the_
_words/messages_of the_fasts and_their_cry_of_of_distress.
32 And_the_command_of ’Eştēr it_confirmed the_
_words/messages_of the_Purim the_these and_it_was_written
in_book.
10:1 And_he/it_assigned the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh[33] a_tax on the_
_earth/land and_the_islands_of the_sea. **2** And_all the_
_achievement_of his_power_of_his and_might_of_his and_the_
_full_account_of the_greatness_of Mordəkay whom he_had_
_made_him_great the_king am_not are_they written on the_
_scroll_of the_words/messages_of the_days of_the_kings_of of_
_Māday and_Pāraş. **3** If/because Mordəkay the_Jew was_second
to/for_the_king ’Aḥashvērōsh and_he_was_great to_
_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_he_was_acceptable to_the_multitude_of
his_brothers_of_his he_was_seeking good for_people_of_his
and_he_was_speaking peace to/from_all/each/any/every
his/its_seed.

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had determined for them. They also confirmed that the Yehudim should continue the times of fasting and mourning that they had established for themselves and their future descendants. **32** So Ester’s decree confirmed these regulations about ‘Purim’ and they were written into the official record.

The grandeur of King Ahashverosh and Mordekai

10:1 Then King Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus/Xerxes) imposed a tax on everyone throughout his empire, including those on the islands of the Mediterranean Sea. **2** Everything he accomplished through his power and strength is written down in the royal records of the kings of Maday (Media) and Paras (Persia), as well as the complete account of the high position to which the king promoted Mordekai. **3** Mordekai the Yehudi (Jew) was second-in-command to the king Ahashverosh, and a leader among the Yehudim (Jews). He was popular with most of his own people, seeking good for them and teaching all his descendants how to live in peace.

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33 LV 10:1 · Note OSHB variant note: שרשחא: (x-qere) ’שָׁוֹרֵ֫וֹשַׁחֲא’: lemma_325 morph_HNp id_17TQ4 שָׁוֹרֵ֫וֹשַׁחֲא

Nehemyah

(Nehemiah)
rebuilds Yerushalem's walls

Introduction

Nehemyah (Nehemiah) was a servant of Persian King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) in the city of Shushan. While he was there, he heard an account from some Israelis who'd been allowed to return back to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) about how hard it was to live there. Yahweh's temple had been rebuilt, however the city wall hadn't been fixed yet, so their enemies who surrounded them were easily able to ambush and attack them.
Because of that, Nehemyah requested permission from the king to go personally to Yerushalem to supervise the rebuilding of the city walls.
In this document we read how God helped Nehemyah of organise the rebuild of the city wall in the middle of the opposition from their enemies around them.

Main components of this account

Nehemyah's returning back to Yerushalem *1:1–2:20*
The rebuilding of Yerushalem's city wall *3:1–7:73*
The reading of the law and the renewal of their agreement *8:1–10:39*
Nehemyah's other achievements *11:1–13:31*

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1:1 The_words/messages_of Nəḥem^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥ$_a$kal^{yāh} and_ _he/it_was in_the_month_of Kişlēv[1] year_of twenty and_I I_was in_Shūshan the_citadel.

2 And_ Ḥ$_a$nānī one_of_brothers_of_my he and_people from_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_came and_I_asked_them on the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) the_escaped_remnant who they_remained from the_captivity and_on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_ _they_said to_me those_who_remain who they_have_remained from the_captivity there in_province are_in_trouble great and_ _in_disgrace and_the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) is_ _broken_down and_gates_of_its they_have_been_burnt with_ _fire. **4** And_he/it_was just_as_I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _words/messages the_these I_sat_down and_I_wept and_I_ _mourned days and_I_was fasting and_praying to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_god_of the_heavens. **5** And_I_said please Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens the_god (the)_great and_(the)_awesome who_keeps the_covenant and_covenant_ _loyalty to_those_of_who_love_him and_to_those_who_keep_of commands_of_(of)_his. **6** Let_it_be please ear_of_your attentive and_eyes_of_your open[4] to_listen to the_prayer_of your_ _servant_of_your which I am_praying to_your_face the_day by_ _day and_night on the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) your_servants and_I_am_confessing on the_sins_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which we_have_sinned to/for_you(fs) and_I and_the_house_of my_father_of_my we_have_sinned. **7** Exceedingly_(corruptly) we_have_acted_corruptly to/for_ _you(fs) and_not we_have_kept ᴅᴏᴍ the_commands and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_regulations and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_judgements which you_ _commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh servant_of_your. **8** Remember please ᴅᴏᴍ the_message which you_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ Mosheh servant_ _of_your to_say you(pl) you(pl)_will_act_unfaithfully I I_will_ _scatter you(pl) among_peoples. **9** And_you(pl)_will_turn_back to_me and_you(pl)_will_keep commands_of_my you(pl)_will_ _observe ᴅᴏᴍ_them if your_banished_of_one it_will_be at_the_ _end_of the_heavens from_there I_will_gather_them will_ _bring_them[5] to the_place where I_have_chosen to_cause_to_ _dwell ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_my there. **10** And_they your_servants and_ _people_of_your whom you_redeemed by_strength_of_your (the)_great and_by_hand_of_your (the)_mighty. **11** Please my_ _master let_it_be please ear_of_your attentive to the_prayer_of your_servant_of_your and_near/to the_prayer_of your_ _servants (the)_delighting to_fear ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_name and_ _grant_success please to_servant_of_your the_day and_give_ _him (to)_compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_man the_this and_I I_was cup_bearer of_king.

2:1 And_he/it_was in_the_month_of Nisan year_of twenty of_ _'Artaḥshashtā' the_king wine was_before_of_him and_I_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_wine and_I_gave_it to/for_the_king and_not I_had_ _been sad before_him. **2** And_he/it_said to_me the_king why face_of_is_your sad and_you(ms) not_you are_sick is_not this if/because (if) sadness_of heart and_I_was_afraid greatly very.

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1:1 The account by Hakalyah's son Nehemyah (Nehemiah).

Nehemyah's prayer for Yerushalem

In the month of Kislev during the twentieth year of the reign of King Artahshashta (Artaxerxes) over the Persian Empire, I was in the capital city of Shushan (Susa). **2** Hanani, one of my brothers, came with some other men from Yehudah (Judah), and I asked them about the Yehudim (Jews) who'd escaped and managed to avoid being exiled, and about Yerushalem (Jerusalem), **3** and he told me, "The ones left behind in the provinces and who avoided the captivity, are in a bad way and feeling depressed. The wall around Yerushalem was torn down, and its gates were burnt."

4 When I heard all that, I sat down and I was upset for days. I fasted and cried and prayed to the god of the heavens, **5** and I said, "Oh Yahweh, God of the heavens, the great and awesome God, who keeps his agreement and is determinedly loyal to those who love him and obey his instructions: **6** Please listen carefully to your servant's prayer that I'm presenting to you today, day and night, on account of your servants the Israelis. On behalf of all Israelis, I'm confessing that we've sinned against you—both my generation and previous generations. **7** We've acted extremely corruptly—disobeying you by not obeying your commands, statutes, and judgements that you instructed through your servant Mosheh (Moses). **8** Please remember that you told your servant Mosheh that if we act unfaithfully, you yourself would scatter us among the nations,[2] **9** but if we'd return to you and obey your instructions, then even if we had been banished to the ends of the earth, you'd gather us back up and bring us back to the place where you've established your name and reputation.[3]

10 "We're your servants and your people that you rescued from slavery with your incredible power. **11** Oh, my master, please listen carefully to your servant's prayer, and to the prayer of your other servants who delight to honour your name. Please cause your servant to succeed today, and give me favour in the king's eyes."

Now as for me, I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemyah gets sent to Yerushalem

2:1 In the spring of the twentieth year of King Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') reign, I was serving wine to the king. I'd never looked sad before in his presence, **2** and the king asked me, "Why do you look unhappy? I know that you're not sick so something must be upsetting you."

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1 LV 1:1 · Note OSHB variant note: וּלסכ: (x-qere) וַיֶּלְסְכ֫: lemma_3691 n_0.1.0 morph_HNp id_16LN3 וַיֶּלְסְכ֫

2 RV 1:8 · Cross-ref. Lev 26:33.

3 RV 1:9 · Cross-ref. Deu 30:1-5.

4 LV 1:6 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

5 LV 1:9 · Note OSHB variant note: ם/יתאובה/ו: (x-qere) ם/יתואיבה/ו֫: lemma_c/935 n_0.2.0 morph_HC/Vhq1cs/Sp3mp id_16sKn ם/יתואיבה/ו֫

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I was very scared **3** and I answered the king, "May the king live forever. I can't help but look unhappy when the city containing my ancestors' graves has had its gates burnt down and it's now abandoned."[6] **4** "So what would you like to happen?" the king asked.

Then I prayed to the god of heaven **5** and answered the king, "If I have your favour, and if it seems good to the king, maybe you'd send me to Yehudah (Judah)—to the city of my ancestors' graves so I could rebuild it."

6 Then the king said to me, with the queen sitting beside him, "How long would your journey be? And when would you return?" So I gave him a date and he seemed happy with it, because he released me to go.

7 Then I made another request, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of the provinces across the Perat (Euphrates) river to ask them to help me in my travel towards Yehudah. **8** Also a letter to Asaf, the keeper of the king's forest, so he'll give me timber for the beams of the gates of the fortress near the temple, and for the city wall, and for the house that I'll live in." Then the king granted those requests, thanks to God's help on what I was doing.

9 Then I went to the governors of the provinces across the Perat, and I gave them the king's letters. The king had sent army officers and horsemen with me. **10** When Sanvalat the Horoni and the servant Toviyah the Amoni heard my plans, they were very angry that someone would come to help the Israelis.

11 So I got to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and was there for three days, **12** One night, I got up and took a few men with me, without having told anyone what I felt that my god had been telling me to do for Yerushalem. We only had the one horse that I was riding, **13** and we went out in the dark through the Valley Gate and past the Dragon Well to the Dung Gate. I was carefully inspecting the city walls—noting where they were broken down and which gates had been burnt out. **14** Then I crossed to the Fountain Gate and the Royal Pool, but there was nowhere that we could get my mount through the rubble. **15** So I went up the creek bed in the dark, carefully inspecting the wall, before turning back and returning quietly through the Valley Gate.

16 None of the city officials knew where I'd gone or what I was doing, and up until this point I hadn't yet told my plans to the Jewish leaders or the priests or leading citizens or city officials, or hired any workers. **17** So now I told them, "You call all see the desperate situation that we're in: Yerushalem is in ruins and its gates have been burnt out. So now, let's rebuild the city wall and then we'll no longer be mocked by others." **18** I told them how God had helped me so far and what the king had given me permission to do.

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3 And_I_said to/for_the_king the_king forever_perpetuity may_
_he_live why not face_of_my will_they_be_sad that the_city
the_house_of the_tombs_of my_ancestors_of_my is_desolate
and_gates_of_its they_have_been_consumed by_fire. **4** And_
_he/it_said to_me the_king on what this are_you requesting
and_I_prayed to the_god_of the_heavens. **5** And_I_said to/for_
_the_king if is_on the_king good and_if servant_of_your he_is_
_good to_your_face which/who you_will_send_me to
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to the_city_of the_tombs_of my_ancestors_
_of_my and_I_will_rebuild_it. **6** And_he/it_said to_me the_king
and_the_queen-consort was_sitting beside_him until when
will_it_be journey_of_your and_when will_you_return and_it_
_was_good to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_king and_
_he_sent_me and_I_gave to_him/it an_appointed_time. **7** And_I_
_said to/for_the_king if is_on the_king good letters let_people_
_give to_me to the_governors_of the_other_side_of the_river
that they_will_allow_me_to_pass_through until that I_will_
_come to Yəhūdāh. **8** And_a_letter to ʾĀṣāf the_one_who_kept_
_of the_forest which to/for_the_king that he_will_give to_me
wood(s) to_make_beams_for ~~DOM~~ the_gates_of the_citadel
which belongs_to_house and_for_the_wall_of the_city and_for_
_house which I_will_go to_him/it and_he_gave_them to_me
the_king according_to_the_hand_of my_god_of_my (the)_good
on_me. **9** And_I_went to the_governors_of[7] of_the_other_side_
_of the_river and_I_gave to/for_them ~~DOM~~ the_letters_of the_
_king and_he_had_sent with_me the_king commanders_of the_
_army and_horsemen. **10** And_ Ṣanvallaṭ the_Horonite and_
_Ṭōviyʸāh the_servant the_ʿAmmōnī _he/it_listened and_it_
_was_displeasing to/for_them displeasure great which/who
someone he_had_come to_seek good for_the_people_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **11** And_I_came to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_I_was there days three. **12** And_I_arose night I and_men a_
_few with_me and_not I_had_told to/for_ʾĀdām/humankind
what god_of_was_my putting into heart_of_my for_doing for_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_an_animal there_was_not with_
_me if/because (if) the_cattle/livestock which I was_riding on_
_it. **13** And_I_went_out by_the_gate_of the_valley night and_
_near/to the_face_of the_Well_of the and_near/to the_gate_of
the_dung and_I_was examining (on)_the_walls_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) which the[8] and_gates_of_its they_
_had_been_consumed by_fire. **14** And_I_passed_on to the_gate_
_of the_spring and_near/to the_pool_of the_king and_there_
_was_not room for_animal to_pass_through under_me. **15** And_
_I_was going_up in_wadi night and_I_was examining (on)_wall
and_I_turned_back and_I_went in_the_gate_of the_valley and_I_
_returned. **16** And_the_officials not they_knew where had_I_
_gone and_what was_I doing and_to_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_to_
_priests and_to_nobles and_to_officials and_to_the_rest_of the_
_doer[s]_of the_work until thus not I_had_told. **17** And_I_said
to_them you(pl) are_seeing the_trouble which we are_in_it
which/who Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) is_desolate and_gates_of_
_its they_have_been_burnt with_fire come and_let_us_rebuild

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6 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:8-10; 2Ch 36:19; Jer 52:12-14.

7 **LV 2:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

8 **LV 2:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: מיצורפמ/ה: (x-qere) ׳הֶָּ׳: lemma_1992 n_0.0 morph_HPp3mp id_16Nq4 ׳הֶָּ ו׳מִיצוּרְפִ׳: lemma_6555 n_0.1 morph_HVqsmpa id_16rZH מִיצוּרְפִ

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ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_not we_will_be again a_reproach. **18** And_I_told to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_hand_of my_god_of_my which/who it had_been_good on_me and_also the_words/messages_of the_king which he_had_spoken to_me and_they_said let_us_arise and_we_will_rebuild and_they_ _strengthened hands_of_their for_good. **19** And_he/it_listened Ṣanvallaṭ the_Horonite and_Ṭōviy^{yāh} the_servant the_ʿAmmōnī and_Geshem the_ʿArāvī and_they_mocked to/for_us and_they_ _despised (on)_us and_they_said what is_the_thing the_this which you(pl) are_doing on the_king are_you(pl) rebelling. **20** And_I_brought_back them message and_I_said to/for_them the_god of the_heavens he he_will_grant_success to/for_us and_we servants_of_his we_will_arise and_we_will_rebuild and_ _for_you(pl) there_is_not a_share and_a_right and_a_memorial in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

3:1 And_ ʾElyāshiyv the_priest/officer (the)_great and_ _brothers_of_his the_priests _he/it_rose_up and_they_rebuilt ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_sheep they they_consecrated_it and_they_ _set_up doors_of_its and_unto the_tower_of the_hundred they_ _consecrated_it to the_tower_of Ḥ$_a$nanʾēl. **2** And_on his/its_ _hand the_men_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) they_built and_on his/its_ _hand Zakkūr the_son_of ʾImrī he_built. **3** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_fish(es) the_sons_of (the)_Senaah they_rebuilt they they_ _made_beams_for_it and_they_set_up doors_of_its bolts_of_its and_bars_of_its. **4** And_on hand_of_their Mərēmōt the_son_of ʾŪriy^{yāh} the_son_of Haqqōts he_repaired and_on hand_of_their Məshullām the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of Məshēyzavʾēl he_ _repaired and_on hand_of_their Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of Baʿ$_a$nāʾ he_repaired. **5** And_on hand_of_their the_Təqōʿī they_ _repaired and_their_of_nobles not they_brought neck_of_their in_the_work_of their_master(s)_of_their. **6** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the Jeshanah Yōyādāʿ/(Joiada) the_son_of Pāṣēaḥ and_Məshullām the_son_of Bəṣōdə^{yāh} they_repaired they they_made_beams_ _for_it and_they_set_up doors_of_its and_bolts_of_its and_bars_ _of_its. **7** And_on hand_of_their Məlaṭ^{yāh} the_Givʿōnite and_ _Yādōn/(Jadon) the_Mēronotī the_men_of Givʿōn and_(the)_ _Mitspāh to_the_seat_of the_governor_of the_other_side_of the_river he_repaired. **8** On his/its_hand ʿUzziyʾēl the_son_of Ḥarh$_a$^{yāh} goldsmiths he_repaired and_on his/its_hand Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_son_of the_perfumers he_repaired and_they_restored Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to the_wall (the)_broad. **9** And_on hand_of_their Rəfā^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥūr the_official_of (the)_half_ _of the_district_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_repaired. **10** And_on hand_of_their Yədaʿ^{yāh}/(Jedaiah) the_son_of Ḥ$_a$rūmaf he_repaired and_before house_of_his_own and_on his/its_hand Ḥaṭṭūsh the_son_of Ḥ$_a$shavnə^{yāh} he_repaired. **11** A_measured_portion second Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥārim and_Ḥashshūv the_son_of Paḥat- Mōʾāv he_repaired and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_tower_of the_ovens. **12** And_on his/its_hand Shallūm the_ _son_of Hallōḥēsh the_official_of (the)_half_of the_district_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he and_daughters_of_his he_repaired. **13** ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_of the_valley Ḥānūn and_the_inhabitants_of Zānōaḥ he_repaired they they_rebuilt_it and_they_set_up doors_of_its bolts_of_its and_bars_of_its and_one_thousand cubit[s] in_wall to the_gate_of the_dung. **14** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_gate_ _of the_dung Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of Rēkāv the_official_of the_ _district_of Bēyt Hakkerem he_repaired he he_rebuilt_it and_ _he_set_up doors_of_its bolts_of_its and_bars_of_its. **15** And_

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"Well, let's get started on the rebuilding," they said, and got ready to work together. **19** But then Sanvalat the Horoni, and the Amoni servant Toviyah, and Geshem the Aravi heard, and they mocked and despised us, saying, "What are you guys all up to? Are you all rebelling against the king?"

20 I answered them by explaining, "The god of the heavens will help us to succeed, and we ourselves, his servants, will do the rebuilding work, but you all will have no part in it, and no rights in Yerushalem."

Rebuilding Yerushalem's wall

3:1 The high priest Elyashiv worked together with his brothers the priests, and they rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They themselves dedicated it and installed the doors on it. In addition, they dedicated the section of the wall as far as the Hundred Tower and beyond that to the Hananel Tower.

2 The men from Yeriho (Jericho) rebuilt the section beside them, and Imri's son Zakur rebuilt the next section again.

3 Hasena'ah's son rebuilt the Fish Gate—laying the beams then installing the doors with their bolts and bars.

4 Uriyah's son Meremot (the son of Hakots's son Uriyah) rebuilt a section, as did Meshulam (son of Mesheyzavel's son Berekyah) and Ba'ana's son Tsadok. **5** The Tekoim worked next to them, but their leaders wouldn't actually help with the work.

6 Paseah's son Yoyada and Besodeyah's son Meshulam rebuilt the Yeshanah Gate—laying the beams then installing the doors with their bolts and bars. **7** Next to them was Melatyah the Givoni, Yadon the Meronoti, and men of Giveon and Mitspah rebuilding the section to the residence of the governor of the regions that side of the Perat (Euphrates).

8 Next again was Harhayah's son Uziel (one of the goldsmiths), then Hananyah (who was a son of the perfumers) rebuilt as far as the Broad Wall. **9** Then it was Hur's son Refayah, the administrator for half of the Yerushalem (Jerusalem) district. **10** Harumaf's son Yedayah repaired the section in front of his house, then Hashavneyah's son Hatush made the next repairs.

11 Harim's son Malkiyah and Pahat-Moav's son Hashuv repaired a section, as well as the Tower of Ovens. **12** Next to them was Halohesh's son Shalum, the administrator for another half of the Yerushalem district, helped by his daughters.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah rebuilt the Valley Gate—installing the doors with their bolts and bars, as well as repairing 500m of wall along to the Dung Gate. **14** Rekav's son Malkiyah, the administrator for the Beyt-Hakerem district, rebuilt the Dung Gate—installing the doors with their bolts and bars.

15 Kal-Hozeh's son Shalun, the administrator for the Mitspah district, rebuilt the Fountain Gate—he built and covered it, in-

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stalling the doors with their bolts and bars, and repaired the wall of the Shelah Pool from the king's garden as far as the stairs that come down from the City of David. **16** Next to him was Azbuk's son Nehemyah (Nehemiah), the administrator for half of the Beyt-Tsur district

17 Next to him were some Levites: Bani's son Rehum, then Hashavyah (the administrator for half of the Ke'ilah district) did his district, **18** then Henadad's son Bavay the administrator for the other half of the Ke'ilah district.

19 Then there was Yeshua's son Ezer (the administrator of Mitspah) repaired a section opposite the steps up to the armoury where the wall turned at an angle.

20 Then Zakay's son Baruk enthusiastically repaired another section from that angle to the entrance to the house of the high priest Elyashiv. **21** Next to him was Meremot (son of Hakots' son Uriyah) who repaired another section from the doorway of Elyashiv's house to the end of it.

22 Next to them, some priests from the surrounding area made repairs.

23 After them Benyamin and Hashuv repaired a section in front of their house, then Azaryah (son of Ananyah's son Ma'aseyah) repaired beside his house, **24** Henadad's son Binuy repaired another section from Azaryah's house to the corner, **25** Uzay's son Palal did opposite the corner and the tower above the palace by the guards' courtyard, and then Par'osh's son Pedayah.

26 The temple servants who lived in Ofel repaired as far as the eastern side of the Water Gate and its tower. **27** After them, the men from Tekoa repaired another section from opposite that tall tower to the Ofel wall.

28 The priests repaired the section past the Horse Gate—each of them repairing the section in front of his own house. **29** Next to them, Imer's son Tsadok repaired opposite his house, then Shekanyah's son Shemayah the gatekeeper at the Eastern Gate repaired the next section.

30 After him was Shelemyah's son Hananyah with Tsalaf's sixth son Hanun working on a second section, then Berekyah's sib Meshulam repairing a section in front of his quarters. **31** Next was the goldsmiths' son Malkiyah who repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and the merchants, opposite the Inspection Gate, and up to the upper room in the corner, **32** and the other goldsmiths and some merchants repaired the last section of the wall from the upper room in the corner to the Sheep Gate.

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_ום the_gate_of the_spring Shallūn the_son_of Kol/(Col)-Ḥozeh the_official_of the_district_of (the)_Mitspāh he_repaired he he_rebuilt_it and_he_roofed_over_it and[9] doors_of_its bolts_ _of_its and_bars_of_its and_ום the_wall_of the_pool_of (the)_ _Shēlāh to/for_garden the_king and_unto the_steps which_go_ _down from_the_city_of Dāvid. **16** After_him Nəḥem^{yāh} the_ _son_of ʿAzbūq the_official_of (the)_half_of the_district_of Bēyt Tsūr he_repaired to before the_tombs_of Dāvid and_unto the_ _pool (the)_made and_unto the_house_of the_ _powerful/mighty(pl). **17** After_him the_Lēviyyiy they_repaired Rəḥūm the_son_of Bānī on his/its_hand Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh} the_official_ _of (the)_half_of the_district_of Qəʿīlāh he_repaired for_ _district_of_his. **18** After_him brothers_of_their they_repaired Bavvay the_son_of Ḥēnādād the_official_of (the)_half_of the_ _district_of Qəʿīlāh. **19** And_he_repaired on his/its_hand ʿĒzer the_son_of Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) the_official_of (the)_Mitspāh a_ _measured_portion second from_before the_going_up of_the_ _armoury the_buttress. **20** After_him he_kindled he_repaired Bārūk the_son_of Zaccai[10] a_measured_portion second from the_buttress to the_entrance_of the_house_of ʾElyāshiyv the_ _priest/officer (the)_great. **21** After_him Mərēmōt the_son_of ʾŪriy^{yāh} the_son_of Haqqōts he_repaired a_measured_portion second from_the_entrance_of the_house_of ʾElyāshiyv and_ _unto the_end_of the_house_of ʾElyāshiyv. **22** And_after_him the_priests the_men_of the_surrounding_region they_repaired. **23** After_him Binyāmīn and_Ḥashshūv he_repaired before house_of_their_own after_him ʿAzar^{yāh} the_son_of Maʿ$_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of ʿAnan^{yāh} he_repaired beside house_of_his_own. **24** After_him Binnūy the_son_of Ḥēnādād he_repaired a_ _measured_portion second from_the_house_of ʿAzar^{yāh} to the_ _buttress and_unto the_corner. **25** Pālāl the_son_of ʾŪzay from_ _before the_buttress and_the_tower which_projects from_the_ _house_of the_king (the)_upper which belongs_to_the_ _courtyard_of the_guard after_him Pədāy^{āh} the_son_of Parʿosh/(Parosh). **26** And_the_temple_servants who_they_were dwelling on_ʿOfel to before the_gate_of the_waters to_east and_ _the_tower which_projects. **27** After_him the_Təqōʿī they_ _repaired a_measured_portion second from_before the_tower (the)_great which_projects and_unto the_wall_of (the)_ʿOfel. **28** From_under the_gate_of the_horses the_priests they_ _repaired each to_before house_of_his_own. **29** After_him Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of ʾImmēr he_repaired before house_ _of_his_own and_after_him Shəmaʿ^{yāh} the_son_of Shəkan^{yāh} the_keeper_of the_gate_of the_east he_repaired. **30** Mmm[11] Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} the_son_of Shelem^{yāh} and_Ḥānūn the_son_of Tsālāf/(Zalaph) the_sixth he_repaired a_measured_portion second mmm Məshullām the_son_of Berek^{yāh} he_repaired before room_of_his_own. **31** After_him[12] Malkīy^{yāh} the_son_of the_goldsmith[s] he_repaired to the_house_of the_temple_ _servants and_the_traders before the_gate_of the_muster and_ _unto the_roof-chamber_of the_corner. **32** And_between the_ _roof-chamber_of the_corner and_the_gate_of the_sheep the_

9 LV 3:15 · Note OSHB variant note: **ודימעי/ו**: (x-qere) 'דִּימָעִ֖י/ו': lemma_c/5975 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Vhi3ms id_16BYi דִּימָעִ֖י/ו

10 LV 3:20 · Note OSHB variant note: **יבז**: (x-qere) 'יָכִ֥ז': lemma_2140 n_1.0 morph_HNp id_16fZA יָכִ֥ז

11 LV 3:30 · Note OSHB variant note: **רחא/י**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא': lemma_310 a morph_HR/Sp3ms id_16Y6k וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא

12 LV 3:31 · Note OSHB variant note: **ירחא**: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא': lemma_310 a morph_HR/Sp3ms id_166R1 וְ/יֶרַ֣חַא

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_goldsmiths and_the_traders they_repaired.

33 **13** And_he/it_was just_as Ṣanvallaṭ he_heard if/because_that we were_rebuilding ~~DOM~~ the_wall and_it_glowed/burnt to_ _him/it and_he_was_angry greatly and_he_mocked (on) the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews). **34** **14** And_he/it_said to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before brothers_of_his and_the_army_of Shomrōn and_ _he/it_said what are_the_Yəhūdī (the)_feeble doing will_they_ _restore to/for_them will_they_offer_sacrifices will_they_finish in_day will_they_restore ~~DOM~~ the_stones from_the_heaps_of (the)_debris and_they are_burnt. **35** **15** And_Ṭōvıy^{yāh} the_ _´Ammōnī was_beside_him and_he/it_said also that_which they are_building if a_fox it_will_go_up and_it_will_break_down the_ _wall_of their_stones_of_their. **36** **16** Hear our_god_of_Oh if/because we_are contempt and_return reproach_of_their to head_of_their_own and_give_them to_plunder in_land captivity. **37** **17** And_do_not cover over iniquity_of_their and_ _sin_of_their from_before_face_of_you not let_it_be_wiped_out if/because they_have_provoked_to_anger to_before the_ _builders. **38** **18** And_we_rebuilt ~~DOM~~ the_wall and_ all_of the_ _wall _it_was_joined_together to middle_of_its and_ a_heart to_ _people _he/it_was for_doing.

4:1 **19** And_he/it_was when_when Ṣanvallaṭ and_Ṭōvıy^{yāh} and_ _the_´Arāvī and_the_´Ammōnī and_the_Ashdodites he_heard if/because_that the_repair of_the_walls_of of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_had_gone_up if/because_that the_ _broken_down_parts they_had_begun to_be_stopped_up and_ _it_glowed/burnt to/for_them exceedingly. **2** **20** And_ of_them_ _of_all _they_conspired together to_come to_wage_war against_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_make to_him/it confusion. **3** **21** And_we_prayed to god_of_our and_we_stationed a_guard on_them by_day and_night because_of_them. **4** **22** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_said the_strength_of the_ _burden-bearer[s] it_has_failed and_the_debris is_much and_we not we_will_be_able to_rebuild (on)_wall. **5** **23** And_ foes_of_our _they_said not they_will_know and_not they_will_see until that we_will_come into of_them_of_the_midst and_we_will_kill_ _them and_we_will_put_an_end_to ~~DOM~~ the_work. **6** **24** And_ _he/it_was just_as the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) who_were_dwelling beside_them they_came and_they_said to/for_us ten times from_all the_places which/who you(pl)_will_turn to_us. **7** **25** And_I_stationed from_the_lower_parts of_place from_behind

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The opposition to Nehemyah

4:1 When Sanvalat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he got really angry. He mocked the Yehudim (Jews) **2** and he spoke before in front of his brothers and the army of Shomron (Samaria), "What are those feeble Yehudim doing? Do they think they'll be able to rebuild that place themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they get finished one day? Will they form the stones back together from piles of dust, when they've been weakened by the heat of the fires?"

3 Toviyah the Amoni was standing beside him and confirmed, "Yes, even if a fox walked over that stone wall that they're building, it would make it fall down."

4 I prayed, "Our god, listen to how we're mocked and cause their words to return on their own heads and send them away as captives to become the plunder for another country. **5** Don't just cover over their evil, and don't just ignore their sin, because they've repeatedly made the workers get angry."

6 So we kept on at building the wall, and eventually all the segments of wall were joined up together up to about half its full height, and so the people were encouraged to keep persevering.

7 Now when Sanvalat, and Toviyah, and the Aravim, and the Amonim, and the Ashdodim heard that the Yerushalem (Jerusalem) walls were getting repaired and the breaks were beginning to be closed up, it made them extremely angry **8** and they all got together to come to attack Yerushalem and to throw us into confusion. **9** So we prayed to our god, as well as setting up a 24-hour guard to watch out for them.

10 People around Yehudah (Judah) said, "The workers are running out of strength and there's a lot of rubble still to be moved. Maybe we're not up to building this wall."

11 Then those against us said, "We'll rush in among them and kill some of them before they even see us or know that we're coming, then that will bring the work to an end." **12** After that, whenever the Yehudim (Jews) living close to them came, they repeatedly warned us, "They're going to attack us from all directions." **13** So I stationed guards behind the lowest places along the wall and where there were still gaps. I also made sure that

13 **LV 3:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.1
14 **LV 3:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.2
15 **LV 3:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.3
16 **LV 3:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.4
17 **LV 3:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.5
18 **LV 3:38 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.6
19 **LV 4:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.7
20 **LV 4:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.8
21 **LV 4:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.9
22 **LV 4:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.10
23 **LV 4:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.11
24 **LV 4:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.12
25 **LV 4:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.4.13

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the families stood guard with their swords, spears, and bows.
14 I looked then I got organised and told the leading citizens and the prefects, and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of their threats. Remember my powerful and fearsome master, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives, and your houses." **15** After all that, when our enemies realised that we were aware of their intentions and that God had frustrated their surprise attack plan, we all returned to our work on the wall.
16 So from that day onwards, half of my young men would work on the rebuilding, while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, and breastplates, and the officials encouraged them all from behind. **17** Both those who were placing the stones on the wall and those who were carrying the heavy loads to them, always had their weapons with them in case of an attack. **18** The builders had their swords strapped to their sides as they worked, and the man who would sound the trumpet stayed with me. **19** Then I told the leading citizens and prefects, and the rest of the people, "This job is so large and extensive that we're all separated from each other when we work on the wall, **20** so whenever you all hear the trumpet blast, join us at that place. Our god will fight for us." **21** So we continued the work with half of them keeping their hands on their spears from the beginning of the day until the stars came out at night.
22 Also at that time, I told the people, "Every worker including servants should spend the night inside the city, so they double as workers during the day and guards at night." **23** During that period of construction, none of us, not even our servants, stayed undressed or separated from our weapons, even when washing.

The resolution of Nehemyah of problem

5:1 However around then, there was a widespread complaint from the people and their wives against what their fellow Yehudim (Jews) were doing. **2** Some of them complained,

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of_wall in/on/at/with[26] and_I_stationed ~~DOM~~ the_people to_ _clans with swords_of_their spears_of_their and_bows_of_their. **8** **27** And_I_saw and_I_arose and_I_said to the_nobles and_ _near/to the_officials and_near/to the_rest_of the_people do_ _not be_afraid from_their_face/front ~~DOM~~ my_master (the)_ _great and_(the)_awesome remember and_fight on brothers_ _of_your(pl) sons_of_your(pl) and_daughters_of_your(pl) wives_of_your(pl) and_houses_of_your(pl). **9** **28** And_he/it_was when_when enemies_of_our they_heard if/because_that it_ _was_known[29] to/for_us and_ the_'Elohīm _he_had_frustrated ~~DOM~~ purpose_of_their and[30] of_us_of_all to the_wall each to their_property/content. **10** **31** And_he/it_was from the_day (the)_that (the)_half_of my_young_men_of_my were_doing (in)_work and_half_of_of_them were_holding and_the_spears the_shields and_the_bows and_the_body_armour(s) and_the_ _commanders were_behind all_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **11** **32** Who_were_rebuilding (on)_wall and_ _those_who_were_carrying in_burden were_carrying_it with_ _the_one_of his/its_hand he_was_doing (in)_work and_one_ _hand was_holding the_weapon. **12** **33** And_the_builders each sword_of_his were_girded on hips_of_his and_they_were_ _building and_the_one_who_gave_a_blast on_horn was_beside_ _me. **13** **34** And_I_said to the_nobles and_near/to the_officials and_near/to the_rest_of the_people the_work is_much and_ _extensive and_we are_separated on the_wall are_distant each from_brother_of_his. **14** **35** In_the_place_of (of)_where you(pl)_ _will_hear ~~DOM~~ the_sound_of the_ram's_horn to_(to) you(pl)_ _will_assemble to_us god_of_our he_will_fight to/for_us. **15** **36** And_we were_doing (in)_work and_half_of_of_them were_ _keeping_hold on_spears from_ the_dawn _when_came_up until the_stars came_out. **16** **37** Also at_time (the)_that I_said to_ _people each and_servant_of_his let_them_spend_the_night in_ _the_middle of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_will_be to/for_us the_night a_guard and_the_day work. **17** **38** And_not I and_brothers_of_my and_servants_of_my and_the_men_of the_ _guard who were_behind_me not we were_stripping_off clothes_of_our each weapon_of_his the_waters.

5:1 And_it_became (the)_cry_of_distress_of the_people and_ _wives_of_their great against countrymen_of_their the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews). **2** And_there_were those_who were_saying sons_of_our and_daughters_of_our we are_many and_let_us_get grain and_we_eat and_so_that_we_may_live. **3** And_there_were

26 LV 4:7 · Note OSHB variant note: **מריחחצ/ב**: (x-qere) **'מֵיחִיחָצ/ב'**: lemma_b/6706 n_1 morph_HRd/Ncmpa id_16j2a **מֵיחִיחָצ/ב**
27 LV 4:8 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.14
28 LV 4:9 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.15
29 LV 4:9 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.
30 LV 4:9 · Note OSHB variant note: **בושנ/ו**: (x-qere) **'בָּשָׁנ/ו'**: lemma_c/7725 morph_HC/Vqw1cp id_16V8j **בָּשָׁנ/ו**
31 LV 4:10 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.16
32 LV 4:11 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.17
33 LV 4:12 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.18
34 LV 4:13 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.19
35 LV 4:14 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.20
36 LV 4:15 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.21
37 LV 4:16 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.22
38 LV 4:17 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.4.23

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those_who were_saying fields_of_our and_vineyards_of_our and_houses_of_our we are_mortgaging and_we_will_get grain in_famine. **4** And_there_were those_who were_saying we_have_ _borrowed money for_the_tribute_of the_king fields_of_our and_vineyards_of_our. **5** And_now is_like_the_flesh_of our_ _countrymen_of_our flesh_of_our are_like_children_of_their children_of_our and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we are_forcing_into_ _slavery ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_our and_ᴅᴏᴍ daughters_of_our to_slaves and_(there) some_of_our_daughters are_being_forced_into_ _slavery and_there_is_not to_the_power_of our_hand_of_our and_fields_of_our and_vineyards_of_our belong_to_others. **6** And_it_glowed/burnt to_me exceedingly just_as I_heard ᴅᴏᴍ outcry_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages the_these. **7** And_ heart_of_my _it_considered with_me and_I_contended with the_nobles and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_officials and_I_said to/for_them usury[40] each on_brother_of_his you(pl) are_lending[414243] and_ _I_made on_them an_assembly great. **8** And_I_said to/for_them we we_have_bought ᴅᴏᴍ countrymen_of_our the_ _Yəhūdī/(Jews) who_had_sold_themselves to_nations according_to_the_sufficiency_of in_us and_also you(pl) you(pl)_ _sold ᴅᴏᴍ countrymen_of_your(pl) and_they_were_sold to/for_ _us and_they_were_silent and_not they_found a_message. **9** And[444546] not is_good the_thing which you(pl) are_doing am_ _not in_the_fear_of our_god_of_our are_you(pl)_walking from_ _the_reproach_of the_nations enemies_of_our. **10** And_also I brothers_of_my and_servants_of_my are_lending (is)_in_them money and_grain let_us_abandon please ᴅᴏᴍ the_usury (the)_ _this. **11** Return please to/for_them as_this_day fields_of_their vineyards_of_their trees_of_their_olive and_houses_of_their and_one_hundred of_the_money and_the_grain the_new_wine and_the_fresh_oil which you(pl) are_lending to_them. **12** And_ _they_said we_will_return_it and_from_them not we_will_ _require_it so we_will_do just_as you are_saying and_I_ _summoned ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests and_I_made_them_swear_an_oath for_doing according_the_manner (the)_this. **13** Also bosom_of_ _my I_shook_out and_I_said thus the_'Elohīm may_he_shake_ _out ᴅᴏᴍ every_of the_man who not he_will_carry_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_message the_this from_house_of_his and_from_property_ _of_his and_thus may_he_be shaken_out and_empty and_ all_of the_assembly _they_said amen and_they_praised ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** and_ the_people _he/it_made according_the_manner (the)_ _this.

14 Also from_the_day when someone_appointed ᴅᴏᴍ_me to_be governor_of_their in_land of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_year_of twenty and_unto year_of thirty and_two of_'Artaḥshashtā' the_ _king years two_plus ten I and_brothers_of_my the_food_of the_governor not I_ate. **15** And_the_governors (the)_former

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"There's a lot of us when we include our sons and daughters. We need grain so we can eat and stay alive."

3 Others said, "We are mortgaging our fields and vineyards, and our houses so we can get grain during this famine."

4 Yet others said, "We've borrowed silver to pay the tax on our fields and our vineyards that goes to the tribute to be paid to the foreign king. **5** We're Yehudim just like our countrymen, but we're having to commit our children into bondage as slaves—yes, even our daughters. Now we own nothing at all—not even our fields and vineyards.

6 I got very angry when I heard their complaints and desperation, **7** and I couldn't get it out of my mind. I protested to the leading citizens and the officials, "You guys are charging interest against your own countrymen."[39]

So I called for a gathering of all the people to deal with them, **8** and I told them, "Our brothers, the Yehudim, were sold to other countries as slaves and we've done all we can to bring them back here. But now even you yourselves are buying and selling your own countrymen to make a profit." They couldn't argue against that, so they were just silent.

9 "It's not good what you're doing," I continued. "Shouldn't you all respect and obey our god, because otherwise we'll be despised by the other nations, our enemies. **10** I myself have lent them money and grain, as have my brothers and my young men, but please let's forgo charging interest. **11** Please, even today, return their fields to them, and their vineyards and olive orchards, their houses, and the interest on the money and the grain, the new wine, and the oil that you are charging against them."

12 "Okay, we'll do what you're asking," they responded. "We'll return their property and we won't impose any more charges on them."

So I called the priests to witness those leading citizens and officials making an oath to do what they'd said they would do. **13** Also I shook the folds of my robe and told them, "May God shake you all out of his house like that, and shake every man's business if he doesn't do what he just promised—may he be shaken out like that and lose everything."

Nehemyah's generosity

14 Also, from the day that I was appointed to be their governor in the Yehudah (Judah) region (for the twelve years from the Persian King Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') 20th year until his 32nd year), I my-

39 **RV 5:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:25; Lev 25:35-37; Deu 23:19-20.

40 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

41 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיאשנ**: (x-qere) **'מְיֻשָּׁנ'**: lemma_5383 n_1 morph_HVqrmpa id_16kWB **מְיֻשָּׁנ**

42 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

43 **LV 5:7 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

44 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רמאי/ו**: (x-qere) **'וַּמוֹא/ו'**: lemma_c/559 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_16TmV **וַּמוֹא/ו**

45 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

46 **LV 5:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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self didn't accept the governor's food allowance, nor did my relatives. **15** The governors who preceded me had been very hard on the people—demanding bread and wine and forty silver coins. Even their servants oppressed the people. In contrast, I didn't do that due to desire to honour God. **16** Also I remained focused on rebuilding the wall, and we didn't invest in a farm property, and all my servants also contributed to the work. **17** I regularly fed a hundred and fifty Jewish leaders and city officials, as well as visitors from other countries around us, **18** so in one day we needed one bull, six choice sheep, and various kinds of poultry, as well as various types of wines every ten days. I didn't demand any of this from the people because it would have been a heavy burden for them.

19 My god, remember me for the good that I've done for these people.

The plan of killing Nehemyah

6:1 Although we didn't yet have any doors in the gates, when Sanvalat and Toviyah and Geshem the Aravi and the rest of our enemies heard that we'd finished building the wall so it didn't have any gaps left in it, **2** Sanvalat and Geshem invited me, "We'd like to arrange to meet with you in one of the villages on the Ono plain." But they were intending to harm me. **3** So I sent messengers back to them, "This work is important and extensive, so I can't afford to abandon it and have the work stop if I travelled down to you on the plain."

4 They tried four times to get me to go, but I kept refusing them for those same reasons.

5 Then Sanvalat sent his servant to me a fifth time with the same request, but this time in an unsealed, open letter **6** saying, "There's rumours flying around in nearby countries, and Geshem confirms it, that you and the Yehudim (Jews) are building the wall because you're all plotting thinking to rebel. Then you'd become their king, according to what we're hearing. **7** We've also heard that you've set up 'prophets' to speak out in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to say about you, 'There's a king in Yehudah (Judah).' By now, all of that will have been heard by the Persian king. So now, come and let's discuss this together."

8 I sent a message straight back, "None of what you're saying is true. It's simply your own imagination at work."

9 We knew that they were just trying to frighten us so that we'd stop the repairs and it would never get finished.

My god, strengthen my hands.

10 After that, I entered Shemayah's house (the son of Meheytavel's son Delayah) who was confined to his house, and he said, "Let's set a time to meet in the temple—we'll shut the temple doors because they'll be coming to kill you—probably in the night."

11 But I disagreed, "Would a man like me run away? Besides that, who's allowed to live inside the temple? I won't do that."

12 Then I suddenly realised that God hadn't told him to say

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who to/for_my_face/front they_made_heavy on the_people and_they_took from_them (in)_food and_wine after silver shekels forty also servants_of_their they_domineered over the_ _people and_I not I_did thus from_face/in_front_of the_fear_of god. **16** And_also on_the_work_of the_wall (the)_this I_kept_ _hold and_a_field not we_acquired and_all servants_of_my were_assembled there on the_work. **17** And_the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) and_the_officials one_hundred and_fifty person[s] and_those_ _who_came to_us from the_nations which were_around_of_us were_at table_of_my. **18** And_which it_was made for_a_day one was_an_ox one sheep six chosen and_poultry they_were_made to_me and_between ten_of days in_all wine to_abundance and_ _with this the_food_of the_governor not I_sought if/because the_service it_was_heavy on the_people (the)_this.
19 Remember to/for_me my_god_of_my for_good all that I_ _have_done on the_people (the)_this.
6:1 And_he/it_was when_when it_was_heard by_Ṣanvallaṭ and_ _Ṭōviy^{yāh} and_by_Geshem the_ʿArāvī and_by_the_rest_of our_ _enemies_of_our if/because_that I_had_rebuilt ᴅᴏᴍ the_wall and_not it_was_left in_it a_breach also until the_time (the)_that doors not I_had_set_up in_gates. **2** And_ Ṣanvallaṭ and_Geshem _he_sent to_me to_say come and_let_us_meet together at_ _Kephirim in_the_plain_of ʾŌnō and_they were_planning for_ _doing to_me harm. **3** And_I_sent to_them messengers to_say a_ _work great I am_doing and_not I_am_able to_go_down to/for_ _what the_work will_it_cease just_as I_will_let_it_drop and_I_ _will_go_down to_you(pl). **4** And_they_sent to_me according_ _the_manner the_this four times and_I_sent_back_to them according_the_manner (the)_this. **5** And_he_sent to_me Ṣanvallaṭ according_the_manner the_this a_time fifth ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_his and_a_letter_of open in_his/its_hand. **6** Was_ _written in_it among_nations is_heard and_Gashmu is_saying you and_the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) are_planning to_rebel therefore yes/correct/thus/so you are_rebuilding the_wall and_you(ms) are_about_to_become to/for_them (into)_king according_the_ _words/messages the_these. **7** And_also prophets you_have_ _appointed to_call on_you in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say a_king is_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_now it_will_be_heard to/for_the_king according_the_words/messages the_these and_ _now come and_let_us_take_counsel together. **8** And_I_sent to_ _him/it to_say not it_has_occurred according_the_ _words/messages the_these which you are_saying if/because from_heart_of_your you are_inventing_of_them.[47] **9** If/because of_them_of_all were_making_afraid us to_say hands_of_their they_will_drop from the_work and_not it_will_be_done and_ _now strengthen ᴅᴏᴍ hands_of_my. **10** And_I I_went the_house_ _of Shəmaʿy^{āh} the_son_of Dəlāy^{āh} the_son_of Məhēyṭav^{ʾēl} and_ _he was_shut_up and_he/it_said let_us_meet to the_house_of the_ʾElohīm to the_middle_of the_temple and_let_us_close the_ _doors_of the_temple if/because people_are_coming to_kill_ _you and_night people_are_coming to_kill_you. **11** And_I_said a_man like_me will_he_flee and_who is_like_me who he_will_go into the_temple and_he_will_live not I_will_go. **12** And_I_ _recognized and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not god he_had_sent_him if/because the_prophecy he_had_spoken on_me and_Ṭōviy^{yāh}

47 LV 6:8 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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and_Ṣanvallaṭ he_had_hired_him. **13** So_that he was_hired so_
_that I_may_be_afraid and_I_may_act thus and_I_will_sin and_
_it_was to/for_them (into)_a_name bad so_that they_may_
_reproach_me. **14** Remember my_god_of_my to_Ṭōvíy^{yāh} and_
_to_Ṣanvallaṭ according_to_of_his_works these and_also (to)_
_Nō´ad^{yāh} the_prophetess and_to_the_rest_of the_prophets who
they_were making_afraid me.

15 And_ the_wall _it_was_complete on_day_twenty and_five of_
_'Elūl to_fifty and_two day[s]. **16** And_he/it_was just_as all_of
enemies_of_our they_heard and_ all_of the_nations which
were_around_of_us _they_saw and_they_fell exceedingly in_
_their_own_of_eyes and_they_knew if/because_that from_with
god_of_our the_work (the)_this it_had_been_done. **17** Also in_
_the_days the_those the_nobles_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_
_multiplying letters_of_their which_were_going to Ṭōvíy^{yāh}
and_which belonged_to_Ṭōvíy^{yāh} were_coming to_them.
18 If/because many_people in_Yəhūdāh were_masters_of oath
to_him/it if/because was_a_son-in-law he of_Shəkan^{yāh} the_
_son_of 'Āraḥ and_Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) his/its_son he_
_had_taken ~~ḎOM~~ the_daughter_of Məshullām the_son_of
Berek^{yāh}. **19** Also deeds_of_his_good they_were telling to/for_
_my_face/front and_words/messages_of_my they_were
sending_out to_him/it letters Ṭōvíy^{yāh} he_sent to_make_me_
_afraid.

7:1 And_he/it_was just_as the_wall it_had_been_rebuilt and_I_
_had_set_up the_doors and_ the_gatekeepers and_the_singers
and_the_Lēviyyiy _they_had_been_appointed. **2** And_I_
_appointed ~~ḎOM~~ Ḥ$_a$nānī my_brother/kindred and_~~ḎOM~~ Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh}
the_commander_of the_citadel over Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
if/because he was_like_a_man_of faithfulness and_fearing ~~ḎOM~~
the_'Elohīm more_than_many_people. **3** And[48] to/for_them not
the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_will_be_opened
until of_the_sun the_heat and_unto they are_standing_guard
let_them_shut the_doors and_bolt_them and_appoint the_
_guards_of the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
someone at_his_guard_of_post and_someone before house_of_
_his.

4 And_the_city was_broad_of both_sides and_large and_the_
_people were_few in_the_midst_of_of_it and_not houses had_
_been_rebuilt. **5** And_ god_of_my _he/it_gave into heart_of_my
and_I_assembled ~~ḎOM~~ the_nobles and_~~ḎOM~~ the_officials and_
_~~ḎOM~~ the_people to_have_themselves_enrolled and_I_found
the_document_of the_genealogy those_who_came_up at_first
and_I_found written in/on/over_him/it. **6** These are_the_
_children_of the_province who_came_up from_the_captivity_of
the_exile whom Nebuchadnezzar the_king_of Bāvel he_had_
_taken_into_exile and_they_returned to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) each to_
_his_own_of_city. **7** The_(ones_who)_went with Zərubāvel
Yēshū´a/(Jeshua) Nəḥem^{yāh} ´Azar^{yāh} Ra´am^{yāh} Naḥ$_a$mānī
Mordəkay Bilshān Miṣperet Bigvay Nəḥūm Ba´$_a$nāh the_
_number_of the_men_of the_people_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel). **8** The_
_descendants_of Par´osh/(Parosh) two_thousand one_hundred
and_seventy and_two. **9** The_descendants_of Shəfaṭ^{yāh} three

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that, but rather he was working against me because he'd been
paid by Toviyah and Sanvalat. **13** They must have hired him so
that I'd be afraid and take that advice and sin. Then they could
have ruined my reputation and discredited me.

14 My god, remember what Toviyah and Sanvalat have done,
and also the prophetess Noadyah and the other prophets who've
been trying to scare me.

The completion of wall

15 So the rebuilding of the wall was finished on the 25th of September in just
fifty-two days, **16** and when our enemies heard about it, the surrounding countries were afraid and discouraged because they
realised that our god must have helped us.

17 During that time, the Yehudah (Judah) leading citizens were
sending many letters to Toviyah, and letters from Toviyah were
also coming to them, **18** because many people in Yehudah had
ties with him because he was the son-in-law of Arah's son
Shekanyah, plus his son Yehohanan had married Berekyah's
daughter Meshulam. **19** Those leading citizen kept telling me
about the good things he was doing, and they reported my
words back to him. Toviyah also sent letters to try to frighten
me.

7:1 Once the wall had been rebuilt and the doors hung in the
gates, the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites had been
appointed. **2** I put my brother Hanani and the fortress commander Hananyah in charge over Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
(Hananyah was a faithful man and respected God more than
many others do.) **3** I told them, "Don't open Yerushalem's gates
until broad daylight, and then shut and bar them again while
the guards are still on full alert. And assign neighbourhood
watch groups among the inhabitants to keep an eye on their
own areas."

The list of returned exiles[49]

4 Now Yerushalem (Jerusalem) covered a large area but not many people had returned to live there yet, and the houses hadn't yet been rebuilt.

5 So God gave me the idea of gathering the leaders and the
people grouped by their ancestors. I found the register of those
who'd returned from exile to Yerushalem, with this written in it:

6 "These are the descendants of the people exiled by the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) , who returned to
Yehudah (Judah) and to Yerushalem—each family returning to
their own ancestral town. **7** Their leaders were Zerubavel,
Yeshua, Nehemyah (Nehemiah), Azaryah, Ra'amyah, Nahamani,
Mordekai, Bilshan, Misperet, Bigvay, Nehum, and Ba'anah.

The number of Israeli men:

8 2,172 descendants of Par'osh,

9 372 descendants of Shefatyah,

48 **LV 7:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: רמאי/ו: (x-qere) 'רָמְאָו': lemma_c/559 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_16EAA רָמְאָו

49 **RV 7:4 · Parallel** Ezra 2:1-70

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10 652 descendants of Arah,
11 2,818 descendants of Pahat-Moav (descendants of Yeshua and Yoav (Joab)),
12 1,254 descendants of Eylam,
13 845 descendants of Zatu,
14 760 descendants of Zakay,
15 648 descendants of Binuy,
16 628 descendants of Bevay,
17 2,322 descendants of Azgad,
18 667 descendants of Adonikam,
19 2,067 descendants of Bigvay,
20 655 descendants of Adin,
21 98 descendants of Ater (from Hizkiyah (Hezekiah)),
22 328 descendants of Hashum,
23 324 descendants of Betsay,
24 112 descendants of Harif,
25 and 95 descendants of Giveon.
26 Other men from these towns:
188 from Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem) and Netofah,
27 128 from Anatot,
28 42 from Beyt-Azmavet,
29 743 from Kiryat-Yearim, Kefirah, and Be'erot,
30 621 from Ramah and Geva,
31 122 from Mikmas,
32 123 from Beyt-El (Bethel) and Ay,
33 52 from Nevo,
34 1,254 descendants of the other Eylam,
35 320 descendants of Harim,
36 345 descendants of Yeriho (Jericho),
37 721 descendants of Lod, Hadid, and Ono,
38 and 3,930 descendants of Sena'ah.
39 The priests who returned:
973 descendants of Yedayah (a descendant of Yeshua),
40 1,052 descendants of Imer,
41 1,247 descendants of Pashhur,
42 and 1,017 descendants of Harim.
43 The Levites who returned:
74 descendants of Yeshua and Kadmiel (descendants of Hodevah).
44 The singers:
148 descendants of Asaf.
45 The gatekeepers:
138 descendants of Shalum, Ater, Talmon, Akuv, Hatita, and Shovay.
46 The temple servants:
the descendants of Tsiha, Hasufa, and Tabaeot,
47 the descendants of Keyros, Siea, and Padon,
48 the descendants of Levana, Hagava, and Shalmay,
49 the descendants of Hanan, Gidel, and Gahar,
50 the descendants of Reayah, Retsin, and Nekoda,

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hundred(s) seventy and_two. **10** The_descendants_of 'Āraḥ six hundred(s) fifty and_two. **11** The_descendants_of Paḥat- Mō'āv of_the_descendants_of of_Yēshū'a and_Yō'āv/(Joab) two_ _thousand and_eight hundred(s) eight- teen. **12** The_ _descendants_of 'Ēylām one_thousand two_hundred fifty and_ _four. **13** The_descendants_of Zattū' eight hundred(s) forty and_ _five. **14** The_descendants_of Zakkay seven hundred(s) and_ _sixty. **15** The_descendants_of Binnūy six hundred(s) forty and_ _eight. **16** The_descendants_of Bēvay six hundred(s) twenty and_eight. **17** The_descendants_of 'Azgād two_thousand three hundred(s) twenty and_two. **18** The_descendants_of 'Adonīqām six hundred(s) sixty and_seven. **19** The_descendants_of Bigvay two_thousand sixty and_seven. **20** The_descendants_of 'Ādīn six hundred(s) fifty and_five. **21** The_descendants_of 'Āṭēr of_ _Ḥizqiy^{yāh} ninety and_eight. **22** The_descendants_of Ḥāshum three hundred(s) twenty and_eight. **23** The_descendants_of Bētsay three hundred(s) twenty and_four. **24** The_descendants_ _of Ḥārīf one_hundred two_plus ten. **25** The_descendants_of Giv'ōn[52] ninety and_five. **26** The_men_of Bēyt- leḥem and_ _Nəṭofāh one_hundred eighty and_eight. **27** The_men_of 'Anātōt one_hundred twenty and_eight. **28** The_men_of Bēyt 'Azmāvet forty and_two. **29** The_men_of Qiryat Kəfīrāh and_ _Bə'ērōt seven hundred(s) forty and_three. **30** The_men_of (the)_Rāmāh and_Gev'a' six hundred(s) twenty and_one. **31** The_men_of Mikmāṣ one_hundred and_twenty and_two. **32** The_men_of Bēyt- $^{'ēl}$ and_(the)_'Ay one_hundred twenty and_three. **33** The_men_of Nəv'ō the_other fifty and_two. **34** The_descendants_of 'Ēylām the_other one_thousand two_ _hundred fifty and_four. **35** The_descendants_of Ḥārim three hundred(s) and_twenty. **36** The_descendants_of Yərīḥō/(Jericho) three hundred(s) forty and_five. **37** The_ _descendants_of Lod Ḥādīd and_'Ōnō seven hundred(s) and_ _twenty and_one. **38** The_descendants_of Ṣənā'āh three_of thousand(s) nine hundred(s) and_thirty. **39** The_priests the_ _descendants_of Yəda'^{yāh}/(Jedaiah) of_the_house_of of_ _Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) nine hundred(s) seventy and_three. **40** The_ _descendants_of 'Immēr one_thousand fifty and_two. **41** The_ _descendants_of Pashḥūr one_thousand two_hundred forty and_seven. **42** The_descendants_of Ḥārim one_thousand seventeen. **43** The_Lēviyyiy the_descendants_of Yēshū'a of_Qadmī$^{'ēl}$ of_the_descendants_of of_Hodaviah seventy and_four. **44** The_ _singers the_descendants_of 'Āṣāf one_hundred forty and_ _eight. **45** The_gatekeepers the_descendants_of Shallūm the_ _descendants_of 'Āṭēr the_descendants_of Ṭalmōn the_ _descendants_of 'Aqqūv the_descendants_of Ḥ$_a$ṭīṭā' the_ _descendants_of Shov'āy one_hundred thirty and_eight. **46** The_temple_servants the_descendants_of Tsīḥā'/(Ziha) the_ _descendants_of Ḥ$_a$sūfā' the_descendants_of Ṭabā'ōt. **47** The_ _descendants_of Qēyroṣ the_descendants_of Ṣī'ā' the_ _descendants_of Pādōn. **48** The_descendants_of Ləv'ānā' the_ _descendants_of Ḥ$_a$gāv'ā' the_descendants_of Salmay. **49** The_ _descendants_of Ḥānān the_descendants_of Giddēl the_ _descendants_of Gaḥar. **50** The_descendants_of Rə'ā^{yāh} the_ _descendants_of Rətsīn the_descendants_of Nəqōdā'. **51** The_ _descendants_of Gazzām the_descendants_of 'Uzzā' the_ _descendants_of Pāṣēaḥ. **52** The_descendants_of Bēṣay the_

52 LV 7:25 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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_descendants_of Mə´ūnāy the_descendants_of Nephissim[53].
53 The_descendants_of Baqbūq the_descendants_of Ḥaqūfā'
the_descendants_of Ḥarḥūr. **54** The_descendants_of Bazluth
the_descendants_of Məḥīdā' the_descendants_of Ḥarshā'.
55 The_descendants_of Barqōş the_descendants_of Şīşərā' the_
_descendants_of Temaḥ. **56** The_descendants_of Nətsīaḥ the_
_descendants_of Ḥaṭīfā'. **57** The_descendants_of the_servants_of
Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_descendants_of Şōṭay the_
_descendants_of Şoferet the_descendants_of Pərīdā'. **58** The_
_descendants_of Ya´alā'/(Jaala) the_descendants_of Darqōn the_
_descendants_of Giddēl. **59** The_descendants_of Shəfaṭyāh the_
_descendants_of Ḥaṭṭil the_descendants_of Pokeret- Tsəvāyīm
the_descendants_of 'Āmōn. **60** All_of the_temple_servants and_
_the_sons of_the_servants_of of_Shəlomoh three hundred(s)
ninety and_two. **61** And_these are_the_ones_who_came_up
from_Tēl- melaḥ Tēl Harsha Kərūv Addon and_'Immēr and_not
they_were_able to_announce the_house_of their_ancestors_of_
_their and_offspring_of_their if were_from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
they. **62** The_descendants_of Dəlāyāh the_descendants_of
Ṭōviyyāh the_descendants_of Nəqōdā' six hundred(s) and_forty
and_two. **63** And_from the_priests the_descendants_of Ḥavayyāh
the_descendants_of Haqqōts the_descendants_of Barzillay who
he_had_taken one_of_the_daughters_of Barzillay the_Gil'ādite
a_wife and_he_was_called on their_name. **64** These they_sought
document_of_their those_who_had_had_themselves_enrolled
and_not it_was_found and_they_were_defiled from the_
priesthood. **65** And the_governor _he/it_said to/for_them
which/who not they_will_eat any_of_the_holy_thing_of the_
_holy_things until the_priest/officer will_arise to_Urim and_
_Thummim. **66** All_of the_assembly as_one four ten_thousand
two_thousand three hundred(s) and_sixty. **67** (From)_besides_of
servants_of_their_male and_their_female_of_servants these
were_seven_of thousand(s) three hundred(s) thirty and_seven
and_belonged_to_them male_singers and_female_singers two_
_hundred and_forty and_five.
No LV counterpart for RV 7:68. **68** **54** Camels four hundred(s) thirty
and_five donkeys six_of thousand(s) seven hundred(s) and_
_twenty. **69** **55** And_from_(the)_sum of_the_heads_of of_the_
_fathers they_gave for_work the_governor he_gave to_treasury
gold drachmas one_thousand bowls fifty garments_of priests
thirty and_five hundred(s). **70** **56** And_some_of_the_heads_of
the_fathers they_gave to_the_treasury_of the_work gold
drachmas two_of ten_thousands and_silver minas two_
_thousand and_two_hundred. **71** **57** And_which the_remainder_
_of the_people they_gave was_gold drachmas two_of ten_
_thousand and_silver minas two_thousand and_tunics_of
priests sixty and_seven. **72** **58** And_ the_priests and_the_

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51 the descendants of Gazam, Uza, and Paseah,
52 the descendants of Besay, Meunim, and Nefisim,
53 the descendants of Bakbuk, Hakufa, and Harhur,
54 the descendants of Batslut, Mehida, and Harsha,
55 the descendants of Barkos, Sisera, and Temah,
56 and the descendants of Netsiah and Hatifa.
57 The descendants of Shelomoh's (Solomon's) servants who returned:
the descendants of Sotay, Soferet, and Perida.
58 the descendants of Ya'ala, Darkon, and Gidel,
59 and the descendants of Shefatyah, Hatil, Pokeret-Hatsvayim, and Amon.
60 Altogether, there were 392 descendants of the temple workers and conscripted labourers.
61 There were also some who returned from Tel-Melah, Tel-Harsha, Keruv, Adan, and Imer, even though they couldn't prove who their ancestors were, or even that they were descendants of Israelis:
62 There were also 642 descendants of Delayah, Toviyah, and Nekoda, **63** plus some priests:
the descendants of Havayah, Hakots, and Barzilay. (Barzilay had married a descendant of a man named Barzilay from Gilead, and had taken his wife's family name.)
64 They had search the genealogical records for their family histories, but didn't find them, so they were ineligible to serve as priests. **65** The governor had disallowed them from eating the priests' food until a recognised priest could consult the Urim and Tumim.[50]
66 Altogether, 42,360 people returned to Yehudah (Judah), **67** not counting their 7,337 male and female servants, and 245 male and female singers. **68** They had 736 horses, 245 mules, **69** 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys. **70** Some of the leaders of the ancestral clans gave to the work. The governor donated 8kg of gold, 50 bowls, and 530 robes for the priests, **71** and some of the leaders donated 150kg of gold and 1,500kg of silver. **72** The rest of the people donated 150kg of gold, 1,300kg of silver, and 67 robes for the priests.
73 So the priests and the Levites, the gatekeepers and the singers, the temple workers and the rest of the Israelis, all settled in their various ancestral cities.[51]

50 **RV 7:65 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:30; Deu 33:8.
51 **RV 7:73 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 9:2; Neh 11:3.
53 **LV 7:52 · Note** OSHB variant note: **מיסשופנ**: (x-qere) **'מְיָסְּשֻׁיפְּנ'**: lemma_5304 n_0 morph_HNgmpa id_16t2f **מְיָסְּשֻׁיפְּנ**
54 **LV 7:68 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.69
55 **LV 7:69 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.70
56 **LV 7:70 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.71
57 **LV 7:71 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.72
58 **LV 7:72 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.7.73

Readers' Version

Ezra reads God's instructions to the people

8:1 All the people gathered together in the plaza near the Water Gate and asked Ezra the scribe to bring the scroll with Yahweh's instructions to Yisrael (Israel) given through Mosheh (Moses). **2** So it was the beginning of October when Ezra the priest brought the scroll to the gathering of men and women and everyone who wanted to understand it, **3** and he read it aloud in the plaza near the Water Gate—reading from dawn until the middle of the day in front of those men and women and interested people, who all listened intently.

4 Ezra the scribe stood on a raised wooden platform that they had made especially for this purpose. Standing on his right were Matityah, Shema, Anayah, Uriyah, Hilkiyah, and Ma'aseyah, and on his left stood Pedayah, Mishael, Malkiyah, Hashum, Hashbadanah, Zekaryah (Zechariah), and Meshulam.

5 Up on the platform, Ezra opened the scroll in front of all the people, and as he did so, all the people stood up. **6** Ezra blessed the great God Yahweh and the people raised their arms and responded, "May it be so." Then they knelt down and bowed to Yahweh with their faces to the ground.

7 Then Yeshua, Bani, Shereveyah, Yamin, Akuv, Shabtay, Hodiyah, Ma'aseyah, Kelita, Azaryah, Yozavad, Hanan, Pelayah, who were all Levites, explained what had been read to the people standing there. **8** They read the scroll containing God's instructions, explaining how it applied so the people could understand it.

9 Then Nehemyah (Nehemiah) the governor and Ezra the priest & scribe, and the Levites who were explaining it, said to all the people, "Today is a sacred day—it belongs to your god Yahweh. Don't mourn or weep." That was because all the people were weeping after they heard Yahweh's instructions to them. **10** Then Nehemyah told them, "Go home and eat some special food with sweet drink, and share some with those who can't afford such things because today is a sacred day that belongs to our master. And don't grieve, because the happiness from Yahweh will make you all strong."

11 The Levites told the people to quieten down, saying, "Don't grieve today because it's a sacred day. Stay quiet." **12** So all the people went to eat and drink and to take plates of food to others, and to have a big celebration because they understood what had been read to them.

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_Lēviyyiy and_the_gatekeepers and_the_singers and_from the_ _people and_the_temple_servants and_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_lived in_their_own_of_cities and_ the_month the_ _seventh _it_arrived and_the_sons of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_in_ _cities_of_their.

8:1 And_ all_of the_people _they_gathered like_a_person one to the_open_space which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_ _gate_of the_waters and_they_said to_ʿEzrā' the_scribe to_bring ÐOM the_scroll_of the_law_of Mosheh which **YHWH** he_had_ _commanded ÐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_ ʿEzrā' the_ _priest/officer _he_brought ÐOM the_law to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_assembly from_man and_unto woman and_all/each/any/every one_who_understood to_listen in/on_ _day one of_month the_seventh. **3** And_he/it_called in_him/it to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_open_space which to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_gate_of the_waters from the_light until the_middle_of the_day before the_men and_the_ _women and_those_who_understood and_the_ears_of all_of the_people were_to the_scroll_of the_law. **4** And_ ʿEzrā' the_ _scribe _he_stood on a_high_platform_of wood which people_ _had_made to_the_message/thing/matter and_he_stood beside_him Mattityāh and_Shemaʿ and_ʿAnāyāh and_'Ūriyyāh and_Ḫilqiyyāh and_Maʿaśēyāh on hand_of_his_right and_were_ _from_left_of_his Pədāyāh and_Mīshā'ēl and_Malkīyyāh and_ _Ḫāshum and_Ḫashbaddānāh Zəkaryāh Məshullām. **5** And_ ʿEzrā' _he_opened the_scroll to_the_eyes_of all_of the_people if/because from_under all_of the_people he_was and_just_as_ _he_opened_it all_of the_people they_stood_up. **6** And_ ʿEzrā' _ _he/it_blessed ÐOM **YHWH** the_'Elohīm (the)_great and_ all_of the_people _they_answered amen amen in_the_raising_of their_hands_of_their and_they_bowed_low and_they_bowed_ _down to/for_**YHWH** face ground_to_the. **7** And_ _Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_Bānī and_Shērēvə[59]yāh[5960] Yāmīn/(Jamin) ʿAqqūv Shabtay Hōdiyyāh Maʿaśēyāh Qəlīṭā' ʿAzaryāh Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) Ḫānān Pəlāyāh and_the_Lēviyyiy were_ _causing_to_understand ÐOM the_people (to)_law and_the_ _people were_at place_of_their. **8** And_they_read_aloud in_ _scroll in_the_law_of the_'Elohīm making_clear and_they_gave the_sense and_they_understood (in)_reading. **9** And_he/it_said Nəḫemyāh he was_the_governor and_ʿEzrā' the_priest/officer the_scribe and_the_Lēviyyiy who_were_causing_to_understand ÐOM the_people to/from_all/each/any/every the_people the_ _day is_holy it to/for_**YHWH** god_of_your(pl) do_not mourn and_do_not weep if/because all_of the_people were_weeping just_as_they_heard ÐOM the_words/messages_of the_law. **10** And_he/it_said to/for_them go eat fat_foods and_drink sweet_things and_send portions to_there_is_not a_thing_ _prepared to_him/it if/because is_holy the_day to_master(s)_ _of_our and_do_not be_grieved if/because the_joy_of **YHWH** it refuge_of_is_your(pl). **11** And_the_Lēviyyiy were_making_quiet to/from_all/each/any/every the_people to_say hush if/because the_day is_holy and_do_not be_grieved. **12** And_ all_ _of the_people _they_went to_eat and_to_drink and_to_send portions and_to_make joy great if/because they_had_

59 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

60 **LV 8:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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_understood (in)_words/messages which they_had_made_
_known to/for_them.
13 And_on_day the_second the_heads_of the_fathers to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_people the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy
they_gathered to ʹEzrāʾ the_scribe and_to_gain_insight into
the_words/messages_of the_law. **14** And_they_found written
in_law which **YHWH** he_had_commanded by_the_hand_of
Mosheh which/who the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_will_
_dwell in_booths at_festival in_month the_seventh. **15** And_
_which they_will_make_proclamation and_they_will_cause_to_
_pass a_proclamation in_all cities_of_their and_in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say go_out the_hill_country and_
_bring leaves_of olive and_leaves_of tree[s]_of oil and_leaves_of
myrtle_tree[s] and_leaves_of palm_trees and_leaves_of tree[s]_
_of leafy to_make booths according_what_is_written. **16** And_
the_people _they_went_out and_they_brought_leaves and_
_they_made to/for_them booths each on roof_his_own and_in_
_courtyards_of_their and_in_the_courtyards_of the_house_of
the_ʾElohīm and_in_the_open_space_of the_gate_of the_waters
and_in_the_open_space_of the_gate_of ʾEfrayim. **17** And_ all_of
the_assembly which_had_returned from the_captivity _they_
_made booths and_they_lived in_booths if/because not they_
_had_done since_the_days_of Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) the_son_of Nun
thus the_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) until the_day (the)_that
and_it_became joy great very. **18** And_he/it_called in_the_
_scroll_of the_law_of the_ʾElohīm a_day in/on_day from the_
_day (the)_first until the_day (the)_last and_they_observed a_
_festival seven_of days and_was_on_day (the)_eighth an_
_assembly according_the_ordinance.

9:1 And_on_day_of twenty and_four of_month the_this the_
_people_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) they_gathered with_fasting and_in_
_sackcloth(s) and_earth was_on_them. **2** And_ the_offspring_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_separated_themselves from_all sons_of
foreignness and_they_stood and_they_confessed on sins_of_
_their and_the_iniquities_of their_ancestors_of_their. **3** And_
_they_stood at place_of_their and_they_read_aloud in_the_
_scroll_of the_law_of **YHWH** god_of_their the_fourth_of the_
_day and_a_fourth they_were_confessing and_they_were_
_bowing_down to/for_**YHWH** god_of_their. **4** And_he/it_rose_
_up on the_platform_of the_Lēviyyiy Yēshūʿa and_Bānī Qadmīʾēl
Shəvanʸāh Bunniy Shērēvəʸāh Bānī Kənānī/(Chenani) and_
_they_cried_out with_a_voice great to **YHWH** god_of_their.
5 And_ the_Lēviyyiy Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_Qadmīʾēl Bānī
Ḥashavnəʸāh Shērēvəʸāh Hōdiyʸāh Shəvanʸāh Pətaḥʸāh _they_
_said arise bless ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** god_of_your(pl) from (the)_
_antiquity until (the)_perpetuity and_may_people_bless the_
_name_of your_glory_of_your and_may_it_be_exalted above all_
_of blessing and_praise. **6** You(ms) he are_**YHWH** you_alone
wwww[84] you_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_heavens the_heavens_of the_
_heavens and_all their_group/army/objects the_earth/land
and_all that on/upon_it(f) the_seas and_all that (is)_in_them
and_you(ms) are_preserving_alive ᴅᴏᴍ of_them_of_all and_the_
_soldier/messenger_of the_heavens to/for_yourself(m) are_
_bowing_down. **7** You he are_**YHWH** the_ʾElohīm who you_

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The celebration in shelters

13 The next day, all the clan leaders, and the priests and Levites, met with Ezra the scribe to study the instructions on the scroll. **14** They discovered that it was written in the instructions that Yahweh had given through Mosheh (Moses), that the Israelis should live in temporary shelters during the celebration in their seventh month (our September-October).[61] **15** They should publicly proclaim in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and in all their towns that the people should go into the hills and bring back branches from olive or wild olive trees, myrtle or palm trees, and/or other leafy trees to make shelters as it's written.

16 So the people went out and brought back branches to make shelters for themselves on their roofs or in their courtyards, or in the temple courtyard or in the plazas near the Water Gate and the Efrayim Gate. **17** Then the whole assembly of people who'd come back from captivity made shelters and lived in them for one week. The Israelis hadn't done that since the time of Yehoshua's (Joshua's) leadership, and they did it with a lot of celebration. **18** Ezra read aloud from the scroll of God's instructions each day of the seven days of celebration, then on the eighth day they all gathered together as per the instructions.

The people confess their sins

9:1 On the 24th of that month, the Israelis dressed in sackcloth, put dust on their heads, fasted, and gathered together. **2** Those of Jewish descent stood separately from the descendants of foreigners, and they confessed their own sins, as well as those of their ancestors. **3** They stood and listened to the scroll with Yahweh's instructions being read for three hours, then for another three hours they confessed and bowed down to Yahweh their god. **4** Then Yeshua went up the Levites' stairs with Bani, Kadmiel, Shevanyah, Buni, Shereveyah, another Bani, and Kenani, and they called out loudly to their god Yahweh.

5 Then some Levites (Yeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashavneyah, Shereveyah, Hodiyah, Shevanyah, and Petahyah) said, "Stand up and bless your eternal God Yahweh: May the peoples bless your wonderful reputation which is greater than anything else that we bless or praise. **6** Yahweh, you alone are God. You yourself made the heavens, the galaxies in the heavens and all their stars, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and all the stars bow down to you.

7 "You are Yahweh, the god who chose Avram. Then you brought him out from Ur in the Chaldean region, then you re-

61 RV 8:14-15 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:33-36,39-43; Deu 16:13-15.

84 LV 9:6 · Note OSHB variant note: **תא**: (x-qere) **'הָוָּתַּא'**: lemma_859 a morph_HPp2ms id_1662m הָוָּתַּא

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named him to Avraham (meaning 'father of many'). **8** You discovered that he was sincere and faithful to you, and made an agreement with him—to give the Kena'ani (Canaanite), Hiti, Amori, Perizi, Yevusi, and the Girgashi regions to his descendants,[62] and you have ensured that it's all come to be because you're righteous. **9** You noticed the suffering of our ancestors enslaved in Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then you heard their cry for help at the edge of the Red Sea.

10 "You displayed miracles to Par'oh (Pharaoh), and to all his servants and to all the Mitsri (Egyptian) people, because you knew that they were acting as if you weren't real, so you got yourself a reputation which you still have to this day.[63] **11** Then you split the sea open the sea right in front of their eyes, and they walked through the middle of it on dry land.[64] After that, you drowned their pursuers into the deep sea like a stone in a huge lake.[65] **12** You led them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and during the night with a pillar of fire to illuminate the way that they should go.[66]

13 "Then you came down to Mt. Sinay and spoke with them from the sky, and you gave to them principles of justice and laws of truth—good statutes and instructions.[67] **14** You revealed the concept of a rest day to them, and you gave them rules and instructions and laws via your servant Mosheh (Moses).

15 "You gave them bread from the sky when they were hungry,[68] and you made water come out of a rock when they were thirsty,[69] then eventually you told them to go ahead to possess the land that you had said that you'd give to them.[70]

16 "But our ancestors were proud and stubborn and they refused to obey your instructions.[71] **17** Not only did they refuse to listen, they forgot about all the miracles that you'd done for them and they became stubborn and appointed a leader to take them back to their slavery. But you are a god of forgiveness—gracious and compassionate, slow to get angry and generously showing loyal affection, and you didn't abandon them.[72] **18** Even when they molded a metal calf for themselves and said, 'This is your god who brought you out of Mitsrayim' (Egypt),[73]

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chose (in)'Avrām and_you_brought_him_out from_'Ūr of_ _the_ones_from_Kasdiy and_you_made name_of_his 'Avrāhām. **8** And_you_found ᴅᴏᴍ heart_of_his faithful to_your_face and_ _you_made with_him/it the_covenant to_give ᴅᴏᴍ the_land_of the_Kəna'ₐnī the_Ḥittiy[s] the_'Amorī and_the_Pərizzī[s] and_ _the_Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite)[s] and_the_Girgāshiy[s] to_give to_ _offspring_of_his and_you_fulfilled ᴅᴏᴍ words/messages_of_ _your if/because are_righteous you. **9** And_she/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _affliction_of our_ancestors_of_our in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ outcry_of_their you_heard at the_sea_of reed[s]. **10** And_ _she/it_gave signs and_wonders on_Par'oh and_on/over_all servants_of_his and_on/over_all the_people_of his_land_of_his if/because you_knew if/because_that they_had_acted_ _presumptuously on_them and_you_made to/for_yourself(m) a_name as_the_day (the)_this. **11** And_the_sea you_split_open before_them and_they_passed in_the_middle_of the_sea on_ _ground and_ᴅᴏᴍ pursuers_of_their you_threw in_the_depths like a_stone in_waters mighty. **12** And_in_a_pillar_of cloud you_ _led_them by_day and_in_a_pillar_of fire night to_give_light to/for_them ᴅᴏᴍ the_way which they_walked in_it. **13** And_on the_mountain_of Ṣīnay you_came_down and_you_spoke with_ _them from_heaven and_she/it_gave to/for_them judgements upright and_laws_of faithfulness regulations and_commands good. **14** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sabbath_of your_holiness_of_your you_ _made_known[85] to/for_them and_commands and_regulations and_the_law you_commanded to/for_them by_the_hand_of Mosheh servant_of_your. **15** And_bread from_heaven you_gave to/for_them for_hunger_of_their and_water from_a_rock you_ _brought_forth to/for_them for_thirst_of_their and_she/it_said to/for_them to_go to_take_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land which you_had_lifted ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_your to_give to/for_them. **16** And_they and_ancestors_of_our they_acted_presumptuously and_they_stiffened ᴅᴏᴍ neck_of_their and_not they_listened to commands_of_your. **17** And_they_refused to_listen and_not they_remembered wonders_of_your which you_had_done with_ _them and_they_stiffened ᴅᴏᴍ neck_of_their and_they_ _appointed a_leader to_return to_servitude_of_their in_ _rebellion_of_their and_you(ms) are_a_god_of forgiveness(es) gracious and_compassionate long_of anger(s) and_great_of and[8687] and_not you_abandoned_them. **18** Even if/because

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62 RV 9:8 · Cross-ref. Gen 15:18-21.

63 RV 9:10 · Cross-ref. Exo 7:8–12:32.

64 RV 9:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 14:21-29.

65 RV 9:11 · Cross-ref. Exo 15:4-5.

66 RV 9:12 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:21-22.

67 RV 9:13-14 · Cross-ref. Exo 19:18–23:33.

68 RV 9:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 16:4-15.

69 RV 9:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 17:1-7.

70 RV 9:15 · Cross-ref. Deu 1:21.

71 RV 9:16-17 · Cross-ref. Num 14:1-4; Deu 1:26-33.

72 RV 9:17 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:6; Num 14:18.

73 RV 9:18 · Cross-ref. Exo 32:1-4.

85 LV 9:14 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

86 LV 9:17 · Note OSHB variant note: דסח/ו: (x-qere) 'דֶּסֶח': lemma_2617 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmsa id_161pu דֶּסֶח

87 LV 9:17 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

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they_had_made to/for_them a_calf_of molten_metal and_they_
_said this god_of_is_your who he_brought_you_up from_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_made blasphemies great. **19** And_
_you(ms) in_compassion(s)_of_your (the)_great not you_
_abandoned_them in_wilderness ĐOM the_pillar_of (the)_cloud
not it_departed from_over_them in_daytime to_lead_them in_
_the_way and_ĐOM the_pillar_of (the)_fire at_night to_give_
_light to/for_them and_ĐOM the_way which they_walked in_it.
20 And_spirit_of_your (the)_good you_gave to_instruct_them
and_manna_of_your not you_withheld from_mouth_of_their
and_water you_gave to/for_them for_thirst_of_their. **21** And_
_forty year[s] you_sustained_them in_wilderness not they_
_were_lacking clothes_of_their not they_wore_out and_feet_of_
_their not they_swelled. **22** And_she/it_gave to/for_them
kingdoms and_peoples and_you_apportioned_them to_a_
_corner and_they_took_possession_of ĐOM the_land_of Ṣīḥōn
and_ĐOM the_land_of the_king_of Ḥeshbōn and_ĐOM the_land_
_of ʿŌg the_king_of (the)_Bāshān. **23** And_children_of_their
you_increased like_the_stars_of the_heavens and_you_brought_
_them into the_earth/land which you_had_said to_ancestors_
_of_their to_go to_take_possession_of. **24** And_ the_children _
_they_came and_they_took_possession_of ĐOM the_earth/land
and_you_subdued before_them ĐOM the_inhabitants_of the_
_earth/land the_Kənaʿanī/(Kənaʿanī/(Canaanite)s) and_you_
_gave_them in_hand_of_their and_ĐOM kings_of_their and_ĐOM
the_peoples_of the_earth/land for_doing (is)_in_them
according_to_of_their_will. **25** And_they_captured cities
fortified and_ground fertile and_they_took_possession_of
houses full every_of good_thing wells dug_out vineyards and_
_olive_trees and_tree food to_increase_in_number and_they_
_ate and_they_were_satisfied and_they_grew_fat and_they_
_luxuriated in_goodness_of_your (the)_great. **26** And_they_
_were_disobedient and_they_rebelled on/over_you(fs) and_
_they_threw ĐOM law_of_your behind back_of_their and_ĐOM
prophets_of_your they_killed who they_had_warned (in)_them
to_bring_them_back to_you and_they_made blasphemies great.
27 And_you_gave_them in_the_hand_of their_foes_of_their
and_they_caused_distress to/for_them and_in_the_time_of
their_distress_of_their they_cried_out to_you and_you(ms)
from_heaven you_heard and_according_to_of_your_
_compassion(s) (the)_great you_gave to/for_them deliverers
and_they_delivered_them from_the_hand_of their_foes_of_
_their. **28** And_just_as_was_rest to/for_them they_returned for_
_doing evil to_your_face and_you_abandoned_them in_the_
_hand_of their_enemies_of_their and_they_ruled in/among_
_them and_they_returned and_they_cried_out_to_you and_
_you(ms) from_heaven you_heard and_you_rescued_them
according_to_of_your_compassion(s) many times. **29** And_you_

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and they badly insulted you, **19** you didn't abandon them in the wilderness because you're so merciful. You didn't remove the pillar of cloud that led them on the way during the day, or remove the pillar of fire that shone at night for them to show them which way they should go.[74] **20** You gave them your good spirit to give them insight. You didn't withhold your manna for them to eat, and you still gave them water to drink, **21** yes, you sustained them in the wilderness for forty years—they had everything they needed—their clothes didn't wear out, and their feet didn't swell.

22 "Then you handed kingdoms and people groups over to them, and you let them settle in even the far corners of the regions. They took possession of the King Sihon's Heshbon region, and King Og's Bashan region.[75] **23** You gave our ancestors lots of children so they were like the many stars in the sky,[76] then you brought them into this land[77] which you'd told their ancestors to enter and take ownership of. **24** Their children went in and took over the land after you went ahead of them and subdued the previous inhabitants, the Kena'anim (Canaanites). You allowed them to defeat them and their kings, and the people groups in the land—letting them do whatever they wanted to do with them.[78] **25** They captured fortified cities and productive land, and they took over houses full of all good things, stone cisterns, vineyards and olive orchards, and lots of fruit trees.[79] They ate and were satisfied, and grew fat and enjoyed themselves as a result of your amazing goodness.

26 "But they disobeyed and rebelled against you, and they turned their backs on your instructions.[80] They killed your prophets who testified against them in order to bring them back to you and they badly insulted you. **27** So you allowed their enemies to harass and conquer them. Then in the time of their distress, they cried out to you, and you yourself heard from heaven. Because you're so merciful, you sent saviours to them who rescued them from their enemies. **28** After they'd returned to an era of peace, they reverted to doing evil again in front of you and you left them to submit to their enemies and the oppression that followed. Then they'd return and cry out to you, and you heard from heaven and delivered them many times because you're merciful. **29** You showed them their errors so they'd return to following your instructions, but instead they ignored you and didn't obey your commands. They ignored your values which would have helped them if they'd lived by them[81] and they turned a stubborn shoulder, stiffened their necks, and re-

74 **RV 9:19-21 · Cross-ref.** Deu 8:2-4.
75 **RV 9:22 · Cross-ref.** Num 21:21-35.
76 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Gen 15:5; 22:17.
77 **RV 9:23 · Cross-ref.** Josh 3:14-17.
78 **RV 9:24 · Cross-ref.** Josh 11:23.
79 **RV 9:25 · Cross-ref.** Deu 6:10-11.
80 **RV 9:26-28 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 2:11-16.
81 **RV 9:29 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:5.

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fused to listen. **30** Yet you put up with them for many years, and you testified against them with your spirit through the messages of your prophets, but they still didn't take any notice, so you allowed the other people groups to conquer them.[82] **31** However, because you're so merciful, you didn't abandon them and you didn't wipe them out completely. Yes, you're a god who's gracious and merciful.

32 "So now God, our amazing, powerful, and awesome God who keeps his agreements due to his loyal commitment, don't just ignore all our current hardships affecting us, our kings and our leaders, our priests and our prophets, and our ancestors and all your people, from the period of the Assyrian kings until today.[83] **33** You are totally fair in allowing all that to happen to us, because you have behaved faithfully, but in contrast, we have behaved wickedly— **34** and our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our ancestors haven't obeyed your instructions and they haven't bothered with following your commands or taking notice of your complaints that you made know to them. **35** They served in their own kingdom and enjoyed the incredible goodness that you poured on them and the wide and prosperous land that you gave them, but they didn't serve you, and they didn't turn away from their evil actions.

36 "Take notice of us today—we're servants, and the land that you gave to our ancestors so we could eat its fruit and its produce, but look at us now—we're servants in our own land. **37** Now its plentiful produce belongs to the kings who you've placed over us due to our sins, and who rule over our bodies and over our livestock just however they want to, so we're terribly distressed.

38 "So now in all of this, we're faithfully making an agreement, and our leaders, our Levites, and our priests will even write it down on a document and sign it."

10:1 The ones who signed the document were:

Signing the agreement

Nehemyah (Nehemiah) the governor, Hakalyah's son, and Tsidkiyah (Zedekiah).

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_warned (is)_in_them to_bring_them_back to law_of_your and_ _they they_acted_presumptuously and_not they_listened to_ _commands_of_your and_in_judgements_of_your they_sinned in_them which anyone he_will_do and_he_will_live in/among_ _them and_they_gave a_shoulder stubborn and_neck_of_their they_stiffened and_not they_listened. **30** And_you_prolonged towards_them years many and_you_warned (in)_them by_ _spirit_of_your by_the_hand_of your(pl)_prophets_of_your and_not they_gave_ear and_you_gave_them in_the_hand_of the_peoples_of the_lands. **31** And_in_compassion(s)_of_your (the)_great not you_made_them complete_destruction and_not you_abandoned_them if/because are_a_god gracious and_ _compassionate you. **32** And_now our_god_of_Oh (the)_god (the)_great (the)_mighty and_(the)_awesome who_keeps the_ _covenant and_(the)_covenant_loyalty not let_it_be_small to_ _your_face ĐOM all_of the_hardship which it_has_come_upon_ _us to_kings_of_our to_leaders_of_our and_to_priests_of_our and_to_prophets_of_our and_to_ancestors_of_our and_to/for_ _all people_of_your since_the_days_of the_kings_of 'Ashshūr until the_day (the)_this. **33** And_you(ms) are_righteous on every_of (the)_thing_which_has_come on_us if/because faithfulness you_have_acted and_we we_have_acted_wickedly. **34** And_ĐOM kings_of_our leaders_of_our priests_of_our and_ _ancestors_of_our not they_did law_of_your and_not they_ _paid_attention to commands_of_your and_to_testimonies_of_ _your which you_admonished (in)_them. **35** And_they in_their_ _own_of_kingdom and_in_goodness_of_your (the)_great which you_had_given to/for_them and_in_the_land_of (the)_broad and_(the)_fertile which you_had_set before_them not they_ _served_you and_not they_turned_back from_deeds_of_their (the)_evil. **36** HERE we the_day are_slaves and_the_earth which you_gave to_ancestors_of_our to_eat ĐOM fruit_of_its and_ĐOM thing[s]_of_its_good HERE we are_slaves on_it. **37** And_produce_ _of_its is_increasing for_kings whom you_have_appointed over_ _us in_sins_of_our and_over bodies_of_our they_are_ruling and_over_cattle_of_our according_to_of_their_will and_are_in_ _distress great we.

10:1 [88] And_on/over_all this we are_making a_trustworthy_ _agreement and_we_are_writing_it and_are_on the_sealed_ _document leaders_of_our Lēviyyiy_of_our priests_of_our.

2 [89] And_were_on the_sealed_documents Nəḥem^{yāh} the_ _governor the_son_of Hacaliah and_Tsidqiy^{yāh}/(Zedekiah). **3** [90] Sərā^{yāh} 'Azar^{yāh} Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). **4** [91] Pashḥūr 'Amar^{yāh} Malkīy^{yāh}. **5** [92] Ḥaṭṭūsh Shəvan^{yāh} Mallūk. **6** [93] Ḥārim Mərēmōt 'Ovad^{yāh}. **7** [94] Dāniyy'ēl Ginnətōn Bārūk. **8** [95] Məshullām 'Aviy^{yāh}

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82 RV 9:30 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 17:13-18; 2Ch 36:15-16.

83 RV 9:32 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 15:19-29; 17:3-6; Ezr 4:2,10.

88 LV 10:1 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.9.38

89 LV 10:2 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.1

90 LV 10:3 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.2

91 LV 10:4 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.3

92 LV 10:5 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.4

93 LV 10:6 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.5

94 LV 10:7 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.6

95 LV 10:8 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.7

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Miyyāmin. 9 [96] Maaziah Bilgai Shəma´^{yāh} these were_the_ _priests.

10 [97] And_the_Lēviyyiy and_Yēshū´a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Azaniah Binnūy from_(the)_sons of_Ḥēnādād Qadmī^{ʾēl}. 11 [98] And_brothers_of_their Shəvan^{yāh} Hodiah Qəlīṭā' Pəlā^{yāh} Ḥānān. 12 [99] Mīkā' Rəḥov Ḥ$_a$shav^{yāh}. 13 [100] Zakkūr Shērēvə^{yāh} Shəvan^{yāh}. 14 [101] Hodiah Bānī Beninu. 15 [102] The_leaders_of the_people Par´osh/(Parosh) Paḥat- Mō'āv ´Ēylām Zattū' Bānī. 16 [103] Bunniy ´Azgād Bēvay. 17 [104] Adonijah Bigvay ´Ādīn. 18 [105] 'Āṭēr Ḥizqiy^{yāh} ´Azzūr. 19 [106] Hodiah Ḥāshum Bētsay. 20 [107] Hariph ´Anātōt Nebai[108]. 21 [109] Magpiash Məshullām Hezir. 22 [110] Məshēyzav^{ʾēl} Tsādōq/(Zadok) Yaddū´a/(Jaddua). 23 [111] Pəlaṭ^{yāh} Ḥānān Anaiah. 24 [112] Hōshē´a Ḥ$_a$nan^{yāh} Ḥashshūv. 25 [113] Hallohesh Pilha Shobek. 26 [114] Rəḥūm Hashabnah Ma´$_a$sē^{yāh}. 27 [115] And_Ahiah Ḥānān Anan. 28 [116] Mallūk Ḥārim Ba´$_a$nāh.

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2 The priests who signed:
Serayah, Azaryah, and Yirmiyah (Jeremiah),
3 Pashhur, Amaryah, and Malkiyah,
4 Hatush, Shevanyah, and Malkiyah,
5 Harim, Meremot, and Ovadyah (Obadiah),
6 Daniyel, Gineton, and Baruk,
7 Meshulam, Aviyah, and Miyamin,
8 Ma'azyah, Bilgay, and Shemayah. (All priests.)
9 The Levites who signed:

The Levites

Azanyah's son Yeshua, Henadad's son Binuy, and Kadmiel,
10 their brothers Shevanyah, Hodiyah, Kelita, Pelayah, and Hanan,
11 Mika, Rehov, and Hashavyah,
12 Zakur, Shereveyah, and Shevanyah,
13 Hodiyah, Bani, and Beninu,
14 The leaders who signed:
Par'osh, Pahat-Moav, Eylam, Zatu, and Bani,
15 Buni, Azgad, and Bevay,
16 Adoniyah, Bigvay, and Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkiyah (Hezekiah), and Azur,
18 Hodiyah, Hashum, and Betsay,
19 Harif, Anatot, and Novay,
20 Magpiyeash, Meshulam, and Hezir,
21 Mesheyzavel, Tsadok, and Yadua,
22 Pelatyah, Hanan, and Anayah,
23 Hoshea, Hananyah, and Hashuv,
24 Halohesh, Pilha, and Shovek,
25 Rehum, Hashavnah, and Ma'aseyah,
26 Ahiyah, Hanan, and Anan,
27 Maluk, Harim, and Ba'anah.

96 **LV 10:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.8
97 **LV 10:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.9
98 **LV 10:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.10
99 **LV 10:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.11
100 **LV 10:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.12
101 **LV 10:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.13
102 **LV 10:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.14
103 **LV 10:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.15
104 **LV 10:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.16
105 **LV 10:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.17
106 **LV 10:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.18
107 **LV 10:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.19
108 **LV 10:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: יבוּנ: (x-qere) יְבִינֻ֑: lemma_5109 n_0 morph_HNp id_16B4V יְבִינֻ֑
109 **LV 10:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.20
110 **LV 10:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.21
111 **LV 10:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.22
112 **LV 10:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.23
113 **LV 10:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.24
114 **LV 10:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.25
115 **LV 10:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.26
116 **LV 10:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.27

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The agreement

28 The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the gatekeepers, and all the people who were prepared to dedicate themselves to obeying God rather than the customs of the former inhabitants of the land, their wives, their sons and their daughters, and everyone who was old enough to understand, **29** were joining with their brothers, their leading citizens, and were committing to a promise which also had a curse: to obey God's instructions as given by God's servant Mosheh (Moses), and to keep and to do all the commands of Yahweh our master, accepting his judgements and his statutes.

30 They committed to not giving their daughters to the other people groups in the land, and to not taking their daughters for their sons.[117]

31 On the rest day or other holy day, we won't buy goods or grain from the peoples of the land (even if they bring it to sell it to us), and we won't plant or harvest,[118] or reclaim debts,[119] in the seventh year.

32 We will also pledge to each donate a week's wages each year to support the temple functions[120] **33** including the bread displayed in rows, the continual offering and the continual burnt offering, for the rest day offerings and the new moons, for the appointed times and for the holy things, for the sin offerings to cover over Yisrael's (Israel's) guilt, and for all the operation of God's residence.

34 Then we threw dice to choose from among the priests, the Levites, and the people to create the roster for bringing firewood to the temple as an offering to be used at the appointed times each year for burning on the altar of Yahweh our god as written in the scrolls.

35 Every year we will also bring the early produce from our soil and the first harvest from every fruit tree to Yahweh's temple.[121] **36** We will dedicate our eldest male sons at the temple, and bring the eldest offspring of our herds and our flocks to the priests who serve at God's residence.[122]

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29 [125] And_the_rest_of the_people the_priests the_Lēviyyiy the_ _gatekeepers the_singers the_temple_servants and_all (the)_ _one_who_has_separated_himself from_the_peoples_of the_ _lands to the_law_of the_'Elohīm wives_of_their sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their every one_who_knows one_who_ _understands. **30** [126] Are_holding on countrymen_of_their their_noble_of_ones and_they_are_going in_a_curse and_in_an_ _oath to_go in_the_law_of the_'Elohīm which it_was_given by_ _the_hand_of Mosheh the_servant_of the_'Elohīm and_to_take_ _care and_to_do ~~DOM~~ all_of the_commands_of **YHWH** master(s)_ _of_our and_judgements_of_his and_regulations_of_his. **31** [127] And_which not we_will_give daughters_of_our to_the_peoples_ _of the_earth/land and_~~DOM~~ daughters_of_their not we_will_ _take for_sons_of_our. **32** [128] And_the_peoples_of the_ _earth/land who_bring ~~DOM~~ (the)_wares and_all grain in/on_ _day of_the_sabbath to_sell not we_will_take from_them on_ _sabbath and_on_a_day_of holiness and_we_will_leave ~~DOM~~ the_ _year (the)_seventh and_usury_of every_of hand. **33** [129] And_ _we_establish on_ourselves commands to_put on_ourselves the_third_of the_shekel in_year for_the_service_of the_house_ _of our_god_of_our. **34** [130] For_the_bread_of the_row and_the_ _grain_offering_of (the)_regularity and_for_the_burnt_ _offering_of (the)_regularity the_sabbaths the_new_moons for_ _feasts and_for_offerings and_for_offerings to_make_ _atonement on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all/each/any/every the_ _work_of the_house_of our_god_of_our. **35** [131] And_the_lots we_ _have_throw on the_offering_of the_wood(s) the_priests the_ _Lēviyyiy and_the_people to_bring to_the_house_of our_god_ _of_our to_the_house_of our_ancestors_of_our to_times appointed a_year in_year to_burn_it on the_altar_of **YHWH** god_of_our according_what_is_written in_law. **36** [132] And_to_ _bring ~~DOM~~ the_first-fruits_of our_ground_of_our and_the_ _first-fruits_of all_of the_fruit_of every_of tree a_year in_year to_the_house_of **YHWH**. **37** [133] And_~~DOM~~ the_firstborn(s)_of our_sons_of_our and_cattle_of_our according_what_is_written in_law and_~~DOM~~ the_firstborn(s)_of our_herds_of_our and_ _flocks_of_our to_bring to_the_house_of our_god_of_our to_ _priests who_serve in_house_of our_god_of_our. **38** [134] And_~~DOM~~ the_first_of our_dough(s)_of_our and_contributions_of_our

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117 RV 10:30 · Cross-ref. Exo 34:16; Deu 7:3.
118 RV 10:31 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:10-11; Lev 25:1-7.
119 RV 10:31 · Cross-ref. Deu 15:1-2.
120 RV 10:32 · Cross-ref. Exo 30:11-16.
121 RV 10:35 · Cross-ref. Exo 23:19; 34:26; Deu 26:2.
122 RV 10:36 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:2.
125 LV 10:29 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.28
126 LV 10:30 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.29
127 LV 10:31 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.30
128 LV 10:32 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.31
129 LV 10:33 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.32
130 LV 10:34 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.33
131 LV 10:35 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.34
132 LV 10:36 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.35
133 LV 10:37 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.36
134 LV 10:38 · Note Note: KJB: Neh.10.37

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and_the_fruit_of every_of tree new_wine and_fresh_oil we_will_
_bring to_priests to the_store-rooms_of the_house_of our_god_
_of_our and_the_tithe_of our_ground_of_our to_Lēviyyiy and_
_they the_Lēviyyiy are_the_ones_who_receive_the_tithes in_
_all_of the_cities_of our_labour_of_our. **39** **135** And_it_was the_
_priest/officer the_descendant_of ’Ah$_a$ron with the_Lēviyyiy
when_ the_Lēviyyiy _receive_the_tithes and_the_Lēviyyiy they_
_will_bring_up ᴅᴏᴍ the_tenth_of the_tithe to_the_house_of
our_god_of_our into the_store-rooms of_the_house_of of_the_
_treasury. **40** **136** If/because to the_store-rooms the_people_of
Yisrā^{ē}^{l}/(Israel) and_the_sons of_the_Lēviyyiy they_will_bring
ᴅᴏᴍ the_contribution_of (the)_grain the_new_wine and_the_
_fresh_oil and_there the_utensils_of the_sanctuary and_the_
_priests who_serve and_the_gatekeepers and_the_singers and_
_not we_will_neglect ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of our_god_of_our.

11:1 And_ the_leaders_of the_people _they_lived in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_the_rest_of the_people they_
_throw lots to_bring one of the_ten to_dwell in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) the_city_of (the)_holiness and_nine
the_hands were_in_cities. **2** And_ the_people _they_blessed to_
_all/each/any/every the_men who_volunteered to_dwell in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_these are_the_leaders_of the_
_province who they_dwelt in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_
_the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_dwelt each on_his_own_
_of_property in_their_own_of_cities Yisrā^{ē}^{l}/(Israel) the_priests
and_the_Lēviyyiy and_the_temple_servants and_the_sons of_
_the_servants_of of_Shəlomoh/(Solomon). **4** And_in_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from(the)_sons of_Yəhūdāh and_
_some_of_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn they_dwelt from_
_(the)_sons of_Yəhūdāh ʹAtā^{yāh} the_son_of ʹUzziy^{yāh} the_son_of
Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of ’Amar^{yāh} the_son_of Shəfaṭ^{yāh} the_son_of
Mah$_a$lal’^{ēl} from_(the)_sons of_Perets. **5** And_Ma$ʹ_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_
_of Bārūk the_son_of Kol/(Col)- Ḥozeh the_son_of Ḥ$_a$zā^{yāh} the_
_son_of ʹAdā^{yāh} the_son_of Yōyārīv/(Joiarib) the_son_of
Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of the_Shilonite.[138] **6** All_of the_descendants_
_of Perets who_were_dwelling in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) four
hundred(s) sixty and_eight men_of strength. **7** And_these are_
_the_descendants_of Binyāmīn Şallū the_son_of Məshullām
the_son_of Yōʹēd/(Joed) the_son_of Pədā^{yāh} the_son_of Qōlā^{yāh}
the_son_of Ma$ʹ_a$sē^{yāh} the_son_of ’Ītī^{ēl} the_son_of
Yəsha$ʹ^{yāh}$/(Jeshaiah). **8** And_after_him Gabay Şallū nine
hundred(s) twenty and_eight. **9** And_Yō^{ē}^{l}/(Joel) the_son_of
Zikrī was_overseer over_them and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) the_
_son_of Şənū’āh over the_city was_second_in_command. **10** Of
the_priests Yəda$ʹ^{yāh}$/(Jedaiah) the_son_of Yōyārīv
Yākīn/(Jakin). **11** Sərā^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥilqiy^{yāh} the_son_of
Məshullām the_son_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_son_of Mərāyōt
the_son_of ’Aḥīṭūv the_supervisor_of the_house_of the_
_’Elohīm. **12** And_brothers_of_their who_did_of (of)_the_work
of_house eight hundred(s) twenty and_two and_ʹAdā^{yāh} the_

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37 We will bring our offerings and the first of our flour, and the fruit of every tree, wine, and oil, for the priests, to the temple storerooms, and a tenth of our produce for the Levites.

The Levites will be the ones receiving a tenth of our cash income in all the towns where we work.[123] **38** A priest who’s a descendant of Aharon (Aaron) must be with them when they collect the tenths, then the Levites must take a tenth of that to the temple to be placed in their treasury rooms.[124] **39** The Israelis and the Levites must bring the offerings of grain, wine, and oil to the storerooms. There must also be utensils for the sanctuary and the priests, for the ones who are ministering and the gatekeepers, and for the singers.

We mustn’t neglect our god’s house.

The people living in Yerushalem

11:1 The people’s leaders lived in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), but the rest of the people drew straws to select one out of ten families to reside in Yerushalem the holy city—the other nine settled in the towns, **2** then the people blessed the ones who’d freely offered to live there in Yerushalem. **3** In the towns in Yehudah (Judah), everyone lived on their own property. That included the Israelis, the priests and Levites, the temple servants, and the descendants of Shelomoh’s (Solomon’s) servants. The provincial officials lived in Yerushalem,[137] **4** as well as some of Yehudah’s and Benyamin’s descendants.

Yehudah’s descendants in Yerushalem included:

Atayah (son of Uziyah, son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), son of Amaryah, son of Shefatyah, son of Mahalalel, a descendant of Perets),

5 Ma’aseyah (son of Baruk, son of Kal-Hozeh, son of Hazayah, son of Adayah, son of Yoyariv, son of Zekaryah, son of Shiloni).

6 Altogether 468 strong men who were Perets’ descendants lived in Yerushalem.

7 Benyamin’s descendants in Yerushalem included:

Salu (son of Meshulam, son of Yoed, son of Pedayah, son of Kolayah, son of Ma’aseyah, son of Itiel, son of Yeshayah (Isaiah)).

8 Gabay and Salu.

A total of 928. **9** Zikri’s son Yoel (Joel) was their overseer in the city, and Senuah’s son Yehudah (Judah) was his second-in-command.

10 The priests in Yerushalem included:

Yoyariv’s son Yedayah and Yakin,

11 Serayah (son of Hilkiyah, son of Meshulam, son of Tsadok, son of Merayot, son of Ahituv) who was the leader in the temple.

12 There were 822 of them when their brothers who work in the

123 **RV 10:37 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:21.

124 **RV 10:38 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:26.

135 **LV 10:39 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.38

136 **LV 10:40 · Note** Note: KJB: Neh.10.39

137 **RV 11:3-4 · Cross-ref.** Neh 7:73.

138 **LV 11:5 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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temple were included.

Adayah (son of Yeroham, son of Pelalyah, son of Amtsi, son of Zekaryah (Zechariah), son of Pashhur, son of Malkiyah). **13** There were 242 of them when their brothers and family heads were included.

Amashsay (son of Azarel, son of Ahzay, son of Meshilemot, son of Imer), **14** and his brothers who were strong warriors, came to a total of 128.

Haggedolim's son Zavdiyel was their overseer.

15 The Levites in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) included:

Shemayah (son of Hashuv, son of Azrikam, son of Hashavyah, son of Buni),

16 Shabtay and Yozavad from the Levite leaders who supervised the work outside the temple,

17 Matanyah (son of Mikah, son of Zavdi, son of Asaf) the leader who offered the thanksgiving prayer,

Bakbukyah who was the assistant leader, and Avda (son of Shamua, son of Galal, the son of Yedutun).

18 The total number of Levites in the sacred city were 284.

19 The gatekeepers in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) included:

Akuv, Talmon, and their brothers.

A total of 172.

20 The rest of Yisrael (Israel) and the other priests and Levites, all lived their ancestral towns across Yehudah (Judah). **21** The temple workers lived on Ofel hill, and Tsiha and Gishpa supervised them.

22 The overseer of the Levites in Yerushalem was Uzi (son of Bani, son of Hashavyah, son of Matanyah, son of Mika)—a descendant of Asaf's sons who were the temple singers **23** because the Persian king had ordered that the singers should have daily provisions supplied.

24 Petahyah (son of Mesheyzavel, from the sons of Zerah, the son of Yehudah) was the intermediary with the king for any matter that the people raised.

The people in other cities and towns

25 Most of Yehudah's (Judah's) descendants settled in the villages with their fields nearby: in Kiryat-Arba and the surrounding villages, in Divon and the surrounding villages, and in Yekavtse'el and the surrounding villages, **26** in Yeshua, in Moladah, and in Beyt-Pelet, **27** in Hatsar-Shual, and in Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) and the surrounding villages, **28** in Tsiklag, and in Mekonah and the surrounding villages, **29** in Eyn-Rimon, in Tsor'ah, and in Yarmut, **30** in Zanoah and Adulam and their villages, in Azekah and its villages. So they settled from Be'er-Sheva all the way to the Hinom valley.

31 Benyamin's descendants settled in Geva, Mikmas, Ayah, and Beyt-El (Bethel) and its villages, **32** in Anatot, Nov, and Anayah, **33** in Hatsor, Ramah, and Gitayim, **34** in Hadid, Tsevoim, and Nevalat, **35** in Lod, Ono, and in the Craftsmen's valley. **36** Also some Levites previously connected with Yehudah (Judah) settled in Benyamin.

Literal Version

_son_of Yəroḥām/(Jeroham) the_son_of Pəlal^{yāh} the_son_of 'Amtsī the_son_of Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Pashḥūr the_son_of Malkīy^{yāh}. **13** And_brothers_of_his heads of_fathers two_ _hundred forty and_two and_ʿAmashṣay the_son_of ʿAzar'^{ēl} the_ _son_of 'Aḥzay the_son_of Məshillēmōt the_son_of 'Immēr. **14** And_brothers_of_their mighty_men_of strength one_ _hundred twenty and_eight and_was_overseer over_them Zavdiy'^{ēl} the_son_of the_great_ones. **15** And_from the_Lēviyyiy Shəmaʿ^{yāh} the_son_of Ḥashshūv the_son_of ʿAzrīqām the_son_ _of Ḥashav^{yāh} the_son_of Bunniy. **16** And_Shabtay and_ _Yōzāvād/(Jozabad) were_over the_work (the)_external of_the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm of_the_leaders_of of_the_Lēviyyiy. **17** And_Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkāh the_son_of Zavdiy the_ _son_of 'Āṣāf the_leader_of the_beginning he_gave_thanks to_ _prayer and_Baqbuq^{yāh} the_second of_brothers_of_his and_ _ʿAvdā' the_son_of Shammūʿa the_son_of Gālāl the_son_of Yədūtūn/(Jeduthun)[139]. **18** All_of the_Lēviyyiy in_the_city_of (the)_holiness two_hundred eighty and_four. **19** And_the_ _gatekeepers ʿAqqūv Ṭalmōn and_brothers_of_their who_kept_ _watch at_gates one_hundred seventy and_two. **20** And_the_ _rest_of Yisrā'^{ēl}/(Israel) the_priests the_Lēviyyiy in_all the_ _cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) each on_his_own_of_inheritance. **21** And_the_temple_servants were_dwelling on_ʿOfel and_ _Tsīḥā'/(Ziha) and_Gishpā' were_over the_temple_servants. **22** And_the_overseer_of the_Lēviyyiy in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) was_ʿUzziy the_son_of Bānī the_son_ _of Ḥashav^{yāh} the_son_of Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkā' from_ _(the)_sons of_'Āṣāf the_singers to_before the_work_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm. **23** If/because the_command_of the_ _king was_on_them and_a_fixed_provision was_on the_singers the_matter_of a_day in_its_day. **24** And_Pətaḥ^{yāh} the_son_of Məshēyzav'^{ēl} from_(the)_sons of_Zeraḥ the_son_of Yəhūdāh was_to_the_side_of the_king to/from_all/each/any/every matter of_people.

25 And_near/to the_villages with_fields_of_their from_(the)_ _sons of_Yəhūdāh they_dwelt in_Qiryat- 'arbaʿ and_daughters_ _of_its and_in_Diyvōn and_daughters_of_its and_in_ _Yəqavtsə'^{ēl}/(Jekabzeel) and_villages_of_its. **26** And_in_ _Yēshūʿa/(Jeshua) and_in_Mōlādāh and_in_Bēyt- pelet. **27** And_ _in_ Ḥatsar- shūʿāl and_in_Beer- seven and_daughters_of_its. **28** And_in_Tsiqlag/(Ziklag) and_in_Məkonāh and_in_daughters_ _of_its. **29** And_in_ ʿĒyn- rimmōn and_in_Tsorʿāh/(Zorah) and_ _in_Yarmūt/(Jarmuth). **30** Zānōaḥ ʿAdullām and_villages_of_ _their Lākīsh and_fields_of_its ʿAzēqāh and_daughters_of_its and_they_encamped from_Beer- seven to the_valley_of_Ben Hinnom. **31** And_the_sons of_Binyāmīn were_from_Gevaʿ Mikmāṣ and_Aija and_Bēyt- 'ēl and_daughters_of_its. **32** ʿAnātōt Novʿ ʿAnan^{yāh}. **33** Ḥātsōr Rāmāh Gittayim. **34** Ḥādīd Tsəvoʿīm/(Zeboim) Nəvallāṭ. **35** Lod and_'Ōnō Ge Harashim. **36** And_from the_Lēviyyiy the_divisions_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) belonged_to_Binyāmīn.

139 LV 11:17 · Note OSHB variant note: וְיִתְּדִי: (x-qere) וְיִתּוּדִי': lemma_3038 n_0 morph_HNp id_16v9T וְיִתּוּדִי

Literal Version

12:1 And_these are_the_priests and_the_Lēviyyiy who they_
_came_up with Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_Yēshū'a
Sərāyāh Yirməyāh/(Jeremiah) 'Ezrā'. **2** 'Amaryāh Mallūk Ḥaṭṭūsh.
3 Shəkanyāh Rəḥūm Mərēmōt. **4** 'Iddō Ginnətōn 'Aviyyāh.
5 Miyyāmin Moadiah Bilgah. **6** Shəma'yāh and_Yōyārīv/(Joiarib)
Yəda'yāh/(Jedaiah). **7** Ṣallū 'Āmōq Ḥilqiyyāh Yəda'yāh these were_
_the_leaders_of the_priests and_brothers_of_their in_the_days_
_of Yēshū'a. **8** And_the_Lēviyyiy Yēshū'a Binnūy Qadmī'ēl
Shērēvəyāh Yəhūdāh Mattanyāh were_over songs_of_
_thanksgiving he and_brothers_of_his. **9** And_Baqbuqyāh and**140**
brothers_of_their were_to_before_them to_duties.

10 And_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) he_fathered ~~DOM~~ Yōyāqīm/(Joiakim)
and_Yōyāqīm he_fathered ~~DOM~~ 'Elyāshiyv and_'Elyāshiyv ~~DOM~~
Yōyādā'/(Joiada). **11** And_Yōyādā' he_fathered ~~DOM~~
Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) and_Yəhōnātān he_fathered ~~DOM~~
Yaddū'a/(Jaddua).

12 And_in_the_days_of Yōyāqīm priests the_heads_of the_
_fathers they_were of_Sərāyāh Mərāyāh of_Yirməyāh Ḥ$_a$nanyāh.
13 Of_'Ezrā' Məshullām of_'Amaryāh Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan).
14 Mmm**141** Yəhōnātān Shəvanyāh Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **15** Of_Ḥārim
'Adnā' of_Mərāyōt Ḥelqay. **16** Mmm**142** Zəkaryāh Ginnətōn
Məshullām. **17** Of_'Aviyyāh Zikrī of_Minyāmīn of_Mō'adyāh
Pilṭāy. **18** Of_Bilgah Shammū'a of_Shəma'yāh Yəhōnātān. **19** And_
_of_Yōyārīv Mattənay of_Yəda'yāh 'Uzziy. **20** Of_Ṣallū Qallay of_
_'Āmōq 'Ēvēr. **21** Of_Ḥilqiyyāh Ḥ$_a$shavyāh of_Yəda'yāh Nətan'ēl.

22 The_Lēviyyiy in_the_days_of 'Elyāshiyv Yōyādā' and_
_Yōḥānān/(Johanan) and_Yaddū'a heads_of fathers were_
_recorded and_the_priests on the_reign_of Dārəyāvesh the_
_Persian. **23** The_descendants_of Lēvī the_heads_of the_fathers

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The priests and Levites

12:1 These are the priests and the Levites who came back with Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and with Yeshua:
Serayah, Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), and Ezra,
2 Amaryah, Maluk, and Hatush,
3 Shekanyah, Rehum, and Meremot,
4 Ido, Gineton, and Aviyah,
5 Miyamin, Moeadyah, and Bilgah,
6 Shemayah, Yoyariv, and Yedayah,
7 Salu, Amok, Hilkiyah, and another Yedayah.
Those were the leaders of the priests and their brothers in Yeshua's time.
8 The Levites were:
Yeshua, Binuy, Kadmiel, Shereveyah, Yehudah (Judah), and Matanyah who led the thanksgiving songs along with his brothers,
9 Bakbukyah and Uni—their brothers who stood opposite them in the services.

The high priest Yeshua's descendants

10 Yeshua fathered Yoyakim who then fathered Elyashiv, and Elyashiv fathered Yoyada. **11** Then Yoyada fathered Yonatan (Jonathan) who then fathered Yadua.

Leaders of priestly families

12 In Yoyakim's time, these were the heads of the priestly families:
Merayah was the head of Serayah's family,
Hananyah for Yirmiyah's (Jeremiah's),
13 Meshulam for Ezra's family,
Yehohanan for Amaryah's,
14 Yonatan (Jonathan) for Maluk's family,
Yosef (Joseph) for Shevanyah's,
15 Adna for Harim's family,
Helkay for Merayot's,
16 Zekaryah (Zechariah) for Ido's family,
Meshulam for Gineton's,
17 Zikri for Aviyah's family,
Piltay for Moeadyah's,
18 Shamua for Bilgah's family,
Yonatan (Jonathan) for Shemayah's,
19 Matenay for Yoyariv's family,
Uzi for Yedayah's,
20 Kalay for Salu's family,
Ever for Amok's,
21 Hashavyah for Hilkiyah's family,
and Netanel for Yedayah's.

The records of priests and Levites

22 In the days of Elyashiv, Yoyada, Yohanan, and Yadua, during the reign of Persian King Dareyavesh (Darius), the heads of the families of

140 **LV 12:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ונע/ו: (x-qere) 'יָנַ֫עְ/וְ': lemma_c/6042 morph_HC/Np id_16ZT8 יָנַ֫עְ/וְ
141 **LV 12:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: יכולמ/ל: (x-qere) 'וּכִלְמַ֫/לְ': lemma_l/4409 b n_0.1.0 morph_HR/Np id_16mHM וּכִלְמַ֫/לְ
142 **LV 12:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: אידע/ל: (x-qere) 'אִוֹדְיָ֫/לְ': lemma_l/5714 morph_HR/Np id_16rRa אִוֹדְיָ֫/לְ

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the Levites and priests were recorded. **23** The names of the descendants of Levi who were heads of families were written in the official history records up till the time of Elyashiv's son Yohanan.

Various helper roles in the temple

24 The Levites' leaders were Hashavyah, Shereveyah, and Kadmiel's son Yeshua with their brothers serving opposite them in each service to praise and give thanks as had been commanded by David, the man of God.

25 Matanyah, Bakbukyah, Ovadyah (Obadiah), Meshulam, Talmon, and Akuv were gatekeepers who stood guard at the storerooms near the temple gates.

26 That was at the time of Yoyakim (son of Yeshua, son of Yotsadak), and at the time of Nehemyah (Nehemiah) the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe.

The dedication of Yerushalem's wall

27 At the dedication of the wall around Yerushalem (Jerusalem), they summoned Levites from all over the region to come to Yerushalem to perform the dedication with rejoicing and thanksgiving, and with musical instruments and singing, **28** plus the next generation of singers came both from Yerushalem and its surrounds, and from the Netofati villages. **29** They also came from Beyt-Hagilgal, and from the fields of Geva and Azmavet, because the singers had built villages near Yerushalem to live in. **30** The priests and Levites held a purification ceremony for themselves, then they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

31 Then I assembled Yehudah's (Judah's) leaders together up on top of the wall, and I assigned them into two large groups who would give thanks as they walked around it.

The first group headed towards the Dung Gate on the right. **32** Hoshayah and half of Yehudah's officials were in that group **33** along with Azaryah, Ezra, and Meshulam, **34** Yehudah, Benyamin, Shemayah, and Yirmiyah (Jeremiah), **35** plus some of the next generation of priests with trumpets: Zekaryah (Zechariah) (son of Yonatan (Jonathan), son of Shemayah, son of Matanyah, son of Mikayah, son of Zakur, son of Asaf) **36** and his brothers Shemayah, Azarel, Milalay, Gilalay, Ma'ay, Netanel, Yehudah, and Hanani. They used the instruments as per the instructions of the late King David, the man of God. Ezra the scribe went in front of them. **37** When they got to the Fountain Gate, they went up the stairs at the City of David, and along the higher portion of the wall by David's palace as far as the Water Gate (on the east side of the city).

38 The other group giving thanks with the other half of the people went in the opposite direction around the top of the wall—going past the Ovens Tower to the wider part of the wall. **39** We passed Efrayim Gate, the Old Gate, Fish Gate, and Hananel Tower, the Hundred Tower, and all the way to the Sheep Gate, and we stopped at the Guard Gate.

Literal Version

were_recorded on the_scroll_of the_matters_of the_days and_
_unto the_days_of Yōḥānān the_son_of 'Elyāshiyv.

24 And_the_leaders_of the_Lēviyyiy were_Ḥashav^{yāh} Shērēv^{yāh} and_Yēshū'a/(Jeshua) the_son_of Qadmī'^{ēl} and_brothers_of_
_their were_to_before_them to_praise to_give_thanks by_the_
_command_of Dāvid the_man_of the_'Elohīm division corresponding_to_of division. **25** Mattan^{yāh} and_Baqbuq^{yāh} 'Ovad^{yāh} Məshullām Ṭalmōn 'Aqqūv who_kept were_
_gatekeepers guard at_the_storerooms_of the_gates. **26** These were_in_the_days_of Yōyāqīm/(Joiakim) the_son_of Yēshū'a the_son_of Yōtsādāq/(Jozadak) and_in_the_days_of Nəḥem^{yāh} the_governor and_'Ezrā' the_priest/officer the_scribe.

27 And_at_the_dedication_of the_wall_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) people_sought ~~DOM~~ the_Lēviyyiy from_all places_of_their to_bring_them to_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_observe dedication and_joy and_
_with_thanksgivings and_with_song cymbals lyres and_with_
harps. **28** And the_sons_of the_singers _they_gathered and_
_from the_district around Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_from the_villages_of the_Nəṭofātī[s]. **29** And_from_household gilgal and_from_the_fields_of Gev'a and_'Azmāvet if/because villages they_had_built to/for_them the_singers around Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **30** And_ the_priests and_the_
_Lēviyyiy _they_purified_themselves and_they_purified ~~DOM~~ the_people and_~~DOM~~ the_gates and_~~DOM~~ the_wall. **31** And_I_
_caused_to_go_up ~~DOM~~ the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) from_
_under to_wall and_I_appointed two_of thanksgiving_choirs large and_processions to_right from_under to_wall to_the_
_gate_of the_dung. **32** And_he/it_went behind_them Hōsha'$_a^{yāh}$ and_(the)_half_of the_leaders_of Yəhūdāh. **33** And_'Azar^{yāh} 'Ezrā' and_Məshullām. **34** Yəhūdāh and_Binyāmīn and_
_Shəma'^{yāh} and_Yirmə^{yāh}/(Jeremiah). **35** And_some_of_the_
_sons_of the_priests with_trumpets Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Yəhōnātān/(Jonathan) the_son_of Shəma'^{yāh} the_son_of Mattan^{yāh} the_son_of Mīkā^{yāh} the_son_of Zakkūr the_son_of 'Āṣāf. **36** And_brothers_of_his Shəma'^{yāh} and_'Azar'^{ēl} Mil$_a$lay Gil$_a$lay Mā'ay Nətan'^{ēl} and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) Ḥ$_a$nānī with_
_the_instruments_of (the)_song_of Dāvid the_man_of the_
'Elohīm and'Ezrā' the_scribe was_before_of_them. **37** And_
_over the_gate_of the_spring and_before_themselves they_
_went_up on the_steps_of the_city_of Dāvid at_ascent to_wall from_under to_the_house_of Dāvid and_unto the_gate_of the_
_waters east. **38** And_the_thanksgiving_choir the_second(fs) was_the_one_which_was_going to_the_front and_I was_behind_
it and(the)_half_of the_people from_under to_the_wall from_
_under to_the_tower_of the_ovens and_unto the_wall (the)_
_broad. **39** And_from_over to_the_gate_of 'Efrayim and_over Old gate and_over the_gate_of the_fish(es) and_the_tower_of Ḥ$_a$nan'^{ēl} and_the_tower_of the_hundred and_unto the_gate_of the_sheep[143][144] and_they_stopped at_the_gate_of the_guard.

143 **LV 12:39 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

144 **LV 12:39 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

40 And_ the_two_of the_thanksgiving_choirs _they_took_their_ _stand in_house_of the_'Elohīm and_I and_(the)_half_of the_ _officials with_me. 41 And_the_priests 'Elyāqīm Ma'ₐsēʸᵃʰ Minyāmīn Mīkāʸᵃʰ 'Elyəhō'ēynay Zəkarʸᵃʰ Ḥₐnanʸᵃʰ with_ _trumpets. 42 And_Ma'ₐsēʸᵃʰ and_Shəma'ʸᵃʰ and_'El'āzār and_ _'Uzziy and_Yəhōḥānān/(Jehohanan) and_Malkīyʸᵃʰ and_ _'Ēylām and_'Ēzer and_ the_singers _they_caused_to_hear and_ _Izrahiah was_the_overseer. 43 And_they_sacrificed on_day (the)_that sacrifices great and_they_rejoiced if/because the_ _'Elohīm he_had_made_them_rejoice joy great and_also the_ _women and_the_youths they_rejoiced and_ the_rejoicing_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_was_heard from_a_distance.

44 And_they_were_appointed on_day (the)_that men over the_ _rooms for_stores for_contributions for_fruit and_for_tithes to_ _gather (is)_in_them to_the_fields_of the_cities the_portions_of the_law for_priests and_for_Lēviyyiy if/because the_joy_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) was_on the_priests and_on the_Lēviyyiy who_were_standing. 45 And_they_kept the_service_of their_ _god_of_their and_the_service_of (the)_purification[147][148] and_ _the_singers and_the_gatekeepers according_to_the_ _command_of Dāvid Shəlomoh/(Solomon) son_of_his.
46 If/because in_the_days_of Dāvid and_'Āṣāf from_east the_ _leaders_of[149] of_the_singers and_the_song_of praise and_ _thanksgiving to_god. 47 And_all Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_days_of Zərubāvel and_in_the_days_of Nəḥemʸᵃʰ were_giving the_ _portions_of the_singers and_the_gatekeepers the_matter_of a_ _day in_its_day and_they_were_setting_apart for_Lēviyyiy and_ _the_Lēviyyiy were_setting_apart for_the_descendants_of 'Ahₐron.

13:1 In_the_day (the)_that it_was_read_aloud in_the_scroll_of Mosheh in_the_ears_of the_people and_it_was_found written in/on/over_him/it which/who not an_'Ammōnī and_a_ _Mō'āvite he_will_come in_the_assembly_of the_'Elohīm until perpetuity. 2 If/because not they_had_met ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_food and_with_water and_he_had_hired on/upon/above_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ Bil'ām to_curse_it and_ god_of_our _he_turned the_curse into_blessing. 3 And_he/it_was just_as_ _they_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_law and_they_separated every_of person_ _of_mixed_ancestry from_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
4 And_before_of from_this 'Elyāshiyv the_priest/officer was_ _appointed over_the_store-room_of the_house_of our_god_of_ _our one_near to_Ṭōviyʸᵃʰ. 5 And_he/it_made to_him/it a_ _room large and_there people_were formerly_formerly putting ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering the_frankincense and_the_utensils and_ _the_tithe_of the_grain the_new_wine and_the_fresh_oil the_ _command_of the_Lēviyyiy and_the_singers and_the_ _gatekeepers and_the_contribution_of the_priests. 6 And_

Readers' Version

40 Then both groups ended up at the temple and stood there. I was there with the half of the city officials who'd accompanied me, 41 as well as the priests with their trumpets: Elyakim, Ma'aseyah, Minyamin, Mikayah, Elyehoeynay, Zekaryah, Hananyah, 42 another Ma'aseyah, Shemayah, Eleazar, Uzi, Yehohanan, Malkiyah, Eylam, and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with their leader Yizrahyah.

43 Then that same day they offered many sacrifices, and they celebrated because God had made them very pleased. The women and children also celebrated, in fact the sound of the celebrations in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was so loud that it can be heard far away.

Supporting the temple operation

44 Then still on that same day, men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the tithes and offerings. The percentages for the priests and the Levites were gathered from the fields around the cities as per the written law, because the people of Yehudah (Judah) were happy to have the priests and the Levites serving. 45 They served God with their daily duties and the purification ceremonies, as well as the duties of the singers[145] and gatekeepers[146]—all done according to the instructions left by King David and his son Shelomoh (Solomon), 46 because it was handed down from the original singers who sang songs of praise and thanksgiving to God in the time of David and Asaf. 47 In Zerubavel and Nehemyah's (Nehemiah's) times, all Yisrael (Israel) contributed the daily food allowance for the singers and gatekeepers. They also gave a percentage to the Levites who then gave a percentage of that to the priests (Aharon's (Aaron's) descendants).

Separating out the foreigners

13:1 That day, the Mosheh (Moses) scroll was read out aloud to the people, and it was discovered that it had been written that no Amoni or Moavi is ever allowed to join the congregation[150] 2 because instead of helping the travelling Israelis with food and water, they had hired Bil'am (Balaam) to curse them[151] (even though God had turned that curse into blessing). 3 After hearing that, they separated out all of the foreigners.

Nehemyah's reforms

4 Prior to that time, the high priest Elyashiv (closely related to Toviyah) had been in charge of the temple storerooms 5 and he'd allowed Toviyah to have a large room that had previously been used to store offerings: the frankincense, the utensils, and donated grain, wine, and oil, (the percentage commanded to be given to the Levites, the singers, and the gatekeepers), and the offerings for the priests. 6 During

145 **RV 12:45 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 25:1-8.

146 **RV 12:45 · Cross-ref.** 1Ch 26:12.

147 **LV 12:45 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

148 **LV 12:45 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

149 **LV 12:46 · Note** OSHB variant note: שאר: (x-qere) יְשָׁאָר: lemma_7218 a n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc id_16EUu יְשָׁאָר

150 **RV 13:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:3-5.

151 **RV 13:2 · Cross-ref.** Num 22:1-6.

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all that period, I hadn't been in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) because I'd returned to the Babylonian king in the 32nd year of Artahshashta's (Artaxerxes') reign (Artaxerxes). However, after a while I requested leave again from the king **7** and I came back to Yerushalem. It was then that I discovered how evil Elyashiv had been by making a storeroom for Toviyah in the courtyards of God's residence. **8** It made me very upset and I threw everything of Toviyah's out of the room. **9** Then I ordered the storerooms to be purified by the priests before I returned the temple utensils to the room, along with the grain offerings and the incense.

10 I found out that the Levites and the singers weren't being given their percentage, so they'd left their duties and returned to cultivate their own fields.[152] **11** I made a complaint to the officials asking why the operation of the temple had been neglected, and then I rounded up the Levites and the singers and sent them back to their duties. **12** After that, the people of Yehudah (Judah) started bringing a tenth of their grain and wine and oil to the storerooms.[153] **13** I appointed book-keepers over the storerooms: the priest Shelemyah, the scribe Tsadok, and the Levite Pedayah with Hanan (the son of Zakur, the son of Matanyah) helping. They were all considered trustworthy, and their job included distributing the produce among their colleagues.

14 My god, remember me handling all these issues and don't wipe out my loyal kindness for your temple and its operation that I've shown.

15 In those days I saw people in Yehudah (Judah) working on the rest day—treading wine, bringing in grain, and loading donkeys, yes, even bringing wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) on the rest day. I complained to them when they were selling the goods.[155] **16** Also, people from Tsor (Tyre) were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and were selling it on the rest day to the Israelis, even in Yerushalem. **17** I rebuked the Yehudah business leaders, asking them, "What's this evil thing that you're all doing—profaning the rest day by treating it like a regular day? **18** Wasn't that what your ancestors did—the very reason our god brought all this evil on us and on this city? Now you're all making God angry with Yisrael (Israel) again by profaning the rest day."

19 So after that, when it started to get dark on Friday evenings, I ordered that the city gates be closed, and not to be opened until after the rest day. I also stationed some of my young men to stand at the gates to ensure that no load could enter on the rest day. **20** Some traders and merchants selling various goods

The rest day

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_on/over_all this not I_was in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because in_year thirty and_two of_'Artaḥshashtā' the_king_ _of Bāvel I_had_gone to the_king and_to_the_end_of days I_ _requested_leave_of_absence from the_king. **7** And_I_came to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_I_perceived (in)_the_thing which 'Elyāshiyv he_had_done for_Ṭōviy^{yāh} for_doing to_ _him/it a_room in_the_courtyards_of the_house_of the_ _'Elohīm. **8** And_it_was_displeasing to_me exceedingly and_I_ _threw ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_articles_of the_household_of Ṭōviy^{yāh} the_outside from the_room. **9** And_I_said and_people_purified the_store-rooms and_I_brought_back there the_utensils_of the_ _house_of the_'Elohīm ᴅᴏᴍ the_grain_offering and_the_ _frankincense. **10** And_I_perceived if/because_that the_ _portions_of the_Lēviyyiy not it_had_been_given and_they_ _had_fled each to_his_own_of_field the_Lēviyyiy and_the_ _singers who_did_of (of)_the_work. **11** And_I_contended with the_officials and_I_said why the_house_of the_'Elohīm has_it_ _been_neglected and_I_assembled_them[154] and_I_made_them_ _stand at place_of_their. **12** And_all Yəhūdāh/(Judah) they_ _brought the_tithe_of the_grain and_the_new_wine and_the_ _fresh_oil to_storerooms. **13** And_I_appointed_as_treasurers over the_storerooms Shelem^{yāh} the_priest/officer and_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) the_scribe and_Pədā^{yāh} one_of the_Lēviyyiy and_was_on hand_of_their Ḥānān the_son_of Zakkūr the_son_ _of Mattan^{yāh} if/because reliable they_were_thought and_was_ _on_them to_distribute to_brothers_of_their. **14** Remember to/for_me my_god_of_my on this and_do_not wipe_out loyalti(es)_of_my which I_have_done in_house_of my_god_of_ _my and_in_services_of_its.

15 In_the_days (the)_those I_saw in_Yəhūdāh those_who_trod winepresses[156] on_sabbath and_those_who_brought (the)_ _heaps and_those_who_loaded_them on (the)_donkeys and_ _also wine grapes and_figs and_all load and_those_who_ _brought_them Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in/on_day of_the_ _sabbath and_I_protested in/on_day sold_they food. **16** And_ _the_Tsorī/(Tyrians) who_they_dwelt in_it were_bringing fish and_all merchandise and_they_were_selling_it on_sabbath to_ _the_people_of Yəhūdāh and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **17** And_I_contended with the_nobles_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _I_said to/for_them what is_the_thing (the)_evil the_this which you(pl) are_doing and_you(pl)_are_profaning ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of the_sabbath. **18** Am_not thus ancestors_of_your(pl) did_they_do and_ god_of_our _he/it_brought on_us ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_trouble (the)_this and_on the_city (the)_this and_you(pl) are_ _increasing anger toward Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_profaning ᴅᴏᴍ the_sabbath. **19** And_he/it_was just_as the_gates_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) they_became_shady to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_sabbath and_I_said and_ the_doors _ _they_were_closed and_I_said which/who not people_will_ _open_them until after the_sabbath and_some_of_my_servants I_stationed at the_gates not a_load it_will_come in/on_day of_

152 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Deu 12:19.

153 RV 13:12 · Cross-ref. Mal 3:10.

154 LV 13:11 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

155 RV 13:15 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:8-10; Deu 5:12-14; Jer 17:21-22.

156 LV 13:15 · Note OSHB note: We read the punctuation in L differently from BHQ.

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_the_sabbath. **20** And_ the_traders and_the_sellers_of every_of thing_sold _they_passed_the_night from_the_outside of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_time and_two_times. **21** And_I_ _warned in/among_them and_I_said to_them why are_you(pl) passing_the_night before the_wall if you(pl)_will_do_it_again a_ _hand I_will_stretch_out on_you(pl) from the_time (the)_that not they_came on_sabbath. **22** And_I_said to_Lēviyyiy which/who they_will_be purifying_themselves and_coming guarding the_gates to_keep_holy ~~DOM~~ the_day_of the_sabbath also this remember to/for_me my_god_of_my and_have_mercy on_me according_to_the_greatness_of your_covenant_loyalty_ _of_your.

23 Also in_the_days the_those I_saw ~~DOM~~ the_Yəhūdī/(Jews) who_they_had_married women Ashdodite[158][159] ʼAmmōnī[160][161] Mō'āvites. **24** And_children_of_their half was_speaking Ashdodite and_not_they were_knowing to_speak Yəhūdī/(Judean) and_according_to_the_language_of people and_people. **25** And_I_contended with_them and_I_cursed_ _them and_I_struck from_them men and_I_pulled_out_their_ _beard and_I_made_them_take_an_oath by_god if you(pl)_will_ _give daughters_of_your(pl) to_sons_of_their and_if you(pl)_ _will_take any_of_their_daughters for_sons_of_your(pl) and_ _for_yourselves. **26** Am_not on these Shəlomoh/(Solomon) the_ _king_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) did_he_sin and_among_nations (the)_ _many not he_was a_king like_him and_loved by_god_of_his he_ _was and_he_made_him god king over all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) also him the_wives (the)_foreign they_caused_to_sin. **27** And_ _to_you(pl) will_we_listen to_do ~~DOM~~ all_of the_evil (the)_great (the)_this to_act_unfaithfully against_god_of_our by_marrying wives foreign. **28** And_one_of_the_sons_of Yōyādāʼ/(Joiada) the_son_of 'Elyāshiyv the_priest/officer (the)_great was_a_ _son-in-law of_Ṣanvallaṭ the_Horonite and_I_drove_him_away from_with_me. **29** Remember to/for_them my_god_of_my on the_defilement(s)_of the_priesthood and_the_covenant_of the_ _priesthood and_the_Lēviyyiy. **30** And_I_purified_them from_all foreignness and_I_assigned duties to_priests and_to_Lēviyyiy each in_his_own_of_work. **31** And_for_the_offering_of the_ _wood(s) at_times appointed and_for_first-fruits[162] remember to/for_me my_god_of_my for_good.

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camped outside the city walls once or twice, **21** but I warned them, "Why are you camping there outside the wall? If you do it again, I'll have you all removed." After that, they no longer came on the rest days. **22** Then I told the Levites that they should purify themselves and then come to the gates to monitor them on the rest day.

My god, remember me having to deal with this, and show your amazing loyal faithfulness towards me.

The scolding of marriage of foreigner

23 During that time, I also saw Yehudim (Jews) who'd married women from Ashdod, Amon, and Moav (Moab), **24** and half of their children spoke a foreign language from those other people groups and couldn't speak Hebrew. **25** So I scolded those men and cursed them and hit some of them and pulled out their hair. Then I forced them to promise in front on God that they wouldn't allow their daughters to marry foreign men, or their sons to take foreign wives. **26** I explained, "Didn't Yisrael's (Israel's) own King Shelomoh (Solomon) sin concerning that same matter? Among all the countries in the world, there wasn't any other king like, and he was loved by his god who'd placed him there as king over all Yisrael. But even then, the foreign women caused him to sin. **27** So do we need to hear about all of you doing this terrible evil of being unfaithful to God by marrying foreign wives?"

28 Also one of Yoyada's sons (grandson of the high priest Elyashiv) was a son-in-law of Sanvalat the Horoni,[157] so I banished him from my sight.

29 My god, remember them for bringing shame to the priesthood and dishonouring the vows made by the priests and the Levites.

30 Then I purified them from everything foreign, established regulations for each part of the work done by the priests and the Levites, **31** and organised the firewood supply at certain times, including for the first-fruits celebrations.

My god, remember me for good.

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157 RV 13:28 · Cross-ref. Neh 4:1.

158 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוידודשא**: (x-qere) '**תוֹיְדֻדְשַׁא**': lemma_796 n_0.1 morph_HNgfpa id_16TsQ **תוֹיְדֻדְשַׁא**

159 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

160 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB variant note: **תוינומע**: (x-qere) '**תוֹינֳמַע**': lemma_5984 n_0.0 morph_HNgfpa id_16HAP **תוֹינֳמַע**

161 LV 13:23 · Note OSHB note: Yathir readings in L which we have designated as Qeres when both Dothan and BHS list a Qere.

162 LV 13:31 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

Hagay

Introduction

This document contains a number of messages from Yahweh that the prophet Hagay passed on to the people in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). These events happened around 520 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.), after many of God's people had gone back to Yerushalem after being taken into captivity in Bavel. However, even though they'd been back for a considerable time, they hadn't worked on rebuilding the temple. Therefore, these messages from Yahweh encourage the people to change their priorities and obey God and rebuild the temple. God then promised to prosper the people and bless their living situation.

Main components of this account

God's command to rebuild the temple *1:1-15*
Stories of comfort and hope *2:1-23*

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1:1 In_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_king in_month the_sixth in/on_day one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came by_ _the_hand_of Ḥaggay the_prophet to Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl the_governor_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_near/to Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_ _priest/officer (the)_great to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_say the_people the_this they_ _have_said not a_time_of to_come the_time_of the_house_of **YHWH** to_be_rebuilt. **3** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was by_the_hand_of Ḥaggay the_prophet to_say. **4** Does_a_time to/for_you(pl) you(pl) to_dwell in_houses_of_your(pl) panelled and_the_house the_this is_desolate. **5** And_now thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says set heart_of_your(pl) on ways_of_ _your(pl). **6** You(pl)_have_sown much and_you_have_brought little you_have_eaten and_not it_was_to_be_satisfied you_have_ _drunk and_not it_was_to_become_drunk you_have_dressed and_not it_was_to_be_warm to_him/it and_the_one_who_ _earns_wages is_earning_wages to a_bag pierced. **7** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says set heart_of_your(pl) on ways_of_ _your(pl). **8** Go_up the_hill_country and_you(pl)_will_bring wood and_rebuild the_house that_I_may_take_pleasure in/on/over_him/it and[2] **YHWH** he_says. **9** You_turned_to_look to much and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE (into)_little and_you(pl)_ _brought_it the_house and_I_blew in_him/it because_of what the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers because_of house_of_my which it is_desolate and_you(pl) are_running each to_his_own_of_house. **10** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so on_you(pl) the_heavens they_have_withheld[345] from_dew and_ _the_earth it_has_withheld produce_of_its. **11** And_I_have_ _summoned a_drought on the_earth/land and_on the_ _mountains and_on the_grain and_on the_new_wine and_on the_fresh_oil and_on that_which the_soil it_will_bring_forth and_on the_humankind and_on the_cattle/livestock and_on all_of the_toil_of hands.

12 And_he/it_listened Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl and_ _Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_ _priest/officer (the)_great and_all/each/any/every the_ _remnant_of the_people to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_their and_to the_words/messages_of Ḥaggay the_prophet just_as he_ _had_sent_him **YHWH** god_of_their and_ the_people _they_ _were_afraid from_face/in_front_of **YHWH**. **13** And_ Ḥaggay the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_said by_the_message_of **YHWH** to_people to_say I am_with_you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **14** And_ **YHWH** _he_stirred_up ~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of Zərubāvel the_son_of Shə'altiy'ēl the_governor_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of Yəhōshūʿa the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq the_priest/officer (the)_great and_~~DOM~~ the_spirit_ _of all_of the_remnant_of the_people and_they_came and_ _they_made work in_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers god_of_their. **15** In/on_day twenty and_four of_month in_ _month in_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_king.

Readers' Version

God's command to rebuild the temple

1:1 In Dareyavesh's (Darius') second year as king of Paras (Persia), on the 1st of the sixth month, the prophet Hagay brought Yahweh's message to the governor of Yehudah (Judah), Zerubavel (Shealtiyel's son), and to the high priest, Yehoshua (Joshua) (Yehotsadak's son),[1] telling them that **2** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "These people say that it's not the right time to rebuild Yahweh's residence."

3 Then Yahweh gave this message to the prophet Hagay to tell the people:

4 Is it a time for all of you to live in your panelled houses, while Yahweh's temple lies in ruins? **5** So now Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: "Decide what you're all going to do. **6** You've all planted a lot, but only harvested a little. You've eaten, but it never fills you. You all drink, but never enough to satisfy you. You put on clothes, but never feel warm enough. You earn wages, but your pockets seem to be full of holes."

7 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh says again: "Decide what you're all going to do. **8** Go up into the hills and bring back timber to build the temple. This will please and honour me," says Yahweh.

9 "You expected much, but gained little. Anything you brought home, I blew away again. Why? Commander-in-chief Yahweh says it's because my residence is still in ruins, while you're all busy working on your own houses. **10** That's why the sky withholds the dew and the soil withholds its crops. **11** I've summoned a drought onto the land and into the hills, onto the grain and the new wine, onto the oil and crops from the ground, onto both people and livestock, and onto everything you all do."

The people start rebuilding

12 Then Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and Yehotsadak's son Yehoshua (Joshua), the high priest, and all the rest of the people listened to the voice of their god Yahweh via the words of the prophet Hagay, because Yahweh their god had sent him, and the people respected Yahweh. **13** Then Yahweh's messenger Hagay passed this message from Yahweh onto the people, "Yahweh declares that I'm with you all." **14** Then Yahweh inspired Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel, the governor of Yehudah (Judah), inspired Yehotsadak's son Yehoshua, the high priest, and inspired all the rest of the people, and they came and started work on the temple for their god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, **15** on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month of the second year of Dareyavesh (Darius) the king of Paras (Persia).

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1 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. Ezr 4:24–5:2; 6:14.

2 LV 1:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **דבכא/ו**: (x-qere) **'וְהָדְבְּכָא/וְ'**: lemma_c/3513 n_0.0 morph_HC/VNh1cs id_37iy2 **וְהָדְבְּכָא/ו**

3 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

4 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

5 LV 1:10 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

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The splendour of the new temple

2:1 On the 21st of the seventh month (about a month later), Yahweh spoke again through the prophet Hagay: **2** Please ask Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel, the governor of Yehudah (Judah), and ask Yehotsadak's son Yehoshua (Joshua), the high priest, and ask the rest of the people, **3** "Are there any of you still alive who saw the splendour of the former temple? How does it look to you now? It must now seem pretty much like *nothing* in comparison.[6] **4** Yahweh is telling you now, Zerubavel, to be strong. And be strong, high priest Yehoshua, and be strong all you people of the land. Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that I'm with you as you work. **5** That's what I promised your ancestors when they came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and my spirit remains among you.[7] Don't be afraid, **6** because Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that in a little while, I'll shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land, once more.[8] **7** I'll shake all the nations, and they'll come here bringing their treasure. Then I'll fill this temple with my splendour, says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **8** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that the gold and silver belong to me. **9** I declare that this temple will be greater in the future than it was in the past, and also that I will give peace and prosperity to this place."

Hagay consults the priests

10 On the 24th of the ninth month in King Dareyavesh's (Darius') second year (about two months later), Yahweh gave a message to the prophet Hagay: **11** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "Ask the priests about Mosheh's (Moses') instructions. **12** 'If a priest took some meat that had been offered to God and carried it wrapped in a piece of clothing, then if the clothing touched some other food, would that other food become holy?' "

"No, it wouldn't," the priests replied.

13 Then Hagay asked, "But if a person became unclean by touching a corpse and then touched any of that food, would it become unclean?"

"Yes, it would become unclean,"[9] the priests answered.

14 "That's what Yahweh declares about you people," Hagay continued. "He says that that's how this country acts towards him. Your actions are dishonourable, and then that same disrespect transfers to your offerings. **15** So now think back to before stones were being laid for Yahweh's temple. **16** During that time, when someone went to get twenty containers of grain, there were only ten there, and when someone went to fill fifty jars of

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2:1 In_month on_day_twenty and_one of_month the_message_ _of **YHWH** it_came by_the_hand_of Ḥaggay the_prophet to_say. **2** Say please to Zərubāvel the_son_of Shəʾaltiyʾēl the_governor_ _of Yəhūdāh and_near/to Yəhōshūʿa the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq the_priest/officer (the)_great and_near/to the_remnant_of the_people to_say. **3** Who among_you(pl) is_the_one_who_ _remains who he_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_house the_this in_splendour_of_ _its (the)_former and_what are_you(pl) seeing ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it now am_not is_as_it as_nothing in_eyes_of_your(pl). **4** And_now be_ _strong Oh_Zərubāvel the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_be_strong Oh_Yəhōshūʿa/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_priest/officer (the)_great and_be_strong Oh_all_of the_ _people_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_work if/because I am_with_you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **5** ᴅᴏᴍ the_message which I_cut with_ _you(pl) when_you_came_out from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _spirit_of_my is_standing among_you(pl) do_not be_afraid. **6** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says yet one_ _time is_a_little it and_I am_about_to_shake ᴅᴏᴍ the_heavens and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sea and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_dry_ _ground. **7** And_I_will_shake ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_nations and_ the_ _precious_thing_of all_of the_nations _they_will_come and_I_ _will_fill ᴅᴏᴍ the_house the_this splendour **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **8** To_me the_silver and_belongs_ _to_me the_gold the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **9** Great it_will_be the_splendour_of the_house the_this (the)_ _latter more_than the_former **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says and_in_place the_this I_will_give peace the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

10 On_day_twenty and_four of_month in_year two of_ _Dārəyāvesh the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to Ḥaggay the_ _prophet to_say. **11** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says ask please ᴅᴏᴍ the_priests instruction to_say. **12** THERE someone he_will_carry flesh_of holiness in_the_skirt_of his_ _garment_of_his and_he_will_touch with_skirt_of_his (to) (the)_ _bread and_near/to (the)_cooked_food and_near/to (the)_wine and_near/to oil and_near/to every_of food will_it_become_holy and_ the_priests _they_answered and_they_said no. **13** And_ Ḥaggay _he/it_said if a_person_unclean_of a_corpse he_will_ _touch in_all these_things will_it_become_unclean and_ the_ _priests _they_answered and_they_said it_will_become_ _unclean. **14** And_ Ḥaggay _he_answered and_he/it_said is_thus the_people the_this and_thus/so/as_follows the_nation the_ _this to/for_my_face/front the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_ _thus/so/as_follows all_of the_work_of their_hands_of_their and_which they_will_bring_near there is_unclean it. **15** And_ _now set please heart_of_your(pl) from the_day the_this and_ _upwards from_before put a_stone to a_stone in_(the)_palace of_**YHWH**. **16** From_when_they_were someone_came to a_ _heap_of twenty_measures and_it_was ten someone_came to the_wine-vat to_draw fifty_measures a_winepress and_it_was twenty. **17** I_struck you(pl) with_blight and_with_mildew and_

6 **RV 2:3 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 3:12.

7 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** Exo 29:45-46.

8 **RV 2:6 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:26.

9 **RV 2:13 · Cross-ref.** Num 19:11-22.

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_with_hail ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_work_of your_two's_hands_of_ _your(pl) and_not you(pl) to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** Set please heart_of_your(pl) from the_day the_this and_ _upwards from_day_of twenty and_four of_month (to)_from the_day when the_temple_of **YHWH** it_was_founded set heart_ _of_your(pl). **19** Still is_the_seed in_granary and_unto the_vine and_the_fig_tree and_the_pomegranate and_tree the_olive not it_has_borne_fruit from the_day the_this I_will_bless.

20 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was a_second_time to Ḥaggay on_day_twenty and_four of_month to_say. **21** Say to Zərubāvel the_governor_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say I am_ _about_to_shake ~~ĐOM~~ the_heavens and_~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land. **22** And_I_will_overthrow the_throne_of kingdoms and_I_will_ _destroy the_strength_of the_kingdoms_of the_nations and_I_ _will_overthrow chariotry and_riders_of_its and_ horses and_ _riders_of_their _they_will_go_down each by_the_sword_of his/its_brother. **23** In_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers I_will_take_you Oh_Zərubāvel the_ _son_of Shə'altiy'ēl servant_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_will_make_you like_signet-ring if/because in_you(ms) I_ _have_chosen the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers.

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wine from the vat, there was only enough for twenty. **17** Yahweh declares that he caused blight and mildew and hail to affect your work, but you still didn't turn to him. **18** Think back to the time from when the foundation of Yahweh's temple was laid, until today (this 24th of the ninth month). Consider that. **19** Is any grain left in the storehouse for seed? What's more, the vines, and the fig trees and pomegranate trees and olive trees, haven't produced fruit. However, Yahweh will bless you from today onwards."

God's promise to Zerubavel

20 Then Yahweh gave a second message to Hagay on the 24th: **21** Tell Zerubavel, the governor of Yehudah (Judah), "I'm about to shake the heavens and the earth. **22** I'll overthrow the thrones of kingdoms, and destroy the strength of the nations. I'll overthrow chariots and riders—horses and their riders will fall and related tribes will kill each other. **23** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that on that day he will take Shealtiyel's son Zerubavel and cause him to place Yahweh's mark on the nation like a signet ring, because he's been chosen."

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Zekaryah

(Zechariah)

Introduction

This document lists the prophecies of Zekaryah (Zechariah) concerning Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and tells about the hoped-for Messiah and the final judgement. It consists of two parts: **1**. *Chapters 1–8*, Zekaryah's prophecy concerning his revelation about saving Yerushalem, the replacement of the temple and its cleaning so that Yahweh's people become holy, and **2**. *Chapters 9–14*, the prophecies concerning the hoped-for Messiah and the final judgement. It's believed that this document was written between 520 and 518 before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.)

Main components of this document

Warnings and hope *1:1–8:23*
The punishment of Yisrael's enemies *9:1-8*
The arrival of prosperity and peace *9:9–14:21*

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1:1 In_month (the)_eighth in_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of ʼIddō the_prophet to_say. **2** **YHWH** he_was_angry towards ancestors_of_your(pl) anger. **3** And_you_will_say to_ _them thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says return to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_ _return to_you(pl) **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **4** Do_ _not be like_ancestors_of_your(pl) whom they_proclaimed to_ _them the_prophets (the)_former to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says turn_back please from_ways_of_ _your(pl) (the)_evil and**23** (the)_evil and_not they_listened and_ _not they_paid_attention to_me the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **5** Ancestors_of_your(pl) where are_they and_the_prophets forever do_they_live. **6** Nevertheless words/messages_of_my and_regulations_of_my which I_commanded ~~DOM~~ servants_of_ _my the_prophets am_not did_they_overtake ancestors_of_ _your(pl) and_they_repented and_they_said just_as **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_planned for_doing to/for_us according_to_of_our_ways and_according_to_of_our_deeds so he_has_done with_us.
7 In/on_day twenty and_four of_one_plus_of ten month it was_ _the_month_of Shebat in_year two of_Dārəyāvesh the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Zəkar^{yāh} the_son_of Berek^{yāh} the_son_of ʼIddō the_prophet to_say. **8** I_saw the_night and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man was_riding on a_horse red and_he was_standing between the_myrtle_trees which were_in_hollow and_were_behind_him horses red sorrel and_white. **9** And_I_ _said what are_these my_master and_he/it_said to_me the_ _messenger who_was_speaking with_me I I_will_show_you what they are_these. **10** And_ the_man who_was_standing between the_myrtle_trees _he_answered**6** and_he_said these are_those_whom **YHWH** he_has_sent to_go_about on_the_ _earth. **11** And_they_answered ~~DOM~~ the_messenger_of **YHWH** who_was_standing between the_myrtle_trees and_they_said we_have_gone_about in/on_the_earth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE all_of the_earth/land is_dwelling and_is_undisturbed. **12** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_answered and_he_said Oh_ _**YHWH** soldiers/messengers until when you not will_you_ _have_compassion_on ~~DOM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_~~DOM~~ the_cities_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) which you_have_been_ _indignant this seventy year[s]. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he_answered ~~DOM~~ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me words/messages good words/messages comfort(s). **14** And_ _he/it_said to_me the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me proclaim to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I_ _am_jealous for_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_for_ _Tsiyyōn/(Zion) jealousy great. **15** And_anger great I am_angry towards the_nations (the)_at_ease that I I_was_angry a_little and_they they_have_helped for_evil. **16** For_so/thus/hence thus **YHWH** he_says I_have_returned to_

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Yisrael urged to turn to Yahweh

1:1 In the eighth month of the second year of the reign of Persian King Dareyavesh (Darius), Yahweh spoke through the prophet Zekaryah (Zechariah) (Zekaryah, son of Ido's son Berekyah)[1] saying, **2** "Yahweh was very angry with your ancestors, **3** so tell this to the people: Commander-in-chief Yahweh says that if you all turn back to me, I'll return to you. **4** Don't be like your ancestors who'd been told by the prophets that Commander-in-chief Yahweh wanted them to abandon all their evil practices, but they wouldn't listen or pay attention. That is Yahweh's declaration.

5 "So where are you ancestors and the prophets now? Do they live forever? **6** But your ancestors didn't obey my words and my decrees that I commanded through my servants the prophets, but they eventually repented and said, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh has done to us just what our ways and actions deserved.' "

Yahweh's compassion for Yerushalem

7 About three months later, Yahweh spoke again through the prophet Zekaryah (Zechariah) (Zekaryah son of Ido's son Berekyah) saying, **8** "I had a vision in the night, and was surprised to see a man riding on a red horse,[4] and then he was standing among the myrtle trees that are in the valley, and behind him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses."[5] **9** I asked, "What are these things, my master?"

Then that heavenly messenger who talked with me told me, "I'll show you what those things are."

10 Then the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "Those are the ones that Yahweh has sent out to roam throughout the world."

11 They answered Yahweh's messenger who stood among the myrtle trees, telling him, "We've been roaming throughout the world, and see, the whole world sits contentedly and is at peace."

12 "Commander-in-chief Yahweh," Yahweh's messenger asked, "how long before you show compassion to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and to the cities of Yehudah (Judah), which you've been angry with for the past seventy years?"

13 Then that messenger who'd talked with me was answered by Yahweh with kind and comforting words, **14** and that messenger told me, "Call out and say, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: I've been very jealous for Yerushalem and for Tsiyon (Zion). **15** I'm very angry with the countries that are at ease—I was only a little angry with them, but they made the disaster worse.

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1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 4:24–5:1; 6:14.

2 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/מכ/ילילעמ: (x-qere) וְ/מֶכְ/יִלְלֶעֱמ': lemma_c/4611 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2mp id_38fsu וְ/מֶכְ/יִלְלֶעֱמ

3 **LV 1:4 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

4 **RV 1:8a · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:4.

5 **RV 1:8b · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:2.

6 **LV 1:10 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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16 Therefore Yahweh says: I will show mercy Yerushalem again.
My residence will be built within her, and the measuring line
will be stretched out over her. That's what Commander-in-chief
Yahweh declares.
17 "Again, call out and say, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says
this: My cities will once again overflow with goodness, and I will
again comfort Tsiyon and choose Yerushalem.' "

The vision of the four horns

18 Then I looked up and wow, I saw four horns. 19 I asked the messenger who'd talked with me, "What are those?"
"Those are the horns that have scattered Yehudah (Judah), Yisrael (Israel), and Yerushalem (Jerusalem)." he answered.
20 Then Yahweh showed me four craftsmen 21 and I asked, "What are those people coming to do?"
"Those horns are the nations that scattered Yehudah so that everyone went into hiding," he answered, "But the blacksmiths have come to terrify the horns—to amputate the horns of the nations that attacked Yehudah, scattering the people."

The vision of Yerushalem expanded

2:1 Then I looked up, and wow, I saw a man holding a measuring line[13] 2 and I asked him, "Where are you going?"
"To measure Yerushalem (Jerusalem)," he replied, "and to determine its width and length."
3 Then to my surprise, the messenger who'd talked with me went away and another messenger went out to meet him 4 and told him, "Run and speak to that young man, saying: Yerushalem won't need city walls because there'll be so many people and animals within it. 5 Yahweh declares that he'll become a wall of fire around it and will become the splendour in the middle of it.

Yahweh commands the exiles to go home

6 Yahweh declares: Get up and get moving. Flee from that land in the north, because I had scattered you into the four

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_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) with_compassion(s) house_of_my it_
_will_be_rebuilt in_it the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers and[7] it_will_be_stretched_out over
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 17 Again proclaim to_say thus
YHWH soldiers/messengers he_says again cities_of_my they_
_will_overflow from_good and_ **YHWH** _he_will_comfort again
ᵭᵯᵯ Tsiyyōn and_he_will_choose again (in)_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

2:1 [8] And_I_lifted_up ᵭᵯᵯ eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE four horns. 2 [9] And_I_said to the_messenger
who_was_speaking with_me what are_these and_he/it_said to_
_me these are_the_horns which they_scattered ᵭᵯᵯ
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) ᵭᵯᵯ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).[10] 3 [11] And_he_showed_me **YHWH**
four craftsmen. 4 [12] And_I_said what are_these coming to_do
and_he/it_said to_say these are_the_horns which they_
_scattered ᵭᵯᵯ Yəhūdāh according_to_the_mouth_of a_man
not he_lifted_up his/its_head and_ these_craftsmen _they_
_came to_terrify ᵭᵯᵯ_them to_throw_down ᵭᵯᵯ the_horns_of
the_nations which_lifted_up a_horn against the_land_of
Yəhūdāh to_scatter_it.

5 [14] And_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man and_was_in_hand_of_his a_cord_of
measurement. 6 [15] And_I_said where are_you going and_he/it_
_said to_me to_measure ᵭᵯᵯ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_see
how_much breadth_of_is_its and_how_much length_of_is_its.
7 [16] And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_messenger who_was_speaking
with_me was_going_out and_an_messenger another was_
_going_out to_meet_him. 8 [17] And_he/it_said to_him[18][19] run
speak to the_young_man this to_say unwalled_villages
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) it_will_remain from_the_multitude_
_of person[s] and_livestock in_the_midst_of_of_it. 9 [20] And_I I_
_will_be to_it the_utterance_of **YHWH** a_wall_of fire all_around
and_(into)_glory I_will_become in_the_middle_of_of_it.

10 [21] Alas alas (and)_flee from_the_land_of the_north the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because like_the_four the_winds_of
the_heavens I_have_scattered you(pl) the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
11 [22] Alas Oh_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) escape Oh_inhabitant[s] of_the_

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7 LV 1:16 · Note OSHB variant note: הוק/ו: (x-qere) וְקִ/וֹ; lemma_c/6957 b morph_HC/Ncmsa id_38wA4 וְקִ/וֹ

8 LV 2:1 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.18

9 LV 2:2 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.19

10 LV 2:2 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

11 LV 2:3 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.20

12 LV 2:4 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.1.21

13 RV 2:1 · Note The modern equivalent would be a tape measure.

14 LV 2:5 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.1

15 LV 2:6 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.2

16 LV 2:7 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.3

17 LV 2:8 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.4

18 LV 2:8 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

19 LV 2:8 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

20 LV 2:9 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.5

21 LV 2:10 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.6

22 LV 2:11 · Note Note: KJB: Zech.2.7

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_daughter_of of_Bāvel. **12** [23] If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says after honour he_has_sent_me to the_nations which_have_plundered you(pl) if/because_that the_one_who_touches (in)_you(pl) is_touching (in)_the_pupil_ _of his_eye_of_his. **13** [24] If/because HERE_I am_about_to_ _brandish ~~ĐƠM~~ hand_of_my on_them[25] and_they_will_be plunder for_their_own_of_slaves and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sent_me. **14** [26] Shout_for_joy and_rejoice Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn if/because HERE_I am_about_to_come and_I_will_dwell among_ _you the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **15** [27] And_ nations many _they_ _will_join_themselves to **YHWH** in_the_day (the)_that and_ _they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I_will_dwell among_ _you and_you_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sent_me to_you. **16** [28] And_ **YHWH** _he_will_inherit ~~ĐƠM~~ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) portion_of_his on the_ _land_of (the)_holiness and_he_will_choose again (in)_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **17** [29] Hush Oh_all_of flesh from_ _face/in_front_of **YHWH** if/because he_has_roused_himself from_the_dwelling_place_of his_holiness_of_his.

3:1 And_he_showed_me ~~ĐƠM~~ Yəhōshūʹa/(Joshua) the_ _priest/officer (the)_great standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_messenger_of **YHWH** and_the_accuser was_ _standing at hand_of_his_right to_accuse_him. **2** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said to the_accuser **YHWH** may_he_rebuke (in)_you Oh_ _accuser and_may_he_rebuke **YHWH** (in)_you who_has_chosen (in)_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) am_not is_this a_piece_of_ _firewood plucked_out from_a_fire. **3** And_Yəhōshūʹa he_was clothed garments filthy and_he_was_standing to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before the_messenger. **4** And_he_answered and_he/it_said to those_who_were_standing[35] before_him to_ _say remove the_garments (the)_filthy from_on_him and_ _he/it_said to_him/it see I_have_taken_away from_on_you iniquity_of_your and_I_will_clothe you fine_robes. **5** And_I_said let_them_put a_turban clean on his/its_head and_they_put the_ _turban (the)_clean on his/its_head and_they_clothed_him garments and_the_messenger_of **YHWH** was_standing. **6** And_ the_messenger_of **YHWH** _he_admonished (in)_Yəhōshūʹa to_ _say. **7** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says if in_ways_of_ _my you_will_walk and_if ~~ĐƠM~~ charge_of_my you_will_keep and_also you you_will_govern ~~ĐƠM~~ house_of_my and_also you_ _will_guard ~~ĐƠM~~ courts_of_my and_I_will_give to/for_ _yourself(m) goings between those_who_are_standing the_

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winds. **7** Now run you people who live in Bavel (Babylon)—escape to Tsiyon (Zion). **8** Commander-in-chief Yahweh said that, after he honoured and sent me against the nations that plundered you—

because anyone who touches you, is messing with God's favourite.

9 He said, "I myself will punish them, and they'll be looted by their own slaves."

When you see that, then you'll know that Commander-in-chief Yahweh sent me.

10 Yahweh declares: "Sing and be glad, daughter of Tsiyon, because I myself will come and settle among you."

11 Then powerful nations will join Yahweh at that time, and they will become his people. He will settle among you, and you will know that Commander-in-chief Yahweh has sent me to you. **12** Then Yahweh will inherit Yehudah (Judah) as his rightful possession in that sacred region, and will once again choose Yerushalem (Jerusalem).

13 All people everywhere, be silent before Yahweh, because from his sacred place, he's been driven into action.

Yehoshua and Satan

3:1 Then Yahweh showed me the high priest Yehoshua (Joshua)[30] standing in front of Yahweh's messenger, and Satan was standing at his right to accuse him.[31] **2** But Yahweh told Satan, "May Yahweh rebuke you, Satan[32]—may Yahweh who's chosen Yerushalem (Jerusalem), rebuke you. Isn't he energetic like a burning stick taken out of the fire?"

3 Now Yehoshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood in front of the messenger **4** who told those standing in front of him, "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then he said to Yehoshua, "Listen, I've taken away the guilt of your disobedience, and I'll dress you in nice clothes."

5 "Let them put a clean headband on his head," I said, so they placed a clean headband on Yehoshua's head and dressed him with new clothes, while Yahweh's messenger was standing there watching.

6 Then he told Yehoshua, **7** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: If you'll follow my instructions and obey my rules, then you can govern my temple and guard my courtyards, because I'll allow you to walk among these who are standing here. **8** Please listen, Yehoshua the high priest, as well as your companions sitting in

23 **LV 2:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.8

24 **LV 2:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.9

25 **LV 2:13 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as הֻּדִי/לַּע

26 **LV 2:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.10

27 **LV 2:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.11

28 **LV 2:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.12

29 **LV 2:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Zech.2.13

30 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 5:2.

31 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:10.

32 **RV 3:2 · Cross-ref.** Jude 9.

35 **LV 3:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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front of you. Those these men are a sign, because I myself will bring out my servant 'the branch'.[33] 9 Now look at the stone that I've placed in front of Yehoshua—a single stone with seven faces cut on it. Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that I will engrave an inscription on it, and I will remove the sin from this land in one day. 10 Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that in that day, each man will invite his neighbour to sit under his grapevine or under his fig tree."[34]

The container of lamp and the two olives

4:1 Then the messenger who was talking with me turned and woke me as if waking someone from their sleep. 2 "What do you see?" he asked me.

"Wow," I said, "I see a lampstand made entirely of gold, with a bowl on top of it. It has seven lamps on the top with a tube feeding each one, 3 and two olive trees by it—one on each side of it."[36] 4 Then I asked the messenger who was talking with me, "What are those, my master?"

5 "Don't you know what those things mean?" he asked me.

"No, my master," I replied.

6 So he told me, "This is Yahweh's message to Zerubavel:[37] Commander-in-chief Yahweh says it won't be my strength or my power, but with my spirit. 7 What are you, big mountain? Before Zerubavel you will become a plain. Then he will bring out the top stone to shouts of 'Grace, grace to it.' "

8 Then Yahweh's message came to me, saying, 9 "Zerubavel's hands have laid the foundation of this temple and his hands will bring it to completion." Then you will have confirmation that Commander-in-chief Yahweh has sent me to you. 10 Because who has mocked those who make a small difference? They will rejoice and will see Zerubavel holding a plumb line.

Those seven lamps are Yahweh's eyes that roam over the whole world.

11 "What are these two olive trees on the right and left of the lampstand?" I asked the messenger.[38] 12 "And what are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that have golden oil pouring out of them?"

13 Then he answered, "Don't you know what those are?"

"No, my master," I replied.

14 Then he said, "Those are the two anointed men[39] who stand

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_these. 8 Hear please Oh_Yəhōshūʻa/(Joshua) the_priest/officer (the)_great you and_companions_of_your who_sit to_your_face if/because are_men_of sign they if/because HERE_I am_about_ _to_bring ᴅᴏᴍ servant_of_my branch. 9 If/because THERE the_ _stone which I_have_set to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yəhōshūʻa are_on a_stone one seven eyes here_I am_about_to_ _engrave engraving_of_its the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_I_will_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_iniquity_of the_earth/land (the)_that in/on_day one. 10 In_the_day (the)_ _that the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers you(pl)_ _will_invite each (to)_neighbour_of_his to under a_vine and_ _near/to under a_fig_tree.

4:1 And_ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me _he_ _returned and_he_roused_me like_a_person who he_is_roused from_sleep_of_his. 2 And_he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing and[40] I_see and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_lampstand_of gold of_it_of_ _all and_a_bowl[41] is_on top_of_its and_seven lamps_of_its on/upon_it(f) seven and_seven pipes belong_to_lamps which are_on top_of_its. 3 And_two olive_trees on/upon_it(f) one was_ _from_the_right_side_of the_bowl and_one was_at side_of_its_ _left. 4 And_I_answered and_I_said to the_messenger who_was_ _speaking with_me to_say what are_these my_master. 5 And_ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me _he_answered and_ _he/it_said to_me am_not do_you_know what they are_these and_I_said no my_master. 6 And_he_answered and_he/it_said to_me to_say this is_the_message_of **YHWH** to Zərubāvel to_ _say not by_strength and_not by_power if/because (if) by_ _spirit_of_my **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. 7 Who are_ _you Oh_mountain_of (the)_great to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Zərubāvel (into)_level_ground and_he_will_bring_ _forth ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone (the)_top shouting(s) grace grace to/for_ _her/it. 8 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_ _say. 9 The_hands_of Zərubāvel they_have_founded the_house the_this and_hands_of_his they_will_finish_it and_you_will_ _know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_ _sent_me to_you(pl). 10 If/because who has_he_despised (to)_a_ _day_of small_things and_they_will_rejoice and_they_will_see ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone (the)_tin in_the_hand_of Zərubāvel seven these are_the_eyes_of **YHWH** they are_roving_about in_all the_ _earth/land. 11 And_I_answered and_I_said to_him/it what are_ _the_two_of the_olive_trees (the)_these at the_right_side_of the_lampstand and_at side_of_its_left. 12 And_I_answered a_ _second_time and_I_said to_him/it what are_the_two_of the_ _clusters_of the_olive_trees which are_at_the_hand_of the_two_ _of the_pipes_of the_gold which_are_pouring_out from_on_ _them the_gold. 13 And_he/it_said to_me to_say am_not do_ _you_know what are_these and_I_said no my_master. 14 And_

33 **RV 3:8 · Cross-ref.** Jer 23:5; 33:15; Zech 6:12.

34 **RV 3:10 · Cross-ref.** Mic 4:4.

36 **RV 4:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:4.

37 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Ezr 5:2.

38 **RV 4:11 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:4.

39 **RV 4:14 · Note** It's not clear who this is referring to.

40 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וּרְמַאי/**: (x-qere) 'וּלְמַאָן': lemma_c/559 n_0.2.1.2 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_38CVM וּלְמַאָן

41 **LV 4:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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_he/it_said these are_the_two_of the_sons_of the_fresh_oil who_stand at the_master_of all_of the_earth/land.

5:1 And_I_returned and_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_scroll flying. **2** And_he/it_said to_me what are_you seeing and_I_said I am_seeing a_scroll flying length_of_ _its is_twenty by_cubit and_breadth_of_its is_ten by_cubit. **3** And_he/it_said to_me this is_the_curse which_is_about_to_ _go_forth over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land if/because every_of (the)_one_who_steals from_this according_to_it he_ _will_be_purged and_all (the)_one_who_swears_an_oath from_ _this according_to_it he_will_be_purged. **4** I_will_send_it_forth the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_it_will_go into the_house_of the_thief and_near/to the_house_of the_ _one_who_swears_an_oath by_name_of_my to_falsehood and_ _it_will_lodge in_the_middle his_house_of_his and_it_will_ _destroy_it and_ĐOM wood(s)_of_its and_ĐOM stone(s)_of_its.

5 And_ the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me _he/it_ _went_out and_he/it_said to_me lift_up please eyes_of_your and_see what is_the_thing_which_is_going_forth (the)_this. **6** And_I_said what is_it and_he/it_said this is_the_'ēyfāh which_ _is_going_forth and_he/it_said this eye_of_is_their in_all the_ _earth/land. **7** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_round_cover_of lead was_raised and_this was_a_woman one who_was_sitting in_the_ _middle of_the_'ēyfāh. **8** And_he/it_said this_woman is_(the)_ _wickedness and_he_threw ĐOM_her/it into the_midst_of the_ _'ēyfāh and_he_threw ĐOM the_weight_of (the)_lead into her/its_mouth. **9** And_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE two women were_going_forth and_spirit was_in_wings_of_their and_belonged_to_them wings like_the_ _wings_of (the)_stork and_they_lifted_up ĐOM the_'ēyfāh between the_earth/land and_between the_heavens. **10** And_I_ _said to the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me where are_ _they taking ĐOM the_'ēyfāh. **11** And_he/it_said to_me to_build for_it a_house in_land of_Shin'ār and_it_will_be_prepared and_ _it_will_be_placed there on its_own_stand_of_on.

6:1 And_I_returned and_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my and_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE four chariots were_coming_forth from_ _between the_two_of the_mountains and_the_mountains were_ _mountains_of bronze. **2** Were_with_chariot (the)_first horses red and_were_with_chariot the_second(fs) horses black. **3** And_ _were_with_chariot (the)_third horses white and_were_with_ _chariot (the)_fourth horses dappled strong. **4** And_I_answered and_I_said to the_messenger who_was_speaking with_me what are_these my_master. **5** And_ the_messenger _he_answered and_he/it_said to_me these are_the_four the_winds_of the_ _heavens which_go_forth from_when_presented_themselves on the_master_of all_of the_earth/land. **6** Which with_it the_ _horses (the)_black they_are_going_out to the_land_of the_ _north and_the_white_horses they_have_gone_out to after_

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before the master of the whole world."

The flying scroll vision

5:1 Then I turned around and looked up, and wow, I saw a flying scroll, **2** and the messenger asked me, "What do you see?"

"I see a flying scroll," I answered, "that's nine metres long and half that wide."

3 Then he told me, "That's the curse that goes out over the surface of the whole land. Every thief will be removed according to what it says on the one side, and everyone who testifies falsely will be removed according to what it says on the other side. **4** Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares: I will send it out so it will enter into the house of any thief and into the house of anyone who testified falsely using my name, and it will remain in that house and eat away at its timber and its stones."

The woman in a basket vision

5 Then the messenger who'd been talking with me came over and said to me, "Look up and see what's coming now."

6 "What is it?" I asked.

And he said, "That's the measuring bin that's coming." Then he continued, "That's their eye[42] across the whole land."

7 Then, wow, a lead covering was lifted off and there was a woman sitting inside the measuring bin. **8** He said, "This woman is 'wickedness'." Then he pushed her back inside the measuring bin, then quickly pressed the heavy lead cover back over its opening.

9 Then I looked up again and wow, I saw two women with wings like stork's wings, flying on the wind towards us, and they lifted the measuring bin up into the sky.

10 "Where are they taking the measuring bin?" I asked the messenger who'd been talking with me.

11 "To build a temple for it in Bavel (Babylon)," he replied. "And when it's ready, it'll be set on a base there."

The four chariots vision

6:1 Then I turned and looked up and wow, I saw four chariots coming out from between two bronze mountains. **2** The first chariot was being pulled by red horses,[43] the second by black horses,[44] **3** the third by white horses,[45] and the fourth by spotted grey horses.

4 I asked the messenger who had talked with me, "What are those, my master?" **5** "Those are four winds of the heavens[46] that go out from where they were, ahead of the master of the whole world," he answered. **6** "The chariot pulled by black horses will go north, the one pulled by white horses will go west, and the one pulled by spotted grey horses will go south." **7** The strong horses went out and wanted to go and roam over

42 RV 5:6 · Note Some ancient translations have 'iniquity' here, but we've stayed with the Hebrew.

43 RV 6:2 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:4.

44 RV 6:2 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:5.

45 RV 6:3 · Cross-ref. Rev 6:2.

46 RV 6:5 · Cross-ref. Rev 7:1.

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the earth, and he said, "Go and roam over the earth." and they went to roam over the earth. 8 Then the messenger called out and told me, "Look at the ones that are going out to the north country. They will appease my spirit in the north country."

The crowning of Yehoshua

9 Then Yahweh's message came to me, saying, 10 "Take the offering from the exiles that Helday, Toviyah, and Yedayah are bringing, and go this same day and take it into Yoshiyah's (Josiah's) house (Tsefanyah's (Zephaniah's) son, who has come from Bavel (Babylon)). 11 Then take the gold and silver, and make a crown and place it on the head of the high priest, Yehoshua (Joshua) (Yehotsadak's son) 12 and tell him, 'Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:
Look, a man whose name is 'Branch'[48] will grow from his place, and he will build Yahweh's temple. 13 Yes, he will build Yahweh's temple, and he will radiate splendour and will sit and rule on his throne. He'll be a priest on his throne, and peace will emanate from the interaction of both of those roles. 14 Then the crown will be given to Helday, to Toviyah, to Yedayah, and to Tsefanyah's son Hen as a memorial in Yahweh's temple.
15 Then those live far away will come and build Yahweh's temple, so you will know that Commander-in-chief Yahweh has sent me to you. All this will happen if you truly listen to the voice of your god Yahweh.' "

Fasting with wrong motivation

7:1 On the 4th of the ninth month (named 'Kislev') in the fourth year of the reign of Persian King Dareyavesh (Darius), Yahweh's message came to Zekaryah (Zechariah).
2 The people of Beyt-El (Bethel) had sent Sharetser and Regem-Melek and their men to request prayers for Yahweh's favour. 3 They asked the priests who were at Commander-in-chief Yahweh's temple, along with the prophets, "Should I fast in the fifth month to show that I'm mourning, as I've been doing for many years?"
4 So Commander-in-chief Yahweh's message came to me:
5 "Ask the priests and the people all over the country, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, were you truly fasting for me? 6 When you ate and drank together, weren't you yourselves just enjoying the food and drink? 7 Weren't those the same words that Yahweh

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_them and_the_dappled_horses they_have_gone_out to the_ _land_of the_south. 7 And_the_strong_horses they_have_gone_ _out and_they_have_sought to_go to_go_about[47] on_the_earth and_he/it_said go go_about in/on_the_earth and_they_went_ _about on_the_earth. 8 And_he_called_out_to ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_ _he/it_spoke to_me to_say see those_which_are_going_out to the_land_of the_north they_have_caused_to_rest ᴅᴏᴍ my_ _breath/wind/spirit in_land the_north.

9 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 10 Take from_with the_exile[s] from_Ḥelday and_from_with Ṭōvᵛiyʸāh and_from_with Yəda'ʸāh/(Jedaiah) and_ you _you_will_go in_ _the_day (the)_that and_you_will_go the_house_of Yo'shiyʸāh/(Josiah) the_son_of Tsəfanʸāh/(Zephaniah) who they_have_come from_Bāvel. 11 And_you_will_take silver and_ _gold and_you_will_make a_crown(s) and_you_will_put_it on_ _the_head_of Yəhōshū'a/(Joshua) the_son_of Yəhōtsādāq/(Jehozadak) the_priest/officer (the)_great. 12 And_ _you_will_say to_him/it to_say thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_say THERE a_man is_Branch his/its_name and_from_under_him he_will_sprout and_he_ _will_build ᴅᴏᴍ the_temple_of **YHWH**.[495051] 13 And_he he_will_ _build ᴅᴏᴍ the_temple_of **YHWH** and_he he_will_bear majesty and_he_will_sit and_he_will_rule on throne_of_his and_it_was a_priest on throne_of_his and_a_counsel_of peace it_will_be between the_two_of_of_them. 14 And_the_crown(s) it_will_be to_Helem and_to_Ṭōvᵛiyʸāh and_to_Yəda'ʸāh and_to_Ḥēn the_ _son_of Tsəfanʸāh to_a_memorial in_(the)_palace of_**YHWH**. 15 And_distant_ones they_will_come and_they_will_build in_ _(the)_palace of_**YHWH** and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_has_sent_me to_you(pl) and_it_ _was if carefully_(listen) you(pl)_will_listen to_the_voice_of **YHWH** god_of_your(pl).

7:1 And_he/it_was in_year four of_Dārəyāvesh the_king the_ _message_of **YHWH** it_came to Zəkarʸāh on_day_four of_month (the)_ninth in_Kişlēv. 2 And_ Bēyt-ᵓēl _it_had_sent Sar-'etser and_Regem- king and_men_of_his to_entreat ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of **YHWH**. 3 To_say to the_priests who belonged_to_the_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_near/to the_prophets to_say will_I_weep in_month (the)_fifth will_I_separate_myself just_as I_have_done this how_many years. 4 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_was to_me to_say. 5 Say to all_of the_people_of the_earth/land and_near/to the_priests to_say if/because you(pl)_fasted and_you_mourned in_month and_in_month and_this seventy year[s] really_(fast) did_you_ _fast_for_me me. 6 And_because/when you(pl)_eat and_ _because/when you(pl)_drink am_not are_you(pl) the_ones_ _eating and_are_you(pl) the_ones_who_drink. 7 Am_not are_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages which **YHWH** he_proclaimed by_ _the_hand_of the_prophets (the)_former when_was Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) dwelling and_at_ease and_cities_of_

47 **LV 6:7 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

48 **RV 6:12 · Cross-ref.** Jer 23:5; 33:15; Zech 3:8.

49 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

50 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

51 **LV 6:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_its were_around_of_it and_the_Negev and_the_Shephelah was_inhabited.

8 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to Zəkar^{yāh} to_say. **9** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_say justice_of faithfulness judge and_loyalty and_compassion(s) do each with his/its_brother. **10** And_the_widow and_the_fatherless the_ _sojourner and_the_poor do_not oppress and_the_harm_of each his/its_brother do_not plan in_heart_of_your(pl). **11** And_ _they_refused to_pay_attention and_they_gave a_shoulder stubborn and_ears_of_their they_made_heavy from_hearing. **12** And_heart_of_their they_made diamond from_hearing ~~ĐOM~~ the_law and_~~ĐOM~~ the_words/messages which **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_had_sent by_spirit_of_his by_the_ _hand_of the_prophets (the)_former and_ severe_anger great _ _he/it_was from_with **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **13** And_ _he/it_was just_as he_called and_not they_listened so they_ _called and_not I_listened **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **14** And_I_will_storm_them_away to all_of the_nations which not they_have_known_them and_the_earth it_was_desolate behind_them from_one_who_passes_through and_from_one_ _who_returns and_they_made a_land_of desire into_a_waste.

8:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_ _was to_say. **2** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says I_am_ _jealous for_Tsiyyōn/(Zion) jealousy great and_rage great I_ _am_jealous to/for_her/it. **3** Thus **YHWH** he_says I_have_ _returned to Tsiyyōn and_I_will_dwell in_the_middle of_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_ _will_be_called the_city_of (the)_faithfulness and_the_ _mountain_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_mountain_of (the)_holiness. **4** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says again old_men and_old_women they_will_sit in_the_open_ _places_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_each staff_of_his in_ _his/its_hand from_abundance_of days. **5** And_the_open_ _places_of the_city they_will_be_filled boys and_girls playing in_its_open_of_places. **6** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says if/because it_will_be_difficult in/on_both_eyes_of the_ _remnant_of the_people the_this in_the_days the_those also in_ _eyes_of_my will_it_be_difficult the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **7** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says HERE_I am_about_to_save ~~ĐOM~~ people_of_my from_the_ _land_of the_east and_from_the_land of the_setting_of the_sun. **8** And_I_will_bring ~~ĐOM~~_them and_they_will_dwell in_the_ _middle of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god in_ _faithfulness and_in_righteousness. **9** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says hands_of_your(pl) let_them_be_ _strong Oh_you(pl)_who_hear in_the_days the_these ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _words/messages the_these from_the_mouth_of the_prophets who in/on_day the_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers the_

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proclaimed through the former prophets, when you still inhabited Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the surrounding cities in prosperity and were settled in the Negev, and the western foothills?' "

Exile follows disobedience

8 Then Yahweh's message came to Zekaryah (Zechariah): **9** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, 'Judge with true justice, loyal commitment, and mercy. Let everyone do that for their neighbour. **10** Don't oppress widows or orphans, foreigners or poor people, and none of you should plot any harm against another person, even in your mind.'

11 But they refused to pay attention, turning away stubbornly and blocking their ears so they couldn't hear. **12** They made their hearts as hard as rock so they couldn't hear the written law or Commander-in-chief Yahweh's contemporary messages. He'd sent those messages to the people by his spirit in earlier times through the words of the prophets, but the people refused to listen, so Commander-in-chief Yahweh was very angry with them. **13** And so it was that when he called, they didn't listen. In the same way," said Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "they'll call out to me for help, but I won't listen. **14** I'll use a whirlwind to scatter them to other nations that they've never been to before. Then the land here will become desolate after they've gone because no one will pass through this land or return to it since the people have made their pleasant country into a wasteland."

The promise to bless Yerushalem

8:1 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh's message came to me, saying: **2** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: I'm passionate for Tsiyon (Zion) with dedicated zeal and I am passionate for her with fierce anger. **3** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: I will return to Tsiyon and will live in the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), because Yerushalem will be called 'The city of truth' and Commander-in-chief Yahweh's mountain will be called 'The sacred mountain'. **4** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:

Old men and old women will appear around Yerushalem's streets once again,

and the people will need staffs in their hands because they've grown so old. **5** The city streets will be full of children playing in them.

6 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:

If something seems impossible in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days,

Yahweh's declaration is: 'It doesn't mean that it's impossible for me.' **7** Army command Yahweh says:

Listen, I'm about to rescue my people from the lands to the east and to the west,[52] **8** and I'll bring them back. Then they'll live in the middle of Yerushalem, so they will be my people again and I'll be their god in truth and in righteousness.

9 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says:

"Let your hands be strong, all you who now hear these words

52 **RV 8:7 · Note** including Bavel in the east, and Mitsrayim (Mitsrayim) in the west.

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spoken by the prophets who were present when the foundations were laid to rebuild the temple—Commander-in-chief Yahweh's residence. **10** Because before those days, no crops were gathered in by anyone. There was no profit for either man or animal, and there was no peace from enemies for anyone going or coming. I had caused every person to be against their neighbours. **11** But now it won't be like it was in times past. Commander-in-chief Yahweh declares that I'll be with the remnant of this people. **12** Because seeds of peace will be sown. The grapevine will produce its fruit and the soil will give its produce. The skies will give their dew, because I'll give all those things to those people as an inheritance. **13** House of Yehudah (Judah) and house of Yisrael (Israel), you were made into an example of a curse for the other nations to see. So I will rescue you and you'll be a blessing. Don't be afraid—work hard to finish building the temple.

14 Because Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: Just as I didn't relent when I'd planned to do harm to you all when your ancestors provoked my anger, **15** so also at this time I'll plan to do good again to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the house of Yehudah. Don't be afraid. **16** These are the things that you all must do: Always tell the truth to those around you.[53] Judge with truth, justice, and peace in your community courts. **17** Yahweh declares: Don't inwardly plan to do evil things to others around you all, and don't encourage false testimonies because those are the things I hate."

18 Then Commander-in-chief Yahweh's message came to me, saying, **19** "Commander-in-chief Yahweh says this: The fasts of the fourth month, the fifth month, the seventh month, and the tenth month will become times of joy, gladness, and happy festivals for the house of Yehudah. Therefore appreciate and strive for truth and peace.

20 Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: People will come again, even those who are currently living in various different cities. **21** The inhabitants of one city will go to another city and say, 'Let's go quickly to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to make our requests to Yahweh—to ask for the favour of Commander-in-chief Yahweh. We ourselves are also going.' **22** Many people and powerful nations will come to seek Commander-in-chief Yahweh there in Yerushalem, and to beg for Yahweh's favour. **23** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says: In those days, ten men from every language and nation will grasp the hem of your robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we've heard that God helps you.' "

9:1 This is a declaration of Yahweh's message concerning the Arami (Syrian)

The punishment of Yisrael's enemies

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_temple when_it_was_founded to_be_rebuilt. **10** If/because to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_days the_those the_ _wage[s]_of the_humankind not it_happened and_the_wage[s]_ _of the_cattle/livestock it_was_not and_for_who]_went_out and_for_who]_came there_was_not peace from the_foe and_I_ _sent ÐOM every_of the_humankind each on_neighbour_of_his. **11** And_now not like_days (the)_former I will_be_to_the_ _remnant_of the_people the_this the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **12** If/because the_seed_of (the)_peace the_vine it_will_give fruit_of_its and_the_earth it_will_give ÐOM produce_of_its and_the_heavens they_will_give dew_of_their and_I_will_give_as_an_inheritance ÐOM the_remnant_of the_ _people the_this ÐOM all_of these_things. **13** And_it_was just_as you(pl)_were a_curse among_nations Oh_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so I_will_ _save you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be a_blessing do_not be_afraid hands_of_your(pl) let_them_be_strong. **14** If/because thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says just_as I_planned[54] to_do_ _harm to/for_you(pl) when_ ancestors_of_your(pl) _provoked_ _to_anger ÐOM_me **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_ _not I_relented. **15** So I_have_returned I_have_planned in_the_ _days the_these to_do_good_to ÐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ÐOM the_house_of Yəhūdāh do_not be_afraid. **16** These are_ _the_things which you(pl)_will_do speak truth each with his/its_neighbour faithfulness and_justice_of peace judge in_ _gates_of_your(pl). **17** And_each ÐOM the_harm_of his/its_ _neighbour do_not plan in_heart_of_your(pl) and_an_oath_of falsehood do_not love if/because ÐOM all_of these are_things_ _which I_hate the_utterance_of **YHWH**. **18** And_ the_message_ _of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers _he/it_was to_me to_say. **19** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says the_fast_of the_ _fourth and_the_fast_of the_fifth_month and_the_fast_of the_ _seventh and_the_fast_of the_tenth_month it_will_become for_ _the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) (into)_joy and_(into)_gladness and_(into)_appointed_feasts good and_(the)_truth and_(the)_ _peace love. **20** Thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says yet which/who peoples and_the_inhabitants_of cities many they_ _will_come. **21** And_ the_inhabitants_of one_city _they_will_go to one_city to_say let_us_go indeed_(go) to_entreat ÐOM the_ _face_of **YHWH** and_to_seek ÐOM **YHWH** soldiers/messengers also I I_will_go. **22** And_ peoples many and_nations mighty _ _they_will_come to_seek ÐOM **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_to_entreat ÐOM the_face_of **YHWH**. **23** Thus[55] **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says in_the_ _days (the)_those which/who ten people from_all the_ _languages_of the_nations they_will_take_hold and_they_will_ _take_hold on_the_skirt_of a_person a_Jew to_say we_want_to_ _go with_you(pl) if/because we_have_heard god is_with_ _you(pl).

9:1 The_oracle_of the_message_of **YHWH** in_land of_Ḥadrāk and_Dammeseq resting_place_of_is_its if/because to/for_ _**YHWH** the_eye_of humankind and_all/each/any/every the_

53 RV 8:16 · Cross-ref. Eph 4:25.

54 LV 8:14 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

55 LV 8:23 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently from BHQ.

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_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **2** And_also Hamath which_it_borders on_it Tsor/(Tyre) and_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) if/because it_is_wise exceedingly. **3** And_ Tsor/(Tyre) _it_built a_fortification to/for_ _her/it and_it_heaped_up silver like_dust and_gold like_the_ _mud_of the_streets. **4** THERE my_master he_will_impoverish_it and_he_will_strike in_sea rampart_of_its and_she by_fire it_ _will_be_consumed. **5** 'Ashqəlōn it_will_see and_it_will_be_ _afraid and_ʹAzzāh and_it_will_be_in_anguish exceedingly and_ _ʹEqrōn if/because of_confidence_of_its_object it_will_be_ _ashamed and_ a_king _he_will_perish from_ʹAzzāh and_ _'Ashqəlōn not it_will_remain. **6** And_ a_mixed_population _it_ _will_dwell in_'Ashdōd and_I_will_cut_off the_pride_of the_ _Pəlishtiy. **7** And_I_will_remove blood(s)_of_its from_mouth_of_ _its and_its_detestable_of_things from_between teeth_of_its and_ also it _it_will_be_left to_god_of_our and_it_was like_a_ _chief in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ʹEqrōn will_be_like_a_ _Yəvūṣī/(Jebusite). **8** And_I_will_encamp for_house_of_my a_ _guard from_one_who_passes_through and_from_one_who_ _returns and_not he_will_pass over_them again an_oppressor if/because now I_have_seen with_my_own_of_eyes.

9 Rejoice exceedingly Oh_daughter_of Tsiyyōn/(Zion) shout_ _for_joy Oh_daughter_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) THERE king_ _of_your he_will_come to/for_you(fs) is_righteous and_ _victorious he poor and_riding on a_donkey and_on a_male_ _donkey a_young_one_of female_donkeys. **10** And_I_will_cut_off chariotry from_'Efrayim and_horse[s] from_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ bow_of war _it_will_be_cut_off and_he_will_speak peace to_nations and_dominion_of_his will_ _be_from_sea to sea and_from_the_river to the_ends_of the_ _earth.

11 Also you by_the_blood_of your_covenant_of_your I_will_set_ _free prisoners_of_your[61] from_a_pit which_there_is_not water in/on/over_him/it. **12** Return to_the_stronghold Oh_prisoners_ _of hope also the_day I_am_declaring double I_will_restore to/for_you(fs). **13** If/because I_will_bend to_me Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_bow I_will_fill 'Efrayim and_I_will_rouse sons_of_your Oh_Tsiyyōn on sons_of_your Oh_Yāvān/(Greece) and_I_will_make_you like_the_sword_of a_warrior. **14** And_ _**YHWH** over_them he_will_appear and_it_will_go_forth like_ _lightning arrow_of_his and_the_of_master **YHWH** on_horn he_ _will_give_a_blast and_he_will_go in_the_storm_winds_of the_ _south. **15** **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_will_defend (on)_ _them and_they_will_eat and_they_will_subdue stones_of a_ _sling and_they_will_drink they_will_be_in_an_uproar like wine and_they_will_be_full like_bowl like_the_corners the_altar. **16** And_he_will_deliver_them **YHWH** god_of_their in_the_day

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Hadrak region and focusing on Damesek (Damascus) city,[56] because the eyes of all humanity, including all of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes, are toward Yahweh. **2** It's also about the Hamat region which borders on Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon) which is very wise. **3** Tsor has built herself a fortress and heaped up silver like dust and refined gold like mud in the streets. **4** Listen, my master will dispossess her and throw her wealth into the sea, and she'll be consumed by fire.

5 Ashkelon city will see and be afraid. Azah (Gaza) city (Azah) will also squirm in pain. Ekron city will have her hopes dashed. Azah's king will die, and Ashkelon will no longer be inhabited.[57]
6 Strangers will move into Ashdod, and I'll end the Pelishtim' pride. **7** I will remove the meat with blood still in it from their mouths and their foods offered to idols from between their teeth. Then they'll become a remnant for our god like a clan in Yehudah (Judah), and Ekron will end up like the Yevusim did.
8 I'll camp around my house as a guard to prevent anyone from passing through or returning so no oppressor can overrun them, because I've now looked with my own eyes.

Tsiyon's coming king

9 Shout with a huge celebration, daughter of Tsiyon (Zion).
Shout with happiness, Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) daughter.
Look! Your king is coming to you bringing justice and victory.
He's humble and is riding on a donkey, i.e., a donkey's foal.[58]
10 Then I'll neutralise the chariots heading to Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim),
and the horses heading to Yerushalem,
and the bows won't make it into battle.
He'll speak peace to the nations,
and his dominion will be from sea to sea,
and from the Perat (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth.[59]

The rescue of God's people

11 You people of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), because of the blood of my agreement with you,[60]
I'll set your prisoners free from that pit without water in it.
12 You prisoners with hope, return back inside the walls.
Even today I'm declaring that I will return double to you,
13 because I've bent Yehudah (Judah) as my bow.
I have filled my quiver with Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim).
Tsiyon (Zion), I've roused your sons, against your sons, Yavan (Greece),
and Tsiyon, I've made you like a warrior's sword."
14 Then Yahweh will appear to them,
and his arrow will shoot out like lightning,
because my master Yahweh will sound the trumpet

56 **RV 9:1 · Cross-ref.** Isa 17:1-3; Jer 49:23-27; Amos 1:3-5.

57 **RV 9:5-7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:29-31; Jer 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph 2:4-7.

58 **RV 9:9 · Cross-ref.** Mat 21:5; Yhn 12:15.

59 **RV 9:10 · Cross-ref.** Psa 72:8.

60 **RV 9:11 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:8.

61 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHQ.

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and will advance with the storms from the south.
15 Commander-in-chief Yahweh will defend them,
and they will devour them and deflect the stones from the slings.
Then they'll drink and shout like men drunk on wine,
and they'll be filled with wine like bowls,
drenched like the corners of the altar.
16 Then on that day, their god Yahweh will rescue them,
as the flock of his people.
They're the jewels of a crown that will sparkle over his land.
17 How good and how beautiful they'll be.
The young men will flourish on grain
and the young women on new wine!

Yehudah and Yisrael will be rescued

10:1 Ask Yahweh for rain in the spring-time—
Yahweh who makes thunderstorms and gives rain showers to everyone
including the vegetation in the countryside.
2 Diviners tell deceitful dreams and give empty comfort
because household idols speak falsely and so those diviners envision something that's a lie.
Therefore the people wander like sheep and suffer because there's no shepherd.[62]
3 "I'm angry with the shepherds—it's the leaders that I'll punish.
Commander-in-chief Yahweh will also attend to his flock—the house of Yehudah (Judah),
and make them like his warhorse in battle.
4 The building's cornerstone will come from Yehudah.
From him will come the tent peg,
from him will come the war bow,
from him will come every one of their strong leaders.
5 They'll be like warriors in battle
who trample their enemies into the mud of the streets.
They'll go to war, because Yahweh is with them,
and they'll shame those riding warhorses.
6 I'll strengthen the house of Yehudah (Judah)
and save the house of Yosef (Joseph)
because I'll bring them back and have compassion on them.
They'll be as though I hadn't driven them off,
because I'm their god Yahweh,
and I'll respond to them.
7 Then Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim) will be like a warrior,
and their hearts will rejoice as with wine;
Their children will see and rejoice.
Their hearts will rejoice in me!
8 I'll whistle to call them and gather them,
because I'll rescue them,
and they'll become as numerous as they were previously.
9 I scattered them among the nations,

Literal Version

(the)_that like_the_flock_of his_people_of_his if/because stones_of a_crown will_display_themselves on land_of_his. **17** If/because how be_its_goodness_of_will and_how be_its_ _beauty_of_will grain young_men and_new_wine it_will_cause_ _to_thrive young_women.

10:1 Ask from_**YHWH** rain at_the_time_of spring_rain **YHWH** is_ _making thunder-clouds and_rain_of rain he_gives to/for_them to_everyone vegetation in_field. **2** If/because the_teraphim they_speak wickedness and_the_diviners they_see falsehood and_the_dreams_of (the)_worthlessness[63] they_speak futility they_comfort therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_have_set_out like sheep they_are_afflicted if/because there_is_not a_ _shepherd. **3** Towards the_shepherds anger_of_my it_has_burnt and_on the_leaders I_will_visit_judgement if/because **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_visits ~~ᵭᵯ~~ flock_of_his ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_house_ _of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_he_will_make them like_the_horse_of his_majesty_of_his in_battle. **4** From_him/it a_corner from_ _him/it a_peg from_him/it a_bow_of war from_him/it every_of ruler he_will_come_forth together. **5** And_they_will_be like_ _warriors who_tread_down in_the_mud_of the_streets in_battle and_they_will_fight if/because **YHWH** will_be_with_them and_ _they_will_put_to_shame riders_of horses. **6** And_I_will_make_ _strong ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_house_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) I_will_save and_I_will_restore_them if/because I_have_compassion_on_them and_they_will_be just_as not I_ _had_rejected_them if/because I am_**YHWH** god_of_their and_ _I_will_answer_them. **7** And_they_will_be like_a_warrior_of 'Efrayim and_ heart_of_their _it_will_rejoice like wine and_ _children_of_their they_will_see and_they_will_rejoice heart_ _of_their it_will_rejoice in_**YHWH**. **8** I_will_whistle to/for_them and_I_will_gather_them if/because I_have_redeemed_them and_they_will_multiply as they_multiplied. **9** And_I_will_sow_ _them among_peoples and_in_places they_will_remember_me and_they_will_live with children_of_their and_they_will_ _return. **10** And_I_will_bring_them_back from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_from_'Ashshūr I_will_gather_them and_ _near/to the_land_of Gil'ād and_Lə'ānōn I_will_bring_them and_not it_will_be_found to/for_them. **11** And_he_will_pass in_ _sea trouble and_he_will_strike in_sea waves and_they_will_ _dry_up all_of the_depths_of the_River and_ the_pride_of 'Ashshūr _it_will_be_brought_down and_the_scepter_of Mitsrayim it_will_depart. **12** And_I_will_make_them_strong by_ _**YHWH** and_in_name_of_his they_will_go_about the_ _utterance_of **YHWH**.

62 **RV 10:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

63 **LV 10:2 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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11:1 Open Oh_Lə֯vānōn doors_of_your so_ fire _that_it_may_ _consume (in)_cedars_of_your. **2** Wail Oh_cypress if/because a_ _cedar it_has_fallen that majestic_trees they_have_been_ _devastated wail Oh_oaks_of Bāshān if/because it_has_come_ _down the_forest_of the[64]. **3** The_sound_of the_wailing_of the_ _shepherds if/because splendour_of_their it_has_been_ _devastated the_sound_of the_roaring_of young_lions if/because the_thicket[s]_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) it_has_been_ _devastated.

4 Thus **YHWH** god_of_my he_says shepherd ~~DOM~~ the_flock_of (the)_slaughter. **5** Which those_of_who_buy_them they_will_ _kill_them and_not they_will_be_held_guilty and_those_of_ _who_sell_them he_will_say **YHWH** be_blessed and_I_will_gain_ _riches and_shepherds_of_their not he_will_have_compassion on_them. **6** If/because not I_will_have_compassion again on the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_about_to_deliver ~~DOM~~ the_ _humankind each in_the_hand_of his/its_neighbour and_in_ _the_hand_of his_king_of_his and_they_will_crush ~~DOM~~ the_ _earth/land and_not I_will_deliver_it from_hand_of_their. **7** And_I_shepherded ~~DOM~~ the_flock_of (the)_slaughter for_ _so/thus/hence the_afflicted_ones_of the_flock and_I_took to_ _me two_of staffs (to)_one I_called Favor and_(to)_one I_called Union and_I_shepherded ~~DOM~~ the_flock. **8** And_I_annihilated ~~DOM~~ the_three_of the_shepherds in_a_month one and_ self_of_ _my _it_was_short (is)_in_them and_also self_of_their it_ _loathed (in)_me. **9** And_I_said not I_will_shepherd you(pl) the_ _one(f)_which_dies let_it(f)_die and_the_one(f)_which_is_ _being_destroyed let_it(f)_be_destroyed and_those(f)_which_ _survive let_them(f)_devour each(f) ~~DOM~~ the_flesh_of its_ _neighbour(f)_of_her. **10** And_I_took ~~DOM~~ staff_of_my ~~DOM~~ Favor and_I_cut_up ~~DOM~~_him/it to_break ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my which I_had_made with all_of the_peoples. **11** And_it_was_broken in_ _the_day (the)_that and_they_knew thus the_afflicted_ones_of the_flock who_were_watching ~~DOM~~_me if/because_that was_ _the_message_of **YHWH** it. **12** And_I_said to_them if it_is_good

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but they'll remember me in distant countries,
so they and their children will live and return,
10 because I'll bring them back from the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt)
and gather them from Ashur (Assyria).
I'll bring them to the land of Gilead and Levanon
until the region is filled with them.
11 Yahweh will lead them through their sufferings.
He will strike the waves of that sea
and will dry up all the depths of the Nile.
The Ashur's greatness will come to an end,
and Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) power will be removed.
12 I will strengthen them in myself,
and they will obey what I've instructed them.
That is Yahweh's declaration."

The punishment of Levanon and Bashan

11:1 Open your doors, Levanon,
so that fire can devour your cedar trees.
2 Wail, cypress trees, because the cedar trees have fallen.
What was majestic has been devastated.
Wail, you Bashan oaks, because the strong forest has come down.
3 Listen to the shepherds wail,
because their pride and joy has been destroyed.
Listen to the young lions roaring,
because the pride of the Yarden (Jordan) river has been devastated.

The two shepherds

4 My god Yahweh says: "Be like a shepherd who's watching over the flock that have been marked to be slaughtered. **5** The ones who buy them, slaughter them and aren't punished, and the ones who sell them say, 'Blessed be Yahweh. I've become rich.' because the shepherds working for the flocks' owners have no pity on them.
6 This is Yahweh's declaration: I will no longer feel sorry for the people of this country. Listen, I'm about to allow everyone to be taken over by their neighbours and by their king and allow them to destroy the land, and I won't rescue anyone from them."
7 So I became the shepherd of the flock that had been marked for slaughter—the ones who were suffering the most. I took two shepherd's staffs—I named one 'Favour', and the other I named 'Unity', and then I shepherded the flock. **8** Then I destroyed the three shepherds—in one month I became impatient with them, and they also hated me. **9** So I said to the owners, "I won't work for you any longer as a shepherd. The sheep that are dying—let them die. The sheep that are being destroyed—let them be destroyed. Let the sheep that remain start eating each other."
10 Then I took my staff named 'Favour' and broke it to break the agreement that I'd made with all of my tribes. **11** So the agreement was broken on that day, and the ones in the flock who were suffering the most and who were watching me, knew that Yahweh had spoken. **12** Then I told them, "If it seems good

64 **LV 11:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: רוצב/ה: (x-qere) ריְצָב/ה': lemma_d/1219 n_0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_38ckH ריְצָב/ה

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to you, give me my wages, but if not, don't bother." So they paid me thirty silver coins.[65]

13 Then Yahweh told me, "Give the money to the potter[66]—the pathetic amount that they valued you at." So I took the thirty silver coins and tossed them to the potter in Yahweh's temple.
14 Then I broke my second staff named 'Unity' to break the brotherhood between Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel).

15 After that, Yahweh told me, "Again, take the equipment of a simple shepherd for yourself, **16** because listen, I'm about to set a shepherd in place in the land who won't care for those who are dying. He won't seek out the sheep gone missing, nor will he heal the crippled sheep. He won't feed the sheep that are healthy, but he'll tear off the hooves of the fattened sheep and eat them for meat.

17 The worthless shepherd who abandons the flock won't end well.

May the sword come against his arm and his right eye.
May his arm wither away and may his right eye become blind."

Yerushalem's protection

12:1 This is a declaration of Yahweh's message concerning Yisrael (Israel)—a declaration of Yahweh, who stretched out the skies and laid the foundation of the earth, who forms the human spirit that's inside people, **2** "Listen, I'm about to make Yerushalem (Jerusalem) into a cup causing all the nations surrounding her to stagger around. It will also be like that for Yehudah (Judah) during the siege against Yerushalem. **3** At that time, I'll make Yerushalem into a heavy stone for all the peoples. Anyone trying to lift that stone will hurt himself very much, and all the nations in the world will gather against that city. **4** This is Yahweh's declaration: At that time, I will strike every horse with confusion and its rider with madness. I'll open my eyes over the Yehudah region, but I'll strike every horse from other countries with blindness. **5** Then the leaders of Yehudah will say to themselves, 'The inhabitants of Yerushalem are our strength because of their god, Commander-in-chief Yahweh.'

6 At that time, I will make the leaders of Yehudah like firepots among wood and like a flaming torch among standing grain, because they'll devour all the surrounding peoples on their right and on their left. Yerushalem will again live in her own place."

Saving Yerushalem's inhabitants

7 Yahweh will save Yehudah's (Judah's) tents first, so that the honour of David's descendants and the honour of Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants won't be greater than the rest of Yehudah. **8** At that time, Yahweh will be the defender of the inhabitants of Yerushalem. Those among them who are weak will become

Literal Version

in_eyes_of_your(pl) give wage[s]_of_my and_if not refrain and_
_they_weighed_out ÐOM wage[s]_of_my thirty silver. **13** And_
YHWH _he/it_said to_me throw_it to the_potter the_
_magnificence_of the_value which I_was_valued from_with_
_them and_I_took thirty the_silver and_I_threw ÐOM_him/it
the_house_of **YHWH** to the_potter. **14** And_I_cut_up ÐOM staff_
_of_my the_second ÐOM (the)_Union to_break ÐOM the_
_brotherhood between Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_between
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **15** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me again take
to/for_yourself(m) the_equipment_of a_shepherd foolish.
16 If/because HERE I am_about_to_raise_up a_shepherd on_the_
_earth those_which_are_being_destroyed not he_will_visit the_
_young_man not he_will_seek and_the_one_which_is_maimed
not he_will_heal the_one_which_stands_firm not he_will_
_sustain and_the_flesh_of the_fat_sheep he_will_eat and_
_hooves_of_their he_will_tear_off. **17** Woe_to the_shepherd_of
(the)_worthlessness who_abandons_of (of)_the_flock a_sword
will_be_on arm_of_his and_on the_eye_of his_right_side_of_his
arm_of_his totally_(wither) it_will_wither and_the_eye_of his_
_right_side_of_his totally_(dim) it_will_grow_dim.

12:1 The_oracle of_the_message_of of_**YHWH** on Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
the_utterance_of **YHWH** who_stretched_out heaven and_who_
_founded earth and_who_formed the_spirit_of a_human in_his_
_inner_of_being. **2** HERE I am_about_to_make ÐOM
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_basin_of reeling to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_peoples all_around and_also on
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_be in_siege on
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **3** And_it_was on_day (the)_that I_
_will_make ÐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_stone_of burden
to/from_all/each/any/every the_peoples all_of those_of_who_
_carry_it severely_(injure) they_will_injure_themselves and_
_they_will_gather on/upon_it(f) all_of the_nations_of the_
_earth/land. **4** In_the_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH** I_
_will_strike every_of horse with_bewilderment and_rider_of_its
with_madness and_over the_house_of Yəhūdāh I_will_open
ÐOM eyes_of_my and_all/each/any/every (the)_horse_of the_
_peoples I_will_strike with_blindness. **5** And_ the_chiefs_of
Yəhūdāh _they_will_say in_heart_of_their are_strength to_me
the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) by_**YHWH**
soldiers/messengers god_of_their. **6** In_the_day (the)_that I_
_will_make ÐOM the_chiefs_of Yəhūdāh like_a_pot_of fire
among_wood(s) and_like_a_torch_of fire among_cut_grain and_
_they_will_consume on the_right_side and_on the_left_side ÐOM
all_of the_peoples all_around and_ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _
_it_will_remain again in_its_place in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem).

7 And_ **YHWH** _he_will_save ÐOM the_tents_of Yəhūdāh at_first
so_that not the_splendour_of the_house_of Dāvid and_the_
_splendour_of the_inhabitant[s]_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
it_may_be_great above Yəhūdāh/(Judah). **8** In_the_day (the)_
_that **YHWH** he_will_defend for the_inhabitant[s]_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_it_was the_one_who_stumbles
(is)_in_them in_the_day (the)_that like_Dāvid and_the_house_of

65 **RV 11:12-13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 27:9-10.

66 **RV 11:13 · Note** potter (following the Hebrew): in the ancient Syriac translation, they used 'treasury' (2x) in this verse, so some other English translations might differ.

Literal Version

Dāvid like_'Elohīm like_the_messenger_of **YHWH** before_them.
9 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that I_will_seek to_destroy ~~DOM~~
all_of the_nations the_(ones_who)_went on
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). **10** And_I_will_pour_out on the_
_house_of Dāvid and_on the_inhabitant[s]_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) a_spirit_of favour and_supplications
and_they_will_look to_me ~~DOM~~ the_one_whom they_have_
_pierced_through and_they_will_mourn on/upon/above_
_him/it like_mourning on (the)_only_son and_they_will_show_
_bitterness on/upon/above_him/it as_shows_bitterness on
(the)_firstborn. **11** In_the_day (the)_that the_mourning it_will_
_be_great in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) like_the_mourning_of
Hadad- Rimmōn in_the_plain_of Məgiddōn. **12** And_ the_
_earth/land _it_will_mourn clans clans alone_itself the_clan_of
the_house_of Dāvid alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_
_themselves the_clan_of the_house_of Nātān alone_itself and_
_wives_of_their alone_themselves. **13** The_clan_of the_house_of
Levi alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_themselves the_
_clan_of the_Shim'īte[s] alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_
_themselves. **14** All_of the_clans which_remain clans clans
alone_itself and_wives_of_their alone_themselves.

13:1 In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be a_fountain opened for_the_
_house_of Dāvid and_for_the_inhabitants_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_sin_of and_for_impurity. **2** And_
_it_was on_day (the)_that the_utterance_of **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers I_will_cut_off ~~DOM~~ the_names_of the_idols
from the_earth/land and_not they_will_be_remembered again
and_also ~~DOM~~ the_prophets and_~~DOM~~ the_spirit_of (the)_
_uncleanness I_will_cause_to_pass_away from the_earth/land.
3 And_it_was if/because anyone he_will_prophesy still and_
_they_will_say to_him/it his/its_father and_mother_of_his
who_begot_of_him not you_will_live if/because falsehood you_
_have_spoken in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_they_will_pierce_
_him_through father_of_his and_mother_of_his who_begot_of_
_him when_prophecies_he. **4** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that
the_prophets they_will_be_ashamed each_one from_vision_of_
_his when_prophecies_he and_not they_will_wear a_cloak_of
hair so_as to_deceive. **5** And_saying(ms) not am_a_prophet I
am_a_man who_tills ground I if/because someone he_sold_me
since_youth(s)_of_my. **6** And_saying(ms) to_him/it what are_
_the_wounds the_these between hands_of_your and_saying(ms)
those_which I_was_wounded the_house_of my_friends.
7 Oh_sword awake on shepherd_of_my and_on the_man_of
fellow_of_my the_utterance_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
strike ~~DOM~~ the_shepherd and_ the_sheep _they_will_be_
_scattered and_I_will_turn hand_of_my on those_who_are_
_insignificant. **8** And_it_was in_all_of the_earth/land the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** a_mouth_of two in_it they_will_be_cut_
_off they_will_perish and_the_third_part it_will_be_left in_it.
9 And_I_will_bring ~~DOM~~ the_third_part in_fire and_I_will_refine_
_them as_refines ~~DOM~~ (the)_silver and_I_will_test_them as_tests
~~DOM~~ the_gold it it_will_call on_name_of_my and_I I_will_answer
~~DOM~~_him/it I_will_say people_of_is_my it and_he it_will_say
YHWH god_of_is_my.

67 **RV 12:10 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 19:37; Rev 1:7.

68 **RV 13:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 26:31; Mrk 14:27.

Readers' Version

strong like David, while the David's descendants will be like God, like Yahweh's messenger going ahead of them. **9** "On that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that fight against Yerushalem."

10 But I will pour out a spirit of compassion and pleading on David's descendants and the inhabitants of Yerushalem, so they will look on me—the one they've pierced.[67] They'll mourn for me, as one mourns for an only son—they will wail bitterly for him like those who wail after the death of a firstborn son. **11** On that day the wailing in Yerushalem will be like the wailing at Hadad-Rimon in the Megidon plain. **12** The land will mourn, each clan separate from other clans. The clan of David's descendants will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of Natan's (Nathan's) descendants will be separate and their wives will also be separate from the men. **13** The clan of Levi's descendants will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of the Shim'im will be separate and their wives will also be separate from the men. **14** Each of the remaining clans will be separate and the wives will be separate from the men."

The cleaning of sins from Yisrael

13:1 "On that day a spring will be opened for David's descendants and the other inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), to clean them from their sin and impurity.

2 This is the declaration of Commander-in-chief Yahweh: That same day, I will eliminate the names of the idols from the country and then no one will be able to remember them. I'll remove the false prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land. **3** If anyone continues to prophesy, his father and mother will tell him, 'You can't be allowed to live because you speak lies using Yahweh's name' Then the very father and mother who gave birth to him will run him through when he prophesies. **4** At that time, each prophet will become ashamed of his vision when he is about to prophesy, so in order to deceive the people, these prophets won't put on a hairy cloak any more, **5** and they'll each say, 'I'm not a prophet. I'm a man who works the soil—I've been doing that since I was young.' **6** But someone will ask him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' and he'll answer, 'I got accidentally wounded in my friends' house.' "

The shepherd gets attacked

7 Army command Yahweh declares:

Wake up, sword, and work against the one who's my shepherd and the man who stands close to me.

Strike the shepherd and the flock will scatter[68]

because I'll turn my hand against the lowly ones.

8 Yahweh declares: Then it'll come about that throughout all the land,

that two-thirds of it will be cut off.

Those people will die—only one-third will remain there.

9 I'll bring that third through the fire and refine them like silver is refined.

Readers' Version

I'll test them like gold is tested.
They will call out to me for help,
and I'll answer them saying, 'This is my people.'
and they'll say, 'Yahweh is my god.' "

God appears and reigns

14:1 Listen, a day is coming for Yahweh,
when your plunder will be divided right in
front of you, **2** because I will assemble every country to battle
against Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and the city will be captured.
The houses will be plundered and the women raped. Half of the
city will be led away into captivity, but the remainder of the
people won't be evicted from the city. **3** Then Yahweh will go out
and fight against those nations like when he fights on the day of
battle. **4** On that day, his feet will stand on the Mt. of Olives,
which is just east of Yerushalem. The Mt. of Olives will be split in
half between the east and the west by a very great valley, and
half of the mountain will go back toward the north and half to-
ward the south. **5** Then you all will flee down the valley between
Yahweh's mountains, because the valley between those moun-
tains will reach to Atsel. You will flee just like you fled from the
earthquake in the days of Yehudah's (Judah's) King Uziyah. Then
my god Yahweh will come and all the holy ones will be with him.
6 On that day, there'll be no light—precious things will freeze to-
gether. **7** On that day (known only to Yahweh), there'll no longer
be day or night, because it'll stay light at 'night'.

8 On that day, living waters will flow out of Yerushalem.[69] Half
of them will flow to the eastern sea and half to the western sea,
both in summer and in winter. **9** Yahweh will be king over all the
world. On that day there will only be Yahweh, the one God—no
other gods.

10 All the land will be like the plain from Geva to Rimon south
of Yerushalem. Yerushalem will continue to be in the hills and
remain in its own place, from the Benyamin Gate to the place
where the first gate was, to the Corner Gate, and from the
Hananel Tower to the king's wine-pressing pits. **11** It'll be inhab-
ited and never completely destroyed again—Yerushalem will live
in security.[70]

12 The deadly disease that Yahweh will use to attack all the na-
tions that fought against Yerushalem will be that their flesh will
rot away even while they're still standing on their feet. Their
eyes will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their
mouths.

13 On that day, Yahweh will cause them to panic—they'll grab
hold of each other, and then they'll start attacking each other.

Literal Version

14:1 THERE a_day is_coming to/for_**YHWH** and_ plunder_of_
_your _it_will_be_divided in_midst_of_your. **2** And_I_will_gather
~~DOM~~ all_of the_nations to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) for_battle
and_ the_city _it_will_be_captured and_ the_houses _they_will_
_be_plundered and_the_women they_will_be_lain_with[72] and_
(the)_half_of the_city _it_will_go_out in_exile and_the_rest_of
the_people not it_will_be_cut_off from the_city. **3** And_ **YHWH** _
_he_will_go_forth and_he_will_fight against_nations the_those
like_the_day_of fought_he[737475] in/on_day battle. **4** And_ feet_
_of_his _they_will_stand in_the_day (the)_that on the_
_mountain_of (the)_Olives[76] which is_on the_face_of
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) from_east and_ the_mountain_of
(the)_Olives _it_will_be_split_open from_middle_of_its
eastward_from and_westward_to a_valley_of great very and_
(the)_half_of the_mountain _it_will_depart northward_toward
and_half_of_of_it southward_toward. **5** And_you(pl)_will_flee
the_valley_of my_mountains_of_my if/because the_valley_of
mountains it_will_reach to 'Ātsal and_you(pl)_will_flee just_as
you(pl)_fled from_face/in_front_of the_earthquake in_the_
_days_of Uzziah the_king_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ **YHWH**
god_of_my _he_will_come all_of holy_ones will_be_with_you.
6 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that not it_will_be light
splendid_ones mmm[77]. **7** And_it_was a_day one it it_will_be_
known to/for**YHWH** not day and_not night and_it_was to_
_the_time_of evening light it_will_be. **8** And_it_was in_the_day
(the)_that waters living they_will_go_out from_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) of_them_of_half to the_sea (the)_
_eastern and_half_of_of_them to the_sea (the)_western in_
_summer and_in_winter it_will_be. **9** And_it_was **YHWH** (into)_
_king over all_of the_earth/land in_the_day (the)_that he_will_
_be **YHWH** one and_his/its_name will_be_one. **10** All_of the_
_earth/land it_will_change like_ʹArāvāh from_Gevaʹ to_
_Rimmōn the_south_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_it_will_
_rise and_it_will_remain in_its_place (to)_from_the_gate_of
Binyāmīn to the_place_of the_gate_of (the)_first to the_gate_of
the_corners and_the_tower_of Ḥ$_a$nan'ēl to the_winepresses_of
the_king. **11** And_people_will_dwell in_it and_total_destruction
not it_will_be again and_ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) _it_will_
_remain to_security. **12** And_this it_will_be the_plague which
YHWH he_will_strike ~~DOM~~ all_of the_peoples which they_have_
_gone_to_war on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) he_will_cause_to_
_rot flesh_of_its and_he is_standing on feet_of_its and_eyes_of_
_its they_will_rot in_sockets_of_their and_tongue_of_its it_will_
_rot in_mouth_of_their. **13** And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that a_

69 RV 14:8 · Cross-ref. Eze 47:1; Yhn 7:38; Rev 22:1.

70 RV 14:11 · Cross-ref. Rev 22:3.

72 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: הנלגשת: (x-qere) 'הָנֶבְכָּשֶׁת': lemma_7901 n_1 morph_HVNi3fp id_38Uz3 הָנֶבְכָּשֶׁת

73 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

74 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

75 LV 14:3 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

76 LV 14:4 · Note OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

77 LV 14:6 · Note OSHB variant note: ן/ואפקי: (x-qere) 'וְוֹאָפְקִוֹ': lemma_c/7087 b n_0 morph_HC/Ncmsa id_38eb2 וְוֹאָפְקִוֹ

Literal Version

_panic_of **YHWH** it_will_be great (is)_in_them and_they_will_
_take_hold_of each the_hand_of his/its_neighbour and_ his/its_
_hand _it_will_go_up on the_hand_of his/its_neighbour.
14 And_also Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_will_fight at_
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and the_wealth_of all_of the_
_nations all_around gold and_silver and_garments to_increase_
_in_number very_great _it_will_be_gathered. **15** And_
_thus/so/as_follows the_plague_of the_horse the_mule the_
_camel and_the_donkey and_all the_cattle/livestock which it_
_will_be in_camps (the)_those it_will_be like_plague (the)_this.
16 And_it_was every_of (the)_one_who_remains from_all the_
nations the(ones_who)_went on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
and_they_will_go_up from_sufficiency a_year in_year to_bow_
_down to_the_king **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_to_
_celebrate_a_festival ~~ĐǪM~~ the_festival_of (the)_tents. **17** And_it_
_was one_who not he_will_go_up from_with the_clans_of the_
_earth/land to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_bow_down to_the_
_king **YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_not on_them (the)_rain
it_will_be. **18** And_if the_clan_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not it_will_
_go_up and_not it_is_going and_not on_them it_will_be the_
_plague which **YHWH** he_will_strike ~~ĐǪM~~ the_nations which
not they_will_go_up to_celebrate_a_festival ~~ĐǪM~~ the_festival_of
(the)_tents. **19** This it_will_be the_punishment_for_sin_of
Mitsrayim and_the_punishment_for_sin_of all_of the_nations
which not they_will_go_up to_celebrate_a_festival ~~ĐǪM~~ the_
_festival_of (the)_tents. **20** In_the_day (the)_that it_will_be on
the_bells_of the_horse[s] holiness to/for_**YHWH** and_it_was
the_pots in_house_of **YHWH** will_like_the_bowls to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_altar. **21** And_it_was every_of pot in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_in_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) a_holy_
thing to/for**YHWH** soldiers/messengers and_ all_of those_
_who_sacrifice _they_will_come and_they_will_take from_them
and_they_will_boil in/among_them and_not a_merchant he_
_will_be again in_house_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers in_the_
_day (the)_that.

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Readers' Version

14 Yehudah (Judah) will also fight against Yerushalem, and the wealth (gold, silver, and clothing) from all the surrounding countries will be collected together.

15 That deadly disease will also affect the horses and mules, the camels and donkeys, and all the other animals in those camps.

16 After that, all who remain in those nations that came against Yerushalem will instead go up from year to year to worship the king (Commander-in-chief Yahweh), and to observe the celebration in shelters.[71] **17** It will happen that if anyone from all the countries in the world doesn't go to Yerushalem to worship the king (Commander-in-chief Yahweh) then Yahweh won't send them any rain. **18** If Mitsrayim (Egypt) doesn't go, then they won't get any rain. A deadly disease from Yahweh will attack the nations that do not go to Yerushalem to observe the celebration in shelters. **19** That will be the punishment for Mitsrayim and the punishment for every country that doesn't go to observe that celebration in shelters.

20 On that day, the horses' bells will say, "Dedicated to Yahweh," and the basins in Yahweh's residence will be like the bowls in front of the altar, **21** because every pot in Yerushalem and Yehudah (Judah) will be dedicated to Commander-in-chief Yahweh and everyone who brings a sacrifice will eat from them and boil in them. On that day, there will no longer be any traders in Commander-in-chief Yahweh's residence.

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71 RV 14:16 · Cross-ref. Lev 23:39-43.

Malaki

(Malachi)

Introduction

This document records some of God's messages that were given to the prophet Malaki (more accurately 'Mal'ākī', although traditionally spelt as 'Malachi') to pass on to the Israeli people. It was written around 500 years before Yeshua/Jesus (B.C.) once the replacement temple was finished in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). The main purpose of the messages is to encourage the priests and the people to turn back to God and obey him from their hearts. It's apparent that many of them were no longer obeying and worshipping God. The priests and the people were short-changing God by offering second-class animals for the sacrifices and none of them were following God's desires. But God intervened in order to judge and restore his people, and he will send a teacher to precede him to prepare the path and to restore his agreement.

Main components of this account

The sins of the Israelis *1:1–2:16*
God's judgement and mercy *2:17–4:6*

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Literal Version

1:1 The_oracle of_the_message_of of_**YHWH** to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_the_hand_of Mal'ākī.

2 I_have_loved you(pl) **YHWH** he_says and_you(pl)_say how have_you(pl)_loved_us am_not did_a_brother ʼĒsāv belong_to_ _Ya'aqovʼ/(Jacob) the_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I_loved ᴅᴏᴍ Ya'aqovʼ. **3** And_ᴅᴏᴍ ʼĒsāv I_hated and_I_have_made ᴅᴏᴍ mountains_of_his a_waste and_ᴅᴏᴍ inheritance_of_his for_ _female_jackals_of the_wilderness. **4** If/because ʾEdōm it_will_ _say we_have_been_shattered and_we_will_return and_we_will_ _rebuild the_ruins thus **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says they they_will_build and_I I_will_tear_down and_people_will_ _call to/for_them a_territory_of wickedness and_the_people which **YHWH** he_was_indignant until perpetuity. **5** And_your_ _two's_own_of_eyes they_will_see and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_say **YHWH** he_is_great from_under (to)_the_border_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

6 A_son he_honours a_father and_a_servant master(s)_of_his and_if am_a_father I where honour_of_is_my and_if am_a_ _master(s) I where fear_of_is_my he_says **YHWH** soldiers/messengers to/for_you(pl) Oh_priests who_despise_of name_of_(of)_my and_you(pl)_say how have_we_despised ᴅᴏᴍ name_of_your. **7** You(pl)_are_bringing_near on altar_of_my food defiled and_you(pl)_say how have_we_defiled_you by_ _saying_your(pl) the_table_of **YHWH** it is_despicable. **8** And_ _because/when you(pl)_bring_near a_blind_animal to_sacrifice is_it_not evil and_because/when you(pl)_bring_near a_lame_ _animal and_a_sick_animal is_it_not evil bring_it_near please to_governor_of_your will_he_be_pleased_with_you[345] or will_ _he_lift_up face_of_your **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **9** And_now entreat please the_face_of god so_that_he_may_ _show_favour_to_us[6] from_hand_of_your(pl) this it_was will_ _he_lift_up any_of_you(pl) face **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says. **10** Who also is_among_you(pl) and_he_will_shut the_ _doors and_not you(pl)_will_set_light_to altar_of_my in_vain there_is_not to_me pleasure in_you(pl) **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_an_offering not I_will_accept from_hand_of_your(pl). **11** If/because from_the_rising_of the_ _sun and_unto setting_of_its is_great name_of_my among_ _nations and_on/over_all place incense is_being_brought_near to_name_of_my and_an_offering a_pure if/because is_great name_of_my among_nations **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says. **12** And_you(pl) are_profaning it by_saying_your(pl) the_ _table_of my_master it is_defiled and_fruit_of_its is_despicable food_of_its. **13** And_you(pl)_say THERE what_hardship and_ _you(pl)_sniff_at it **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_ _you(pl)_bring a_stolen_animal and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_lame_animal and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ the_sick_animal and_you(pl)_bring ᴅᴏᴍ the_offering will_ _I_accept it from_hand_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says. **14** And_be_ one_who_deals_deceptively _cursed and_there_is among_flock_

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1:1 This is a message that Yahweh gave to Malaki (Malachi) for the Israelis:

Yahweh's love for the Israelis

2 "I have loved you all," says Yahweh, but you say, "How have you shown your love for us?"

"Wasn't Esav (Esau) Ya'akov's (Jacob's) brother?" declares Yahweh. "Yet I've loved Ya'akov[1] **3** and rejected Esav. I've turned the hills where Esav lived into a wasteland and given his inheritance to the wild jackals."

4 If Esav's descendants in Edom say, "We've been crushed, but we'll return and rebuild what was destroyed," then Commander-in-chief Yahweh will say, "They might build, but I will tear down. Others will call them 'The country of wickedness' and 'The people who Yahweh is forever angry with.'

5 Your own eyes will see it, and you'll say, 'Yahweh is great even outside Yisrael's (Israel's) borders.' "

Second-class sacrifices

6 "A son honours his father, and a servant honours his master, so if I'm a father, where is my honour? If I am a master, where is my respect?" says Commander-in-chief Yahweh to all you priests who despise my name.

"But you say, 'How have we despised your name?' **7** By offering polluted food on my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that Yahweh's table can just be disrespected. **8** Don't you think it's wrong when you sacrifice blind animals? Isn't it evil when you offer lame or sick animals?[2] Try presenting them to your governor! Will he welcome you or would he be offended?" says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

9 So now bring you requests to God and hope to be showered by his grace. Ha, Commander-in-chief Yahweh asks how he could treat you all favourably when you're bringing second-class offerings?

10 "Yeah, if only there was one person among you who would shut the temple gates so that you all couldn't just continue to light worthless fires on my altar. I get no pleasure from you all," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "and I won't accept any offering that you all bring me. **11** People in other countries from the east all the way to the west will honour me, and incense and genuine sacrifices will be offered to me, because my reputation in those countries will be praised," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **12** "But you all are dishonouring my name when you say that the master's table is polluted, and that its fruit, its food, can be treated with contempt. **13** You all also say, 'How tiresome this is,' and you snort at it," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "You all bring animals for your offering that were killed by a

1 **RV 1:2-3 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:13.

2 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** Deu 15:21.

3 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: Marks a place where we agree with BHQ against BHS in reading L.

4 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

5 **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

6 **LV 1:9 · Note** OSHB note: We agree with both BHS 1997 and BHQ on an unexpected reading.

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wild animal or is lame or sick. Should I accept those from you?" says Yahweh. **14** "May the cheats be cursed who have male animals in their flocks and vow to give them, but instead sacrifices a second-class animal to the master! Yes, I'm a powerful king," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "and my name will be carefully respected among the nations."

A warning for the priests

2:1 Now you priests, this command is for all of you: **2** Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "If you all won't listen and won't decide in your minds to honour to my reputation, then I'll send a curse on you all—in fact I'll curse your blessings. Indeed, I've already cursed them, because you all are not internalising my instructions. **3** Listen, I'm about to rebuke your descendants, and I'll spread the offal from your festivals on your faces, and you all will be taken away with it. **4** That's so you'll all know that it's me who sent this command to you: so that my agreement with the Levites can continue,"[7] says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

5 "My agreement with your ancestor Levi was to give life and peace,[8] and I gave them to them. It was an agreement based on respect, and they respected me and honoured my name. **6** They taught the people what was right and true—they didn't tell lies. They worked for me peacefully and loyally, and they encouraged many people to stop disobeying. **7** Yes, priests should pass on knowledge and people should look to them for good teaching, because they are Commander-in-chief Yahweh's messengers.

8 But you all have turned away from that path and have caused many people to stumble because of what you've taught—you all have corrupted the agreement with Levi," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **9** "So that's why I've caused you all to be despised by all the people and humiliated—because you all haven't followed me, but rather you've been biased in matters of the law."

The people have been unfaithful

10 Don't we all have one father? Didn't the one God create us all? So why do we cheat each other, thus disrespecting the agreement with our ancestors? **11** Our nation of Yehudah (Judah) has been unfaithful to Yahweh and done detestable things in Yisrael (Israel) and in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). Our men have defiled the temple that Yahweh loves by marrying foreign women who worship pagan gods. **12** May Yahweh, the one who is awake and the one who answers, banish the men who do this from Yisrael, even if they are bringing an offering to Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

13 Secondly, you cover Yahweh's altar with tears from all your weeping and groaning because he still ignores your offerings and won't accept what you all bring to him. **14** So you ask, "Why not?" Well, it's because Yahweh can testify that you've been unfaithful to the wife that you married when you were young, even though she was your companion, and despite your vows.
15 Didn't Yahweh make you and your wife one and give you some

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_of_his a_male and_one_who_makes_a_vow and_one_who_
_sacrifices a_blemished_animal to_the_of_master if/because
am_a_king great I **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_
_name_of_my is_to_be_feared among_nations.

2:1 And_now is_to_you(pl) the_command (the)_this Oh_priests.
2 If not you(pl)_will_listen and_if not you(pl)_will_set on heart
to_give honour to_name_of_my **YHWH** soldiers/messengers
he_says and_I_will_send on_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_curse and_I_will_
_curse ~~DOM~~ blessings_of_your(pl) and_also I_have_cursed_it
if/because not_you(pl) are_setting on heart. **3** Here_I am_
_about_to_rebuke to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_offspring and_I_will_
_spread dung on your(pl)_faces the_dung_of your(pl)_festival_
_sacrifices_of_your(pl) and_someone_will_carry_away you(pl)
to_him/it. **4** And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I_have_
_sent to_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_command (the)_this to_ covenant_of_
_my _be with Lēvī **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.
5 Covenant_of_my it_was with_him/it the_life and_(the)_
_well-being and_I_gave_them to_him/it fear and_he_feared_me
and_of name_of_my he he_was_in_awe. **6** Instruction_of truth
it_was in_mouth_of_his and_unrighteousness not it_was_found
on_lips_of_his in_peace and_in_uprightness he_walked with_me
and_many_people he_turned_away from_iniquity. **7** If/because
the_lips_of a_priest they_will_preserve knowledge and_
_instruction people_will_seek from_mouth_of_his if/because is_
_the_messenger_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he. **8** And_
_you(pl) you(pl)_have_turned_aside from the_way you(pl)_
_have_caused_to_stumble many_people by_instruction you(pl)_
_have_corrupted the_covenant_of (the)_Lēvī **YHWH**
soldiers/messengers he_says. **9** And_also I I_have_made you(pl)
despised and_lowly to/from_all/each/any/every the_people
according_to_the_mouth_of that not_you(pl) are_keeping ~~DOM~~
ways_of_my and_you(pl)_are_lifting_up faces in_instruction.

10 Am_not does_a_father one belong_to_all_of_of_us am_not
god one did_he_create_us why do_we_deal_treacherously each
with_brother_of_his to_profane the_covenant_of our_
_ancestors_of_our. **11** Yəhūdāh/(Judah) it_has_acted_
_treacherously and_an_abomination it_has_been_done in_
_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) if/because
Yəhūdāh it_has_profaned the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** which he_
_loves and_it_has_married a_daughter_of a_god_of foreignness.
12 **YHWH** may_he_cut_off (to)_person who he_does_it a_
_protector and_one_who_answers from_the_tents_of
Yaʼaqovʼ/(Jacob) and_one_who_brings_near an_offering to/for_
_**YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **13** And_this second_thing
you(pl)_do to_cover tear[s] ~~DOM~~ the_altar_of **YHWH** weeping
and_groaning from_there_is_not still turning to the_offering
and_taking pleasure from_hand_of_your(pl). **14** And_you(pl)_
_say concerning what on if/because **YHWH** he_has_testified
between_you(ms) and_between the_wife_of your_youth(s)_of_
_your whom you you_have_dealt_treacherously with_her and_
_she companion_of_was_your and_the_wife_of your_covenant_

7 **RV 2:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 3:11-13.

8 **RV 2:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 25:12.

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_of_your. **15** And_not one he_made and_a_remnant_of spirit to_
_him/it and_what the_one seeking offspring_of god and_
_you(pl)_will_take_heed in_spirit_of_your(pl) and_with_the_
_wife_of your_youth(s)_of_your not let_anyone_deal_
_treacherously. **16** If/because he_hates sending_away **YHWH**
the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he_says and_he_will_cover violence
over clothing_of_his **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_
_you(pl)_will_take_heed in_spirit_of_your(pl) and_not you(pl)_
_must_act_treacherously.

17 You(pl)_have_wearied **YHWH** with_words/messages_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_say how did_we_weary_him by_saying_
_your(pl) every_of one_who_does_of (of)_evil is_good in/on_
_both_eyes_of **YHWH** and_in_them he he_delights or where is_
_the_god_of (the)_justice.
3:1 Here_I am_about_to_send messenger_of_my and_he_will_
_make_clear a_way before_me and_suddenly he_will_come to
temple_of_his the_master whom you(pl) are_seeking and_the_
_messenger_of the_covenant whom you(pl) are_delighting
THERE he_is_about_to_come **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_
_says. **2** And_who will_endure ᴅᴏᴍ the_day_of his_coming and_
_who is_the_one_who_will_stand when_appears_he if/because
he is_like_the_fire a_refiner and_like_the_soap washers. **3** And_
_he_will_sit one_who_refines and_one_who_purifies silver and_
_he_will_purify ᴅᴏᴍ the_descendants_of Lēvī and_he_will_
_refine ᴅᴏᴍ_them like_gold and_like_silver and_they_will_be
to/for_**YHWH** bringing_near_of (of)_an_offering in_
_righteousness. **4** And_it_will_be_pleasing to/for_**YHWH** the_
_offering_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
like_the_days_of antiquity and_like_years former. **5** And_I_will_
_draw_near to_you(pl) for_judgement and_I_will_be a_witness
who_hastens on_sorcerers and_on_adulterers and_on_who]_
_swear_an_oath to_falsehood and_on_those_who_defraud_of
(of)_the_hire_of a_hired_labourer a_widow and_a_fatherless_
_one and_those_who_thrust_aside_of (of)_a_sojourner and_not
they_fear_me **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.

6 If/because I **YHWH** not I_change and_you(pl) the_
_descendants_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob) not you(pl)_have_come_to_
_an_end. **7** (To)_from_the_days_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_
_your(pl) you(pl)_have_turned_aside from_regulations_of_my
and_not you(pl)_have_kept_them return to_me and_I_will_
_return to_you(pl) **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says and_
_you(pl)_say how will_we_return. **8** Will_ someone _he_rob god
if/because you(pl) are_robbing ᴅᴏᴍ_me and_you(pl)_say how
have_we_robbed_you the_tithe and_the_contribution. **9** With_
_curse you(pl) are_cursed and_me you(pl) the_nation of_it_of_
_all are_robbing. **10** Bring ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_tithe into the_house_
_of the_store and_ food _let_it_be in_house_of_my and_test_me
please by_this **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says if not I_
_will_open to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ the_windows_of the_heavens
and_I_will_pour_out to/for_you(pl) blessing until not
sufficiency. **11** And_I_will_rebuke to/for_you(pl) (in)_the_

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of his spirit because he wanted godly children to come from your marriage? So guard yourselves in your spirit, and don't be unfaithful to the woman you married when you were young.
16 "Indeed, I hate divorce," says Yahweh, the god of Yisrael, "and so-called 'good people' who are actually cruel," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "So listen to your consciences and don't be unfaithful."

Judgement day is coming

17 You've all wearied Yahweh with your words, and yet you ask, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Yahweh is pleased even with those who do evil, and he's happy with all of them," or "Where is the god of justice?"
3:1 "Listen, I'm about to send my messenger and he'll prepare the path ahead of me.[9] Then the master who you're all looking for will suddenly come to his temple, yes, the messenger who you are all happy about—the party to the agreement—he'll come," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **2** But who could survive it when he comes? Who can stand when he appears,[10] because he'll be like the refiner's fire and like the cleaners' powerful soap? **3** Yahweh will act as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify Levi's descendants the priests—yes, he'll refine you all with fire like gold and silver, and you'll bring offerings to him that are acceptable. **4** After that, the offerings of the people of Yehudah (Judah) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be pleasing to Yahweh, as in ancient times, and as in previous years.
5 This is what Commander-in-chief Yahweh says, "At that time, I'll come to you all to judge you. I'll quickly testify against all those who practice sorcery, against adulterers, against those who lie in court, against those who don't pay their workers fairly, against those who mistreat widows and orphans, against those who don't treat the foreigners among you decently, and against those who refuse to honour me.

Giving a tenth

6 "I am Yahweh and I don't change—that's the only reason why you descendants of Ya'akov (Jacob) haven't been destroyed. **7** Ever since the time when your ancestors were alive, you all have ignored my commands and refused to obey them. Now return to me—if you all do so, I'll return to you. That's what I, Commander-in-chief Yahweh, say. But you all ask, 'How can we return to you?' **8** Can a human rob God? Yes, you're all robbing me, but you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' By failing to give a tenth plus offerings. **9** You're all cursed because you're robbing me—the whole nation of you. **10** Bring the full tenth into the temple storeroom, so that there'll be food in my house for the temple workers,"[11] says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "In fact, you all can test me by doing that and see if I don't open the windows of heaven for you all and

9 RV 3:1 · Cross-ref. Mat 11:10; Mrk 1:2; Luk 1:76; 7:27.

10 RV 3:2 · Cross-ref. Yoel 2:11; Rev 6:17.

11 RV 3:10 · Cross-ref. Lev 27:30; Num 18:21-24; Deu 12:6; 14:22-29; Neh 13:12.

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pour out an overflowing blessing for you. **11** I'll rebuke the devourer[12] for you all, so that it won't destroy your crops, and the fruit off your vines in the countryside won't be lost," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. **12** "Then all the other countries would say that you've all been blessed, because your land would be prosperous," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

God promises mercy for some

13 "Your words against me have been harsh," says Yahweh. "But you all say, 'What have we said among ourselves against you?' **14** You've all said, 'It's a waste of time serving God. What did we gain by keeping his requirements, or by being sorrowful in front of Commander-in-chief Yahweh? **15** It seems that arrogant people are happier. Evil people not only prosper, but they even challenge God yet nothing happens to them.' "

16 Then those who still respected Yahweh spoke with one another. Yahweh paid attention and listened, and while he watched, a book of remembrance was written about those who respected Yahweh and honoured his name. **17** "They'll be mine," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh. "On the day when I assemble my treasured possession, I won't punish those people, just like a father doesn't punish his son who obeys him. **18** Then once again you'll all be able to see the difference between righteous people and wicked people—between those who serve God and those who don't.

Be ready for future judgement

4:1 "Yes, listen, the day that burns like a furnace is coming, when all the arrogant people and all the evildoers will become useless pieces of dry stalks in a field. The day that is coming will burn them up," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh, "so they'll be gone without leaving any roots or branches. **2** But for you who respect my name, the sun of righteousness will rise and bring healing. You'll all go out, jumping around like calves let out of their stall, **3** and you'll all trample down the wicked people, because they'll just be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I act," says Commander-in-chief Yahweh.

4 "Be sure to obey the law that I gave my servant Mosheh (Moses) at Mt. Sinay for all Yisrael (Israel)—the statutes and the rulings.

5 Listen, I'll send the prophet Eliyah (Elijah) to you all,[13] ahead of the coming of the great but fearful day of my judgement. **6** He'll restore harmony between fathers and their children, so that I don't have to come and strike the earth with complete de-

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_which]_devours and_not it_will_destroy to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_fruit_of the_soil and_not it_will_prove_barren to/for_ _you(pl) the_vine in_the_field **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_ _says. **12** And_ all_of the_nations _they_will_call_blessed you(pl) if/because you(pl)_will_be you(pl) a_land_of delight **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says.

13 They_have_been_strong on_me words/messages_of_your(pl) **YHWH** he_says and_you(pl)_say what have_we_spoken_ _together on_you. **14** You(pl)_have_said is_futility to_serve god and_what is_the_profit that/for/because/then/when we_have_ _kept charge_of_his and_because/when we_have_walked mournfully from_face/in_front_of **YHWH** soldiers/messengers. **15** And_now we are_calling_blessed arrogant_people both those_who_do_of (of)_wickedness they_have_been_built_up as_ _well_as they_have_tested god and_they_have_escaped. **16** Then those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** they_spoke_together each with his/its_neighbour and_ **YHWH** _he_paid_attention and_he_ _listened and_ a_document_of remembrance _it_was_written before_him of_those_fearing_of (of)_**YHWH** and_of_those_who_ _esteemed_of his/its_name. **17** And_they_will_be to_me **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says to_day when I will_be_making a_ _possession and_I_will_have_compassion on_them just_as everyone he_has_compassion on his/its_son who_serves ~~DOM~~_ _him/it. **18** And_you(pl)_will_return and_you(pl)_will_see between a_righteous_person and_a_wicked_person between one_who_serves_of (of)_god and_one_who not he_serves_him. **19** **14** If/because HERE the_day is_coming it_is_burning like_ _oven and_they_will_be all_of arrogant_people and_all one_ _who_does_of (of)_wickedness stubble and_ the_day which_is_ _coming _it_will_set_ablaze ~~DOM~~_them **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says that not it_will_leave to/for_them root and_branch. **20** **15** And_it_will_rise to/for_you(pl) those_ _fearing_of name_of_(of)_my a_sun_of righteousness and_ _healing will_be_of_in_its_wings and_you(pl)_will_go_out and_ _you(pl)_will_skip_about like_calves_of the_stall. **21** **16** And_ _you(pl)_will_tread_down wicked_people if/because they_will_ _be ash[es] under the_soles_of your_two's_feet_of_your(pl) in_ _the_day when I will_be_acting **YHWH** soldiers/messengers he_says. **22** **17** Remember the_instruction_of Mosheh servant_ _of_my which I_commanded him at_Ḥorēv on all_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) regulations and_judgements. **23** **18** HERE I am_ _about_to_send to/for_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ 'Ēliy^{yāh} the_prophet to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_day_of **YHWH** (the)_ _great and_(the)_awesome comes. **24** **19** And_he_will_turn_back the_heart_of fathers to sons and_the_heart_of sons to fathers_ _of_their lest I_should_come and_I_will_strike ~~DOM~~ the_

12 RV 3:11 · Note This is literally the 'eater' which could refer to some kind of insect (and hence '*it* won't destroy' in the next clause) or it could refer to some spiritual power (then you'd get '*he* won't destroy').

13 RV 4:5 · Cross-ref. Mat 11:14; 17:10-13; Mrk 9:11-13; Luk 1:17; Yhn 1:21.

14 LV 3:19 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.1

15 LV 3:20 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.2

16 LV 3:21 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.3

17 LV 3:22 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.4

18 LV 3:23 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.5

19 LV 3:24 · Note Note: KJB: Mal.4.6

Literal Version

_earth/land total_destruction.

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