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David Old and Needing Warmth

1:1 ¶ Now King David was old, advanced in years [about 70: he started at 30 and reigned 40 years: [2Sa 5:4](#) & [1Ki 2:11](#) // [1Ch 29:27](#)]; and they put covers on him, but he could not get warm. 2 Therefore his servants said to him, “Let a young woman, a virgin, be sought for our lord the king, and let her stand before the king, and let her care for him; and let her lie in your bosom, that our lord the king may be warm.” 3 So they sought for a lovely young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag [“a wanderer is my father”] the Shunammite [“double resting place”], and brought her to the king. 4 The young woman was very lovely; and she cared for the king, and served him; but the king did not know her [carnally].

A Coup to Put Down: Adonijah

5 ¶ Then Adonijah [“YHWH is my lord”]; David's fourth son: [2Sa 3:4](#) // [1Ch 3:2b](#)] the son of Haggith [“festive”] exalted himself, saying, “I will be king”; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty [50] men to run before him. 6 (And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying,

“Why have you done so?”

He was also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)

7 Then he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest [cf. [1Ch 27:34](#)], and they followed and helped Adonijah.

8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei [“renowned”], Rei [“friendly”], and the mighty men

who belonged to David were not with Adonijah. 9

And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of Zoheleth [“serpent”], which is by En Rogel [“fount of the fuller”];

he also invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants.

10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or Solomon his brother.

11 ¶ So Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying,

“Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it? 12 Come, please, let me now give you advice, that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. 13 Go immediately to King David and say to him,

‘Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your maidservant, saying,

“Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?”

Why then has Adonijah become king?” 14

Then, while you are still talking there with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words.” 15

So Bathsheba went into the chamber to the king. (Now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king.) 16 And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king said,

“What is your wish?” 17

Then she said to him,

“My lord, you swore by YHWH your God to your maidservant, saying,

‘Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.’ 18

So now, look! Adonijah has become king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know about it. 19 He has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army;

but Solomon your servant he has not invited. 20 And as for you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king rests with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be counted as offenders.” 22

And just then, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. 23 So they told the king,

saying, [a 2nd witness: ≥ 2 required] “Here is Nathan the prophet.”

And when he came in before the king, he bowed down before the king with his face to the ground. 24 And Nathan said,

“My lord, O king, have you said, ‘Adonijah

shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?’ 25

For he has gone down today, and has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, and the commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest;

and look! They are eating and drinking before him; and they say,

‘Long live King Adonijah!’ 26

But he has not invited me

— me your servant —

nor Zadok the priest, nor Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, nor your servant Solomon. 27

Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not told your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?” 28

Then King David answered and said, “Call Bathsheba to me.”

So she came [back] into the king's presence and stood before the king. 29 And the king took an oath and said, “As YHWH lives, who has redeemed my life from every distress, 30 just as I swore to you by YHWH God of Israel, saying,

‘Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne

in my place’, so I certainly will do this day.” 31

Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground [earth], and paid homage to the king, and said,
“Let my lord King David live forever!”

Solomon Crowned King

32 ¶ And King David said,

“Call to me
Zadok the priest,
Nathan the prophet, and
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.”

So they came before the king. 33

The king also said to them,

“Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon [“bursting forth”]. 34 There let

Zadok the priest and
Nathan the prophet
anoint him king over Israel;
and blow the horn, and say,

“Long live King Solomon!” 35

Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, and he shall be king in my place.

For I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah.” 36

Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said,

“Amen! May YHWH God of my lord the king say so too. 37 As YHWH has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.” 38

So Zadok the priest,
Nathan the prophet,
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
the Cherethites [“executioners”],
and
the Pelethites [“couriers”]

went down and had Solomon ride on King David’s mule, and took him to Gihon. 39 Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said,

“Long live King Solomon!” 40

And all the people went up after him; and the people

played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the ground [earth] seemed to split with their sound.

41 ¶ Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said,

“Why is the city in such a noisy uproar?” 42

While he was still speaking, there came Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest.

And Adonijah said to him, “Come in, for you are a prominent man, and bring good news.” 43

Then Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah,

“No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king. 44

The king has sent with him
Zadok the priest,
Nathan the prophet,
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
the Cherethites, and
the Pelethites;

and they have made him ride on the king’s mule. 45 So

Zadok the priest and
Nathan the prophet
have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoic-

ing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard.

46 Also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom. 47 And moreover the king’s servants have gone to bless our lord King David, saying,

‘May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may He make his throne greater than your throne.’

Then the king bowed himself on the bed [David bowed, acknowledging Solomon as king]. 48 Also the king said thus,

‘Blessed be YHWH God of Israel, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, while my eyes see it!’” 49

So all the guests who were with Adonijah were afraid, and arose, and each one went his way. 50 Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar. 51 And it was told Solomon, saying,

“Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying,

‘Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.’” 52

Then Solomon said,

“If he proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of him shall fall to the ground [earth]; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.” 53

So King Solomon sent them to bring him down from the altar. And he came and fell down before King Solomon; and Solomon said to him,

“Go to your house.”

[Audio: S. Gregg Ch Overview2 ^]

1 Chronicles 28 [1Ch 26-27]
[Compare 1Ch 22, May 2]

David Tasks Solomon: Build the Temple

28:1 ¶ Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel:

the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king,

the captains over thousands [1000s] and captains over hundreds [100s], and the stewards over

all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons,

with

the officials,

the valiant men, and

all the mighty men of valor. 2

Then King David rose to his feet and said,

“Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of YHWH, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it. 3 But God said to me,

‘You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.’ 4

However YHWH God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel. 5 And of all my sons (for YHWH has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of YHWH over Israel. 6

Now He said to me,

‘It is your son Solomon *who* shall build **My house** and **My courts**; for I have chosen him *to be* **My son**, and I will be his **Father**. 7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe **My commandments** and **My judgments**, as it is **this day**.’ 8
[Cf. 2 Sa 7:12b-16]
 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of **YHWH**, and in the hearing of our **God**, be careful to seek out all the commandments of **YHWH** your **God**, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. 9 As for you, my son Solomon, know the **God** of your father, and serve **Him** with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for **YHWH** searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek **Him**, **He** will be found by you; but if you forsake **Him**, **He** will cast you off forever. 10 Consider now, for **YHWH** has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.”
 11 ¶ **Then** David gave his son Solomon the plans for

the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; 12 and the plans for all that he had [planned] by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of **YHWH**, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of **God**, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; 13 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of **YHWH**, and for all the articles of service in the house of **YHWH**. 14
He gave gold by weight for things of gold, for all articles used in every kind of service; also *silver* for all articles of silver by weight, for all articles used in every kind of service; 15 the weight for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand. 16 And by weight *he gave gold* for the tables of the showbread, for each table, and *silver*

for the tables of silver; 17 also pure gold for the forks, the basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and the golden bowls — *he gave gold* by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls, *silver* by weight for every bowl; 18 and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread their wings and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of **YHWH**. 19
 “All this,” said David, “**YHWH** made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans.” 20
 And David said to his son Solomon, “Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for **YHWH** God — my God — will be with you. **He** will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of **YHWH**. 21 Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of **God**; and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people will be completely at your command.”

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1 Chronicles 29 Offerings for the Temple

29:1 ¶ Furthermore King David said to all the assembly:

“My son Solomon, whom alone **God** has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for **YHWH** God. 2 Now for the house of my **God** I have prepared with all my might:

↓ to be made

gold for things of gold,
 silver for things of silver,
 bronze for things of bronze,
 iron for things of iron,
 wood for things of wood,

onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance. 3

Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my **God**, I have given to the house of my **God**, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver: 4

three thousand [3,000] talents of gold¹, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand [7,000] talents of refined silver²,

to overlay the walls of the houses; 5 the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and

¹ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so ~\$2.4B.

² 7,000 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$72,576,000 in 2008 dollars.

for all kinds of work *to be done*
by the hands of craftsmen.
Who *then* is willing to consecrate
himself **this day** to **YHWH**?" 6

Then
the leaders of the fathers' *houses*,
leaders of the tribes of Israel,
the captains of thousands [1000s] and
of hundreds [100s], with
the officers over the king's work,
offered willingly. 7 They gave
for the work of the house of God:
five thousand [5,000] talents³ and
ten thousand [10,000] darics⁴
of gold,
ten thousand [10,000] talents
of silver⁵,
eighteen thousand [18,000] talents
of bronze, and
one hundred thousand [100,000] talents
of iron. 8

And whoever had *precious* stones gave
them to the treasury of **the house of**
YHWH, into the hand of Jehiel [*"God*
lives"; same as *Jehieli*: 26:21-22]
the Gershonite. 9 **Then** the people re-
joiced, for they had offered willingly,
because with a loyal heart they had
offered willingly to **YHWH**; and King
David also rejoiced greatly.

10 ¶ Therefore David **blessed** **YHWH**
before all the assembly; and David said:

"**Blessed** are **You**,
YHWH God of Israel,
Our Father,
forever and ever. 11
Yours, O **YHWH**, *is*
The greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all *is* **Yours**
in heaven and
in land [earth];
Yours *is* **the kingdom**, O **YHWH**, and
You are exalted as **head over all**. 12
Both riches and honor *come* from **You**,
and
You reign over all.
In **Your** hand *is* power and might —
In **Your** hand —
to make **great** and
to give **strength** to all. 13
Now therefore, our **God**, we **thank**
You and **praise** **Your** glorious name. 14

But who *am* I, and
who *are* my people,
that we should be able to offer
so willingly as this?
For all things *come* from **You**, and
of **Your** own we have given **You**. 15

For we *are*
aliens and pilgrims **before** **You**,
as *were* all our fathers.
Our days on land [earth] *are*
as a shadow, and
without hope. 16

O **YHWH** our **God**, all this abundance
that we have prepared to build **You**
a house for **Your** holy name *is*
from **Your** hand, and *is*
all **Your** own. 17

I know also, my **God**, that **You**
test the heart and
have pleasure in **uprightness**.
As for me,
in the **uprightness** of my heart
I have willingly offered
all these things;
and **now** with joy
I have seen **Your** people,
who are present here
to offer willingly to **You**. 18

O **YHWH**, God of
Abraham,
Isaac, and
Israel,
our fathers,
keep this **forever** in the intent of the
thoughts of the heart of **Your** people,
and fix their heart toward **You**. 19
And give my son Solomon a loyal
heart to keep
Your commandments and
Your testimonies and
Your statutes,
to do all *these things*, and
to build **the temple** for which
I have made provision." 20

Then David said to all the assembly,
"**Now** **bless** **YHWH** your **God**."
So all the assembly **blessed** **YHWH** **God**
of their fathers, and bowed their heads
and prostrated themselves **before** **YHWH**
and the king. 21 And they
made sacrifices to **YHWH** and
offered burnt offerings to **YHWH**
on **the next day**:
a thousand [1,000] bulls,
a thousand [1,000] rams,
a thousand [1,000] lambs,

with their drink offerings, and
sacrifices in abundance
for all Israel. 22 So they ate and drank
before **YHWH** with great **gladness** on
that day. And they made Solomon the
son of David king **the second time**
[in reference to 1 Ki 1:39, presumably],
and anointed
him **before** **YHWH** to be the leader, and
Zadok to be priest.

[1Ch 29:26-30 then 1Ch 29:23-25 par-
allel 1Ki 2:10-12 & 2Ch 1:1 below]
[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 1-2]

1 Kings 2

Last Instructions to Solomon by David

2:1 ¶ **Now** the days of David drew near
that he should die, and

he charged Solomon his son, saying: 2
"I go the way of all the land [earth];
be strong, therefore, and
prove yourself a man. 3 And
keep the charge of **YHWH** your **God**:

to walk in
His ways,
to keep
His statutes,
His commandments,
His judgments, and
His testimonies,

as it is written in **the Law of Moses**,
that you may prosper

in all that you do and
wherever you turn; 4
that **YHWH** may fulfill **His** word
that **He** spoke concerning me,
saying [not stated above],
'If your sons take heed to their way,
to walk before **Me** in truth with all
their heart and with all their soul,'
He said, 'you shall not lack a man on
the throne of Israel.' 5

³ ~\$4B at December 2008 prices.

⁴ A daric was a Persian coin used from ca. 500 BC to 330 BC. Since David's reigned from 1054 through 1015 BC, the use of the daric must be a conversion by the writer or a later editor into contemporary units.

⁵ 10,000 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$103,680,000 in 2008 dollars.

Moreover you know also what **Joab** the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to **Abner** the son of Ner and **Amasa** the son of Jether, whom he **killed**. And he shed the **blood** of war in peacetime, and put the **blood** of war on his belt that *was* around his waist, and on his sandals that *were* on his feet. ⁶ Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do **not** let his gray hair go down to the grave in **peace**. ⁷

But show kindness to the sons of **Barzillai** the **Gileadite**, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me **when** I fled from Absalom your brother. ⁸

And see, *you have* with you **Shimei** the son of Gera, a Benjamite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a malicious curse in **the day when** I went to **Mahanaim**. But he came down to meet me at the **Jordan**, and I swore to him by **YHWH**, saying, 'I will not put you to **death** with the sword.' ⁹ [2Sa 19:23] **Now** therefore, do **not** hold him guiltless, for you *are* a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with **blood**."

2 Samuel 23:1-7 [Audio: SG 2Sa 23-24] **David's Last Words** **Now** these *are* the last words of David: "Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, **The anointed of the God of Jacob**, And **the sweet psalmist** of Israel: ²

The Spirit of YHWH spoke by me, And His word *was* on my tongue. ³ **The God of Israel** said, **The Rock of Israel** spoke to me: 'He who rules over men *must be just*, ruling in **the fear of God**; ⁴ and *He must be like the light*⁶ Of **the morning when the sun rises**, A morning without clouds, **Bringing the tender grass**⁷ Out of the ground [earth], **By clear shining after rain.**' ⁵

Although my house *is* not so with **God**, Yet⁸ **He** has made with me **an everlasting covenant**,

Ordered in all *things* and secure. For *this is* all my **salvation** and all my **desire**; Will **He** not make *it* increase? ⁶ But *the sons of rebellion shall* all be as thorns thrust away, Because *they* cannot be taken with hands.⁷ But the man *who* touches **them** Must be armed with **iron** and the shaft of a spear, And they shall be utterly burned with **fire** in *their place*." [23:8-39 moved to follow 2Sa 3:5]

⁶ NKJ: "He shall be like..."

⁷ NKJ: "Like the tender grass springing"

⁸ NAS: "Truly, *is* not my house [family] so with God? For..." (N)RSV similar.

1 Kings 2:10-11 ||

[Some parallels: this column & next:]

¹⁰ **So** David

rested with his fathers, and was buried in **the City of David**. ¹¹

The period that **David** reigned over Israel *was* **forty [40] years**; **seven [7] years** he reigned in **Hebron**, and **thirty-three [33] years** he reigned in **Jerusalem**. [Last reordered to match] [2950-2989 AB: **1Ki 6:1**, May 21] [1054-1015 BC]

[Source citations →
by the writer of Chronicles]

1 Kings 2:12 ||

¹² ¶ **Then** Solomon sat on **the throne**

of his father David; and **his kingdom was established greatly**.

1:1 ¶ **Now** Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and **YHWH his God was with him and exalted him** exceedingly.

[2Ch 1:2ff follow 1Ki 3:3 below]

1 Chronicles 29:26-30

[vv23-25 moved below v30]

David Dies

²⁶ **Thus** David the son of Jesse reigned over **all Israel**. ²⁷ And

the period that **he** reigned over Israel *was* **forty [40] years**; **seven [7] years** he reigned in **Hebron**, and **thirty-three [33] years** he reigned in **Jerusalem**. [2950-2989 AB] ²⁸ So he died in a **good old age** [~70], full of **days** and **riches** and **honor**; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

²⁹ **Now** the acts of King David, **first and last**, indeed they *are* written in the book of **Samuel** the seer, in the book of **Nathan** the prophet, and in the book of **Gad** the seer, ³⁰ with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

1 Chronicles 29:23-25
Solomon Begins to Reign

²³ ¶ **Then** Solomon sat on **the throne of YHWH** as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and **all Israel obeyed him**. ²⁴ **All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, submitted themselves to King Solomon**. ²⁵ **So** ← (2 Chronicles 1:1)

YHWH exalted **Solomon** exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him *such* royal **majesty** as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

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1 Kings 2:13-27

Adonijah Asks for Abishag as Wife; Solomon Has Him Executed

13 **Now** Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. So she said,

“Do you come **peaceably**?”

And he said,

“**Peaceably**.”¹⁴

Moreover he said,

“I have something *to say* to you.”

And she said,

“Say it.”¹⁵

Then he said,

“You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had set their expectations on me, that I should reign. However, the kingdom has been turned over, and has become my brother’s; for it was his from **YHWH**.¹⁶ **Now** I ask one petition of you; do not deny me.”

And she said to him,

“Say it.”¹⁷

Then he said,

“Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife.”¹⁸

So Bathsheba said,

“Very well,

I will speak for you to the king.”¹⁹

Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah.

And the king rose up to meet her and bowed down to her, and sat down on his throne and had a throne set for the king’s mother; so she sat at his right hand.²⁰ **Then** she said,

“I desire one small petition of you; do not refuse me.”

And the king said to her,

“Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you.”²¹

So she said,

“Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife.”²²

And King Solomon answered and said to his mother,

“**Now** why do you ask

Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah?

Ask for him

the kingdom also

— for he *is* my **older brother** —

for him, and

for Abiathar the priest, and

for Joab the son of Zeruiah.”²³

Then King Solomon swore by **YHWH**, saying,

“May **God** do so [*gesture*] to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life!²⁴

Now therefore, *as* **YHWH** lives,

who has confirmed me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has established a house for me,

as **He** promised,

Adonijah shall be put to **death** today!”²⁵

So King Solomon sent by the hand of

Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*] the son of Jehoiada [*“YHWH knows”*];

and he **struck** him down, and he **died**.

Solomon Removes Abiathar as Priest

26 ¶ And to Abiathar [*“my father is great”*] the priest the king said,

“Go to Anathoth [*“answers to prayer”*], to your own fields,

for you *are* deserving of **death**; but I will not put you to **death** at this time,

because you carried the ark of the Lord **YHWH**⁹ [*Adonai YHWH*] before my father David, and

because you were afflicted **every time** my father was afflicted.”²⁷

So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to **YHWH**, that he might fulfill the word of **YHWH** that He spoke concerning the house of Eli at [Shiloh](#) [*Isa 2:30-36, 3:11-14*].

May 20

1 Kings 2:28-46

Solomon Has Joab Executed

28 **Then** news came to Joab, for Joab had defected to Adonijah, though he had not defected to Absalom. So Joab fled to the tabernacle of **YHWH**, and took hold of the horns of the altar.²⁹

And King Solomon was told,

“Joab has fled to the tabernacle of **YHWH**; there *he is*, by the altar.”

Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying,

“Go, **strike him down**.”³⁰

So Benaiah went to the tabernacle of **YHWH**, and said to him,

“Thus says the king,

‘Come out!’”

And he said,

“No, but I will **die here**.”

And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying,

⁹ NKJ: the Lord GOD;

NAS: the Sovereign LORD

“Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.”³¹

Then the king said to him,

“Do as he has said, and **strike** him down and bury him, that you may take away from me and

from the house of my father the innocent blood that Joab shed.³²

So **YHWH** will return his blood on his head, because he **struck** down two men more **righteous** and better than he, and **killed** them with the sword —

Abner [*“my father is a lamp”*]

the son of Ner [*“lamp”*],

the commander of

the army of **Israel**, and

Amasa [*“burden”*]

the son of Jether [*“abundance”*],

the commander of

the army of **Judah** —

though my father David

did not know *it*.³³

Their **blood** shall therefore return

upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants

forever. But

upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his throne,

there shall be **peace forever**

from **YHWH**.”³⁴

So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and **struck** and **killed** him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

Solomon Appoints Benaiah as General and Zadok as Priest

35 ¶ The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

Solomon Restricts Shimei to Jerusalem

36 **Then** the king sent and called for Shimei [“renowned”], and said to him, “Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. 37

For it shall be, **on the day** you go out and cross the Brook Kidron, know for certain you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head.” 38

And Shimei said to the king, “The saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do.”

So Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. 39 **Now** [looking ahead] it happened at the end of **three [3] years**, that two [2] slaves of Shimei ran away to Achish [“I will blacken (or terrify)” or “only a man”] the son of Maachah [“oppression”], king of Gath [“winepress”].

And they told Shimei, saying, “Look, your slaves are in Gath!” 40

So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Achish at Gath to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought his slaves from Gath. 41 And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come back.

42 **Then** the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him,

“Did I not make you swear by YHWH, and warn you, saying,

‘Know for certain that **on the day** you go out and travel anywhere, you shall surely die?’

And you said to me,

‘The word I have heard is good.’ 43

Why then have you not kept the oath of YHWH and

the commandment that I gave you?” 44

The king said moreover to Shimei, “You know, as your heart acknowledges, all the wickedness that you did to my father David; therefore YHWH will return your wickedness on your own head. 45 But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before YHWH forever.” 46

So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out and struck him down, and he died.

Thus [in this way] the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 3-4]

1 Kings 3:1-3

Solomon Marries Pharaoh’s Daughter

3:1 **Now** Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh’s daughter; **then** he brought her to the City of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of YHWH, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

No Temple, so Sacrifices at Gibeon Where the Tabernacle of Moses Was

2 Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of YHWH until those days. 3 And Solomon loved YHWH, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

2 Chronicles 1:2-5 →

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers’ houses. 3 **Then** Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon.

[This is the Tabernacle →] [Apparently it was at ‘the high place’; see v6 below: ‘the great high place’ in 1Ki 3:4 below.] [Moved when? Cf. 1Sa 4:22]

(For the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which Moses the servant of YHWH had made in the wilderness. 4 But David had brought up the ark [“chest”] of God from Kirjath Jearim [“city of forests”] to the place David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5

[And they still had the bronze altar:] [cf. 1Ch 2:20, Ex 31:2:]

Now the bronze altar that Bezalel [“in the shadow of God”] the son of Uri [“fiery”], the son of Hur [“hole”], had made, he put before the tabernacle of YHWH. Solomon and the assembly sought Him there.

[This column parallels the next:]

1 Kings 3:4 ||

4 **Now** the king went to Gibeon

to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand [1,000] burnt offerings on that altar.

2 Chronicles 1:6

6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before YHWH, which was at the tabernacle of meeting,

and offered a thousand [1,000] burnt offerings on it _____.

[This column parallels the next: ...

1 Kings 3:5-15 ||

5 ¶ At Gibeon YHWH appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said,

“Ask! What shall I give you?” 6 And Solomon said _____:

“You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You;

You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O YHWH my God,

You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in [i.e., judge: v9b]. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9

Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil;

for who is able to judge this great people of Yours?” 10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11

but the wording is quite different here]

2 Chronicles 1:7-13

Solomon Asks God for Wisdom

7 On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him,

“Ask! What shall I give you?” 8

And Solomon said to God:

“You have shown great mercy to _____ David my father,

_____ and have made me king in his place. 9

Now, O YHWH God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me _____ king

over a people like the dust of the land [earth] in multitude. 10

Now _____ give me _____ wisdom and knowledge, _____ that I may go out and come in before this people;

for who can _____ judge this great people of Yours?” 11

[2Ch 1:14-17 parallels 1Ki 10:26-29]

[This column parallels the next: ...

1 Kings 3

Then God said to him:

“Because you have asked this thing, and _____ have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked _____

the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself _____ understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart,

_____ so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also given you what you have not asked:

both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” 15

Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem

and stood before the ark of the covenant of YHWH, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

but the wording is quite different here]

2 Chronicles 1

And God said to Solomon:

“Because _____ this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life —

_____ but have asked _____ wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king — 12 _____ wisdom and knowledge are granted to you;

and I will _____ give you _____ riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”

13 ¶ So Solomon came to Jerusalem from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of meeting,

and reigned over Israel.

1 Kings 3:16-28

Solomon Determines the Mother

16 ¶ **Now** two women *who were* harlots came to the king, and stood before him.
 17 And one woman said,
 “O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house; and I gave birth **while** she *was* in the house. 18 **Then** it happened, **the third day** after I had given birth, that this woman also gave birth. And we *were* together; no one *was* with us in the house, except the two of us in the house. 19 And this woman’s son **died in the night**, because she lay on him. 20 So she arose **in the middle of the night** and took my son from my side, **while** your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her **dead** child in my bosom. 21 And **when** I rose **in the morning** to nurse my son, **there** he was, **dead**. But **when** I had examined him **in the morning**, indeed, he was not my son whom I had borne.” 22

Then the other woman said,
 “No! But
 the **living** one *is* my son, and the **dead** one *is* your son.”
 And the first woman said,
 “No! But
 the **dead** one *is* your son, and the **living** one *is* my son.”
 Thus they spoke before the king. 23
 And the king said,
 “The one says,
 ‘This *is* my son, who **lives**, and your son *is* the **dead** one’;
 and the other says,
 ‘No! But
 your son *is* the **dead** one, and my son *is* the **living** one.’” 24

Then the king said,
 “Bring me a sword.”
 So they brought a sword before the king.
 25 And the king said,
 “Divide the **living** child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.” 26
Then the woman whose son *was* **living** spoke to the king, for she yearned with **compassion** for her son; and she said,
 “O my lord, give her the **living** child, and by no means **kill** him!”
 But the other said,
 “Let him be neither mine nor yours, **but** divide *him*.” 27
 So the king answered and said,
 “Give the first woman the **living** child, and by no means **kill** him. She *is* his mother.” 28
 And all Israel heard of the judgment **that** the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that **the wisdom of God** *was* in him to administer **justice**.

[4:1-28 moved to follow 10:29]
 [4:29-34 moved to start
 the Writings of Solomon below]

May 21

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 5-6]

1 Kings 5:1

Hiram King of Tyre Honors Solomon

5:1 ¶ **Now** Hiram [“noble”] king of **Tyre** [“a rock”] sent his servants to Solomon, because he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always loved David.

[This column ~parallels the next: ...

1 Kings 5:2-18 ||

2 **Then** Solomon sent to Hiram _____, saying: 3
 “You know how my father David could not build a house for the name of **YHWH** his **God** because of the wars **that** were fought against him on every side, **until** **YHWH** put *his foes* under the soles of his feet. 4 But **now** **YHWH** my **God** has given me **rest** on every side; *there is* neither adversary nor **evil** occurrence.

5 **And** behold, I propose to build **a house** for the name of **YHWH** my **God**, as **YHWH** spoke to my father David, saying,
 “Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build the house for **My name**.”

[cf. [Ex 23:14-16](#), [Le 23:](#)]

but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2:1-18

2:1 ¶ **Then** Solomon determined to build **a temple** for the name of **YHWH**, and a royal house for himself. 2 Solomon selected seventy thousand [70,000] men to bear burdens, eighty thousand [80,000] to quarry **stone** in the mountains, and **three thousand six hundred** [3,600] to oversee them. 3 **Then** Solomon sent to Hiram **king of Tyre**, saying:

“As you have dealt with David my father, and sent him **cedars** to build himself a house to dwell in, *so deal with me*. 4 Behold, I **am** building **a temple** for the name of **YHWH** my **God**,

to dedicate *it* to **Him**, to burn before **Him** sweet incense, for the **continual** **showbread**, for the burnt offerings **morning and evening**, on the **Sabbaths**, on the **New Moons**, and on the **set feasts** of **YHWH** our **God**. This *is* an ordinance **forever** to Israel.

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1 Kings 5

[Ge 1:20b: the face of the expanse:]

[Ge 1: 6-8,14-19: the starry heavens:]

6 Now therefore, command that they cut down cedars for me from Lebanon ["whiteness"]; and my servants will be with your servants, and I will pay you wages for your servants according to whatever you say. For you know there is none among us who has skill to cut timber like the Sidonians.

[kor: a dry measure, 6.25 bushels, → so 20,000 kors = 125,000 bushels] [However, NLT says 100,000 "]

[bath: a liquid measure, ~40 liters, → so 20,000 baths ~ = 800,000 liters] [However, NLT says 110,000 gallons, closer to the rabbinical tradition.]

but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2

5 And the temple that I build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven [atmosphere] and the heaven [expanse] of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him? 7 Therefore send me at once a man skillful to work in gold and silver, in bronze and iron, in purple and crimson and blue, who has skill to engrave with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. 8 Also send me cedar and cypress and alnum logs from Lebanon,

for I know that your servants have skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and indeed my servants will be with your servants, 9 to prepare timber for me in abundance, for the temple which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. 10 And indeed I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut timber, twenty thousand [20,000] kors of ground wheat, twenty thousand [20,000] kors of barley, twenty thousand [20,000] baths of wine, and twenty thousand [20,000] baths of oil."

[This column ~parallels the next: ...

7 So it was, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said,

"Blessed be YHWH this day, for He has given David a wise son over this great people!"

8 Then Hiram

sent to Solomon, saying:

[Ge 1:1-2:4:]

"I have considered the message that you sent me, and I will do all you desire concerning the cedar and cypress logs.

9 My servants shall take them down from Lebanon to the sea; I will float them in rafts by sea to the place you indicate to me, and will have them broken apart there; then you can take them away. And you shall fulfill my desire by giving food for my household."

[1Ki 7:14 says a Naphtali widow →] [See the note there.]

but mostly in an interleaved way]

11 ¶ Then Hiram king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon _____:

"Because YHWH loves His people, He has made you king over them." 12 Hiram also said:

"Blessed be YHWH God of Israel, who made heaven and land [earth], for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a temple for YHWH and a royal house for himself!

13 And now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram ["noble"; cf. 1Ki 7:13] my master craftsman 14 (the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan that may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

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1 Kings 5

10 ¶ Then Hiram gave Solomon cedar and cypress logs according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand [20,000] kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty [20] kors of pressed oil.

Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year. 12 So YHWH gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together. 13

Then King Solomon raised up a labor force out of all Israel; and the labor force was thirty thousand [30,000] men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand [10,000] a month in shifts: they were

one [1] month in Lebanon and two [2] months at home;

Adoniram [“exalted is my lord”] was in charge of the labor force.

but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2

15 Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine of which my lord has spoken, let him send to his servants.

16 And we will cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you need; we will bring it to you in rafts by sea to Joppa, and you will carry it up to Jerusalem.”

17 Then Solomon numbered all the aliens who were in the land of Israel, after the census in which David his father had numbered them; and there were found to be one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred [153,600].

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1 Kings 5

15 Solomon had seventy thousand [70,000] who carried burdens, and eighty thousand [80,000] who quarried stone in the mountains, 16 besides three thousand three hundred [3,300] from the chiefs of Solomon’s deputies, who supervised the people who labored in the work.

17 And the king commanded them to quarry large stones, costly stones, and hewn stones, to lay the foundation of the temple. 18 So

Solomon’s builders, Hiram’s builders, and the Gebalites [men of Gebal] quarried them; and they prepared timber and stones to build the temple.

1 Kings 6:1 ||

6:1 ¶ And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth [480th] year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt,

in the fourth [4th] year of Solomon’s reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv [“brightness”], which is the second [2nd] month, that he began to build the house of YHWH.

[^ Solomon-Reign:4/02/02 →]
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but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2

18 And he made seventy thousand [70,000] of them bearers of burdens, eighty thousand [80,000] stonemasons in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred [3,600] overseers to make

the people work.
[Total: 153,600 of v17]

2 Chronicles 3:1-2

Exodus to Temple: 480 Years

[< 479 years, one month had passed.]
[< So 2993 AB (1012 BC): Ex 12:40-42]
[See Timeline of Judges]

[< Hence, his first year was 2990 AB (1015 BC)]

[< about May-June.]

3:1 ¶ Now Solomon began to build the house of YHWH at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where YHWH had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan [“light was perpetuated: their fir trees”] the Jebusite [“descendant of Jebus”]. 2 And he began to build

on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

1 Kings 6:2-3 || 2 Chronicles 3:3-4:

[This column ~parallels the next:]

Temple Plan and Construction

2 Now the house that King Solomon built for YHWH, its length was sixty [60] cubits,

its width twenty [20] _____, and its height thirty [30] cubits.

[So, ~90 ft long, 30 ft wide, 45 ft high.]

3 The vestibule _____ in front of the sanctuary of the house was twenty [20] cubits long across the width of the house, and the width of the vestibule extended ten [10] cubits from the front of the house.

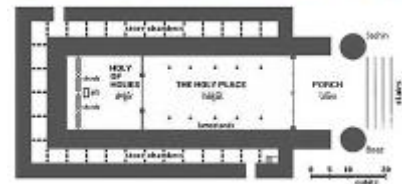
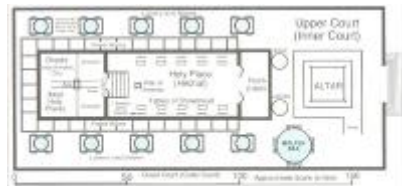
[Reordered to match: 4b, 4a, 4c:]

3 This is the foundation that Solomon laid for building the house of God: The length was sixty [60] cubits (by cubits according to the former measure [~18 inches each]) and the width twenty [20] cubits. 4b and the height was one hundred and twenty [120] [cubits? no. spans?].

4a And the vestibule that was in front of the sanctuary _____ was twenty [20] cubits long across the width of the house, 4c

He overlaid the inside with pure gold.

*[Illustrations of Solomon's Temple]
[Floorplans of Solomon's Temple]*



[Not parallel:]

1 Kings 6:4-15

4 And he made for the house windows with beveled frames. 5 [Interior:] Against the wall of the temple

he built chambers all around, against the walls of the temple, all around the sanctuary and the inner sanctuary.

Thus he made side chambers all around it. 6

The lowest chamber was five [5] cubits wide,

the middle was six [6] cubits wide, and the third was

seven [7] cubits wide;

for he made narrow ledges around the outside of the temple,

so that the support beams would not be fastened into the walls of the temple.

10 Apparently the standard had changed some by Ezra's (?) time, assuming it was he who compiled the Chronicles.

7 And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built. [Likewise, we Christians are being cut and perfected in the quarry (the world) to be assembled at the Resurrection.]

8 The doorway for the middle story was on the right side of the temple. They went up by stairs to the middle story, and from the middle to the third.

9 So he built the temple and finished it, and he paneled the temple with beams and boards of cedar. 10 And he built side chambers against the entire temple, each five [5] cubits high; they were attached to the temple with cedar beams.

YHWH's Covenant With Solomon

11 Then the word of YHWH came to Solomon, saying: 12

“Concerning this temple that you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David. 13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.”

14 So Solomon built the temple [foundation, framing, construction] and finished it [fine details].

Finish Work On The Temple

15 And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling he paneled the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress.

2 Chronicles 3:5-7

5 The larger room he paneled with cypress, which he overlaid with fine gold, and he carved palm trees and chainwork on it.

6 And he decorated the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold was gold from Parvaim

[“oriental regions”]. 7 He also overlaid the house — the beams and doorposts, its walls and doors — with gold; and he carved cherubim on the walls.

1 Kings 6:16-18

16 Then he [v cube shaped] built the twenty-cubit room

at the rear of the temple, from floor to ceiling,

with cedar boards; he built it inside as the inner sanctuary,

as the Most Holy Place. 17 And in front of it the temple sanctuary

was forty [40] cubits long. 18 The inside of the temple was cedar,

carved with ornamental buds and open flowers.

All was cedar; there was no stone to be seen.

1 Kings 6:19-20 || 2 Chronicles 3:8-9:

19 And he prepared the inner sanctuary inside the temple, to set the ark of the covenant of Y^{HWH} there. 20

The inner sanctuary was [cf. another cube: Re 21:16c] twenty [20] cubits long, twenty [20] cubits wide, and twenty [20] cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold,

and overlaid the altar of cedar.

1 Kings 6:21-22

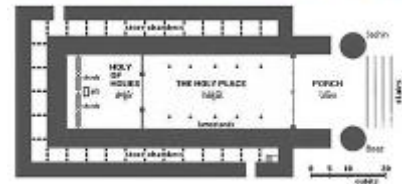
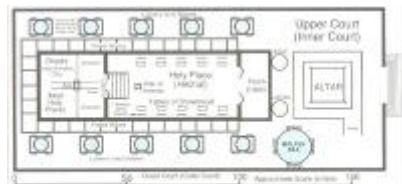
21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of the temple with pure gold. He stretched gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold. 22 The whole temple he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the temple; also he overlaid with gold the entire altar that was by the inner sanctuary.

8 And he made the Most Holy Place.

Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty [20] cubits, and its width twenty [20] cubits.

→ [20 cubits ~ 30 feet] He overlaid it with six hundred [600] talents¹¹ of fine gold. 9 The weight of the nails was fifty [50] shekels¹² of gold; and he overlaid the upper area with gold.

[Illustrations of Solomon's Temple] [Floorplans of Solomon's Temple]



¹¹ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so 600 talents ~ \$480M.

¹² A gold shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$800 = \$213.33, so 50 shekels =~ \$10,666, in 2008 dollars.

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1 Kings 6:23-28 ||

23 Inside the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten [10] cubits high. 24

One wing of the ___ cherub was five [5] cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five [5] cubits:

[5 cubits ~ 7.5 feet]

ten [10] cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. 25 And the other cherub was ten [10] cubits; both cherubim were of the same size and shape. 26 The height of one cherub was ten [10] cubits, and so was the other cherub.

[20 cubits ~ 30 feet]

27 Then he set the cherubim inside the inner room; and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. 28 Also he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

2 Chronicles 3:10-14

10 ¶ In the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim, fashioned by carving, [← ~15 feet tall!] and overlaid them with gold.

11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty [20] cubits in overall length: one wing of the one cherub was five [5] cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing _____ was five [5] cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub; 12 one wing of the other cherub was five [5] cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing also was five [5] cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub.

[10 cubits ~ 15 feet]

13 The wings of these cherubim spanned twenty [20] cubits overall. They stood on their feet, and they faced inward. 14 And he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and wove cherubim into it.

[2Ch 3:15ff follow 1Ki 7:14]

1 Kings 6:29-38

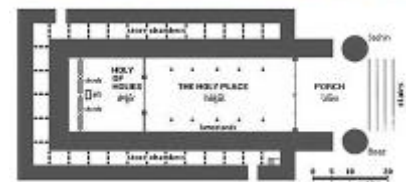
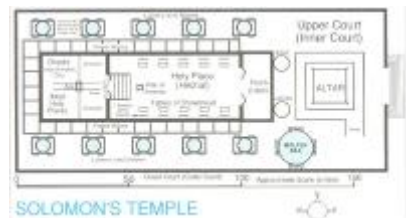
29 Then he carved all the walls of the temple all around, both the inner and outer sanctuaries, with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. 30 And the floor of the temple he overlaid with gold, both the inner and outer sanctuaries. 31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and doorposts were one-fifth [1/5th] of the wall. 32 The two [2] doors were of olive wood; and he carved on them figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and [he] overlaid them with gold; and he spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. 33 So for the door of the sanctuary he also made doorposts of olive wood, one-fourth [1/4th] of the wall. 34 And the two [2] doors were of cypress wood; two [2] panels comprised one folding door, and two [2] panels comprised the other folding door. 35 Then he carved on them cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and [he] overlaid them with gold applied evenly on the carved work. 36 And he built the inner court with three [3] rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams.

Completion Of The Temple

37 In the fourth [4th] year the foundation of the house of Y^HW^H was laid, in the month of Ziv [“brightness”] [Solomon-Reign:4/02, 2993 AB]; 38 and in the eleventh [11th] year, in the month of Bul [“increase: produce”, hence, harvest; modern October-November], which is the eighth month [Solomon-Reign:11/08, 3000 AB], the house was finished [1005 BC] in all its details and according to all its plans. So he was seven [7] years in building it [actually, 7.5 years: v1]. [For AB date references, see v1.]

[Illustrations of Solomon's Temple]

[Floorplans of Solomon's Temple]



May 22

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 7-8]

1 Kings 7:1-14

Other Construction by Solomon

7:1 ¶ But Solomon took thirteen [13] years to build his own house; so he finished all his house. 2 He also built the House of the Forest of Lebanon: its length was one hundred [100] cubits, its width fifty [50] cubits, and its height thirty [30] cubits, [~150 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, 45 ft. high] with four rows of cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the pillars. 3 And it was paneled with cedar above the beams that were on forty-five [45] pillars, fifteen [15] to a row. 4

There were windows with beveled frames in three [3] rows, and window was opposite window in three [3] tiers. 5 And all the doorways and doorposts had rectangular frames; and window was opposite window in three [3] tiers.

6 He also made the Hall of Pillars:

its length was fifty [50] cubits, and its width thirty [30] cubits; and [~75 ft. long, 45 ft. wide]

in front of them was

a portico with pillars, and a canopy was

in front of them. ↑

but of the daughters → of Dan: 2Ch 2:15 i.e., she was a Danite who married a man from Naphtali?

7 Then he made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Judgment, where he might judge; and it was paneled with cedar from floor to ceiling. 8 And the house where he dwelt had another court inside the hall, of like workmanship.

Solomon also made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken as wife.

9 All these were of costly stones cut to size, trimmed with saws, inside and out, from the foundation to the eaves, and also on the outside to the great court. 10 The foundation was of costly stones, large stones,

some ten [10] cubits [~15 ft.] and some eight [8] cubits [~12 ft.]. 11

And above were costly stones, hewn to size, and cedar wood. 12 The great court was enclosed with three [3] rows of hewn stones and a row of cedar beams. So were

the inner court of the house of Y^HW^H and the vestibule of the temple.

13 ¶

Temple Furnishings

Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram [“noble”; cf. 2Ch 2:13] from Tyre. 14

He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

1 Kings 7:15-26 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

15 And he cast two [2] pillars of bronze, each one eighteen [18] cubits [~27 ft] high, and a line of twelve [12] cubits measured the circumference of each. 16 Then he made two [2] capitals of cast bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars.

The height of one capital was five [5] cubits, and the height of the other capital was five [5] cubits. 17

He made a lattice network, with wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals that were on top of the pillars:

seven [7] chains for one capital and seven [7] for the other capital. 18 So he made the pillars, and two [2] rows of pomegranates above the network all around to cover the capitals that were on top; and thus he did for the other capital.

19 The capitals that were on top of the pillars in the hall were in the shape of lilies, four [4] cubits. 20 The capitals on the two [2] pillars also had pomegranates above, by the convex surface that was next to the network; and there were two hundred [200] such pomegranates in rows on each of the capitals all around.

21 Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple;

he set up the pillar on the right and called its name

2 Chronicles 3:15-4:5

Two Pillars: Jachin and Boaz

15 Also he [Solomon, via Hiram] made in front of the temple two [2] pillars [2x18 ≈ 35?] thirty-five [35] cubits high, and [← ~18 feet in circumference] the

capital that was on the top of each of them

[← ↓ ~7.5 feet high]

was five [5] cubits. 16

He made wreaths of chainwork, as in the inner sanctuary, and put them on top of the pillars;

[← ~6 feet]

[Discrepancy: 100 each of 2 rows?] and he made one hundred [100] pomegranates, and put them on the wreaths of chainwork.

17 Then he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left;

he called the name of the one on the right hand

[This column parallels the next:]

Jachin [“he will establish”], and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name

Boaz [“by strength”]. 22

The tops of the pillars were in the shape of lilies. So the work of the pillars was finished. 23

[~30 feet long →]

[~30 feet wide →]

[~15 feet high →]

And he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten [10] cubits [~15 feet] from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five [5] cubits [~7.5 feet], and a line of thirty [30] cubits [~45 feet] measured its circumference. 24

Below its brim were ornamental buds

encircling it all around, ten [10] to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The ornamental buds were cast in two [2] rows when it was cast. 25

It stood on twelve [12] oxen: three [3] looking toward the north, three [3] looking toward the west, three [3] looking toward the south, and

three [3] looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward. 26 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained two thousand [2,000] baths [~80,000 l.].

[Why the discrepancy?]

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Jachin [“he will establish”], and the name of the one on the left

Boaz [alt.: “fleetness”].

The Bronze Altar

4:1 Moreover he made a bronze altar: twenty [20] cubits was its length, twenty [20] cubits its width, and ten [10] cubits its height. 2

The “Sea”

Then he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten [10] cubits [~15 feet] from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five [5] cubits [~7.5 feet], and a line of thirty [30] cubits [~45 feet] measured its circumference. 3 [Ratio:30/10 = 3]

[Ratio not pi due to a lip or thickness?]

And under it was the likeness of oxen encircling it all around, ten [10] to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The oxen were cast in two [2] rows when it was cast. 4

It stood on twelve [12] oxen: three [3] looking toward the north, three [3] looking toward the west, three [3] looking toward the south, and

three [3] looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward. 5 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained three thousand [3,000] baths [~ 120,000 l.].

[2Ch 4:6ff follow 1Ki 7:39a below]

The Sea



[Illustration found [here](#).]

1 Kings 7:27-37

The Ten Carts

He also made ten [10] carts of **bronze**: four [4] cubits the length of each cart, four [4] cubits its width, and three [3] cubits its height. 28 [~ 6 feet long, 6 feet wide, 4.5 feet high] And this was the design of the carts: They had panels, and the panels were between frames; 29 on the panels that were between the frames were

lions,
oxen, and
cherubim.

And on the frames was a pedestal on top. Below the lions and oxen were wreaths of plaited work. 30 Every cart had four [4] **bronze** wheels and axles of **bronze**, and its four [4] feet had supports. Under the laver were supports

of cast **bronze** beside each wreath. 31 Its opening inside the crown at the top was one [1] cubit in diameter [~18 inches]; and the opening was round, shaped like a pedestal, one and a half [1½] cubits in outside diameter [~27 inches]; and also on the opening were engravings, but the panels were square, not round. 32 Under the panels were the four [4] wheels, and the axles of the wheels were joined to the cart. The height of a wheel was one and a half [1½] cubits [~27 inches]. 33 The workmanship of the wheels was like the workmanship of a chariot wheel; their axle pins, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all of cast **bronze**.

34 And there were four [4] supports at the four [4] corners of each cart; its supports were part of the cart itself. 35 On the top of the cart, at the height of half a cubit [~9 inches], it was perfectly round. And on the top of the cart, its flanges and its panels were of the same casting. 36 On the plates of its flanges and on its panels he engraved

cherubim,
lions, and
palm trees,

wherever there was a clear space on each, with wreaths all around. 37 Thus he made the ten [10] carts. All of them were of

the same mold,
one measure, and
one shape.

[Short parallel:]

The Ten Lavers

Then he made ten [10] lavers of **bronze**: each laver contained forty [40] baths, each laver was four [4] cubits [~6 ft.]. On each of the ten [10] carts was a laver.

39a And he put [Hebrew: nathan] five [5] carts on the right side of the house, and five [5] on the left side of the house.

☞ 1 Kings 7:38-39a || 2 Chronicles 4:6

The Ten Lavers

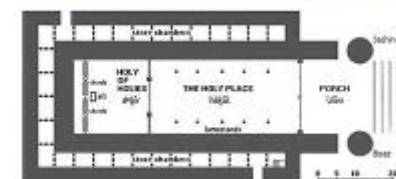
He also made ten [10] lavers,

and ___ put [Hebrew: nathan] five [5] ___ on the right side and five [5] on the left,

to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they would wash in them, but the Sea was for the priests to wash in. 7

[Illustrations of Solomon's Temple]

[Floorplans of Solomon's Temple]



2 Chronicles 4:7-9

The Ten Lampstands

And he made ten [10] lampstands of **gold** according to their design, and set [Heb.: nathan] them in the temple, five [5] on the right side and five [5] on the left. 8

The Ten Tables

He also made ten [10] tables, and placed [Heb.: yanach] them in the temple, five [5] on the right side and five [5] on the left.

The Hundred Bowls

And he made one hundred [100] bowls of **gold**. 9

The Courts

Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court and doors for the court; and he overlaid these doors with **bronze**.

1 Kings 7:39b-51 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

39b He set the Sea on the right side of **the house**, toward the southeast.

The Lavers, Shovels, and Bowls

40 ___ Hiram made the **lavers** and the shovels and the bowls.

So Hiram finished doing all the work that he was to do for King Solomon for **the house of YHWH**: 41

the two [2] pillars, the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two [2] pillars;

the two [2] networks covering the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals **that** were on top of the pillars; 42

four hundred [400] pomegranates for the two [2] networks (two [2] rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the pillars); 43 _____

the ten [10] carts, and ten [10] **lavers** on the carts; 44

one Sea and twelve [12] oxen under **the Sea**; 45 the pots,

the shovels, and the **bowls**. ___ All **these** articles **that** Hiram

made for King Solomon for **the house of YHWH** were of **burnished bronze**. 46

In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between **Succoth** ["booths"] and **Zaretan** ["their distress"]. 47

2 Chronicles 4:10-5:1

Location Of The "Sea"

10 He set the Sea on the right side _____, toward the southeast.

The Pots, Shovels, and Bowls

11 **Then** Hiram made the **pots** and the shovels and the bowls.

Summary

So Hiram finished doing the work that he was to do for King Solomon for **the house of God**: 12

the two [2] pillars and the bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two [2] pillars;

the two [2] networks covering the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals **that** were on top of the pillars; 13

four hundred [400] pomegranates for the two [2] networks (two [2] rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals that were on ___ the pillars); 14 **he also made**

_____ carts and the _____ **lavers** on the carts; 15

one Sea and twelve [12] oxen under **it** ___; 16 **also** the pots,

the shovels, ___ the **forks** — and all **their** articles ___ Hiram **his master craftsman** made

of **burnished bronze** for King Solomon for **the house of YHWH**. 17

In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between **Succoth** ["booths"] and **Zeredah** ["their distress"]. 18

[This column parallels the next:]

And Solomon **did not weigh** all **the** articles, because **there were** so many; ___ the weight of the **bronze** was not determined.

48 ¶ Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for **the house of YHWH**: the altar of **gold**, and the table **of gold**

on which was the showbread; 49 the lampstands _____ of pure **gold**, **five [5] on the right side and five [5] on the left**

in front of **the inner sanctuary**, with the **flowers** and the **lamps** and the wick-trimmers of **gold**; 50

the basins, the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure **gold**; and

the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner room (the Most Holy Place) and for the doors of the main hall of the temple.

51 So all the work that **King Solomon** had done for **the house of YHWH** was **finished**; and Solomon brought in the things **that** his father David had dedicated:

the **silver** and the **gold** and ___ the furnishings.

___ He put them in the treasuries of **the house of YHWH**.

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And Solomon **had** _____ all **these** articles **made in such great abundance** that the weight of the **bronze** was not determined.

19 Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for **the house of God**: the altar of **gold** and the tables _____

on which was the showbread; 20 the lampstands with their lamps of pure **gold**,

to burn in the prescribed manner in front of **the inner sanctuary**, 21 with the **flowers** and the **lamps** and the wick-trimmers of **gold**, **of purest gold**; 22

the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure **gold**.

As for the entry of the sanctuary, its inner doors to the Most Holy Place, and ___ the doors of the main hall of the temple, were gold.

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5:1 ¶ So all the work that ___ Solomon had done for **the house of YHWH** was **finished**; and Solomon brought in the things **that** his father David had dedicated:

the **silver** and the **gold** and **all** the furnishings.

And he put **them** in the treasuries of **the house of God**.

May 23

1 Kings 8:1-50a ||

[This column parallels the next:]

8:1 Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up

the ark of the covenant of YHWH from the City of David, which is Zion. 2 Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethanim [“enduring”], which is the seventh [7th] month. [Presumably of the eleventh year: 6:37]

3 So all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4

Then they brought up [from Zion: v1] the ark of YHWH,

[and from Gibeon: 1Ki 3:4:]

the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings

that were in the tabernacle.

The priests and the Levites brought them up. 5 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, were with him before the ark, _____ sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 6

Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of YHWH

to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple,

to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. 7

For the cherubim spread their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 7-8]

2 Chronicles 5:2-6:39

The Ark Is Brought To The Temple

2 Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, _____ in Jerusalem, that they might bring _____

the ark of the covenant of YHWH up from the City of David, which is Zion. 3 Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with the king _____ at the feast that was in the seventh [7th] month.

4 So all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark. 5

Then they brought up the ark _____,

the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings

that were in the tabernacle.

The priests and the Levites brought them up. 6 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him _____ before the ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 7

Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of YHWH

to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple,

to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. 8

For the cherubim spread their _____ wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

[This column parallels the next:]

8 _____ The poles extended so that the ends of the poles _____ could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. 9 Nothing was in the ark except the two [2] tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, when YHWH made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they _____ came out of the land of Egypt.

[What happened to the manna and Aaron's rod? Unknown.]

10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the [Most] Holy Place,

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9 And the poles extended so that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. 10 Nothing was in the ark except the two [2] tablets _____ that Moses put there at Horeb, when YHWH made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they had come out of _____ Egypt.

The Cloud Fills The Temple

11 ¶ And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), 12 and the Levites who were the singers, all those of

Asaph [“gatherer”] and Heman [“faithful”] and Jeduthun [“praising”],

with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty [120] priests sounding with trumpets 13 — indeed it came to pass,

when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking YHWH, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised YHWH, saying:

“For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,”

1 Kings 8

[This column parallels the next:]

that the cloud filled the house of Y^{HWH},
11
so that the priests could not continue
ministering because of the cloud; for
the glory of Y^{HWH} filled
the house of Y^{HWH}.

Solomon Addresses The Assembly

12 ¶ Then Solomon spoke:

“Y^{HWH} said He would dwell in the
dark cloud. 13 I have surely built
You an exalted house, And a place
for You to dwell in forever.” 14

Then the king turned around and
blessed the whole assembly of Israel,
while all the assembly of Israel was
standing. 15 And he said:

“Blessed be Y^{HWH} God of Israel,
who spoke with His mouth to
my father David, and with His hand
has fulfilled it, saying, 16

‘Since the day that I brought My people
Israel out of Egypt,

I have chosen

no city from any tribe of Israel

in which to build a house,
that My name might be there;

but I chose

David to be over My people Israel.’ 17

Now it was in the heart of my father
David to build a temple for the name
of Y^{HWH} God of Israel. 18

But Y^{HWH} said to my father David,

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that the house _____, the house of Y^{HWH},
was filled with a cloud, 14
so that the priests could not continue
ministering because of the cloud; for
the glory of Y^{HWH} filled
the house of God.

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6:1 ¶ Then Solomon spoke:

“Y^{HWH} said He would dwell in the
dark cloud. 2 I have surely built
You an exalted house, And a place
for You to dwell in forever.” 3

Then the king turned around and
blessed the whole assembly of Israel,
while all the assembly of Israel was
standing. 4 And he said:

“Blessed be Y^{HWH} God of Israel,
who has fulfilled with His hands
what He spoke with His mouth to
my father David, saying, 5

‘Since the day that I brought My people
_____ out of the land of Egypt,

I have chosen

no city from any tribe of Israel

in which to build a house,
that My name might be there,

nor did I choose any man to be
a ruler over My people Israel. 6

Yet I have chosen Jerusalem,
that My name may be there;

and I have chosen

David to be over My people Israel.’ 7

Now it was in the heart of my father
David to build a temple for the name
of Y^{HWH} God of Israel. 8

But Y^{HWH} said to my father David,

[This column parallels the next:]

‘Whereas it was in your heart to
build a temple for My name, you did
well _ that it was in your heart. 19
Nevertheless you shall not build
the temple, but your son who will
come from your body, he shall build
the temple for My name.’

[Cf. 2Sa 7:12b-13a] 20

So Y^{HWH} has fulfilled His word that
He spoke; and I have filled the posi-
tion of my father David, and sit on
the throne of Israel, as Y^{HWH} prom-
ised; and I have built a temple for
the name of Y^{HWH}, God of Israel. 21
And there I have made a place for the
ark, in which is the covenant of Y^{HWH}
that He made with our fathers,

when He

brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication

22 ¶ Then Solomon

stood before the altar of Y^{HWH} in the
presence of all the assembly of Israel,

[~7.5 ft long, 7.5 ft wide, 4.5 ft high:]

and spread out his hands toward
heaven; 23 and he said:

“Y^{HWH} God of Israel, there is no God
in heaven above or
on land [earth] below
like You, who keep Your covenant
and mercy with Your servants who
walk before You with all their hearts.

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‘Whereas it was in your heart to
build a temple for My name, you did
well in that it was in your heart. 9
Nevertheless you shall not build
the temple, but your son who will
come from your body, he shall build
the temple for My name.’

[Cf. 1Ch 17:11b-12a] 10

So Y^{HWH} has fulfilled His word that
He spoke, and I have filled the posi-
tion of my father David, and sit on
the throne of Israel, as Y^{HWH} prom-
ised; and I have built the temple for
the name of Y^{HWH}, God of Israel. 11
And there I have put _____ the
ark, in which is the covenant of Y^{HWH}
that He made with _____
the children of Israel.”

2 Chronicles 6

12 ¶ Then Solomon

stood before the altar of Y^{HWH} in the
presence of all the assembly of Israel,
and spread out his hands 13

(for Solomon had made a bronze platform
five [5] cubits long,
five [5] cubits wide, and
three [3] cubits high,

and had set it in the midst of the court;
and he stood on it, knelt down on his
knees before all the assembly of Israel),
and spread out his hands toward
heaven; 14 and he said:

“Y^{HWH} God of Israel, there is no God
in heaven _____ or
on land [earth] _____
like You, who keep Your covenant
and mercy with Your servants who
walk before You with all their hearts.

[This column parallels the next:]

24 You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. 25 Therefore, YHWH God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying,

‘You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.’ 26

And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true that You have spoken to Your servant David my father. 27 But will God indeed dwell on the land [earth]? Behold, heaven [air: Ge 1:20,25] and the heaven [expanse: Ge 1:8; where He put the stars: Ge 1:17] of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple that I have built! 28 Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O YHWH my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer that Your servant is praying before You today: 29 that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said,

‘My name shall be there’, that You may hear the prayer that Your servant makes toward this place. 30 And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.

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15 You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. 16 Therefore, YHWH God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying,

‘You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.’ 17

And now, O YHWH, God of Israel, let Your word come true that You have spoken to Your servant David. 18 But will God indeed dwell with men on the land [earth]? Behold, heaven [air: Ge 1:20,25] and the heaven [expanse: Ge 1:8; where He put the stars: Ge 1:17] of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple that I have built! 19 Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O YHWH my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer that Your servant is praying before You: 20 that Your eyes may be open toward this temple day and night, toward the place where You said

You would put Your name, that You may hear the prayer that Your servant prays toward this place. 21 And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.

[This column parallels the next:]

31 When anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, 32 then hear in heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, condemning the wicked, bringing his way on his head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

[↑When/If, in/from, --/ by, --/own: translator differences: same Hebrew] [↓When/Or if, turn back to You/return: translator differences: same Hebrew]

33 When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple, [diff. ↑ Hebrew]

34 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land that You gave to their fathers.

35 When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You,

when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them, [↓ translator difference]

36 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land that You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

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22 If anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, 23 then hear from heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, bringing retribution on the wicked by bringing his way on his own head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

[↑When/If, in/from, --/ by, --/own: translator differences: same Hebrew] [↓When/Or if, turn back to You/return: translator differences: same Hebrew]

24 Or if Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and [when they] return and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this temple, [diff. ↑ Hebrew]

25 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land that You gave to them and their fathers.

[↑ added by translator] 26 When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You,

when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them, [↓ translator difference]

27 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land that You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

[This column parallels the next:]

37 When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers;

when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; 38 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel,

when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple:

39 then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), 40 [purpose:] that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land that You gave to our fathers.

41 Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name's sake 42 (for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm),

when he comes and prays toward this temple,

43 [then] hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, [purpose:] that all peoples of the lands [earth] may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and [purpose:] that they may know that this temple that I have built is called by Your name.

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28 When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers;

when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; 29 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel,

when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple:

30 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), 31 [purpose:] that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land that You gave to our fathers.

32 Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but who comes from a far country for the sake of

Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm,

when they come and pray in this temple;

33 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, [purpose:] that all peoples of the lands [earth] may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and [purpose:] that they may know that this temple that I have built is called by Your name.

[This column parallels the next:]

44 When Your people go out to battle against their enemy,

wherever You send them, and when they pray to YHWH toward the city that You have chosen and the temple that I have built for Your name, 45 then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near; 47 yet

when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness'; 48 and

when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and pray to You toward their land that You gave to their fathers, the city that You have chosen and the temple that I have built for Your name:

49 then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause, 50a and forgive Your people who have sinned against You,

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34 When Your people go out to battle against their enemies,

wherever You send them, and when they pray to You toward this city that You have chosen and the temple that I have built for Your name, 35 then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a land far or near; yet

when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness'; 38 and

when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land that You gave to their fathers, the city that You have chosen, and toward the temple that I have built for Your name:

39 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

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and all their transgressions that they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, [purpose:] that they may have compassion on them 51 (for they are

Your people and
Your inheritance,
whom You brought
out of Egypt,
out of the iron furnace).

52 [O] that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant and the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You. 53 For You separated them from among all the peoples of the lands [earth] to be Your inheritance, as You spoke by Your servant Moses, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH].”

[Cf. Ex 19:5,6; De 7:6, 32:9]

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40 Now, my God, I pray, Let Your eyes be open and Let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place. 41

Now therefore, Arise, O YHWH God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O YHWH God, be clothed with salvation, and Let Your saints rejoice in goodness. 42

O YHWH God, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed; Remember the mercies of Your servant David.”

[2Ch 7 follows 1Ki 8:61]

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[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 7-8]

1 Kings 8:54-61

Solomon's Prayer For The People

54 ¶ And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to YHWH, that he arose from before the altar of YHWH, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55 Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: 56

“Blessed be YHWH, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise that He promised through His servant Moses. 57 May YHWH our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us, 58 that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments that He commanded our fathers. 59

And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before YHWH, be near YHWH our God day and night,

that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require, 60 that all the peoples of the lands [earth] may know that YHWH is God; there is no other. 61 Let your heart therefore be loyal to YHWH our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day.”

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

YHWH's Glory Fills The Temple

7:1 ¶ When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of YHWH filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of YHWH, because the glory of YHWH had filled YHWH's house. 3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of YHWH on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised YHWH, saying:

“For He is good, For His mercy endures forever.”
[Ps 106:1b, 107:1b; 118:1b-4,29; 136:1b...]

1 Kings 8:62-9:9 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

62 ¶ Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before YHWH.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings,

which he offered to YHWH: twenty-two thousand [22,000] bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand [120,000] sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of YHWH.

[Ps 106:1b, 107:1b; → 118:1b-4,29; 136:1b...]

64 On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of YHWH; for there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before YHWH was too small to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 At that time Solomon held a feast,

and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, [which came] from the entrance of Hamath [in the north] to the Brook of Egypt [in the south], before YHWH our God, seven [7] days and seven [7] more days — fourteen [14] days.

2 Chronicles 7:4-22

King and People Offer Sacrifices

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before YHWH.

5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of

twenty-two thousand [22,000] bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand [120,000] sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of YHWH, which King David had made to praise YHWH, saying, "For His mercy endures forever", whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

7 Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of YHWH; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.

8 At that time Solomon kept the feast seven [7] days,

and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, [which came] from the entrance of Hamath [in the north] to the Brook of Egypt [in the south].

[Hamath: "fortress"; the principle city of upper Syria in the valley of the Orontes River.]

[This column parallels the next:]

66 — On the eighth [8th] day

[same as the 1st 7 in 1Ki 8:65b→] [same as the 2nd 7 in 1Ki 8:65b→]

he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that YHWH had done for His servant David, _____, and for Israel His people.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 9-10]

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9:1 ¶ And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of YHWH and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire that he wanted to do,

2 that YHWH appeared to Solomon the second time, as

He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 And YHWH said to him:

"I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me;

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9 And on the eighth [8th] day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven [7] days, and the feast seven [7] days. 10 On the twenty-third day of the seventh month [07/23] he sent the people away

to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the good that YHWH had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel.

YHWH Appears to Solomon Again

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of YHWH and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of YHWH and in his own house.

12 ¶ Then YHWH appeared to Solomon by night,

[← 1Ki 3:5-15 // 2Ch 1:7-13]

and _____ said to him:

"I have heard your prayer,

and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. 16

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[This column parallels the next:]

I have **consecrated** this house **that** you have built to put My name _____ there foreverⁱ, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 4 **Now** _____ if you walk before Me as your father David walked, **in integrity of heart and in uprightness**, to do according to all that I have commanded you, **and if you keep My statutes and My judgments**, 5 **then** I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel **forever**, as I **promised** David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' 6 **But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes that I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them**, 7 **then** I will cut off Israel from the land, which I have given them; and this house **that I have consecrated for My name** I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be _____ a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 **And as for this house, which is exalted**, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has **YHWH** done thus to this land and to this house?' 9 **Then** they will answer, 'Because they forsook **YHWH their God**, who brought their fathers out of the land of **Egypt**, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore **YHWH** has brought all this calamity on them.'"

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For **now** I have **chosen and sanctified** this house, that My name **may be there foreverⁱ**; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 17 **As for you**, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, **and** _____ do according to all that I have commanded you, and **if you keep My statutes and My judgments**, 18 **then** I will establish the throne of your kingdom _____, as I **covenanted with David** your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in _____ Israel.' 19 **But if you _____ turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments that I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them**, 20 **then** I will uproot them from My land, which I have given them; and this house **that I have sanctified for My name** I will cast out of My sight, **and** _____ will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 21 **And as for this house, which is exalted**, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has **YHWH** done thus to this land and _____ this house?' 22 **Then** they will answer, 'Because they forsook **YHWH, God of their fathers**, who brought them out of the land of **Egypt**, and _____ embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore **He** _____ has brought all this calamity on them.'"

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1 Kings 9:10-28 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

10 ¶ **Now** it happened at the end of twenty [20] years [Solomon-Reign: 20], **when** Solomon had built the two [2] houses: the house of **YHWH** and the king's house 11 (Hiram the king of **Tyre** had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and **gold**, as much as he desired),

that King Solomon **then** gave Hiram twenty [20] cities in the land of Galilee. 12 **Then** Hiram went from **Tyre** to see the cities **that** Solomon had given him, but they did not please him. 13 So he said, "What kind of cities are these **that** you have given me, my brother?" And he called them the land of **Cabul** ["binding"], as they are **to this day**. 14 **Then** Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty [120] talents of **gold**¹³.

15 ¶ And this *is* the reason for the labor force **that** King Solomon raised, to build: the house of **YHWH**, his own house,

¹³ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so ~\$96M.

2 Chronicles 8:1-18

Summary: Solomon's Construction

8:1 ¶ It came to pass at the end of twenty [20] years [Solomon-Reign: 20], **in which** Solomon had built:

the house of **YHWH** and his own house, 2

that the cities **that** Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built **them**; and he settled the children of Israel there.

[← ↑ v2: *Did they swap cities?*]

[or "good for nothing"]

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[This column parallels the next:]

the Millo [“rampart”/ “mound”],
the wall of Jerusalem,
Hazor [“castle”],
Megiddo [“place of crowds”], and
Gezer [“portion”]. 16

(Pharaoh king of Egypt
had gone up and taken Gezer
and burned it with fire,
had killed the Canaanites
who dwelt in the city, and
had given it as a dowry to his
daughter, Solomon’s wife.)

17 And Solomon built
Gezer,

Lower Beth Horon

[“house of hollowness”], 18

Baalath [“mistress”], and
Tadmor [“palm tree”]

in the wilderness; [and]
in the land of Judah, 19
all the storage cities
that Solomon had:
cities for his chariots and
cities for his cavalry; and
whatever Solomon desired to build
in Jerusalem,
in Lebanon, and
in all the land of his dominion.

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3 And Solomon went to
Hamath Zobah [“fortress
of Zobah”] and seized it.

4a He also built
4c all the storage cities
that he built in Hamath.

5 He _____ built

Upper Beth Horon and
Lower Beth Horon

[“house of hollowness”]:
fortified cities with
walls, gates, and bars; 6a also

4b Baalath [“mistress”] and
Tadmor [“palm tree”]
in the wilderness, and

6b all the storage cities
that Solomon had, and
all the chariot cities and
the cities of the cavalry, and
all that Solomon desired to build
in Jerusalem,
in Lebanon, and
in all the land of his dominion.

1 Kings 9

[This column parallels the next:]

20 All the people who were left of the
Amorites [“highlanders”],
Hittites [sons of Heth: Ge 10:15],
Perizzites [“rustics”],
Hivites [“tribesmen”], and
Jebusites [dwellers in Jebus],

who were not of the children of Israel
— 21 that is, their descendants who
were left in the land after them,
whom the children of Israel had
not been able to destroy completely
— from these Solomon raised forced
labor, as it is to this day. 22

But of the children of Israel Solomon
made no forced laborers,
because they were

men of war and his servants:
his officers, his captains,
commanders of his chariots, and
his cavalry. 23 [same Hebrew ?]

Others were chiefs of the officials
who were over Solomon’s work:
five hundred and fifty [550],
who ruled over the people
who did the work.

24 But
Pharaoh’s daughter came
up from the City of David to her
house that Solomon had built for her.

Then he built the Millo.

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7 All the people who were left of the
Hittites, [cf. 1Ch 1:13]
Amorites,
Perizzites,
Hivites, and
Jebusites,

who were not of _____ Israel
— 8 that is, their descendants who
were left in the land after them,
whom the children of Israel did
not _____ destroy _____
— from these Solomon raised forced
labor, as it is to this day. 9

But Solomon did not make the chil-
dren of Israel servants for his work.
Some _____ were

men of war,
captains of his officers,
captains of his chariots, and
his cavalry. 10

And others were chiefs of the officials
of King _____ Solomon _____:
two hundred and fifty [250],
who ruled over the people.
[copyist error?]

A Separate House for Pharaoh’s
Daughter

11 Now Solomon brought
the daughter of Pharaoh
up from the City of David to the
house he _____ had built for her,
for he said,
“My wife shall not dwell in the house
of David king of Israel, because the
places to which the ark of Y^{HWH} has
come are holy.”

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[This column parallels the next:]

25 **Now three [3] times a year**
Solomon offered burnt offerings
and peace offerings _____
on the altar _____ **that** he had
built for **YHWH** _____,
and he burned incense with them
on the altar that was **before YHWH**.

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Solomon Follows The Law

12 ¶ **Then**
Solomon offered burnt offerings
_____ to **YHWH**
on the altar of **YHWH** **that** he had
built _____ before the vestibule, 13

according to the **daily** rate, offering
according to the commandment of
Moses, for [cf. [Le 23:44](#)]
the **Sabbaths**,
the **New Moons**, and
the three [3] appointed **yearly** feasts:
the Feast of Unleavened Bread,
the Feast of Weeks [Harvest],
the Feast of Tabernacles
[[Ex 23:16b: Ingathering](#)]. 14

And,
according to the order of
David his father,
he appointed the divisions of
the priests for their service,
the Levites for their duties
(to **praise** and
serve before the priests)
as the duty of **each day**
_____ required, and
the gatekeepers by their divisions
at each gate;
for so **David the man of God** had
commanded. 15 They did not depart
from the command of the king to the
priests and Levites
concerning any matter or
concerning the treasuries.

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[This column parallels the next:]

_____ So he finished
the temple.

26 **King Solomon** also built a fleet of
ships at **Ezion Geber**,

which is near **Elath**

on the **shore of the Red Sea**,
in the land of **Edom**. 27 **Then**
Hiram sent
his servants with the fleet, **seamen**
who knew **the sea**, to work
with the servants of Solomon. 28 And
they went

to **Ophir**,

and acquired four hundred and **twenty**
[420] talents of **gold**¹⁴ from **there**,
and brought it to King Solomon.

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16 **Now** all the work of Solomon was
well-ordered
from the day of the foundation of
the house of YHWH
until it was finished. So
the house of YHWH was completed.

Solomon's Fleet of Ships

17 **Then** Solomon
went to **Ezion Geber**
[“backbone of a man”; city at
the head of the Gulf of Aqaba]
and _____ **Elath**
[“grove of lofty trees”; a port on
the northeast arm of the Red Sea,
the Gulf of Aqaba”]

on the **seacoast**,
in the land of **Edom**. 18 **And**
Hiram sent **him** ships by the hand of
his servants and _____ servants
who knew **the sea**.

They went
with the servants of Solomon
to **Ophir**
[“reducing to ashes”; a land
or city in southern Arabia
or in India (as the map shows)],
and acquired four hundred and **fifty**
[450] talents of **gold**¹⁵ from **there**,
and brought it to King Solomon.
[copyist error?]

[Audio: [Steve Gregg 1Ki 9-10](#)]

¹⁴ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so 420 x 800,000 ~\$336M.

¹⁵ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so 450 x 800,000 ~\$360M.

1 Kings 10:1-25 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

10:1 ¶ **Now when** the queen of **Sheba** heard of the fame of Solomon concerning **the name of YHWH**, she came to test **him** with hard questions. 2 **She came to Jerusalem** with a very great retinue: **with** camels that bore spices, **very much gold**, and precious stones; and **when** she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her **heart**. 3 So Solomon answered all her questions; **there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it** to her. 4 And **when** the queen of **Sheba** had seen all **the wisdom of Solomon**, the house that he had built, 5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, _____ and his entryway by which he went up to **the house of YHWH**, there was no more spirit in her [or breath: took her breath away]. 6

Then she said to the king: "It was a true report **that** I heard in my own **land** about your words and your wisdom. 7 However I did not believe the **words until** I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. **Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.**

2 Chronicles 9:1-24

The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

9:1 ¶ **Now when** the queen of **Sheba** heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to **Jerusalem** to test **Solomon** with hard questions, **having** _____ a very great retinue: _____ camels that bore spices, **gold in abundance**, and precious stones; and **when** she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her **heart**. 2 So Solomon answered all her questions; **there was nothing so difficult for Solomon that he could not explain it** to her. 3 And **when** the queen of **Sheba** had seen _____ **the wisdom of Solomon**, the house that he had built, 4 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers **and their apparel**, and his entryway by which he went up to **the house of YHWH**, there was no more spirit in her [or breath: left her breathless]. 5

Then she said to the king: "It was a true report **that** I heard in my own **land** about your words and your wisdom. 6 However I did not believe **their words until** I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half **of the greatness of your wisdom** was not told me. **You exceed the fame of which I heard.**

[This column parallels the next:]

8 Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand **continually** before you and hear your wisdom! 9 **Blessed** be **YHWH your God**, who delighted in you, setting you on **the throne of Israel!** Because **YHWH** _____ has loved Israel _____ **forever**, therefore **He made you king _____, to do justice and righteousness."** 10

Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty [120] talents of **gold** [~\$96M], spices in great **quantity**, and precious stones. There **never again** came such **abundance of spices** _____ as _____ the queen of **Sheba** gave to King Solomon. 11

Also, the **ships** _____ of Hiram, **which** brought **gold** from **Ophir**, brought **great quantities of almag wood** and precious stones **from Ophir**. 12 And the king made **steps** _____ of the **almag wood** for **the house of YHWH** and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. _____ There **never again** came such **almag wood**, nor has the like been seen **to this day**.

13 **Now** King Solomon gave _____ the queen of **Sheba** all she desired, whatever she asked, **besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity**. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

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7 Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand **continually** before you and hear your wisdom! 8 **Blessed** be **YHWH your God**, who delighted in you, setting you on **His throne to be king for YHWH your God!** Because **your God** has loved Israel, **to establish them forever**, therefore **He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."** 9

And she gave the king one hundred and twenty [120] talents of **gold** [~\$96M], spices in great **abundance**, and precious stones. There **never** were any spices **such as those** the queen of **Sheba** gave to King Solomon. 10

Also, the **servants** of Hiram and the **servants of Solomon**, who brought **gold** from **Ophir**, brought [sandalwood?] **almag wood** and precious stones _____. 11 And the king made **walkways of the almag wood** for **the house of YHWH** and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers; **and there were** _____ none such **as these** seen **before in the land of Judah**.

12 **Now** King Solomon gave **to the queen of Sheba** all she desired, whatever she asked, **much more than she had brought to the king**. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

1 Kings 10

[This column parallels the next:]

14 ¶ The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six [666] talents of gold [~\$533M], 15 besides that

from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.

16 And King Solomon made two hundred [200] large shields of hammered gold; six hundred [600] shekels of gold¹⁶ went into each shield.

17 He also made three hundred [300] shields of hammered gold; three [3] minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 19 The throne had six [6] steps,

and the top of the throne was round at the back;

there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two [2] lions stood beside the armrests. 20 Twelve [12] lions stood there, one on each side of the six [6] steps; nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom.

2 Chronicles 9

Solomon's Fame and Other Exploits

13 ¶ The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six [666] talents of gold [~\$533M], 14 besides what

the traveling merchants and traders brought; and all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

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there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two [2] lions stood beside the armrests. 19 Twelve [12] lions stood there, one on each side of the six [6] steps; nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom.

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21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three [3] years the merchant ships came bringing

gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys. 23

So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the lands [earth] in riches and wisdom [cf. 1Ki 3:12-13]. 24

Now all [the kings of] the lands [earth] sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 Each man brought his present:

articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, [taxes in tribute!] at a set rate year by year.

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¹⁶ A gold shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$800 = \$213.33, so 600 shekels =~ \$128,000, in 2008 dollars.

[All four columns are parallel:]

1 Kings 10:26-29 ||

26 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred [1,400] chariots and twelve thousand [12,000] horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

27 _____ The king made silver _____ as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores that are in the lowland. 28

Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh ["hope"; a place in Cilicia; aka Kue]; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price. 29 Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost _____ six hundred [600] shekels of silver¹⁷, and a horse _____ one hundred and fifty [150]; and thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

[1 Kings 11: see the 4th column →] [but first, 1 Kings 4, next page.]

¹⁷ A silver shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 600 shekels =~ \$1728, in 2008 dollars.

2 Chronicles 9:25-28 ||

25 Solomon had four thousand [4,000] stalls for horses and _____ chariots, [5 alternate pairs/chariot: 4,000 stalls, each holding a chariot and 10 horses?]

_____ and twelve thousand [12,000] horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. 26

So he reigned over all the kings from the [Euphrates] River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. 27

_____ The king made silver _____ as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores that are in the lowland. 28

And they brought horses to Solomon from Egypt and from all lands.

[→ → → →]

2 Chronicles 1:14-17 ||

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[← to and including, apparently]

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[→ → → →]

1 Kings 4:26 [Moved from below]

26 Solomon had forty thousand [40,000] stalls of horses for his chariots, [apparently each of the 4,000 big stalls contained 10 one-horse stalls?]

[↯ but only 1400 chariots?] and twelve thousand [12,000] horsemen.

[2Ch 9:29-31 parallels 1Ki 11:41-43] [1Ki 11:1-40 moved to June 7, preceding Ecclesiastes] [1Ki 11: 41ff moved to June 10, following Ecclesiastes] [2Ch 2:1-18 parallels 1Ki 5:2-18]

May 26

[Audio: Steve Gregg [1Ki 3-4](#)]

1 Kings 4:1-28 (less v26 above)

Solomon's Staff

4:1 ¶ So King Solomon was king over all

Israel. 2 And these were his officials:

Azariah [*“YHWH has helped”*]

the son of Zadok,

the [high] priest; 3

Elihoreph [*“harvest-time God”*] and

Ahijah [*“YHWH's brother”*], the

sons of Shisha [*“YHWH contends”*],

scribes;

Jehoshaphat [*“judged by YHWH”*] the

son of Ahilud [*“child's brother”*],

the recorder; 4

Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*] the

son of Jehoiada [*“YHWH knows”*],

over the army;

Zadok [*“righteous”*] and

[before he was deposed: [1Ki 2:35](#)]

Abiathar [*“great is my father”*],

the priests; 5

Azariah [*“YHWH has helped”*]

the son of Nathan [*“giver”*],

over the officers;

Zabud [*“given”*] the son of Nathan,

a priest and the king's friend; 6

Ahishar [*“my brother sang”*],

over the household; and

Adoniram [*“exalted is my lord”*]

the son of Abda [*“servant of YHWH”*],

over the labor force.

Solomon's Twelve Governors

7 And Solomon had twelve [12] gov-

ernors over all Israel, who provided

food for the king and his household;

each one made provision

for one month of the year. 8

These are their names:

Ben-Hur [*“son of whiteness”*],

in the mountains of [Ephraim](#); 9

Ben-Deker [*“son of stabbing”*],

in [Makaz](#) [*“end”*],

[Shaalbim](#) [*“place of foxes”*],

[Beth Shemesh](#)

[*“house of the sun”*], and

[Elon Beth Hanan](#)

[*“oak of the house of grace”*]; 10

Ben-Hesed [*“son of mercy”*],

in [Arubboth](#) [*“windows”*];

to him belonged [Sochoh](#) [*“bushy”*]

and all the land of

[Hepher](#) [*“a well”*; [Nu 26:32](#)]; 11

Ben-Abinadab [*“son of Abinadab”*],

in all the regions of

[Dor](#) [*“generation”*] —

he had [Taphath](#) [*“ornament”*]

the daughter of Solomon as wife; 12

Baana [*“in the affliction”*]

the son of Ahilud [*“child's brother”*],

in [Taanach](#) [*“sandy”*],

[Megiddo](#) [*“place of crowds”*], and

all [Beth Shean](#) [*“house of ease”*],

which is beside

[Zaretan](#) [*“their distress”*] below

[Jezreel](#) [*“God sows”*], from

[Beth Shean](#) to [Abel Meholah](#)

[*“meadow of dancing”*], as far as

the other side of [Jokneam](#)

[*“gathered by the people”*]; 13

Ben-Geber [*“the son of a man”*],

in [Ramoth](#) [*“heights”*]

[Gilead](#) [*“rocky region”*];

to him belonged the towns of [Jair](#)

[*“he enlightens”*]

the son of [Manasseh](#), in [Gilead](#);

to him also belonged the region of

[Argob](#) [*“heap of clods”*]

in [Bashan](#) [*“fruitful”*] —

sixty [60] large cities with walls and

bronze gate-bars; 14

Ahinadab [*“noble is my brother”*]

the son of Iddo [*“His witness”*],

in [Mahanaim](#) [*“two camps”*]; 15

Ahimaaz [*“wrath is my brother”*],

in [Naphtali](#) —

he also took [Basemath](#) [*“spice”*]

the daughter of Solomon as wife; 16

Baanah [*“in the affliction”*]

the son of Hushai [*“hasting”*],

in [Asher](#) and [Aloth](#)

[*“mistresses”*]; 17

Jehoshaphat [*“judged by YHWH”*]

the son of Paruah [*“sprout”*],

in [Issachar](#); 18

Shimei [*“renowned”*]

the son of Elah [*“oak”*],

in [Benjamin](#); 19

Geber [*“warrior”*]

the son of Uri [*“fiery”*],

in the land of [Gilead](#),

in the country

of Sihon king of the [Amorites](#),

and

of Og king of [Bashan](#).

He was the only governor who was in the land.

[12 governors in all, one for each month]

Stable Status of Solomon's Reign

20 ¶ [Judah](#) and [Israel](#) were as numerous

as the sand by the sea in multitude,

eating and drinking and rejoicing. 21

So Solomon reigned over all kingdoms

from the [\[Euphrates\] River](#)

to the land of the Philistines,

as far as the border of [Egypt](#).

They brought tribute and served Sol-

omon all the days of his life. 22 Now

Solomon's provision for one day was:

thirty [30] kors¹⁸ of fine flour,

sixty [60] kors of meal, 23

ten [10] fatted oxen,

twenty [20] oxen from the pastures,

and

one hundred [100] sheep,

besides

deer,

gazelles,

roebucks, and

fatted fowl. 24

For he had dominion over

all the region on this side of

the [\[Euphrates\] River](#)

from [Tiphshah](#) [*“cross over”*]

even to [Gaza](#) [*“the strong”*],

namely over

all the kings on this side of

the [\[Euphrates\] River](#);

and he had peace on every side

all around him. 25

And [Judah](#) and [Israel](#) dwelt safely,

each man under

his vine and his fig tree,

from [Dan](#) [north]

as far as [Beersheba](#) [south],

all the days of Solomon. [Thanks to David's conquests.]

[4:26 moved to parallel 10:26 above]

27 And these governors,

each man in his month,

provided food

for King Solomon and

for all who came to

King Solomon's table.

There was no lack in their supply. 28

They also brought barley and straw to

the proper place,

for the horses and steeds,

each man according to his charge.

¹⁸ Each (dry) kor is 6.25 bushels.

The Writings of Solomon

Starting With Some Background
(1 Ki 4:29-34) & Psalms 72 & 127

1 Kings 4:29-34

God Gave Solomon Wisdom

29 ¶ And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. 30 Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31

For he was wiser than all men — than [cf. 1Ch 2:6:] Ethan ["enduring"] the Ezrahite, and

Heman ["faithful"], [↓ or Calcol] Chalcol ["sustaining";], and Darda ["pearl of knowledge"], the [3] sons of Mahol ["dancing"]; and his fame was in [↖ only ref.] all the surrounding nations. 32

He spoke three thousand [3,000] proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five [1,005]. 33 Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish. 34

And men of all nations, from all the kings of the lands [earth] who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

[1Ki 5 was in order on May 21]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 3-4]

Psalm 72

Give The King Your Judgments, O God

72:1 ¶ <A Psalm of Solomon.>

Give the king

Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness

to the king's Son. 2 ¶

He [the Messiah] will judge

Your people with righteousness, and

Your poor with justice. 3

The mountains will bring peace

to the people, and

the little hills,

by righteousness. 4

He will bring justice

to the poor of the people;

He will save the children

of the needy, and

will break in pieces the oppressor. 5

They shall fear You

as long as the sun and moon endure,

throughout all generations. 6

[vv6-19: He/Him/His:

the Messiah: v15b, 17b]

He shall come down

like rain upon the grass

before mowing,

like showers

that water the lands [earth]. 7

In His days

the righteous shall flourish, and

abundance of peace,

until the moon is no more. 8

He shall have dominion also

from sea to sea, and

from the [Euphrates] River

to the ends of the lands [earth]. 9

Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and

His enemies will lick the dust. 10

The kings [↑ Ge 3:14]

of Tarshish and

of the isles

will bring presents;

The kings of Sheba and Seba

will offer gifts. 11

Yes,

All kings shall fall down before Him;

All nations shall serve Him. 12

For He will deliver

the needy when he cries,

the poor also, and

him who has no helper. 13

He will spare the poor and needy,

and will save the souls of the needy. 14

He will redeem their life

from oppression and violence;

And precious shall be their blood

in His sight. 15

And He shall live;

And the gold of Sheba will be given

to Him;

Prayer also will be made

for Him continually,

And daily He shall be praised. 16

There will be an abundance of grain

in the land [earth],

in the top of the mountains;

Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; and

those of the city shall flourish

like grass of the land [earth]. 17

His name shall endure

forever;

His name shall continue

as long as the sun.

And men shall be blessed in Him;

All nations shall call Him blessed.

18 ¶

Blessed be

YHWH God, the God of Israel,

Who only does wondrous things! 19

And blessed be

His glorious name forever!

And let the whole land [earth]

be filled with His glory.

Amen and Amen. 20

The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended. [Prayers, not songs.]

Psalm 127

Unless YHWH Builds The House

127:1 ¶ <A Song of Ascents.

Of Solomon.>

Unless YHWH builds the house,

They labor in vain who build it;

Unless YHWH guards the city,

The watchman stays awake in vain. 2

It is vain for you

to rise up early,

to sit up late,

to eat the bread of sorrows;

For so He gives His beloved sleep. 3

Behold,

children are a heritage from YHWH,

the fruit of the womb is a reward; 4

like arrows in the hand of a warrior,

so are

the children of one's youth; 5

happy is the man

who has his quiver full of them;

they

shall not be ashamed, but

shall speak with their enemies

in the gate.

May 27

Proverbs ii

[Audio: S. Gregg Intro'n 1, 2, 3, 4]

Proverbs 1 [Overview 1, 2; Survey 1-2]

The Proverbs of Solomon

[Genre of literature: **wisdom**,

along with Ecclesiastes, Job, etc.]

Introduction (1:1-7)

1 ¶ The proverbs of Solomon

the son of David, king of Israel: 2

To know wisdom and instruction,

To perceive the words of understanding, 3

To receive the instruction of

wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; 4

To give prudence

to the simple,

to the young man

knowledge and discretion — 5

a wise man

will hear and increase learning, and

a man of understanding

will attain wise counsel, 6

To understand

a proverb and an enigma,

the words of the wise and their riddles.

7 ¶

The fear of YHWH is

The beginning of knowledge, *But*

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8

Warning: Youthful Neglect of Wisdom

My son, (1:8-19)

Hear the instruction of your father, and

Do not forsake the law of your mother; 9

For they will be

a graceful ornament on your head, and

chains about your neck.

10 ¶

My son,

If sinners entice you, do not consent. 11

If they say,

“Come with us,

Let us lie in wait to shed blood;

Let us lurk secretly

for the innocent without cause; 12

Let us swallow them alive

like Sheol [place of dead], and whole,

like those who go down to the Pit; 13

We shall find

all kinds of precious possessions,

We shall fill our houses with spoil; 14

Cast in your lot among us,

Let us all have one purse” — 15

My son,

Do not walk in the way with them,

Keep your foot from their path; 16

For

their feet run to evil, and

they make haste to shed blood. 17

Surely,

in vain the net is spread

in the sight of any bird; 18 but

they lie in wait for their own blood,

They lurk secretly for their own lives. 19

So are the ways of everyone

who is greedy for gain; [the greed:]

it takes away the life of its owners.

20 ¶

Wisdom, to the Simple-Minded (1:20-33)

Wisdom calls aloud

outside;

She raises her voice

in the open squares; 21

She cries out

in the chief concourses;

at the openings of the gates in the city

She speaks her words: 22

“How long, you simple ones,

will you love simplicity? For

Scorners delight in their scorning, and

Fools hate knowledge. 23

Turn at my rebuke;

Surely

I will pour out my spirit on you;

I will make my words known to you. 24

Because

I have called and you refused,

I have stretched out my hand and

no one regarded, 25

Because you

disdained all my counsel, and
would have none of my rebuke, 26

I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock

when your terror comes, 27

when your terror comes

like a storm,

and your destruction comes

like a whirlwind,

when distress and anguish

come upon you. 28

Then they will call on me, but

I will not answer;

They will seek me diligently, but

they will not find me. 29

because they

hated knowledge and

did not choose

the fear of YHWH. 30

They would have none of my counsel

And despised my every rebuke. 31

Therefore they shall

eat the fruit of their own way, and

be filled to the full

with their own fancies. 32

For

the turning away of the simple

will slay them, and

the complacency of fools

will destroy them; 33

But whoever listens to me

will dwell safely, and

will be secure,

without fear of evil.”

Proverbs 2

Exhortation to Observe Parental

Instructions and Commands (Ch. 2-7)

2:1 ¶ My son,

If you

receive my words, and

treasure my commands within you, 2

so that you

incline your ear to wisdom, and

apply your heart to understanding; 3

Yes,

If you

cry out for discernment, and

lift up your voice for understanding, 4

If you

seek her as silver, and

search for her as for hidden treasures, 5

Then you will [come to]

understand the fear of YHWH, and

find the knowledge of God. 6

For YHWH gives wisdom;

From His mouth come

knowledge and understanding; 7

He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;

He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; 8

He guards the paths of justice, and

preserves the way of His saints. 9

Then you will [come to] understand

righteousness and justice,

equity and every good path.

10 ¶

When

wisdom enters your heart, and

knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11

Discretion will preserve you;

Understanding will keep you, 12

to deliver you

from the way of evil,

from the man

who speaks perverse things, 13

from those

who leave

the paths of uprightness

to walk in

the ways of darkness; 14

who rejoice in doing evil, and

delight in the perversity

of the wicked; 15

whose ways are crooked, and

who are devious in their paths; 16

to deliver you

from the immoral woman,

from the seductress

who flatters with her words, 17

who forsakes the companion

of her youth, and

who forgets the covenant
of her God; 18
for her house leads down to death,
and her paths to the dead; 19
none who go to her return,
nor do they regain the paths of life

— 20

So you may
walk in the way of goodness, and
keep to the paths of righteousness. 21
For the upright will dwell in the land,
and the blameless will remain in it; 22
but the wicked will be
cut off from the land [earth],
and the unfaithful will be
uprooted from it.

Proverbs 3 [Audio: S. G. Survey 3]

3:1 ¶ My son,
Do not forget my law, but
Let your heart keep my commands; 2 for
length of days and
long life and
peace
they will add to you. 3
Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart, 4
and so find favor and high esteem
in the sight of God and man. 5
Trust in YHWH with all your heart, and
Lean not on your own understanding; 6
in all your ways
Acknowledge Him, and
He shall direct your paths.

7 ¶
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear YHWH and
Depart from evil. 8
It will be
health to your flesh, and
strength to your bones. 9
Honor YHWH
with your possessions, and
with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10

So
your barns will be filled with plenty, and
your vats will overflow with new wine.
[Quoted in He 12:5b-6 (LXX)]

11 My son,
Do not despise the chastening of YHWH,
Nor detest His correction; 12
For whom YHWH loves He corrects,
Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

13 ¶
Happy is
the man who finds wisdom, and
the man who gains understanding; 14
For her proceeds are better than
the profits of silver, and
her gain than
fine gold. 15

She is more precious than
rubies, and
all the things you may desire
cannot compare with her. 16
Length of days is
in her right hand,
in her left hand
riches and honor. 17
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all
Her paths are peace. 18 [↓ Re 2:7, 22:2.14]
She is a tree of life [Ge 3:22-24] to those
who take hold of her, and
happy are all
who retain her. 19

YHWH
by wisdom
founded the land [earth];
by understanding
He established the heavens; 20
by His knowledge [↓ evaporated?]
the depths were broken up, and
clouds drop down the dew.

21 ¶ My son,
Let them not depart from your eyes —
Keep sound wisdom and discretion; 22 so
they will be
life to your soul and
grace to your neck. 23

Then you will walk safely in your way,
And your foot will not stumble. 24

When you lie down,
you will not be afraid;
Yes, you will lie down and
your sleep will be sweet. 25

Do not be afraid
of sudden terror, nor
of trouble from the wicked
when it comes; 26 for

YHWH
will be your confidence, and
will keep your foot from being caught.

27 ¶
Do not withhold good
from those to whom it is due,
when it is in the power of your hand
to do good [so]. 28

Do not say to your neighbor,
“Go, and come back, and
tomorrow I will give it,”
when you have it with you. 29

Do not devise evil against your neighbor,
for he dwells by you for safety’s sake. 30
Do not strive with a man without cause,
if he has done you no harm. 31

Do not envy the oppressor, and
choose none of his ways; 32 for:
The perverse person is
an abomination to YHWH, but
His secret counsel is with the upright. 33
[Am 3:7]

The curse of YHWH is on
the house of the wicked, but
He blesses
the home of the just. 34 Surely
He scorns [LXX: resists]
the scornful, [LXX: the proud]
but gives grace to the humble. 35
[LXX quoted in Ja 4:6b; 1Pe 5:5c]

The wise
shall inherit
glory, but
shame
shall be the legacy of
fools.

Proverbs 4 [Audio: S. G. Survey 4-5]

4:1 ¶
Hear, my children,
the instruction of a father, and
Give attention to know understanding; 2
for I give you good teaching [doctrine]:
Do not forsake my law. 3

When I was my father’s son,
tender and [an only child of my mother:]
the only one in the sight of my mother, 4
He also taught me, and said to me:
“Let your heart retain my words;
Keep my commands, and live. 5
Get wisdom!
Get understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn away from
the words of my mouth. 6
Do not forsake her, and
she will preserve you;
Love her, and she will keep you. 7
Wisdom is the principal thing;
therefore
Get wisdom; and
in all your getting,
Get understanding. 8
Exalt her, and
She will promote you;
She will bring you honor,
when you embrace her. 9
She will place on your head
an ornament of grace;
a crown of glory
She will deliver to you.” 10

Hear, my son, and
Receive my sayings, and
the years of your life will be many. 11
I have taught you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in right paths. 12
When you walk,
your steps will not be hindered, and
When you run,
you will not stumble. 13
Take firm hold of instruction,
Do not let [her] go;
Keep her, for she is your life.

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14 ¶

Avoid The Ways Of The Wicked

Do **not** enter the path of the wicked, and
Do **not** walk in the way of evil. 15

Avoid it,
Do not travel on it;
Turn away from it and **pass on**. 16

For
they do not sleep
unless they have done evil; and
their sleep is taken away
unless they make *someone* fall. 17

For they
eat the bread of wickedness, and
drink the wine of violence. 18

But [cf. [Is 60:1-3](#); [Mt 24:27](#) || [Lu 17:24](#)]
the path of the just is like
the shining sun,
that shines ever brighter
unto the perfect day; 19
the way of the wicked is like
darkness; they do not know
what makes them stumble.

20 ¶

Incline Your Ear To My Sayings

My son,
Give attention to
my words;
Incline your ear to
my sayings. 21

Do not let
them depart from your eyes;
Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22
for they are
life to those who find them, and
health to all their flesh. 23

Keep your heart with all diligence,
for out of it spring the issues of life. 24
Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and
Put perverse lips far from you. 25
Let your eyes look straight ahead, and
your eyelids look right before you. 26

Ponder the path of your feet, and
Let all your ways be established. 27
Do not turn to the right or the left;
Remove your foot from evil.

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Proverbs 5

Wisdom, Not The Immoral Woman

5:1 ¶ My son,
Pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding, 2
[two reasons:] that
you may preserve discretion, and
your lips may keep knowledge. 3

For [cf. [Ch. 7](#)]
the lips of an immoral woman
drip honey, and
her mouth is smoother than oil; 4
but in the end she is
bitter as wormwood,
sharp as a two-edged sword; 5
her feet go down to death, [i.e., *sheol*]
her steps lay hold of the grave [hell]. 6
Lest you ponder her path of life —
her ways are unstable;
you do not know them. 7
Therefore,

Hear me now, my children, and

Do not depart from
the words of my mouth. 8

Remove your way far from her, and
Do not go near the door of her house, 9
lest you give
your honor to others, and
your years to the cruel one; 10

lest
aliens be filled with your wealth, and
your labors go to
the house of a foreigner; 11 and
you mourn at last,
when your flesh and your body
are consumed, 12 and [you] say:

“How
I have hated instruction, and
My heart despised correction! 13

I have
not obeyed
the voice of my teachers,
nor inclined my ear to
those who instructed me! 14

I was on the verge of total ruin,
in the midst of the
assembly and
congregation.”

15 ¶

Be Enraptured By Your Own Wife

Drink
water from your own cistern, and
running water from your own well; 16
should
your fountains be dispersed abroad,
streams of water in the streets? 17

Let them be
only your own, and
not for strangers with you. 18

Let your fountain
be blessed, and
rejoice in [with]
the wife of your youth. 19 As

a loving deer and
a graceful doe,
let her breasts satisfy you
at all times; and
always
be enraptured with her love; 20
for why should you, my son,
be enraptured by
an immoral woman, and
be embraced in the arms of
a seductress? 21

For

the ways of man are
before the eyes of YHWH, and
He [YHWH] ponders
all his paths; 22
his own iniquities
entrap the wicked man, and
he is caught in the cords of
his sin; 23
he shall die
for lack of instruction, and
in the greatness of his folly
he shall go astray.

[4:23 cf. [Mt 15:11](#) || [Mk 7:15](#)]

Proverbs 6 [Audio: [S. Gregg 6:1-19](#)]

Free Yourself From Surety

6:1 ¶ My son,
If you become
surety for your friend,
If you have shaken hands in
pledge for a stranger, 2

[Then]
you are snared
by the words of your mouth;
you are taken
by the words of your mouth. 3

So
do this, my son, and
deliver yourself —
for you have come into
the hand of your friend — :
go and humble yourself;
plead with your friend; 4
give
no sleep to your eyes,
nor slumber to your eyelids; 5
deliver yourself
like a gazelle from
the hand of the hunter, and
like a bird from
the hand of the fowler.

6 ¶

Learn From The Ant, Sluggard!

Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise, 7
which, having no
captain,
overseer, or
ruler, 8
provides her supplies
in the summer, and
gathers her food
in the harvest. 9
How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep? 10

A little sleep,
A little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep — 11
so shall
your poverty come on you
like a prowler, and
your need
like an armed man.

12 ¶
A Wicked Man
A worthless person, a wicked man,
walks with a perverse mouth; 13
he winks with his eyes,
he shuffles his feet,
he points with his fingers; 14
perversity is in his heart,
he devises evil continually,
he sows discord; 15
therefore
his calamity
shall come
suddenly;
suddenly he
shall be
broken without remedy.

16
Seven Things YHWH Hates
These six things YHWH hates, yes,
Seven are an abomination to Him: 17
a proud look,
a lying tongue, [*e.g., unborn babies*]
hands that shed innocent blood, 18
a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that are swift in running to evil, 19
a false witness who speaks lies, and
one who sows discord among brethren.

20 ¶
Aviod The Adulteress [Audio: 6:20-7:27]
My son,
Keep your father's command, and
Do not forsake the law of your mother. 21
Bind them continually upon your heart;
Tie them around your neck. 22
When you roam, they will lead you;
When you sleep, they will keep you; and
When you awake, they will speak with you.

23
For [*cf. Ps 119:105*]
the commandment is a lamp, and
the law a light;
[the] reproofs of instruction are
the way of life, 24 to keep you
from the evil woman,
from the flattering tongue of
a seductress. 25
Do not lust after her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her allure you with her eyelids; 26
for by means of a harlot
A man is reduced to
a crust of bread; and
An adulteress will prey upon
his precious life. 27
Can a man take fire to his bosom,
and his clothes not be burned? 28
Can one walk on hot coals,
and his feet not be seared? 29
So is he
who goes in to his neighbor's wife;
whoever touches her
shall not be innocent. 30

People do not despise a thief
if he steals to satisfy himself
when he is starving; 31
yet when he is found,
he must restore sevenfold [7x];
he may have to give up
all the substance of his house. 32
Whoever commits adultery with a woman
lacks understanding;
He who does so
destroys his own soul: 33
wounds and dishonor he will get, and
his reproach will not be wiped away; 34
for jealousy is a husband's fury;
therefore
he will not spare
in the day of vengeance; 35
he will accept no recompense, nor
will
he be appeased
though you give many gifts.

Proverbs 7

Keep My Words to Aviod Seduction

7:1 ¶ My son,
Keep my words, and
Treasure my commands within you. 2
Keep
my commands and live, and
my law as the apple of your eye. 3
Bind them on your fingers;
Write them on the tablet of your heart. 4
Say to wisdom,
“You are my sister”, and
Call understanding your nearest kin, 5
[Reason:] that they may keep you
from the immoral woman,
from the seductress
who flatters with her words; 6
for at the window of my house
I looked through my lattice, 7 and saw
among the simple,
I perceived among the youths,
a young man
devoid of understanding, 8
passing along the street
near her corner; and
he took the path to her house 9
in the twilight,
in the evening,
in the black and dark night; 10
and there
a woman met him, with
the attire of a harlot, and
a crafty heart; 11
she was loud and rebellious,
her feet would not stay at home: 12
at times outside,
at times in the open square,
lurking at every corner; 13 so
she caught him and kissed him;
with an impudent face,
she said to him: 14
“I have peace offerings with me; today
I have paid my vows; 15 so
I came out to meet you,
diligently to seek your face, and
I have found you. 16

I have spread my bed with tapestry,
colored coverings of Egyptian linen. 17
I have perfumed my bed with
myrrh,
aloes, and
cinnamon. 18
Come,
Let us take our fill of love
until morning;
Let us delight ourselves with love; 19
for my husband is not at home;
he has gone on a long journey; 20
he has taken a bag of money
with him, and
he will come home
on the appointed day.” 21
With her enticing speech
she caused him to yield,
With her flattering lips
she seduced him. 22
Immediately,
he went after her,
as an ox goes
to the slaughter, or
as a fool
to the correction of the stocks, 23
till an arrow struck his liver.
As a bird hastens to the snare,
he did not know it would cost his life.

24 ¶
Now therefore,
Listen to me, my children;
Pay attention to the words of my mouth: 25
Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths; 26 for
she has cast down
many wounded, and
all who were slain by her
were strong men; 27
her house is [*e.g., Hebrew: sheol*]
the way to the grave [hell],
descending to
the chambers of death.

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[Audio: Steve Gregg [Survey 8-9](#)]

Proverbs 8

8:1 ¶

Wisdom Personified

Does not

wisdom cry out, and
understanding lift up her voice? 2

She takes her stand
on the top of the high hill,
beside the way,
where the paths meet. 3

She cries out
by the gates,
at the entry of the city,
at the entrance of the doors: 4

“To you, O men,
I call, and
my voice is

To the sons of men. 5

O you simple ones,
understand prudence, and
you fools,
be of an understanding heart. 6

Listen,
for I will speak of
excellent things, and
from the opening of my lips will come
right things; 7

for my mouth will speak
truth;
wickedness is
an abomination to my lips. 8

All the words of my mouth are with
righteousness;
nothing crooked or perverse
is in them. 9

They are all
plain [*straight*: cf. 9:15] to him
who understands, and
right [*straight*: cf. 9:15] to those
who find knowledge. 10

Receive

my instruction, and
not [only] silver, and
knowledge [↓ not just]
rather than choice gold; 11
for wisdom is better than
rubies, and
all the things one may desire
cannot be compared with
her.

12 ¶

I, wisdom,
dwell with prudence, and
find out
knowledge and
discretion. 13

The fear of YHWH is to hate
evil;
pride and
arrogance and
the evil way and
the perverse mouth

I hate. 14

Counsel is mine, and
sound wisdom;

I am understanding,

I have strength. 15

By me
kings reign, and
rulers decree justice. 16

By me
princes rule, and
nobles,
all the judges of the land [earth]. 17

I love
those who love me, and
those who seek me diligently

will find me. 18

Riches and honor
are with me,

Enduring riches and righteousness. 19

My fruit is better
than gold, yes,
than fine gold, and

My revenue
than choice silver. 20

I traverse

the way of righteousness,
in the midst of
the paths of justice, 21
That I may cause those who love me
to inherit wealth,
That I may
fill their treasuries.

22 ¶

YHWH [already] possessed me
at the beginning of His way,
before His works of old. 23

I have been established
from everlasting,
from the beginning. [*← Ge 1:1 ↓*]
before there was ever dirt [earth]. 24
When there were no depths [*Ge 1:2*]

I was brought forth [*into display*],
When there were no fountains
abounding with water. 25

Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills,

I was brought forth, 26

While as yet He had not made
the dirt [earth] or the fields, or
the primeval dust of the world. 27

When He prepared the heavens,
I was there, [*↑ stretched out*]

When He drew a circle [*an arc*] on
the face of the deep, 28

When He made strong [established]
the clouds above, [*↑ tēhowm*]

When He strengthened
the fountains of the deep, 29

When He assigned
to the sea its limit, so that
the waters would not transgress

His command,
When He marked out
the foundations of the land [earth],

30 Then
I was beside Him
as a master craftsman; and

I was daily His delight,
Rejoicing always before Him, 31
Rejoicing in His inhabited world, and

My delight was with the sons of men.

32 ¶

Now therefore, listen to me, my children,
for blessed are those who

Keep my ways. 33

Hear instruction and
be wise, and

Do not disdain it. 34

Blessed is the man who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting at the posts of my doors. 35

For whoever finds me
finds life, and
obtains favor from YHWH; 36

But he who sins against me
wrongs his own soul;

All those who hate me love death.”

Proverbs 9 Contrast of Pleas 9:1 ¶

Wisdom's Plea

Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars; 2
She has slaughtered her meat,
She has mixed her wine,
She has also furnished her table. 3
She has sent out her maidens,
She cries out from

the highest places of the city, 4
“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
As for him who lacks understanding,

She says to him, 5

“Come,
eat of my bread and
drink of the wine I have mixed. 6
Forsake foolishness and live, and
Go in the way of understanding. 7

He who corrects a scoffer
gets shame for himself, and
He who rebukes a wicked man
only harms himself. 8

Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. 9
Give instruction to a wise man,

and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just [righteous] man,
and he will increase in learning. 10

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The fear of YHWH is
the beginning of wisdom, and
The knowledge of the Holy One is
understanding. 11 [Cf. Jer 9:23-24 ↕]
For by me [wisdom] [& Jn 5:39-40]
your days will be multiplied, and
years of life will be added to you.” 12
If you are wise,
you are wise for yourself, and
If you scoff,
you will bear it alone.

13 ¶ The Foolish Woman's Plea

A foolish woman
is clamorous,
is simple, and
knows nothing. 14
For she sits
at the door of her house,
on a seat by
the highest places of the city, 15
to call to those
who pass by,
who go straight on their way: 16
“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here”;
[same as wisdom, above: v4] and
As for him who lacks understanding,
she says to him, 17
“Stolen water is sweet, and
Bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” 18
But he does not know
that the dead are
there,
that her guests are in [, Hebrew: sheol]
the depths of the grave [hell].

Proverbs 10 [Audio: Survey 10-30] Solomon's Notebook (10:1-22:16)

10:1 ¶ The Proverbs of Solomon:

A wise son makes a glad father, but
A foolish son is the grief of his mother.
2 ¶
Treasures of wickedness
profit nothing, but
righteousness
delivers from death.

3
YHWH will not allow
the righteous soul to famish, but
He casts away the desire of
the wicked.
4 ¶
He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
5 ¶
He who gathers in summer is a wise son;
He who sleeps in harvest is a son
who causes shame.
6 ¶
Blessings are on the head of the righteous,
but
Violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
7 ¶
The memory of the righteous is blessed,
but
The name of the wicked will rot.
8 ¶
The wise in heart will receive commands,
But a prating fool will fall. [Cf. v10b]
9 ¶
He who walks with integrity
walks securely, but
He who perverts his ways
will become known.
10 ¶
He who winks with the eye
causes trouble,
But a prating fool will fall. [Cf. v8b]
11 ¶
The mouth of the righteous is
a well of life, but
violence covers
The mouth of the wicked.
12 ¶
Hatred stirs up strife, but
Love covers all sins.
13 ¶
Wisdom is found on the lips of him
who has understanding, but
A rod is for the back of him
who is devoid of understanding.
14 ¶
Wise people store up knowledge, but
The mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
15 ¶

The rich man's wealth is his strong city;
The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
16 ¶
The labor of the righteous leads to life,
The wages of the wicked to sin.
17 ¶
He who keeps instruction
is in the way of life, but
He who refuses correction
goes astray.
18 ¶
Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, and
Whoever spreads slander is a fool.
19 ¶
In the multitude of words
sin is not lacking, but
He who restrains his lips is wise.
20 ¶
The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;
The heart of the wicked is worth little.
21
The lips of the righteous feed many,
But fools die for lack of wisdom.
22 ¶
The blessing of YHWH makes one rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.
23 ¶
To do evil is like sport to a fool,
But a man of understanding has wisdom.
24 ¶
The fear of the wicked
will come upon him, and
The desire of the righteous
will be granted.
25
When the whirlwind passes by,
the wicked is no more, but
the righteous has
An everlasting foundation.
26 ¶
As vinegar to the teeth and
smoke to the eyes, so is
the lazy man to those who send him.
27 ¶
The fear of YHWH prolongs
days, but the
years of the wicked will be
shortened.
28

The hope of the righteous
will be [is?] gladness, but
The expectation of the wicked
will perish.
29 ¶
The way of YHWH is
strength
for the upright, but
destruction
for¹⁹ the workers of iniquity.
30
The righteous will never be removed²⁰,
but
The wicked will not inhabit
the land [earth].
31 ¶
The mouth of the righteous
brings forth wisdom, but
the perverse tongue
will be cut out; 32
the lips of the righteous
know what is acceptable, but
The mouth of the wicked
[knows/brings forth] what is perverse.

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Proverbs 11

11:1 ¶
Dishonest scales are
an abomination to YHWH, but
a just weight is
His delight.
2 ¶
When pride comes, then comes shame;
But with the humble is wisdom.
3 ¶
The integrity of the upright
will guide them, but
The perversity of the unfaithful
will destroy them.
4 ¶

¹⁹ NKJ: will come to
²⁰ [from the land of their inheritance]
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Riches do not profit in
the day of wrath, but
Righteousness delivers from
death.

5 ¶ The righteousness of the blameless
will direct his way aright, but
the wicked
will fall by his own wickedness. 6

The righteousness of the upright
will deliver them, but
the unfaithful
will be caught by their lust.

7 ¶ When a wicked man dies,
his expectation will perish, and
the hope of the unjust perishes.

8 ¶ The righteous
is delivered from
trouble, and it
comes to
the wicked instead.

9 ¶ The hypocrite with his mouth destroys
his neighbor, but through knowledge
The righteous will be delivered.

10 ¶ When it goes well with the righteous,
the city rejoices; and
When the wicked perish,
there is jubilation. 11

By the blessing of the upright
the city is exalted,
but
it is overthrown
By the mouth of the wicked.

12 ¶ He who is devoid of wisdom
despises his neighbor, but
A man of understanding
holds his peace. 13

A talebearer
reveals secrets, but
He who is of a faithful spirit
conceals a matter.

14 ¶

Where there is no counsel,
the people fall; but
In the multitude of counselors
there is safety.

15 ¶ He who is surety for a stranger
will suffer, but
One who hates being surety
is secure.

16 ¶ A gracious woman retains honor,
But ruthless men retain riches.

17 ¶ The merciful man does good for
his own soul, but
He who is cruel troubles
his own flesh.

18 ¶ The wicked man
does deceptive work, but
He who sows righteousness
will have a sure reward.

19 ¶ As righteousness leads
to life,
So he who pursues evil pursues it
to his own death.

20 ¶ Those who are of a perverse heart are
an abomination to YHWH, but
The blameless in their ways are
His delight.

21 ¶ Though they join forces, the wicked
will not go unpunished; but
The posterity of the righteous
will be delivered.

22 ¶ As a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

23 ¶ The desire of the righteous is only good,
The expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24 ¶ There is one who scatters,
yet increases more; and

There is one who withholds
more than is right,
but it leads to poverty.

25 ¶ The generous soul
will be made rich, and
He who waters
will also be watered himself.

26 ¶ The people will
curse him
who withholds grain, but
blessing will be on the head of him
Who sells it.

27 ¶ He who earnestly seeks good
finds favor, but
trouble will come to
him who seeks evil.

28 ¶ He who trusts in his riches
will fall, but
the righteous
will flourish like foliage.

29 ¶ He who troubles his own house
will inherit the wind, and
the fool
will be servant to the wise of heart.

30 ¶ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who wins souls is wise.

31 ¶ [LXX version quoted in 1Pe 4:18]
If the righteous will be
recompensed on the land [earth],
How much more
the ungodly and
the sinner.

Proverbs 12

12:1 ¶ Whoever
loves instruction
loves knowledge, but
He who
hates correction is stupid.

2 ¶

A good man
obtains favor from YHWH, but
A man of wicked intentions
He will condemn.

3 ¶ A man is not established by wickedness,
but
The root of the righteous cannot be moved.

4 ¶ An excellent wife is
the crown of her husband, but
She who causes shame is
like rotteness in his bones.

5 ¶ The thoughts of the righteous are right,
The counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

6 ¶ The words of the wicked are,
“Lie in wait for blood”, but
The mouth of the upright
will deliver them.

7 ¶ The wicked
are overthrown and
are no more, but
The house of the righteous
will stand.

8 ¶ A man
will be commended
according to his wisdom, but
He who is of a perverse heart
will be despised.

9 ¶ Better is the one who is slighted
but has a servant,
Than he who honors himself
but lacks bread.

10 ¶ A righteous man
regards the life of his animal, but
the tender mercies of
The wicked are cruel.

11 ¶ He who tills his land will be
satisfied with bread, but
He who follows frivolity is
devoid of understanding.

12 ¶ The wicked covet the catch of evil men,
 But the root of the righteous yields fruit.

13 ¶ The wicked
 is ensnared
 by the transgression of his lips, but
 The righteous
 will come
 through trouble.

14 ¶ A man will be satisfied with good by
 the fruit of his mouth, and
 the recompense of a man's hands
 will be rendered to him.

15 ¶ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
 [cf. 21:2; De 12:8; Jud 17:6, 21:25]

But he who heeds counsel is wise.

16 ¶ A fool's wrath is known at once,
 But a prudent man covers shame.

17 ¶ He who speaks truth declares
 righteousness, but
 A false witness,
 deceit.

18 ¶ There is one who speaks like
 the piercings of a sword, but
 the tongue of the wise
 promotes health.

19 ¶ The truthful lip shall be
 established forever, but
 A lying tongue is
 but for a moment.

20 ¶ Deceit is in the heart of
 those who devise evil, but
 counselors of peace
 Have joy.

21 ¶ No grave trouble will overtake
 the righteous, but
 the wicked
 Shall be filled with evil.

22 ¶ Lying lips are
 an abomination to YHWH, but
 Those who deal truthfully are
 His delight.

23 ¶ A prudent man conceals knowledge, but
 The heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

24 ¶ The hand of the diligent will rule, but
 The lazy man will be put to forced labor.

25 ¶ Anxiety in the heart of man
 causes depression, but
 A good word makes it glad.

26 ¶ The righteous should
 choose his friends carefully,
 for the way of
 The wicked leads them astray.

27 ¶ The lazy man does not roast
 what he took in hunting, but
 Diligence is man's precious possession.

28 ¶ In the way of righteousness is life, and
 In its pathway there is no death.

Proverbs 13

13:1 ¶ A wise son heeds his father's instruction,
 But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

2 ¶ A man shall eat well
 by the fruit of his mouth, but
 The soul of the unfaithful
 feeds on violence.

3 ¶ He who guards his mouth
 preserves his life,
 He who opens wide his lips
 shall have destruction.

4 ¶ The soul of a lazy man
 desires, and has nothing; but
 The soul of the diligent
 shall be made rich.

5 ¶ A righteous man
 hates lying, but
 A wicked man
 is loathsome and
 comes to shame.

6 ¶ Righteousness guards him
 whose way is blameless, but
 Wickedness overthrows the sinner.

7 ¶ There is
 one who makes himself rich,
 yet has nothing; and
 one who makes himself poor,
 yet has great riches.

8 ¶ The ransom of a man's life is his riches,
 But the poor does not hear rebuke.

9 ¶ The light of the righteous rejoices, but
 The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

10 ¶ By pride comes nothing but strife,
 But with the well-advised is wisdom.

11 ¶ Wealth gained by dishonesty
 will be diminished, but
 He who gathers by labor
 will increase.

12 ¶ Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but
 When the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

13 ¶ He who despises
 the word
 will be destroyed, but
 He who fears
 the commandment
 will be rewarded.

14 ¶ The law of the wise is
 a fountain of life,
 To turn one away from
 the snares of death.

15 ¶ Good understanding gains favor, but
 The way of the unfaithful is hard.

16 ¶ Every prudent man acts with knowledge,
 But a fool lays open his folly.

17 ¶ A wicked messenger falls into trouble,
 but
 A faithful ambassador brings health.

18 ¶ Poverty and shame will come to
 him who disdains correction, but
 he who regards a rebuke
 will be honored.

19 ¶ A desire accomplished is
 sweet to the soul, But it is
 an abomination to fools
 to depart from evil.

20 ¶ He who walks with wise men will be wise,
 But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

21 ¶ Evil pursues sinners,
 but to the righteous,
 Good shall be repaid.

22 ¶ A good man leaves
 an inheritance
 to his children's children, but
 the wealth of
 the sinner
 is stored up for
 the righteous.

23 ¶ There is much food [potentially, but
 for lack of plowing and sowing] in
 the fallow ground of the poor, and
 for lack of justice

There is waste.

24 ¶ He who spares his rod hates his son, but
 He who loves him disciplines him promptly.

25 ¶ The righteous
 eats to the satisfying of his soul, but
 the stomach of
 The wicked
 shall be in want.

May 31

Proverbs 14

14:1 ¶
The wise woman builds her house, but
The foolish pulls it down with her hands.
2 ¶
He who walks in his uprightness
fears YHWH, but
He who is perverse in his ways
despises Him.
3 ¶
In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride,
[i.e., for self beating]
But the lips of the wise will preserve them.
4 ¶
Where no oxen are,
the trough is clean, but
much increase comes
by the strength of an ox.
5 ¶
A faithful witness does not lie, but
A false witness will utter lies.
6 ¶
A scoffer seeks
wisdom and does not find it, but
knowledge is easy [to find] to
Him who understands.
7 ¶
Go from the presence of
a foolish man,
when you do not perceive in him
the lips of knowledge.
8 ¶
The wisdom of the prudent is
to understand his way, but
The folly of fools is
deceit.
9 ¶
Fools mock at sin, but
Among the upright there is favor.
10 ¶
The heart knows
its own bitterness, and
a stranger does not share
its joy.
11 ¶

The house of the wicked
will be overthrown, but
The tent of the upright
will flourish.
12 ¶
There is a way
that seems right to a man, but
its end is
The way of death.
13 ¶
Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
and the end of mirth may be grief.
14 ¶
The backslider in heart
will be filled
with his own ways, but
A good man
will be satisfied [filled]
from above.
15 ¶
The simple believes every word, but
The prudent considers well his steps.
16 ¶
A wise man fears and departs from evil, but
A fool rages and is self-confident.
17 ¶
A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, and
A man of wicked intentions is hated.
18 ¶
The simple inherit folly, but
The prudent are crowned with knowledge.
19 ¶
The evil will bow before the good, and
The wicked, at the gates of the righteous.
20 ¶
The poor man is hated
even by his own neighbor, but
The rich has many "friends".
21 ¶
He who despises his neighbor sins, but
He who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.
22 ¶
Do they not go astray
who devise evil?
But mercy and truth belong to those
who devise good.
23 ¶
In all labor there is profit, but
Idle chatter leads only to poverty.

24 ¶
The crown of the wise is their riches, but
The foolishness of fools is folly.
25 ¶
A true witness delivers souls, but
A deceitful witness speaks lies.
26 ¶
In the fear of YHWH there is
strong confidence, and
His children will have
a place of refuge.
27 ¶
The fear of YHWH is
a fountain of life,
to turn one away from
the snares of death.
28 ¶
In a multitude of people is
a king's honor, but
In the lack of people is
the downfall of a prince.
29 ¶
He who is slow to wrath
has great understanding, but
He who is impulsive
exalts folly.
30 ¶
A sound heart is life to the body, but
Envy is rottenness to the bones.
31 ¶
He who
oppresses the poor [cf. 17:5]
reproaches his Maker, but
He who
honors Him
has mercy on the needy.
32 ¶
The wicked is banished in his wickedness,
but [cf. hint of an afterlife?]
The righteous has a refuge in his death.
33 ¶
Wisdom
rests in the heart of him
who has understanding, but
what is in the heart of fools
Is made known.

34 ¶
Righteousness exalts a nation, but
Sin is a reproach to any people.
35 ¶
The king's favor is toward a wise servant,
but
His wrath is against him who causes shame.

Proverbs 15

15:1 ¶
A soft answer turns away wrath, but
A harsh word stirs up anger.
2 ¶
The tongue of the wise
uses knowledge rightly, but
The mouth of fools
pours forth foolishness.
3 ¶
The eyes of YHWH are in every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and the good.
4 ¶
A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but
Perverseness in it breaks the spirit.
5 ¶
A fool despises his father's instruction, but
He who receives correction is prudent.
6 ¶
In the house of the righteous
there is much treasure, but
In the revenue of the wicked
is trouble.
7 ¶
The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, but
The heart of the fool does not do so.
8 ¶
The sacrifice of the wicked is
an abomination to YHWH, but
The prayer of the upright is
His delight.
9 ¶
The way of the wicked is
an abomination to YHWH, but
He loves him who follows righteousness.
10 ¶
Harsh discipline is for him
who forsakes the way, and
He who hates correction will die.
11 ¶

The Grave [Hell] [Hebrew: [sheol](#)] and Destruction [cf. [27:20](#)]

are before Y^{HWH};
So how much more
the hearts of the sons of men.

12 ¶
A scoffer does not love one
who corrects him,

Nor will he go to the wise.

13 ¶
A merry heart makes
a cheerful countenance, but
by sorrow of the heart
The spirit is broken.

14 ¶
The heart of him who has understanding
seeks knowledge, but
The mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

15 ¶
All the days of the afflicted
are evil, but

He who is of a merry heart
has a continual feast.

16 ¶
Better is a little with the fear of Y^{HWH},
Than great treasure with trouble. 17
Better is a dinner of herbs where love is,
Than a fatted calf with hatred.

18 ¶
A wrathful man stirs up strife, but
He who is slow to anger allays contention.

19 ¶
The way of the lazy man is like
a hedge of thorns, but
The way of the upright is
a highway.

20 ¶
A wise son makes a father glad, but
A foolish man despises his mother.

21 ¶
Folly is joy to him
who is destitute of discernment, but
A man of understanding walks uprightly.

22 ¶
Without counsel,
plans go awry, but
In the multitude of counselors,
they are established.

23 ¶
A man has joy by
the answer of his mouth, and
a word spoken in due season,
How good it is!

24 ¶
The way of life winds upward for the wise,
That he may turn away from the grave [hell]
[Hebrew: [sheol](#); the pit] below.

25 ¶
Y^{HWH} will destroy
the house of the proud, but
He will establish
the boundary of the widow.

26 ¶
The thoughts of the wicked are
an abomination to Y^{HWH}, but
The words of the pure are
pleasant [to Him and others].

27 ¶
He who is greedy for gain
troubles his own house, but
He who hates bribes
will live.

28 ¶
The heart of the righteous
studies how to answer, but
The mouth of the wicked
pours forth evil.

29 ¶
Y^{HWH} is far from the wicked, but
He hears the prayer of the righteous.
30 ¶
The light of the eyes rejoices the heart;
A good report makes the bones healthy.

31 ¶
The ear that hears the rebukes of life
will abide among the wise.

32 ¶
He who disdains instruction
despises his own soul, but
He who heeds rebuke
gets understanding.

33 ¶
The fear of Y^{HWH} is
the instruction of wisdom, and
Before honor is
humility.

Proverbs 16

16:1 ¶
The preparations of the heart
belong to man, but
The answer of the tongue is
from Y^{HWH}.

2 ¶
All the ways of a man are pure
in his own eyes, but
Y^{HWH} weighs the spirits.

3 ¶
Commit
your works
to Y^{HWH}, and
your thoughts
will be established.

4 ¶
Y^{HWH} has made all for Himself, yes, even
the wicked for the day of doom.

5 ¶
Everyone proud in heart is
an abomination to Y^{HWH};
Though they join forces,
none will go unpunished.

6 ¶
In mercy and truth
atonement is provided for iniquity; and
by the fear of Y^{HWH}
one departs from evil.

7 ¶
When a man's ways please Y^{HWH},
He makes even his enemies
to be at peace with him.

8 ¶
Better is a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.

9 ¶
A man's heart plans his way, but
Y^{HWH} directs his steps.

10 ¶
Divine sentence²¹ is
on the lips of the king;
His mouth must not transgress in judgment.
11 ¶
Honest weights and scales are Y^{HWH}'s;
All the weights in the bag are His work.

²¹ NKJ: Divination

12 ¶
It is an abomination for kings
to commit wickedness, for
A throne is established by righteousness.
13 ¶
Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and
they love him who speaks what is right.
14 ¶
As messengers of death is the king's wrath,
But a wise man will appease it.
15
In the light of the king's face is life, and
His favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.
16 ¶
How much better
to get wisdom
than gold! And
to get understanding
is to be chosen rather
than silver.

17 ¶
The highway of the upright
is to depart from evil;
He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

18 ¶
Pride goes before destruction, and
A haughty spirit before a fall.

19 ¶
Better to be of a humble spirit
with the lowly,
Than to divide the spoil
with the proud.

20 ¶
He who heeds the word wisely
will find good, and
Whoever trusts in Y^{HWH},
happy is he.

21 ¶
The wise in heart will be called prudent,
and
Sweetness of the lips increases learning.
22 ¶
Understanding is a wellspring of life
to him who has it, but
The correction of fools is folly.

23 ¶
The heart of the wise
teaches his mouth, and
adds learning to his lips.

[Highlighting Legend & Lates Notes](#)

24 ¶ Pleasant words are like a honeycomb:
sweetness to the soul and
health to the bones.

25 ¶ There is
a way that seems right to a man, but
its end is
the way of death.

26 ¶ The person who labors,
labors for himself,
For his hungry mouth drives him on.
[Sounds like capitalism.]

27 ¶ An ungodly man digs up evil, and
it is on his lips like a burning fire. 28
A perverse man sows strife, and [cf. 17:9]
A whisperer separates the best of friends.

29 ¶ A violent man
entices his neighbor, and
leads him in a way that is not good. 30
He winks his eye
to devise perverse things;
He purses his lips and
brings about evil.

31 ¶ The silver-haired head is a crown of glory,
If it is found in the way of righteousness.

32 ¶ He who is slow to anger is better
than the mighty, and
He who rules his spirit
than he who takes a city.
[Rule self vs. others.]

33 ¶ The lot is cast into the lap, but
Its every decision is from YHWH.

June 1

Proverbs 17

17:1 ¶ Better is a dry morsel with quietness,
Than a house full of feasting with strife.

2 ¶ A wise servant [e.g., Joseph]
will rule over
a son who causes shame, and
will share
an inheritance among the brothers.

3 ¶ The refining pot is for silver and
The furnace for gold,
But YHWH tests the hearts.

4 ¶ An evildoer gives heed to false lips;
A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

5 ¶ He who mocks the poor
reproaches his Maker; [cf. 14:31]
He who is glad at calamity
will not go unpunished.

6 ¶ Children's children are
the crown of old men, and
the glory of children is their father.

7 ¶ Excellent speech is not becoming
to a fool,
much less lying lips
to a prince.

8 ¶ A present is a precious stone
in the eyes of its possessor;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.

9 ¶ He who covers a transgression seeks love,
but [cf. 16:28]
He who repeats a matter separates friends.

10 ¶ Rebuke is more effective for a wise man
Than a hundred blows on a fool.

11 ¶ An evil man seeks only rebellion;
therefore
A cruel messenger will be sent against him.

12 ¶ Let a man meet
a bear robbed of her cubs,
rather than
a fool in his folly.

13 ¶ Whoever rewards evil for good,
Evil will not depart from his house.

14 ¶ The beginning of strife is like releasing water;
therefore
Stop contention before a quarrel starts.

15 ¶ He who justifies the wicked, and
He who condemns the just,
both of them alike are
An abomination to YHWH.

16 ¶ Why is there in the hand of a fool
the purchase price of wisdom,
Since he has no heart for it?

17 ¶ A friend loves at all times, and
A brother is born for adversity.

18 ¶ A man devoid of understanding
shakes hands in a pledge, and
Becomes surety for his friend.

19 ¶ He who loves transgression loves strife,
and
He who exalts his gate seeks destruction.

20 ¶ He who has a deceitful heart finds no good,
and
He who has a perverse tongue falls into evil.

21 ¶ He who begets a scoffer
does so to his sorrow, and
The father of a fool has no joy.

22 ¶ A merry heart does good, like medicine,
But a broken spirit dries the bones. [18:14]

23 ¶ A wicked man accepts a bribe
behind the back
To pervert the ways of justice.

24 ¶

Wisdom is in the sight of him
who has understanding, but
the eyes of a fool are on
The ends of the land [earth].

25 ¶ A foolish son is
a grief to his father, and
bitterness to her who bore him.

26 ¶ Also, to punish the righteous is not good,
Nor to strike princes for their uprightness.

27 ¶ He who has knowledge spares his words,
A man of understanding is of a calm spirit. 28
Even a fool is counted wise
when he holds his peace;
when he shuts his lips,
He is considered perceptive.

Proverbs 18

18:1 ¶ A man who isolates himself
seeks his own desire;
He rages against all wise judgment.

2 ¶ A fool has no delight
in understanding, but
in expressing his own heart.

3 ¶ When the wicked comes,
contempt comes also; and
With dishonor comes
reproach.

4 ¶ The words of a man's mouth are
deep waters;
The wellspring of wisdom is
a flowing brook.

5 ¶ It is not good
to show partiality to the wicked, or
to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 ¶ A fool's lips enter into contention, and
his mouth calls for blows. 7
A fool's mouth is his destruction, and
his lips are the snare of his soul.

8 ¶

The words of a talebearer *are*
 like tasty trifles, and
 They go down into the inmost body.
 9 ¶
 He who is slothful in his work
 is a brother to him
 who is a great destroyer.
 10 ¶
 The name of YHWH is a strong tower;
 The righteous run to it and are safe.
 11 ¶
 The rich man's wealth is
 his strong city, and like
 a high wall
 in his own esteem.
 12 ¶
 Before destruction
 the heart of a man is haughty, and
 Before honor is humility.
 13 ¶
 He who answers a matter before he hears it,
 It is folly and shame to him.
 14 ¶
 The spirit of a man
 will sustain him in sickness,
 but who can bear
 A broken spirit? [lost hope; cf. 17:22]
 15 ¶
 The heart of the prudent
 acquires knowledge, and
 The ear of the wise
 seeks knowledge.
 16 ¶
 A man's gift
 makes room for him, and
 brings him before great men.
 17 ¶
 The first one to plead his cause seems right,
 Until his neighbor comes
 and examines him.
 18 ¶
 Casting lots
 causes contentions to cease, and
 keeps the mighty apart.
 19 ¶
 A brother offended is harder to win
 than a strong city, and
 Contentions are like the bars of a castle.
 20 ¶

A man's stomach shall be satisfied
 from the fruit of his mouth,
 from the produce of his lips
 He shall be filled.
 21 ¶
 Death and life are in
 the power of the tongue, and
 Those who love it will eat its fruit.
 22 ¶
 He who finds a wife
 finds a good thing, and
 obtains favor from YHWH.
 23 ¶
 The poor man uses entreaties, but
 The rich answers roughly.
 24 ¶
 A man who has friends must
 himself be friendly, but
 there is a friend
 Who sticks closer than a brother.
Proverbs 19
 19:1 ¶
 Better is the poor
 who walks in his integrity
 Than one
 who is perverse in his lips, and
 [who] is a fool.
 2 ¶
 Also it is not good for
 a soul to be without knowledge, and
 He sins who hastens with his feet.
 3 ¶
 The foolishness of a man twists his way,
 And his heart frets against YHWH.
 4 ¶
 Wealth makes many "friends", but
 The poor is separated from his "friend".
 5 ¶ [cf. v9]
 A false witness will not go unpunished,
 And he who speaks lies will not escape.
 6 ¶
 Many entreat the favor of the nobility, and
 Every man is a friend to one who gives gifts.
 7
 All the brothers of the poor hate him;
 How much more
 do his "friends" go far from him!

He may pursue them with words,
 yet they abandon him.
 8 ¶
 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
 He who keeps understanding will find good.
 9 ¶ [cf. v5]
 A false witness will not go unpunished,
 And he who speaks lies shall perish.
 10 ¶
 Luxury is not fitting for a fool,
 much less [is it fitting]
 For a servant to rule over princes.
 11 ¶
 The discretion of a man makes him
 slow to anger, and
 His glory is to
 overlook a transgression.
 12 ¶
 The king's wrath
 is like the roaring of a lion, but
 His favor
 is like dew on the grass.
 13 ¶
 A foolish son is
 the ruin of his father, and
 The contentions of a wife are
 a continual dripping.
 14 ¶
 Houses and riches are an inheritance
 from fathers, but
 a prudent wife is
 from YHWH.
 15 ¶
 Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, and
 An idle person will suffer hunger.
 16 ¶
 He who
 keeps the commandment
 keeps his soul, but
 He who
 is careless of his ways
 will die.
 17 ¶
 He who has pity on the poor
 lends to YHWH, and
 He will pay back what he has given.
 18 ¶

Chasten your son while there is hope, and
 Do not set your heart on his destruction.
 19 ¶
 A man of great wrath will suffer
 punishment; For if you rescue him,
 you will have to do it again.
 20 ¶
 Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
 That you may be wise in your latter days.
 21 ¶
 There are many plans in a man's heart,
 nevertheless,
 YHWH's counsel — that will stand.
 22 ¶
 What is desired in a man is kindness, and
 A poor man is better than a liar.
 23 ¶
 The fear of YHWH leads to life, and
 He who has it will abide in satisfaction;
 He will not be visited with evil.
 24 ¶
 A lazy man
 buries his hand in the bowl, and
 will not so much as
 bring it to his mouth again.
 25 ¶
 Strike a scoffer, and
 the simple will become wary;
 Rebuke one who has understanding, and
 he will discern knowledge.
 26 ¶
 He who
 mistreats his father and
 chases away his mother
 Is a son who
 causes shame and
 brings reproach.
 27 ¶ [It is an on-going process:]
 Cease listening to instruction, my son, and
 you will stray from the words of knowledge.
 28 ¶ [^ balance for 22:6 "Train up..."]
 A disreputable witness scorns justice, and
 The mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.
 29 ¶
 Judgments are prepared
 for scoffers,
 and beatings
 for the backs of fools.

June 2

Proverbs 20

20:1 ¶
Wine [for any drug] is a mocker,
Strong drink is a brawler, and
Whoever is led astray by it
is not wise.

2 ¶
The wrath of a king is like
the roaring of a lion;
Whoever provokes him to anger
sins against his own life.

3 ¶
It is honorable for a man to stop striving,
since any fool can start a quarrel.

4 ¶
The lazy man will not plow
because of winter [coming];
He will beg during harvest
and have nothing.

5 ¶
Counsel in the heart of man is like
deep water, but
A man of understanding will
draw it out.

6 ¶
Most men will proclaim
each his own goodness,
But who can find
a faithful man?

7 ¶
The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.

8 ¶
A king who sits on the throne of judgment
scatters all evil with his eyes.

9 ¶
Who can say,
“I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin”?

10 ¶
Diverse weights and diverse measures,
they are both alike, [cf. v23]
An abomination to YHWH.

11 ¶
Even a child is known by his deeds,
whether what he does is pure and right.

12 ¶
The hearing ear and the seeing eye:
YHWH has made them both.

13 ¶
Do not love sleep,
lest you come to poverty;
Open your eyes, and
you will be satisfied with bread.

14 ¶
“It is good for nothing”, cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his way,
then he boasts.

15 ¶
There is
gold and
a multitude of rubies,
But the lips of knowledge are
a precious jewel.

16 ¶
Take the garment of one who is surety
for a stranger, and
Hold it as a pledge when it is
for a seductress.

17 ¶
Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man,
but afterward

18 ¶
His mouth will be filled with gravel.

18 ¶
Plans are established
by counsel;
by wise counsel

Wage war.

19 ¶
He who goes about as a talebearer
reveals secrets; therefore
do not associate with
One who flatters with his lips.

20 ¶
Whoever curses his father or his mother:
His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

21 ¶
An inheritance gained hastily
at the beginning
Will not be blessed
at the end.

22 ¶ [De 32:35 → Ro 12:19, He 10:30]
Do not say, “I will recompense evil”;
Wait for YHWH, and He will save you.

23 ¶
Diverse weights are [cf. v10]
an abomination to YHWH, and
Dishonest scales are not good.

24 ¶
A man’s steps are of YHWH;
how then can a man understand
his own way?

25 ¶
It is a snare for a man
to devote rashly something as holy,
and afterward
to reconsider his vows.

26 ¶
A wise king
sifts out the wicked, and
brings the threshing wheel over them.

27 ¶
The spirit of a man is
the lamp of YHWH,
searching all the inner depths of
his heart.

28 ¶
Mercy and truth preserve the king, and
by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

29 ¶
The glory of young men is their strength,
and
The splendor of old men is their gray head.

30 ¶
Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, as do
Stripes the inner depths of the heart.

Proverbs 21

21:1 ¶
The king’s heart is
in the hand of YHWH;
like the rivers of water,
He turns it wherever He wishes.

2 ¶
Every way of a man is
right in his own eyes, but
[cf. 12:15; De 12:8; Jud 17:6, 21:25]
YHWH weighs the hearts.

3 ¶
To do righteousness and justice
is more acceptable to YHWH than
sacrifice.

4 ¶
A haughty look,
A proud heart, and
The plowing of the wicked
are sin.

5 ¶
The plans of the diligent lead
surely to plenty, but
those of everyone who is hasty,
surely to poverty.

6 ¶
Getting treasures by a lying tongue
is the fleeting fantasy of those
who seek death.

7 ¶
The violence of the wicked
will destroy them, because
they refuse to do justice.

8 ¶
The way of a guilty man is perverse;
But as for the pure, his work is right.

9 ¶
Better to dwell [25:24 same]
in a corner of a housetop,
Than in a house shared
with a contentious woman.

10 ¶
The soul of the wicked desires evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

11 ¶
When the scoffer is punished,
the simple is made wise, but
When the wise is instructed,
he receives knowledge.

12 ¶ [king? person?]
The righteous God wisely considers
the house of the wicked, overthrowing
The wicked for their wickedness.

13 ¶
Whoever shuts his ears
to the cry of the poor
will also cry himself and
Not be heard.

14 ¶
A gift in secret pacifies anger, and
A bribe behind the back, strong wrath.

15 ¶
It is a joy for
the just to do justice, but
Destruction will come to
the workers of iniquity.

16 ¶
A man who wanders from
the way of understanding
will rest in
the assembly of the dead.

17 ¶
He who loves pleasure will be a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

18 ¶
The wicked shall be a ransom
for the righteous, and
The unfaithful
for the upright.

19 ¶
Better to dwell
in the wilderness,
Than with
a contentious and angry woman.

20 ¶
There is
desirable treasure, and
oil in the dwelling of the wise, but
A foolish man squanders it.

21 ¶
He who follows righteousness and mercy
Finds life, righteousness, and honor.

22 ¶
A wise man scales [the walls of]
the city of the mighty,
And brings down
the trusted stronghold.

23 ¶
Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.

24 ¶
A proud and haughty man
— “Scoffer” is his name:
He acts with arrogant pride.

25 ¶
The desire of the lazy man kills him,
for his hands refuse to labor; 26
he covets greedily all day long, but
The righteous gives and does not spare.

27 ¶
The sacrifice of the wicked is
an abomination;
How much more
when he brings it with wicked intent!

28 ¶
A false witness
shall perish, but
The man who hears him
will speak endlessly.

29 ¶
A wicked man hardens his face, but as for
The upright: he establishes his way.

30 ¶
There is no
wisdom or understanding or counsel
against YHWH. 31
The horse is prepared for the day of battle,
but deliverance is
of YHWH.

Proverbs 22

22:1 ¶
A good name is to be chosen
rather than
great riches,
loving favor ...
rather than
silver and gold.

2 ¶
The rich and the poor
have this in common:
YHWH is the Maker of them all.

3 ¶
A prudent man foresees evil
and hides himself, but
The simple pass on
and are punished.

4 ¶
By humility and
the fear of YHWH
Are riches and honor and life.

5 ¶
Thorns and snares
are in the way of the perverse;
he who guards his soul
will be far from
them [thorns, snares].

6 ¶ [Balanced by 19:27:]
Train up a child
in the way he should go, and
when he is old,
he will not depart from it.

7 ¶
The rich rules over the poor, and
The borrower is servant to the lender.

8 ¶
He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
and the rod of his anger will fail.

9 ¶
He who has a generous eye
will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

10 ¶
Cast out the scoffer,
and contention will leave;
yes, strife and reproach will cease.

11 ¶
He who loves purity of heart
and has grace on his lips:
The king will be his friend.

12 ¶
The eyes of YHWH
preserve knowledge, but
He overthrows the words of the faithless.

13 ¶
The lazy man says, [cf. v29, 26:13]
“There is a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!”

14 ¶
The mouth of an immoral woman is
a deep pit;
He who is abhorred by YHWH will fall
there.

15 ¶
Foolishness
is bound up in the heart of a child;
the rod of correction will drive
it far from him.

16 ¶
He who oppresses the poor
to increase his riches, and
He who gives to the rich,
will surely come to poverty.

June 3

Proverbs 22:17 ¶

Exhortations of the Wise to a Son – First Sermon (22:17-24:22)

Incline your ear and
Hear the words of the wise, and
Apply your heart to my knowledge; 18
For it is a pleasant thing
if you keep them within you;
Let them all be fixed upon your lips, 19
So that your trust may be in YHWH;
I have instructed you today, even you. 20
Have I not written to you
thirty [excellent] things [sayings]
[See the next thirty: (1) – (30)]
of counsels and knowledge, 21
That I may make you know
the certainty of the words of truth,
That you may answer [with] words of truth
to those who send [questions] to you?
22 ¶ (1)
Do not rob the poor because he is poor,
Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate; 23
For YHWH will
plead their cause, and
plunder the soul of those
who plunder them.

24 ¶ (2)
Make no friendship
with an angry man, and
with a furious man
Do not go, 25 lest you
learn his ways and
set a snare for your soul.

26 ¶ (3)
Do not be
one of those
who shakes hands in a pledge,
one of those
who is surety for debts; 27
If you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he take away your bed
from under you?

28 ¶ (4) [cf. 23:10]
Do not remove the ancient landmark
That your fathers have set.
29 ¶ (5)
Do you see a man who excels in his work?
He will stand before kings;
He will not stand before unknown men.

Proverbs 23

23:1 ¶ (6)
When you sit down to eat with a ruler,
Consider carefully what is before you; 2 and
Put a knife to your throat
if you are a man given to appetite. 3
Do not desire his delicacies,
for they are deceptive food.

4 ¶ (7)
Do not overwork to be rich;
Because of your own understanding, cease!
Will you set your eyes on that which is not?
For riches certainly make themselves wings;
They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

6 ¶ (8)
Do not eat the bread of a miser,
Nor desire his delicacies; 7
For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.
“Eat and drink!” he says to you,
but his heart is not with you. 8
The morsel you have eaten,
you will vomit up and
waste your pleasant words.

9 ¶ (9)
Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for
he will despise the wisdom of your words.

10 ¶ (10) [cf. 22:28]
Do not remove the ancient landmark,
Nor enter the fields of the fatherless; 11
For their Redeemer is mighty;
He will plead their cause against you.

12 ¶ (11)
Apply
your heart to instruction, and
your ears to words of knowledge.

13 (12)
Do not withhold correction from a child,
For if
you beat him with a rod,
he will not die; 14
you shall beat him with a rod, and
Deliver his soul from the grave [hell].
[[^] Hebrew: sheol]

15 (13)
My son,
If your heart is wise,
My heart will rejoice
— indeed, I myself; 16 Yes,
My inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.

17 ¶ (14)
Do not let your heart envy sinners, but
Be zealous for the fear of YHWH
all the day; 18
[Hebrew: acharyyth; cf. v32]
For surely there is a future [hereafter],
and your hope will not be cut off.

19 ¶ (15)
Hear, my son, and be wise; and
Guide your heart in the way: 20
Do not mix
with winebibbers, or
with gluttonous eaters of meat; 21

For
the drunkard and
the glutton
will come to poverty, and
drowsiness will clothe him²² with rags.

22 (16)
Listen to your father who begot you, and
Do not despise your mother
when she is old. 23

Buy
the truth, and do not sell it. Also
wisdom and
instruction and
understanding. 24
The father of the righteous
will greatly rejoice, and

He who begets a wise child
will delight in him. 25
Let your father and your mother be glad,
and
Let her who bore you rejoice.
26 (17)
My son,
Give me your heart, and
Let your eyes observe my ways: 27
For
a harlot is a deep pit, and
a seductress is a narrow well; 28
she also
lies in wait as for a victim, and
increases the unfaithful
among men.

29 ¶ (18)
Who has woe?
Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes? 30
Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of mixed wine. 31
Do not look on the wine
when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup,
when it swirls around smoothly; 32
at the last [Hebrew: acharyyth; cf. 24:14]
it bites like a serpent, and
stings like a viper. 33

Your eyes will see strange things, and
Your heart will utter perverse things. 34
Yes, you will be
like one who lies down
in the midst of the sea, or
like one who lies
at the top of the mast, saying: 35
“They have struck me, but
I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, but
I did not feel it.
When shall I awake, that
I may seek another drink?”

Proverbs 24

24:1 ¶ (19)
Do not be envious of evil men,
nor desire to be with them; 2
For their heart devises violence, and
their lips talk of troublemaking.

3 ¶ (20)
Through
wisdom a house is built, and
By understanding it is established; 4
By knowledge the rooms are filled
with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 (21)
A wise man is strong, yes,
A man of knowledge increases strength; 6
For by wise counsel
you will wage your own war, and
In a multitude of counselors
there is safety.

7 ¶ (22)
Wisdom is too lofty for a fool;
he does not open his mouth in the gate.

8 (23)
He who plots to do evil
will be called
a schemer; 9
the devising of foolishness
is sin, and
the scoffer
is an abomination to men.

10 ¶ (24)
If you faint in the day of adversity,
Your strength is small.

11 ¶ (25)
Deliver those who are
drawn toward death, and
Hold back those [e.g., the unborn]
stumbling to the slaughter. 12

If you say, “Surely we did not know this”,
Does not
He who weighs the hearts consider it?
He who keeps your soul,
Does He not know it? And
Will He not render to each man
according to his deeds?

²² NKJ: a man

13 ¶ (26)
 My son,
 Eat honey
 because *it is* good, and
 the honeycomb
 which is sweet
 to your taste; 14
 so shall
 the knowledge of wisdom be
 to your soul;
 If you have found *it*,
 [Hebrew: \downarrow achariyth; cf. v20]
 there is a prospect [for you], and
 your hope will not be cut off.

15 ¶ (27)
 Do not lie in wait, O wicked man,
 against the dwelling of the righteous;
 Do not plunder his resting place; 16
 For a righteous man may
 fall seven [7] times and rise again,
 but the wicked shall fall by calamity.

17 ¶ (28)
 Do not rejoice
 when your enemy falls, and
 Do not let your heart be glad
 when he stumbles; 18
 Lest YHWH see it, and it displease Him,
 and He turn away His wrath from him.

19 ¶ (29)
 Do not fret because of evildoers,
 Nor be envious of the wicked; 20
 For there [Hebrew: \downarrow achariyth; cf. 25:8]
 will be no prospect for
 the evil man;
 the lamp of
 the wicked
 will be put out.

21 ¶ (30)
 My son,
 Fear YHWH and the king;
 Do not associate with
 those given to change; 22
 For
 their calamity will rise suddenly,
 and who knows
 the ruin
 Those two [YHWH & king] can bring?

Exhortations of the Wise to a Son – Second Sermon (24:23-34)

23 ¶ [Four additional sayings:]
 These things also belong to the wise:

(31)
 It is not good to show partiality
 in judgment: 24
 He who says to the wicked,
 “You are righteous”,
 him the people will curse;
 nations will abhor him; 25 but
 Those who rebuke the wicked
 will have
 delight, and
 a good blessing
 will come upon
 Them. 26
 He who gives a right answer
 kisses the lips.
 27 ¶ (32)
 Prepare your outside work,
 Make it fit for yourself in the field; and
 Afterward build your house.
 28 ¶ (33)
 Do not be a witness against your neighbor
 without cause,
 for would you deceive with your lips? 29
 Do not say,
 “I will do to him
 just as he has done to me;
 I will render to the man
 according to his work.”

30 ¶ (34)
 I went
 by the field of the lazy man, and
 by the vineyard of the man
 devoid of understanding; 31
 and
 there it was,
 all overgrown with thorns;
 its surface was covered
 with nettles;
 its stone wall was
 broken down. 32
 When I saw it,
 I considered it well;
 I looked on it and

received instruction: 33
 A little sleep,
 A little slumber,
 A little folding of the hands to rest; 34
 So shall
 your poverty come like a prowler, and
 your need like an armed man.

June 4

Proverbs 25

Compiled Later by Hezekiah's Men

25:1 ¶
 These also are proverbs of Solomon,
 which the men of Hezekiah king of
 Judah copied:

2 ¶
 It is the glory of God
 to conceal a matter, but
 the glory of kings is
 to search out a matter. 3
 As the heavens for height and
 the land [earth] for depth,
 So the heart of kings is
 unsearchable.

4 ¶
 Take away the dross
 from silver, and it [the silver]
 will go to the silversmith for jewelry. 5
 Take away the wicked [counselors]
 from before the king, and his throne
 will be established in righteousness.

6 ¶
 Do not exalt yourself
 in the presence of the king, and
 Do not stand
 in the place of the great; 7
 For it is
 better that he say to you,
 “Come up here,”
 than that you should be put lower
 in the presence of the prince
 whom your eyes have seen.

[(N)RSV, NIV, NLT, MSG associate
 the latter clause with v8 next:

About what your eyes have seen,]
 8 ¶
 Do not go hastily to court;
 [Hebrew: achariyth \downarrow ; cf. 23:18]
 For what will you do in the end,
 when your neighbor
 has put you to shame? 9
 Debate your case with your neighbor, and
 Do not disclose the secret to another; 10
 Lest he who hears it expose your shame,
 and your reputation be ruined.

11 ¶
 A word fitly spoken is
 like apples of gold in settings of silver; 12
 like an earring of gold and
 an ornament of fine gold
 Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.
 13 ¶ [\downarrow “like” = “as rare as”]
 Like the cold of snow in time of harvest
 Is a faithful messenger to those
 who send him,
 for he refreshes the soul of his masters.

14 ¶
 Whoever falsely boasts of giving
 Is like clouds and wind without rain.

15 ¶
 By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded,
 And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.

16 ¶
 Have you found honey?
 Eat only as much as you need,
 Lest you be filled with it and vomit.

17 ¶
 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house,
 Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

18 ¶
 A man who bears false witness
 against his neighbor
 Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 ¶
 Confidence in an unfaithful man
 in time of trouble
 Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

20 ¶
 Like one who takes away a garment
 in cold weather, and
 like vinegar on soda,
 Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

21 ¶
[vv21-22a Quoted by Paul in Ro 12:20-21]
 If your enemy is hungry,
 give him bread to eat; and
 If he is thirsty,
 give him water to drink; 22
 For so you
 will heap coals of fire on his head,
 and YHWH will reward you.
 23 ¶
 The north wind
 brings forth
 rain, and
 A backbiting tongue
 [brings forth]
 an angry countenance.
 24 ¶
 It is better to dwell [21:9 same]
 in a corner of a housetop, than
 in a house shared
 with a contentious woman.
 25 ¶
 As cold water to a weary soul,
 so is good news from a far country.
 26 ¶
 A righteous man
 who falters before the wicked is like
 A murky spring and
 A polluted well.
 27 ¶
[As] It is not good to eat much honey;
so to seek one's own glory is not glory.
 28 ¶
 Whoever has no rule over his own spirit
 is like a city broken down, without walls.

Proverbs 26

26:1 ¶
 As snow in summer and rain in harvest,
 so honor is not fitting for a fool.
 2 ¶
 Like a flitting sparrow,
 Like a flying swallow,
 So a curse without cause shall not alight.
 3 ¶
 A whip for the horse,
 A bridle for the donkey, and
 A rod for the fool's back.

4 ¶
[Wisdom is needed to know which & how:]
 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
 Lest you also be like him. 5
 Answer a fool according to his folly,
 Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
 6 ¶
 He who sends a message
 by the hand of a fool
 Cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.
 7
 Like the legs of the lame that hang limp
 is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
 8
 Like one who binds a stone in a sling
 is he who gives honor to a fool.
 9
 Like a thorn
 that goes into the hand of a drunkard
 is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
 10 ¶
 The great God who formed everything
 gives
 the fool his hire and
 the transgressor his wages.
 11 ¶ *[Quoted in 2Pe 2:22b]*
 As a dog returns to his own vomit,
 So a fool repeats his folly.
 12 ¶
 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?
 There is more hope for a fool than for him.
 13 ¶ *[Flimsy excuses:]*
 The lazy man says, [cf. 22:13, 29]
 "There is a lion in the road!
 A fierce lion is in the streets!"
 14 ¶
 As a door turns on its hinges,
 So does the lazy man on his bed.
 15 ¶
 The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl;
 It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.
 16 ¶
 The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes
 than seven men who can answer sensibly.
 17 ¶
 He who passes by
 and meddles in a quarrel not his own
 is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

18 ¶
 Like a madman who throws
 firebrands, arrows, and death, 19
 is the man who deceives his neighbor,
 and says, "I was only joking!"
 20 ¶
 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;
 and
 Where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.
 21
 As charcoal is to burning coals, and
 wood to fire,
 So is a contentious man
 to kindle strife.
 22
 The words of a talebearer
 are like tasty trifles, and
 They go down into the inmost body.
 23 ¶
 Fervent lips with a wicked heart are like
 earthenware covered with silver dross.
 24 ¶
 He who hates,
 disguises it with his lips, and
 lays up deceit within himself; 25
 When he speaks kindly,
 do not believe him,
 for there are
 seven abominations in his heart; 26
 Though his hatred is covered by deceit,
 His wickedness will be revealed
 before the assembly.
 27 ¶
 Whoever digs a pit
 will fall into it, and
 He who rolls a stone
 will have it roll back on him.
 28 ¶
 A lying tongue hates those
 who are crushed by it, and
 A flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 27

27:1 ¶
 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you
 Do not know what a day may bring forth.
[Cf. Isa 56:12, Jas 4:13]

2 ¶
 Let another man praise you, and
 not your own mouth;
 A stranger, and
 not your own lips.
 3 ¶
 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, but
 A fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.
 4
 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, but
 who is able to stand before jealousy?
 5 ¶
 Open rebuke
 is better than
 love carefully concealed.
 6
 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but
 the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
 7 ¶
 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, but
 To a hungry soul, every bitter thing is sweet.
 8 ¶
 Like a bird that wanders from its nest
 Is a man who wanders from his place.
 9 ¶
 Ointment and perfume delight the heart,
 And the sweetness of a man's friend
 gives delight by hearty counsel. 10
[counsel of the soul, heartfelt counsel]
 Do not forsake
 your own friend or
 your father's friend,
 Nor go to your brother's house
 in the day of your calamity;
 Better is a neighbor nearby
 Than a brother far away.
 11 ¶
 My son,
 Be wise, and
 Make my heart glad,
 That I may answer him
 who reproaches me.
 12 ¶
 A prudent man
 foresees evil and
 hides himself;
 The simple pass on and
 are punished.

13 ¶ Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger, and Hold it in pledge **when** he is surety for a seductress.

14 ¶ He who **blesses** his friend with a loud voice, rising **early in the morning**, It will be counted a curse to him. *[Sensitivity is as important as good intentions.]*

15 ¶ A **continual** dripping on a very rainy day *[causes erosion]* and A contentious woman are alike; 16 Whoever restrains her *[mission impossible:]* restrains the wind, and grasps oil with his right hand.

17 ¶ As **iron** sharpens **iron**, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

18 ¶ Whoever keeps *[tends]* the fig tree will eat its fruit; So he who waits on his master will be honored.

19 ¶ As in water face reflects face, So a man's heart reveals the man.

20 ¶ The Grave [Hell] *[Hebrew: sheol]* and Destruction *[cf. 15:11]* are **never** full; So the eyes of man are **never** satisfied.

21 ¶ The refining pot is for silver and The furnace for gold, and A man is valued by what others say of him.

22 ¶ *[^ refined / purified ?]* Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.

23 ¶ Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and Attend to your herds; 24 for riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations. 25 **When** the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, and the herbs of the mountains are gathered in, 26 the lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats ... the price of a field; 27 you shall have enough goats' milk for your food, for the food of your household, and the nourishment of your maidservants.

Proverbs 28

28:1 ¶ The wicked flee **when** no one pursues, but The **righteous** are bold as a lion.

2 ¶ Because of the transgression of a land, many are its princes; but By a man of **understanding and knowledge** **Right** will be prolonged.

3 ¶ A poor man who oppresses the poor Is like a driving rain that leaves no food.

4 ¶ Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but Such as **keep** the law contend with them.

5 ¶ Evil men do not understand justice, but **Those** who seek **YHWH** understand all.

6 ¶ Better is the poor who walks in his **integrity** Than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 ¶ Whoever keeps the law is a **discerning** son, but A companion of gluttons shames his father.

8 ¶ One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

9 ¶ One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

10 ¶ Whoever causes **the upright** to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; but The **blameless** will inherit **good**.

11 ¶ The rich man is wise in his own eyes, but The poor who has **understanding** searches him out.

June 5

Proverbs 28:12

12 ¶ **When the righteous** rejoice, there is great glory; but **When** the wicked arise, *[cf. v28]* men hide themselves.

13 ¶ He who covers his sins will not prosper, but Whoever **confesses and forsakes them** will have *[receive]* mercy.

14 ¶ Happy is the man who is always **reverent**, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

15 ¶ **Like** a roaring lion and a charging bear **Is** a wicked ruler over poor people.

16 ¶ A ruler who lacks **understanding** is a great oppressor, but he who hates covetousness will **prolong his days**.

17 ¶ A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

18 ¶ Whoever walks **blamelessly** will be **saved**, but *He who is perverse in his ways* will **suddenly** fall.

19 ¶ He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but He who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

20 ¶ A **faithful** man will abound with **blessings**, but He who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

21 ¶ To show partiality is not good, because For a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22 ¶ A man with **an evil eye** *[he who is greedy]* hastens after riches, and does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

23 ¶ He who rebukes a man will find more **favor afterward** Than he who flatters with the tongue.

24 ¶ *[30:11, Mt 15: 5-6 || Mk 7:11-13]* Whoever robs his father or his mother, and says, *"It is no transgression,"* The same is companion to a destroyer.

25 ¶ He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but He who **trusts in YHWH** will be **prospered**.

26 ¶ He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but [Rom 7:18; Phm 1:6] Whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

27 ¶ He who gives to the poor will not lack, but He who hides his eyes will have many curses.

28 ¶ When the wicked arise, [cf. v12] men hide themselves; but When they perish, the righteous increase. [cf. 29:2]

Proverbs 29

29:1 ¶ He who is often rebuked, and hardens [stiffens] his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 ¶ When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but When a wicked man rules, [cf. 28:28] the people groan.

3 ¶ Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, but A companion of harlots wastes his wealth.

4 ¶ The king establishes the land by justice, but He who receives bribes overthrows it.

5 ¶ A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

6 ¶ By transgression an evil man is snared, But the righteous sings and rejoices.

7 ¶ The righteous considers the cause of the poor, but The wicked does not understand such knowledge.

8 ¶ Scoffers set a city aflame, but Wise men turn away wrath.

9 ¶ If a wise man contends with a foolish man, whether the fool rages or laughs, There is no peace.

10 ¶ The bloodthirsty hate the blameless, but The upright seek his well-being.

11 ¶ A fool vents all his feelings, but A wise man holds them back.

12 ¶ If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his servants become wicked.

13 ¶ The poor man and The oppressor have this in common: YHWH gives light to the eyes of both.

14 ¶ The king who judges the poor with truth, his throne will be established forever.

15 ¶ The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

16 ¶ When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases; but The righteous will see their fall.

17 ¶ Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your soul.

18 ¶ Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but Happy is he who keeps the law.

19 ¶ A servant will not be corrected by mere words; for though he understands, He will not respond.

20 ¶ Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

21 ¶ [dispute: "son" or "weakling":] He who pampers his servant from childhood will have him as a son in the end. [← Hebrew: achariyth; cf. 25:8]

22 ¶ An angry man stirs up strife, and A furious man abounds in transgression.

23 ¶ A man's pride will bring him low, but The humble in spirit will retain honor.

24 ¶ Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing.

25 ¶ The fear of man brings a snare, but Whoever trusts in YHWH shall be safe.

26 ¶ Many seek the ruler's favor, but Justice for man comes from YHWH.

27 ¶ An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and He who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

Proverbs 30

An Unpretentious Man's Observations

30:1 ¶ Disclaimer (30:1-6)
The words of Agur ["gathered"] the son of Jakeh ["blameless"], His utterance;
This man declared to Ithiel ["God is with me"] — to Ithiel and Ucal ["devoured"]: 2
Surely I am more stupid than any man, and do not have the understanding of a man. 3
I neither learned wisdom nor have knowledge of the Holy One. 4
Who [what man] has ascended into heaven, or descended? [De 30:11-14]
Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the lands [earth]?
What is His name, and What is His Son's name, if you know? 5

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6
Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. [cf. De 4:2, Re 22:18]

7 ¶ A Prayer of Mediocrity (30:7-9)
Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die): 8
Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches — feed me with the food allotted to me; 9
lest I be full and deny You, and say, "Who is YHWH?", or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.

10 ¶ Observations About Life (30:10-33)
Do not malign a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

11 [28:24, Mt 15: 5-6 || Mk 7:11-13]
There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother.

12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness.

13 There is a generation — oh, how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and whose fangs are like knives, to devour the poor from off the land [earth], and the needy from among men.

15 ¶
The leech has two daughters
— Give and Give!

There are
three things that are never satisfied,
four never say, “Enough!”: 16
the grave [Hebrew sheol],
the barren womb,
the land [earth] that is
not satisfied with water — and
the fire never says, “Enough!”

17
The eye that
mocks his father, and
scorns obedience to his mother —
The ravens of the valley will pick it out,
and
The young eagles will eat it.

18 ¶
There are
three things that
are too wonderful for me, yes,
four that
I do not understand: 19
[aerodynamics:]
the way of an eagle in the air,
[solar warming:]
the way of a serpent on a rock,
[hydrodynamics:]
the way of a ship
in the midst of the sea, and
[conception, impregnation:]
the way of a man with a virgin.

20
This is the way of an adulterous woman:
she eats and wipes her mouth, and says,
“I have done no wickedness.”

21
For three things [the people]
the land [earth] is perturbed, yes,
For four
it cannot bear up: 22 For
a servant when he reigns,
a fool when he is filled with food, 23
a hateful woman when she is married,
and

a maidservant
who succeeds her mistress.

24 ¶
There are four things
that are little on the land [earth], but
they are exceedingly wise: 25
the ants are a people not strong, yet
they prepare their food
in the summer; 26
the rock badgers are a feeble folk, yet
they make their homes
in the crags; 27
the locusts have no king, yet
they all advance
in ranks; 28
the spider skillfully
grasps with its hands, and it is
in kings’ palaces.

29 ¶
There are
three things that
are majestic in pace, yes,
four that
are stately in walk: 30
a lion, which
is mighty among beasts and
does not turn away from any; 31
a greyhound;
a male goat also; and
a king whose troops are with him.

32
If you have been foolish
in exalting yourself, or
If you have devised evil,
Put your hand on your mouth. 33
For as [all 3 same Hebrew word]
the churning of milk produces butter,
and wringing the nose produces blood,
So the forcing of wrath produces strife.

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Proverbs 31

Wisdom by a Woman About Women

31:1 ¶

Queen Mother’s Advice to a King

The words of King Lemuel [“for God”],
the utterance that his mother taught him: 2

What, my son? And
What, son of my womb? And
What, son of my vows? 3
Do not give your strength to women,
Nor your ways to that
which destroys kings. 4
It is not for kings, O Lemuel, [Ho 4:11]
It is not for kings to drink wine,
nor for princes intoxicating drink; 5
Lest they
drink and forget the law, and
pervert the justice of all the afflicted. 6
Give
strong drink to him who is perishing, and
wine to those who are bitter of heart; 7
let him
drink and
forget his poverty, and
remember his misery no more. 8
Open your mouth
for the speechless,
in the cause of all who are [unjustly]
appointed to die. 9 [e.g., unborn]

Open your mouth:
judge righteously, and
plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 ¶

Marks of the Quintessential Wise Wife

[Acrostic in Hebrew: 22 verses]

Who can find a virtuous wife? [rare]

For her worth is far above rubies. 11

The heart of her husband safely trusts her;

So he will have no lack of gain. 12

She does him good and not evil

all the days of her life. 13

She seeks wool and flax,

and willingly works with her hands. 14

She is like the merchant ships, [in that]
she brings her food from afar. 15

She also

rises while it is yet night, and
provides food for her household and
a portion for her maidservants. 16

She considers a field and buys it:
from her profits

she plants a vineyard. 17

She girds herself with strength, and
strengthens her arms. 18

She perceives that her merchandise is good,
and her lamp does not go out by night. 19

She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
and her hand holds the spindle. 20

She extends her hand to the poor, yes,
she reaches out her hands to the needy. 21

She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household is clothed

with scarlet. 22

She makes tapestry for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23

Her husband is known in the gates, when
he sits among the elders of the land. 24

She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies sashes for the merchants. 25

Strength and honor are her clothing;
she shall rejoice in time to come. 26

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and
on her tongue is the law of kindness. 27

She watches over
the ways of her household, and

does not eat
the bread of idleness. 28

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her: 29

“Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all.” 30

Charm is deceitful and
Beauty is passing, but

A woman who fears YHWH —
she shall be praised. 31

Give her of the fruit of her hands, and

Let her own works praise her in the gates.

June 6

Song of Songs

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Intro](#), [SoS](#)]

Song of Songs 1

[This is a song consisting of seven "idyls" (love poems), marked below.]

1:1 ¶ The song of songs,
which is Solomon's. 2 ¶

[**IDYL ONE:** *Bride and groom (peasant girl and king) on wedding day.*
[These capitalized labels are implied by the gender & number of the verbs; like unto Christ and the Church so the words of the BELOVED are in red text.]

THE SHULAMITE
[Shunamite? Abishag? cf. [1Ki 1:1-4](#)]
Let him kiss me
with the kisses of his mouth —
For your love is better than wine. 3
Because of the fragrance
of your good ointments,
Your name is ointment poured forth;
Therefore the virgins love you. 4
Draw me away!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
We will run after you.

THE SHULAMITE
The king has brought me
into his chambers.

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
We will be glad and rejoice in you.
We will remember your love
more than wine.

THE SHULAMITE
Rightly do they love you. 5
I am dark, but lovely,
O daughters of [Jerusalem](#),
like the tents of [Kedar](#),
like the curtains of Solomon. 6

Do not look upon me,
because I am dark,
because [the sun](#) has tanned me.
My mother's sons were angry with me;
they made me
the keeper of the vineyards,
But my own vineyard I have not kept. 7 ¶

(TO HER BELOVED)
Tell me, O you whom I love,
Where you feed your flock,
Where you make it rest [at noon](#).
For why should I be as one
who veils herself
By the flocks of your companions? 8

THE BELOVED
If you do not know,
O fairest among women,
Follow in the footsteps of the flock,
And feed your little goats
Beside the shepherds' tents. 9
I have compared you, my love,
To my filly among Pharaoh's chariots. 10
Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments,
Your neck with chains of [gold](#). 11

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
We will make you ornaments of [gold](#)
With studs of silver. 12 ¶

THE SHULAMITE
[While](#) the king is at his table,
My spikenard sends forth its fragrance. 13
A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me,
That lies [all night](#) between my breasts. 14
My beloved is to me a cluster of henna
blooms In the vineyards of [En Gedi](#). 15

THE BELOVED
Behold, you are fair, my love!
Behold, you are fair!
You have dove's eyes. 16

THE SHULAMITE
Behold, you are handsome, my beloved!
Yes, pleasant! Also our bed is [green](#). 17

The beams of our houses are [cedar](#),
And our rafters of [fir](#).

Song of Songs 2

2:1 ¶
I am the [rose](#) of Sharon,
And the [lily](#) of the valleys. 2

THE BELOVED
Like a [lily](#) among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters. 3 ¶

THE SHULAMITE
Like an apple tree
among the trees of the woods,
So is my beloved among the sons.
I sat down in his shade with great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my taste. 4

THE SHULAMITE
TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
[He brought me to the banqueting house,](#)
[And his banner over me was love.](#) 5
Sustain me with cakes of raisins,
Refresh me with apples,
For I am lovesick. 6
His left hand is under my head,
And his right hand embraces me. 7
I charge you, O daughters of [Jerusalem](#),
By the gazelles or by the does of the field,
Do not stir up nor awaken [my] love
[until](#) it [he] pleases.

[**IDYL TWO:** *Bride reminiscing about the courtship (he disguised as peasant).]*
8 ¶

THE SHULAMITE
The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes
Leaping upon the mountains,
Skipping upon the hills. 9
My beloved is like
a gazelle or a young stag.
Behold, he stands behind our wall;
He is looking through the windows,
Gazing through the lattice. 10

My beloved spoke, and said to me:
"Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away. 11
For lo, the winter is past,
[The rain is over and gone.](#) 12
[The flowers appear on the land \[earth\];](#)
[The time of singing has come,](#)
And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land. 13
[The fig tree puts forth her green figs,](#)
[And the vines with the tender grapes](#)
Give a good smell.
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away! 14 ¶

O my dove,
in the clefts of [the rock](#),
In the secret places of [the cliff](#),
Let me see your face,
Let me hear your voice;
For your voice is sweet,
And your face is lovely." 15

HER BROTHERS
Catch us the foxes,
The little foxes that spoil the vines,
For our vines have tender grapes. 16

THE SHULAMITE
[My beloved is mine, and I am his.](#)
He feeds his flock among the lilies. 17

(TO HER BELOVED)
[Until the day breaks](#)
And the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved, and be like
a gazelle or a young stag
Upon the mountains of [Bethel](#).

Song of Songs 3

3:1 ¶
THE SHULAMITE
[By night](#) on my bed
I sought the one I love;
I sought him, but
I did not find him. 2

“I will rise **now**,” I said,
 “And go about **the city**;
 In the streets and in the squares
 I will seek the one I love.”
 I sought him, but
 I did not find him. 3
 The watchmen who go about **the city**
 found me;
 I said, “Have you seen the one I love?” 4
 Scarcely had I passed by them,
When I found the one I love.
 I held him and would not let him go,
Until I had brought him
 to the house of my mother, and
 into the chamber of her
 who conceived me. 5
 I charge you, O daughters of **Jerusalem**,
 By the gazelles or by the does of the field,
 Do not stir up nor awaken [my] love
until it [he] pleases.

[**IDYL THREE**: Recollection of the pro-
 posal, upon his return (dressed as king).]
 6 ¶

THE SHULAMITE
 Who *is* this coming out of **the wilderness**
 Like pillars of smoke,
 Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
 With all the merchant’s fragrant powders?
 7 ¶
 Behold, it *is* Solomon’s couch,
 With sixty [60] valiant men around it,
 Of the valiant of Israel. 8
 They all hold swords,
 Being expert in war.
 Every man *has* his sword on his thigh
 Because of fear **in the night**. 9
 Of **the wood** of **Lebanon**
 Solomon the King
 Made himself a chariot [palanquin]: 10
 He made
 its pillars of **silver**,
 Its support of **gold**,
 Its seat of **purple**,
 Its interior paved *with* love
 By the daughters of **Jerusalem**. 11

Go forth, O daughters of Zion,
 And see King Solomon
 with the crown
 With which his mother crowned him
On the day of his wedding,
the day of the gladness of his **heart**.

Song of Songs 4

4:1 ¶
 THE BELOVED
 Behold, you *are* fair, my love!
 Behold, you *are* fair!
 You *have* dove’s eyes behind your veil.
 Your hair *is* like a flock of goats,
 Going down from **Mount Gilead**. 2
 Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep*
That have come up from the washing,
 Every one of which bears twins, and
 None *is* barren among them. 3
 Your lips *are* like a strand of **scarlet**, and
 Your mouth is lovely.
 Your temples behind your veil
 Are like a piece of **pomegranate**. 4
 Your neck *is* like the tower of David,
 Built for an armory,
 On which hang a thousand bucklers,
 All shields of mighty men. 5
 Your two breasts *are* like two fawns,
 Twins of a gazelle,
 Which feed among the lilies. 6
Until the day breaks
 And the shadows flee away,
 I will go my way
 to the mountain of myrrh and
 to the hill of frankincense. 7
 You *are* all fair, my love,
 And *there is* no spot in you. 8 ¶
 [Neither spot nor wrinkle: [Eph 5:27](#).]
 Come with me from **Lebanon**, **my spouse**,
 With me from **Lebanon**.
 Look
 from the top of **Amana**,
 From the top of **Senir** and **Hermon**,
 From the lions’ dens,
 From **the mountains** of the leopards. 9

You have ravished my heart,
My sister, my spouse;
 You have ravished my heart
 With one *look* of your eyes,
 With one link of your necklace. 10
 How fair is your love,
My sister, my spouse!
 How much better than **wine** is your love,
 And the scent of your perfumes
 Than all spices! 11
 Your lips, **O my spouse**,
 Drip as the honeycomb;
 Honey and milk *are* under your tongue;
 And the fragrance of your garments
 Is like the fragrance of **Lebanon**. 12
 A garden enclosed *is*
My sister, my spouse,
 A spring shut up,
 A fountain sealed. 13
 Your plants *are*
 an orchard of pomegranates
 With pleasant fruits,
 Fragrant henna with spikenard, 14
 Spikenard and saffron,
 Calamus and cinnamon,
 With all trees of frankincense,
 Myrrh and aloes,
 With all the chief spices — 15 ¶
 A fountain of gardens,
 A well of living waters,
 And streams from **Lebanon**. 16
 [“living waters”: [SoS 4:15](#); [Jer 2:13](#),
[17:13](#); [Zec 14:8](#); [Jn 4:10](#), [7:38](#)]

THE SHULAMITE
 Awake, O north wind,
 And come, O south!
 Blow upon my garden,
 That its spices may flow out.
 Let my beloved come to his garden
 And eat its pleasant fruits.

Song of Songs 5

5:1 ¶
 THE BELOVED
 I have come to
 my garden,
my sister, my spouse;
 I have gathered
 my myrrh with
 my spice;
 I have eaten
 my honeycomb with
 my honey;
 I have drunk
 my wine with
 my milk.

(TO HIS FRIENDS)

Eat, O friends!
 Drink, yes, drink deeply,
 O beloved ones!

[**IDYL FOUR**: Bride relates a troubled
 dream after the shepherd disappeared.]
 2 ¶

THE SHULAMITE
 I sleep, but my **heart** is awake;
 It is the voice of my beloved!
 He knocks, saying,
 “Open for me, **my sister, my love**,
My dove, my perfect one;
 For my head is covered with dew,
 My locks with the drops of **the night**.” 3
 I have taken off my robe;
 How can I put it on **again**?
 I have washed my feet;
 How can I defile them? 4
 My beloved put his hand
 By the latch of *the door*,
 And my **heart** yearned for him. 5
 I arose to open for my beloved,
 And my hands dripped *with* myrrh,
 My fingers with liquid myrrh,
 On the handles of the lock. 6

I opened for my beloved, but
 My beloved
 had turned away *and* was gone.
 My heart leaped up **when** he spoke.
 I sought him, but I could not find him;
 I called him, but he gave me no answer. 7
 The watchmen who went about **the city**
 found me.
 They struck me, they wounded me;
 The keepers of the walls
 Took my veil away from me. 8
 I charge you,
 O daughters of **Jerusalem**,
 If you find my beloved,
 That you tell him I *am* lovesick!
 9 ¶
 THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
 What *is* your beloved
 More than *another* beloved,
 O fairest among women?
 What *is* your beloved
 More than *another* beloved,
 That you so charge us? 10

THE SHULAMITE
 My beloved *is* white and ruddy,
 Chief among ten thousand [10,000]. 11
 His head *is like* the finest **gold**;
 His locks *are* wavy, *and* black as a raven. 12
 His eyes *are* like doves
 by **the rivers of waters**,
 washed with milk, *and* fitly set. 13
 His cheeks *are* like a bed of spices,
 Banks of scented herbs.
 His lips *are* lilies,
 Dripping liquid **myrrh**. 14
 His hands *are* rods of **gold**
 Set with **beryl**.
 His body *is* carved ivory
 Inlaid with **sapphires**. 15
 His legs *are* pillars of marble
 Set on bases of fine **gold**.
 His countenance *is* like **Lebanon**,
 Excellent as **the cedars**. 16
 His mouth *is* most sweet,
 Yes, he *is* altogether lovely.

This *is* my beloved, and
 This *is* my friend,
 O daughters of **Jerusalem!**

Song of Songs 6

6:1 ¶
 THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
 Where has your beloved gone,
 O fairest among women?
 Where has your beloved turned aside,
 That we may seek him with you? 2

THE SHULAMITE
 My beloved has gone to his **garden**,
 To the beds of spices,
 To feed *his flock* in the **gardens**, and
 To gather lilies. 3
I am my beloved's, and
my beloved is mine.
 He feeds *his flock* among the lilies.

[IDYL FIVE

The king's meditation on his bride.]
 4 ¶

THE BELOVED
O my love, you are as
Beautiful as Tirzah,
Lovely as Jerusalem,
Awesome as an army with banners! 5
Turn your eyes away from me,
For they have overcome me.
Your hair is like a flock of goats
Going down from Gilead. 6
Your teeth are like a flock of sheep
That have come up from the washing;
 Every one bears twins, and
 None *is* barren among them. 7
Like a piece of pomegranate
Are your temples behind your veil. 8
There are sixty [60] queens
And eighty [80] concubines,
And virgins without number. 9
My dove, my perfect one, is
The only one, [only daughter: 8:8]
The only one of her mother,
The favorite of the one who bore her.

The daughters saw her
 And called her blessed,
 The queens and the concubines,
 And they praised her. 10
Who is she who looks forth
as the morning,
Fair as the moon,
Clear as the sun,
Awesome as an army with banners? 11 ¶

THE SHULAMITE
 I went down to the **garden of nuts**
 To see the verdure [greenness] of the valley,
 To see whether the vine had budded
And the pomegranates had bloomed. 12
Before I was even aware,
 My soul had made me
 As the chariots of my noble people. 13

THE BELOVED AND HIS FRIENDS
Return, return, O Shulamite;
Return, return,
that we may look upon you!

THE SHULAMITE
 What would you see in the Shulamite —
 As it were, the dance of the two camps?

Song of Songs 7

7:1 ¶
 THE BELOVED
How beautiful are your feet in sandals,
O prince's daughter!
The curves of your thighs are like jewels,
The work of the hands
of a skillful workman [God]. 2
Your navel is a rounded goblet;
It lacks no blended beverage.
Your waist is a heap of wheat
Set about with lilies. 3
Your two breasts are like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle. 4
Your neck is like an ivory tower,
Your eyes like the pools in Heshbon
By the gate of Bath Rabbim.

Your nose *is* like the tower of **Lebanon**
 Which looks toward **Damascus.** 5
 Your head *crowns* you
 like **Mount Carmel**,
 And the hair of your head *is* like **purple**;
 A king *is* held captive by *your* tresses. 6
 How fair and how pleasant you are,
 O love, with your delights! 7
This stature of yours is like a palm tree,
And your breasts like its clusters. 8
 I said,
 "I will go up to the palm tree,
 I will take hold of its branches."
 Let **now** your breasts be
 like clusters of the vine,
 The fragrance of your breath
 like apples, 9 and
 The roof of your mouth
 like the best wine.

THE SHULAMITE
The wine goes down smoothly
 for my beloved,
 Moving gently the lips of sleepers. 10 ¶

I am my beloved's, and
His desire is toward me.

[IDYL SIX: Bride longing for her home
 in Lebanon (for second honeymoon).]
 11

Come, my beloved,
 Let us go forth to the field;
 Let us lodge in the villages 12
 Let us get up **early** to the vineyards;
 Let us see if
 the vine has budded,
 Whether the grape blossoms are open,
 And the pomegranates are in bloom.
 There I will give you my love. 13
 The mandrakes give off a fragrance,
 And at our gates *are* pleasant **fruits**,
 All manner, **new** and **old**,
 Which I have laid up for you, my beloved.

Song of Songs 8

8:1 ¶
Oh, that you were like my brother,
Who nursed at my mother's breasts!
If I should find you outside,
I would kiss you;
I would not be despised. 2
I would lead you *and* bring you
Into the house of my mother,
She *who* used to instruct me.
I would cause you to drink of spiced wine,
Of the juice of my pomegranate. 3

(TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM)
His left hand *is* under my head, and
His right hand embraces me. 4
I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
Do not stir up nor awaken [*my*] love
until it [*he*] pleases.

*[IDYL SEVEN: Renewal of the vows
at her birthplace in Lebanon.]*
5 ¶

A RELATIVE TO THE SHULAMITE
Who *is* this
Coming up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?
I awakened you under the apple tree.
There your mother
brought you forth;
There she *who* bore you,
brought *you* forth. 6

THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED
Set me
as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love *is as* strong as death,
Jealousy *as* cruel as the grave;
Its flames *are* flames of fire,
A most vehement flame. 7
Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can the floods drown it.
If a man would give for love
All the wealth of his house,
It would be utterly despised.

8 ¶
THE SHULAMITE'S BROTHERS
We have a little sister,
and she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
in the day when she is spoken for? 9
If she *is* a wall,
we will build upon her
a battlement of silver; and
If she *is* a door,
we will enclose her
with boards of cedar. 10

THE SHULAMITE
I *am* a wall, and my breasts like towers;
Then I became in his eyes
as one who found peace. 11
Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon
[“*lord (possessor) of abundance*”];
He leased the vineyard to keepers;
Everyone was to bring for its fruit
a thousand [*1,000*] silver coins. 12

(TO SOLOMON)
My own vineyard *is* before me.
You, O Solomon, *may* have
a thousand [*1,000*],
And those who tend its fruit
two hundred [*200*]. 13 ¶

THE BELOVED
You who dwell in the gardens,
The companions listen for your voice —
Let me hear it! 14

THE SHULAMITE
Make haste, my beloved, and
Be like
a gazelle or a young stag
On the mountains of spices.

June 7

1 Kings 11 [Audio: S. G. 1Ki 11-12] Solomon's Wives Lead Him Astray

11:1 ¶ But King Solomon loved many
foreign women, as well as the daughter
of Pharaoh — women of the:

Moabites,
Ammonites,
Edomites,
Sidonians, and
Hittites — 2

from the nations of whom YHWH had
said to the children of Israel,
“You shall not intermarry with them,
nor they with you. Surely they will
turn away your hearts after their gods.”
Solomon clung to these in love. 3 And
he had seven hundred [*700*] wives,
princesses, and three hundred [*300*]
concubines; and his wives turned away
his heart. 4 For it was so, when Solo-
mon was old, that his wives turned his
heart after other gods; and his heart was
not loyal to YHWH his God, as was the
heart of his father David. 5 For Solo-
mon went after

Ashtoreth [“*star*”]
the goddess of the Sidonians,
and after
Milcom [“*great king*”;
aka Molech] the abomination
of the Ammonites. 6

Solomon
did evil in the sight of YHWH, and
did not fully follow YHWH,
as *did* his father David. 7
Then Solomon built a high place for
Chemosh [“*subduer*”;
aka Baal-peor and Baal-zebul]
the abomination of Moab,

on the hill that is
east of Jerusalem, and for
Molech [“*king*”]; why mentioned
under two names?]
the abomination of the people
of Ammon. 8

[*Not destroyed until Josiah: 2Ki 23:13*]
And he did likewise for all his foreign
wives, who burned incense and sacri-
ficed to their gods.

YHWH Is Angry With Solomon

9 ¶ So YHWH became angry with Solo-
mon, because his heart had turned
from YHWH God of Israel, who had
appeared to him twice, 10 and had
commanded him concerning this thing,
that he should not go after other gods;
but he did not keep what YHWH had
commanded. 11 Therefore, YHWH said
to Solomon,

“Because you have done this,
and have not kept
My covenant and
My statutes,
which I have commanded you,
I will surely
tear the kingdom away from you and
give it to your servant.
[*Jeroboam: vv26-40, 12:1-20*]
12 Nevertheless,
I will not do it in your days,
for the sake of your father David;
I will tear it out of the hand of your son.
13 However,
I will not tear away the whole kingdom;
I will give one [1] tribe to your son
for the sake of My servant David, and
for the sake of Jerusalem,
which I have chosen.”

YHWH Raises Up An Adversary

14 ¶ **Now** YHWH raised up an adversary against Solomon,

Hadad [*“mighty”*] the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom. 15 For it [had] happened, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had killed every male in Edom 16 (because for six [6] months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut down every male in Edom), 17 that Hadad [had] fled to go to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father’s servants with him. Hadad was still a little child. 18 Then they arose from Midian [*“strife”*] and came to Paran [*“place of caverns”*]; and they took men with them from Paran and came to

Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, apportioned food for him, and gave him land. 19

And Hadad [had] found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, that is, the sister of Queen

Tahpenes [*“wife of the king”*]. 20 Then the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath [*“theft”*] his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh’s house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh’s household among the sons of Pharaoh. 21 So when Hadad heard in Egypt that David rested with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh,

“Let me depart, that I may go to my own country.” 22 Then Pharaoh said to him,

“But what have you lacked with me that suddenly you seek to go to your own country?”

So he answered, “Nothing, but do let me go anyway.” 23

God Raises Up Another Adversary

And God raised up another adversary against him,

Rezon [*“prince”*] the son of Eliadah [*“God knows”*], who had fled from his lord,

Hadadezer [*“Hadad is help”*] king of Zobah [*“station”*]. 24

So he gathered men to him and became captain over a band of raiders, [back] when David killed those of Zobah. And they went to Damascus [*“silent is the sackcloth weaver”*] and dwelt there, and reigned in Damascus. 25 He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad caused); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria [*“exalted”*; aka Aram].

Solomon’s Servant, Jeroboam, Arises

26 ¶ Then Solomon’s servant, Jeroboam

[*“the people will contend”*] the son of Nebat [*“aspect”*],

an Ephraimite from Zereda [*“fortress”*],

whose mother’s name was Zeruah [*“full breasted”*],

a widow,

also rebelled against the king. 27 And this is what caused him to rebel against the king: Solomon had built the Millo and repaired the damages to the City of David his father. 28 The man Jeroboam

was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, made him the officer over all the labor force of the house of Joseph. 29 Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet

Ahijah [*“YHWH is (my) brother”*] the Shilonite

[*Shiloh: “place of rest”*] met him on the way; and he [Ahijah] had clothed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the field. 30 Then Ahijah took hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve [12] pieces. 31 And he said to Jeroboam,

“Take for yourself ten [10] pieces, for thus says YHWH, the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten [10] tribes to you 32

(but he shall have one [1] tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem,

the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), 33

because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped

Ashtoreth

the goddess of the Sidonians,

Chemosh

the god of the Moabites, and

Milcom

the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in

My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep

My statutes and My judgments,

as did his father David. 34

However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life

for the sake of My servant David, whom I chose because he kept

My commandments and My statutes. 35

But I will take the kingdom out of his son’s hand and give it to you — ten [10] tribes. 36 And to his son I will give one [1] tribe, that My servant David may

always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for

Myself, to put My name there. 37 So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be

king over Israel. 38

Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you,

walk in My ways, and do what is right in

My sight, to keep

My statutes and My commandments,

as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for

you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. 39

And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this,

but not forever.” 40

Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to

Shishak [*“greedy of fine linen”*] king of Egypt,

and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

[IKi 11: 41ff follows Ecclesiastes]

Ecclesiastes

[36x: "vanity"; 29x: "under the sun"]

[Audio: S. Gregg Intro, 1-4]

Ecclesiastes 1

Everything Is Meaningless

1:1 ¶ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 2

"Vanity of vanities",
says the Preacher;

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." 3
What profit has a man from all his labor
in which he toils under the sun?

4 ¶
One generation passes away, and
Another generation comes; but
The land [earth] abides forever. 5
The sun also rises, and
The sun goes down, and
hastens to the place
where it arose. 6

The wind goes toward the south, and
turns around to the north;
The wind whirls about continually, and
comes again on its circuit. 7
All the rivers run into the sea, yet

The sea is not full;
To the place from which the rivers come,
There they return again. 8
All things are full of labor;
Man cannot express it.
The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
Nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 ¶
That which has been is what will be,
That which is done is what will be done,
And
There is nothing new under the sun. 10
Is there anything of which
it may be said, "See, this is new"?

It has already been
in ancient times before us. 11
There is no remembrance
of former things,

Nor will there be any remembrance
of things that are to come
By those who will come after.

The Futility of Wisdom

12 ¶ I, the Preacher, was king over Israel
in Jerusalem. 13 And I set my heart to
seek and search out by wisdom concern-
ing all that is done under heaven; this
burdensome task God has given to the
sons of man, by which they may be
exercised. 14 I have seen all the works
that are done under the sun; and indeed,
all is vanity and grasping for the wind.
15 What is crooked cannot be made
straight, And what is lacking cannot
be numbered. 16 I communed with my
heart, saying,

"Look, I have attained greatness, and
have gained more wisdom than all
who were before me in Jerusalem.
My heart has understood great
wisdom and knowledge." 17

And I set my heart to know wisdom and
to know madness and folly. I perceived
that this also is grasping for the wind.
18 For in much wisdom is much grief,
And he who increases knowledge
increases sorrow.

Ecclesiastes 2

The Futility of Pleasure

2:1 ¶ I said in my heart,
"Come now, I will test you with
mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure";
but surely, this also was vanity. 2
I said of laughter — "Madness!"; and
of mirth, "What does it accomplish?" 3

I searched in my heart how to gratify
my flesh with wine, while guiding my
heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold
on folly, till I might see what was good
for the sons of men to do under heaven
all the days of their lives. 4
I made my works great,
I built myself houses, and
planted myself vineyards. 5
I made myself gardens and orchards,
and
I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. 6
I made myself water pools
from which to water
the growing trees of the grove. 7
I acquired male and female servants,
and had servants born in my house.
Yes,

I had greater possessions of herds and
flocks than all who were in Jeru-
salem before me. 8

I also gathered for myself silver and
gold and the special treasures of
kings and of the provinces.
I acquired male and female singers,
the delights of the sons of men, and
musical instruments of all kinds. 9
So

I became great and excelled more than
all who were before me in Jerusa-
lem.

Also my wisdom remained with me. 10
Whatever my eyes desired

I did not keep from them.
I did not withhold my heart
from any pleasure,
For my heart rejoiced in all my labor;
And this was my reward
from all my labor. 11

Then I looked on all the works that
my hands had done And on the labor

in which I had toiled; And indeed
all was vanity and grasping for the wind.
There was no profit under the sun.

The Wise and the Foolish

12 ¶ Then I turned myself to consider
wisdom and madness and folly;
For what can the man do
who succeeds the king? —

Only what he has already done. 13
Then I saw that

wisdom excels folly
as light excels darkness. 14
The wise man's eyes are in his head,
but the fool walks in darkness.

Yet I myself perceived that
The same event happens to them all. 15
So I said in my heart,

"As it happens to the fool,
It also happens to me, and
Why was I then more wise?"

Then I said in my heart,
"This also is vanity." 16

For there is no more remembrance of
the wise than of the fool forever,
Since all that now is will be forgotten
in the days to come, And
how does a wise man die? As the fool!

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Ecclesiastes 2:17

The Futility of Work

17 ¶ Therefore I hated life because the
work that was done under the sun was
distressing to me, for all is vanity and
grasping for the wind.

18 Then I hated all my labor in which I
had toiled under the sun, because I
must leave it to the man who will come

after me. 19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.

20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

22 For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? 23 For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.

24 Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? 26 For God gives

wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Ecclesiastes 3

3:1 ¶ To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: 2 A time to be born, and A time to die; A time to plant, and A time to pluck what is planted; 3 A time to kill, and A time to heal; A time to break down, and A time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and A time to laugh; A time to mourn, and A time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and A time to gather stones; A time to embrace, and A time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to gain, and A time to lose; A time to keep, and A time to throw away; 7 A time to tear, and A time to sew; A time to keep silence, and A time to speak; 8 A time to love, and A time to hate; A time of war, and A time of peace.

9 What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? 10 I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied.

11 ¶ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts [contemplation of the infinite], except that no one can find

out the work that God does from beginning to end. 12 I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, 13 and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor — it is the gift of God. 14

I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and Nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him. 15 That which is, has already been, and What is to be has already been; and God requires an account of what is past.

The Injustices of Life

16 ¶ Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of judgment [courtroom], wickedness was there; and In the place of righteousness, iniquity was there. 17

I said in my heart, “God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.” 18

I said in my heart, “Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals.” 19

For what happens to the sons of men also happens to the animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. 20 All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust. 21

Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the land [earth]? 22 [LXX: “whether it”, not “which”] So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

Ecclesiastes 4

4:1 ¶ Then I returned and considered all the oppression that is done under the sun: And look! The tears of the oppressed, But they have no comforter —

On the side of their oppressors there is power, But they have no comforter. 2 Therefore I praised the dead who were already dead, More than the living who are still alive. 3 Yet, better than both is he who has never existed, Who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 ¶ Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind. 5

The fool folds his hands And consumes his own flesh. 6 Better a handful with quietness Than both hands full, together with Toil and grasping for the wind.

The Advantages of Companionship

7 ¶ Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun: 8

There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labors, Nor is his eye satisfied with riches. But he never asks, "For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?" This also is vanity and a grave misfortune.

9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The Futility of Political Power

13 ¶ Better a poor and wise youth Than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more [Solomon himself?]. 14 For he comes out of prison to be king [Jeroboam?], Although he was born poor in his kingdom. 15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun; They were with the second youth who stands in his place. 16 There was no end of all the people over whom he was made king; Yet those who come afterward will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

[Audio: S. Gregg Ecc 5-7]

Ecclesiastes 5

The Importance of Fearing God

5:1 ¶ Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. 2 Do not be rash with your mouth, And Let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you [are] on land [earth]; Therefore let your words be few. 3 For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words.

4 ¶ When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed — 5 Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. 6 Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God.

The Futility of Wealth

8 If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.

9 ¶

Moreover the profit of the land is for all; even the king is served from the field. 10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity. 11

When goods increase, they increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners except to see them with their eyes? 12

The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but The abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep. 13

There is a severe evil that I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt. 14 But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand. 15 As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand. 16 And this also is a severe evil — Just exactly as he came, so shall he go. And what profit has he who has labored for the wind? 17 All his days he also eats in darkness, And he has much sorrow and sickness and anger.

18 ¶ Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life that God gives

him; for it is his heritage. 19 As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor — this is the gift of God. 20 For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 6

6:1 ¶ There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: 2 A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it. This is vanity, and it is an evil affliction.

3 If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with goodness [good life], or indeed he has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better than he — 4 for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness. 5 Though it has not seen the sun or known anything, this has more rest than that man, 6 even if he lives a thousand [1,000] years twice — but has not seen goodness. Do not all go to one place [i.e., the grave]?

7 ¶ All the labor of man is for his mouth, And yet the soul is not satisfied. 8 For what more has the wise man than the fool?

What does the poor man have,
Who knows *how* to walk
before the living? 9
Better *is* the sight of the eyes
Than the wandering of desire.
This also is vanity
and grasping for the wind. 10

The Future – Determined & Unknown

Whatever one is,
he has been named **already**,
For it is known that he *is* man;
And he cannot contend with **Him**
who is mightier than he.
11 ¶
Since there are many things
that **increase** vanity,
How *is* man the better? 12
For who knows what *is* good for man
in life, **all the days of his vain life**
that he passes like a shadow?
Who can tell a man
what will happen after him
under the sun?

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Ecclesiastes 7 Wisdom for Life

7:1 ¶
A good name *is* better
than precious ointment, and
The day of death
than **the day of one's birth**;
2
Better to go to the house of mourning
Than to go to the house of feasting,
For that *is* **the end** of all men; and
The living will take *it* to heart.
3
Sorrow *is* better than laughter,
for by a sad countenance
the heart *is* made better.

4
The heart of **the wise** *is* [sorrowful]
in the house of mourning, but
The heart of fools *is* [distracted]
in the house of mirth.
5
It is better to hear the rebuke of **the wise**
than for a man to hear the song of fools. 6
for like the crackling of thorns
under a pot,
So *is* the laughter of **the fool**.

This also is vanity.
7 ¶
Surely oppression destroys
a wise man's reason,
And a bribe debases
the heart.
8
The end of a thing *is*
better than its **beginning**;
The patient in spirit *is*
better than the proud in spirit.
9
Do not **hasten** in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools.
10
Do not say, "**Why were the former days**
better than **these**?"
For you do not inquire wisely
concerning this.

11 ¶
Wisdom *is*
good with an inheritance, and
profitable to those who see **the sun**, 12
for
Wisdom *is*
a defense *as* money *is* a defense, but
the excellence of **knowledge** *is* that
Wisdom gives life to those who have **it**.
13
Consider **the work of God**;
For who can make straight
what **He** has made crooked?

14
In the day of prosperity be **joyful**, but
In the day of adversity consider:
Surely **God** has appointed
the one as well as the other,
So that man can find out nothing
that will happen after him.
[NKJ: ↑ come]

The Limits of Human Wisdom

15 I have seen everything
in my days of vanity:
There is **a just man**
who **perishes** in his **righteousness**,
and
There is **a wicked man**
who **prolongs** life in his wickedness.
16
Do not be overly **righteous**,
Nor be overly **wise**:
Why should you destroy yourself? 17
Do not be overly wicked,
Nor be foolish:
Why should you die **before your time**?
18
It is **good** that you
grasp this, and also
not remove your hand from the other;
for he who fears **God** will escape them all.
19
Wisdom strengthens **the wise**
more than ten rulers of the city. 20
For *there is* not a **just** man on land [earth]
who does **good** and does not **sin**.
21
Also
Do not take to heart
everything people say,
Lest you hear
your servant cursing you. 22
For **many times**, also,
your own heart has known
that even you have **cursed** others.

23 ¶
All this I have proved by **wisdom**:
I said,
"I will be **wise**";
But **it** was far from me. 24
As for that which is
far off and exceedingly deep,
Who can find it out? 25
I applied my heart to know,
To search and seek out
wisdom and the reason of things,
To know the wickedness of folly,
Even of foolishness *and* madness. 26
And I find more bitter than **death**
The woman
whose heart *is* snares and nets,
whose hands *are* fetters.
He who pleases **God**
shall escape from her, but
The sinner
shall be trapped by her.
27
"Here is what I have found,"
says the Preacher,
"Adding one thing to the other
to find out the reason, 28
Which my soul still seeks but
I cannot find:
One man among a thousand [1,000]
I have found, but
A woman among all these
I have **not** found. 29
Truly, this only I have found:
That **God** made man **upright**, but
They have sought out many schemes."

[Audio: S. Gregg [Ecc 8-12](#)]

Ecclesiastes 8

8:1 ¶
Who *is* like **a wise man**? And
Who knows the interpretation of a thing?
A man's wisdom makes his face **shine**,
And the sternness of his face is changed.

[Highlighting Legend & Lates Notes](#)

Obedience to the King

2 I say,
“Keep the king’s commandment
for the sake of your oath to God. 3
Do not be hasty to go from his presence.
Do not take your stand for an evil thing,
for he does whatever pleases him.”

4
Where the word of a king is,
there is power; and
who may say to him,
“What are you doing?” 5
He who keeps his command will
experience nothing harmful; and
A wise man’s heart discerns
both time and judgment,
6 ¶
Because for every matter there
is a time and judgment,
though the misery of man
increases greatly. 7
For he does not know what will happen;
So who can tell him
when it [death: v8] will occur? 8
No one has power
over the spirit to retain the spirit, and
No one has power
in the day of death.
There is no release from that war, and
wickedness will not deliver those
who are given to it.

The Wicked and the Righteous

9 ¶ All this I have seen, and applied
my heart to every work that is done
under the sun:
There is a time in which one man
rules over another to his own hurt.
10
Then I saw the wicked buried,
who had come and gone
from the place of holiness,

and they were forgotten in the city
where they had so done.
This also is vanity.
11
Because
the sentence against an evil work
is not executed speedily,
Therefore
the heart of the sons of men
is fully set in them to do evil.

12
Though
a sinner does evil a hundred times,
and his days are prolonged, yet
I surely know that
it will be well with those
who fear God,
who fear before Him; 13 but
it will not be well with the wicked;
nor will he prolong his days,
which are as a shadow, because
he does not fear before God.

14 ¶ There is a vanity
that occurs on land [earth]:
that there are just men to whom it happens
according to the work of the wicked; again,
there are wicked men to whom it happens
according to the work of the righteous.
I said that this also is vanity. 15

So I commended enjoyment, because
a man has nothing better under the sun
than to eat, drink, and be merry; for
this will remain with him in his labor
all the days of his life
that God gives him under the sun. 16

When I applied my heart
to know wisdom and
to see the business
that is done on land [earth],

even though one sees no sleep
day or night, 17
then I saw all the work of God,
that a man cannot find out the work
that is done under the sun. For:
though a man labors to discover it, yet
he will not find it; moreover,
though a wise man attempts to know it,
he will not be able to find it.

Ecclesiastes 9

Death Comes to All

9:1 ¶ For I considered all this in my heart,
so that I could declare it all:
that the righteous and
the wise and
their works
are in the hand of God.
People know neither love nor hatred
by anything they see before them.

2 All things come alike to all:
One event happens
To the righteous and
the wicked;
To the good,
the clean, and
the unclean;
To him who sacrifices and
him who does not sacrifice.

As is the good, so is
the sinner;
he who takes an oath
As he who fears an oath. 3
This is an evil in all that is done
under the sun:
that one thing happens to all.
Truly the hearts of the sons of men
are full of evil;
madness is in their hearts while they live,
and after that they go to the dead.
4 ¶

But for him who is joined to all the living
there is hope, for
a living dog is better than a dead lion.5
For the living know that they will die;
But the dead know nothing,
And they have no more reward,
For the memory of them is forgotten. 6
Also their love,
their hatred, and
their envy
have now perished;
Nevermore will they have a share
In anything done under the sun. 7
Go, eat your bread with joy, and
drink your wine with a merry heart;
For
God has already accepted your works. 8
Let your garments always be white, and
Let your head lack no oil. [grooming] 9
Live joyfully with the wife [cf. 4:9-12]
whom you love
all the days of your vain life
that He has given you
under the sun,
all your days of vanity;
For that is your portion
in life, and
in the labor
that you perform
under the sun. 10

Whatever your hand finds to do,
do it with your might;
For there is no
work or
device or
knowledge or
wisdom
In the grave [Hebrew sheol]
where you are going.

11 ¶

I returned and saw **under the sun** that:
 The race *is* not to the swift,
 Nor the battle to the strong,
 Nor **bread** to the **wise**,
 Nor riches to men of **understanding**,
 Nor favor to men of skill; But
Time and chance happen to them all.¹²
 For man also does not know his **time**:
 Like fish taken in a cruel net,
 Like birds caught in a snare,
 So the sons of men *are* snared
 in **an evil time**,
when it falls **suddenly** upon them.

Thoughts of Wisdom and Folly

¹³ ¶ This wisdom I have also seen
under the sun, and
 It *seemed* great to me: ¹⁴
 There was **a little city**
 with few men in it; and
 A great king
 came against it,
 besieged it, and
 built great snares around it. ¹⁵
Now there was found in it
 a poor **wise** man, and
 he by his **wisdom**
delivered the city.
 Yet no one remembered
 that same poor man. ¹⁶
Then I said:
 “**Wisdom** *is* better than strength;
 nevertheless, the poor man’s
Wisdom *is* despised, and
 His words are not heard. ¹⁷
 Words of **the wise**, *spoken* quietly,
should be heard Rather than
 The shout of a ruler of fools. ¹⁸
Wisdom *is* better than
 weapons of war; but
 one sinner destroys
 Much **good**.”

Ecclesiastes 10

^{10:1} ¶
 Dead flies
 putrefy the perfumer’s ointment,
 and cause it to give off a foul odor;
 So *does* a little folly
 to one respected
 for **wisdom and honor**.
²
A wise man’s heart *is*
 at his right hand, but
 A fool’s heart at his left.
³
 Even **when** a fool walks along the way,
 He lacks **wisdom**, and
 He shows everyone *that* he *is* a fool.
⁴ ¶
 If the spirit of the ruler rises against you,
 do not leave your post;
 For **conciliation** pacifies great offenses.
⁵
 There is an evil I have seen **under the sun**,
 As an error proceeding from the ruler: ⁶
 Folly is set in great dignity,
While the rich sit in a lowly place.⁷
 I have seen servants on horses,
While princes walk on **the ground**
 like servants.
⁸
 He who digs a pit will fall into it, and
 Whoever breaks through a wall
 will be bitten by a serpent.
⁹
 He who quarries stones
 may be hurt by them, *and*
 He who splits wood
 may be endangered by it.
¹⁰
 If the ax is dull,
 And one does not sharpen the edge,
Then he must use more strength;
 But **wisdom** brings success.
¹¹

A serpent may bite
when it *is* not charmed;
 The babbler is no different.
¹² ¶
 The words of **a wise man**’s mouth
are **gracious**, but
 The lips of a fool
 shall swallow him up; ¹³
 The words of his mouth
 begin with foolishness, and
The end of his talk
is raving madness. ¹⁴
 A fool also multiplies words.
 No man knows **what is to be**;
 Who can tell him
what will happen [be] after him?
¹⁵
 The labor of fools wears them,
 For they do not even know
 how to go to **the city**!
¹⁶ ¶
 Woe to you, O land, **when**
 your king *is* a child, and
 your princes feast **in the morning**!¹⁷
Blessed *are* you, O land, **when**
 your king *is* the son of nobles, and
 your princes feast **at the proper time**;
 For **strength** and not for drunkenness!
¹⁸
 Because of laziness
 the building decays, and
 Through idleness of hands
 the house leaks.
¹⁹
 A feast is made for laughter, and
Wine makes merry; but
 Money answers everything.
²⁰
 Do not **curse** the king,
 even in your thought;
 Do not **curse** the rich,
 even in your bedroom; for

A bird of the air may carry your voice,
 and [*“a little bird told me”*:]
 A bird in flight may tell the matter.

Ecclesiastes 11

Generosity and Diligence

^{11:1} ¶
 Cast your bread upon **the waters**,
 For you will find it **after many days**.
²
 Give a serving to seven [⁷],
 and also to eight [⁸],
 For you do not know what evil
 will be on **the land** [earth].
³
 If the clouds are full of rain,
 They empty *themselves*
 upon **the land** [earth]; and
 If a tree falls to the south or the north,
 in the place where the tree falls,
 there it shall lie.
⁴
 He who observes the wind
 will not sow, and
 He who regards **the clouds**
 will not reap.
⁵
 As you do not know
 what *is* the way of the wind, *or*
 how the bones *grow* in the womb
 of her who is with child,
 So you do not know **the works of God**
 who makes everything.
⁶
In the morning
 sow your seed, and
In the evening
 do not withhold your hand;
 For you do not know
 which will prosper,
 either this or that, or
 whether both alike *will be* **good**.

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Ecclesiastes 11:7

Advice for Old and Young

7 ¶ Truly **the light** is sweet, and
It is pleasant for the eyes
 to behold **the sun**; 8 but
 If a man lives **many years** and
rejoices in them all, yet
 Let him remember the days of **darkness**,
 For **they** will be **many**.
All that is coming is vanity.

9 **Rejoice**, O **young** man,
 in your **youth**, and
 Let your heart **cheer** you
in the days of your youth;
 Walk in the ways of your heart, and
in the sight of your eyes; but
 Know that for all these
God will bring you into **judgment**. 10
 Therefore
 Remove **sorrow** from your **heart**, and
 Put away **evil** from your **flesh**, for
Childhood and **youth are** vanity.

Ecclesiastes 12

12:1 ¶ **Remember now** your **Creator**
 in the days of your **youth**,
 before the **difficult days** come, and
 the **years** draw near
When you say,
 “I have no **pleasure in them**”: 2
While the **sun** and the **light**,
 the **moon** and the **stars**,
 are not **darkened**, and
 the **clouds** do not return
after the **rain**; 3

In the day

When
 the keepers of the house
 tremble, and
 the strong men
 bow down;
When
 the grinders [*teeth*] cease
 because they are few, and
 those that look through
 the windows grow dim; 4
When
 the doors are shut
 in the streets, and
 the sound of grinding is low;
When
 one rises up
 at the sound of a bird, and
 all the daughters of music
 are brought low; 5 also they
 are afraid of height,
 and of **terrors** in the way;

When
 the almond tree blossoms,
 the grasshopper is a burden, and
 desire fails. [*OT: the grave*, v7]
 For man goes to **his eternal home**, and
 the mourners go about the streets. 6

Remember [now] your Creator
before the silver cord is loosed, or
 the **golden** bowl is broken, or
 the pitcher shattered
 at the fountain, or
 the wheel broken
 at the well. 7
Then the dust [*body*] will return
 to the land [*earth*] as it was, and
The spirit [breath] will return
 to **God** who gave it. [*Glimpse?*]
 [*of afterlife*]

Concluding Thoughts

8 ¶ **“Vanity of vanities,”**
 says the Preacher,
“All is vanity.” 9
 And, moreover,
 because the Preacher was **wise**,
 he still taught the people **knowledge**;
 yes,
 he pondered and
 sought out *and*
 set in order
 many proverbs. 10
 The Preacher sought to find
 acceptable words; and
what was written was **upright** —
 words of **truth**; 11
 the words of **the wise**
 are like goads, and ↗

the words of scholars
 are like well-driven nails,
 given by **one Shepherd**. 12
 And further, my son,
 be admonished by these:
 of making many books
there is **no end**, and
 much study
is wearisome to the flesh.
 13 ¶
 Let us hear **the conclusion**
 of the whole matter:
 Fear **God** and
 Keep **His commandments**,
 For this is man’s all. 14
 For **God** will bring
 every work into **judgment**,
 including every secret thing,
 whether **good** or evil.

1 Kings 11:41-43 ||
[This column is parallel to the next:]
 41 ¶ **Now** the rest of **the acts of Solomon**,
 all that he did, and his **wisdom**,
are they not written
 in the **Book of the Acts of Solomon**?

[Audio: S. G. [1Ki 11-12](#)]

42 **And the period** that
 Solomon reigned in **Jerusalem** over
 all Israel *was* **forty [40] years**. 43
 [2990-3029 AB: [1Ki 6:1](#), May 21]
Then Solomon rested with his fathers,
 and was buried in the **City of David**
 his father. And Rehoboam his son
 reigned in his place.

[Does the parallel imply that the
 “Book of the Acts of Solomon”
 was the compilation of ↗

2 Chronicles 9:29-31
Solomon Dies
 29 **Now** the rest of **the acts of Solomon**,
first and last,
are they not written
 in the **Book of Nathan the Prophet**,
 in the **Prophecy of Ahijah**
 the **Shilonite**, and
 in the **Visions of Iddo** the seer
 concerning **Jeroboam**
 the son of **Nebat**? 30

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 [← 1015-976 BC]
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 the “Visions of Iddo the Seer”?)]

Kings after Solomon

[This column is parallel to the next:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [1Ki 11-12](#)]

1 Kings 12:1-20 ||

Jeroboam Challenges Rehoboam

[Starts 3030 AB: [1Ki 11:42](#)]

12:1 ¶ And Rehoboam [*“a people has enlarged”*] went to [Shechem](#), for all Israel had gone to [Shechem](#) to make him king. 2 So it happened, [when](#) Jeroboam [*“the people will contend”*] the son of Nebat [*“aspect”*] heard it (he was [still](#) in [Egypt](#), for ___ he had fled from the presence of King Solomon and had been dwelling in [Egypt](#)), 3 that

___ they sent ___ and called him.

[Then](#) Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4

“Your father made our yoke heavy; [now](#) therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke **that** he put on us, and we will serve you.” 5

So he said to them,

“[Depart for three days, then](#) come back to me.”

And the people departed. 6 [Then](#) King Rehoboam consulted the elders who [*had*] stood before his father Solomon [while](#) he still lived, and he said,

“How do you advise *me* to answer these people?” 7

And they spoke to him, saying,

“If you [will be a servant](#) to these people [today](#), and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, [then](#) they will be your servants [forever](#).”

[Hereafter, “JudahYear” means the start of the separate kingdom of Judah, in 3030 AB (975 BC).]

2 Chronicles 10:1-19

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),

that [Jeroboam returned from Egypt](#). 3

[Then](#) they sent for him and called him.

[And Jeroboam and all](#)

___ Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam,

saying, 4
“Your father made our yoke heavy; [now](#) therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father and his heavy yoke **that** he put on us, and we will serve you.” 5

So he said to them,

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And they spoke to him, saying,

“If you [are kind](#) ___ to these people ___, and [please](#) them, ___ and speak good words to them, ___ they will be your servants [forever](#).”

[This column is parallel to the next:]

1 Kings 12

8 But he rejected the advice **that** the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9 And he said to them,

“What advice do you give?

How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying,

‘Lighten the yoke

that your father put on us?’” 10

[Then](#) the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying,

“Thus you should speak to [this](#) people who have spoken to you, saying,

‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter on us’ —

thus you shall say to them:

‘My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father’s waist! 11 And [now](#), whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!’” 12

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam ___ [the third day](#), as the king had directed, saying,

“Come back to me [the third day](#).” 13

[Then](#) the king answered [the people](#) roughly, and ___ rejected the advice **that** the elders [had given him](#);

14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying,

“My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to [your yoke](#); my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!”

2 Chronicles 10

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[This column is parallel to the next:]

1 Kings 12

15 So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from **YHWH**, that **He** might fulfill **His word that YHWH** had spoken by _____ Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
[1Ki 11:26-40, June 7]

16 ¶ **Now when** all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:
“What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! **Now**, see to your own house, O David!”

So _____ Israel departed to their tents. 17 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of **Judah**. 18

Then King Rehoboam sent _____ Adoram [“my lord is exalted”], who was in charge of the revenue; but all _____ Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore, King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to **Jerusalem**. 19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David **to this day**.

Jeroboam Made King of Israel

20 **Now** it came to pass **when** all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come back, they sent for him and called him to the congregation, and **made him king over all Israel**. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of **Judah** only.

2 Chronicles 10

15 So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from **God**, that **YHWH** might fulfill **His word that He** had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
[Not recorded in 1 or 2 Chronicles.]

16 **Now when** all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:
“What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to your tents, O Israel! **Now** see to your own house, O David!”

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[← from here on, 1 and 2 Kings focus more on the kings of Israel, while 2 Chronicles focuses more on the kings of Judah.]

1 Kings 12:21-24 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

21 **And when** Rehoboam came to **Jerusalem**, he assembled all the house of **Judah** with the tribe of **Benjamin**, one hundred and eighty thousand [180,000] chosen men who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of **God** came to Shemaiah [“YHWH heard”] the man of **God**, saying, 23

“Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of **Judah**, to all the house of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and to the rest of the people, saying,

24 **Thus says YHWH**:
“You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from **Me**.””

Therefore they obeyed the word of **YHWH**, and turned back,

according to the word of **YHWH**.

[Interleaved, not parallel for a while:]

2 Chronicles 11:1-4

Rehoboam Considers War On Israel

11:1 ¶ **Now when** Rehoboam came to **Jerusalem**, he assembled from the house of **Judah** and **Benjamin** one hundred and eighty thousand [180,000] chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of **YHWH** came to Shemaiah [“YHWH heard”] the man of **God**, saying, 3

“Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of **Judah**, and to all Israel in _____ **Judah** and **Benjamin**, saying,

4 **Thus says YHWH**:
“You shall not go up or fight against your brethren! Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from **Me**.””

Therefore they obeyed the words of **YHWH**, and turned back from attacking Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 11:5-12

5 So Rehoboam dwelt in **Jerusalem**, and built cities for defense in **Judah**. 6 And he built **Bethlehem** [“house of bread (food)”], **Etam** [“lair of wild beasts”], **Tekoa** [“a stockade”], 7 **Beth Zur** [“house of the rock”], **Sochoh** [“bushy”], **Adullam** [“justice of the people”], 8 **Gath** [“winepress”], **Mareshah** [“crest of a hill”], **Ziph** [“battlement”], 9 **Adoraim** [“double glory”], **Lachish** [“invincible”], **Azekah** [“dug over”], 10

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Zorah [“hornet”],
Aijalon [“field of deer”], and
Hebron [“association”],

which are in Judah and Benjamin,
fortified cities. 11 And he fortified the
strongholds, and put captains in them,
and stores of food, oil, and wine. 12
Also in every city he put shields and
spears, and made them very strong,
having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

1 Kings 12:25-33

Jeroboam Makes Two Idols

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam built Shechem
[“back” or “shoulder”] the moun-
tains of Ephraim in, and dwelt there.
Also he went out from there and built
Penuel [“facing God”]. 26

And Jeroboam said in his heart,
“Now the kingdom may return to the
house of David: 27 If these people go
up to offer sacrifices in the house of
YHWH at Jerusalem, then the heart of
this people will turn back to their lord,
Rehoboam king of Judah,

and they will kill me and go back to
Rehoboam king of Judah.” 28
Therefore the king asked advice,
made two calves of gold, and
said to the people,

“It is too much for you to go up to Jeru-
salem. Here are your gods, O Israel,
which brought you up from the land
of Egypt!” [Cf. Ex 32:4, Feb. 11] 29

And he set up one in Bethel [south],
and the other he put in Dan [north]. 30
Now this thing became a sin, for the
people went to worship before the one
as far as Dan. 31 He made shrines on
the high places, and made priests from
the lowest [every class] of people,
who were not of the sons of Levi. 32

Jeroboam ordained a feast on the
fifteenth day of the eighth month
[EveryYear/08/15], like the feast that
was in Judah, and offered sacrifices on
the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrific-
ing to the calves that he had made.
And at Bethel he installed the priests
of the high places that he had made. 33
So he made offerings on the altar that
he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth
day of the eighth month, in the month
that he had devised in his own heart.
And he ordained a feast for the children
of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the
altar and burned incense.

2 Chronicles 11:13-17

Levites Move from Israel to Judah

13 ¶ And from all their territories the
priests and the Levites who were in all
Israel took their stand with him [Reho-
boam]. 14 For the Levites left their
common-lands and their possessions
and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for
Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them
from serving as priests to YHWH. 15
Then he [Jeroboam] appointed for
himself priests for the high places, for
the demons, and
the calf idols that he had made. 16

And after the Levites left, those from
all the tribes of Israel, such as set their
heart to seek YHWH, God of Israel, came
to Jerusalem to sacrifice to YHWH, God
of their fathers. 17 So they strengthened
the kingdom of Judah, and made Reho-
boam the son of Solomon strong for
three [3] years, because they walked
in the way of David and Solomon for
three [3] years.

[2Ch 11:18ff follows 1Ki 14:18]

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[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 13-14]

1 Kings 13

God Speaks against Jeroboam's Altar

13:1 ¶ And behold, a man of God went
from Judah to Bethel by the word of
YHWH, and Jeroboam stood by the altar
to burn incense. 2 Then he [the man
of God] cried out against the altar by
the word of YHWH, and said,
“O altar, altar! Thus says YHWH:
‘Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall
be born to the house of David; and on
you he shall sacrifice the priests of the
high places who burn incense on you,
and men’s bones shall be burned on
you.’” 3 [Fulfilled: 2Ki 22:1|2Ch 34:5
about 340 years later in 633 BC.]

And he gave a sign the same day,
saying,

“This is the sign that YHWH has spoken:
‘Surely the altar shall split apart, and
the ashes on it shall be poured out.’” 4

So it came to pass when King Jeroboam
heard the saying of the man of God,
who cried out against the altar in Bethel,
that he stretched out his hand from the
altar, saying,
“Arrest him!”

Then his hand, which he stretched out
toward him, withered, so that he could
not pull it back to himself. 5 The
altar also was split apart, and the ashes
poured out from the altar, according to
the sign that the man of God had given
by the word of YHWH. 6 Then the king
answered and said to the man of God,
“Please entreat the favor of YHWH your
God, and pray for me, that my hand
may be restored to me.”

So the man of God entreated YHWH, and
the king’s hand was restored to him,
and became as before. 7 Then the king
said to the man of God,

“Come home with me and refresh your-
self, and I will give you a reward.” 8
But the man of God said to the king,
“If you were to give me half your house,
I would not go in with you; nor would
I eat bread nor drink water in this place.
9 For so it was commanded me by the
word of YHWH, saying,
‘You shall not eat bread, nor drink
water, nor return by the same way
you came.’” 10

So he went another way and did not
return by the way he came to Bethel.

The Man of God Errs

11 ¶ Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel,
and his sons came and told him all the
works that the man of God had done
that day in Bethel; they also told their
father the words that he had spoken to
the king. 12 And their father said to
them,

“Which way did he go?”
For his sons had seen which way the man
of God went who came from Judah. 13
Then he said to his sons,
“Saddle the donkey for me.”

So they saddled the donkey for him;
and he rode on it, 14 and went after
the man of God, and found him sitting
under an oak. Then he said to him,

“Are you the man of God
who came from Judah?”
And he said,
“I am.” 15

Then he said to him,
“Come home with me and eat bread.”¹⁶
And he said,
“I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place.¹⁷ For I have been told by the word of YHWH,
“You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.”¹⁸

He said to him,
“I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of YHWH, saying,
“Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.”
(He was lying to him.)¹⁹
So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.²⁰ Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of YHWH came to the prophet who had brought him back; ²¹ and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying,
“Thus says YHWH:
“Because you have disobeyed the word of YHWH, and have not kept the commandment that YHWH your God commanded you,²² but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which YHWH said to you,
“Eat no bread and drink no water”, your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.”

²³ ¶ So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back. ²⁴ When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown

on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse.²⁵ And there, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown on the road, and the lion standing by the corpse. Then they went and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.²⁶

Now when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard it, he said,
“It is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of YHWH. Therefore YHWH has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of YHWH that He spoke to him.”²⁷
And he spoke to his sons, saying,
“Saddle the donkey for me.”
So they saddled it.²⁸ Then he went and found his corpse thrown on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse nor torn the donkey.²⁹ And the prophet took up the corpse of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. So the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him.³⁰ Then he laid the corpse in his own tomb; and they mourned over him, saying,
“Alas, my brother!”³¹
So it was, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying,
“When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones.³² For the saying that he cried out by the word of YHWH against the altar in Bethel, and against all the shrines on the high places that are in the cities of Samaria, will surely come to pass.”

Jeroboam Does Not Change

³³ After this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again he made priests from the lowest [every class] of people for the high places; whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.³⁴ And this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam, [that led to...] so as to exterminate and destroy it [the house of Jeroboam] from the face of the land [earth].

1 Kings 14:1-18 Jeroboam's Son Gets Sick, Dies

¹ ¶ At that time Abijah [“YHWH is my father”] the son of Jeroboam became sick. ² And Jeroboam said to his wife,
“Please arise, and disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you as the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh [“place of rest”]. Indeed, Ahijah [“YHWH is my brother”] the prophet is there, who told me that I would be king over this people [1Ki 11:31]. ³ Also take with you ten [10] loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child.”⁴
And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were glazed by reason of his age.⁵
Now YHWH had said to Ahijah,
“Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he is sick. {Thus and thus} you shall say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman.”⁶

And so it was, when Ahijah heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said,
“Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another person? For I have been sent to you with bad news.⁷ ¶ Go, tell Jeroboam,
“Thus says YHWH, God of Israel:
“Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler over My people Israel,⁸ and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes;
⁹ but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back — ¹⁰ therefore behold!
I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; [fulfilled: 1Ki 15:29, just after Jeroboam's death]
I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone.¹¹
The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city [example: Jezebel: 2Ki 9:35], and The birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field;
for YHWH has spoken!”¹²

Arise therefore, go to your own house. **When** your feet enter the city, the child shall die [fulfilled: v17]. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something good toward Y^{HWH}, God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. 14

Moreover

Y^{HWH} will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; **this is the day**. What? **Even now!** 15 For Y^{HWH} will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. **He** will uproot Israel from this good land **that He** gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the [Euphrates] River [fulfilled by Assyria: 2Ki 17:5 || 2Ki 18:9, about 235 years later in 721 BC], because they have made their wooden images, provoking Y^{HWH} to anger. 16 And **He** will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin.” 17

Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed, and came to Tirzah. **When** she came to the threshold of the house [which must have been at the edge of the city: v12], the child died. 18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of Y^{HWH} **that He** spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

[14:19-20 precede 15:25 below]
[14:21 follows 14:28 below]

2 Chronicles 11:18-23

Reoboam's Wives, Sons, Daughters

18 **Then** Rehoboam took for himself as wife Mahalath [“stringed instrument”] the daughter of Jerimoth [“**He is Most High**”] the son of David (and of Abihail [“**might is my father**”] the daughter of Eliab [Elijah] [“(my) father is **God**”]; Ru 4:22 || 1Ch 2:13) the son of Jesse [“I possess”]. 19

And she bore him children:

Jeush [“**He hurries to aid**”],
Shamariah [“**Y^{HWH} keeps**”], and
Zaham [“loathing”]. 20

After her, he took Maacah [“oppression”] the granddaughter of Absalom [“my father is peace”]; and she bore him

Abijah [“**Y^{HWH} is (my) father**”],
Attai [“opportune”],
Ziza [“shining”], and
Shelomith [“peaceful”]. 21

Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom more than all his wives and his concubines; for he took

eighteen [18] wives and
sixty [60] concubines,
and begot
twenty-eight [28] sons and
sixty [60] daughters. 22

And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maachah as chief, to be leader among his brothers; for he intended to make him king. 23 He dealt wisely, and dispersed some of his sons throughout all the territories of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. He also sought many wives for them.

2 Chronicles 12:1

Reoboam Forsakes Y^{HWH}'s Law

12:1 ¶ **Now** it came to pass, **when** Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that he forsook the law of Y^{HWH}, and all Israel [not just Judah!] along with him.

1 Kings 14:22-24

22 **Now** Judah did evil in the sight of Y^{HWH}, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins that they committed, more than all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built for themselves high places, sacred pillars, and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. 24

And there were also perverted persons in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations that Y^{HWH} had cast out before the children of Israel.

1 Kings 14:25 ||

— It happened in the fifth [5th] year of King Rehoboam [JudahYear:5, so 3034 AB: 1Ki 11:42] that Shishak [“greedy of fine linen”] king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 12:2a

And it happened in the fifth [5th] year of King Rehoboam [JudahYear:5, so 3034 AB: 1Ch 29:30], that Shishak [“greedy of fine linen”] king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem,

2 Chronicles 12:2b-8

because they had transgressed against Y^{HWH}, 3 with twelve hundred [1200] chariots, sixty thousand [60,000] horsemen, and people without number who came with him out of Egypt: the Lubim [“empty-hearted” (Da 11:43) or “afflicted” (Jer 46:9); Lybians] and the Sukkiim [“booth dwellers”] and the Ethiopians. 4

And he took the fortified cities of Judah and came to Jerusalem. 5 **Then** Shemaiah [“heard by Y^{HWH}”] the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them,

“**Thus says Y^{HWH}:**

“You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.” 6

So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said,

“Y^{HWH} is righteous.” 7

Now when Y^{HWH} saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Y^{HWH} came to Shemaiah, saying,

“They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 8 Nevertheless they will be his servants, that they may distinguish My service from the service of the kingdoms of the nations.”

1 Kings 14:26-28 ||

2 Chronicles 12:9-12 →

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of YHWH and the treasures of the king's house; he took away everything. He also took away all the gold shields that Solomon had made. 27 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house. 28 And whenever the king entered the house of YHWH, the guards carried them, then brought them back into the guardroom.

1 Kings 14:21 ||

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one [41] years old when he became king. [So he was one year old when Solomon became king.] He reigned seventeen [17] years in Jerusalem. [JudahYear:1-17, so 3030-3046 AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30, Jun 10] the city that YHWH had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name was Naamah ["loveliness"], an Ammonitess.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of YHWH and the treasures of the king's house; he took everything. He also carried away the gold shields that Solomon had made. 10 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house. 11 And whenever the king entered the house of YHWH, the guard would go and bring them out; then they would take them back into the guardroom. 12 When he humbled himself, the wrath of YHWH turned from him, so as not to destroy him completely; and things also went well in Judah.

2 Chronicles 12:13-14

Summary: Rehoboam's Reign in Judah

13 ¶ Thus Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one [41] years old when he became king; and he reigned seventeen [17] years in Jerusalem. [JudahYear:1-17, so 3030-3046 AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30, Jun 10] the city that YHWH had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name was Naamah ["loveliness"], an Ammonitess. 14 And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek YHWH.

1 Kings 14:29-31 ||

2 Chronicles 12:15-16 →

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? 30

And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. 31 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. His mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess. Then Abijam ["the sea is my father" or "YHWH is (my) father"] his son reigned in his place.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 15-16]

1 Kings 15:1-2 ||

15:1 ¶ In the eighteenth [18th] year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah. 2 He reigned three [3] years in Jerusalem. [JudahYear:18-20, so 3047-3049 AB: 1Ki 14:21 || 2Ch 12:13] His mother's name was Maachah ["oppression"] the granddaughter of Abishalom ["peace is my father"; aka Absalom: 2Ch 11:20].

15 The acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the Book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer [cf. 2Ch 13:22] concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. 16 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David.

Then Abijah ["YHWH is (my) father"] his son reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 13:1-2a

Abijah Succeeds Rehoboam
13:1 ¶ In the eighteenth [18th] year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah. 2 He reigned three [3] years in Jerusalem. [JudahYear:18-20, so 3047-3049 AB: 1Ki 14:21 || 2Ch 12:13] His mother's name was Michaiiah ["who is like God"] the daughter of Uriel ["God is my light"] of Gibeah.

1 Kings 15:3-7 (less 7a)

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to YHWH his God, as was the heart of his [great grand] father David. 4

(Nevertheless for David's sake YHWH his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem; 5 because David did what was right in the eyes of YHWH, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.) 6

And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life [repeat of 14:30, now including the life of Rehoboam's son Abijah/Abijah:].

[7a is below.] 7b And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

[7b // 2b next:]

2 Chronicles 13:2b-21

War between Abijah and Jeroboam

And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand [400,000] choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand [800,000] choice men, mighty men of valor. 4 Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim [“double fleece of wool”], which is in the mountains of Ephraim, and said,

“Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: 5 Should you not know that YHWH God of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons,

by a covenant of salt [permanent: salt is a preservative]? 6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his lord. 7 Then worthless rogues gathered to him, and strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and inexperienced and could not withstand them. 8 And now you think to withstand the kingdom of YHWH, which is in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and with you are the gold calves that Jeroboam made for you as gods. 9

Have you not cast out the priests of YHWH, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites,

and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of other lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven [7] rams may be a priest of things that are not gods?

10 But as for us, YHWH is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to YHWH are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites attend to their duties. 11 And they burn to YHWH every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; they also set the showbread in order on the pure gold table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening; for we keep the command of YHWH our God, but you have forsaken Him. 12 Now look, God Himself is with us as our head, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you.

O children of Israel, do not fight against YHWH God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!”

13 ¶ But Jeroboam caused an ambush to go around behind them; so they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them. 14 And when Judah looked around, to their surprise the battle line was at both front and rear; and they cried out to YHWH, and the priests sounded the trumpets. 15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. 17 Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand [500,000] choice men of Israel fell slain. 18 Thus, the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on YHWH, God of their fathers. 19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took cities [in Ephraim: v4] from him: Bethel [“house of God”] with its villages, Jeshanah [“storage”] with its villages, and Ephraim [“fawn-like”] with its villages. 20 So Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah; and [looking ahead] YHWH struck him, and he died. 21 But Abijah grew mighty, married fourteen [14] wives, and begot twenty-two [22] sons and sixteen [16] daughters.

Abijah, Son of Reoboam, Dies

1 Kings 15:7a ||

7a Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

2 Chronicles 13:22

22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways and his sayings, are written in the Annals of the Prophet Iddo [cf. 2Ch 12:15].

1 Kings 15:8 ||

8 So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa [“healer”] his son reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 14:1a

14:1a ¶ So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa [“healer”] his son reigned in his place.

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[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 15-16]

1 Kings 15:9-12

Asa Succeeds His Father Abijah

9 ¶ In the twentieth [20th] year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa became king over Judah. 10 And he reigned forty-one [41] years in Jerusalem.

[Judah-Year:21-61, so 3050-3090 AB: 1Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 13:2]

His grandmother's name was Maachah the granddaughter of Abishalom [repeat of 15:2b]. 11 Asa did what was right in the eyes of YHWH, as did his father David. [great great grandfather: David → Solomon → Reoboam → Abijah → Asa]

12 And he banished the perverted persons from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

2 Chronicles 14:1b-8

In his [early] days the land was quiet for ten [10] years. 2

[3050-3059 AB, probably, during Jeroboam's last two years, the two of Nadab, and the first six of Baasha: next accounts]

Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of YHWH his God, 3 for he removed the altars of the foreign gods and the high places, and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images.

4 He commanded Judah to seek YHWH, God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment. 5 He also removed the high places and the incense altars from all the cities of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under him. 6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; he had no war in those years, because YHWH had given him rest. 7 Therefore, he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us, because we have sought YHWH our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side."

So they built and prospered. 8 And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand [300,000] from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand [280,000] men who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty men of valor.

[Meantime, back in Israel:]

1 Kings 14:19-20

Summary: Jeroboam's Reign in Israel

[moved from above:]

19 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he made war and how he reigned, indeed they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. 20 The period that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two [22] years.

[JudahYear:1-22, so 3030-3051AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30]

So he rested with his fathers. Then Nadab ["generous"] his son reigned in his place.

[moved from below:]

[Audio: S. Gregg 1Ki 15-16]

1 Kings 15:25-34

Nadab Succeeds His Father Jeroboam

25 ¶ Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second [2nd] year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two [2] years. 26

[JudahYear:22-23, so 3051-3052AB: 1Ki 11:42, 1Ki 14:20, 1Ki 15:28]

And he did evil in the sight of YHWH, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

[v31 moved ahead:]

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

[1 Kings 16 is below.]

Baasha Kills and Succeeds Nadab

27 Then Baasha ["wicked"] the son of Ahijah ["YHWH is (my) brother"], of the house of Issachar,

conspired against him [Nadab]. And Baasha killed him at Gibbethon ["mound"], which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. 28 Baasha killed him in the third [3rd] year of Asa king of Judah,

[JudahYear:23 = 3052AB: 1Ki 15:10] and reigned in his place. 29

And it was so, when he became king, that he killed all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of YHWH that He had spoken by

His servant Ahijah the Shilonite [1Ki 14:10; also 1Ki 11:26-40], 30

because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he had sinned and by which he had made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he had provoked YHWH, God of Israel, to anger. 31 [v31 moved above.]

Preview: Baasha's Reign in Israel

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33 In the third [3rd] year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah ["favorable"], and reigned twenty-four [24] years [JudahYear:23-46.

so 3052-3075 AB: 1Ki 15:9-10] 34 He did evil in the sight of YHWH, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

[Now back to Asa king of Judah:]

2 Chronicles 14:9-15

The Ethiopians Come Against Judah

9 ¶ Then [perhaps in ~3060 AB: v1b] Zerah ["rising"] the Ethiopian came out against them [Judah] with an army of a million [1,000,000] men and three hundred [300] chariots, and

he came to Mareshah ["crest of a hill"]. 10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah ["watchtower"] at Mareshah. 11 And Asa cried out to YHWH his God, and said,

"YHWH, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O YHWH our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O YHWH, You are our God! Do not let man prevail against You!" 12

So YHWH struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar ["a lodging place"]. So the Ethiopians were overthrown, and they could not recover, for they were broken before YHWH and His army. And they carried away very much spoil. 14 Then they defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of YHWH came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.

15 They also attacked the livestock enclosures, and carried off sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 15:1-15

YHWH Encourages Asa

15:1 ¶ **Now** the Spirit of God came upon Azariah [*“YHWH has helped”*]

the son of Oded [*“restorer”*]. 2

And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him:

“Hear me, Asa,

and all Judah and Benjamin.

YHWH is with you

while you are with Him.

If you seek Him,

He will be found by you; but

if you forsake Him,

He will forsake you. 3

For a long time [*since Solomon*]

[*34 years: 3030-3063 AB;*

1Ki 11:42, and 2Ch 15:10]

Israel has been

without the true God,

without a teaching priest, and

without law; 4

but when in their trouble they

turned to YHWH God of Israel, and

sought Him,

He was found by them. 5

And in those times there was no peace

to the one who went out, nor

to the one who came in,

but great turmoil was on all

the inhabitants of the lands. 6

So nation was destroyed by nation, and

city by city, for God troubled them

with every adversity. 7

But you,

be strong and

do not let your hands be weak,

for your work shall be rewarded!”

8 ¶ And when Asa heard these words

and the prophecy of Oded the prophet

[*the above is a prophecy*], he took

courage, and removed the abominable

idols from all the land of Judah and

Benjamin and from the cities that he

had taken in the mountains of Ephraim

[*apparently with his father: 2Ch 13:19*];

and he restored the altar of YHWH that

was before the vestibule of YHWH. 9

Then he gathered all

Judah and

Benjamin,

and those who dwelt with them from

Ephraim,

Manasseh, and

Simeon,ⁱⁱⁱ

for they came over to him in great

numbers from Israel when they saw

that YHWH his God was with him. 10

So they gathered together at Jerusalem

in the third month,

in the fifteenth year

of the reign of Asa. 11

[*Asa-Reign:15/03 (JudahYear:35),*

so 3064 AB: 1Ki 15:9-10]

And they offered to YHWH at that time

seven hundred [700] bulls and seven

thousand [7,000] sheep from the spoil

they had brought. 12 Then they entered

into a covenant to seek YHWH, God of

their fathers, with all their heart and with

all their soul; 13 and whoever would

not seek YHWH, God of Israel, was to

be put to death [*sounds like Islam!*],

whether small or great, whether man

or woman. 14 Then they took an oath

before YHWH with a loud voice, with

shouting and trumpets and rams’ horns.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath,

for they had sworn with all their heart

and sought Him with all their soul; and

He was found by them, and YHWH gave

them rest all around.

[*This column is parallel to the next:*]

1 Kings 15:13-22 ||

13 Also he [Asa] removed Maachah

[*“oppression”*] his grandmother

from being queen

mother, because she had made an

obscene image of Asherah

[*“groves (for idol worship)”*].

And Asa cut down her obscene image

and burned it by the

Brook Kidron [*“dark”*]. 14 But the

high places were not removed.

Nevertheless, Asa’s heart

was loyal to YHWH all his days. 15

He also brought into the house of YHWH

the things that his father had dedi-

calated, and the things that he himself

had dedicated:

silver and gold and utensils.

[*JudahYear:35, 3064 AB: 1Ki 11:42 →*]

[*The kingdom of Judah (Asa) began in*

3030 AB; this is not Asa’s reign Δ]

16 Now there was war between Asa

and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 And

Baasha king of Israel came up against

Judah, and built Ramah [*“hill”*], that

he might let none go out or come in

[*2Ch 15:9b*] to Asa king of Judah. 18

Then Asa took all the silver and gold

that was left in the treasuries of the

house of YHWH and the treasuries of

the king’s house, and delivered them

into the hand of his servants; and

King Asa sent them to Ben-Hadad

[*“son of [the false god] Hadad”*]

2 Chronicles 15:16-16:6

16 Also he [Asa] removed Maachah

[*“oppression”*], the [grand]mother

of Asa the king, from being queen

mother, because she had made an

obscene image of Asherah

[*“groves (for idol worship)”*];

and Asa cut down her obscene image,

then crushed and burned it by the

Brook Kidron [*“dark”*]. 17 But the

high places were not removed from

Israel. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa

was loyal _____ all his days. 18

He also brought into the house of God

the things that his father had dedi-

calated and _____ that he himself

had dedicated:

silver and gold and utensils. 19

And there was no war until the thirty-

fifth [35th] year of the kingdom [reign]

of Asa [*that is, the kingdom of Judah;*

for Baasha (next story) died in the 28th

year of Asa’s reign].

Asa Depends on Ben-Hadad, not God

[*← apparently from then on: 2Ch 16:9d*]

[*↓ JudahYear:36, so 3065 AB*]

16:1 ¶ In the thirty-sixth [36th] year of

the kingdom [reign] of Asa [1Ki 16:8],

Baasha king of Israel came up against

Judah and built Ramah [*“hill”*], that

he might let none go out or come in

[*cf. v9b*] to Asa king of Judah. 2

Then Asa brought _____ silver and gold

_____ from the treasuries of the

house of YHWH and _____ of

the king’s house, and

sent _____ to Ben-Hadad

[*“son of [the false god] Hadad”*]

[This column is parallel to the next:]

1 Kings 15

the son of Tabrimmon
[“good is Rimmon”],
the son of Hezion [“vision”]
[probably Rezon (“prince”),
the contemporary of Solomon:
[1Ki 11:23](#)],

king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus,
saying, ¹⁹

“Let there be a treaty between you
and me, as there was between my
father and your father. See, I have
sent you a present of silver and gold.
Come and break your treaty with
Baasha king of Israel, so that he will
withdraw from me.” ²⁰

So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and
sent the captains of his armies against
the cities of Israel. He attacked

Ijon [“a ruin”],
Dan [“a judge”],
Abel Beth Maachah [“meadow of
the house of Maachah”], and
all Chinneroth [“harps”], with
all the land of Naphtali. ²¹

Now it happened, when Baasha heard
it, that he stopped building Ramah,
and remained in Tirzah. ²² Then King Asa
made a proclamation throughout
all Judah; none was exempted.

And they took away the stones and
timber of Ramah that Baasha had used
for building; and with them King Asa
built

Geba [“hill”] of Benjamin, and
Mizpah [“watchtower”].

[1Ki 15:23-24 follows 1Ki 16]

[1Ki 15:25-34 was above, following
1Ki 14:20]

2 Chronicles 16

king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus,
saying, ³

“Let there be a treaty between you
and me, as there was between my
father and your father. Here, I have
sent you silver and gold.
Come, break your treaty with
Baasha king of Israel, so that he will
withdraw from me.” ⁴

So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and
sent the captains of his armies against
the cities of Israel. They attacked

Ijon, [map of the area]
Dan,
Abel Maim [“meadow of
waters”], and
[← Galilee; see top of map ↓]
all the storage cities of Naphtali. ⁵

Now it happened, when Baasha heard
it, that he stopped building Ramah
and ceased his work. ⁶ Then King Asa

took all Judah,
and they carried away the stones and
timber of Ramah that Baasha had used
for building; and with them he
built

Geba and
Mizpah.

[Not parallel for a page and a half:]

2 Chronicles 16:7-10

YHWH Rebukes Asa via Hanani

⁷ ¶ And at that time Hanani [“gracious”]
the seer came to Asa king of Judah,
and said to him:

“Because you have relied on the king
of Syria, and have not relied on your
God, therefore the army of the
king of Syria has escaped from your
hand. ⁸ Were the Ethiopians and the
Lubim [Libyans] not a huge army with
very many chariots and horsemen?
Yet, because you relied on Him,
He delivered them into your hand. ⁹
For the eyes of YHWH run to and fro
throughout the whole land [earth],
to show Himself strong on behalf of
one whose heart is loyal to Him. In
this you have done foolishly; therefore
from now on you shall have wars.” ¹⁰
Then Asa was angry with the seer, and
put him in prison, for he was enraged at
him because of this. And Asa oppressed
some of the people at that time.

[2Ch 16:11ff follows 1Ki 16:34]

1 Kings 16

YHWH Rebukes Baasha via Jehu

^{16:1} ¶ Then the word of YHWH came to
Jehu [“YHWH is He”] the son of Hanani,
against Baasha, saying: ²

“Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the dust
and made you ruler over My people
Israel, and you have walked in the way
of Jeroboam, and have made My people
Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with
their sins, ³ surely I will take away the
posterity of Baasha and the posterity
of his house, and I will make your
house like the house of Jeroboam the

son of Nebat. ⁴ The dogs shall eat
whoever belongs to Baasha and dies
in the city, and the birds of the air
shall eat whoever dies in the fields.”

[Cf. [1Ki 14:11](#), re Jeroboam]

Summary: Baasha's Reign in Israel

⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Baasha,
what he did, and his might, are they not
written in the Book of the Chronicles
of the Kings of Israel? ⁶ So Baasha
rested with his fathers and was buried
in Tirzah [“favorable”]. Then Elah
[“an oak”] his son reigned in his place. ⁷
And also the word of YHWH came by the
prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against
Baasha and his house, because of all
the evil that he did in the sight of YHWH
in provoking Him to anger with the work
of his hands, in being like the house of
Jeroboam, and because he killed them
[the house of Jeroboam; [1Ki 15:29](#)].

Elah, Son of Baasha, Becomes King

⁸ In the twenty-sixth [26th] year of Asa
king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha
became king over Israel, and [co-]
reigned two [2] years in Tirzah.

[JudahYear:46-47,
so 3075-3076 AB: [1Ki 15:9-10](#)]

Commander Zimri Kills Elah et al

⁹ Now his servant Zimri [“my music”],
commander of half his chariots, conspired
against him as he was in Tirzah
drinking himself drunk in the house of
Arza [“earthy”], steward of his house
in Tirzah. ¹⁰ And Zimri went in and
struck him and killed him in the twenty-
seventh [27th] year of Asa king of Judah,
and reigned in his place. ¹¹ Then it came

to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he was seated on his throne, that he killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave him one male, neither of his relatives nor of his friends. 12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, according to the word of YHWH, which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet [16:2-4], 13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, by which they had sinned and by which they had made Israel sin, in provoking YHWH God of Israel to anger with their idols. 14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

Commander Zimri Becomes King

15 ¶ In the twenty-seventh [27th] year of Asa king of Judah, [JudahYear:47, so 3076 AB: 1Ki 15:9-10]

Zimri had reigned in Tirzah seven [7] days. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon [“mound”], which belonged to the Philistines. 16 Now the people who were encamped heard it said,

“Zimri has conspired and also has killed the king.”

So all Israel made Omri [“pupil (of YHWH)”], the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from Gibbethon, and they besieged Tirzah. 18 And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king’s house and burned the king’s house down upon himself with fire,

and died, 19 because of the sins that he had committed in doing evil in the sight of YHWH, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin that he had committed to make Israel sin. 20

Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and the treason he committed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? 21

Then the people of Israel were

divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni [“intelligent”]

the son of Ginath [“protection”], to make him king, and

half followed Omri. 22

[Apparently the split lasted 3-4 yrs, during which Israel had no king, for we next move from the 27th to the 31st year of Asa king of Judah.]

But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni died and Omri reigned.

Commander Omri Becomes King

23 In the thirty-first [31st] year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel, and reigned twelve [12] years.

[JudahYear:51-62, so 3080-3091 AB: 1Ki 15:9-10]

Six [6] years he reigned in Tirzah. 24 And he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer [“preserved”] for two [2] talents of silver²³; then he built on

²³ 2 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$20,736 in 2008 dollars.

the hill, and called the name of the city that he built, Samaria, [“watch mountain”; it became the capital city of the northern kingdom of Israel, located 30 miles (50 km) north of Jerusalem and 6 miles (10 km) northwest of Shechem] after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill.

25 Omri did evil in the eyes of YHWH, and did worse than all who were before him. 26 For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin, provoking YHWH God of Israel to anger with their idols.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri that he did, and the might that he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? 28

So Omri rested with his fathers [Asa:42: v23] and was buried in Samaria. Then Ahab [“father’s brother”] his son [co-] reigned in his place [the first 5 years, Asa:38-42, then full reign].

Ahab, Son of Omri, Becomes King

29 ¶ In the thirty-eighth [38th] year of Asa king of Judah,

Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and

Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two [22] years. 30 Now [JudahYear:58-79, so 3087-3108 AB: 1Ki 15:9-10]

Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of YHWH, more than all who were before him [he out-did his father: v25b, v33].

Ahab Marries Jezebel, Worships Baal

31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he

took as wife Jezebel [“Baal exalts / is husband to” or “unchaste”] the daughter of Ethbaal [“with Baal”], king of the Sidonians;

and he

went and served Baal [“lord”] and worshiped him. 32

Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke YHWH God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him [out-doing his father Omri: v30].

Hiel Rebuilds Jericho

at the Cost of His Two Sons

34 In his [Ahab’s] days Hiel [“God lives”] of Bethel [“house of God”]

[re-]built Jericho [“its moon”];

he laid its foundation with Abiram [“exalted is my father”]

his firstborn, and with his youngest son

Segub [“exalted”]

he set up its gates, according to the word of YHWH that He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun [cf. Joshua 6:26].

[Meanwhile, back in Judah:]

1 Kings 15:23-24 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, all his might, all that he did, and the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah _____? But in the time of his old age

he was _____ diseased in his feet. 24

So Asa rested with his fathers,

and was buried with his fathers

in the City of David his father.
[great great grandfather: David → Solomon → Reoboam → Abijam → Asa]

Then Jehoshaphat [“judged by Y_{HWH}”] his son reigned in his place.

[1Ki 15:25-34 was above, following 1Ki 14:20]
[1Ki 17 is below.]

2 Chronicles 16:11-17:2

Judah’s King Asa Dies

11 Note that _____ the acts of Asa, first and last,

_____ are indeed written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. 12 And in the thirty-ninth [39th] year of his reign,

[Asa-Reign:39 = JudahYear:59, so 3088 AB: 1Ki 15:9-10]

Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek Y_{HWH}, but the physicians. 13 So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first [41st] year of his reign. 14

[Asa-Reign:41 = JudahYear:61, so 3090 AB: 1Ki 15:9-10, 915 BC]

They _____ buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the City of David;

and they laid him in the bed that was filled with spices and various ingredients prepared in a mixture of ointments. They made a very great burning for him.

17:1 ¶ Then Jehoshaphat [“judged by Y_{HWH}”] his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2

And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim

that Asa his father had taken [cf. 2Ch 15:8b].

[2Ch 17:3ff follows 1Ki 22:44]

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[Moved from below:]

1 Kings 22:41-44 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

41 _____ Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had become king over Judah in the fourth [4th] year of Ahab king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five [35] years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five [25] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:62-86, (914-890 BC:) so 3091-3115 AB: 2Ch 16:13]

His mother’s name was Azubah [“forsaken”] the daughter of Shilhi [“armed”]. 43 And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of Y_{HWH}. Nevertheless, the high places were not [yet] taken away, for _____ the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. 44

Also Jehoshaphat made peace with [Ahab] the king of Israel. →

[Interleaved, not parallel for several pages:]

[great great great grandfather →]

[Audio: S. Gregg 1Ki 21-22]

2 Chronicles 20:31-33

Asa’s Son Jehoshaphat Reigns

31 ¶ So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah.

He _____ was thirty-five [35] years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five [25] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:62-86, (914-890 BC:) so 3091-3115 AB: 2Ch 16:13]

His mother’s name was Azubah [“forsaken”] the daughter of Shilhi [“armed”]. 32 And he walked in _____ the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it _____, doing what was right in the sight of Y_{HWH}. 33 Nevertheless, the high places were not [yet: v6] taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

[1Ki 22:45-47,50 follow 2Ki 8:6]
[2Ch 20:34, 21:1-4 follow 2Ki 8:6]
[1Ki 22:48-49 || 2Ch 20:35-37 follow 1Ki 22:51-53 moved below]

2 Chronicles 17:3-19

Jehoshaphat Walks in David’s Ways

Now Y_{HWH} was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, 4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel. 5 Therefore, Y_{HWH} established the kingdom [of Judah] in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 And his heart took delight in the ways

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of Y^{HWH}; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah. 7 Also in the third [3rd] year of his reign [Jehos-Reign:3 = JudahYear:64, so 3093 AB = 912 BC: 2Ch 16:13]

he sent his leaders, Ben-Hail ["son of strength/might"], Obadiah ["Y^{HWH}'s servant"], Zechariah ["Y^{HWH} remembers"], Nethanel ["God-given"], and Michaiah ["Y^{HWH}-like"],

to teach in the cities of Judah. 8

And with them he sent Levites:

Shemaiah ["Y^{HWH}-heard"], Nethaniah ["Y^{HWH}-given"], Zebadiah ["Y^{HWH}'s endowment"], Asahel ["God-made"], Shemiramoth ["name of heights"], Jehonathan ["given by Y^{HWH}"], Adonijah ["Y^{HWH} is my lord"], Tobijah ["Y^{HWH} is good"], and Tobadonijah ["Y^{HWH} is my lord, good"] —

the Levites;

and with them:

Elishama ["heard by my God"] and Jehoram ["exalted is Y^{HWH}"], the priests. 9

So they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of Y^{HWH} with them; [first mention for several generations] they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

10 ¶ And the fear of Y^{HWH} fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat. 11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks,

seven thousand seven hundred [7,700] rams and seven thousand seven hundred [7,700] male goats. 12

So Jehoshaphat became increasingly powerful, and he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah. 13 He had much property in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem. 14 These are their numbers, according to their fathers' houses:

Of Judah, the captains of thousands:

[1] Adnah ["pleasure"] the captain, and with him three hundred thousand [300,000] mighty men of valor; 15

and next to him was

[2] Jehohanan ["graced by Y^{HWH}"] the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand [280,000]; 16

and next to him was

[3] Amasiah ["Y^{HWH} is strength"] the son of Zichri ["memorable"], who willingly offered himself to Y^{HWH}, and with him two hundred thousand [200,000] mighty men of valor. 17

Of Benjamin:

[4] Eliada ["God knows"]

a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand [200,000] men armed with bow and shield; 18

and next to him was

[5] Jehozabad ["endowed by Y^{HWH}"], and with him one hundred and eighty thousand [180,000] prepared for war. 19

These served the king, besides those the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah. [Total: 1,160,000 = 780,000 Judah, 380,000 Benjamin] [Now, back in Israel:]

[2Ch 18 parallels 1Ki 22:1-35]

[Audio: S. Gregg 1K 17-18]

1 Kings 17

Enter Elijah, Who Predicts a Drought

[Count his miracles: EMI-EMI2?]

17:1 ¶ And Elijah ["Y^{HWH} is my God"] the Tishbite ["captivity"], of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab,

"As Y^{HWH} God of Israel lives,

before whom I stand,

there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." 2

[EMI = Elijah Miracle I]

Then the word of Y^{HWH} came to him, saying, 3

"Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith ["cutting"], which flows into the Jordan. 4 And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." 5

So he went and did according to the word of Y^{HWH}, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

A Widow Provides For Elijah

8 ¶ Then the word of Y^{HWH} came to him, saying, 9

"Arise, go to Zarephath ["refinery"], which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city,

indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." 11

And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said,

"Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12

So she said, [↓ your: she was a pagan]

"As Y^{HWH} your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." 13

And Elijah said to her,

"Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.

14 For thus says Y^{HWH} God of Israel:

"The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day Y^{HWH} sends rain on the land [earth]." 15 [↓ in faith]

So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of Y^{HWH} that He spoke by Elijah. [EM2] [Cf. Lu 4:23-26]

The Widow's Son Dies

17 ¶ Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. 18 So she said to Elijah,

"What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me

to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" 19

And he said to her, "Give me your son."

So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20 Then he cried out to YHWH and said,

"O YHWH my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" 21

And he stretched himself out on the child three [3] times, and cried out to YHWH and said,

"O YHWH my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." 22

Then YHWH heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul [Hebrew: nephesh] of the child came back to him, and he revived [EM3]. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said,

"See, your son lives!" 24

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of YHWH in your mouth is the truth."

1 Kings 18

Severe Drought, Famine in Samaria

18:1 ¶ And it came to pass after many days that the word of YHWH came to Elijah, in the third [3rd] year [of the drought], saying,

"Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land [earth]." 2

So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and there was a severe famine in Samaria. 3 And Ahab had called

Obadiah ["YHWH's servant"], who was in charge of his house.

(Now Obadiah feared YHWH greatly. 4 For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of YHWH, that Obadiah had taken one hundred [100] prophets and hidden them, fifty [50] to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.) 5 And Ahab had said to Obadiah,

"Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks;

perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock." 6

So they divided the land between them to explore it:

Ahab went one way by himself, and

Obadiah went another way by himself. 7

Now as Obadiah was on his way, suddenly Elijah met him; and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said,

"Is that you, my lord Elijah?" 8

And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here.'" 9

So he said, "How have I sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As YHWH your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you; and when they said,

'He is not here',

he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you. 11 And now you say,

'Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here''! 12

And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of YHWH will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared YHWH from my youth. 13 Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of YHWH, how I hid one hundred [100] men of YHWH's prophets, fifty [50] to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say,

'Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here.''"

He will kill me!" 15

Then Elijah said, "As YHWH of hosts lives, before whom I stand,

I will surely present myself to him today." 16

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

Elijah Challenges Baal's Prophets

17 ¶ Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah [where?], that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?" 18 And he answered,

"I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of YHWH and have followed the Baals. 19 Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty [450] prophets of Baal, and the four hundred [400] prophets of Asherah ["star"; wife of Baal], who eat at Jezebel's table." 20

[Odd: we never hear again of the latter 400, unless perhaps in 1Ki 22:6?]

So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.

21 ¶ And Elijah came to all the people, and said,

"How long will you falter between two opinions? If YHWH is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."

But the people answered him not a word. [Due to fear of the king, Ahab?] 22 Then Elijah said to the people,

"I alone am left a prophet of YHWH; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty [450] men. 23 Therefore let them give us two [2] bulls; and let them choose one [1] bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. 24 Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of YHWH; and the god who answers by fire, He is God."

So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." 25

Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." 26

So they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying,

"O Baal, hear us!"

But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar that they had made. 27 And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said,

“Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.” 28

So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. 29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice,

no one answered,
no one paid attention. 30

Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.”

So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of YHWH that was broken down. 31 And Elijah took twelve [12] stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of YHWH had come, saying,

“Israel shall be your name.” 32

Then with the stones, he built an altar in the name of YHWH; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two [2] seahs [a measure of flour or grain; unknown amount] of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said,

“Fill four [4] waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.” 34

Then he said,

“Do it a second time”,
and they did it a second time;
and he said,

“Do it a third time”,
and they did it a third time. 35 So the water ran all around the altar; and he

also filled the trench with water. 36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said,

“YHWH God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that

You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. 37

Hear me, O YHWH, hear me, that this people may know that You are YHWH God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.” 38

Then the fire of YHWH fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust,

and it licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 [EM4] Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said,

“YHWH, He is God!
YHWH, He is God!” 40

And Elijah said to them,

“Seize the prophets of Baal!
Do not let one of them escape!”

So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon [“wind-ing”] and executed them there.

Heavy Rain Comes

41 ¶ Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.” 42

So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground,

and put his face between his knees, 43 and said to his servant,

“Go up now, look toward the sea.”

So he went up and looked, and said, “There is nothing.”

And seven [7] times he said,

“Go again.” 44

Then it came to pass the seventh [7th] time, that he said,

“There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!”

So he said,

“Go up, say to Ahab,

‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’” 45

Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. [EM5] So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel [“God sows”]. 46

Then the hand of YHWH came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. [EM6] [Cf. Jer 12:5]

[Audio: S. Gregg 1Ki 19-20]

1 Kings 19

Jezebel Threatens Elijah

19:1 ¶ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets [just 450, apparently] with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me [gesture], and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” 3

And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba [“well of the sevenfold oath”], which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day’s

journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, YHWH, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!” 5 [Meaning: as good as dead.]

Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him,

“Arise and eat.” 6

Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And the angel of YHWH came back the second time, and touched him, and said,

“Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.” 8

So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty [40] days and forty [40] nights as far as Horeb [“desert”; aka Sinai], the mountain of God.

YHWH Speaks to Elijah

9 ¶ And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of YHWH came to him, and He said to him,

“What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10 So he said,

“I have been very zealous for YHWH God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, [Quoted by Paul in Ro Ro 11:3] torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” 11

Then He said,
“Go out, and stand on the mountain
before Y^{HWH}.”

And behold, Y^{HWH} passed by,
and a great and strong wind
tore into the mountains and
broke the rocks in pieces before Y^{HWH},
but Y^{HWH} was not in the wind;
and after the wind an earthquake,
but Y^{HWH} was not in the earthquake; 12
and after the earthquake a fire,
but Y^{HWH} was not in the fire;
and after the fire a still small voice. 13
So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he
wrapped his face in his mantle and
went out and

stood in the entrance of the cave.
Suddenly a voice came to him, and said,
“What are you doing here, Elijah?” 14
And he said,

“I have been very zealous for
Y^{HWH} God of hosts; because
the children of Israel have
forsaken Your covenant,
[Quoted by Paul in Ro 11:3]
torn down Your altars, and
killed Your prophets
with the sword.
I alone am left; and
they seek to take my life.” 15

Then Y^{HWH} said to him:
“Go, return on your way to
the Wilderness of Damascus
[“silent is the sackcloth weaver”];
and when you arrive, anoint
Hazael [“one who sees God”]
as king over Syria
[“exalted”; aka Aram].
[Performed not by Elijah
but by Elisha: 2Ki 8:7:15] 16
Also you shall anoint

Jehu [“Y^{HWH} is He”]
the son of Nimshi [“rescued”]
as king over Israel. And

Elisha [“God is salvation”]
the son of Shaphat [“(he has)
judged”] of Abel Meholah
[“meadow of dancing”]
you shall anoint
as prophet in your place. 17

It shall be that
whoever escapes the sword of
Hazael, Jehu will kill; and
whoever escapes the sword of Jehu,
Elisha will kill. 18

[Quoted by Paul in Ro 11:4]
Yet I have reserved [for Myself]
seven thousand [7,000] [men] in Israel,
all whose knees have not bowed to Baal
[who have not bowed the knee to Baal],
and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Elijah Anoints Elisha to Replace Him

19 ¶ So he departed from there, and
found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who
was plowing with twelve [12] yoke of
oxen before him, and he was [plowing]
with the twelfth [12th: end of the day].
Then Elijah passed by him and threw
his mantle on him. 20 And he left the
oxen and ran after Elijah, and said,
“Please let me kiss my father and my
mother, and then I will follow you.”
And he said to him, [cf. Lu 9:61-62]
“Go back again, for [consider] what
have I done to you?” 21
So Elisha turned back from him, and
took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered
them and boiled their flesh, using the
oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the
people, and they ate. Then he arose and
followed Elijah, and became his servant.

June 14

1 Kings 20

War Between Syria and Israel

20:1 ¶ Now Ben-Hadad the king of Syria
gathered all his forces together; thirty-
two [32] kings were with him, with
horses and chariots. And he went up
and besieged Samaria, and made war
against it. 2 Then he sent messengers
into the city to Ahab king of Israel,
and said to him,

“Thus says Ben-Hadad: 3
‘Your silver and your gold are mine;
your loveliest wives
and children are mine.’” 4

And [Ahab] the king of Israel answered
and said,

“My lord, O king, just as you say,
I and all that I have are yours.” 5

Then the messengers came back and
said,

“Thus speaks Ben-Hadad, saying,
‘Indeed I have sent to you, saying,

“You shall deliver to me
your silver and your gold,
your wives and your children”; 6
but I will send my servants to you
tomorrow about this time, and they
shall search your house and the houses
of your servants. And it shall be, that
whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they
will put it in their hands and take it.” 7

So the king of Israel called all the elders
of the land, and said,

“Notice, please, and see how this man
seeks trouble, for he sent to me for
my wives, my children,
my silver, and my gold;
and I did not deny him.” 8

And all the elders and all the people
said to him,

“Do not listen or consent.” 9

Therefore he said to the messengers of
Ben-Hadad,

“Tell my lord the king,
‘All that you sent for to your
servant the first time I will do,
but this thing I cannot do.’”

And the messengers departed and
brought back word to him. 10 Then
Ben-Hadad sent to him and said,

“The gods do so [gesture] to me, and
more also, if enough dust is left of
Samaria for a handful for each of the
people who follow me.” 11

So the king of Israel answered and said,
“Tell him,

‘Let not the one who puts on his armor
boast like the one who takes it off.’”
[Modern: “Don’t count your
chickens before they hatch.”]

12 ¶ And it happened when Ben-Hadad
heard this message, as he and the kings
were drinking at the command post,
that he said to his servants,
“Get ready.”

And they got ready to attack the city. 13
Suddenly a prophet approached Ahab
king of Israel, saying,

“Thus says Y^{HWH}:

‘Have you seen all this great multi-
tude? Behold, I will deliver it into
your hand today, and you shall know
that I am Y^{HWH}.’” 14

So Ahab said,
“By whom?”

And he said,

“Thus says Y^{HWH}:

‘By the young leaders of the provinces.’”

Then he said,
 “Who will set the battle in order?”
 And he answered,
 “You.” 15
 Then he mustered the young leaders of the provinces, and there were two hundred and thirty-two [232]; and after them he mustered all the people, all the children of Israel — seven thousand [7,000]. 16 So they went out at noon. Meanwhile Ben-Hadad and the thirty-two [32] kings helping him were getting drunk at the command post. 17 The young leaders of the provinces went out first. And Ben-Hadad sent out a patrol, and they told him, saying, “Men are coming out of Samaria!” 18 So he said,
 “If they have come out for peace, take them alive; and if they have come out for war, take them alive.” 19
 Then these young leaders of the provinces went out of the city with the army that followed them. 20 And each one killed his man; so the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-Hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the cavalry. 21 Then [Ahab] the king of Israel went out and attacked the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.
 22 ¶ And the prophet [v13] came to the king of Israel and said to him,
 “Go, strengthen yourself; take note, and see what you should do, for in the spring of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.” 23
 Then the servants of the king of Syria said to him,

“Their gods are gods of the hills. Therefore, they were stronger than we; but if we fight against them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than they. 24 So do this thing: Dismiss the kings, each from his position, and put captains in their places; 25 and you shall muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in the plain; surely we will be stronger than they.”
 And he listened to their voice and did so. 26 So it was, in the spring of the year, that Ben-Hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to Aphek [“enclosure”] to fight against Israel. 27 And the children of Israel were mustered and given provisions, and they went against them. Now the children of Israel encamped before them like two [2] little flocks of goats, while the Syrians filled the countryside. 28 Then a man of God came and spoke to the king of Israel, and said,
 “Thus says YHWH:
 ‘Because the Syrians have said, “YHWH is god of the hills, but He is not god of the valleys”, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am YHWH.’” 29
 And they encamped opposite each other for seven [7] days. So it was that on the seventh [7th] day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed one hundred thousand [100,000] foot soldiers of the Syrians in one [1] day. 30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; then a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand [27,000] of the men who were

left^{iv}. And Ben-Hadad fled and went into the city, into an inner chamber.
 31 ¶ Then his servants said to him,
 “Look now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please, let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will spare your life.” 32
 So they wore sackcloth around their waists and put ropes around their heads, and came to [Ahab] the king of Israel and said,
 “Your servant Ben-Hadad says, ‘Please let me live.’”
 And he said,
 “Is he still alive? He is my brother.” 33
 Now the men were watching closely to see whether any sign of mercy would come from him; and they quickly grasped at this word and said,
 “Your brother Ben-Hadad.”
 So he said,
 “Go, bring him.”
 Then Ben-Hadad came out to him; and he had him come up into the chariot. 34
 So Ben-Hadad said to him,
 “The cities that my father took from your father I will restore; and you may set up marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria.”
 Then Ahab said,
 “I will send you away with this treaty.”
 So he made a treaty with him and sent him away. 35 Now a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor by the word of YHWH,
 “Strike me, please.”
 And the man refused to strike him. 36
 Then he said to him,

“Because you have not obeyed the voice of YHWH, surely, as soon as you depart from me, a lion shall kill you.”
 And as soon as he left him, a lion found him and killed him. 37 And he found another man, and said,
 “Strike me, please.”
 So the man struck him, inflicting a wound. 38 Then the prophet departed and waited for the king by the road, and disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes. 39 Now as the king passed by, he cried out to the king and said,
 “Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and there, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said, ‘Guard this man; if by any means he is missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.’” 40
 While your servant was busy here and there, he was gone.”
 Then the king of Israel said to him,
 “So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it.” 41
 And he hastened to take the bandage away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets. 42 Then he said to him,
 “Thus says YHWH:
 ‘Because you have let slip out of your hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.’” 43
 So the king of Israel went to his house sullen and displeased, and came to Samaria.

²⁴ 1 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$10,368 in 2008 dollars.

[Audio: Steve Gregg [1Ki 21-22](#)]

1 Kings 21

Jezebel Kills to Take a Vineyard

21:1 ¶ And it came to pass

after these things that

Naboth [*“fruits”*] the Jezreelite had a vineyard that was in Jezreel [*“God sows”*], next to the palace of Ahab king of [Samaria](#). 2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying,

“Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money.” 3

But Naboth said to Ahab,

“Y^{HW}H forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!” 4

So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said,

“I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.”

And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him,

“Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?” 6

He said to her,

“Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him,

‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.’

And he answered,

‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” 7

Then Jezebel his wife said to him,

“You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.” 8

And she wrote letters in Ahab’s name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth.

9 She wrote in the letters, saying,

“Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; 10 and seat two [2] men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying,

‘You have blasphemed God and the king.’

Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die.’ 11

So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people. 13 And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him [*De 17:6*], against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying,

“Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!”

Then they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying,

“Naboth has been stoned and is dead.”

15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab,

“Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.” 16

So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite [*so no sons*].

17 ¶ Then the word of Y^{HW}H came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18

“Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who lives in [Samaria](#). There he is, in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it.

19 You shall speak to him, saying,

‘Thus says Y^{HW}H:

“Have you murdered and also taken possession?”

And you shall speak to him, saying,

‘Thus says Y^{HW}H:

“In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.”” 20

[*Fulfilled: 22:38*]

So Ahab said to Elijah,

“Have you found me, O my enemy?”

And he answered,

“I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of Y^{HW}H [*who says*]: 21

‘Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. 22 I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and made Israel sin.’ [*But see v29*] 23

And concerning Jezebel, Y^{HW}H also spoke, saying,

‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. 24 The dogs shall eat who-

ever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field.’” 25

[*Cf. 1Ki 16:4, re Baasha*]

[*Cf. 2Ki 9:33 re Jezebels’ end*]

But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of Y^{HW}H, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up. 26 And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom Y^{HW}H had cast out before the children of Israel. 27 So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. 28 And the word of Y^{HW}H came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29

“See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house.” [*Jehu: 2Ki 9:11-10:17*]

[*Moved ahead for chronology:*]

1 Kings 22:51-53

Ahab’s Son Ahaziah Co-Reigns

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in [Samaria](#) in the seventeenth [17th] year of Jehoshaphat king of [Judah](#), and [*co-*]reigned [*with Ahab*] two [2] years over Israel.

[*JudahYear:78-79, (898-897 BC:)*
so 3107-3108 AB: 1Ki 22:41-42;
this is also the last two years of Ahab’s reign: 1Ki 16:29]

52 He did evil in the sight of Y^{HW}H, and walked

in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and

in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; 53 for he served Baal and worshiped him, and provoked YHWH God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

[Moved ahead for chronology:]

1 Kings 22:48-49 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

48 _____ Jehoshaphat

made merchant ships to go to Ophir [“reducing to ashes”] for gold;

but they never sailed, for the ships were wrecked at Ezion Geber [“backbone of a man”].

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab [had] said to Jehoshaphat, “Let my servants go with your servants in the ships.” But Jehoshaphat would not.

2 Chronicles 20:35-37

Jehoshaphat Allies with Ahaziah

35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted very wickedly. 36 And he allied himself with him to make _____ ships to go to Tarshish [“yellow jasper”], and they made the ships in Ezion Geber [“backbone of a man”].

37 But Eliezer [“God is help”] the son of Dodavah [“beloved of YHWH”] of Mareshah [“crest of a hill”] prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, “Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, YHWH has destroyed your works [i.e., the work product, the ships].”

Then the ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

[← Must have happened before the ships were wrecked.]

[2Ch 20:34, 21:1-4 follow 2Ki 8:6]

1 Kings 22:1-9 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

22:1 ¶ Now three [3] years

passed without war between Syria and Israel. 2 Then it came to pass, in the third [3rd] year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to visit the king of Israel. 3 And [Ahab] the king of Israel said to his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, but we hesitate to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?” 4

So he said to Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?” Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, _____ my people as your people, my horses as your horses.” 5

Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please inquire for the word of YHWH today.” 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred [~400] men, and said to them, “Shall I go _____ against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?” So they said,

2 Chronicles 18:1-8

Ahab, Jehoshaphat Fight Syria

18:1 ¶ Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab. 2 After some years

[← last year of Ahab’s life: 1Ki 22:37] he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria;

and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead. 3 So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, “Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?” And he answered him, “I am as you are, and my people as your people;

we will be with you in the war.” 4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please inquire for the word of YHWH today.” 5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, _____ four hundred [~400] men, and said to them, “Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead _____, or shall I refrain?” And they said,

[This column is parallel to the next:]

“Go up, for the Lord [“Adonai”] will deliver *it* into the hand of the king.” 7

And Jehoshaphat said,

“Is there not still a prophet of YHWH here, that we may inquire of Him?” 8a

So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, [reordered to match]

“There is still one man, 8c by whom we may inquire of YHWH; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil:

8b _____ Micaiah [“YHWH-like”] the son of Imlah [“whom God will fill up”].”

And Jehoshaphat said,

“Let not the king say such things!” 9

Then the king of Israel called _____ an _____ officer and said,

“Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly!”

June 15

[Audio: Steve Gregg 1Ki 21-22]

1 Kings 22:10-35 ||

10 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on their robes, sat each on his throne,

at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11

Now Zedekiah [“YHWH is righteous”] the son of Chenaanah [“trader”] had made horns of iron for himself; and he said,

“Thus says YHWH:

“With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.” 12

2 Chronicles 18

“Go up, for God _____ will deliver it into the king’s hand.” 6

But Jehoshaphat said,

“Is there not still a prophet of YHWH here, that we may inquire of Him?” 7

So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat,

“There is still one man by whom we may inquire of YHWH; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil.

He is Micaiah [“YHWH-like”] the son of Imlah [“whom God will fill up”].”

And Jehoshaphat said,

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Then the king of Israel called one of his officers and said,

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2 Chronicles 18:9-34

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“Thus says YHWH:

“With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.” 11

[This column is parallel to the next:]

And all the prophets prophesied so, saying,

“Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for YHWH will deliver *it* into the king’s hand.” 13

Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying,

“Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. _____ Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement.” 14

And Micaiah said,

“As YHWH lives, whatever YHWH says to me, that I will speak.”

15 ¶ Then he came to the king; and the king said to him,

“Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?”

And he answered him,

“Go and prosper, for YHWH will deliver *it* into the hand of the king!” 16

So the king said to him,

“How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of YHWH?” 17

Then he said,

“I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd.

And YHWH said,

“These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.” 18

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat,

“Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?” 19

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And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat,

“Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?” 18

[This column is parallel to the next:]

Then Micaiah said,

“Therefore hear the word of YHWH: I saw YHWH sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. 20 And YHWH said,

‘Who will persuade Ahab _____ to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’

So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before YHWH, and said,

‘I will persuade him.’ 22

YHWH said to him,

‘In what way?’

So he said,

‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’

And YHWH said,

‘You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.’ 23

Therefore look! YHWH has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and YHWH has declared disaster against you.” 24

Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said,

“Which way did the spirit from YHWH go from me to speak to you?” 25

And Micaiah said,

“Indeed, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!” 26

So the king of Israel said,

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Then Micaiah said,

“Therefore hear the word of YHWH: I saw YHWH sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing ___ on His right hand and ___ His left. 19 And YHWH said,

‘Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’

So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 20 Then a spirit came forward and stood before YHWH, and said,

‘I will persuade him.’

YHWH said to him,

‘In what way?’ 21

So he said,

‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’

And YHWH said,

‘You shall persuade him and also prevail; go out and do so.’ 22

Therefore look! YHWH has put a lying spirit in the mouth of ___ these prophets of yours, and YHWH has declared disaster against you.” 23

Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said,

“Which way did the spirit from YHWH go from me to speak to you?” 24

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“Thus says the king:

“Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with

bread of affliction and water of affliction,

until I come in peace.”” 28

But Micaiah said,

“If you ever return in peace, YHWH has not spoken by me.”

And he said,

“Take heed, all you people!”

29 ¶ So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. 30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat,

“I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes.”

So the king of Israel disguised himself, and _____ went into battle. 31

Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two [32] captains of his chariots, _____ saying,

“Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel.” 32

So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said,

“Surely it is the king of Israel!”

Therefore, they

turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

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“It is the king of Israel!”

Therefore, they

surrounded _____ him to attack; but Jehoshaphat cried out,

and YHWH helped him,

and God diverted them from him. 32

For so it was,

when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

Israel's King Ahab Dies

34 **Now** a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded." 35 The battle increased **that day**; and the king _____ was propped _____ up in his chariot, facing the Syrians, and **died at evening**.

The **blood** ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot.

[These columns are not parallel:]

1 Kings 22:36-40

36 **Then**, as the sun was going down, a shout went throughout the army, saying, "Every man to his city, and every man to his own country!" 37 So the king died, and was brought to **Samaria**. And they buried the king in **Samaria**. 38 **Then** someone washed the chariot at a pool in **Samaria**, and the dogs licked up his blood while the harlots bathed, according to the word of **YHWH** that **He** had spoken [21:19b]. 39 **Now** the rest of the acts of **Ahab**, and all that he did, the ivory house that he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? 40 So **Ahab** rested with his fathers. **Then** **Ahaziah** his son reigned in his place [now as sole rex, but he too died that same year: 1Ki 22:51 and 2Ki 1:17].

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33 **Now** a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded." 34 The battle increased **that day**, and the king of Israel _____ propped himself _____ up in his chariot, facing the Syrians, until _____ evening; and about the time of sunset he died.

[1Ki 22:41-44 follow 1Ki 15:24]
[1Ki 22:45-47,50 follow 2Ki 8:6]
[1Ki 22:48-49 follow 1Ki 21:29]
[1Ki 22:51-53 follow 1Ki 21:29]

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YHWH is Angry with Jehoshaphat

19:1 ¶ **Then** Jehoshaphat the king of **Judah** returned safely to his house in **Jerusalem**. 2 And **Jehu** the son of **Hanani** the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate **YHWH**? Therefore, the wrath of **YHWH** is upon you. 3 Nevertheless, good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek **God**." 4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at **Jerusalem**; and he went out again among the people from **Beersheba** to the mountains of **Ephraim**, and brought them back to **YHWH** God of their fathers.

Jehoshaphat Appoints Judges

5 **Then** he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of **Judah**, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for **YHWH**, who is with you in the judgment. 7 **Now** therefore, let the fear of **YHWH** be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with **YHWH** our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes." 8

Moreover in **Jerusalem**, for the judgment of **YHWH** and for controversies,

Jehoshaphat appointed

some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to **Jerusalem**. 9 And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall act in the fear of **YHWH**, faithfully and with a loyal heart: 10 Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against **YHWH** and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty. 11 And take notice: **Amariah** ["**YHWH** speaks (has promised)"] the chief priest is over you in all matters of **YHWH**; and **Zebadiah** ["**YHWH**'s endowment"] the son of **Ishmael** ["**God** will hear"], the ruler of the house of **Judah**, for all the king's matters; also the Levites will be officials before you. Behave courageously, and **YHWH** will be with the good."

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Ammon, Moab, Mt. Seir Attack Judah

20:1 ¶ It happened after this that the people of **Moab** with the people of **Ammon**, and others with them besides the **Ammonites**, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. 2 **Then** some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from **Syria**; and they are in **Hazazon Tamar** ["dividing the date-palm"] (which is **En Gedi** ["fount of the kid"])." 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek **YHWH**, and proclaimed a fast throughout all **Judah**. 4 So **Judah** gathered together to ask help from **YHWH**; and from all the cities of **Judah** they came to seek **YHWH**. 5 **Then** Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, in the house of **YHWH**, before the new court, 6 and said: "O **YHWH** God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? 7 Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of **Abraham** Your friend forever? 8 And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, 9 [cf. 1Ki 8:23-53 // 2Ch 6:14-39; May 23] "If disaster comes upon us — sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine —

we will stand before this temple and in **Your presence** (for **Your name** is in this temple), and cry out to **You** in our affliction, and **You** will hear and save.’ 10 And **now**, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir — whom **You** would not let Israel invade **when** they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them — 11 here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of **Your possession** that **You** have given us to inherit. 12 O **our God**, will **You** not **judge** them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon **You**.” 13 **Now** all **Judah**, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood **before YHWH**. 14 ¶ **Then** the Spirit of **YHWH** came upon Jahaziel [“**God-beheld**”] the son of Zechariah [“**YHWH remembers**”], the son of Benaiah [“**YHWH has built (up)**”], the son of Jeiel [“**God sweeps away**”], the son of Mattaniah [“**gift of YHWH**”], a Levite of the sons of Asaph [“**gatherer**”], in the midst of the assembly. 15

And he said, “Listen, all you of **Judah** and you inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says **YHWH** to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but **God’s**. 16 **Tomorrow** go down against them. They will surely come up by the **Ascent of Ziz** [“**flower**”], and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel [“**God taught**”]. 17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, Stand still, and See the salvation of **YHWH**, who is with you, O [people of] **Judah** and **Jerusalem!**’ Do not fear or be dismayed; **tomorrow** go out against them, for **YHWH** is with you.” 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all **Judah** and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** bowed before **YHWH**, worshipping **YHWH**. 19 **Then** the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise **YHWH God of Israel** with voices loud and high. 20 ¶ So they rose **early in the morning** and went out into the Wilderness of **Tekoa** [“**a stockade**”]; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O [people of] **Judah** and you inhabitants of **Jerusalem**: Believe [trust] in **YHWH your God**, and you shall be established;

Believe [trust] **His prophets**, and you shall prosper.” 21 And **when** he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to **YHWH**, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise **YHWH**, For **His mercy endures forever**.” 22 **Now** when they began to sing and to praise, **YHWH** set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against **Judah**; and they were defeated. 23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And **when** they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. 24 So **when** **Judah** came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the ground [earth]. No one had escaped. 25 **When** Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were **three [3] days** gathering the spoil because

there was so much. 26 And **on the fourth [4th] day** they assembled in the Valley of Berachah [“**blessing**”; near Tekoa (no map)], for there they blessed **YHWH**; therefore the name of that place was called **The Valley of Berachah** until this day. 27 **Then** they returned, every man of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to **Jerusalem** with joy, for **YHWH** had made them rejoice over their enemies. 28 So they came to **Jerusalem**, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of **YHWH**. 29 And the fear of **God** was on all the kingdoms of those countries **when** they heard that **YHWH** had fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 **Then** the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his **God** gave him rest all around.

[2Ch 20:31-33 parallel 1Ki 22:41-44]
 [2Ch 20:35-37 parallel 1Ki 22:48-49]
 [2Ch 20:34, 21:1-4 follow 2Ki 8:6]
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Split from Israel started here:

Rehoboam [17 yrs: 2Ch 12:13]

[JudahYear:1-17, so 3030-3046

AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30]

Abijah/Abijam [3 yrs: 2Ch 13:2]

[JudahYear:18-20, so 3047-3049

AB: 1Ki 14:21 || 2Ch 12:13]

Asa [41 yrs: 1Ki 15:9-10]

[In Asa's 2nd yr →]

[Judah-Year:21-61, so 3050-3090

AB: 1Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 13:2]

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[In Asa's 26th yr →]

[In Asa's 27th yr →]

[In Asa's 31st yr →]

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[JudahYear:62-86,

so 3091-3115 AB: 2Ch 16:13]

2 Kings starts with Ahaziah's end

Kings of Israel

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[1015-976 BC]

Split from Judah started here:

Jeroboam [22 yrs: 1Ki 14:20]

[JudahYear:1-22, so 3030-3051

AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30]

[Not the son of a prior king]

[← In Jeroboam's 20th yr]

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the Book of the Acts of Solomon
|| the Book of Nathan the Prophet,
the Prophecy of Ahijah
the Shilonite, and
the Visions of Iddo the seer
concerning Jeroboam
the son of Nebat

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the Book
of the Chronicles
of the Kings of Judah

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of Shemaiah the prophet, and
of Iddo the seer [cf. 2Ch 13:22]
concerning genealogies

Re Abijah/Abijam: 1Ki 15:7a || 2Ch 13:22

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|| the Annals of the Prophet Iddo
[cf. 2Ch 12:15].

Re Jeroboam (of Israel): 1Ki 14:19

Re Nadab (of Israel): 1Ki 15:31

Re Baasha (of Israel): 1Ki 16:5

Re Elah (of Israel): 1Ki 16:14

Re Zimri (of Israel): 1Ki 16:20

Re Omri (of Israel): 1Ki 16:27

the Book of the Chronicles of the
Kings of Israel

Re Asa: 1Ki 15:23 || 2Ch 16:11a

the Book of the Chronicles
of the Kings of Judah

|| the Book
of the Kings of Judah & Israel

Re Jehoshaphat: 2Ch 17:9

So they taught in Judah, and had
the Book of the Law of YHWH

[first mention for several generations]
with them; they went throughout all
the cities of Judah and taught the
people.

Re Ahab (of Israel): 1Ki 22:39

the Book of the Chronicles of the
Kings of Israel

[not Judah, which was all father-sons:]

Father-Son Kings of Israel:

David → Solomon

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Baasha → Elah

Zimri

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Proverbs 22

22:1 ¶
A *good* name is to be chosen
rather than
great riches,
loving favor
rather than
silver and gold. [cf. v4]

2 ¶
The rich and the poor
have this in common:
YHWH is the maker of them all.

3 ¶
A prudent man foresees evil
and hides himself, but
The simple pass on
and are punished.
[How become prudent? He 5:14 1Ti 4:7-8]

4 ¶
By humility and
the fear of YHWH
Are riches and honor and life.

5 ¶
Thorns and snares
are in the way of the perverse;
He who guards his soul
will be far from
them.

6 ¶
Train up a child
in the way
he should go, and
when he is old,
he will not depart from it.

7 ¶
The rich rules over the poor, and
The borrower is servant to the lender.
[“I owe my soul to the company store”]

8 ¶
He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
and the rod of his anger will fail.
[the sepre of his haughtiness?]

9 ¶
He who has a generous eye
will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.
[an eye for opportunities to be generous?]

10 ¶ [↓ the reckless spirit]
Cast out the scoffer [man of pride],
and contention will leave;
yes, strife and reproach will cease.

11 ¶
He who loves purity of heart
and has grace on his lips:
The king will be his friend.

12 ¶
The eyes of YHWH
preserve knowledge, but
He overthrows the words of the faithless.
[He destroys the plans of the deceitful]

13 ¶
The lazy man says, [cf. v29, 26:13]
“There is a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!”

14 ¶
The mouth of an immoral woman is
a deep pit;
He who is abhorred by YHWH will fall
there.

15 ¶
Foolishness
is bound up in the heart of a child;
the rod of correction will drive
it far from him.

16 ¶
He who oppresses the poor
to increase his riches, and
He who gives to the rich [James 2:6]
[to increase his influence?],
will surely come to poverty.

Exhortations of the Wise to a Son First Sermon (22:17-24:22)

17 ¶
Incline your ear and
Hear the words of the wise, and
Apply your heart to my knowledge; 18
For it is a pleasant thing
if you keep them within you;
Let them all be fixed upon your lips, 19
So that your trust may be in YHWH;
I have instructed you today, even you. 20
Have I not written to you excellent things
[See the next thirty][^ thirty?]
of counsels and knowledge, 21
That I may make you know
the certainty of the words of truth,
That you may answer [with] words of truth

to those who send [questions] to you?
22 ¶ (1)
Do not rob the poor because he is poor,
Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate; 23
For YHWH will
plead their cause, and
plunder the soul of those
who plunder them.

24 ¶ (2)
Make no friendship
with an angry man, and
with a furious man
Do not go, lest you
learn his ways and
set a snare for your soul.

26 ¶ (3)
Do not be
one of those
who shakes hands in a pledge,
one of those [↓ Ge 43:9]
who is surety for debts; 27
If you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he take away your bed
from under you?

28 ¶ (4)
Do not remove the ancient landmark
That your fathers have set.

29 ¶ (5) [cf. v13; Ex 35:30]
Do you see a man who excels in his work?
He will stand before kings;
He will not stand before unknown men.

[Special study of:]

Proverbs 28

28:1 ¶

The wicked flee **when** no one pursues, but
[full of dreary apprehensions: H&E]
[Le 26:17,36 De 28:7,25]

The righteous are bold as a lion.
[confidence from a clean conscience]
[A bad conscience makes men timid;
the righteous are alone truly bold
(Pr 14:26; Ps 27:1).]

2 ¶

Because of the transgression of a land,
many are **its princes**; [people[^]]
[we currently have 545 of them; v5]
[contending for pwr / 1 then another]
[change/subversion of laws, taxes]
But by a man of [intercession]
understanding and [insight]
knowledge [facts]

Right will be prolonged.
[When the country is in chaos, everybody
has a plan to fix it—But it takes a
leader of real understanding to
straighten things out. —MSG]

3 ¶ [v8]

A **poor** man who oppresses the **poor**
Is like a driving rain **that** leaves no food.
[Mt 18:23ff. The comparatively poor are
often shockingly uncharitable and un-
feeling towards the real poor.]

4 ¶ [vv7,9; Ps 10:3 Mal 3:15 Ro 1:32]

Those who **forsake the law**
praise the wicked, [their own kind]
[or, in forsaking the law I praise them]
But such as keep the law
contend with them.
[as John the Baptist did Herod]

5 ¶ [Jer 4:22; 1Co 2:15; 1Jo 2:20,27]

Evil men do not understand justice, but
[[^] judgment]
Those who seek **YHWH** understand all.

6 ¶ [v18]

Better is the **poor**
who walks in his **integrity**
Than one **perverse in his [two] ways**,
though he be **rich**. [pretending vs doing]
[Ja 1:8—double-minded, unstable; Ps
119:113—I hate [^] but I love your law]

7 ¶ [vv4,9; De 4:6]

Whoever **keeps the law** [from the heart:
the reward is in, not for, its keeping]
is a discerning [wise, intelligent] son,
But a companion of gluttons
shames his father. [v24 10:5 29:15]

8 ¶ [v3 13:22 Lev 25:36 Job 27:16-17 Ec 2:26]

One who increases his possessions
by usury and extortion [impl.: of **poor**]
[exorbitant interest and prices]
Gathers it for him who will pity the **poor**.
[by the providence of **God**]

9 ¶ [vv4,7; 1:24-28 Zec 7:11-13 2Ti 4:3-4]

One who turns away his ear
from **hearing the law**,
Even his prayer is an abomination.
[You won't hear me, I won't hear you.]

10 ¶ [(a) Mt 24:24 (b) Ps 7:15-16 (c) 28:20,25]

Whoever causes the upright to go astray
in an evil way [path toward a trap],
He himself will **fall into his own pit**;
[tables turned; con man gets conned]
But the blameless will inherit good.

11 ¶ [1Co 3:18-19 1Ti 6:17]

The **rich** man
is **wise in his own eyes**, but
The **poor** who has understanding
searches him out.

12 ¶ [vv2,5,15,16,28; 11:10]

When the righteous rejoice,
[religious freedom, honor, etc.]
there is great glory; but
When the **wicked** arise,
men hide themselves.

13 ¶ [Ps 32:3-5 Mt 23:25-28]

He who covers his sins [Job 31:33]
will not prosper [Ge 3:12-13,4:9], but
Whoever confesses and forsakes **them**
will have mercy. [1Jo 1:9]

14 ¶ [23:17 Ps 2:11]

Happy is the man [↓Gill: of **YHWH**]
who is always reverent, but he
who hardens his **heart** [against **Him**]
will fall into calamity.

15 ¶ [vv2,5,12,16,28; 20:2; Jer 4:7 50:17 2Ti 4:17]

Like a roaring lion and [hungry, scary]
a charging bear [angry, scary]
Is a **wicked ruler** [Rev 13:2]
over **poor** people. [in danger]

16 ¶ [vv2,5,12, 15,28; 1 Ki 12:10-Rehoboam]

A ruler who lacks understanding
is a great oppressor, but
he who hates covetousness
will prolong his days.
[A weak prince will generally have wicked
ministers, for his weakness prevents him
from making a proper choice; and he is
apt to prefer them who flatter him, and
minister most to his pleasures.]

17 ¶ [Ge 9:6 Nu 35:14-34 cities of refuge]

A man burdened with bloodshed
will flee into a [the] pit;
Let no one help him.

18 ¶ [v6 10:9,25 11:3-6]

Whoever walks **blamelessly**
will be saved [safe], but
He who is **perverse in his [two] ways**
will **suddenly** fall.

19 ¶ [~12:11; 14:4]
He who tills his land
will have plenty of bread, but
He who follows frivolity [persons]
will have poverty enough!

24 ¶ [v7 19:26 Jud 17:2 Mt 15:5-6]
Whoever robs his father or his mother,
and says, “*It is no transgression,*”
The same *is* companion to a destroyer.
[murderer]

20 ¶ [v22]
A faithful man [true to his work, makes
good his promises, fulfills his con-
tracts, abides by obligations, ...]
will abound with blessings, but
[from man and God, and to others]
He who hastens [wrongly] to be rich
will not go unpunished. [23:4]

25 ¶ [v26 10:12 13:10 15:18 22:10 29:22]
He who is of a proud heart
stirs up strife, but
He who trusts in YHWH
will be prospered. [Ps 84:11-12 Jer 17:7-8]

21 ¶ [18:5 24:23 Ex 23:2,8 Eze 13:19 Ja 2:1-2]
To show partiality is not good, because
For a piece of bread a man will transgress.
[that he might be hired, for a morsel of
bread, to speak or hold his peace]]

26 ¶ [v25 3:5-6 Mr 7:21-23]
He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
but [↓ by trusting in YHWH]
Whoever walks wisely will be delivered.
[from the snares of his own heart]

22 ¶ [v20; 22:9-EE; Mt 25:20; 1Ti 6:9-10]
A man with an evil eye [envious, covets]
hastens [wrongly] after riches, and
does not consider that [13:11, 20:21]
poverty will come upon him.

27 ¶ [Is 58:7]
He who gives to the poor
will not lack, but
He who hides his eyes
will have many curses.

23 ¶ [27:5-6 wounds of a friend/kisses of an enemy]
He who rebukes a man [← ↓ after me]
will find more favor afterward [Mt 18:15]
Than he who flatters with the tongue.

28 ¶ [vv2,5,12, 15, 16; 29:2; Job 24:4]
When the wicked arise,
men hide themselves; but
When they perish,
the righteous increase.

The abominations to Y_{HWH}:

3:32 for:
 The perverse *person* is
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, but
 His secret counsel *is* with the upright.

6:16
Seven Things Y_{HWH} Hates
 These six *things* Y_{HWH} hates, yes,
 Seven *are* an **abomination** to Him: 17
 a proud look,
 a lying tongue,
 hands that shed innocent blood, 18
 a heart that devises wicked plans,
 feet that are swift in running to evil, 19
 a false witness *who* speaks lies, and
 one who sows discord among brethren.

8:6
 Listen,
 for I will speak of
 excellent things, and
 from the opening of my lips *will come*
 right things; 7
 for my mouth will speak
 truth;
 wickedness *is*
 an **abomination** to my lips.

11:1 ¶
 Dishonest scales *are*
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, but
 a just weight *is*
 His delight.

11:20 ¶
 Those who are of a perverse heart *are*
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, but
 The blameless in their ways *are*
 His delight.

12:22 ¶
 Lying lips *are*
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, but
 Those who deal truthfully *are*
 His delight.

15:8 ¶
 The sacrifice of the wicked *is*
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, but
 The prayer of the upright *is*
 His delight.

15:9 ¶

The way of the wicked *is*
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, but
 He loves him who follows righteousness.

15:26 ¶
 The thoughts of the wicked *are*
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, but
 The words of the pure *are*
 pleasant.

16:5 ¶
 Everyone proud in heart *is*
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH};
 Though they join forces,
 none will go unpunished.

16:12 ¶
 It *is* an **abomination** for kings
 to commit wickedness, for
 A throne is established by righteousness.

17:15 ¶
 He who justifies the wicked, and
 He who condemns the just,
 both of them alike *are*
 An **abomination** to Y_{HWH}.

20:10 ¶
 Diverse weights *and* diverse measures,
 they *are* both alike, [cf. v23]
 An **abomination** to Y_{HWH}.

20:23 ¶
 Diverse weights *are* [cf. v10]
 an **abomination** to Y_{HWH}, and
 Dishonest scales *are* not good.

21:27 ¶
 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an **abomi-
 nation**; How much more *when* he
 brings it with wicked intent!

26:24 ¶
 He who hates,
 disguises *it* with his lips, and
 lays up deceit within himself; 25
 When he speaks kindly,
 do not believe him,
 for *there are*
 seven **abominations** in his heart; 26
 Though his hatred is covered by deceit,
 His wickedness will be revealed
 before the assembly.

28:9 ¶
 One who turns away his ear
 from hearing the law,

Even his prayer *is* an **abomination**.
 29:27 ¶
 An unjust man *is*
 an **abomination** to the righteous, and
 He who is upright in the way *is*
 an abomination to the wicked.

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King Solomon, Proverbs, Song of
 Songs, Ecclesiastes, Rehoboam, Jero-
 boam, Abijah/Abijam, Asa, Jehosha-
 phat, Ahab, Jezebel, Ahaziah

Relevant to Creation:

Proverbs 26:10

The great **God** who formed everything gives
the fool *his* hire and
the transgressor *his* wages.

Notes from 2011 Steve Gregg Lectures:

... when they happen in the summertime.

ⁱ 1Ki 9:3 || 2Ch 7:16 “**forever**” see Ga 4:4-5 not forever as a child, but maturing into the adult mode; physical is not forever, but it is a type of the spiritual, which IS forever.

ⁱⁱ Proverbs is a collection of wisdom sayings; wisdom literature (e.g., the writings of Solomon, Job); almost just common sense. The Hebrews knew there were three ways to get guidance:

the Law (taught by the priests),
the prophets (then live), and
wise men.

Knowledge: facts;

Wisdom: how to use those facts to reach a goal, and what is a good goal to choose.

In Proverbs, “fool”/“simple” doesn’t refer to mental ability, but to not taking **YHWH** into consideration (“the fear of **YHWH** is the beginning of knowledge”).

Proverbs are not commands but rules of thumb that are general in nature, and sometimes seemingly contradictory, suggesting that wisdom is needed to choose. Proverbs are not promises.

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ⁱⁱⁱ First mention of Simeon since the transition from David to Solomon. Simeon’s position in the divided kingdom is a mystery. Though their territory was in the midst of Judah, 2Ch 15:9 seems to say

they came over from the northern kingdom to join Asa. Simeon is never mentioned as being part of the Judean kingdom, and the northern kingdom is always referred to as being comprised of “ten tribes”.

Commentators have suggested that Simeon may have greatly diminished as a tribe, but no one has made clear when this happened. Re 7:7 includes the Simeonites among the 144,000, but this prophecy is sufficiently symbolic as to raise questions as to the passage’s intention of affirming 12,000 of the tribe of Simeon actually existing at the time.

The passage in 2Ch 15:9 refers to “great numbers” of people in the time of Asa—although the great numbers might simply mean the combined numbers from the three tribes mentioned, which may only have included relatively few Simeonites.

It is the geographical location of Simeon that causes the mystery. Given the original boundaries given to them by Joshua, it does seem as if they would have been a part of Judah after the division. It is possible (though entirely conjecture) that their numbers dwindled so greatly that they abandoned their territory (which was small to begin with), prior to Rehoboam’s time, and migrated as individual families into various territories of the northern tribes. This may be what was implied in Jacob’s prediction: “I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.” (Gen.49:7).

^{iv} It would be interesting to know how that happened! Why would 27,000 soldiers stand next to, or perhaps on, a wall?